

# Almont School Board and Almont P.T.A.



P.T.A.

Front row, L to R—Supt. Holle, Mrs. Roman Peterson, Mrs. A. Hoovestol, Mrs. Carl Feland, Mrs. D. Klingensmith, Mrs. R. Atkinson, Philip Johnson. Second row—Mrs. G. Holle, Mrs. D. McDowall, Mrs. H. Thorson, Mrs. E. Olson, Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. M. Christianson, Mrs. A. Peterson, Mrs. Carl Knudson. Third row—Mrs. E. Reeff, Mrs. Martin Doll, Mrs. S. Thiel, Ida Olson, Mrs. E. Wanstrom, Mrs. V. Knuton, Mrs. S. Peterson. Back row—Don McDowall, Harvey Thorson, Sam Thiel, Sig Peterson, Roman Peterson, Axel Hoovestol, Ed Reeff.

## THE SCHOOL BOARD

School board members in 1906 were Theodore Feland, Ben Olson, and J. R. Sherwood with P. R. Peterson as clerk of the board. Because all carpenters were busy building business houses, the building of a school was postponed until a later date. The children of the village were compelled to attend a rural school two miles from Almont, known as the Tjaden school. Miss Anna Biasden was the teacher.

In 1907 a two room frame school was built with Miss Karine Jacobsen as the first teacher and Mr. J. T. Hensleigh as the second. The following year Mrs. G. H. Anderson began teaching and continued to inform and inspire the young people for many years.

School board members who deserve special mention for long terms of service are: Theodore Feland

who served around 30 years until his death in 1925, Rick Olson who has 35 years of service as a director to his credit, Oscar Thorson who was clerk of the school board for about the same length of time, and Nels Becklund who was treasurer for 22 years. These men worked together to secure the best of educational facilities for the community.

For many years, the Board had the Almont and Sims schools under their supervision as well as the three rural schools known as the Erlandson, Tobias Olson, and Benson schools. It was a blow to the schools of the district when the N. P. straightened their tracks and the cutoff removed the railroad from the district, for the railroad taxes had made possible many educational advantages not otherwise available to a community of this size. State aid has been a big help

in recent years. The present directors of the school board are Sig Peterson, Don McDowell and Harvey Thorson, with Ed Reeff as clerk and Ida Olson as treasurer. They have the Almont and Benson schools under their supervision.

## ALMONT P.T.A. HISTORY

The first P.T.A. was organized in Almont in 1926. The initial membership was 30. Mrs. H. K. Jensen and Mrs. Goldman organized the unit. The first officers were Pres., D. G. Smith; V. Pres., P. R. Peterson; Sec., A. Holritz; Treas., Mrs. G. H. Anderson. First regular meeting was on Dec. 16, 1926. The meetings were very interesting and brought the parents and teachers to a better understanding of problems in the school. A very interesting program was a feature of each meeting.

In 1943 there were 43 members with Frank Simmons as Pres. Mrs. N. E. Becklund, sec.-treas. These two officers resigned in Jan., 1944 and were replaced by C. Halvorson, pres. and Mrs. E. E. Templeton, sec. and treas. In May, 1944 the program included a talk by Miss Agola, returned missionary from China, who had been a Jap prisoner. The P.T.A. became inactive until it was reorganized in 1949 with 21 members. Officers were: Pres., Walter Timpe; V. Pres., Elmer Monson;



School Board Front row—l to r— Supt. Gilbert Holle, Ida Olson, Ed Reeff. Back row—Donald McDowall, Harvey Thorson, Sig Peterson.

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# Almont School



High School, 1956

Front row—Eugene Harper, Geraldine Doll, Laurel Harper, LoAnn Olin, Clara Doll, Bonnee Christianson, Corma Feland, Janice Ritz, Charlotte Killen, Virginia Miller, Kathy Bahm, Ramon Zemple. Second row—Duane Hoovestol, Lester Hogan, Donavon Thiel, Darrell Hoovestol, Leonard Hegel, Dorothy Hoovestol, Ramona Knudson, Janet Feland, Steve Doll, Robert Bachler, Mr. Sundby and Mr. Holle, teachers. Third row—Gerald Hellman, Marvin Ritz, Ted Hellman, Alfred Anderson, Marlin Bechler, Donald Knutson, Clarence Nellis, Idar Handegard. Not pictured, Jeanette Nagel.

Sec., Mrs. Walter Timpe; Treas. Ed Reef. The P.T.A. sponsored a carnival in 1949 and it has become an annual event up to the present time. Among the things P.T.A. bought for the school were a portable phonograph, loud speaker records and record case. They also donated to the athletic fund. In 1950 they bought basketball suits for the girls team and paid insurance for the teams. A hard time party and square dance was held Feb. 17, 1950. In 1951-52 there were 48 members. They bought a mimeograph machine, also ten film strips for the projector. This year they held an amateur program which also has become an annual event. They have sponsored the hot lunch program, bought paint for the gym and dictionaries, for the school. They have joined state and national

P.T.A. and held a series of card parties, to raise money. It was decided to try to get our school accredited. In 1953 a membership of 49 helped finance new lighting in the school so it could become accredited. In 1954-55 they sponsored various projects and bought new stage curtains for the

auditorium.

## ALMONT SCHOOL

As a result of an election held May 2, 1917 it was decided that Almont would have a new school building. Work was scheduled to begin as soon as bids were received. At the polls the proposition carried by a vote of 79 to 69. The reason for Almont desiring a high school was the fact that there were a large number of pupils in the district who, after completing the eighth grade, would be deprived of a further education or be compelled to leave home.

The new school building was dedicated April 12, 1918. Speakers for the event were Atty. John F. Sullivan and Co. Supt. of Schools Jensen of Mandan and Theo. O. Feland of Sims. The high school



Almont School



Boys Basketball Team

Front row—Clarence Nilles Jr., Marvin Ritz, Capt., Ramon Zempel, Darrell Hoovestol, Steve Doll, Capt., Eugene Harper. Back row—Jerald Hellman, Duane Hoovestol, Leonard Hegel, Robert Bachler, Theodore Hellman, Coach Mr. Holle.



Girls Basketball Team

Front row—Laurel Harper, Ramona Knudson, Clara Doll, Corma Feland, Bonnee Christianson, Janice Ritz. Back row—Manager, Janet Feland; Geraldine Doll, Virginia Miller, Dorothy Hoovestol, Kathy Bahm, Charlotte Killen. Coach, Mr. Holle. Not shown—Jeanette Nagel.

## Bill's U-Save Store

Wm. Knutson  
Almont, N. D.





Primary Grades 1 & 2 Front row—Larry Hoovestol, Pat Anderson, Larry Smith, Lyla McDowall, Bruce Peterson, Mary Knutson, Darrell Hogan, Linda Bachler, Penny Anderson, Kerry Wanstrom. Second row—Edith Smith, Aaron Zemple, Bobby Kronberger, Peggy Atkinson, Lynn Peterson, Paul Gentz, Carol Feland, Rex McDowall, Douglas Thorson, Mrs. Robert Atkinson, Teacher. Not pictured—Sylvia Thor.



Intermediate Grades (3, 4, 5) Front row—Carol Kilen, Anita Knutson, Doris Feland, Veralyn Wanstrom, Norma Kilen, Sandra Christianson, and Maxine Bachler. Second row—Rodney Peterson, Harvey Hogan, Sandra McDowall, Linda Atkinson, Ardis Brinkman, Jerome Willman, Eugene Peterson, John Bachler, and Mrs. Roman Peterson, teacher. Third row—Carlyle Reeff, Kathy Doll, Linda Smith, Karen Olson, Stuart Olson, Cheryl Christianson, and Sidney Harper. Not pictured—Chester Thor, Darla Olin, Linda Lee Nagel, and Gary Knutson



Upper Grades, 6-7-8 First row—Roger Hoovestol, Duayne Thiel, Tharon Kilen, Marilyn Olson, Alice Doll, Karla Anderson, Condon Knutson, Rodney Knutson, and Lee Harper. Second Row—Thornton Kilen, Mary Kary, Linda Jacobson, Beverly Brinkman, Glenda Anderson, Rowan Wanstrom, Lucille Doll, Leonard Doll, and Mr. Philip Johnson, Teacher. Not pictured—Gary McDowall.



Almont School

male quartette gave several selections.

An addition was made in the school in 1928 which included two large classrooms, a modern gymnasium, and auditorium and manual training rooms. The dedication of the auditorium was held Jan. 27, 1929, with Dept. Co. Supt. Bugbee as speaker of the evening. The final artistic touch was added to the new auditorium later the same year, in the form of beautiful scenery and curtains.

The first high school basketball team played their first game in the new gymnasium, January 11, 1929. Included in the team were Art Harris, Reuben Olson, Harold Harris, Bill Weiss and Myron Knutson with L. G. Klopflisch as coach. A tournament was held in Carson at the close of the basketball season. The team attended making the two day trip by sleigh. They lost the consolation, but won exhibition games after the final play.

A girls team was organized in 1929 also. It was composed of Minnie Fulton, Madaleen Templeton, Lucille Anderson, Lois Williams, Luella Wanstrom, Louise Aanstad and Louise Hoeger.

In 1935 the faculty was composed of three high school instructors, three grade teachers, and a special music teacher. Two teachers deserve special recognition for their long years of service in the Almont school: Mrs. G. H. Anderson for 25 years, and Mrs. Chris Halvorson for 10 years.

A four year high school course has been continued throughout the years.

(Present addresses of the above teachers are:

Mrs. G. H. Anderson, 4530 Douglas Ave., Des Moines 10, Iowa  
Mrs. Chris Halvorson, Hettinger, N. D.)

## Occident Elevator Co. Grain and Seeds

Leo P. Timpe, Manager  
Almont, N. D.



# Almont Band Groups



**Almont Band**

Front row, L to R—Carlyle Reef, Marilyn Olson, Linda Atkinson, Corma Feland, Rowan Wanstrom, Laurel Harper. Second row—Rev. N. Jollvette, Lee Harper, Duane Thiel, Gary McDowall, Mark Willman, Sig Peterson, Mrs. Sig Peterson. Back row—Phillip Johnson, director, Ramona Knutson, Roger Hoovestol, Dorothy Hoovestol.



**High School Orchestra, 1937**

L to R—Clifford Giese, Curtis Fallgren, Burton Nelson, Gordon Templeton, Ann Weibke, Mrs. H. Carlson, director, Mildred Pederson, Marian Kelsven, Phyllis Hyde, Beverly Kelsven, Carol Knutson.



**School Band, 1940**

Front row, L to R—Lowell Britton, director, Audrey Nelson, Colleen Knudson, Robert Rickett, June Pederson, Norida Knudson. Back row—Royal Baille, Eleanor Pederson, Laverne Wohlman, Leon Olson, Beverly Kelsven, LaVerne Purferest, LaVerne Bahr, Gordon Olson, Wayne Becklund, Duane Hyde.



**Band Mothers**

Front row, L to R—Mrs. Olaf Feland, Mrs. Carl Knudson, Mrs. Robert Atkinson, Mrs. Axel Hoovestol, Mrs. Elmer Wanstrom. Back row—Mrs. Ed Reef, Mrs. Joe Olson, Mrs. Sam Thiel, Mrs. D. McDowall, Mrs. Chester Harper.



**Baton Twirlers**

Front row, L to R—Peggy Atkinson, Lila McDowall, Pat Anderson, Penny Anderson, Linda Bechler, Mary Knutson, Lynn Peterson. Back row—Doris Feland, Sandra Christianson, Anita Knutson, Lucille Bechler, Linda Atkinson, Sandra McDowall.

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# Almont Commercial Club and Fire Department



**Commercial Club**

Front row, L to R—Axel Hoovestol, E. E. Templeton, Nels Becklund, E. W. Hyde, Everett Olson, Claude Ritz. Middle row—Rev. N. Jolivet, Ed. Reef, Harvey Thorson, Don McDowall, Fred Ramsland, Roman Peterson, Sig Peterson. Back row—Norman Hanson, Philip Johnson, Ben Ramsland, Edgar Skjolvik, Gilbert Holle, Morris Christianson, Chester Harper, Iner Olson.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB

The first Almont commercial club was organized in January, 1903, with its purpose to work in the interest and secure such industries and improvements for the town as possible.

One of the first steps to be taken was to secure a drilling outfit to have a city well drilled.

A committee was appointed in Feb. 1908 to find out about the advisability of purchasing either a chemical or gasoline engine for fire prevention in Almont.

The club was inactive for several years, reorganizing in Dec. 1916. Their first action was to secure two chemical fire engines. Another project was to secure a better public

hall for Almont.

The first mail route out of Almont was sponsored by the club in 1918. They also bought wire and fenced the cemetery that year.

Following World War I a homecoming celebration was held for boys of this community who had served with the colors. A roll of honor was purchased and placed in the bank.

In 1948 a telephone line to North Almont was built by the club.

The Independent basketball team and the boy scout troop have been sponsored by the Commercial Club for several years. They have also been in charge of a community Christmas tree and decorations annually.

Several community projects have been backed by the club and at present they are working for better roads in this area.

## ALMONT FIRE DEPARTMENT

The history of the Almont Fire Dept. dates back to March 5, 1917 when it was first organized.

Officers were as follows:

- E. E. Erb, chief
- C. E. Kelsven, asst. chief
- McDougall
- Louis Stoechel
- Peter Pfaff
- Mitsman
- E. E. Templeton, trustee
- Smestad
- Cunvaldson
- Miles Adams
- Ben Bird
- Barden
- Olson
- Becklund
- Sherwood, trustee and dept. sec.

The present Fire Dept. was reorganized at a special meeting April 22, 1953.

Since that time they have secured a fire siren for the town. They are working toward the purchase of a fire truck.

Present officials are:

- Ed Reef, fire chief
- Fred Ramsland, Sec. and treas.
- Harvey Thorson, ass't chief



Almont Fire Department Front row—l to r—Fred Ramsland, Trygve Feiland, Harvey Thorson, Norman Hanson, Robert Atkinson, Donald McDowall. Center row—Ben Ramsland, Nels Becklund, E. E. Templeton, E. W. Hyde, Everett Olson. Back row—Norman Kilen, Morris Christianson, Axel Hoovestol, Ed Reef, Don Klingensmith, Roman Peterson, Claude Ritz.

## Ernest Vanilla

Cream Station and Telephone Exchange.  
Almont, N. D.



# American Legion Post and Legion Auxiliary



American Legion Post No. 261 Front row—l to r—Margilo Willman, Joseph Olson, Peter Thorson, Joseph Hoovestol, Ben Ramsland, Clarence Thor. Back row—Clarence Christianson, Toby Ramsland, Alden Olson, Levi Dawson, Robert Feland, Harvey Thorson, Johan Kilen.

## ALMONT LEGION POST NO. 261 AND AUXILIARY UNIT NO. 261

Several World War I veterans from Almont belonged to the Legion Post in New Salem for many years.

A number of World War II veterans were returning and we realized the need for a post in Almont. On Dec. 7, 1945 Joe Hoovestol called a meeting to determine whether or not there was enough interest to grant the organization of a Post. Seventeen veterans signed up that night.

Almont Legion Post No. 261 was organized. The first officers were: commander, Joe Hoovestol; Adjutant, Ben Ramsland; V. commander, Henry Nyquist; Historian, Rudolph Feland; Finance officer, Joe Olson; Chaplain, Carl Fallgren; Sgt. at Arms, Clarence Christianson.

A few meetings were held in the schoolhouse and in the old bank building. They soon realized the need for a building so decided to build the Legion hall for community and public gatherings. In Feb. 1946 they started raising funds to build the Legion hall. The basement was started in Apr. 1946. The excavating machines and work were all donated, the Legion paid for the gasoline. In July they hired men to lay tile. Their first meeting was held in the basement Sept. 5, 1946.

The basement was used until Dec. 16, 1947 when they started work on the building. Leo Fitterer was the contractor, the members also volunteered to work. The building was finished Jan. 28, 1948. Funds for this project were raised in vari-

ous ways. Several members have money invested without interest.

Almont Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 261 was organized in Jan. 1946 by Post Commander, Joe Hoovestol, Adj. Ben Ramsland, and 7th Dist. Pres. Mrs. M. J. Tschida. The first officers were: Pres., Mrs. Joe Hoovestol; V. Pres., Mrs. B. T. Olson; Sec. Mrs. Joe Olson; Treas., Mrs. Rudolph Feland; Chaplain, Mrs. Norman Hanson; Sgt. at Arms, Mrs. Ralph Dawson; Historian, Mrs. Ervin Olin.

The Legion and Auxiliary sponsored a homecoming in March 1946 for World War II veterans, and an Old Settlers picnic in June. Memorial day programs are jointly sponsored. The Auxiliary have their annual poppy sale for the benefit of disabled veterans, besides assisting the Legion in many of their organizational and community activities. In Apr. 1949 the Legion and Auxiliary entertained the District Convention. About 200 members were present. Joe Hoovestol was elected district deputy and Myrtle



American Legion Hall



Almont Legion Firing Squad

Hoovestol was appointed district child welfare chairman. In 1950 Joe Hoovestol was elected Dist. vice president.

Child Welfare and community are our outstanding projects.

## BAND

The first high school band was organized in 1928, under the direction of L. G. Klopfliesh, supt. of Almont school. The band consisted of about 15 members. They appeared several times during that first year and played a concert in the spring. They also played for the old Settler's picnic in June, 1929. The next year string instruments were added to make an orchestra. The organization discontinued the following year for lack of a director.

In 1932 an orchestra was again



Legion Auxiliary Front row—l to r—Iona Hoovestol, Mrs. Alden Olson, Mrs. Harvey Thorson, Mary Jane Thorson, Oretta Kilen, Any Kilen, Mrs. Johan Kilen, Bonnee Lee Christianson, Mrs. Sam Thiel. 2nd —l to r—Mrs. Axel Hoovestol, Mrs. R. Schwemmer, Ida Christianson, Mrs. B. T. Olson, Mrs. Walter Timpe, Mrs. Norman Hanson, Mrs. Clarence Thor. Back row—Mrs. Joe Olson, Mrs. Joe Hoovestol, Mrs. Marvin Timpe, Mrs. T. A. Barstad, Mrs. Martin Wohlman, Mrs. Peter Thorson, Mrs. Teatus Ramsland, Mrs. Robert Feland, Mrs. W. E. Bond.

## Western Auto Parts Co.

Christ Olson, Manager  
Mandan, North Dakota



# Almont and Live And Learn Homemakers



Almont Homemakers Front row—l to r— Mmes. Leo Timpe, Grace Nelson, T. A. Barstad, J. Hoovestol, W. E. Bond, Olaf Feland. Center row—Mmes. Everett Olson, Lars Handegard, Morris Christianson, Art Feland, Vernon Knutson, Robert Feland, Roman Peterson, Chester Harper. Back row—Mmes. Harvey Thorson, Ed Reeff, Norbert Jolivette, Don McDowall, Sig Peterson, Gilbert Holle.

organized under the leadership of Miss Fern Albrecht. This organization continued through 1937 with Mrs. H. W. Carlson as director. In 1939, Lowell Britton, band director in the Glen Ullin school, organized a band here. Their first concert was played with the Glen Ullin band here in Nov. Extra features on the program were a dog show by M. F. Schmitz and acts by trained chickens. The band played through the following year. 15 years elapsed before a band was again organized. In 1954, Phillip Johnson, school instructor, began getting the pupils interested in musical instruments and he taught them privately until a band was organized in the spring and they were a part of the school's musical concert in May. They play-

ed their first concert in April 1956. Two of the four adult members of the present band, Mark Willman and Marjorie Nelson Peterson, also played in the first band of 1928.

The Band Mothers were organized in May 1955. The purpose of the organization being to get funds to buy music and instruments. Their first officers were Mrs. Vernon Knutson, pres.; Mrs. Ed Reeff vice pres.; Mrs. Carl Knudson, sec. and treas.

The baton twirlers have been trained by Darlene Moos of New Salem this year.

## ALMONT HOMEMAKERS CLUB

The Almont Homemakers club was organized Nov., 9, 1928 at the home of Mrs. B. E. Higbee.

A display has been shown at nearly every county Homemaker's

Day which is attended annually. Several community projects have been sponsored by the club. Among these are teas, receptions, skits at benefit programs, farewell parties, assisting with the organization of a new club and public demonstration lessons. Bake sales have been held and wedding receptions served. Recently, with the co-operation of the Live and Learn Club, farm road signs have been made and erected.

Included in the many picnics that have been given for the entire family was a tour of Garrison Dam and a trip to Peterson's Cedar Valley Ranch. A Christmas party for members and husbands is an annual event. Food and clothing were sent to a needy family in Austria in 1946. A program and tea was held in observance of the club's 25th anniversary in May, 1953.

The largest enrollment was 27, dwindling to seven. Among the present 18 members, three of the original 20 ladies are still active in club work. They are Mrs. T. A. Barstad, Mrs. J. H. Hoovestol, and Mrs. Grace Nelson.

## LIVE AND LEARN HOMEMAKERS

Live and Learn homemakers club was organized on Sept. 23, 1953, at the home of Mrs. Chas. Anderson.

Mr. Bale, county agent, assisted by two members of the Almont Homemakers club organized the club and explained the duties relating to it.

Mr. Bale presided over the meeting and election of the following officers: Mrs. Chas. Anderson, president; Mrs. Thorvald Larson, vice pres.; Mrs. Marvin Olson, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Sam Thiel, program chairman. These ladies were the four charter members.

Besides the major project lessons, there are also social activities, Christmas parties and picnics. They also sponsored the organization of the Calico 4-H Boys and Girls club. One year several clubs made a farm tour in our community, a year later members and their families visited the Great Plains experiment station in Mandan. At present there are fourteen members.



Live and Learn Homemakers Club Front row—l to r— Mrs. Peter Thiel, Mrs. Sam Thiel, Mrs. Floyd Christianson, Mrs. August Schaaf, Mrs. Marvin Olson. Standing—Mrs. A. Hoovestol, Mrs. Emma Ostby, Mrs. J. Olson, Mrs. A. Anderson, Mrs. C. Anderson, Mrs.

## Seven Up Bottling

Seven Up, Nesbitts Orange and Hires Root Beer.  
Bismarck, N. D.



# Range Riders Club Calico 4H Club

## ALMONT RANGE RIDERS CLUB

In July of 1948 the Almont Saddle Club was organized through the efforts of Bob Feland and the help of Dr. R. H. Breslin of Mandan. Sig Peterson was elected pres.; Bob Feland, sec.; A. A. Stegmier, treas. The Arena was purchased from Claude Ritz and Bob Feland who had staged two successful horse shows in 1947 and 1948.

The club was incorporated in 1949 as a non-profit organization under the name of Almont Range Riders.

The first horse show sponsored by the new club was held June 11, 1949 and was called a Shodeo. Special feature for this show and the following year was a drill team composed of 16 local cowgirls and cowboys who with their horses performed very well.

Shows have been held in June of every year. The arena director has usually been the President. Announcers have included Carl Knudson, Vernon Knutson and Bob Feland. George Bruington has served often as judge with Ed Odegard, Dwight Kamrath, Nathan Little Soldier, Jim Weekes, Clair Cullen, and Ralph Murray.

In 1952 horse chutes were built to enlarge the show.

In the years 1947 and 1948 the Almont Stake team composed of Robert Feland, Geo. Bruington, Jake Larson, Levi Dawson, Roger Bond and Wendell Dawson won the state championship at Mandan. They came home with the beautiful Breslin Trophy. In 1949 and 1950 another Almont stake team who called themselves the Sims team won state stake race championship Trophy. Members of this team included Sig Peterson, Obert Barsad, Art Feland, Richard Bond, Carl Knudson, Robert Feland and Donald McDowall.

The ladies of the club have each year had a successful lunch stand and after each show have served a picnic supper to all visiting horsemen and their families.

### 4-H CLUB HISTORY

The first record of 4-H extension work we have been able to find is when a number of young folks in this vicinity organized the pig club in 1919. Olaf Feland won a first



Range Riders Front row—l to r—Marvin Olson, Morris Christianson, Claude Ritz, Lars Handegard, Rudolph Feland, Robert Atkinson, Levi Dawson. 2nd row—Robert Feland, Olaf Feland, Norman Hanson, Harvey Thorson, Henry Fehring, Everett Olson. 3rd row—J. Bredvold, Mrs. Norman Hanson, Mrs. Sam Thiel, Mrs. Lars Handegard, Mrs. Claude Ritz, Mrs. Morris Christianson, Mrs. Sig Peterson, Mrs. Don McDowall, Mrs. R. Peterson, Mrs. E. Olson. 4th row—John Koba, Wayne Jacobson, Mrs. N. Kilen, Edgar Skjolsvik, Jake Larson, Mrs. Norman Bohrer, Mrs. R. Feland, Mrs. O. Feland, Mrs. W. Jacobson, Mrs. E. Skjolsvik. Back row—Clarence Christianson, Roger Bond, Alf Olin, Nerman Kilen, Don McDowall, Norman Bohrer, Roman Peterson, Sig Peterson.

prize of \$2.50 on a letter he wrote about raising his pig. It was featured in The Duroc Bulletins published in Chicago. Another letter featured was by Carl Knudson whose pig won first prize of \$15.00 at the State Fair at Grand Forks. Mr. Morgan was the county agent. In 1931 there was a junior 4-H sewing club under the leadership of Mrs. Joe Hoovestol with 10 members. In May, Mr. Newcomer organized a sheep club with ten members under the leadership of Tenius Ramsland. In Sept. of that year, the 4-H sewing club enjoyed a three day camping trip at the Heart river with Mrs. J. Hoovestol and Mrs. C. E. Kelsven as chaperones.

The Almont Peppy Peppers 4-H Club was active 1947 to 1951 under the leadership of Mrs. Joe Hoovestol. Stoney Bale was the county agent.

The Almont Ranchers 4-H Club was active from 1951 to 1955 under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Knudson, Carl Feland, and Mrs. Clarence Jacobson.

The Calico Boys and Girls, 4-H Club was organized in 1955 and is now active under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Olson and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thiel. Jim Noonan, county agent. They are at present working on sewing and home management and livestock judging and raising.



Calico Boys and Girls 4-H Club Front row—l to r—Glenda Anderson, Dorothy Hoovestol, Arlene Maichel, Laurel Harper, Lee Harper, Tharen Kilen, Roger Hoovestol, Duane Thiel. Center row—Sandra McDowall, Marilyn Olson, Linda Nagel, Linda Atkinson, Jerome Willman, Rodney Knutson. Back row—Leaders, Mrs. Marvin Olson, Marvin Olson, Mrs. Sam Thiel.

## Claude Ritz

Almont, N. D.



# Boy Scout and Cub Scout



Boy Scouts Front row—l to r—Roger Hoovestal, Rodney Knutson, Gary McDowall, Condon Knutson, Lee Harper. Center row—Scouts, Ernest Feland, Tharen Kilen. Back row—Committee men—Harvey Thorson, Sig Peterson, Scout Master Don McDowall, Everett Olson, Rev. Jolivet, Roman Peterson, Committee men.

## BOY SCOUT HISTORY ALMONT TROOP 17

The first record of Boy Scout activities that could be found were: Dec. 1, 1933—when the following boys received awards: Maurice Jacobson, Eagle; Warren Becklund, Stephen Weibke, 2nd class, Gordon Templeton, 1st class; Vernon Knutson, Star. F. L. Atkinson was Scoutmaster.

Oct. 16, 1936. Wayne Becklund, Duane Hyde and Fred Hoeger attended Court of Honor at Taylor receiving 2nd class honors.

Feb. 19, 1937. H. W. Carlson and

scouts participated in Radio Court of Honor over KFJR. Local awards were: Life; Leroy Olson, Gordon Templeton, and Warren Becklund: Star; Everett Olson: 2nd class; Curtis Fallgren and Arnold Barstad.

Feb. 15, 1939. Troop 17 took part in Radio Court of Honor on KFJR. Scoutmaster Challgren, Asst. Vernon Knutson. Awards: Star; Burton Nelson; 2nd class, Clifford Torgerson.

Nov. 29, 1939. Boys and Girls Scouts sponsored a carnival. A very interesting program was presented and a number of concessions provided entertainment.



Cub Scouts Front row—l to r—Eugene Peterson, Carlyle Reeff, Stuart Olson, Rodney Peterson. Center row—Rex McDowall, Harvey Hogan, Jerome Willman, Sidney Harper, Gary Knutson, Bobby Kronberger. Back row—Don McDowall, Harvey Thorson, Sig Peterson, Mrs. Chester Harper, Mrs. Everett Olson, Den Mothers, Rev. Jolivet, Everett Olson, Den Father, Roman Peterson.

Mar. 13, 1940. Boy Scouts sponsored a performance by Rosenberg, a noted magician.

During the 1940's Ervin Olin was scout master and had a good, active troop. The troop became inactive for awhile but was reorganized in 1951, at the request of Allen Fallgren and Marshall Feland. In 1952 the Almont commercial club sponsored the troop with Vernon Knutson as scoutmaster and 23 scouts.

Vernon remained scoutmaster until recently when he departed for California.

Membership for 1953 was ten; 1954, nine scouts; 1955, eight scouts.

Each year Vernon took the scouts to the district scout camp; at Taylor in 1953, and at Heart Butte dam the last two years.

D. J. McDowall has been named leader for 1956.

## Cub Boy Scouts

The Cub Scouts were organized in April, 1952, under the leadership of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Knutson. Marjorie was den mother and Vernon, the den father. The new members were; Jerald Joersz, Gary McDowall, Roger Hoovestal, Lee Harper, Duane Thiel, Ernest Feland, Condon and Rodney Knutson. One of the projects that year was the study of Indian lore.

New members in 1953 were Carlyle Reeff, Danny Olin and Eugene Peterson. In 1954 Rodney Peterson, Jerry Willman, Sidney Harper and Harvey Hogan joined the group. Other den mothers during this time were, Mrs. D. McDowall, Mrs. C. Harper and Mrs. A. Hoovestal.

In 1956 the new den mothers and dads were Mr. and Mrs. Everett Olson and Mr. and Mrs. C. Harper. They meet each Monday night after school in the den room of the school house, and in nice weather meetings are held outdoors. New members added this year were: Stuart Olson, Gary Knutson, Chester Thor and Bobbie Kronberger. Committee men appointed this year were: Rev. Norbert Jolivet, Harvey Thorson, and Roman Peterson. Sig Peterson is institutional representative. Summer activities include fishing, swimming, hiking and camping.

## Mortenson Bros. Garage

Melvin Mortenson and George Mortenson  
Almont, N. D.



# Girl Scouts and Brownie Scouts



Girl Scouts of 1935 at Yellowstone Park. Front row—l to r—Mildred Pederson, Mavis Weeks, Ann Weibke, Carol Knutson. Back row—Dorothy Knutson, Evelyn Timpe, Wanda Olin, Mrs. James Stoeckel, (Captain) June Pederson, LaVerne Purfeerst, Helen Hoeger, Ardella Reetz, Beverly Kelsven, Noreen Olson, Arlene Olson.

## GIRL SCOUTS

The Almont Lone Troop was organized in September, 1933 by Georgia Stoeckel. The girls joining the troop were: Lillian, Eleanor and Mildred Peterson, Carol Knutson, Eileen Becklund, Berethe Bergstrom, Dorothy Lotspiech, Virginia Zink, Dorothy Filebeck, Theresa Erhardt, Laura and Elda Reetz, Kathleen and Marion Kelsven, Olive and Evelyn Timpe, Phyllis Hyde, Genevieve Stoeckel and Ann Weibke. Georgia Stoeckel was the first captain and Arloween Cameron, lieutenant. The first committee women were: Mmes. G. H. Anderson, N. E. Becklund, E. W. Hyde, C. Halvorson, C. E. Kelsven, and L. P. Timpe.

Other Captains have been: Marjorie Nelson, Betty Kibee, Mrs. James Stoeckel and Evelyn Erlandson, lieutenants.

Money was earned to go on camping trips by having different forms of entertainment for the public.

The organization grew and at times there were twenty girls in the troop. Others joining were: Arlene and Noreen Olson, June Pederson, Dorothy Knutson, Mavis and Arlene Weeks, LaVerne Bahr,

LaVerne Purfeerst, Helen Hoeger, Wanda Olin, Ardella Reetz, and Beverly Kelsven.

Camping trips were held at the various places: Heart River, 1934; Missouri River, 1935; Black Hills, 1937; and Yellowstone national park, 1939.

In 1938 Mildred Pederson and Carol Knutson received the Golden Eaglet award, which is the highest honor a Girl Scout can receive.

There was no active troop for several years until 1949, when one was organized by Mrs. Robert Atkinson. Those joining were: Audrey and LaVonne Ritz, Virginia Bond, Gloria Hanson, Ann Marie Stegmier, Adeline and Caroline Larson, Joan Knudson, Carol Skjolsvik, Ramona Knudson, Corma Feland, Iona Hoovestol, Ramona and Ardys Zemple, Shirley Timpe, and Charleen Reef. A camping trip was held at the Heart River the summer of 1950.

## BROWNIE SCOUTS

The Brownie Scouts were organized in July, 1952 at the home of Mrs. Robert Atkinson. Those who joined at that meeting were: Glenda Anderson, Linda Atkinson, Ardys Brickman, Marilyn Olson, San-



Golden Eaglet Scouts  
Mildred Pederson and Carol Knutson



Girl Scout Float

dra McDowall, Rowan and Verilyn Wanstrom. Mrs. Atkinson was chosen leader and Mrs. McDowall, assistant. That summer the Brownies spent a day at the Girl Scout camp at Heart River where they learned leather weaving. They also enjoyed a picnic with their mothers.

In 1953 they recruited 4 new members who were: Doris Feland, Cheryl Christianson, Marilyn Harwood and Anita Knutson. Mrs. Atkinson continued as leader with Mrs. E. Wanstrom as assistant and Mrs. J. Olson as scout treasurer. They spent a day camping at the Heart river that summer. During the year they learned to weave pot holders and to paint on cloth and glass. They held their meetings in the school house every Monday after school.

Karen Olson and Sandra Christianson joined the troupe in 1955. The girls learned to weave, paint, and bake. At one meeting each Brownie brought something she had baked to be sampled by the others.

Brownie Scouts is a division of the Girl Scouts for girls between the ages of 8 and 10.

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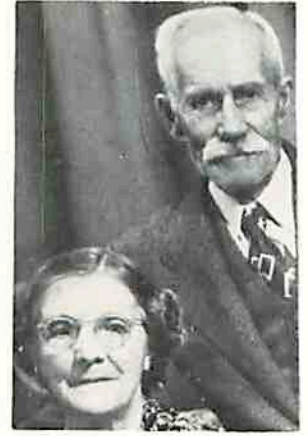




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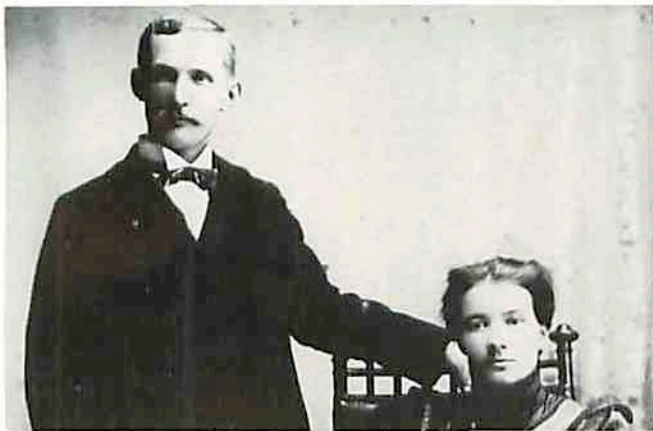


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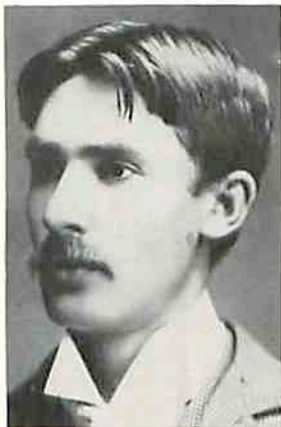
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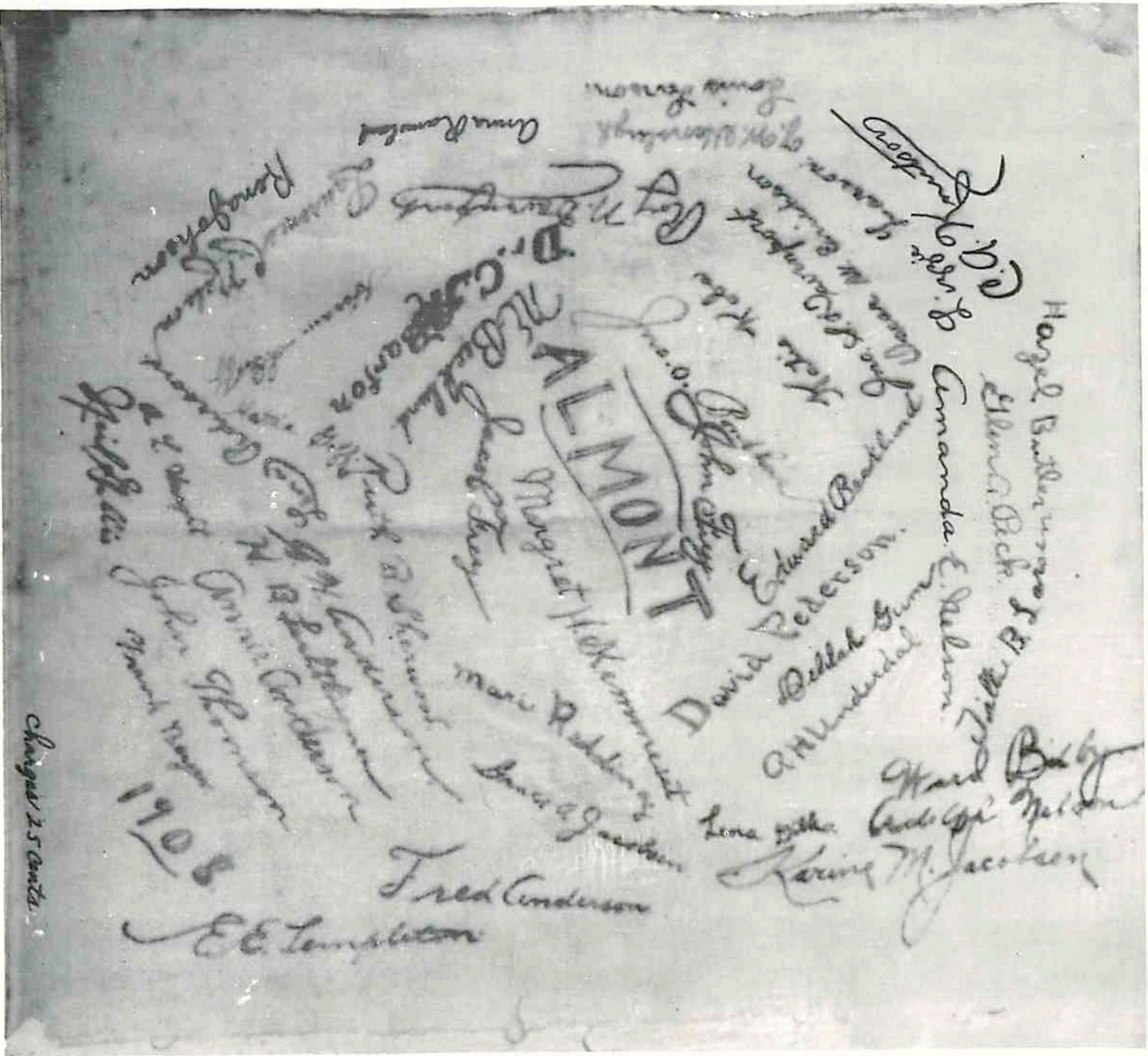
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