

CLASS OF 1936

State Center High School

Armbrecht, Dorothy: (deceased) m. Melvin Mueller
Braddy, Vernon: m. Arlene Nolta, State Center, IA 50247
Brimhall, Virginia: m. Ralph Luikart, 880 Estrella Drive
Santa Barbara, CA 93102
Carter, Richard: m. Doris Hunzelman, 406 S.W. 5th,
State Center, IA 50247
Chambliss, Ruth: m. Jesse Wood, 4331 - 18th St., W.
Lancaster, CA 93534
Cramer, Esther: m. Ralph Kingsbury (deceased);
m. Howard Bettes (deceased), 1945 Skyview Drive
Sparta, MI 49345
Diggins, Ruth: m. Harlan Wolke, P. O. Box 216
Melbourne, IA 50162
Eastman, Richard: m. Esther Billman, 1609 Fremont St.,
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Eckhardt, Jean: m. Jerome R. Cross (deceased), 1313 Merl Place,
Longmont, CO 80501
Ewalt, Vivian: m. Deloss Clark, 2895 - 12th Avenue,
Marion, IA 52302
Forte, J. D.: m. Madge McArty, address unknown
Gerke, Gladys: (deceased), m. Beryl Nason
Henze, Clayton: (deceased)
Henze, Gilbert: (deceased)
Hilleman, Ildra: m. Eugene Koett, 306 S. 4th St.,
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Ingledue, Lillian: m. George Templeman, 3202 S. 12th St., #35,
Marshalltown, IA 50158
Jessen, Irving: m. Lucille Huber, 3536 California Avenue, N.E.,
Albuquerque, N.M., 87110
Loney, Kenneth: m. Velma Schuler, 408 - 1st Avenue, N.,
State Center, IA 50247
Metge, Lorine: 210 E. Ingledue St., Marshalltown, IA 50158
Papenberg, Lucille: m. Ben Overman (deceased),
106 - 3rd Avenue, N.W., State Center, IA 50247
Pfantz, Elaine: m. George H. Schaper, State Center, IA 50247
Poling, Doris: m. Stanton Heuer (deceased), m. Leonard White,
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Riemenschneider, George: m. Lucile Anderson, 331 Arlington,
Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750
Sheppler, Mary: State Center, IA 50247
Stout, Phyllis: m. Wilbert Smith, 2158 San Remo Court,
San Leandro, CA 94577
Terrell, Maynard: (deceased) m. Marian Swales
Wilkening, Melvin: m. Naomi Jessen, R. R. 2, State Center, IA 50247
Wilson, Marjorie: m. Clifton King, Colo, IA 50056



James V. Wainwright



Mary Sheppards



Vernon Bradley



Elaine Pratt



Jean Eckhardt



Melvin Wilkerson



Lorine Mohr



Maybelle Hester



Lillian Ingleson



Richard Carter



Phyllis Stoltz



Marjorie Wilson



Kenneth Loney



Irving Jones



Virginia Blevins



Gladys Gerte



Clayton Hentze



Lucille Pedersen



Esther Grier



Ruth Charnick



Doris Bell



Gilbert Hentze



Ruth Dillips



Elara Hill



Richard E. Newberry



Vivian E. Hall



Dorothy Ambrecht



George R. Schneider

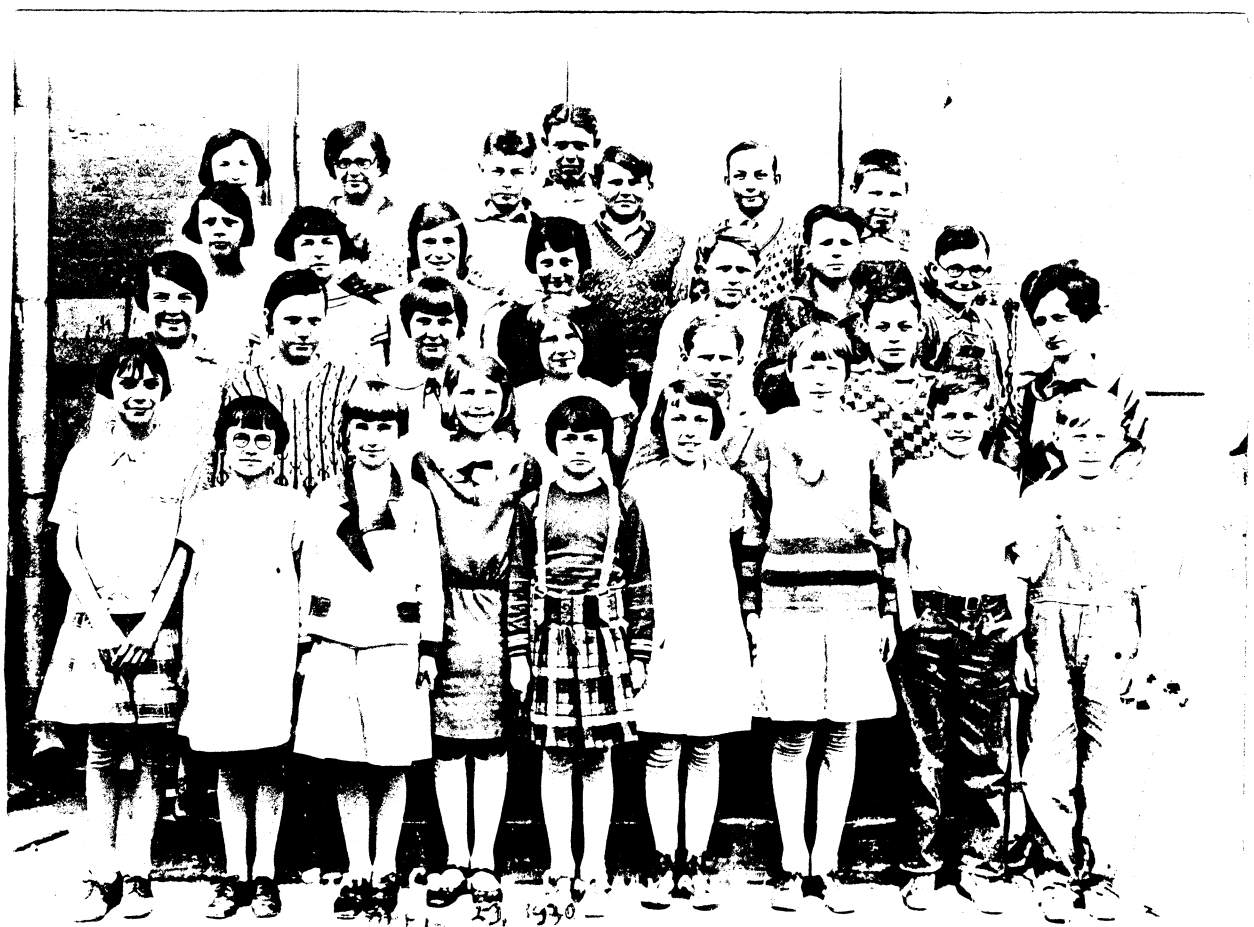
STAPLE CENTER

Senior Class

1936

J.H. DITZLER

ARTCRAFT STUDIO



DOROTHY ARMBRECHT MUELLER
(deceased)

She attended American Institute of Business in Des Moines for a year. She worked for Rath Packing Company at Waterloo until her marriage to Melvin H. Mueller in 1942. They lived in Champaign, Ill. until moving to Elmhurst, Ill. in 1949.

Dorothy has four children, Thomas of California, Steven of Michigan, Linda of Texas, and Barbara of New York. She has two granddaughters, Laura and Diane of Michigan.

Dorothy passed away October 12, 1980. Alzheimer's disease was diagnosed in 1976 but she was able to be at home until July, 1980.

-by Hope Armbrrecht Reece

VERNON G. BRADDY

May of 1936 graduated from State Center High School. Remained at home and helped on the farm. In August of 1936 Gib Henze and I put on a 30 minute program from KFJB Marshalltown every Thursday evening. We were called The Two Lads of Harmony.

In November of 39 went on radio station in Louisville, Kentucky. Stayed three weeks, left and went on radio at Port Arthur, Texas. In Jan. 1940 came back and were sponsored by WHO for Keystone Red Brand Fence, Prince Albert Smoking Tobacco, every Saturday evening on Barn Dance Frolic.

On February 23, 1941 married Arlene Nolte, have one son, Robert D. Braddy. Also have five grandchildren, Tracy married and lives in Lincoln, Nebraska. He is a meat cutter, and his wife goes to college there. Laura graduated from West Marshall High School 1985 and works at Donnelley Marketing at Nevada, Ia. Brenda, Vernon and Beth Ann still at home.

We remained with WHO putting on our last performance, second Saturday evening in February 1942, after December 7 attack on Pearl Harbor.

Gib and I enlisted for service. Gib entered the Marines, I was rejected. In March 1942 went to work for Marshall Trowel in Marshalltown.

In May 1942 drafted to defence work. Took my training and became superintendent of 30 Caliber Tracer Wing at Ankeny Ordnance Plant, where I remained until April of 1944. Got my release to start farming and go in partnership with my father.

From 1960 to 1973 was also a square dance caller and teacher. Sang for weddings, and funerals over a period of nearly forty years.

In 1983 retired from farming, rented out the land. Still live on the home farm.

We joined two camping clubs in 1974 (Marshall County Vagabonds) and later (Forester and Friends Club) of which the last two years have been President. Hoping to keep active camping for some time to come.

VIRGINIA BRIMHALL LUIKART

How very well I remember our graduation day fifty years ago. We were all children of the great depression at the time of our graduation. Then shortly, we all became adults at the time of a terrible world war that was to change so many of our lives.

After graduation I attended Judson College for Women in the small town of Marion, Alabama for one year. Then on to Grinnell College in Grinnell, Iowa where I graduated as an Art major in 1941. Upon graduation I was awarded the Henry York Steiner Memorial Award for excellence in art. This led me into a brief career in dress designing in St Louis, Missouri. It was at Grinnell that I met Ralph Luikart from Omaha, Nebraska. He was to become my husband in 1942. We were married in State Center in the old Methodist church. Ralph became a Doctor of Medicine specializing in Dermatology. He was in the service on a hospital ship in the south Pacific when our first son was born.

After moving from one coast to another, we finally made a home for ourselves and our three children in Santa Barbara, California.

Our eldest son, Ralph, is a general contractor. He is married to a lovely English girl. They have a four and a half year old daughter named Heather who warms this Grendmother's heart. Our daughter, Crystal, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of California at Riverside, then went on to become a registered nurse. Sadly, she is divorced. Our youngest son, Scott, works in construction with his brother and plans to get his own contractor's license. He was married last July.

Painting has been my lifelong interest. I taught painting for five years to people recovering from mental illnesses for the Mental Health Association here in Santa Barbara. This was a volunteer endeavor for me. I belong to the Santa Barbara Art Association and sometimes make it into their jurried shows. We show our works at the Faulkner Gallery of the public library. I am a docent at the Sata Barbara Museum of Art and am enjoying my fifteenth year giving museum tours to school children and adults.

Dear Classmates, although I can't be with you, I do want to tell you that I am proud to be a product of the wonderful small town of State Center,--a product of the fine school system that we all benefited from,--a product of the heartland of this great county. I am grateful to my teachers such as Phyllis Pascoe, Helen German Gray, and dear Miss Bresson for the fine influences and the lasting impressions they had on my life. I am proud to be an Iowan--a plains person--and I will always love State Center.

RICHARD CARTER

I remained in State Center while the rest of you scattered.

I married Doris in 1938 and had two sons, Dennis and Douglas. Dennis lives in Marshall, Mo. He was educated at Iowa and Iowa State and is a civil engineer. He married Linda Olsen of Kansas City. He has two sons, Todd, 16 years, and Scott, 12 years.

Doug lives in Manistique, Mich. He attended Simpson and State University of Iowa. He is a physical therapist. He married Jill Carlson of Sparta, Mich., also a physical therapist. They have one son, Greg, 4 years.

I was employed at Fisher Governor and when WW II came along, the government deferred me to work on the Manhattan project which was the atomic bomb.

I have been enjoying partial retirement since open heart surgery in 1983 (six by-passes). My hobbies include golf, wood working, hunting, and fishing. That's it in 1986.

RUTH CHAMBLISS WOOD

After graduation, I went to California and worked in the ship yards.
Worked at North American.

I married Jesse Wood in 1952. Later worked at Rock Well and retired
early in 1968! My husband also worked at Rock Well. He retired a
few years ago.

Last December we moved to Oregon to get away from the California
noise. Here in Gold Hill it is quiet on our four and one half acres,
just 20 miles north of California state line.

We plan to go south, maybe Arizona in the winter. I love to read and
we both bowl. Hello to all of you and I promise to be with you on
our 60th reunion!

New Address: 920 Rock Creek Road
Gold Hill, Oregon 97525

Telephone: 503-855-9687

ESTHER CRAMER BETTES

I can't believe fifty years!! My kids are shocked, especially my youngest daughter-in-law (23) who thinks over thirty is over the hill.

After graduating I moved to Kalamazoo, Mi. Jobs were hard to find and I moved to Muskegon, Mi. where I was employed at Sealed Power Corp. doing payroll and then bookkeeping for five years.

I married Ralph Kingsbury and had two sons, Jerry and Rick. My husband died in 1949. I worked in the foundry here in Sparta, as bookkeeper (our teacher probably wonders how I did it). I did go to night school for awhile.

I moved back to Kalamazoo again to be near my family. I worked at Sutherland Paper Mills, doing the same work.

I married Howard Bettles from Sparta in 1956. We had a son Paul. My husband had a business selling Toro equipment, etc. We did travel a lot and I was happy that we did because Howard died in 1974 before he was old enough to retire. My sons are all married and I have five grand-sons and three grand-daughters.

I keep very busy and have been on the Library Board for ten years. The Pres. of the board is Richard Carter's son's father-in-law. I saw Dick and his wife when they were here for the wedding. We are currently finishing up the remodeling of the Library and it has been very time consuming. We are having Open House on May 1. Then we can relax. I live alone in a big house which I threaten to sell--much to my childrens' dismay. Our township has about 3500 people and it is hard to find a small nice house. Most of the land is agriculture, we do have quite a few industries, however. We are about 15 miles from Grand Rapids.

I'll be looking forward to reading all of your letters. I doubt if I'll be at the re-union, but you never know. I'll be thinking of you. I imagine everyone is scattered all over the U.S.

RUTH DIGGINS WULKE

After my graduation in May, 1936 I spent the summer at home, then took a nine month Stenographic course at C.I.B. (Central Iowa Business College) in Marshalltown. Worked at the Western Grocer Mills - in the Traffic Dept. - for one and a half years, then in May, 1939 was married to Harlan Wulke and lived on a farm south of Melbourne, where we still reside. I spent 20+ years of our 47 married years together as a wife and homemaker, helping raise our two children (Larry and Yvonne). After 20+ years on the farm and farming, Harlan had to give up farming, because of health problems and so was fortunate to acquire a job in Marshalltown, as Marshall County Juvenile Probation Officer. He served in that capacity for 23 years. I also left the home as just a homemaker and worked as a secretary at the West Marshall School in Melbourne for 19 years.

We are both retired now - still living on the farm - active in our church and enjoying our lives working together and helping other needy and hurting people; also loving and enjoying and appreciating our six grandchildren. We are both very thankful to God that he has given us 47 years of life together.

RICHARD EASTMAN

I attended Central Iowa Business College after graduation. Then I worked as a bookkeeper at Nash - Fench in Marshalltown.

During WW II, I was in the army for three years in Australia and the Philippines. Then after being discharged, I kept the books for Meeker Laundry and Willard's Ready-to-Wear for ten years.

Esther Billman and I were married in 1940 in Marshalltown. Our only daughter, Donna, was born in 1946; she is married to Curtis Smith. We have three grandchildren: Brent, Donna, and Richie.

In 1956 I went into partnership with Bob Stewart, which is now Stewart Building Center. There I was vice president of the firm and retired in 1979 after 23 years. I was president of Marshalltown Home Builders Assn. for many years.

I've been active in the Central Christian Church. My other interests include wood working, coin collecting, and have been an avid photographer.

JEAN ECKHARDT CROSS

After high school graduation, I attended Marshalltown Junior College and then the University of Iowa at Iowa City. I graduated as a mathematics major in 1940 and taught school for two years and six weeks; for six months at Hiteman High School and later at the junior high school in Marion, Iowa.

I was married to Jerome R. Cross on October 9, 1942 which was the same day he received his wings from the Army Air Corps. Incidentally, I broke my contract with the school district by getting married. My only son, Jerome R. Cross II, was born in Monroe, La. on Nov. 19, 1943. I have two grandchildren, Jerry III and Sara. My husband was killed in a navigation training flight on Jan. 24, 1944.

I returned to Iowa, living in Marshalltown until my son and I moved to Iowa City in 1948. There I earned my master's degree in Guidance and Counseling in 1950. I worked in the counseling office of the University of Iowa for a year.

From 1951 - 1968 I lived in Vinton; for about half of that time I taught mathematics in the junior high (even my own son and future daughter-in-law, Sherry Gilliatt) and later I started a counseling program in the high school.

In 1968 I sold my home in Vinton and moved to an apartment in Cedar Rapids. For six years I was a counselor at Taft Junior High School and ten years a counselor at Jefferson High School.

I retired in June 1984 and moved to my duplex in Longmont, Colorado to be near my lawyer son and his family. I'm as busy as ever, maybe a little slower - besides reading, politics, golf and genealogy - I've traveled about some, to all the states except Alaska, two trips to Europe and have just returned from a cruise through the Panama Canal.

And as the others have remarked - where has the time gone?

VIVIAN EWALT CLARK

In 1937, I married Deloss Clark from Des Moines, Iowa. We lived in Des Moines for four years where both of our older sons, John and Buzz, were born.

In 1941 we moved to the Marion-Cedar Rapids area, where our third son Mark was born in 1951.

We have two lovely daughters-in-law and three super grandchildren.

We retired in 1981 and have traveled and camped for years. We try to go south every winter. I retired from Linn-Mar High School where I was Lead Cook and Deloss retired from Iowa Electric.

Sure looking forward to seeing all of you once again.

J. D. FORTE
address unknown

GLADYS GERKE NASON
(deceased)

After graduation Gladys attended the Thompson Beauty School in Des Moines. She had a shop in the Malloy building in State Center.

She and Beryl Nason were married August 12, 1939 and they moved to California. She was employed at the Douglas Aircraft Plant. Later she was employed at Santa Monica, making helicopters.

She and Beryl retired to Las Vegas, Nevada. Gladys passed away December 25, 1985.

CLAYTON HENZE
(deceased)

Following graduation, Clayton worked for the Kraft Cheese Company in Freeport, Ill. along with Ken Loney.

He served as an army sergeant with a tank outfit in WW II. He went through the African campaign and then through Europe, France and Germany, about five years in all.

Clayton attended Central Iowa Business College and took the accounting program. Then he purchased the Texaco station on Highway 30 in Marshalltown. He passed away from heart attack on October 9, 1967.

GILBERT HENZE
(deceased)

After graduation Gilbert attended Central Iowa business College, Marshalltown, Iowa. He was employed at Marshalltown radio station KFJB for three years. He and Vernon Braddy were popular singers with Gilbert accompanying them on the guitar at KFJB and in appearances in Des Moines.

He enlisted in the Marines on January 29, 1942. He took his recruit training in San Diego. Gilbert was sent to Hawaii as an aviation gunner with the rank of sergeant.

Gilbert was a tail gunner on a fighter plane in the South Pacific. The plane was forced down; he was wounded; his leg was amputated. He was in a hospital in New Zealand. He was returned to the states. Gilbert died of acute yellow atrophy of the liver on April 6, 1943 at Mare Island Navy Hospital, San Francisco, CA.

Services were held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, State Center with full military honors. Burial at Hillside Cemetery.

ILDRA HILLEMANN KOETT

After graduation, I attended Central Iowa Business College in the fall of 1936. After completing business college, I worked as a bookkeeper at Witwer Grocer Company, Marshalltown, Quaker Oats, Cedar Rapids, Lennox Furnace Company, Marshalltown, and in the accounting office of McGregor Furniture Co., Marshalltown for 35 years retiring in Dec. 1984. Most of this time I lived in State Center and drove to Marshalltown each day.

I was married to Eugene Koett in August 1984 and now live in Marshalltown. I have traveled extensively and since retiring Gene and I have spent part of the last two winters at Kissimmee and Pompano Beach, FL., besides other trips we have taken.

I belong to St. Paul Lutheran Church, State Center and have been quite active in the church women and Sunday School there. We belong to Lincoln Valley Golf Course and play golf when time and weather permits.

LILLIAN INGLEDUE TEMPLEMAN

Fifty years have gone by in a hurry - when you think back.

I married George Templeman one year after graduation.

We have one daughter, Lynette, and two grandsons, Kevin, 24 years,
and Dale, 23 years.

Besides being a housewife and mother, I've been a sales clerk for 17
years and a school custodian for 10 years.

We are both retired. We enjoy camping - mostly at Twin Anchors near
Colo.

IRVING JESSEN

After leaving good old State Center High and all my good old classmates, the next 50 years went this way -- I attended Central Iowa Business School from 1937-1939. I then took a trip to Seattle, Washington, and spent several months with my aunt and uncle who lived on the shores of Puget Sound, which was across from the Bremerton Navy Yard. I became interested in the navy, so when I returned home, I enlisted in the navy for six years (1940-1946). While in the navy, in 1942, I met my wife, Lu, through her brother, who was a shipmate of mine aboard the U.S.S. Wyoming. She was from Minneapolis, Minnesota, and after checking her out for two years, we were married on June 1, 1944, in Minneapolis. We lived in an apartment in Norfolk, Virginia, until my discharge in October of 1946. During this time our daughter, Barbara, was born on October 1, 1945. After my discharge, I returned to State Center and worked for the Marshall County Treasurer's office until July of 1947, when we moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico, where my wife's brother and family lived. I worked for an automotive wholesale parts and service company as office manager from July of 1947 thru July of 1957. During this period our son, David, was born on January 13, 1950 (Friday the 13th), and our second daughter, Jeannie, was born on November 4, 1954. I worked as office manager for the Albuquerque Branch of Timpfe Trailer Mfg. Co. of Denver from November, 1957 thru October, 1974. At that time, I went to work for the Maloof Co.'s Hotel division (a chain of nine hotels) as General Manager of the accounting department until my retirement on January 1, 1985. Since that time, I have been enjoying my leisure time puttering around doing things I hadn't been able to do while working. Also residing in Albuquerque, Lu and I have our three children, as well as three granddaughters and one grandson, all of whom we enjoy a great deal.

KENNETH LONEY

After graduation spent a year working for Kraft Cheese Company at Freeport, Illinois.

Married Velma Schuler. We have two children; Sandra married Henry Hartwig and Veldon married Donna Merrill. We have five grandchildren.

Spent four years driving a truck over the road for George Buck. Spent two years in the armed services, Phillipine Islands, South Pacific.

After that owned own truck line until retirement at age 65. Have always lived in State Center.

LUCILLE PAPENBERG OVERMAN

After graduating, I lived at home with my parents while working several places; doing housework, State Center Bakery, and Kratz Cafe.

During World War II I was a technical case gauge inspector at the Ankeny Ordnance Plant. Later I worked at Scott Tent and Awning in Marshalltown until the war ended and they closed.

I married Ben Overman in 1945. He served in the army three and a half years in New Calodonia. We have three children; Roger, Joan, and Judy.

We farmed for several years, moving to State Center in 1966. Ben drove a school bus for West Marshall School and later became Transportation Director. I worked at the State Center Locker for Joe Streeter for several years. Later I went to West Marshall High School serving as custodian for fifteen years. I retired in 1983.

Ben passed away of a sudden heart attack in 1975. We have six grandchildren. Now I keep busy visiting my family, golfing, crocheting, traveling with the Senior Citizens, church work, and bowling.

DORIS POLING HEUER WHITE

Worked at the Soldiers Home and Stone's Restaurant as a waitress.

Attended Central Iowa Business College and then worked as a secretary at Heuer Truck Lines, Inc.

During World War II, I worked at Vega Aircraft in Burbank, Calif.

During my first marriage, I had one son, Philip Eugene Heuer.

During my second marriage to Leonard White, we have lived in Ames, Iowa; Ventura, California; and now in the Phoenix, Arizona area.

I have two stepchildren, two grandchildren, and six step-grandchildren.

GEORGE RIEMENSCHNEIDER

- 1938-41 Worked for Fischer-Governor as machinist.
- 1941 Enlisted in army in May. Served overseas in European theatre until discharge, August 1945.
- 1945 Bought resort and restrurant at McGregor, Minnesota. Operated it until 1947.
- 1947 Worked on Garrison Dam in North Dakota.
- 1948 Construction work in Minnesota.
- 1949 Married Lucile Anderson of McGregor, Mn.
- We have one son, Don, a scientist for Federal Forest Service, Rhinelander, Wisconsin.
 And one daughter, Mrs. Jeff Romans, who lives in San Francisco.
- 1958 Started work at Taconite plant, Hoyt Lakes, Mn. as Maintenance Supervisor.
- 1978 Retired - now spend winters in Texas or Arizona. Summers at home in Hoyt Lakes.

MARY SHEPLER

After graduating from the State Center High School with the class of 1936, I started my school "daze" again, graduating from Ottumwa Heights Junior College, Ottumwa, Iowa, in 1939.

I received many of my college credits by going to summer classes at St. Ambrose College, Davenport, Iowa, from Iowa State Teacher's College at Cedar Falls, Iowa, and from Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. I hold a BA degree in Elementary Education from St. Ambrose College having graduated from there in 1966.

I taught a rural school (Minerva #8) located two miles north & a half mile west of State Center (The Harold Nolte school) beginning in the fall of 1939 for three years.

Beginning in the fall of 1943, I began teaching in the State Center Consolidated Schools (fourth grade & one year fifth) & remained teaching there for twenty years.

I began my teaching at Anson School in Marshalltown in the fall of 1963 teaching grades three & four. I taught eighteen years there until my retirement in 1981.

I am a member of St. Joseph's Church, St. Joseph's Altar & Rosary Society, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary, a charter member of the State Center Woman's Club, & a member of Alpha Delta Kappa teachers' sorority. I teach a first grade CCD class at St. Joseph's.

Nowadays I go to Davenport, Iowa, and Omaha, Nebraska often to visit relatives and friends.

I have not done much traveling, but I hope to do more. I do enjoy just being at home, drawing a little & cooking a lot.

My brother Carroll & I live at our family home in State Center.

THRESSA PHYLLIS STOUT SMITH

After graduating from State Center (Iowa) Consolidated School I went to Davenport, Iowa; graduated from business college in 1938; married Wilbur Cowan Smith (attorney) September 1938; had two children, Judith Ellen (now Adams) born 1941 and Roger Allen born 1945. Judith majored in music and art and is in public relations, tow children: John and Diane. Roger is a mechanical engineer, son Jason.

I workde for agencies in the Department of Defense for 32 years (Supervisory Personnel Management Specialist), the last five years as an advisory personnel specialist with the Department of Navy at various locations, including 2 years in Washington, D.C.

Attended University of Nebraska at Omaha; Chabot College, Hayward, CA; and still attending classes and seminars.

ORGANIZATIONS: National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, Regent of La Puerta de Oro Chapter, San Francisco, CA, Regent of Oakland Chapter, Oakland, CA for two terms; Vice President East Bay Genealogical Society, Oakland; member of Order of The Eastern Star (Electa); National Assoc. Retired Federal Employees; and others.

HOBBIES: Classic league bowler stopped by injury from car accident, needlepoint and knitting, cooking, genealogical reserach, reading, music, etc.

MAYNARD TERRELL
(deceased)

Maynard spent nearly four years in the U.S. Navy in World War II from 1941-45.

He attended the Community College in Marshalltown for two years and finished college at Drake University in Des Moines.

He taught school at Westside, Iowa; Keron, Iowa; Maynard, Iowa; and Calmar, Iowa. He retired from teaching in 1984.

In 1945 he married Marian Swales, a teacher at State Center. They have three children; Keith of London, England; Fred of St. Paul, Minn.; Mary Walker of Eugene, Oregon; and two grandchildren.

He passed away in October, 1985 and is buried in rural Arlington, Iowa.

MELVIN WILKENING

After graduating from high school, I helped my father with farming until 1940.

On February 18, 1940, I married Naomi Jessen and rented a farm near my father's the same year.

On November 14, 1941 our first daughter, Ruth Ann, was born. She is now Mrs. Roy Smyth of Solon, Iowa and has 2 sons, Mark 20 and Scott 17.

On November 8, 1944 our second daughter was born. She is Mary Jane Dixon and lives in Aurora, Colorado.

Our third daughter, Diane Kay, was born on November 21, 1948. She is Mrs. Jim Record and lives in Memphis, Tenn., and has one daughter, Erin 16 and one son, Jeffrey 11.

When World War II began, I was classified 3, and was able to stay on the farm.

In 1956 I lost the ends of three fingers on my left hand in an exhaust fan on a feed grinder.

We lived on this farm until 1965, which is owned by Goodman Milling. In 1964 the Frank Myers farm came up for sale and we bought it. It adjoins the farm we lived on. We moved there in 1965.

November 1978 I was thrown from a ladder and broke my left leg above the ankle. I was on crutches about two years. It didn't heal properly so had to have bone graft. It healed in good shape and I could get around in fine shape.

We are still on the farm, farming the land and raising cattle.

MARJORIE WILSON KING

After graduation I worked at Campbell's Cafe for about a year. I married Clifton King October 9, 1937 and lived in Colo for four years. We moved to a farm near Colo in 1941. We have three children: Karen, married to Robert Sackett, lives in Minneapolis, Minn.; Larry, married to Audrey Lacina, Montour, Iowa; and Richard, married to Linda McDonald, Rhodes, Iowa. We have five grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

We had a dairy farm for 20 years until 1966. Then my husband worked for Fisher - Governor and now does electrical work.

I've been a homemaker and a busy farmer's wife, raising chickens, having a garden, canning, etc. I keep busy piecing quilts, doing all kinds of crafts and raising African violets.