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•If you wish to suggest a NDCHF Hall of Honor nominee contact a local Trustee. Deadline for 2001 nominations is Jan. 8. See page 2.

•The sixth NDCHF Annual Meeting and Banquet is scheduled for Feb. 23-24, 2001 at the Seven Seas, Mandan. Call 701-663-7401 or 800-597-7327 for banquet tickets or room reservations. Specify your affiliation with the NDCHF to receive the special \$50/night rate.

•Winter History Symposiums sponsored by the NDCHF, North Dakota Humanities Council, Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation and North Dakota National Guard are scheduled across North Dakota beginning in mid-January. See page 9.

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Interior of NDCHF Building Being Planned

Three nationally recognized exhibit design firms recently presented their ideas for the interior of the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Center of Western Heritage and Cultures: Native American, Ranching and Rodeo. About 30 NDCHF Board Members and Trustees met with the design firms at the Bismarck Civic Center in Bismarck, Oct. 7. Presenters included Exhibitory Plus, Milwaukee, Wis., Exhibit Works, Livonia, Mich., and Split Rock Studios, Arden Hills, Minn.

Following the presentation the NDCHF Board narrowed the number of firms seeking the design contract to two: Exhibitory Plus and Split Rock Studios.

The firm eventually chosen will shape the vision of a Hall of Fame into a reality by forming ideas and needs into workable concepts that visitors will learn from and

enjoy. For example, the firm will assist in organizing research material, presenting artifacts and developing exhibit storylines. Backers hope to break ground on the project in September 2001.

Commenting on the exhibit design firm presentations, NDCHF Board Member Kaye Burian, Manning, says, "I was impressed with the uniqueness of their ideas and that the Hall's visual presentation will include free-standing, high-tech equipment. Visitors will be able to push a button and enjoy a program of their choice." She notes the possibility of a bucking bull exhibit or a saddle for children to climb on and adds, "The Hall's interior design is built around the fact that much of it will be a revolving presentation. Exhibits will change (periodically) to keep the public coming back to visit."

Reflections from the Third NDCHF Induction

Early-day rodeos were highly anticipated community celebrations where attending families camped for two or three days to enjoy the festivities. "I was told that my Uncle Tony (Fettig) took his milk cow to the Killdeer Mountain Roundup Rodeo one year. They had little kids and the family didn't want to go home to do chores, so they brought the cow along," said LeRoy Fettig, Dickinson, speaking on behalf of 2000 honoree Fettig Brothers Rodeo.

"Rodeo was a celebration where people gathered for what was probably considered the big event of the year."

In that same spirit of celebration, 11 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame inductees were honored Aug. 5, 2000, at Tjaden Terrace, Medora.

They included: **Rodeo** - Gene McCormick and Louie Pelissier, **Rodeo Producers** and

Livestock - Fettig Brothers Rodeo and Old Shep; **Ranching** - Ben Bird, Bill Follis, Ole Solberg and Eaton Brothers' Custer Trail Ranch; **Special Achievement** - Home On The Range Champions' Ride; **Arts & Entertainment** - Cy Taillon; **Great Westerner** - Ray Schnell. For complete inductee biographies see the August *Cowboy Chronicle Extra* or contact the NDCHF to receive a copy. (For 2001 nomination information see page 2.)



North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame inductee representatives gathered following the ceremony held Aug. 5, 2000 in Medora.



Bit from the Board

Dear Members and Friends,

Over a lifetime, the contributions and achievements of our cowboy friend and NDCHF founding board member from Minot really stacked up.

When he got the call from Uncle Sam during World War II he spent 36 months in the South Pacific. He experienced the heat of the battle and returned home with a Purple Heart, the Silver Star and the Bronze Star. Afterward he served in the National Guard.

When the call went out to help establish the first indoor rodeo in North Dakota in 1955, the young veterinarian was there to inaugurate the state championship event at the new city auditorium. Forty years later he was still supporting the Minot Y's Men's PRCA Rodeo.

When the call for civic service went out he answered as mayor, school board president, chamber of commerce president, YMCA Board president, Minot Kiwanis president, as well as being a member of Minot Trail Riders and First Lutheran Church. He was a lead advocate for the Minot Air Force Base and the Quentin Burdick Job Corp Center. Let's not forget that he had a family and business to attend to as well.

When the call from the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame came in 1995, he agreed without hesitating to serve on the founding board of directors. He did so in spite of hints of failing health and the death of his wife, Bette. His commitment and quiet leadership were evident.

When the call from the Creator came in September, our cowboy friend passed on to a better, more beautiful world.

Happy Trails "Doc" Christensen, and rest in peace. You've earned it.

Phil Baird, Mandan
NDCHF President

Nominations Sought for Hall of Honorees

Nomination deadline for 2001 North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame inductee candidates is Jan. 8, 2001. Anyone wishing to suggest a nominee should contact a local NDCHF Trustee.

Nomination categories for 2001 include:

- Great Westerner
- Leaders of Rodeo and Ranching
- Ranching
- Rodeo
- Rodeo Producers and Livestock
- Special Achievement
- Western Arts & Entertainment

The Leaders of Rodeo and Ranching category is new and includes individuals who have significantly contributed to the development, promotion or maintenance of rodeo and/or ranching while having an extensive relationship with ranching, rodeo and the western lifestyle. Individuals nominated for this category must have been actively involved in ranching and/or rodeo in a promotional or leadership capacity and must have provided guidance and public understanding that resulted in recognition to North Dakota's horse culture. Nominees must be at least 50 years of age or deceased.

Thus far, 32 individuals and events have been inducted into the NDCHF Hall of Honorees. NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan says, "With the addition of a new category there is a potential for 14 inductees in 2001 which may include: three ranchers and one ranch in the Ranch category, four rodeo competitors in the Rodeo category, one person or company and one animal in the Rodeo Producers and Livestock category, and one each in Great Westerner, Leaders of Ranching and Rodeo, Special Achievement, and Western Arts and Entertainment."

Individuals nominated but not selected for induction in 2001 are eligible for nomination in subsequent years.

Ballots will be mailed to Trustees in late spring and inductees will be announced in July. The 2001 induction is scheduled for Aug. 4-5 in Medora and Sentinel Butte.

NDCHF Annual Meeting Scheduled for February

The sixth North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Annual Meeting is scheduled for Feb. 23-24, 2001 at the Seven Seas, Mandan.

Friday evening's no-host ice cream social will feature entertainment, recently produced NDCHF inductee videos and visits with inductees.

Saturday's Annual Membership Meeting begins at 1 p.m. NDCHF Trustees hold their annual meeting at 2:30 p.m., to discuss 2001 nominations.

Saturday evening activities include a no-host social at 5:30 p.m. with the annual banquet at 7 p.m. Banquet tickets are \$25 each and only 300 will be sold. To reserve tickets or a motel room see "Hall Highlights" on page 1.

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Badlands Bill McCarty: Setting the Standard

This is the seventh in a series of articles profiling early North Dakotans who came to the area by way of trail drives.

In the early 20th century, Badlands Bill McCarty was one of North Dakota's most colorful and rugged horse-trading cowboys. He not only met the criterion of a true cowboy, he set the standard by which others were measured.

Born in 1875 with the birth name Will Harrison, he was part of a family that moved often, searching for a better life. He had two brothers and a sister 16 years his junior, who was born in a covered wagon near Eureka Springs, Ark. The children's father died in an accident shortly thereafter and the family scattered, but remained in touch with one another. The boys were "adopted" out. Bill went to live and work for a family named McCarty where he picked up his backhandle, becoming William H. "Bill" McCarty.

Bill learned about horses early in life and was hooked on them thereafter. As a teenager he worked on Oklahoma ranches where horses weren't broke until they were five to seven years old. "This made a man out of a boy in a hurry," wrote North Dakota author Nellie B. Noyce.

By 1896, Bill had moved on to Texas. "Some people thought he was Mexican because he was black-eyed, swarthy-complexioned and had picked up a lot of Mexican ways down along the Rio Grande," says Jim Lowman, Fairfield, a student of McCarty history. Bill also drifted into New Mexico and Arizona.

He came to North Dakota trailing a herd of horses in 1900. His first stop was west of Hettinger where he rented pasture. He soon heard that the Winn Pease ranch south of Ragged Buttes (near present-day Alexander) was for sale and he bought it. Bill had horse corrals all across the range including at the current site of First International Bank in Watford City.

In 1907 Bill moved again, this time



Badlands Bill McCarty was a colorful cowboy who won a trophy saddle at New York City's Madison Square Garden in 1903.

down on the Little Missouri River near the mouth of Magpie Creek in McKenzie County.

That same year Bill went to Washington and bought three trainloads of semi-wild horses out of the Columbia Basin. He loaded them on boxcars, 23 horses per car. Since freight rates increased when a train crossed the Montana-North Dakota border, Bill unloaded the horses at Wibaux, Mont., and trailed them down Beaver Creek to his McKenzie County ranch. In all, he purchased 3,500 horses, of which 200 to 300 died enroute.

He sold this ranch in 1910, probably to Phil Keffler, and bought the Eaton Brothers' Custer Trail Ranch south of Medora. He bought other parts of this ranch in 1917 and 1921.

Periodically, Bill would take a crew of cowboys back down the trail and return with herds of 1,000 to 1,500 horses that stayed on his range until they were broke and sold. "He made at least three, maybe four trips south to bring horses up," Lowman says. "He knew horses, and broke, used and traded them all his life." It was a moneymaking proposition because homesteaders and the military both needed horses.

During one such drive McCarty and his crew trailed horses all the way to

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Canada. The horses had to swim a lot of rivers during the drive. "The Missouri River was no doubt a shade wider than most," Lowman says. "They crossed near Washburn and to get the horses to 'take water' Bill roped a bronc and was dragging him into the water to lead the herd in. In the ensuing struggle his rawhide rope broke and snapped back so hard that it broke his leg. He had to remain behind while the horses and crew continued north." Bill caught up with the herd just as they reached Winnipeg.

In later years Bill shipped horses by train instead of trailing them. He eventually bought an old International truck for horse-buying excursions.

Bill and fellow North Dakotan George Gardner also traveled with Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show. In a movie filmed in Miles City, Mont., Bill was a featured cowboy and acted with Crow Indians from Hardin, Mont. "This movie was shown to the audience before the Wild West Show began," Lowman says. "In the film, Bill was 'killed.'"

Bill also produced rodeos, and why not? He had the stock and was a contestant and promoter. The "101 Rodeo" became Badlands Bill's traveling show. He and George took this show around the country. Incidentally, Bill won a silver-trimmed trophy saddle at Madison Square Garden in New York in 1903. "I understand he rode (Continued on page 6)



Now & Then

Bob Hansen: The First One There Wins

Throwing a loop over two horns and catching two heels is key to winning in team roping, but as competition has stiffened over the last 25 years the adage around the Bob Hansen home has become, "The first one there wins."

Bob explains, "You better be mounted good because anymore it's not *if* you catch, it's how fast."

Bob was born January 1, 1953 in Dickinson. "I came in second or third," he says with a grin, confirming he wasn't the first baby born in the New Year. The fourth of Alfred B. and Mary E. (Brandt) Hansen's seven children, Bob grew up on a ranch northeast of Dunn Center with siblings: Doug, Dwight, Eileen, Marla, Carla and Fred. He attended country school for two years and then transferred to Killdeer Public School.

His dad always liked horses. "That's what they did back then, they had to ride everywhere they went," Bob notes. The Hansen Ranch started raising Quarter horses in the 1950s. "Growing up we learned to rope on my dad's horse, Tiger," Bob says. "He was a good calf (roping) horse." The Hansen brothers also learned rodeo skills from Pete Beko, Halliday. "Pete helped us a lot when we were young," Bob says, "teaching us how to rope."

Bob's first rodeo experience was at a Little Britches rodeo in Hettinger as a seventh grader. "I did calf riding and breakaway roping," he says. He started high school rodeo as a freshman, competing in calf roping and steer wrestling. At that time he and his brothers were competing on steer wrestling horses named Champ and Blue. "Killdeer and Watford City were the only towns that had high school rodeos then," he says. "The state finals were in Beulah." Bob qualified for the National High School Rodeo Finals all four years, competing in Topeka, Kan., Fargo and Filer, Idaho. He quali-



Bob Hansen, Dickinson, has qualified for 24 PRCA Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeos.

fied to compete in San Antonio, Texas, his sophomore year but didn't go. He says, "Dad thought Texas was a little too far to haul horses."

Bob graduated from high school in 1971. He attended Dickinson State College where he competed in football and rodeo. Bob won the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association Great Plains Region steer wrestling championship as a senior and competed in the College National Finals Rodeo in Bozeman, Mont., his junior and senior years. He finished among the top five steer wrestlers as a senior.

He earned his Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association card in 1974, competing in calf roping, team roping and steer wrestling. He qualified for every PRCA Badlands Circuit Finals Rodeo from the inception of the circuit system in 1975 through 1996, as well as in '98 and '99.

He was the 1975 circuit steer wrestling champion. Bob earned circuit team roping championships in 1982, '84, '88, '90 and '96, sharing the honor with Terry Selland, Bismarck, in '88, and with Seth

Weishaar, Belle Fourche, S.D., in '96. He qualified for PRCA Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeos in 1988, '89, '94 and '97, finishing second in 1989.

In the North Dakota Rodeo Association, Bob won 1990 team roping champion honors. At the NDRA Finals he won 1991 men's all-around honors and has won the team roping average four times: in '96 with Weishaar, in '97 with his son, Alfred; and '98 and 2000 with Grassy Butte native Ross Carson. Bob also finished fourth in the open roping at the 1995 United States Team Roping Championships in Guthrie, Okla., while roping with Weishaar.

"Bob started me on the right path as far as my heeling," Weishaar says. "When I roped with Bob he was a master at scoring, riding fast horses, roping when he got there and spinning steers to win or dang sure place every time."

Some top-notch heading horses Bob has raised, trained and competed on include: Trigger, Little Bob, Cat, Rattler and Bear. "Trigger might have been the best one," Bob says. He has won numerous Badlands Circuit heading horse of the year awards with those horses.

Bob's sister-in-law Shirley Meyer, Dickinson greatly appreciates his horse training skills and says, "I can pick up a horse he's ridden for 30 days and he can tell me absolutely to the letter, 'you feel free to go get the milk cows in on him.' If he tells me that, there's no doubt in my mind that I can (ride the horse anywhere). On the other hand, if he says to me, 'Don't you ride this horse,' I don't even try."

Meyer also appreciates Bob's interest in helping youth. "He will pick up two-year-old kids and set them on colts. He starts kids that young and they become so familiar and comfort- (Continued on page 6)

Now & Then

Adolph Burkhardt: Starting from Scratch

The best biscuits on the range start from scratch with plain flour, a little milk and baking powder. A successful rancher and active citizen like Adolph Burkhardt started from scratch with plain desire, experience and hard work.

Adolph was born 15 miles north of Hebron on March 15, 1915, to Rudolph and Caroline (Schnaidt) Burkhardt. He says he had “a whole herd,” of siblings, with five brothers and two sisters. They attended a country school about one mile from home. “We all walked to school to get an education,” he recalls.

Since there wasn’t money to further his education, 17-year-old Adolph went to work for neighboring rancher Matt Crowley. “He had a lot of nice Hereford cattle and quite a lot of horses so I thought that was a good place to start,” Adolph says. “It was the early ‘30s and times were tough. I worked for \$20 a month and that was a top wage. Most people worked for room and board.”

Adolph worked for Crowley for 16 years and became the foreman. “I was lucky,” he says. “I did the hiring and firing and Matt did the paying.” The ranch employed about 12 men in the summer and three men in the winter. In addition to the cattle Crowley had about 200 horses. “At that time horses were worth more than cattle,” Adolph says. They broke horses for themselves to drive and ride, and halter broke horses to sell by the train carload to the east coast. One of Adolph’s favorite horses was a bald-faced roan, Baldy. “I bought him from Matt, or traded something for him, and trained him,” he says. “He was a good horse.”

Adolph reflects, “Matt was extra good to me. He kind of treated me like a son.” Adolph was allowed to buy calves and run them on the ranch for free. “Matt always told me ‘never buy beyond your income.’ I made good use



Adolph Burkhardt worked for Matt Crowley in the 1930s and ‘40s and then ranched in the Medora Badlands for nearly 30 years.

of that advice.”

Adolph married area school teacher Jorine Frafjord, on Dec. 16, 1945 in Golden Valley. They continued to live on the Crowley ranch.

Meanwhile, Adolph had become acquainted with Badlands Bill McCarty. He and Crowley sometimes traded horses and Adolph made deliveries to McCarty’s ranch 12 miles south of Medora and west of the Little Missouri River. Adolph grew to love the Badlands. “I saw the wonderful, built-in protection for winter storms, shade from the hot summer sun, good native grass for grazing and good open water provided by nine artesian wells,” Adolph recalls. “I knew that was the place for me to start a ranch of my own.”

The Burkhardts bought McCarty’s ranch and moved to the Badlands in the spring of 1947. “All we had for living quarters was an old bachelor’s camp,” Adolph told the *North Dakota Stockman* in 1989, noting that there wasn’t electricity, telephone or running water. Jorine smiles and says,

“Though Bill was a well-known rancher in the area, he didn’t spend much time doing housework.” She adds, “But it was fun. Paint does wonders and when we had it all done it was kind of a cute little house.” The Burkhardts lived there five years before buying and building a pre-cut home with supplies shipped by rail from Wisconsin.

Former neighbor Vern Anderson, Sidney, Mont., laughs and says, “Adolph worked on the ranch in the daytime and then worked on the new house at night. Sometimes at one or two in the morning Jorine had to unplug the extension cord from the old house to shut off the lights so Adolph would have to come in and get a few hours of sleep.”

Along with buying the ranch came a permit to run 300 cattle. After purchasing the ranch and necessary household goods, Adolph says, “We didn’t have much money for livestock so Bill Hamann, a livestock dealer in Dickinson, furnished us 300 Hereford cows on shares. We’d sell in the fall and split the check.” Meanwhile, Adolph was selecting top heifer calves to build their own herd. “Bill was real good to us,” Adolph says. “He charged the same for top heifer calves as we were getting for common-bred ones.”

They eventually bought more land and leased land from the Medora Grazing Association, to run a total of 20 sections. They ran about 50 percent registered Herefords, kept their own bulls for breeding purposes and contracted their calves in the summer. “We tried to run good looking cattle,” Adolph says. “We had pride in taking care of things.”

Adolph and Jorine have four children who attended grade school on neighboring ranches and later in Medora. They all graduated from Dickinson High School and attended college. **(Continued on page 7)**

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that saddle for years,” Lowman says. In 1916, Bill and George put on a wild west show in Medora for Romania’s Queen Marie, Prince Michael and Princess Illene who were travelling through by train.

In about 1913 Bill was instrumental in starting the Miles City Roundup which evolved into the Miles City Bucking Horse Sale. He furnished stock, was the arena director and his familiarity with such performances got the event off to a good start. The Northern Pacific Railroad ran daily trains so it was easy to catch a passenger train from Medora to Miles City.

Bill was strong and athletic. Standing about 6’5” and stout chested, he was said to be as quick as a cat. In a round corral he could jump on the head of a horse and bulldog it down rather than roping and throwing it. One time a fellow promised a big, strong, young man a new suit of clothes if he could whip Bill. When Bill heard of this plan he replied, “By gawd, I’ll buy you one too and you’ll be the best dressed man around!”

One time when Bill entered a bank in

Terry, Mont., guns were drawn on him. But as he explained later, “‘T’wasn’t me they wanted, it was my brother they were after.” One of his brothers was killed attempting a bank robbery in Minneapolis.

By the 1920s the horse market turned sour as World War I was over and the army needed fewer horses. Farmers were turning to gas-powered tractors and Henry Ford gave America the Model T. Thus, Bill added purebred Hereford cattle to his ranch where livestock were branded “circle dot.” He also owned a herd of buffalo that ranged along the Little Missouri River south of Medora as late as the 1940s.

In 1931 Bill sold all buildings and 2,878 acres east of the Little Missouri River to R.S. “Dick” Johnson. He built a new place on his land west of the Little Missouri River, also part of the original Custer Trail Ranch. Bill occupied that land until selling to Adolph Burkhardt in 1947. Tom Tescher purchased the land in 1975 and Tescher’s son, Perry, now owns it.

Bill retired into Medora where he used his International truck to haul livestock for area ranchers.

“He was a character,” Lowman says. “When you talk about true-life, authentic cowboys he definitely was that. And he was colorful enough that people remembered him. He always carried a six-gun, wearing it on his hip out on the range and in a shoulder holster in town.” Once after participating in a wild west show in New York, Bill was carrying the receipts in a hand satchel when someone suggested he put the money in a bank. Bill asked, “What for?” The person replied, “Well, New York is a rough town and someone might take it away from you,” Bill patted his gun and said, “By gawd I just might take it back!”

He had married twice, but neither union lasted. Lowman adds, “He liked kids and would sit with them at Saturday matinee movies and buy them soda pop. He also liked to take them fishing.”

Bill became ill while attending a horse sale in Glendive, Mont. He died three days later, on Oct. 11, 1958 in Beach. He is buried in Columbia, Mo., where his sister’s family still lives.

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able with horses that by the time he helps them when they’re in high school, they can go right to team roping or barrel racing.” She adds, “Any kid that Bob helps becomes a winner because he shows them through example and kindness what it takes to make a particular horse do what you’re asking it to do.”

Today, Bob and his wife, Rose (Murphy), live southwest of Dickinson. They have been married 25 years and have two children: Alfred, 21, who earned a welding degree and is currently training horses with his dad, and Tess, 19, who attends Eastern Wyoming College, Torrington, Wyo., and competes in NIRA rodeos.

The Hansens raise and sell the kind of horses Bob likes to ride. They stand studs at their place, including sons of Dash for Cash and Easily Smash. Bob says, “The last few years we’ve bred about 90 outside mares.”

The quality of horses raised was evi-

dent at the conclusion of the 2000 NDRA season when three Hansen-raised horses earned horse of the year honors. Alfred’s horse, Bear, trained by Bob, was heading horse of the year in the team roping and his horse, Beano, won in the steer wrestling while Tess’s horse, Oh, won in the breakaway roping.

Bob is a PRCA Gold Card member who still team ropes at some circuit rodeos and amateur rodeos. Reflecting on the changes in horses and competi-

tors through the years he says, “Rodeo has gotten much faster and more competitive. There are more really good team ropers today than there were 25 years ago.”

He realizes that a key to winning in team roping is having a good horse at both ends of the steer and that fact fits his desire to raise quality horses. He concludes, “You have to have a horse that can get there fast, because the first one there wins.”



Header Bob Hansen, Dickinson, won the PRCA Badlands Circuit team roping championship in 1996, roping with heeler Seth Weishaar, Belle Fourche, S.D.

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"Our kids enjoyed being on the ranch," he says. "They would pitch right in. The girls did more of the riding in the summer. The boys and I were busy putting up hay." Their children are: Sharon Berndt, Canyon, Texas; Garret, Dickinson; Barry, Salt Lake City, Utah; and Peggy Scanson, Livingston, Mont. "They all have good jobs and enjoy their work," Adolph says. "That's quite a blessing when your kids turn out successful." He and Jorine also have four grandchildren.

Adolph was heavily involved in the Medora Grazing Association (MGA), serving as president for 17 years. "The grazing association had 147 members running about 20,000 head of cattle total," he recalls. "We'd meet once a month to write permits and make adjustments." The U.S. Department of Agriculture awarded him a certificate of appreciation in 1979 for his grazing leadership and management. At the MGA's 50th annual meeting in 1987, Adolph was recognized as the MGA's longest-serving president. In addition, he received a 1975 Billings County Outstanding Agriculturist Award from North Dakota State University and a North Dakota Stockmen's Association Honorary Membership in 1989.

The Burkhardts chose to retire and sell their ranch in the fall of 1975. "My hips went bad and I couldn't ride anymore," Adolph says. Their children were all pursuing other professions and knowing ranching's ups and downs, Adolph says, "We sold the ranch and never looked back."

They sold it to Tom Tescher, Medora, who says of Adolph, "He was very honest and very exact. He didn't change his mind."

Vern Anderson was the Burkhardt's neighbor from 1948-65. "Adolph was a friend, an excellent neighbor and a well-respected rancher in the area," Anderson says. "He was a good stockman, was good on a horse, had good fences and corrals and planted trees. He was also good at helping neighbors. He could fix your well...or help you gather cattle to brand and ship." Recalling Adolph's years on the

Crowley ranch Anderson says, "I was told he could feed more cattle with a pitchfork than any two men."

During his early retirement years Adolph worked as a MGA assistant secretary. "That kept me in touch with the livestock business in the area," he says. He also spent one winter as a MGA registered lobbyist.

"While we were around Medora I had a part in whatever went on," Adolph says. He assisted the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service in introducing bighorn sheep into the Badlands, served on the Theodore Roosevelt Medora Foundation Board and served as Medora Lutheran Church president. He and Jorine also headed up an annual country western/gospel concert every July for 15 years. His civic involvement gave him the opportunity to work with Governors William Guy, Art Link and Allen Olson.

Adolph was once voted Medora mayor with write-in votes, but he couldn't accept the position because they lived outside the city limits. "It was kind of an honor anyway," he says with a grin.

Today, Adolph and Jorine live in a Dickinson condominium. "I just loaf around now," he says.

After leading such an active life, some wonder how he can be satisfied to be so quiet now. "It's simple and easy for me," he says. "I can honestly say that life's been real good to me. It seems every move I made was at the right time and in the right direction. I got to do everything I wanted to do and I don't have to stick my neck out now."

He concludes, "I always enjoyed the ranching business and ranching was good to us. There was nothing as rewarding as straddling a good saddle horse, breaking over a hill and seeing a deer. We were our own bosses about every hour we worked there so that meant something too. We started from scratch on the ranch and built it up. It was just a matter of getting out and putting things together."

Just as a warm, made-from-scratch biscuits satisfied hungry cowhands, building a successful ranching life has left Adolph satisfied and content.

Livestock Auctioned to Benefit NDCHF



Recent contributors to the NDCHF livestock donation program include (left to right): George Hegge, Stephen Wells, Sheila Marie and Al Stude, all of Medora, and Brad Gjermundson, Marshall.

The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame livestock donation program recently netted more than \$2,300 for the NDCHF.

A black/overo stud colt named North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame was donated by Sheila Marie, Medora. It brought \$600 and sold to Dave Hermanson, Mandan. The colt goes back to Dual Image, a three-time national champion paint horse.

Al and Joyce Stude, Medora, donated a stud fee for Little Blue C McKeag, a double bred blue roan that goes back to Blue Valentine and Sir Quincy Dan. The fee sold for \$300 to Nick Kathrein, Dickinson.

George Hegge, Medora, donated a red Longhorn yearling heifer. "Longhorns started the cattle business so donating one to the NDCHF is historically right on target," Hegge says. It brought \$400 from Terry Hammel, Dunn Center.

Cary Hande, Amidon, recently donated a commercial calf. It brought \$500 from Darrell Johnson, Baker, Mont.

Finally, Brad Gjermundson, Marshall, and Wayne Herman, Glendive, Mont., each donated one tuition fee to their World Champion Rodeo School held each December in Dickinson. The saddle bronc riding tuition sold for \$250 to Lee Steffan, Dickinson, while the bareback riding fee brought \$275 from Brandon Helfrich, Killdeer. Gjermundson says, "Wayne and I just thought it would be good to help raise a little money for the Cowboy Hall of Fame."

NDCHF Office Notes

Dear NDCHF Members,

Each year we send out North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame member and Trustee membership renewal notices. When you receive your renewal letter, please respond. Your donation enables us to continue making progress, including publishing and mailing *The Cowboy Chronicle*.

We continue to work with the architect on plans for the Hall of Fame. We are in the process of choosing a design firm to plan the exhibit areas that will tell and preserve the story of the horse culture of the plains. If you have ideas you'd like to share, drop us a note and we'll pass it on to the chosen design company.

We're now accepting nominations for 2001 inductees. Hundreds of individuals are worthy of the honor, but someone has to submit their names. If you know of someone you'd like to nominate please contact your local Trustee.

This has been a good year for the Hall of Fame. We have a building, a plan and a line on some of the money we'll need to finish the project. It's gratifying for me to work with you because you're a committed group with a well-defined goal: Preserving yesterday and today for tomorrow.

Happy Holidays. If you find a little extra money in the sock at the end of the year please consider the Building Fund.

Sincerely,
Darrell Dorgan
NDCHF Executive Director

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The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame is a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation and all contributions are tax deductible.

- **Kid Corral** – \$10 annually
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- **Trail Drivers Club** – \$5,000 annually
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- **Bronc Rider Club** – \$10,000 annually
All Trail Drivers incentives plus a professionally-produced five-minute video segment on family and family history shot on-location in North Dakota. A copy of the tape will be retained in NDCHF archives.

2000 Year-End Rodeo Results

PROFESSIONAL RODEO COWBOYS ASSOCIATION

2000 National Finals Rodeo

Bareback Riding -- Larry Sandvick, Killdeer native, Kaycee, Wyo.

PRCA BADLANDS CIRCUIT

All-Around Cowboy -- Todd Graff, Ainsworth, Neb.

Bareback Riding -- Year-End Champion - J.D. Garrett Jr., Belle Fourche, S.D.; Finals Average - Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D.

Calf Roping -- Year-End Champion - Graff; Finals Average - Troy Pruitt, Minatare, Neb.

Saddle Bronc Riding -- Year-End Champion - Eudell Larsen, New Underwood, S.D.; Finals Average - Jeremy Crane, Bismarck, N.D.

Steer Wrestling -- Year-End Champion and Finals Average - Matt Gilbert, Ludlow, S.D.

Team Roping -- Year-End Champion - Billy Gallino, Wasta, S.D. and Shaun Ruland, Wall, S.D.; Finals Average - Jay Mattson, Deadwood, S.D. and Jake Nelson, Creighton, S.D.

Barrel Racing -- Year-End Champion and Finals Average - Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D.

Bull Riding -- Year-End Champion and Finals Average - Christopher Novak, Hermosa, S.D.

NORTH DAKOTA RODEO ASSOCIATION

Year End All-Around - Scott Hoovestol, Almont and Pam Rolph, Mill Iron, Mont.

Finals All-Around -- Three-way tie: Hoovestol, Chad Smith, Trotters and Al Knight, Wibaux, Mont.,

Rookie Cowboy -- Josh Ehlers, McHenry

Bareback Riding -- Year-End Champion - Dave Thompson, Mandan; Reserve Champion - Shane Kling, Dickinson; Finals Average - James Thompson, Cogswell

Calf Roping -- Year-End Champion - Hoovestol; Reserve Champion - Don Ell, Williston; Finals Average - Preston Billadeau, Parshall

Breakaway Roping -- Year-End Champion - Jodi Bubel, Dickinson; Reserve Champion - Carole Hollers, Sturgis, S.D.; Finals Average - Bubel

Saddle Bronc Riding -- Year-End Champion - Smith; Reserve Champion - Levi Wolf, Killdeer; Finals Average - Travis Rindahl, Sidney, Mont.

Steer Wrestling -- Year-End Champion - Dane Hanna, Berthold; Reserve Champion - JD Bubel, Center; Finals Average - Bubel

Barrel Racing -- Year-End Champion - Clover Noyce, Wibaux, Mont.; Reserve Champion - Carol Breuer, Fairview, Mont.; Finals Average - Breuer

Team Roping -- Year-End Champion - Seth Weishaar, Belle Fourche, S.D.; Reserve Champion - Guy Howell, Belle Fourche; Finals Average - Bob Hansen, Dickinson and Ross Carson, Phillip, S.D.

Sr. Men's Breakaway Roping -- Year-End Champion - Lowell Faris, Bowman; Reserve Champion - Don Schwalbe, Beulah; Finals Average - Arlen Hulm, Faith, S.D.

Bull Riding -- Year-End Champion - Ryan Koropatnicki, St. Thomas; Reserve Champion - Ehlers; Finals Average - Koropatnicki

ROUGH RIDER RODEO ASSOCIATION

Men's All-Around -- Preston Billadeau, Parshall

Women's All-Around -- Jackie Olson, Almont

Junior Boys' All-Around -- David Weishoff, Ray

Junior Girls' All-Around -- Kenzie Benson, Shyenne

Bareback Riding -- Adam Johnson, Enderlin

Junior Bareback -- Brian Feickert, Berthold

Saddle Bronc Riding -- Kutter Moore, Blaisdell

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(Rodeo Results continued from page 8)

Junior Saddle Bronc -- Jake Pennington, Sidney, Mont.
Calf Roping -- Tom Needham, Parshall
Junior Calf Roping -- Weishoff
Steer Wrestling -- Scott Kleeman, Killdeer
Team Roping -- Shawn Knight, Wibaux, Mont.
Mixed Team Roping -- Frank Whitecalf, Garrison
Barrel Racing -- Julie Voigt, Beulah
Junior Barrel Racing -- Ashley Benson, Sheyenne

Novice Barrel Racing -- Bobbi Grann, Minnewaukan
Goat Tying -- Mindi Sigvaldsen, Williston
Junior Goat Tying -- Benson
Ladies' Breakaway -- Jackie Olson, Almont
Junior Breakaway -- Brandi Guttormson, Sawyer
Senior Breakaway -- Ted Kupper, Killdeer
Bull Riding -- James Amundson, Larimore
Junior Bull Riding -- Danny Galbreath, Enderlin

Winter History Symposiums Set

"On the Homefront: Life In North Dakota During World War II," is the title of eight winter history symposiums to be held across the state, beginning in mid-January. The North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame sponsors the events, free to the public, in conjunction with the North Dakota Humanities Council, (NDHC), Fort Abraham Lincoln Foundation and the North Dakota National Guard. Funding is provided by the NDHC.

"We will reminisce about the days of rationing, Gold Star Mothers and the inability to get tires and gas," says NDCHF Executive Director Darrell Dorgan. Each program will also fea-

ture a cowboy poet.

This is the fourth year the NDCHF has taken a humor and history program on the road. Previous programs have featured Dakota frontier justice, the Spanish American War and pioneer cowboys.

Symposium sites include Dickinson, Williston, Bismarck, Minot, Jamestown, Devils Lake, Fargo and Grand Forks. NDCHF members will be notified of dates and locations by mail and through the local media.

Trustees who wish to meet in conjunction with the symposium are asked to call the NDCHF office at 701-250-1833.

Raffle Winner Named

Marleen Tschida, Mandan, won North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame limited-edition rifle number 45 in a raffle drawing held at the 2000 Home On The Range Champions' Ride in Sentinel Butte.

The Winchester Model 94 30-30 is one of 50 commemorative rifles commissioned by the NDCHF Board of Directors in 1998 and designed by S&S Promotional Group, Fargo.

"It's really a beautiful gun," Tschida says. "When I heard I'd won it I called a lot of relatives. Then I took pictures of it and showed them to everybody at work." Tschida has two sons who are interested in the gun. She laughs and says, "My oldest son called and said, 'I heard you won a gun for me.' I told him, 'No, right now it's mine.'" Tschida purchased her winning ticket at Dakota Community Bank, Mandan, where the gun was displayed last summer.

Cowboy Hall of Fame Sustaining Members Contribute

The following are new North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame sustaining members. To contribute to the sustaining drive or building fund, please complete and mail the form on page 8.

Building Fund

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Obituaries

Dr. George Christensen



North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame Founding Board Member Dr. George Christensen, DVM, 80, died Sept. 9, 2000.

George Christensen was born March 18, 1920 in Williston. Following high school he attended North Dakota State University before serving in the U.S. Army's 164th infantry during World War II. He was wounded in the Philippines and received many awards before being honorably discharged as a captain.

He married Betty Clausen in 1945 and returned to NDSU, eventually earning a doctor of veterinary medicine degree from Cornell University. The couple moved to Minot in 1951 and Dr. Christensen practiced as a partner in the Minot Veterinary Clinic. He was named North Dakota Veterinarian of the Year in 1981.

He was involved in establishing North Dakota's first indoor rodeo in Minot in 1955 and was a past chairperson and member of the Minot Y's Men's Rodeo committee. He served as a rodeo committee representative on the North Dakota Rodeo Association board of directors from 1958-69. He served two terms as mayor of Minot, 1986-1994.

He is survived by a son, Paul, Minot; a daughter Barbara (Marv) Semrau, Minot; and two grandchildren.

Winnie B. Clauson

Winnie B. Clauson, 81, died June 29, 2000.

Winnie Crackenberger, commonly known as "B.," was born Feb. 21, 1919 in Big Horn County, Mont. She was raised and received her elementary education near Kirby, Mont., and graduated from high school in Hardin, Mont. She married Milo Clauson on April 28, 1939. They lived in eastern Montana before moving to a Sentinel Butte ranch in 1955. Milo died in 1969 but with the help of neighbors and friends, B. continued ranching until 1995 when she sold her ranch

and moved into Sentinel Butte. She worked hard and was an excellent roper. She enjoyed her cattle, horses, dog and looking for arrowheads.

She is survived by one half-sister, two half-brothers and numerous nieces and nephews.

Floyd R. Howard

Floyd R. Howard, 92, died Oct. 2, 2000.

Floyd was born Aug. 21, 1908 on the Howard homestead in Benson County. He attended school in Riggin Township until moving with his parents to Grand Island, Lallie Township, where he attended Lakeview School and later Minnewaukan Public Schools. He married Stella E. Prinzing on Oct. 11, 1928. They raised cattle and sheep and farmed in Lallie Township. They later lived in Minnewaukan. Floyd loved horses and as a youngster rode horse to school. He also participated in horse races at many county fairs.

He is survived by two sons, Duane (Orpha), Sheyenne; and Larry, Ray; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Kenneth "Knute" Knudson

Kenneth "Knute" Knudson, 39, died, Sept. 25, 2000.

Kenneth was born Aug. 20, 1961 in Minneapolis. He was raised in Cooperstown and graduated from high school in 1979. He attended North Dakota State College of Science and then worked for various Cooperstown businesses. He began building the Knudson Ranch along the Sheyenne River more than 20 years ago. He also did excavating and feedlot cleaning. He married Mary Jo Pauley on Jan. 28, 1993. Knute loved a simple life, working hard and cowboy ways. He enjoyed reading Louis L'Amour and Larry McMurtry novels. His friendly, genuine personality and quick wit were loved by many.

He is survived by his wife, Mary, Cooperstown; four children: Klint, at home; Jessica Habeck, Denver; Matthew and Jared Habeck, Aberdeen, S.D.; his parents, Dr. Vernon and Lois

Knudson, Cooperstown; one brother and one sister.

Darlene Myers

Darlene Myers, 66, died June 6, 2000.

Darlene Kunick was born March 7, 1934 in Beach. She attended school in Sentinel Butte and married Warren Myers on May 29, 1952. They bought the Kirkpatrick Ranch north of Sentinel Butte. In 1965 they bought the Koljborn Bye Ranch north of Medora, where her family still lives. She enjoyed ranch life, gardening, playing pinochle and rodeos.

She is survived by one son: Page (Jane), Medora; three daughters: Deb (Blaine) Northrop, Ame (Tim) Solberg, both of Belfield, and Renae (Paul) Waller, Billings, Mont; and eight grandchildren.

Dale Shelkey

Dale Shelkey, 70, died Aug. 29, 2000.

Dale was born Dec. 21, 1929 in Ward County. He was raised and educated in the Berthold area. He farmed with his father and also worked construction. He and his first wife, Rosella Schelin, had 10 children. He married Myrna Mogard Brunsvold in 1986. They lived at Zap, Deering, and later, Minot.

He is survived by his wife, Myrna, Minot; five sons, Frank (Nicki), David (Cathy), and Neil, all of Berthold; Layne (Charlotte); and Andy (Pam Alexander), Minot; five daughters: Dorothy (Richard) Rogers, Mandan, Dayle Ann (Gary) Barnett, Laurene (Dennis) Ness, all of Minot, Patti Shelkey, Carpio, and Mary (Scott) Kueffler, Grenora; two step-daughters: Taryce (Ron) Olson, Upham, and Mysti (Eric) Wolfe, Claremont, N.H.; his mother, Dorothy Shelkey, Minot; 32 grandchildren; 8 step-grandchildren and 33 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Soreide

Dorothy Soreide, 70, died Oct. 13, 2000.

Dorothy Thorson was born June 22, 1930 at Bowman and was educated there. She earned a teaching certificate (Continued on page 11)

NDCHF Jackets Available at North Dakota's RCC Western Stores

North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame jackets are now available at RCC Western Stores in Bismarck, Fargo, Grand Forks and Minot.

The 3/4-length barn coats by Walls are wheat colored with contrasting

chocolate trim and feature a NDCHF logo on the back. Stitching was done by Pure Country Embroidery, Bismarck.

"They're available for a limited time, exclusively at RCC Western Stores in

North Dakota," says NDCHF Board Member Ray Morrell, Minot. "A Cowboy Hall of Fame jacket would make a wonderful Christmas gift." A portion of the proceeds from each jacket purchased goes to the NDCHF.

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and taught in rural Cash and Eden schools. She married John Soreide on Dec. 22, 1953. They farmed and ranched near Bowman and began raising Charolais cattle in 1961. She received the first North Dakota CattleWoman of the Year award in 1986 and served as North Dakota CattleWomen president in 1995-96.

She is survived by three sons: Carl (Nancy), Rhame, Jay (Lynn), and John (Diann) both of Bowman; two daughters: Julie (Andy) Levos, Chaffee, and Carol Peterson, Wimbledon; 12 grandchildren and two step-grandchildren.

Hazel Stone

Hazel Stone, 88, died Aug. 7, 2000.

Hazel Rowe was born June 1, 1912 in Werner. She was raised and educated there, graduating from high school in 1929. She earned a teaching certificate and taught in country schools for two years. She married John Stone Sr., on May 12, 1932. They ranched in the Little Missouri area and later in the Twin Buttes area of the Fort Berthold Reservation. She later taught at the Red Butte Day School and was Head Start teacher at Twin Buttes until retiring in 1980. She was a charter member of Twin Buttes Congregational Church.

She is survived by one son, John (Connie), Twin Buttes; two daughters, Ardella (Emmett) Schmitz, Lakewood, Colo., and Cleo (Arnold) Charging, White Shield; 12 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

Peter E. Voigt

Peter E. Voigt, 69, died May 5, 2000.

Pete was born Oct. 1, 1930 in Werner. He was raised and educated in the area and ranched with his father until moving to a ranch southwest of Mandan in 1953. He married Dawne

Dahlen on Aug. 25, 1952. He enjoyed breaking horses in his younger days, was an avid hunter and was known as a cowboy at heart.

He is survived by his wife, Dawne, six sons: Arni (Bert), Pat (Bernice), Milo (Tammy), Luke (Tera Heid), all of Mandan; Owen (Becky), Helena, Mont., and Jay (Lynette), Bismarck; three daughters: Vicki (Richard) Clarys, Richardton, Valeri (Don) Entzel, Mandan, and Becci (Wayne) Braun, New Salem; 29 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Peter F. Volk

Pete Volk, 88, died Aug. 26, 2000.

Pete was born Sept. 14, 1911 and raised on the family homestead near Pretty Rock, Grant County. He married Margaret Boehm on Dec. 26, 1935. After working in the defense industry during World War II, he returned to Bismarck and co-owned Bismarck Memorial, Inc. until his retirement in 1981. An accomplished horseman, he was president of the Bismarck Horse Club and a Bismarck Mounted Police charter member. He served as a mounted police escort for Presidents Nixon and Reagan.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two sons: Ronald G. (Arlene), James F. (Cathie); one daughter, Bonnie (Hugh) Sanders; and one daughter-in-law, Lenis Volk.; all of Bismarck; 11 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

Obituary Policy: If you are aware of the recent death of a NDCHF member, North Dakota cowboy/rancher, or friend of western heritage, please inform us and if possible, provide an obituary.

Send notice/obituary to: North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame, 1110 College Drive, Suite 212, Bismarck, ND 58501. While all submissions will be noted, space availability and NDCHF relevancy may dictate length.

NDCHF Gifts Honoring Loved Ones

The NDCHF has received honorariums/memorials for the following individuals. To honor a loved one, see page 8.

In memory of Mike Birdsell

Dawn (Birdsell) McFall

In memory of Jim Childs

Greg & Deborah Childs

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In memory of Dr. George M. Christensen

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The Family of Hazel Stone

Evelyn Neuens

Darrell Dorgan

In memory of Andrew Voigt

by his grandson Pete Voigt

In memory of Pete Volk

Genevieve Rotzien

Evelyn Neuens

Margaret Volk

Childs Honored with NDCHF Benefactor Plaque



James L. "Jim" Childs is currently being honored with a \$5,000 benefactor plaque to be placed in the North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame.

•**Jim Childs** was born in Dickinson in 1908. When he was about 15 the family moved to Forsyth, Mont. Shortly thereafter Jim began working on a number of ranches in that area.

He married Madeline Cordner of Bismarck in 1935. He took a more permanent job as a Northern Pacific Railroad special agent in Montana, but continued to compete in calf roping contests in Montana and Wyoming. Jim and his family lived in Mandan from 1950-73. He entered amateur and Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeos through the years and

roped with local ropers in later years. He also enjoyed shoeing horses, breaking horses and working cattle.

He won the Red River Valley Fair calf roping in 1957. A RCA Gold Card was Jim's prized possession. He was Northwest Cowboys Association president in 1947, a Mandan Rodeo board member in the early 1950s, and a North Dakota Rodeo Association member. He served as Bismarck-Mandan Horse Club president in 1955.

Jim had a daughter, Jamie Ring, Billings, Mont., and a son, Greg, Kaysville, Utah, who says of his dad, "He was a noted cowboy in the Mandan/Bismarck area. He was a wonderful father and I spent a lot of time with him at rodeos."

Howard Receives NDCHF File Card

Floyd Howard is currently being honored with a North Dakota Cowboy Hall of Fame file card.

•**Floyd Howard** was born in Benson County in 1908. He married Stella E. Prinzing in 1928. They raised Angus cattle, sheep, and when their children were young, Shetland ponies. He shod horses, broke



horses and was an excellent teamster. Floyd and Stella loved to dance and he especially loved fiddle music. In later years they enjoyed horse and auction sales and flea markets. "Floyd was a very quiet man but it seemed like he was always thinking," says his daughter-in-law Orpha Howard, Sheyenne. "He always had the right comical quip to say at the right time."

To inquire about NDCHF benefactor plaques, memorial plaques or card file entries call the NDCHF office at 701-250-1833.



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