

MILES and HATTIE McLANE

MILES JOSEPH McLANE (1880 -1957)

Sp: Hattie Elvina Jensen (1887 - 1964)

1. Dorothea Hazel McLane (1907 - 1965)
2. Lois Edna McLane (1910 - 2000)
3. David Miles McLane (1912 - 1995)
4. James Patrick McLane (1918 -)
5. Brian Henry McLane (1923 - 1988)

Miles Joseph McLane was born to John and Elizabeth Murphy McLane on July 31, 1880 in St. Marguerite, Quebec, Canada. He was baptized that same day in St. Marguerite Catholic Church. His godparents were his mother's brother Moses Murphy and her sister Margaret Murphy. His parents were living on the farm owned by his grandfather James McLane in St. Marguerite. James McLane died on April 3, 1882 and apparently Miles' father John sold the farm and prepared the family to move to America.

In 1882, he emigrated with his parents when he was two years old to Weston Township, Wisconsin. The closest town was Christie, Wisconsin. His father obtained a farm of 40 acres in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 9 in Township 25 North and Range 2 West in what was known as Weston Township. The farm was right across the road from the farm of Moses Murphy and his wife Mary Redmond and his cousins. He also lived near his Grandfather Miles Murphy, and Uncles William Murphy, John Murphy, Hugh Tachney and Aunt Margaret Murphy Zimmer. He was surrounded by neighbors and cousins that were all his relatives. There were also several other inter-related Irish families that had migrated from the Frampton, Quebec area. This made up a sort of "Irish Colony" in the middle of Wisconsin. All the McLane, Tachney, Murphy, and Zimmer families were members of the St. Mary's Catholic Church in Neillsville, Wisconsin. Miles received his first Holy Communion there in June of 1894. He

was confirmed in the Catholic Church in June 1894.

All the men of Miles' family had farms but they also came from several generations of men who worked in the woods as lumberjacks and laborers in forests stretching from Quebec, to Maine, and on to Wisconsin. Many of the men of the family were tall and husky, however Miles was short and of slight build. But early in his life he developed a liking to working with horses. By 1900, he was employed in the timber industry as a teamster for hauling logs. He was boarding, along with his older brother James, at the home of a William Addams in Chelsea Township of Taylor County, Wisconsin. It is obvious that he was an industrious and adventurous man.

He was beckoned eventually to North Dakota by the Homestead Act of 1862. Under the Homestead Act of May 20, 1862, heads of households, widows, and single persons over 21 years old could apply for 160 acres. Patent for the land would be issued after 5 years of residence and cultivation. An offer of free land! It sounded easy, but showing up to a piece of barren prairie with little or no money in your pocket could present quite a challenge. Like others before him he took to the bet. The Government was betting he couldn't make it and he was betting he could.

On October 22, 1901 he filed his application for a homestead entry at the General Land Office in Minot, North Dakota and paid his \$14.00 filing fee. He applied for 160 acres in the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 13 in Township 163 North and Range 87 West in what was known as Stafford Township. On those documents he showed himself to be a resident of Christie, Wisconsin. Knowing that the Homestead Act required him to be a U.S. Citizen before he could receive patent to his land, he took out his first papers to become a

naturalized citizen that same day at the Ward County courthouse in Minot. In those papers he correctly identified his birth year as 1880.

Miles may have stayed on in Minot or returned to Christie the winter of 1901 as he did not take up residence on his homestead until April 9, 1902. Miles was known as "the first man across the creek." He built himself a 12 feet X 20 feet board-sided house to live in. Later he added a 16 feet X 24 feet barn made of sod and an 8 feet square granary. He also planted 200 trees on the property. In August 1902 he was joined by his Uncle Mike Murphy who was filing on some land close by near Sherwood, North Dakota. His brother James McLane was also there by April 1903 helping Miles put in some additional crops. Also in the summer of 1903, three families of Jensen's homesteaded in Stafford Township. The township was booming and the nearby town of Pleasant, North Dakota was just getting started at the time.

Sometime during his initial occupation of the homestead he met and courted Hattie Jensen. Hattie's father Christoffer Jensen was also homesteading in the area living just two claims (about 1 mile) to the west of Miles. Miles and Hattie were married on February 18, 1907 in Minot, North Dakota. The February 21, 1907 Sherwood Journal carried the following article:

"Mr. Miles McLane and Miss Hattie Jensen were married at Minot Monday, Feb. 18, 1907. Mr. McLane resides on his fertile farm 12 miles southwest of Sherwood, on which he attends strictly to business and will doubtless make an ideal home for the girl of his choice, who is the popular daughter of Mr. Chris Jensen, also a farmer, and one who has dug honest dollars out of the soil and reared a large and respectable family. And we believe he has some girls left yet."

Sometimes the town of Pleasant or Sherwood was not large enough to meet Miles'

PLEASANT, NORTH DAKOTA

This was a rural community located in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 15, Township 163 North, Range 87 West, in Stafford Township, thirteen miles NNW of Tolley. The first mail service was provided from Elmore, Saskatchewan, Canada in an example of international cooperation. The post office was established May 5, 1898 with James Harkness pm, who gave it a name he felt was descriptive of the site. In 1903 it moved two miles SE to the Hans O. Johnson home in NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Sec. 26, Township 163 North, Range 87 West. A small village, complete with a saloon and a blacksmith shop, began to develop, and a population of 10 was reported in 1920, but the post office closed April 15, 1921 with mail to Tolley.

needs for supplies or social contact. Miles traveled about to various parts of Northwest North Dakota. Occasionally the long wagon ride to Minot would be undertaken. The Sherwood Tribune newspaper of June 6, 1907 mentions that "*Miles McLane was a Minot visitor last Friday.*" The Sherwood Tribune of June 20, 1907 mentions: "*Miles McLane returned Monday from Ambrose where he went for a visit with his brother.*" The brother was James McLane who had a homestead near Ambrose.

On June 1, 1907, Miles filed his notice of intent to make final proof on his homestead claim at the General Land Office in Minot. He named W. I. See, Andrew Johnson, Peter Schiffman, and Thomas Fods as his potential witnesses.

Miles and Hattie had their first child, a daughter, Dorothea Hazel McLane, on September 5, 1907.

In preparation for filing and making final proof on his claim, Miles filed his second

The United States of America,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. 4338.

Application 10098.

WHEREAS, There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at Minot, North Dakota, _____ whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1882, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of

MILES McLANE

has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the southeast quarter of Section thirteen in Township one hundred sixty-three north of Range eighty-seven west of the Fifth Principal Meridian, North Dakota, containing one hundred sixty acres, _____

According to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General:

NOW KNOW YE, That there is, therefore, granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Miles McLane _____

the tract of Land above described; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Miles McLane _____

and to his heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law. And there is reserved from the lands hereby granted, a right of way thereon for ditches or canals constructed by the authority of the United States.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I, Theodore Roosevelt, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.



GIVEN under my hand, at the City of Washington, the _____ ninth _____ day of _____ April _____, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and _____ eight _____, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and _____ thirty-second.

By the President: _____

By _____

Secretary.

Recorder of the General Land Office.

Homestead certificate and patent to land received by Miles McLane in 1908 for proving up his homestead claim in Stafford Township, North Dakota

papers and became a naturalized citizen of the United States at the Ward County courthouse in Minot on September 16, 1907. His certificate of naturalization showed that he had a wife named Hattie, age 20, and he was residing in Pleasant, North Dakota. The September 19, 1907 Sherwood Tribune stated: "*Miles McLane was at the county seat Monday taking out his second papers.*"

On October 25, 1907, Miles gave his testimony for the final proof on his homestead claim to the General Land Office in Minot. Witnesses Peter Schiffman and Thomas Fods gave testimony on his behalf. All three stated that he had continuously occupied the claim from April 9, 1902 to October 25, 1907 without any absences and that he had cultivated 135 acres for 6 years. Miles paid the filing fee of four dollars. He received his patent on April 9, 1908 and then had land he could call his own for 6 years of work and \$18.00 of filing fees.

Trying to make a living on the dusty plains with only 160 acres was difficult. Wheat was the primary crop that the land and climate could sustain. Most of the year, Miles could handle the work himself. However, when it came threshing time, additional help was needed. Sometimes family would come long distances to help. During one such time, Hattie drove their old Buick to town to get Miles' brother Moses and Cousin Bill Murphy to come help with the threshing.

Miles and Hattie's second daughter, Lois Edna McLane was born on September 8, 1910. Around that time, Miles' parents John and Elizabeth McLane took the long train ride from Wisconsin to visit. This would be the only time that Hattie would be able to meet her in-laws. Miles and Hattie's first son, David Miles McLane was born on September 16, 1912.

When the time came to build the church building for St. James Catholic Parish in Sherwood, Miles was elected to a panel of

trustees to assist the Pastor in all manners pertaining to the building. In 1915, Miles donated \$200 to the building fund. That was a substantial amount of money in those days. Miles was also an active member of the Stafford Township community as reported in the July 9, 1915 Sherwood Tribune, "Miles McLane, the Stafford booster, is talking railroad these days."

In November of 1917, Miles received word that his mother Elizabeth had died. He took the train back to Wisconsin to attend the funeral on November 7, 1917. Almost a year later Miles and Hattie's second son, James Patrick McLane, was born on October 25, 1918.

Miles was a member of various clubs and organizations. His first was on October 17, 1919, when Miles and a B. M. Harvey were initiated into the Knights of Columbus Lodge at Minot.

Miles seemed to be somewhat a businessman and investor. He seemed to always be looking towards the future and bettering his situation. On September 23, 1920, he entered an agreement with a partner named Lewis Taylor to purchase Lot 12 of Block 6 of the original townsite of Sherwood, North Dakota from Lonzo W. Raney and Mamie L. Raney. He and his partner agreed to purchase the property for \$1,175.00. They would pay \$75.00 on November 8th, 1920, and \$75.00 on the 8th of each succeeding month thereafter, with interest at the rate of 10% per annum on deferred payments. The September 23, 1920 Sherwood Tribune stated:

"Taylor & McLane Now Own City Dray Line.

Lewis Taylor and Miles McLane of Stafford Township have purchased the City Dray Line and are in possession. The change in management took place today. Mr. Taylor has moved to town and is in charge of the line and Mr. McLane will move in soon. The new firm has also taken over the City Water Line."

STAFFORD

TOWNSHIP 163 & 164

RANGE 87

	Patrick Lynch	John Fralick	William E. Kay	Ryerson Jones	Edward Eveson	D. Clyde		John L. Lavin	Michael Mardie		
	George Havig	Irwin Coole	Fred Gelhar	Thomas Edleston	Edward J. Haller	Wilhelm	Carl Peterson				
Durre	Charles I. Durre	Bachle	Howard Harkness	Hendrick Moon	Sykes Bryant	Jens H. Quickstad	Herbert Frank				
Lester Emmel	Andrew Odland	David Meggers	Lizzie Emmel	Ole Anton R. Niskelby	Byron Mott	Fred H. Freese	Victor E. Johnson	George J. Siegfried	Elizabeth M. Hafius		
Ludwig Reischke	Louis Reischke	Gustav Emil Duerre	Mark Helder	Marlin M. Anvoets	Simon Moen	Obediah Orange	Robert M. Tyson	Carl J. Johnson	Andrew Johnson		
Louise Reischke	Leon Reischke	Charles F. Duerre	Olas Ness	Jacob Barney Wink	Martin Hans J. Quickstad	Edith Johnson	George M. Taylor	Henry Jensen	Albert W. Sturdivant	Fred Bruce	
August Emmel	Eva Reischke	John W. Larson	Vicktor Anderson	Willie Frederik Hidde	Axie E. Barlow	Nile Wisdahl	Bernard B. Greenwood	Svent H. Wisdahl	John B. Brown	William Sturdivant	John M. Ewen
Helen Odland	Thomas Odland	William F. Kirby	Jacob Shaver			Axel Johnson	William Hoppe	Charles A. Sturdivant	Charles Siegfried		
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George Cataract	Fred A. Patterson	Ernest P. Newman	Charles T. Newman	John H. Hunter	Gay L. Hunter	Walter Hammond	John Richard Staggard	Robert Gilhepie	Amiel Druhl	Peter J. Schiffman	
Jacob Wine-man	Edgar Batton	Charles England	Emora Pethram	George Edson	Tamot J. Hunk	Lettie Gulson	John D. Lucteral	Ole P. Johnson	Andrew M. Johnson	Ole T. Skrak-rud	
Albert E. Moen	George Gallagher	Andrew Kappre Jensen	John S. Jensen	William Pethram	John Colbert	Lydia Vance	Nels Jensen	Hannah Johnson	Carl T. Skrak-rud		
Charles Stratton	Andrew Walker	Christine Jensen Anderson	Peter Jensen Smed	Pearlie M. Whitford	John A. Lindblad	John Vance	Charles Assels	Gottfried Strach	Klaus Sorenson		
Hugh Buchanan	James Manro	Frank M. Carpenter	Walter Silcox	William Green	Wilhelmine Harlow	James Vance	John S. Jensen	James Thompson Holmg	Joyce H. Sorenson		

1910 Plat map of Stafford Township, North Dakota, showing location of Miles McLane farm at lower right. Farm shown as being owned by Wm. Hoppe was formerly owned by Christoffer Jensen, Miles' father-in-law. Also, shown are farms of Henry Jensen and Robert Tyson (Miles' brothers-in-law).



Tom Fods (neighbor), Bob Tyson (brother-in-law), and Miles McLane in Pleasant, North Dakota about 1910

And move to town he did. The Stafford township farm was sold to an Oscar Mott who worked the farm in 1922 and moved his family there in 1923. Miles moved his family temporarily to the Dighton Taylor farm. Then on October 4, 1920, they moved into Sherwood. The October 7, 1920 Sherwood Tribune reported the event as follows: "*Miles McLane and family moved in from the Dighton Taylor farm in Stafford the first of the week and are occupying the Andy Johnson house in the north part of the city. Mr. McLane is interested in the City Dray Line with Lewis Taylor.*"

Then on November 2, 1921, he took out a mortgage to purchase additional interest in the Sherwood Dray Line business. This time his partner was a James Taylor. According to the conditions of one promissory note, they agreed to pay \$741.20, and interest at the rate of 10

percent per annum, payable at the office of First International Bank, Sherwood, North Dakota. It was due on Feb. 1, 1922. The purchase included the following: one gray horse, named Turk, 12 years old, weight about 1650#; one gray horse, named Ted, 12 years old, weight about 1650#; two sets of britching harness complete, both brass mounted and used on the above teams; two spring drays with dray beds complete; one circle dray with dray bed complete; one truck dray with bed complete; three sets of bob sleighs with dray beds; one wide tire wagon with tank; one stubble plow, one breaking plow, one two section harrow, one road scraper; and all tools used in the operation of the Sherwood Dray Line.

Then on November 4, 1921, he changed partners on Lot 12 of block 6 property from Lewis Taylor to James Taylor with a quit-claim deed. The November 10, 1921 Sherwood Tribune reported this event: "*The city dray line partly changed hands this week when Jas. Taylor purchased the interest of Louis Taylor. Notwithstanding the change, the firm still remains Taylor & McLane.*" On March 9, 1922, the Sherwood Dray Line purchased the Wampler truck. On July 6, 1922, the Sherwood Tribune reported, "*Miles McLane has a game leg – says he sprained it "lifting pop cases, or something, the first."* Miles employed his Dray equipment for several purposes including using his team in harvesting the Lane farm southeast of Sherwood on August 10, 1922 and doing some street grader work on September 7, 1922.

On October 19, 1922, the Sherwood Tribune printed the following: "*Miles McLane says he has discovered how to make cows stay at home, but that horses and hogs don't give milk.*" It is difficult to understand the meaning of this strange riddle, but it was thought that this may have had something to do with Miles' side line activity of making home brewed beer

during prohibition.

In November 1922, Miles undoubtedly tried to help his Uncle Mike Murphy obtain medical treatment for cancer. His Uncle Mike died in February of 1923.

On April 12, 1923, the Sherwood Tribune reported that Miles joined the Workmen order along with Glenn Sansburn, Axel Johnson, and Clarence Freesene.

In June, 1923, the Sherwood Dray business was using the Couch Fordson outfit in their oats and spud seeding work. By August 23, 1923, Miles put together a deal to purchase the Martin Johnson house in Sherwood and move his family in. Their son Brian Henry McLane was born on December 6, 1923 in their first year of living in this house.

On April 10, 1924, Miles and his partner James Taylor sold the water line portion of the Sherwood Dray Line to F. W. Stanley. On September 4, 1924, the Dray Line completed a culvert and graveling job on the north entrance to the alley of block 5 in Sherwood.

In his Dray Line business Miles carried mail under contract with the Postal Department from the Depot to the Post Office in Sherwood as well as delivering freight and express from the Great Northern Railroad from the Depot to the Post Office and to all the businesses in Sherwood. Among some of his notable jobs was putting in the Sherwood public swimming pool. Miles' greatest delivery was raising a piano by block and tackle to the second floor of the White's movie theater. Coal unloading and delivery was a major part of the work. On September 25, 1924, the Sherwood Tribune reported: "*Miles and Jim made a record Friday. They unloaded a car of soft coal for the Gilseth Lumber Co. in three hours 5 minutes.*



Horse teams owned by Miles McLane for the Sherwood Dray Line in Sherwood about 1925. From left to right, Ted & Turk; Bill & Molly; Kate & Maude. Man on left is Tom Rowan and man on right is Miles McLane

Going some!"

On November 6, 1924, Miles branched out a bit and performed as a sales agent for the public sale of household goods, five horses, and farm machinery. In the following month, Miles' brother, Jack McLane, came to visit. That Christmas, the Sherwood Tribune included a full page ad showing all of the Sherwood merchants including: "*Sherwood Dray Line, McLane and Taylor.*"

Ever the civic minded person, in April, 1925, Miles was elected as a Sherwood City alderman or councilman. This would be the first of many public offices and terms he would fulfill.

In June of 1925, two events occurred: Miles and Hattie's daughter, Dorothea, graduated from Sherwood High School and Miles bought a Overland Four car from Mr. Lundby.

On June 18, 1926, Miles gained exclusive control over his property at Lot 12 of block 6 for the payment of \$300.00. An interesting note is that the property tax bill for this property in 1933 was \$20.48. This transaction enabled Miles to gain exclusive ownership of the Sherwood Dray Line as of July 1, 1926. The Sherwood Tribune article noted: "*Taylor and McLane have dissolved partnership, Miles*

McLane having purchased James Taylor's interest in the Sherwood Dray Line. Mr. Taylor has farming and other interests that require his time. This firm has been engaged in the general dray business here for several years." Later that month Miles and Hattie and Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown went together to the fair at Estevan, Saskatchewan. The following month he was back on one of the dray line jobs as the official street sprinkler to keep the summer dust down.

Miles' dray line work presented constant hazards to his health, but he could always count on his friends, as reported in the Sherwood Tribune on June 13, 1927: "*Miles McLane sprained his back about a week ago at heavy lifting and has been unable to attend to his business regularly since. Harry Marsland is helping Alf Sakshaug with the dray and delivery work temporarily.*"

On January 19, 1927, Miles helped put together a father and son banquet and he was a guest speaker giving a talk entitled, "When I was a Boy." He probably talked about growing up in Wisconsin among Irish family members and friends and growing into a man by working in the woods.

On April 4, 1927, Miles was re-elected to the Sherwood City Council getting more votes (83) than any other alderman candidates on the ballot. Then on June 7, 1927, Miles was elected to the Sherwood School Board.

Miles took his family on their first major vacation in July, 1927, when they travelled by car to visit Hattie's family in Warren, Detroit Lakes, and Mahanomen, Minnesota.

On April 12, 1928, Miles and Hattie assisted in arranging surgery for Dorothea to correct a defect in her palate so she might eventually overcome a speech impediment that she had since birth.

On August 2, 1928, Miles was suffering from rheumatism following an injury to his leg while handling lumber. However, by August

31, 1928, he went on a camp out with the Boy Scouts at Axel Johnson Park, west of the Mouse River, where they built a campfire and cooked supper and played games. Miles was never one to have an illness keep him from helping children. The following month Miles enjoyed the visit of his brother Jack McLane from Kansas City, Missouri.

Miles was well known around town for his sense of humor. It had been said that he was also quite a clever practical joker and also relished in telling jokes and funny stories. The following article in the Sherwood Tribune mentions Miles propensity towards laughter: "*Home talent plays in Sherwood have always played to a crowded house, and this will be no exception. Deacon Dubbs is a three-act rural Comedy-Drama by Walter Ben Ware. The cast of characters contains many of your old time favorites, and has been admirably selected. The play is packed full of many laughable situations. A word of warning to Miles McLane and Frank Harris to have their buttons sewed on tight.*"

On April 1, 1929, Miles was again re-elected to the city council, this time he got the second most votes (74) on the ballot for alderman. Later that month Miles received word that his father John had died in Kansas City, Missouri. Miles left Sherwood on April 13th to attend the funeral in Wisconsin on the 15th. While in Wisconsin, he was able to see all of his brothers and sisters. His brother James returned with him and visited in Sherwood before his return home to Empress, Alberta.

Miles had been a volunteer fireman for the Sherwood Fire Department for several years. On January 6, 1930, he was re-elected as Assistant Fire Chief.

On August 14, 1930, the Sherwood Tribune reported Miles' involvement in the following rescue: "*The Erick Arneson, M. J. McLane, E. M. Byhre, John Campbell and Harry Marsland families Sundayed at*

Thompson lake on highway no. 8 southwest of Bowbells where they enjoyed the bathing and boating. During the day an auto rolled down the bank and out into the water. The fact that a baby had been left in the car created considerable excitement. Mr. McLane chanced to be near in a boat and rescued the child. A rope was used to pull the car out of the lake."

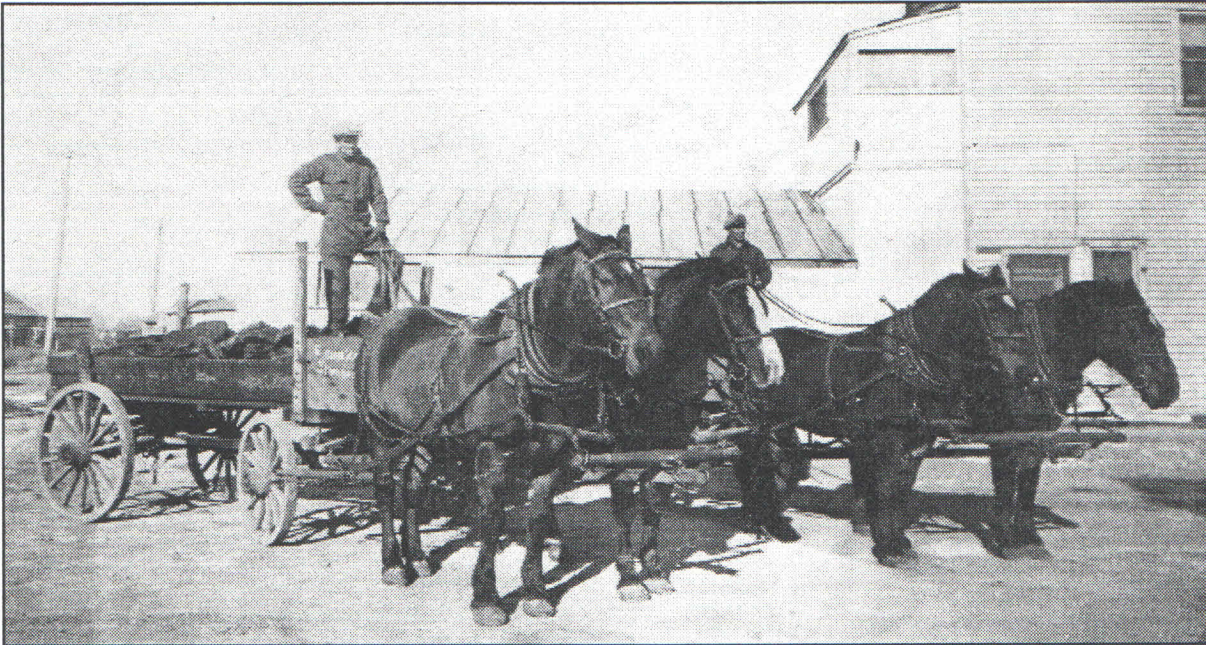
Miles used several percheron horses in his dray business through the years. Their names, paired as teams, were: Ted and Turk; Bill and Molly; Kate and Maude; and Rock and Rowdie. Bill was perhaps the favorite of the townspeople as the following article appeared in the November 20, 1930, Sherwood Tribune: "Old "Bill", a valued horse belonging to Miles McLane, came to a tragic end Sunday night when he fell into the city drainage ditch near the barn, going in on his back. He has made a desperate struggle to regain his feet, but without success. The horses which Mr. McLane used in his

dray business had been running on the lot during the day and as they were unwilling to relinquish their freedom in the evening he left them to go into the barn when ready. Master Pat McLane was especially fond of Old Bill who was a pet of the boys and girls of town, most of whom had ridden him at one time or another." Another story was told about his team Rock and Rowdie. Miles was loading coal at the depot after it had rained hard and the



Miles and Hattie McLane at home in Sherwood in 1930s

streets were very muddy. A man was pulling away from the depot with a wagon full of coal with a team of mules. The wagon soon was sunk to the axles in mud. The man began whipping the mules very hard to get them to pull. Miles saw this and became quite indignant. He did not like to see the man hurting the mules in this way. Since he never used a whip on his teams, Miles ran over to the man and snatched the whip from his hand and



Sherwood Dray Line wagons loaded with coal in Sherwood in the 1930s. Man on left is Jack McLane (brother) and man on right is Miles McLane. Horse teams from left to right, Bill & Molly and Rock & Rowdie.

told the man that to save the mules from this beating he would use his horses to pull the wagon out of the mud and onto solid ground. The man doubted that he could do this with only two horses. Miles hitched his team of great percherons to the man's wagon. He faced the horses and said "lean into it boys!" He then grabbed the reins, gave them a snap and said "get!" The team pulled with all their might and the sucking sound of the wheels being pried from the mud could be heard. Miles' team succeeded in pulling the wagon to solid ground.

Miles was re-elected Assistant Fire Chief on December 10, 1930, and again on December 15, 1932. He was also once again re-elected to the city council in April 1931 and again in April 1938. Miles was not only interested in such democratic principles at the local city level, but since becoming a citizen of the United States, had an interest in American politics. He started out as a Republican. But when Al Smith, an Irish Catholic like himself ran for president in 1928, he became a Democrat. It probably

helped a little that Al Smith was also for the repeal of prohibition. Then after the Herbert Hoover years and the start of the great depression, he became a great supporter of Franklin Roosevelt. He even enrolled himself in the "Committee of One" initiative started by Franklin Roosevelt in 1936. He was always more than willing to enter into political dialogue.

Miles was a member of the Lions Club and served as Lion Tamer in 1931. The Lions Club was the sponsor of the Sherwood Boy Scout troop and Miles was selected for the troop committee in November, 1931. Miles underwent Scoutmaster training in March 1934.

Miles was an avid reader, especially during the winter. He even named one of the family dogs "Bellshazer" after a story he had read. His reading gave him a lot of material for his story telling talents. He was also well known for his spontaneous willingness to do things for others. In July of 1934 he borrowed Harley Owen's Ford and drove fast enough to

intercept the train that departed the Sherwood train depot at Loraine just to deliver an important paper to a member of the crew.

The Sherwood Tribune printed the following on September 20, 1934 regarding Miles selling a team of his older horses: "*The McLane dray team is gone – they've moved to the Twin Cities, where, in the words of the buyer, Sid Kline, "they'll enjoy a vacation on some small plot of ground from their strenuous life out on the streets of Sherwood, " or something to that effect. Mr. McLane is at present driving a McFarlane team."*

In January of 1935, Miles and the Dray Line were reported by the Sherwood Tribune as having unloaded, hauled and stacked an entire train carload of lumber in the Midwest



Advertisement for Dray Line printed in the April 23, 1936 Sherwood Tribune

Lumber Company yard.

In May of 1935, Sherwood's Street Commissioner Miles used the city's small blade machine to level rough spots in the dirt streets to prevent those areas from cutting up and rutting when they were wet.

Miles was a local sports fan and often enjoyed watching his sons, David and Pat, play in high school basketball, track, and football. He also enjoyed the fellowship of his friends in traveling to neighboring communities to watch

the games. The July 25, 1935, Sherwood Tribune reported: "*Messrs. Perry Brown, J. C. Newcomb, M. J. McLane, J. A. Henderson and Wm. Hoppe motored to Westhope Tuesday evening to see the final game in the tournament there of that day. Westhope took first and Kramer second. The Antler-Westhope contest was the best match of the day, the latter winning 3-2. Enroute over, via Antler, they found an increasing amount of water, everywhere, from 7 to 8 miles east of here all the way; ditches and depressions are full and water visible in many fields."*

In March of 1936, Miles brought his household into the modern age by installing their first electric stove. In May of 1936, Miles went along on a trip with Harvey Owen and J.H. Steeves to Fort Peck, Montana. A further move into the modern age occurred when Miles purchased a Chevrolet pick-up truck for use in Dray Line delivery work in April 1937. The Dray Line delivery work got the best of Miles as the Sherwood Tribune reported on June 10, 1937: "*Miles McLane had his back severely injured one day last week when he was loading ice at Burke ice house. A large cake of ice slipped and struck Mr. McLane in the back, causing a severe bruise, and which made it necessary for him to give up his work for several days."* In November of 1937, Miles and Hattie had a Mr. and Mrs. Peterson as their house guests. They needed a place to stay in Sherwood when their small son, Murrell, was injured in a car accident and was under a Doctor's care in town.

On January 13, 1938, Miles was a pall bearer for a friend, Richard Wesley Burke. He was joined in this duty by the other McLane family Grandfather J. H. (Harvey) McLean. They both were among the most well respected men of the Sherwood community. On April 4, 1938, Miles was re-elected as a Sherwood City councilman for another four year term. Miles' close friend Harry Marsland was elected

Mayor.

The Summer of 1938 was a very busy time for the Miles McLane household. In July they received a visit from their daughter Lois and her husband, Jim Servis, from Boise, Idaho. Jim's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Servis from Payette, Idaho, came along. Later that month they had a visit from Hattie's parents, Christoffer and Kirsten Jensen, and Hattie's sisters, Effie and Edna. Then in August they received a visit from Hattie's sister-in-law, Annie Jensen, and her daughter, Mary, and son, Raymond. All of this visiting was occurring in preparation for the McLane household moving to California the following month.

After years of Miles doing the hard "back-breaking" work of a homesteader, farmer and owner and operator of the Sherwood Dray

Line, Hattie helped him to decide that a move to California would be a good idea. Miles had many friends and connections to the Sherwood community and was reluctant to move on. However, he was furthered urged by his daughter, Dorothea, and son, Dave, who were already living in Southern California. Dort and Dave had already arranged to build a house in Santa Monica for Miles and Hattie. Miles sold his dray line business to Russel Steeves on September 1, 1938. The September 8, 1938 Sherwood Tribune published the following article about their departure: "*McLane Folks Leave Here for New Home,*

Mr. and Mrs. Miles J. McLane and two sons, Pat and Brian, and Miss Dolores Schlenker, left Wednesday for the west coast where they will make their future home.

Last Saturday afternoon they held an auction sale of their household goods and they had since been staying at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Marsland and family.

Monday afternoon of this week Mrs. Marsland and Mrs. E. M. Byhre were hostesses at the home of the former for seveteen ladies of the town, complimentary to Mrs. McLane, and Tuesday afternoon the Altar Society met at the home of Mrs. E. M. Keller and gave a handkerchief shower in her honor.

Tuesday evening the business men of town gave a dinner and smoker for Mr. McLane at the dining hall of the Hotel Sherwood, about thirty attended the farewell for him.

Mr. and Mrs. McLane are pioneers of Sherwood and this community, having come here thirty years ago.

They homesteaded in Stafford township and it was about fifteen years or more ago that they moved into Sherwood and Mr. McLane purchased the dray line which he had since been operating.

Miss Dolores Schlenker who is accompanying them is the fiancee of David McLane, and they plan to be married in

AUCTION SALE

At My Residence in Sherwood
Saturday, September 3rd

At 2:30 o'clock in the Afternoon
Everything Must Be Sold -- No By Bidding

The Following Household Goods

itchen Cabinet China Closet Washing Machine Living Room Rug 9 by 12 Piano Dining Table 6 Chairs Leather Davenport Living Room Chairs Library Table	Reed Fernery 2 Dressers 2 Beds Sewing Machine Kitchen Table Sanitary Couch Radio Stand Floor Lamp Chiffonier Fruit Jars, Kitchen Utensils and Dishes
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Other Articles to Numerous to Mention
M. J. McLANE, Owner
Bub Peterson, Auctioneer

TERMS ARE STRICTLY CASH

Advertisement in September 1, 1938 Sherwood Tribune in preparation for the move to California

December.

Enroute to the coast they intend to spend several weeks visiting relatives and friends, and they are motoring thru with their car."

After a stop at daughter Lois' home in Boise, Idaho, they were off to California. They moved into the home at 3710 Barry Ave. in Santa Monica, California. When Miles first got to California he ran a horse stable near Slauson Blvd. where the Fox Hills Mall now stands. Later Miles went to work at Douglas Aircraft Corporation in Santa Monica, where he would be employed for the next 17 years.

In February of 1939, Miles and Hattie went to San Diego where they met with many other former Sherwood residents who had made the move to California. On May 20, 1939, their son, Dave, was married to Dolores Schlenker at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Culver City, California. This church would be the site of many McLane events in the future.

Miles got to be with and enjoy 12 grandchildren. Children were always special to him and his grandchildren, the most special. He was known for being able to entertain his grandchildren with long drawn out stories about the wild west and prospecting for gold in Alaska. His grandchildren relished taking walks with him or going for rides in the car because he had ways of making such simple things into great adventures. He was known for unique antics like placing pennies in the a front door peep hole for the kids to find later, buying ice cream from the ice cream man for his grandchildren and other neighborhood kids that happened to be around, and giving his grandchildren sips from his beer. He was known to keep a beer hidden in the glove box of the car to have in the parking lot while waiting for Hattie to finish shopping.

Miles enjoyed his semi-retirement years with frequent trips to Boise, Idaho, North Dakota, Lancaster, California and San Diego, California to be with his children and

grandchildren. On one such trip in the early fifties, Miles and Hattie were traveling from North Dakota to Boise, Idaho. They were following son Pat and wife Enid. They had Pat and Enid's sons Dan and Jeep with them when Miles accidentally drove off the road and rolled the car near Carey, Idaho. Hattie was the only one with significant injuries, having suffered a broken leg. Their son-in-law, Jim Servis, drove all the way from Boise, Idaho to assist them with the car and to get everyone to his home in Boise.

On August 3, 1957, shortly after a visit to son Pat's home in Lancaster, California, Miles passed away at Community Hospital, Culver City, California. His death was attributed to chronic lymphatic leukemia. The rosary service was at 7:00 P.M., Tuesday, August 6, 1957, at Smith and Salisbury Chapel. All of his children were in attendance. The funeral mass was at 9:00 A.M. the next morning at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Culver City. He was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery (off Slauson Blvd.) on a hill that overlooks where his horse stables once stood.



Miles and his first three grandchildren, Judy, Mike, and Dan in the front yard at the Barry Ave. house in Santa Monica, California about 1941

HATTIE ELVINA JENSEN (1887 - 1964)

Sp: Miles Joseph McLane (1880 -1957)

1. Dorothea Hazel McLane (1907 - 1965)
2. Lois Edna McLane (1910 - 2000)
3. David Miles McLane (1912 - 1995)
4. James Patrick McLane (1918 -)
5. Brian Henry McLane (1923 - 1988)

Hattie Elvina Jensen was born March 11, 1887 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Her parents were Christoffer and Kirsten Jensen. Hattie was baptized at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on June 5, 1887. The witnesses were: A. Frankberg & wife, Ole Jensen, and Miss Miller. Ole Jensen was her father's brother. The family soon moved to Vernon, South Dakota in 1893. They lived 12 miles south of Hankinson, North Dakota. When Hattie was 10 years old she wrote the following letter to her father:

"Apr. 1, 1897

Dear Papa,

We have got so mutch water here that we can't go any place. The mail carryer can't go to Hankinson after the mail. The chicken house is full of water and the chickens are in the barn. Most of the snow is gone now. Big Hans bought prince and the saddle and the bridle for twenty-three dollars. Effie layed wolk from four oclock to six oclock and Mamma asked her if she didn't want to sleep a little now and then. She said she had to think of papa. Henry is down to Bobbies house to shingle bat. I don't think they can cause it is blowing to hard. There is so mutch water around here that it looks like big lakes all over. I guess I will have to close my letter now or there won't be anything for Jimmie and Effie to writ. from your loving daughter Hattie"

She had written the letter to her father Christoffer who was in Port Arthur, Texas securing work. Her family moved to Port Arthur later that year. While in Port Arthur, Hattie lived through the great Galveston Flood on September 8, 1900, caused by a tidal wave

from a hurricane.

In June of 1902, her family moved to a farm four miles northwest of Lawton, Oklahoma. Her father didn't tolerate the hot and dry conditions very well and stayed only about one month before taking the family to North Dakota.

Her father bought a homestead claim in North Dakota from her brother Henry who was already living there. Her older sister Mary and her husband Bob Tyson also lived nearby. Her family's new home was only about one mile from the homestead claim of a young man named Miles McLane. She was only about 15 years old and was working in various households in the area doing housekeeping.

After being acquainted with each other for five years, Hattie married Miles McLane on February 18, 1907. They went to Minot, North Dakota to be married and returned to Miles' homestead claim to start their new life together. Hattie and Miles welcomed the birth of their first child, daughter Dorothea Hazel McLane, on September 5, 1907. Fortunately, her mother still lived nearby and could help her with child care.

By February of 1909, her sister, Mary, had moved to Russell, North Dakota. Hattie went to visit her at that time. Then in March of that year her parents moved to Minnesota. In July 1909, she went to visit her parents in their new home in Calloway, Minnesota.

The birth of Miles and Hattie's daughter, Lois Edna McLane, occurred on September 8, 1910. Their son, David Miles McLane, was born on September 16, 1912. A month later, Hattie wrote the following letter to her mother:

"Pleasant, N.D., Oct. 19, 1912

Mrs. C. Jensen, Waubun, Minn.

Dear Ma,

I guess I will take time to write you a short letter this morning. It is so long now since I got your letter and Effie has been in the cook car for about a week now so I don't think she has

much time to write. I don't know just where they are now but I think they might be at Pete Johnson's. I would like to go and see her Sunday if I could.

We had snow about 10 days ago. It has been real good thrashing weather ever since. It is pretty cold today and the wind is southeast so we may get something. There is so much thrashing to be done up here. I don't think it will all be done this year. Miles has made three trips to town and is in today with 2 loads. He is so anxious to plow and he has got so much to do that he don't know what to do first.

How is the weather down there now? I suppose Pa is plowing.

Has Edna started to school yet?

I spose you are canning some grapes now aren't you. They have just begun to be cheap here. 3 baskets for .85. I have two baskets and Miles is going to get 2 or three more today. He got a box of lovely apples a few days ago. The grapes is the last canning I will have to do. I got everything done up real good before Effie left. She is such a worker now. I tell you I feel lucky that I got her. Ab Sturtivants couldn't get a girl and Stewarts can't either and they are thrashing now too. They got another boy day before yesterday. I hear that Will Hoppe, Mrs. Miller and Johnie Volk are going to Germany this winter.

Dolly and Lois are fine. Dolly is fatter than usual this fall. Since Lois got big enough to play, they make so much noise that its awful sometimes. It will be a fright this winter I spose.

Davie is getting along fine. He weighs ten lbs. now. The nurse said that he would weigh about 8 1/2 lbs. when he was born.

He was a month old on the 16th. I don't know who he looks like. He has awful big blue eyes and quite a little brown hair.

Effie and Petra have a good mattress to put on the floor to sleep on and Petra had three quilts with her and Effie got a big heavy quilt

and a blanket from me. And a pillow and two cretonne pillow cases. So they will sleep warm and she took lots of clothes with her to wear too. I gave her quite a few rags for mop rags and other things.

Well this is Sat. and I have to make out a grocery order to Sears besides the other work and Davie will soon be awake for his bath so I must get things ready for him. Wasn't we lucky to get a boy? I haven't got over it yet.

I forgot to tell you that Effie gave me a lovely hand bag all leather with leather lining too.

I have got a new pair of shoes too. I have some dark blue serge to make Lois a coat and bonnet. I am going to put a collar of blue messaline silk on it and make a bonnet with some of the silk for trimming on the front and ribbons of messaline.

Well this will be all. I wish I could come down this winter but we will try to come next summer and we want to take Edna back with us. So Annie is back long ago now isn't she. Love to all, from Hattie

PS: Dolly and Lois liked those little letters so well that Edna sent. Dolly carries them in my old hand bag all the time. She is sending Edna a letter in this. There is lots of news in it if she can read it. I had strawberries for a long time when I was in bed. They were certainly fine."

After Hattie's sisters long stay at the McLane household, Effie returned to Minnesota on February 9, 1913. Hattie took her children Dorothea, Lois, and Dave with her for a visit to Minnesota in 1914 where a picture was taken of them.

The birth of Miles and Hattie's son, James Patrick McLane, occurred on October 25, 1918. With three small children and a new baby, the small little 12' X 20' house built on the homestead claim was getting quite confining. It probably came as a relief to Hattie when Miles bought into the Sherwood Dray Line and

paved the way for a move into town. On October 7, 1920 they moved into the Andy Johnson house in the north part of Sherwood, North Dakota. In September of 1921, Hattie's sisters, Mary and Effie, came to visit her in her Sherwood home.

In August of 1923, Miles bought the Martin Johnson house in Sherwood and moved Hattie and the family in. Miles and Hattie's son, Brian Henry McLane, was born on December 6, 1923. Hattie's sister, Effie, came to visit in July of 1924.

Hattie was a dutiful housewife and mother, and kept the house immaculately clean. She often liked to entertain guests in her home. On Christmas 1924 she had as guests Mr. and Mrs. William Close and Mr. and Mrs. James Taylor. She also got a little relief when daughters Dorothea and Lois went with the Close family to spend part of the holidays at their home in Stafford. In July of 1925, she entertained her brother, James Jensen, and his family at her home. Her sister Mary and her family also came to visit. They all took a ride out to the old homesteads in Stafford township.

Hattie was active in some civic organizations in Sherwood. She acted as hostess for a social meeting of the Degree of Honor Lodge on December 1, 1925 at her home. She was also a member of the Homemakers Club. She enjoyed getting out of town, visiting the William Close home in Stafford in March 1926, and going on a picnic at the river near Golson crossing with friends in April 1926. In July, 1926, she enjoyed going with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Brown to a fair in Estevan, Saskatchewan. In July of 1927, Hattie and her family went on a road trip back to Minnesota to see her parents and sisters. When they returned her sister, Mary, and



Hattie and her children Lois, Davey, and Dorothea, taken about 1914 in Waubun, Minnesota while visiting her parents

family and her sister-in-law, Annie, all came over to Hattie's home in Sherwood to get the latest news about the Jensen family in Minnesota.

Hattie was at Dorothea's side on April 12, 1928 when she entered the hospital in Minot to have a cleft palate corrected. A month later on May 10, 1928, Hattie was at the Minot hospital to get treatment for ear trouble which developed as a result of two attacks of the flu. The summer of 1928 was much brighter with a visit to Westhope, North Dakota to see her sister, Mary, in June and a week later having a picnic at the river along with the Carlson, Horgen and Freese families. Miles and Hattie's old Stafford neighbors, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Moon, came to visit them from Olympia, Washington in August 1928.

In June of 1929, Hattie witnessed the graduation of her daughter Dorothea at the Minto Teacher's College. Later that summer in August, her sister, Mary, and her family

came to visit. Then on August 29, 1929, her daughter Lois left Sherwood for Fargo, North Dakota to attend business college. Miles and Hattie went to Fargo the following month to see that Lois got settled in. On December 1, 1929, Hattie entertained a house full of ladies for four tables of bridge.

In May 1930, Hattie and her family went to Westhope to visit her sister, Mary, and family. In July of the same year the two families met at the Antler Park for a picnic. In August the McLanes went on a picnic with several other Sherwood families at Thompson Lake near Bowbells.

On June 28, 1931 while Lois was in Sherwood on an extended visit, Miles, Hattie, Dorothea, Lois, Pat and Brian all took a motor trip together to Lake Metigoshe in the Turtle Mountains of North Dakota. In July they enjoyed a visit from Hattie's brother James Jensen and family.

Hattie was a faithful convert to the Catholic faith and a good member of the altar society. She entertained a meeting of the St. James Catholic Altar Society at her home on April 25, 1933. In August, 1933, Hattie and her family went on another road trip to Minnesota to see her parents and sisters. In December, 1933, Hattie had another ear infection.

Hattie went on her own to Minnesota to visit her parents in early August of 1934. Then on August 30, 1934, she and Miles attended the wedding of their nephew, Chester Tyson, at Westhope. In November of that year, Hattie hosted a quilting bee in her home.

In April of 1935, Hattie's sister, Mary, was in the hospital at Minot with a serious illness. Hattie went to Minot to be with her. She was to visit her a total of three times throughout the month of May when Mary began a slow recovery.

On February 13, 1936, Hattie placed an advertizement in the Sherwood Tribune stating: "*Wanted - Dressmaking to do. - Mrs.*

M. J. McLane." This was one of her few attempts at some self employment other than assisting Miles on occasions with the book-work of the dray line. This effort may have led to the arrival of a new electric stove in the household in March.

After the announcement of the pending wedding of her daughter, Lois, in June of 1936, Hattie held a small reception for Lois when she returned to Sherwood. On June 11, Mrs. Harry Marsland held a wedding shower for Lois. Hattie had some proud moments with the guest of honor in the presence of all her lady friends in Sherwood. Lois was married on July 20, 1936 in Boise, Idaho, where she resided with her new husband.

In September of 1937, Hattie made another visit to her parents home in Minnesota. By now they were getting quite elderly.

Hattie spent most of her time in Sherwood, North Dakota raising her children. She was a great cook, especially baking. Sherwood was a big part of her life, but in the summer of 1938, things started changing rapidly. She entertained several guests that summer. She had her daughter Lois and her husband Jim Servis and his parents for a visit in July. Later that month her elderly parents came all the way from Minnesota for what would be their last visit. Fortunately her sisters Effie and Edna accompanied them. Her sister-in-law, Annie Jensen, came with her family in August. Also in August she attended a wedding shower for Sherwood girl, Miss Dolores Schlenker, who was engaged to her son, Dave. She and Miles were over to the Schlenker home for dinner with Dolores' parents on August 28.

All of this business was related to a pending move that Hattie and Miles were going to make to California, where she might enjoy a much more leisurely lifestyle than in North Dakota. By this time her daughter, Dorothea, and son, Dave, were already in Southern California and were having a house built for them in Santa

Monica. They took Dolores Schlenker with them and after a short visit to Lois' home in Boise, Idaho, they made it to California in late September, 1938. Dolores got a job in Los Angeles and lived with them at their home until Dave could get leave from the Navy and come home for the wedding.

Hattie sent a letter to the Schlenker family in early January, 1939, telling them what was happening in California. The January 5, 1939, Sherwood Tribune reported her letter as follows:

"Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Schlenker recently had a letter from the M. J. McLane family in which was contained some interesting news of former Sherwood folks. The McLanes entertained on Christmas for Mrs. Maude Taylor and son, George, of Portland, Ore., and for Joe Burns of Los Angeles. Mrs. Taylor and son went on to San Diego for New Year's holiday. On December 27th Wm. Asby and Leonard Schiffman were overnight guests of the McLanes. The winter there has been perfect and in five days the rain has amounted to 7.25 inches. All of the folks have employment, and are enjoying California immensely."

In May 25, 1939, Dave and Dolores were married at St. Augustine Church in Culver City, California. All of Hattie's children were present for the wedding. Even Jim and Lois came all the way from Boise, Idaho.

In September of 1939, Hattie became seriously ill when a tumor was discovered. She underwent surgery to remove the tumor and had a hysterectomy. She received blood transfusions from Miles and her son Pat.

Soon, Pat married Enid McLean on October 26, 1939. In 1940, Hattie's first three grandchildren were born. Jim and Lois had a daughter, Dave and Dolores had a son, and Pat and Enid had a son. Hattie enjoyed being close to her grandchildren and having them over to visit. She always kept in touch by writing letters to her family in both North Dakota and

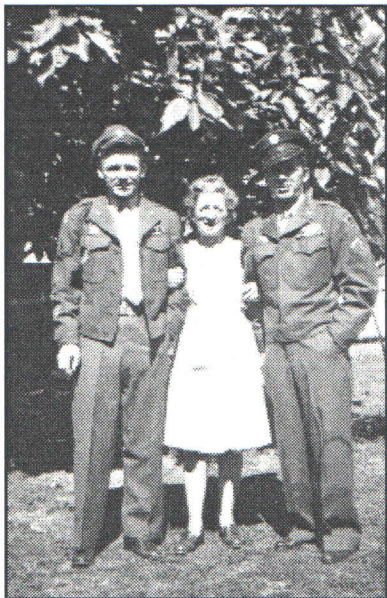
Minnesota. To her nephew and his wife she wrote the following on the back of a Christmas card:

"Dear Vic & Amy, We were pleased to get the pictures of Patty & Jimmy and hope to get more this year. Sounds like terrific weather back there now. We get the Mohall paper and read about the oil wells back there. It's nice the children are so close to school in that kind of weather. I take it you are still in Russell or did you get moved? But what would our folks do then. I want to read Chet's and you folks letters. Seems I've got writers cramp now. This is about the last letter, the rest are only to be signed and addressed. Love to you all now and God bless you, Aunt Hattie."

The years of World War II were difficult for Hattie as all three of her sons were serving in combat zones. Dave was in the Navy submarine service in the Pacific. Pat was in the Army infantry in the Philippines. Brian was in the Army air corp in Belgium. She was proud that her family could be so patriotic to send all of their eligible men to serve in the "great war." But, she prayed the rosary every day for their safe return.

Hattie's home was always a place where family was welcomed, especially her growing batch of grandchildren. Her Santa Monica home had only two small bedrooms and one bathroom, but it had a large yard with plenty of room to play. When all her children were there with their kids, she would manage to find a place for everyone to sleep. Some on the couch, some on the floor, and for the smaller kids she would push two living room chairs together and make a little bed. She also loved to have a grandchild over, one at a time, to spend a few days with her. She would show them how to bake bread, make donuts, and other fun things.

After Miles died in 1957, she lived with her son, Brian, at the Barry Avenue house for many years. When Miles died she purchased their



Hattie with Brian and Pat upon their return from World War II in 1946 in Santa Monica

cemetery plots at Holy Cross cemetery for \$350.00. Eventually Brian built a new house on Charnock Road in West Los Angeles and Hattie moved in with him where she lived out her days. She enjoyed her later years visiting with family and friends. She often took flights back to Minnesota to visit her sisters and Jensen relatives as well she had Brian take her to San Diego to see the Dave McLane family, to Boise, Idaho to see the Lois Servis family, and to Lancaster to see the Pat McLane and Dorthea Vonduring families. She always kept up on her correspondence.

In 1962, Hattie was preparing to make a Christmas visit to Lancaster when she wrote:

"Dec. 15, 1962"

"Dear Enid,"

"I haven't talked to Pat this week. I just remembered that this is Sat. and he is home. I know you are very busy. I am too, what with some shopping and writing letters, getting a permanent, etc. David has been taking me here and there. Now he is home and won't be back until Jan. So nice they can take this trip to Boise."

"Thank you so much for asking me over for

Christmas. I'll be very happy to come. I wish Brian would too but he has to work on Mon. before from 9 A.M. to 4:30 P.M."

"It will help poor Dort to be with us all. These holidays are going to be so hard for her. I haven't many more letters to write. Some just to address near here. Have a little shopping to do. Brian can take me to Culver Center next week. I'll bring something for the Christmas dinner like material for a fruit salad? Daniel always liked that. Think I must close. Have so much in mind that I want to do today and tomorrow. Also go to confession this afternoon. Love to you all and God bless you all. So glad I'm going to see all soon. Mom"

In another letter just three months later she wrote:

"March 25, 1963"

Dear Enid,

I'm sorry I forgot to mention having gotten your lovely birthday cards. The words are so beautiful they make me cry. Thank you all so much. It was nice being with you all last weekend. I'm always so comfortable when I'm with you. Penny came over on my birthday with a great boquet of carnations, pink and white and a lovely card. It surely is nice that she can drop in now and then. David and I went to see her one day last week. She surely has a nice apt. now with the two bedrooms and with other nice congenial people. I didn't hear from Effie all last week so I called her Sat. nite. Its possible they will get here this weekend now. I sure hope so, and get it over with. I've got other things to do too. Would it be alright if we came over some Sun. then? Brian said he would drive us over for a Sun. and go back the same day. We could have some things easy to do for dinner and I'll buy it, if that will help some. And maybe Dort will let us come over to say hello and so they can see her place.

I've got a huge ironing to do. Haven't done any for 2 weeks. We took most everything to a dryer last week. Sure is nice and get it in the



Hattie and Brian in front of the Charnock Rd. house
in West Los Angeles 1962

house so soon again instead of hanging in the garage for several days, and for what little it cost. We had a beef roast yesterday so will just warm things up today. I haven't heard from Lois for some time now. In her last letter she said the baby was eating baby foods twice a day since he was 10 days old. Looks like it will be nearly a month before I get over there now. And then there is Mike's wedding coming too. Looks like I better wait until after that. Well it won't take me long to get there once I get in a plane. Guess I will close and write a few words to Dode and to Lois. I'm reading "The mom flower" in McCalls. Hope I can leave it alone today. I've so much to do. All my love to you all and God bless you. Mom"

Hattie was active for the remainder of her life. A little less than a year after she had described her active life in those letters she became ill and was not to recover. Hattie passed away on January 29, 1964 in Los

Angeles, California. The cause of death was pneumonia though she had been hospitalized for cardiovascular with CVA (stroke). The rosary service was at Smith and Salisbury Chapel and the funeral mass was at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Culver City. Miles and Hattie are buried next to each other at Holy Cross Cemetery, 5835 West Slauson Avenue, Los Angeles, CA, graves 3 and 4 in lot 200 in the Mother of Sorrows area. She left the only property in her possession, the Barry Avenue house, to her five children.

DOROTHEA HAZEL McLANE (1907 - 1965)

Sp: Fred Vonduring (1913 - 1962)

1. Frederick Miles Vonduring (1947 -)

Dorothea Hazel McLane was born on the McLane homestead in Pleasant, North Dakota on September 5, 1907. Her parents were Miles Joseph McLane and Hattie Elvina Jensen. She was born with a cleft palate that was later corrected by surgery. At the time of her birth, her grandparents Christoffer and Kirsten Jensen's place was about a mile away from the McLane homestead. The first 13 years of her life were spent on her fathers farm where, as a child, she was known as "Dolly." Her sister Lois and her brother, Dave, also lived on the farm with her.

In 1920, she moved with her family to the town of Sherwood. She had a friend that she went to visit. The Sherwood Tribune of December 15, 1921 mentions: "*Miss Dorothy McLane spent the week end with Miss Bernice Corrigan of Colquhoun.*"

Dorothea began piano lessons at a young age. On April 6, 1922 she played a piano solo of "Eidleweiss." She also accompanied many musical acts at the summer Chautauqua events in July 1922. She furnished the music for the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Deslauriers in August of the same year.

Dorothea was also an exceptional student.

She argued for the affirmative in a debate presented by the Sherwood High School English VIII class on October 12, 1923.

During that time the family began referring to her as "Dort," which was short for Dorothea. She and her sister, Lois, held a dinner party with music, cards, and games for their friends on March 3, 1924. In July, 1924, her Aunt Effie Jensen came to visit and Dorothea returned with her to Mahnomen, Minnesota to stay at her grandparent's home. In November, 1924, she played a piano duet with Evelyn Arneson at the Sherwood High School Thanksgiving Program.

On January 30, 1925, Dorothea was the pianist for the Sherwood Orchestra at a well attended dance at the hall. On June 4, 1925, Dorothea graduated from Sherwood High School along with 11 other students. She played a piano solo as part of the evening commencement exercise. She then went on a week long outing with seven other girls and stayed at the Brady cottage at Mouse River Park. By September 1925, Dorothea had a job working for the Sherwood Tribune newspaper. Even though Dorothea was busy with her Tribune job, she found time to play the piano. On April 16, 1926, she played with the Sherwood Four orchestra at a dance engagement in Loraine. She also played a piano selection at the Parent - Teacher meeting on September 16, 1926.

Dorothea was very smart and a very good student. She was accepted to start at the Minot State Teachers College in September, 1926. This gave her a chance to live away from the McLane household in the much larger city of Minot, North Dakota. However, she came home to Sherwood during the holiday breaks working at the Sherwood Tribune during the summer.

On April 12, 1928, Dorothea underwent surgery at the McCannel Hospital in Minot to correct the cleft palate she was born with and

eliminate the related speech impediment. During the required operations, her parents were at her side giving her support. By May 17, 1928, she had recovered and back working at the Sherwood Tribune. On September 29, 1928 she returned to her college at Minot. Dorothea graduated from the teachers college on June 14, 1929. The June 20, 1929, Sherwood Tribune published the following about this event:

"Among the students who completed the standard two year course at the Minot State Teachers College June 14th and received their diplomas were Miss Dorothea McLane of this city and Miss Inga Roble of Souris. Miss McLane will teach in the local schools the coming year. Her mother, Mrs. M. J. McLane, and her sister Lois, accompanied by Mrs. H. Marsland and Miss Leona Wattles, motored to Minot to be present at the graduation exercises. Miss Roble formerly resided in Sherwood; she has a position in the Crosby schools."

Dorothea began her teaching career when the Sherwood schools opened on September 16, 1929. She was assigned to teach the 3rd and 4th grades. On September 18, 1929, Dorothea played a piano solo at the Parent - Teacher Association meeting of the school year. During the Thanksgiving break Dorothea went to Fargo to see her sister, Lois. Dorothea occasionally filled in whenever the Sherwood Tribune staff needed her help as well. In May of 1930, Dorothea's appointment with the Sherwood school for the 3rd and 4th grade class was renewed for the next school year. On June 6, 1930, she played the recessional on the piano at the Sherwood High School commencement exercises in which her brother Dave graduated. On June 8, she departed for Fargo to visit her sister, Lois, and from there she went to Minnesota to visit her aunts and grandparents. She returned to Sherwood on August 26.

Dorothea began her second year of

teaching the 3rd and 4th grade class. Her Christmas vacation was spent with her sister, Lois, in Fargo. In April 1931, she was once again selected to teach the 3rd and 4th grade class. In September, her little brother, Brian, entered the 3rd grade and was enrolled in her class.

The fall of 1932 brought a significant change to Dorothea's life. She was accepted into the Otis Art school in Los Angeles, California. She left October 1, 1932 and caught a ride with a family from Minot that was headed to Los Angeles. They traveled via Yellowstone National Park and Salt Lake City. Little did Dorothea know at the time that her move to Los Angeles would eventually contribute to the move of most of the McLane family to Los Angeles and result in all of their descendants becoming California natives.

In June of 1933, Dorothea was surprised by a visit from her brother, Dave, who had hitchhiked to California with a friend. Upon his return to Sherwood, he reported that Dorothea had finished her first year at art school and looking for part time work during the summer. She eventually found employment during her school breaks as a nanny. In February of 1934, Dorothea was visited by the publisher of the Sherwood Tribune, Mr. E. L. Penn, who was in California on vacation. She was doing part-time work in an office at the time. Also during 1934, she was occasionally saw her brother, Dave, who was in the Navy stationed at San Diego.

By 1934, Dorothea had established quite an independent life in California. She roomed with Bob and Maxine Lamon in Hollywood. Bob was a chauffeur for the CEO of Richfield Oil Company. She was married for a very short period of time to an unknown person who was a taxi driver. She never talked about that part of her life. She lived through the 1935 Long Beach earthquake which affected the entire Los Angeles area.



Dorothea McLane while she was attending the Otis Art School in Los Angeles about 1933

In the summer of 1938, she and her brother, Dave, were instrumental in urging their parents to relocate to Southern California. They even began the process of having a house built for them in Santa Monica, California. It seems that Dorothea located the lot for the house as it was in the same neighborhood where her friends the Lamons had built a house. Dorothea was the reception committee of one, welcoming her family to their new home in California in September of 1938. She was present at St. Augustine Catholic Church in May of 1939 when her brother Dave was married to Dolores Schlenker.

During World War II, Dorothea worked at Douglas Aircraft in Santa Monica. She met Fred Vonduring and they were married in about 1944. Fred already had a 3 year old daughter, Barbara Ann, from his first marriage. He was employed at Technicolor.

Fred and Dorothea eventually moved to a

home in Tujunga, California. They had a son, Frederick Miles Vonduring, on March 20, 1947. Fred and Dorothea lived as a family with Barbara and "little" Freddie. They often visited with her parents, Miles and Hattie, as well as her sister and brothers.

Dorothea's husband Fred died of an unexpected heart attack at age 48 on February 8, 1962. After Fred's death, she relocated to Lancaster, California to be near her brother Pat where she would continue to raise her son, Fred.

Dorothea died in Lancaster on August 20, 1965 due to complications of diabetes. She and her husband Fred are buried at the San Fernando Mission Cemetery in San Fernando, California.

LOIS EDNA McLANE (1910 - 2000)

Sp: James Servis (1910 - 2002)

1. Judy Servis (1940 -)
2. Nancy Anne Servis (1943 -)
3. Patty (1946 -)

Lois Edna McLane was born on the McLane homestead in Pleasant, North Dakota on September 8, 1910. Her parents were Miles Joseph McLane and Hattie Elvina Jensen. The first 10 years of her life were spent on her father's farm. Her sister, Dorothea (also known as Dolly), and her brother, Dave, also lived on the farm with her. She grew up on the farm and her sister Dolly was her primary playmate.

In 1920, she moved with her family into the town of Sherwood. She and her sister now were able to have more friends in town. On March 2, 1924, Lois and her sister had a dinner party at their home with music, cards and games. On July 10, 1924, Lois, along with 21 classmates, earned her eighth grade diploma.

In June 1925, Lois went with her sister and five other girls to stay at the Brady cottage at Mouse River Park. On July 16, 1925, Lois was taken to the Kenmare hospital for emergency

surgery for appendicitis.

Lois was interested in dramatic performances when she was young. She was among the cast of characters for the performance of "The Gypsy Rover" presented by the Sherwood High School glee club on February 11, 1927. She gave a talk on school pictures at the high school on April 27, 1927. Two days later she played the part of Mrs. Colquhoun in "All of a Sudden Peggy." She gave the welcoming address at the Junior-Senior Prom on May 6, 1927.

In July 1927, she went with her family to Minnesota to see her grandparents. When she returned, she helped to sell season tickets for the winter lyceum (a series of lectures and debates) course sponsored by the high school. She and Mae Burns sold the highest number of tickets and both received a box of chocolates as a prize.

Lois learned at an early age how to assist in managing businesses. She began by assisting her father in keeping track of billing and receiving for his dray business. On December 29, 1927 she became employed by Lane Hardware in Sherwood assisting with invoicing.

In May of 1928, Lois graduated from Sherwood High School. On June 21, 1928, Lois and four other girls were called to the Chautauqua platform to be complemented for their sale of tickets and each given a box of candy as a prize. By October 1928, Lois was employed at the Sherwood Tribune when her sister Dorothea's departure to teacher's college created a vacancy.

Lois entertained a number of young people at her home on January 27, 1929. On April 11, 1929, Lois was among the cast for the presentation of "The Adventures of Grandpa." The Sherwood Tribune reported the following concerning her performance:

"Mrs. Tod Hunter was very ably taken by Lois McLane. Her interpretation of Lucy, "our dear little wife," left nothing to be desired.

With great efficiency she proved her ability as an actress."

On August 29, 1929, Lois pursued her interest in business by moving to Fargo, North Dakota to attend the Interstate Business College. Her parents arrived in Fargo the following month for a visit to see that she had settled in alright. In May 1930, she and Sherwood and college friend Helen Flem returned to Sherwood for a weekend visit. In June 1930, her sister Dorothea came to visit her in Fargo. By July, Lois was back in Sherwood and went on a camping trip with five other girls to Lake Metigoshe.

After graduating from the Interstate Business College, Lois accepted a temporary secretarial position in a doctor's office in Fargo on July 17, 1930. On March 21, 1931, she came back to Sherwood for a visit. She was unemployed until September 1931, when she got a job in Minneapolis, Minnesota working in the same office as her friend, Helen Flem. She was still employed there through January of 1932. She finished that job and returned to Sherwood on April 15, 1932. She enjoyed a short vacation and then went on to Fargo where she had a new job awaiting. Her position was a stenographer and bookkeeper for the Weber Poster Advertising Agency. Her brother, Dave, came to visit her there in September of 1932.

Lois was back in Sherwood on December 11, 1932, when she and her brother Dave entertained a number of friends at a waffle party at their home. She joined the Alumni Dramatic Club while in Sherwood and on February 15, 1933 she was in the cast of "Madam the Boss."

By August, 1933, Lois was employed by the J. A. Culls Company in Fargo. Mr. Culls was a friend of her father Miles when Mr. Culls had lived in Sherwood. Lois was employed as a stenographer. The J.A. Culls Company was an auditing firm. Her roommate there had a

friend that she wanted Lois to meet. Her roommate soon introduced her to James Servis who had attended engineering school at North Dakota State Agricultural College. James graduated from college in 1933 and they began to see each other. In September 1933, Lois' brother Dave came to visit her in Fargo.

In May 1934, Lois returned to Sherwood to spend a few days with her parents and local friends and returned to her job with J. A. Cull on May 15. She was once again home for Christmas in 1934. On December 30 she caught a ride with a Sherwood family to Minot on her way home to Fargo.

On June 3, 1936, Lois' mother, Hattie, was hostess to a small group of ladies gathered in honor of Lois' arrival home. It seems the special welcome home was to celebrate Lois' announced wedding plans. A wedding shower was held in her honor as well and the June 11, 1936 Sherwood Tribune printed the following article:

"Shower for Miss McLane,

At the home of Mrs. Harry Marsland, Thursday evening of the last week, Miss Lois McLane, who was here on a vacation visit at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McLane, was guest of honor at a miscellaneous parcel shower.

Hostesses of the evening, with Mrs. Marsland, were Mesdames Wm. Hoppe, H. M. Horgen, C. H. Budke, Mary Rowan, and W. J. Connole.

Fifty guests were present at the party, and bridge and whist were the diversions of the evening.

Miss McLane received a large assortment of household gifts, which were presented to her in a large basket, appropriately trimmed in pink and white. At the close of the evening, a light lunch was served.

Miss McLane left for Fargo Sunday where she will resume her position with the J. A. Cull & Co. auditing firm, until the time of her

marriage, the date of which has not been definitely set."

Lois' fiancée Jim Servis was living in Idaho to begin his career as an engineer with the Idaho Power Company, and to be with his parents who were living there. Apparently things had moved towards their wedding much faster than indicated in the Sherwood Tribune. When Jim's parents came back to Fargo for a visit with family and friends, Lois returned to Idaho with them. Jim and Lois were married on July 20, 1936 in Boise, Idaho. The August 6, 1936, Sherwood Tribune published the following article about their wedding:

"Miss Lois McLane Weds Idaho Man,

A wedding of much local interest occurred Monday, July 20, when Miss Lois E. McLane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Miles J. McLane, of Sherwood, was married to Mr. James Servis, of Payette, Idaho.

Mrs. Servis was gowned in a costume of orchid print silk crepe with matching accessories.

Attending the couple was the groom's mother, and Thomas Purton, an intimate friend.

Mrs. Servis grew to womanhood in Sherwood. She was graduated from the local high school with the class of 1928, and later was graduated from the Interstate business college of Fargo. For a number of years she had been employed in Fargo, and for the past three years or more held a stenographic position with the J. A. Cull and company of that city. She was at one time employed with the Tribune.

Mr. Servis was graduated from the North Dakota State Agricultural college from the electrical engineering department, and while attending school there was affiliated with the Delta Tau Epsilon fraternity. He is now an electrical engineer with the Idaho Power Company at Boise.

Mr. and Mrs. Servis will make their home

at Boise.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Servis was honor guest at several pre-nuptial showers at Fargo, among which was a crystal and glass shower, a bathroom shower, and a personal shower; and while visiting her parents here in June was honor guest at a miscellaneous parcel shower by a group of friends here."

Jim and Lois settled into their lives in Boise, Idaho. In July of 1938, they, along with Jim's parents, traveled back to Sherwood to visit her parents who were preparing for a move to California. They returned to Boise and then in September of 1938, her parents, along with her brothers Pat and Brian and Dolores Schlenker, stopped by for a visit on their way west to California.

In May of 1939, Jim and Lois traveled to California to see the McLane family and to attend the wedding of her brother Dave to Dolores Schlenker. Lois filled in as a bridesmaid and Jim was best man.

On June 1, 1940, Jim and Lois had a



Lois McLane Servis in Santa Monica about 1947

daughter, Judy Servis. Their daughter, Nancy Anne Servis, was born on August 25, 1943 and their daughter, Patty Servis, was born June 4, 1946.

Jim and Lois lived their entire lives in Boise and raised their children there. They saw many visits from her sister and brothers and their families. They also often went on visits to California. Lois died on January 18, 2000. She is buried at Morris Hill cemetery in Boise near the gravestone of her brother Brian McLane. Her obituary appeared in the Idaho Statesman as follows:

"Lois Edna Servis, 89, of Boise, passed away peacefully following a short illness on Tuesday, Jan. 18, 2000, at a Boise hospital.

A funeral service will be held, 2 p.m., Friday, Jan. 21, at Holy Apostles Catholic Church, 828 West Cherry Lane, Meridian, Idaho, with Reverend Timothy Ritchey presiding. Burial to follow at Morris Hill Cemetery. Services are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

Lois was born on Sept. 8, 1910, in Sherwood, N.D., to Miles and Hattie McLane. She graduated from Interstate Business College in Fargo, N.D.

She met and later married James F. Servis on July 20, 1936. To this union were born three daughters, Judy, Nancy and Patty. Lois was extremely proud of her family and spent many happy hours in conversations with them. There are many close friends who were associated with Idaho Power Company with whom she stayed in touch. Lois was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Boise.

She is survived by her husband of 64 years, James F. Servis of Boise; her daughters, Judy McNeley and her husband Ron, Nancy Gearhard, and Patty Montoya and her husband, Benji of Denver, Colo.; and one brother, Pat McLane and his wife, Enid of Meridian. Lois, had eight grandchildren, Scot/Katie McNeley of Twin Falls, Todd/Denise

McNeley, and Timm McNeley of Boise, Amy/Shayne Wallace of Potage, Mich., Jessica and Stephanie Gearhard of Boise, Tanya Nielsen of Grand Rapids, Mich., and Troy Nielsen of Denver, Colo. There are two great-granddaughters, Abby and Hannah McNeley of Twin Falls, and several nieces and nephews.

Lois was preceded in death by her parents, Miles and Hattie McLane; one sister; two brothers; her son-in-law, Michael Gearhard; and one infant grandson."

DAVID MILES McLANE (1912 - 1995)

Sp: Dolores Schlenker (1919 - 1995)

1. Michael David McLane (1940 -)
2. Diane Marie McLane (1942 -)
3. Teresa Louise McLane (1954 -)

David Miles McLane was born on the McLane homestead in Pleasant, North Dakota on September 16, 1912. His parents were Miles Joseph McLane and Hattie Elvina Jensen. The first eight years of his life were spent on his father's farm. His sister, Dorothea (also known as Dolly), and his sister, Lois, also lived on the farm with him. His older sisters helped to look after him.

In 1920, David and his family moved to the town of Sherwood. On February 24, 1926, Dave gave a party at his home in honor of Clinton Sibert and the rest of the junior basketball team. On June 17, 1926, Dave, along with 16 other classmates, successfully completed his eighth grade work. On August 6, 1926, Dave got his first job at Weaver Hardware store in Sherwood. Dave started high school on September 16, 1926 and was immediately elected freshman class vice-president. On December 30, 1926, Dave, along with his brother Pat, had their tonsils removed.

Dave joined the new Boy Scout troop in Sherwood. In February 1927 he passed his tenderfoot tests. On March 30, 1927, Dave assisted in a school presentation which was a

pretend "radio" show featuring musical and reading numbers. Dave's part was acting out the introduction by turning the "radio" on and listening in. In July 1927, Dave went with his family to Minnesota to visit his Grandpa and Grandma Jensen.

In September 1928, Dave went with his father and the rest of the Boy Scout troop on a campout out to Axel Johnson Park, west of the Mouse River.

Dave was always interested in basketball. On March 9, 1929, he and three friends went to a basketball tournament in Crosby, North Dakota. On the way home the next day, they visited the coal mines south of Columbus. On March 21, 1929, Dave was initiated into the Workmen Lodge fraternal order. By April 1929, Dave had a job as a delivery boy for the Co-operative Store. In that spring season, Dave was also playing left field for the Sherwood High School baseball team. In the Fall 1929, Dave played right half-back on the football team and a forward on the basketball team when that season arrived. The basketball

team had 19 victories and only one defeat that season. In May 1929, Dave was among those chosen for the cast of the senior play. Dave graduated from high school at the commencement exercises on June 5, 1929. Incidentally, his sister Dorothea played the recessional on the piano that night.

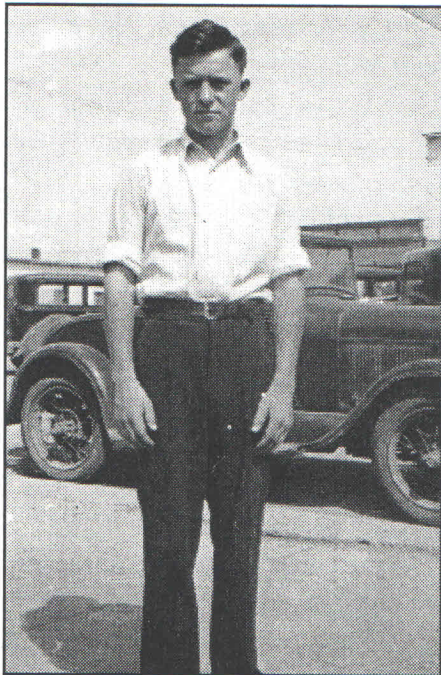
After high school, Dave spent most of his time working for his father on the Sherwood Dray Line. The August 14, 1930 Sherwood Tribune reported the following about one of his episodes:

"David McLane and Buddy Jechort were thrown from one of the McLane dray line wagons Wednesday when it lurched forward suddenly and narrowly escaped serious injury. David landed on his head and thanks his lucky stars that his neck was not broken. Buddy's arms, face, and back were bruised and cut and it was first feared one arm was broken."

In June of 1931, Dave took great interest in Sherwood's new golf course. It seems he was swinging a golf club while walking down the sidewalk in Sherwood. He was walking next to the bank building when the head of his golf club flew off and crashed through the bank window. In July, 1931, Dave was on the crew assigned to maintain golf course green number 9.

In September, 1932, Dave went with two other Sherwood men to Valley City, North Dakota, to work the harvest and threshing season. Dave stopped by Fargo when he finished to visit his sister Lois. Then when Lois was visiting Sherwood, she and Dave had a waffle party at their parents' home for their friends in December 1932.

On February 15, 1933, Dave and his fellow members of the Sherwood High School Alumni Dramatic Club presented the play "Madam to Boss." The Sherwood Tribune reported that the "common" character of the cast was very characteristically taken by David McLane.



Dave McLane in Sherwood about 1930

It was the depression years and David found jobs here and there, but always returning to work for his father on the dray line. The May 25, 1933 Sherwood Tribune expressed his situation when he and some friends hitch-hiked to California to seek employment:

"Like Thousands of other young men of the nation who have no steady job and no immediate future prospects, David McLane, Joe Burns and Wilbur Johnson have left "for the west." They may find something to do; they may be back. In no case are they to be criticized. Four other local boys returned last evening, after a fruitless jaunt out into the "cold hard world."

Dave and his friends were unsuccessful and the June 29, 1933 Sherwood Tribune provided the following story of their trip:

"Wilbur Johnson and David McLane returned from Los Angeles, Calif. last Thursday where they had been for a month. Most of the time while there they were guests of Wm. Phillips and of the G. H. Miller family. They say that jobs are hard to get, David being able to work only about a week while away. They report that all the former Sherwood folks living there are well and send greetings to local friends. Miss Dorothea McLane who has been attending an art school there has finished her first year and expects to get part time work during her vacation, and will enroll in the school again next year. Returning, the boys drove a \$10 Chevrolet they picked up from L. A. into South Dakota, where they had a "break down" and sold the machine for \$15.00." The coming years would prove that Dave's taste for living in California was far from over.

In September of 1933, Dave went to visit his sister, Lois, in Fargo and made another attempt to find employment there. By December, he was back in Sherwood where he was elected guide in the Workmen Lodge. He also had a time of temporary employment in Havre, Montana. Dave ended his long quest

for permanent employment by enlisting in the Navy. On March 22, 1934, Dave was in Minneapolis taking the Navy entrance examination. Then upon his enlistment, the May 10, 1934 Sherwood Tribune published the following article:

"David McLane Enlists in Navy,

David M. McLane, of Sherwood, enlisted in the Navy at Minneapolis, Minnesota on May 5th, according to word reaching Sherwood the first of the week. He had left last week end for Grand Forks; and from there went to Minneapolis where his enlistment papers were completed.

Mr. McLane left for the Naval training station at San Diego, Calif., where he will complete a 12 weeks training period before being sent aboard ship.

Mr. McLane is the son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McLane of Sherwood and was graduated from the local high school several years ago, and has since been helping his father on the local dray line.

Incidentally, Mr. McLane is the first man to enlist in the Navy from Renville county for over two years, according to the Navy Recruiting station at Minneapolis.

A number of friends gathered to tender "Dave" a farewell party the evening before he left to join the navy."

In September 1934, Dave was assigned to his first ship which was stationed at Pearl Harbor in Honolulu, Hawaii. While still in Hawaii in June 1935, Dave was assigned to the submarine service and participated in some Naval maneuvers in the Pacific.

For Christmas of 1937, Dave was in Sherwood on leave. On December 27, he attended the Sherwood High School Alumni Party. At the party he became acquainted with Dolores Schlenker who graduated in the class of 1937. Dolores was a Sherwood girl, but when Dave last lived in Sherwood she was only in the freshmen class. She must have been

impressed by this man in a Navy uniform which didn't happen very often in Sherwood. Unfortunately, Dave had to leave the following day for a new assignment in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. He and Dolores obviously had to have a long distance courtship through writing each other letters. By August 1938, Dave and Dolores were engaged. The August 18, 1938 Sherwood Tribune carried the following article about her wedding shower:

"Shower Held For Miss Schlenker,

Tuesday evening of this week, the Harry Marsland home was the scene of a miscellaneous shower honoring Miss. Dolores Schlenker whose engagement to David M. McLane has been announced, the wedding to take place in December.

Using a Navy theme, the rooms were prettily decorated in blue and white for the fifty some guests who were present at the affair.

Misses Helen Magnuson and Willa Schlenker, dressed as sailors, brought in a large basket which was decorated to represent a ship. This was white with a large sail and blue lettering, "U. S. Navy" on the sides. The basket contained the gifts for the bride elect, and on the deck of the ship were "Pop Eye and Oliveoyle."

Bridge and whist were played during the evening as entertainment. The hostesses, the Mesdames Marsland, Ole Stavem, Oscar S. Lodmel; Hans Horgen and Freda White; and the Misses Virdene Fuller and Ethel Lund, served a lunch at eleven o'clock.

Miss Schlenker will leave in September for the west coast where she will meet Mr. McLane who is in the U. S. Navy, and will be married in December."

Afterwards, Dolores prepared to make the trip to California with Dave's parents, Miles and Hattie, and their two sons, Pat and Brian. Dolores' parents had the McLane family over for dinner as a farewell on August 28, 1938. They departed for California on September 7

with a stop at Dave's sister Lois' home in Boise, Idaho. Dolores stayed at the McLane home in Santa Monica, California until Dave was on leave from the Navy.

On May 20, 1939, Dave and Dolores were married in Culver City, California. The May 25, 1939 Sherwood Tribune published the following article about the event:

"Dolores Schlenker Married in Calif.,

A wedding of local interest took place Saturday morning, May 20th at 10 o'clock in the St. Augustines Rectory at Culver City, California, when Miss Dolores C. Schlenker of Sherwood became the bride of Mr. David M. McLane, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McLane, 3710 Barry Ave., Los Angeles, California. The Rev. Leo J. Murphy performed the ceremony.

The bride wore a floor length gown of pastel pink chiffon with a smocked jacket. Her veil of pink silk tulle was elbow length and held in place by a tiara of rose buds. Her bouquet was colonial style of Madame Finch roses, gardenias and staffnolias tied with blue ribbons.

Mrs. James Servis of Boise, Idaho, was bridesmaid. She wore a gown of pale green taffeta with a peach jacket and wore a corsage of white gardenias.

The groom wore the Navy suit of blue, his best man was Mr. James Servis, (brother-in-law).

Those present at the wedding were: Mr. and Mrs. M. J. McLane and sons, Pat and Brian, Miss Dorothy McLane, Mr. George Dixon, Miss Ruth Halldorson, Mr. Jerry Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Ribb, Mr. and Mrs. Sondu Bohm, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Vale and Barbara and Betty Ann Vale.

Both Mr. and Mrs. David McLane are both graduates of Sherwood high school. Mr. McLane is with the U. S. Navy as 2nd class electrician mate on the U. S. S. Stingray.

After a short honeymoon through Mexico the young couple will make their home at 4534

University Ave., San Diego, California. July 1st Mr. McLane will be transferred to Hawaii."

During most of his Navy career, Dave and Dolores resided in the San Diego area where their children were born. Michael David McLane was born June 19, 1940, and Diane Marie McLane was born August 30, 1942.

Dave was in the submarine service during World War II in the Pacific. He was aboard the submarine *Grayback* off Formosa Strait in Asian waters, at a depth of more than 400 feet, when it lost power while enemy depth charges exploded nearby. His quick work as an electrician restored power to the submarine and enabled it to escape. His role in saving its crew earned him the silver star. He also saw action in the Korean War.

Dave and Dolores were living in San Diego in 1951 and were present as Godparents to their nephew, (Pat & Enid's son) Dennis, for his baptism at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Culver City in August. Their daughter, Teresa Louise, was born in San Diego on



The McLane family men upon the return of Dave McLane from World War II in 1946. From left to right, Pat, Brian, Jim Servis, Dave, and Miles

December 9, 1954. Shortly after that they moved to Hawaii. They returned to California when Dave retired from the Navy in 1959 as a warrant officer. He had received many commendations during his 25 year Navy career. Upon their return, they visited the Pat McLane home in Lancaster, California, a sort of family reunion.

After retirement, Dave and Dolores settled in the El Cajon, California area. For a while Dave had a job in the Los Angeles area. He stayed with his mother and brother, Brian, during the week and return home to El Cajon on the weekends. Later he got a job as an electrician for Rohr Industries in Chula Vista, California until retiring in 1979. He enjoyed bowling and playing handball and belonged to the Retired Officers Association and Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Cajon, where he had been affiliated with the Young Men's Institute. David died in El Cajon on June 28, 1995 of complications from Parkinson's disease. Dolores died November 1, 1995. The following obituary was published about Dave in the San Diego Union:

"David M. McLane, 82; earned Silver Star for saving crew of WWII sub,

David M. McLane, whose quick work as an electrician restored power to a Navy submarine and enabled it to escape danger during World War II, died Wednesday at Magnolia Special Care Center in El Cajon. He was 82.

Mr. McLane, a San Diego County resident for 55 years, died of complications from Parkinson's disease.

He was aboard the submarine Grayback off Formosa Strait in Asian waters, at a depth of more than 400 feet, when it lost power while enemy depth charges exploded nearby.

His role in saving its crew earned him the Silver Star, one of many commendations he received during his 25-year Navy career.

But that was to be the last successful patrol

for the Grayback, which was lost at sea its next time out. By then, Mr. McLane had been transferred to another sub, the Atule.

Mr. McLane, who also saw action in the Korean War, retired in 1959 as a warrant officer. Continuing as an electrician in civilian life, he worked at Rohr Industries in Chula Vista until retiring in 1979.

He enjoyed bowling and playing handball and belonged to the Retired Officer's Association and Holy Trinity Catholic Church in El Cajon, where he had been affiliated with the Young Men's Institute.

Mr. McLane, a native of Sherwood, N.D., is survived by his wife, Dolores; two daughters, Diane Gentellalli, of La Jolla, and Teresa McLane, of El Cajon; a son, Michael, of San Diego; a sister, Lois Servis, and a brother, James, both of Boise, Idaho; and three grandchildren.

Viewing will be from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. tomorrow at El Cajon Mortuary, 684 S. Mollison Ave. The rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. tomorrow at the mortuary. Mass will be celebrated at 10 a.m. Monday at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment will be in Greenwood Mausoleum."

JAMES PATRICK McLANE (1918 -)

Sp: Enid Ione McLean (1920 -)

1. Daniel Miles McLane (1940 -)
2. Penny Elizabeth McLane (1943 -)
3. James Patrick McLane II (1944 -)
4. Dennis Brian McLane (1951 -)
5. Timothy Shawn McLane (1960 -)

James Patrick McLane was born in Sherwood, North Dakota, on October 25, 1918. His parents were Miles McLane and Hattie Jensen. He was always known as "Pat" from his youth on. The name stuck so well that he was practically an adult when he found out his name was James Patrick rather than Patrick James. He is still know as Pat to this day. His

life will be described in a following chapter.

BRIAN HENRY McLANE (1923 -1988)

Brian Henry McLane was born December 6, 1923, in Sherwood, North Dakota. His parents were Miles McLane and Hattie Jensen. In June of 1927, when he was four years old, he went with his family to Minnesota to see his grandparents, Christoffer and Kirsten Jensen.

In September of 1929, Brian started the first grade. In November, 1929, he was recognized for perfect attendance in his first two months and led his class in reading. His perfect attendance continued through December and he was rewarded with a birthday party with 20 of his friends on December 6.

Brian was ill and confined to his bed for part of a week in July 1924. In May 1930, Brian had a perfect paper in arithmetic. In November 1930, he had another perfect arithmetic score. He was also an A student in phonics.

On June 29, 1931, Brian went with his family to spend part of the day at Lake Metigoshe and then to a picnic at Lake Des Lacs on the following Sunday. In September 1931, Brian moved into the 3rd and 4th grade class where his new teacher was his sister Dorothea.

In January, 1932, Brian had his arm in a sling having sprained it playing basketball. In March, he got an A on his reading test. In June 1932, he received recognition for a full year of perfect attendance. In August 1932, he went on a picnic with his family to the Parker Buffalo Ranch.

In August 1933, Brian went with his family to Minnesota and Fargo. They visited his grandparents and aunts in Minnesota and his sister Lois in Fargo. On August 27, 1933, he received his first holy communion at St. James Catholic Church. On July 19, 1934, Brian was confirmed in the Catholic Church at St. James.

He also served as altar boy for the first time during the mass with Fr. John J. Heinz.

In September 1934, Brian was elected vice president of the 5th and 6th grade class. In January 1934, Brian and a friend named Billy Branchflower helped to gather some news stories for the Sherwood Tribune.

On September 18, 1934, Brian was elected as cheerleader for the Sherwood junior high school. Brian's New Year's resolution for 1935 was "to work, but not very hard!" Brian's nickname in school was "Mick."

In November of 1937, Brian was part of the Sherwood high school Dramatic Club and was on the advertising committee for the presentation of "Huckleberry Finn." On December 6, 1937, Brian received his tenderfoot badge at a Boy Scout meeting.

In September of 1938, Brian moved with his parents to Santa Monica, California. He finished high school in Venice, California in June of 1941. He got a job as an aircraft assemblyman at Douglas Aircraft.

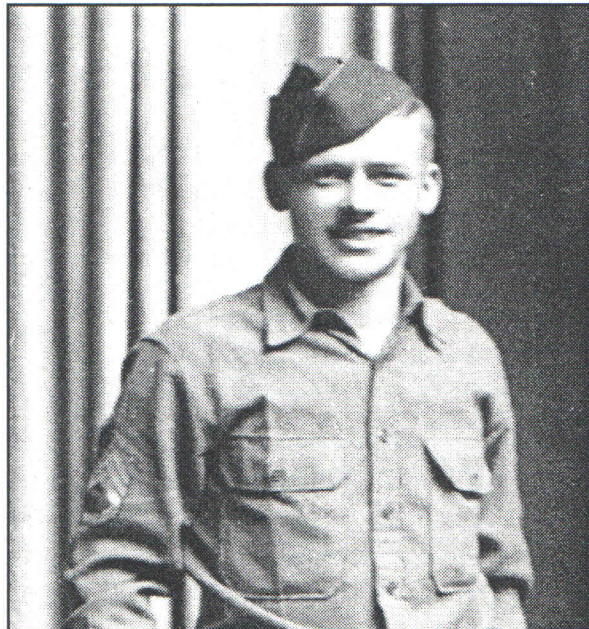
He enlisted into the Army Air Force on January 3, 1943. He was an aircraft sheet metal worker. He worked on P-47's, P-24's, and A-20's. He was stationed in Belgium in the European Theater. On September 30, 1945, he was awarded the Belgian Fourragere medal. He rose to the rank of staff sergeant before his discharge on October 16, 1945. It has been said that he had a serious girlfriend while in Belgium, but she was Belgian and not interested in going to the United States. However, Brian never discussed this story with anyone.

After the war, he found employment as a laboratory manager at Technicolor, Inc. in Los Angeles and he lived with his parents in their Santa Monica home. After his father died in 1957, he began a venture of selecting a nice building lot and having a custom home built for himself and his mother Hattie. He found a fine lot a few miles away on Charnock Road in

West Los Angeles. The lot had a nice view of Culver City and the Baldwin Hills. He had a two-level home built on the hillside. The lower level had a den and storage room that opened on the ground level on the down slope side. The front entrance was on the second level on the up slope side. The upper level deck on the backside overlooked the view. He and his mother moved in around 1959.

Brian was very meticulous about his new home. Although, in March of 1960, he hosted a baptism party in honor of his brother Pat's son Timothy being baptized. While popping the cork from a champagne bottle, he broke his new dining room fixture.

He always saw to his mother's needs to go to church and do her shopping. He let her have her friends and club members over as well. In the early sixties, he also let his brothers Pat and Dave stay with them on weekdays as they both had jobs in Los Angeles but Pat's family was living in Lancaster and Dave's family was living in San Diego. Brian's interests included being a NFL football fan. He always had



Brian McLane in Belgium about 1945. Apparently this photo had been given to his "sweetheart" in Belgium, but she returned it to him when he went home to the U.S.

season tickets to the Los Angeles Coliseum where he went to watch football.

After his mother's death in 1964, Brian lived alone. He liked his house and he also had a fancy for purchasing a new Cadillac every few years. He would go to visit his brother, Pat, or his brother, Dave, on the weekends. He also would spend his vacation time visiting his sister, Lois, in Boise, Idaho. Brian also had many local friends, one in particular, Hodecki, that was originally from Japan and rented a room from him for several years. Hodecki occasionally came with Brian to visit relatives, his Japanese cooking being a hit with the family.

Brian worked his entire career at Technicolor before retiring. He sold the house in West Los Angeles and moved to Woodland Hills, California sometime prior to that. In 1977, he underwent surgery for a kidney stone. His nephew Dennis, who was unemployed at the time, came down to the hospital to be with him. A few days later, Dennis and his wife helped him check out of the hospital and return to his home to recover.

Brian's sister, Lois, became concerned that he was alone and gave him a small poodle dog as a companion. He died alone in his home on September 27, 1988. The cause of death was spontaneous intra-cerebral hemorrhage. His little dog was still in the house by his side. His brother, Pat, was executor of his will and settled all of his affairs. His cremains are buried in Morris Hill Cemetery in Boise, Idaho as he always liked being in Idaho.

