## **Christian BLAUER**

3-25-1842 to 1-22-1929

and

**Rose MORNINGWAY** 

6-24-1850 to 8-29-1888

and

**Their Descendants** 

## CHRISTIAN BLAUER and ROSE MORNINGWAY

Christian Blauer was born in Grindelwald, Switzerland and emmigrated to the United States with his family. It was here that he Macried Rose Morningway on November 15,1875, in Muscatine, Iowa.

The following remebrances were penned by Mrs. Louise Edwards of Bismarck. North Dakota.

"Lydia was just eight years old when her mother died. I have often marveled at grandpa's ability to bring up his motherless children since he never remarried and to be successful at making a living and do the house keeping and cooking. When he died, he left a quarter of land or the equivalent to each of his children. He led a fine chirstian life, was well known and liked in the community. I know i acquired my love of the land, growing things and animals from him. It was my duty to accompany him each day for several summers to the grazing pastures some distance away via horse and buggy. His horse Dolly, was an enigma to all of us. When he drove her she was a gentle, docile beast, even though he often fell asleep at the "controls". When any of the other members of the family used her she would shy at every shadow and frequently run away.

He spoke fine German and I could have learned the language from him, but it was around World War I and I resented his talking German to Dolly--My loss!

He was a gentle man, seldom known to lose his temper and never to use profanity, though he did like to argue, as I recall."

The following remembrances were penned by Mrs. C. Louise Blauer Root of Spokane, Washington.

"I understand the North Dakota grandchildren called him "Uncle Chris" rather than grandpa, which is the Swiss way I guess.

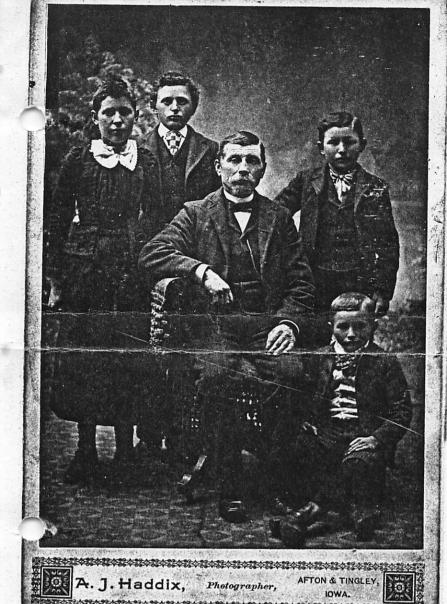
I was told he couldn't remember what day of the month his birthday came on, so on his trip to Switzerland he looked up his baptismal record. Figuring that they were baptized at a week or ten days of age, he took march 15th as his birthday ,so I was surprised to find the date March 25 was given.

For someone who could only tell day light from dark he was amazingly active in his later years. He used a cane, but it was mostly to feel his way around. He insisted on washing the dishes and was highly indignant when we wouldn't let him wash the cream separator when we lived on the farm. We had lots of fruit and he dearly loved our canned pears.

He was a quiet person and seemed to enjoy hearing us children talking and playing. Even the quarrels amused him. One year he brought my cousin, Louise Reed from Heaton, North Dakota with him when he came to Washington to visit us. Another year he brought cousin Robbie(Robert) Blauer of Heaton with him. Grandpa Blauer liked to come to Washington in the Spring or Summer. He said our winters were too cold because of the dampness."

The date of March 25th for Christian's birthday was taken from the family German bible held by Mrs. Louise Edwards Of Bismarck, North Dakota.

Rose Morningway Blauer died in Child birth on August 29.1888. The Child died also.



Christian Blacer and children Lydia, Ira John, arthur and care Crnist askley, apparently token after the mother had died 18 1887 he fore the move to M. Dakota where he homesteaded at Heaton, M.D. Or maybe they went back to Tingley for a visit. They wind at Tingley for a visit. They wind at I have never been able to get a picture of my grandmother. Rosa.



Ira John Blauer and sister Lydia Blaver Reed Children of Christian Blaver These are the only pectures I have of my father Ica growing up, and I didn't obtain them until about 40 years after he died. The moved west to Washington and never had any pectures of his family. The families that lived in n. D had them. So maybe Louise Keed Edwards in Besmarch or Frances Blaver Werksquelle in Fessenden can help you (over-









Chris Biauer, son of I rederick and Anna Rubi Blauer, was born in the Canton of Grindlewald, Switzerland, March 25, 1842 and die at the home of his sister, Mrs. Jacob Lieberknecht near Columbus Junctio : lowa, January 22, 1929. Had he lived till next March, he would have been 87 years

old . His home for the past 30 years has been at Heaton, North Dakota, Last November he came to the home of his sister to spend the winter, as he had done a number of times in recent years, since he retired from ac-tive management of his large ranch in Dakota. About Thanksgiving suffered greatly from a cold, but due to his constitutional vigor and years of temperate living, to which his long life can testify, he recuperated (Turn to page 8, column 4)

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(Concluded from page one) rapidly, though he was very ill that time. However, about the first of January he again took sick, this time with bronchitis and flu. He had good medical attention and very careful nursing and at times seemed to be gaining strength. But the last week he failed rapidly. The end came very quietly and peacefully at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternon, only several hours after he was taken to his bed.

Mr. Blauer came to America with his brother John and sister Anna, in 1862, two years before the parents and the other children came. The Blauers lived in the vicinity of Grandview and here the children

were reared.

He was united in marriage to Miss Rose Moneway, Muscatine, Iowa on November 15, 1875. They owned and lived on the farm now owned by John Walter. Here their five children were born, four of whom survive the father. They are: Ira of Kettle Falls, Washington, Mrs. Lydia Reed, Arthur and Ernie, all of Heaton, N. D.

In the spring of 1887, the family suffered the loss of wife and mother. An infant daughter died at the same time and mother and babe were buried together in Grandview cemetery. Perhaps no greater compliment could be paid Mr. Blauer, nor one more descriptive of the man, than to say, that for years he filled the role and did it exceptionally well, of being both father and mother to his children and rearing them to be citizens of ability, industry and high char-

In the late 80's he moved Grandview to Diagonal, Ringgold county, Iowa, where the family lived till 1899. Then the move was made to the fertile, virgin lands of Wells ounty, N. D. Mr. Blauer was highly successful in farming and in business and acquired a large body of

When a young man, he joined the Congregational church at Grandview. While living in Diagonal he attended the Presbyterian church. After moving to Heaton, he was affiliated with the Congregational churlch there. He has always taken an active part in religious life and was always in regular attendance at the various meetings.

For the past 35 years he has been a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge joining while at Diagonal.

He was a gentleman in every sense of the word; of quiet speech and mild manners, yet a character of force, whose influence was strong and ever on the side of right. He lived to a ripe old age his life filled with good deeds. It would seem to those who knew him best, that there would not be a single thing in his life to regret.

His business associates word was as good as his bond. He was held in affection by the immediate members of his family, his grandchildren, his near relatives here, and in highest esteem by friends and neighbors wherever he lived. Some of his friends in Dakota wrote during his

last illness solicitous of him and an-

xious for his recovery.

Mr. Blauer enjoyed traveling and did much of it, even in spite of his advanced years and greatly impaired eyesight. About 17 years ago he went to Switzerland, where he spent some months visiting the scenes of his boyhood and making acquaintance with cousins and old friends. Of recent years he traveled shorter distances, yet he would undertake with confidence and assurance ,a reilroad journey of 500 -or 600 miles. Only last April he went unattended to the state of Washington to visit his son Ira, and spent the summer there.

Besides his daughter and sons, he is survived by 11 grandchildren, two sisters, Mrs. Jacob Lieber-knecht, Columbus Junction, Iowa and Mrs. Louis Wiederrecht of Wapello, Iowa who is spending the winter in Pheonix, Arizona. A number of nieces and nephews and a great

many friends.

Brothers and sisters who have passed on are: John Blauer, Mt. Ayr, Joseph Grandier, Joseph Jaset, Jaseph Jaset, Jaseph Jaseth Schmoker, Grandiew, Mrs. Elizabeth Schmoker, Grandiew, Mrs. Susan Anthony Sigourview; Mrs. Susan Anthony, Sigourney, Iowa; Mrs. Margaret Dankert, Muscatine, Iowa and Mrs. Mary Pantel, Grandlview. One brother Ulrich, died in infancy, while the family lived in Switzerland.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 P. M. January 26, 1929 at the Community church in Grandview, Rev. D. Andrew Howey, the pastor conducting the service. Interment in the Grandview cemetery.



Sons of Christian and Rose Blever Ernest Frank and Ora John Blaver







Season's Greetings from our house to your house



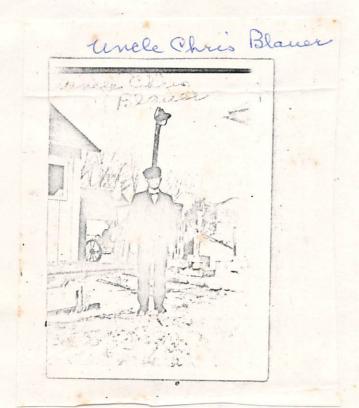


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Ernest Blauer and Dra J. Blauer taken at Kettle Falls Was 1938









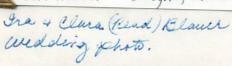
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Drin Rose,
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June 1974

The first time since
the start g ww II

That The three had
been together

Children of Howard & Root and
Clara Louise Blaver

Left to right:

Top row: Lewis Edward, George Everett

Delbert Rodger and John Wavid Root

Bottom row: Betty Jean Davis, Frances Rose Jarrett and Ruby Louise Dykes





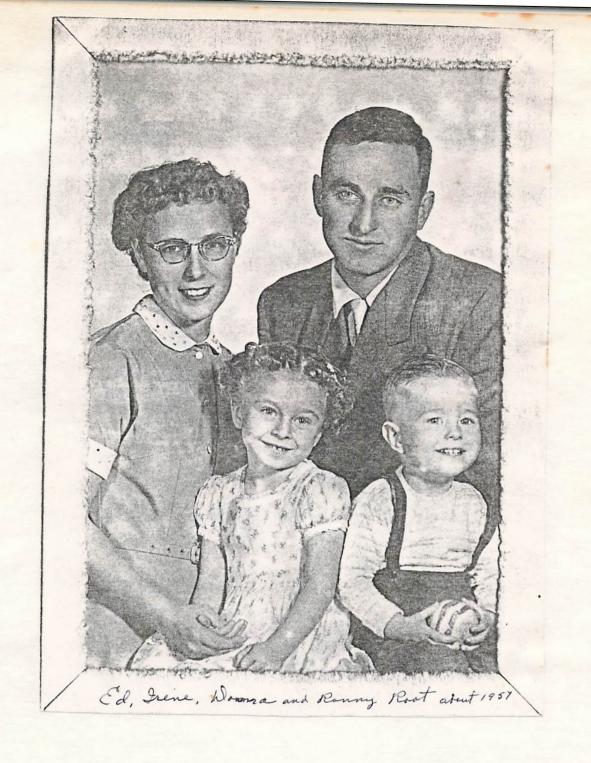
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and John David Cott.

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Edward and Irene Root - april 3, 1951







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## Donna Root and Calvin Hollbrook Are Wed In Omak Church



Donna Louise Root and Calvin Neil Hollbrook were united in marriage on January 27 at the Free Methodist Church of Omak.

Donna is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Root of Okanogan. Calvin is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hollbrook of Pateros.

Rev. Keller performed the ceremony in a setting of blue carnations, white gladiolas and white pom pom mums with blue candles.

Escorted to the alter by her father, the bride wore a floor length white satin gown made in a princess-style with blue

lace and ribbon around the neck and down each side of the front and around the edge of the detachable train. Her shoulder length veil was attached to a crown of pearls, and she carried a bouquet of white roses, blue cornflowers tied with blue wide Spanish lace.

The bridesmaid was Virginia Walters of Omak, attired in blue taffeta. Joel Armstrong of Pateros was best man.

Candle lighters and ushers were Ron Root, Donna's brother, and Rick Wills of Okanogan, a friend of the family.



DONNA L. HOLBROOK

Services for Donna Louise Holbrook, 24, Northside Mobile Home Park, Pasco. who died Saturday in an auto accident, will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Barnes Funeral Home, Okanogan. Burial will be in the Omak Memorial Cemetery.

Mrs. Holbrook was born in Omak and lived in Pasco since 1973.

Survivors include husband, Calvin; brother, Ronald Root, Pasco: parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Root, Okanogan; grandmothers, Mrs. Laura Davidson, Okanogan, and Louise Root, Spokane; and grandfather, Howard Root, Spokane.

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accident on the Highway 12 bridge across the Snake River that killed one person was Larry Chedester, 28, of Wallula who is in Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital.

William Kennedy, 6, who also was critically injured in the Highway 12 accident was reported to have shown some improvement today and was listed in serious condition by Kadlec Hospital officials.

Killed in that accident was Donna L. Holbrook, 24, who was five months pregnant.

The Washington State Patrol said a car driven by Chedester was northbound in the southbound lane and struck the Holbrook car head on the Pasco side of the bridge.

State patrol officials said Chedester appeared to be attempting to pass another vehicle when the accident occurred.

Remaining in critical condition from a Saturday night











Barbara Jean Davis

Dennis and Tracy Danis





James and Betty Grendahl







Paul Howard Root



Connie Jean Root



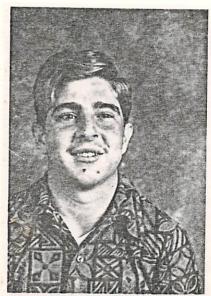








Clinton and Leaves Jarrett June 1967 in Spokane, Washington



David Peul Jarrett 1975



Cheryl Ann Jarrett 1976

Cousin James,

Clint vetually retired in July, then in Sept. went
to Georgia to help his brother pick promute. He is due
home in the next few days.

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that chats quite a bit, Ruby thinks that has helped
her be note alert. Doddy has gone ento assistableving
place. Het almost 99 years! Dadly possedaway Dec. 16, 2000.

My research work has nearly stopped, but not the
interest.

We bought a computer so ear now receive & Mail

Clint Jo people pc. com

Wishing you every happiness for Christmas and the coming year.

Love, Tronces + Clint garrett



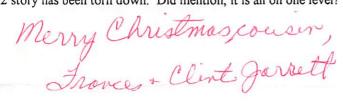
Holiday Greetings from the Jarrett's new home, (all on one level). 3309 S 253 St, Kent, WA--253-529-0259. It was quite a summer to find a house & be out of the old on deadline. Frances had a bout of gout at packing time. We got the keys on July 18 and moved stuff for 10 days. Two were 16 hour days, John helped one long day and Craig the other. We had a wall removed between 2 small bedrooms on the front of the house for Frances and her dolls. Clint has the master bedroom with 3/4 bath. We both like having our own space.

Clint was gone 10 days in Aug. camping in Canada, while he was gone, Frances lifted something & messed up her back, it still bothers her. Then in Sept. Clint went to Georgia to pick

peanuts & 2 family reunions. Returned Nov. 9 for Carolee's birthday. He bringing a car up for 'a(her 1st one burned up) but his car broke down in Cheyenne, Wyo. He got another car and came home. He dropped off David's fishing boat in Wichita on his way home.

But before he could get home we had a little repair job started. We had to replace the water line from the meter to the house.

We had Thanksgiving on Friday. Cheryl & kids came out late Thurs. & spent the night. Clint cooked a great breakfast, then the turkey went. And the kitchen is actually large enough to have helpers in it. And there is enough room to all sit around the table. The old 2 story has been torn down. Did\*mention, it is all on one level?













Dorothy, Delbert and Debra 1(ay. 1961 Debra kay died Jan. 1962











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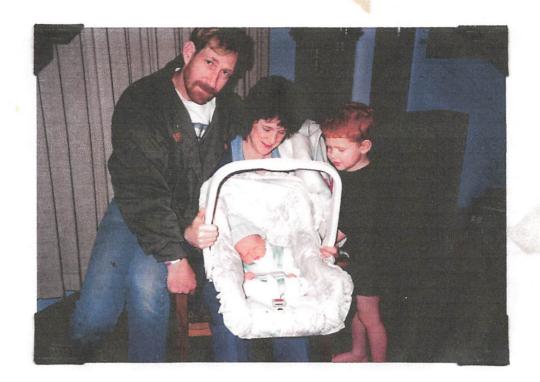


James Anthony (Tony) Dykes 1975



Elizabeth Louise Dyles

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John Christian Blaver Rolding John David Root & Chis nephew) just after returning from W.W.II.

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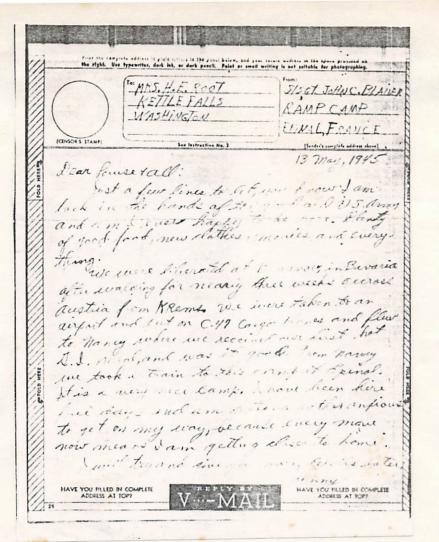
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couple of letters a month. Do not write

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#### Rites Held For John C. Blauer

Funeral services for John C. Blauer, 68, of Grand Coulee, WA, were held Oct. 24 at the Scharbach Funeral Home. Burial was in Spring Canyon Cemetary.

Mr. Blauer died Oct. 20 at U. of Utah Hospital, Salt Lake City, of complications following open heart surgery. He was born Jan. 15, 1915 at Kettle Falls, WA.

On Oct. 1, 1946 he married Mildred M. Brown at Okanogan. He had lived in Anchorage, Alaska from 1953 to 1967 when he moved to Grand Coulee Dam. He worked as a painter on the construction of the third powerplant.

Puring W.W. II Mr. Blauer was a member of the U.S. Air Force and was shot down over Germany. He was a prisoner of war for 22 months. He was a member of the First Baptist Church were he served as a Deacon, Church Treasurer and Sunday School Teacher.

Survivors include his wife Mildred at the home; one step-son Larry Brown, Coulee Dam; two sisters, Iris Zschach, Broken Arrow, Oklahoma and Louise Root, Spokane; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Numerous nieces and nephews also survive.



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Front row: Waldemar Karl Ischach, Lt. Gol Karl Goodwin Ischach, Roberta Rose (Ischach) Bryson, Iris Rose (Blauer) Ischach,

Top row: Mary Louise (Zschach) Keller, Gloria Jean Zschach, Kathryn Goodwin (Zschach) Fuhrman, Dolores Ann (Zschach) Zaller

Photo taken 1964



Grand Children of Iris and Karl Bechack Esttom row: Jennifer Lea Keller, Christopher Robert Fishiman Second Row: Sandra Dawn Prin, nickolar Daniel Zeller, Jonethen Karl Fishiman, Kathup Marie Keller From the Claremore, Okla. paper.

# Zschach rites set Tuesday

Lt. Col. (Ret.) Karl Goodwin Zschach, 63, a Claremore High School teacher for the past six years, died Friday in a Tulsa hospital. He had been ill about six weeks. Died Oct 122/979

A rosary in his honor is set for 7 p.m. Monday in the Musgrove-Merriott-Smith



KARL G. ZSCHACH

Funeral Chapel. Final rites will be 11 a.m. Tuesday in St. Cecilia's Catholic Church where he was a member. Burial will be in Woodlawn Cemtery under direction of Musgrove-Merriott-Smith Funeral Service.

Col. Zschach, who lived in rural Claremore, came here in 1966 after retiring with 24 years in the Army. He operated American Concrete Company before completing education requirements to teach.

For the past six years he has taught history and economics at Claremore High School. He started school this fall, but was in class only about a week before becoming ill.

Born Dec. 27, 1915 in San Angelo, Tex., he attended college at Southern Methodist University, United States Military Academy at West Point, where he studied unde, supervision of "Red" Blako,

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### Zschach...

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Rockhurst in Kansas City and Northeastern State University at Tahleguah.

As an Army officer he served in three major conflicts — World War II and the Korean and Vietnam conflicts. During his service career he was stationed in France, Great Britian, Scotland, Korea, Japan and Vietnam outside the U.S. His last assignment was commander of the First Medical Batallion, Ft. Riley, Kan.

Much decorated, he had earned medals including Europeon Theatre of Orientation Operations, Korean Service medal, Army Commendation medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation Medal and the Citation for Oakleaf Cluster to the Army Commendation medal.

Also in his military career. Col. Zschach coached football for Brooke Army Medical Center.

Vitally involved with youth, he was a longtime leader of Boy Scout Troop 80 and was active in high school activities with the students he taught.

He was a former member of Rotary, a member of Claremore Lions and the Claremore Elks Lodge.

Survivors are the widow Iris Rose, an Indian Health Service nurse practitioner his mother, Mary G. Zschach, Tulsa; six children, Mary Louis Keller and Dolores And Zoller of Tulsa, Gloria Jean Engstrom of Manhattan Kan., Kathy G. Fuhrman of Chickasha, Roberta Rose Bryson of Duncan and Walde man Karl Zschach, a student at Oklahoma State University; two brothers, Robert of Tulsa and Harold of San Antonio, Tex.; and nine grandchildren.



Child belonge to neighbors. Jan 21, 1958





Kelna and Emis Bleve

52 and anniversary of Relph & Lydia Keed with relatives and friends.

### Held Top N.D. Post Since '37

## General Edwards Is Dead Here at 65

Bismarck, 65, North Dakota adjutant general and state director of Selective Service, died at 2:30 a.m. Thursday in a local hospital.

A member of the military serv-

ice for the past 47 years, he had entered the hospital last Wednesday, where he underwent surgery Friday. Complications followed and the general gradually became

Maj, Gen. Edwards had served as adjutant general for the state since 1937, when he was appointed to the position by the late Gov. William Langer and was commis-sioned brigadier general in 1940

IN 1954 HE was commissioned najor general, the first officer of that rank the North Dakota Naional Guard has ever had.

He leaves his widow, two daughters, Mrs. Richard Olsen of Bis-marck and Mrs. F. W. Greenagle of Grafton; a sister, Mrs. F. B. Langton of Little River, Calif., and a brother, John S. Edwards of MAJ. GEN. HEBER L. EDWARDS Phoenix, Ariz.

Funeral Services will be conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday from the new Bismarck National Guard armory. The Rev. William R. Lindsay of the First Presbyterian Church will officiate, assisted by the Rev. Magnus P. Lutness, National Guard chaplain from Trinity Lutheran Church here.

BURIAL WILL be in the military cemetery at Ft. Snelling, Minn.

Col. Ralph L. Gaugler of Bismarck, deputy adjutant general, automatically becomes the state's acting adjutant general.

The adjutant general is appointed by the governor to serve a six year term. Unless another adju-ant general is appointed, Gaugler will serve out the remaining 21/2 years of Edwards' term until June 30, 1965.

Maj. Gen. Edwards was born in Park River on June 16, 1897. He attended the University of North Dakota Law School for two years and in December 1915, enlisted in the North Dakota National Guard as a private in Grand Forks' Co. M. He went to the Mexican border in 1916 with the 164th regiment and returned in 1917 as a sergeant. He served in France in World War I with the same company and was discharged on his return in 1919. Edwards was commissioned as

captain of the infantry in the North Dakota National Guard in 1920. Following other promotions, he served as adjutant general of North Dakota and as state director of the Selective Service from 1937 until the present time.

FOR SERVICE in World War II. Edwards was awarded the legion of merit medal, and for his outstanding and distinguished service to the National Guard of this coun-



## Edwards - - -

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he was awarded the distinguished service medal of the National Guard Association of the of Edwards

and had served as the association's a great American." secretary-treasurer prior to that. He was appointed state director of the civil defense organization in "I valued Gen. Edwards' friendthe civil defense organization in

"Maj. Gen. Heber L. Edwards of the North Dakota National Guard has performed exceptionally meritorious and distinguished service, in peace and in war, as a member of the National Guard of North Dakota, the Army National Guard of the United States, the Army of the United States, and as an officer and member of the National Guard Association of the United States."
The Perry Funeral Home is in

charge of the arrangements.

### Flags to Fly At Half Mast

Gov. William L. Guy Thursday requested all flags on state buildings to be flown at half mast until after Maj. Gen. Heber L. Edward's funeral.

The governor said he made the request "as a note of respect to a man who devoted a long and fruitful life to the service of his state and his country.'

He termed Edward's death "un-timely" and said the state has lost an outstanding and devoted ser-

"The name of Maj. Gen. Heber L. Edwards will be written in history," the governor asserted, "as one of the most illustrious ever to

come from the state.
"We in North Dakota will always be honored that we can claim

him as our own."

A memorial resolution for Edwards was approved for recom-mendation to the full Legislative Research Committee Thursday by the LRC subcommittee on taxation.

The committee, meeting here on other matters, chose the day of Edwards' death to move for passage of the resolution by the 38th

Legislative Assembly.

The resolution cites Edwards' 47 years with the National Guard, terms his 26 years as adjutant general unprecedented, notes his active duty service in wars and national emergencies and states he maintained "an esprit de corps among the officers and men of the North Dakota Guard that is seldom equaled in any military or civilian organization.

It resolves the Legislative As-sembly's "keen and personal sor-

row" over Edwards' death and expresses its "deepest appreciation for the outstanding contributions made to this state and nation" by Edwards.

Former Gov. John E. Davis said

"He was a great soldier and He was elected vice president of the Adjutants General Association of the United States in 1960 grateful for his services. We lose

Republican Rep. Don L. Short

ship and helpful counsel in military matters. He was recognized na-IN 1955, the National Guard Association of the U.S. honored the general, issuing this statement on the occasion:

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## Mrs. Irene A. Gault

DATE OF BIRTH May 22, 1912

ENTERED INTO REST August 2, 1967

PLACE AND TIME OF SERVICE
HALVORSON-JOHNSON FUNERAL HOME
August 5, 1967
3:30 P.M.

CLERGYMAN OFFICIATING
DR. PAUL K. HENDRICKS

RESTING PLACE GRANDVIEW CEMETERY Edina, Minnesota

ARRANGEMENTS BY HALVORSON-JOHNSON FUNERAL HOME



at Weston Worth Dakota at arthurs



This photo taken by Ernie's wife during Blyggard thru Thui Ricture window. Ernie has a pail of water & the play fail. Shat little house is where the Pump & water tank are. And They had to carry all their water.



Ernie & hours cats
Bibles.

Notice the pancakes
Shy had them every
morning of the year

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lies ones too!!



Ernest with team Queen + Goldie







Ernest & Gertrude Blaver and daughter Frances



Gertrude Blaver uitt son, Ernest, Jr.



Ernest & Edna Blauer 1943



Edna Blaver - Ind wife of Ernest 1977



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Glen & Frances Weilemuller



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Loide, melanie & long - their Children



Sherry & Bruce McGuiness with son Michael

## SEASON'S GREETINGS

RR 1, Box 226 Spearfish, SD 57783 Christmas, 2000

Cousins:

From our house to yours, we send you holiday greetings and blessings of health and happiness throughout 2001

As I reviewed the 12 calendar pages of 2000, I noted that each month was filled with activities and that yet another year passed more swiftly than the one before. Let me give you a synopsis of our year:

Our Routine: Rosie, our Persian cat, is the newest addition to our family. She is a very important and spoiled kitty who travels with us in the motorhome and demands much attention here at home.

Fertilizing, cutting, raking, baling, and selling hay takes a tremendous amount of our time. Bruce bought a round baler this year and enjoyed the ease of making those big round bales for 1st cutting alfalfa. They aren't worth as much but are so much faster and require no hired labor to stack it in the barn. As I write this letter, he is out in his insulated & heated shed (the envy of some of his neighbors) working on this year's antique tractor. We sold last year's tractor on the Internet and Bruce had a good time delivering it to Washington picking up two friends enroute.

I still substitute at the Extension Office--this year for five weeks. It seems I am lucky enough to spend more time playing bridge since I resigned as secretary-treasurer of the County Fair. I also enjoy my hobby of choice--cooking, as well as gardening and socializing with friends.

<u>Our Travels</u>: We ushered in 2000 in our motorhome in Texas with Mike, Laura, and David who, with us, spent Christmas with Laura's parents. Our friend, Pat Heaphy, once again was able to travel with us with his 5th wheel. In March, I flew to London where I joined two Alaska teaching buddies, one of whom now lives there with her husband. We enjoyed England (and a weekend in Paris via the EuroStar) from their views and connections. In late July, we joined the McGuiness cousins & siblings in Lake Tahoe for another gathering. We took in a Nebraska Cornhuskers' home game in October with Alaska friends living part-time in Kearney. We'll load the "bus" and head out of this winter country mid-January for two to three weeks.

<u>Our Company</u>: One of the most pleasurable components of our lives is to entertain and enjoy those who visit us and "The Hills." This year was no exception. It was fun to host a round of nieces and a nephew as well as other family and many friends this last summer.

The Hunting: Michael was able to fly down from Alaska the end of October for his first pheasant hunting trip with his Dad. I was even invited for the hunt in northern South Dakota where we were joined by Bruce's nephew & his family--Tim, Dawn, and Hayden Beck. Bruce was able to go back to that same favorite spot three or four more times so we have plenty of pheasants in our freezer. He has made only one goose hunt to Montana this month because of the unaccustomed wintry weather we have had so far! He also was able to shoota Whitetail buck on our property.

And to You: Happy New Year! We hope to see you soon!

Bruce of Sperry

you for

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Joanne & Neil Ranum with Vaughters Jannifer & Julie



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