MARY VERDILLA GLOVER

Born August 18, 1909; completed eighth grade, district 17, June, 1923; graduated, Durango, Colorado high school; died November, 1959; buried, Albuquerque, New Mexico, in grave adjoining her sister, Elizabeth.

Mary Verdilla Glover was named after her father's sister. She was the smallest of the three sisters. With her dark hair, dark brown eyes, and quick speech and movements, she resembled her father's cousin, Mrs. James Hayes. She developed a stutter when she began to talk, but had a pleasant singing voice and, like most singers, never stuttered when she sang.

Our parents communicated their love of music to us. Mother could switch from soprano to alto at will. Both Mary and Elizabeth inherited modest singing talent from their parents. Radio provided great joy to all the Golvers, but especially to Mary, who quickly memorized all the songs she heard on WDAY and other stations. When the first crystal sets came out, Fred Hay got one and invited us to spend many evenings with them. From a station in Zion City, Illinois, came marvelous concerts of sacred and secular music. Puzzling us was the belief, held by the city's residents, that the earth is flat. Today (I believe) that community is famous for the Amana Freezer!

In later years the Golvers had a radio, bringing education and entertainment to the family circle.

Mary, along with the others in her family, enjoyed going to the James Hayes' home, where one of the first Edison phonographs played such marvelous cylinders as "Listen to the Mockingbird," "The Preacher and the Bear," and numerous hymns. Before the Golvers went home, "Aunt Mary," as we called Mrs. Hayes, accompanied the group at the organ for at least half an hour of singing.

Mary did the usual farm chores for her age. In summer her job was bringing lunch and cold water to us in the field in the mid-morning and mid-afternoon. Mary shared in pulling mustard and knocking with a stick, potato bugs into cans of kerosene. Pulling mustard, in June, after school closed, wasn't too unpleasant, but no one liked the potato bug job!

When Mary was about five, Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus came to Crookston. Father took us for our first train ride — Climax to Crookston — great, in spite of soot and cinders through the open window. A trip to the dentist enabled us to view the circus parade from his balcony! Later we went to a studio to have a photograph taken. The Climax was the circus matinee. Trying to watch seven rings, plus trapeze artists and clowns was mind-boggling for country children. We left Crookston about seven o'clock and reached home about dark. What a day to report to Mother!

Mary enjoyed school, starting in the old building, constructed about the turn of the century with windows on opposite side walls, making it light, even on gloomy days; with a jacketed stove replacing a smaller one in the middle of the room, remembered by Mary and her sisters. All of us felt sad, then, but Mary sobbed as we watched from our yard the old building go up in flames one March evening after 1920. The replacement was modern for its time, and is still in use, though no longer as a school.

Other highlights for Mary and her sisters: stringing popcorn and cranberries for the Christmas tree; enjoying stories told by our parents of their lives and Pennsylvania, attending county fairs; visits from the "Bell Snicklers" during Christmas holidays.

After Mary's father died, she moved, with her mother, to Montrose, Colorado. After Mother died, she and Elizabeth were together in Albuquerque, New Mexico where both were active in the Presbyterian Church for the remainder of their lives.

JOHN A. HONG

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hong were born in Gulbrandsdal, Norway. Mr. Hong came to the United States June 15, 1883, settling near Buxton, North Dakota, where he resided nine years. He then returned to Norway for a brief visit, after which he came back to Buxton in 1892 and was married to Marie Olson, December 18, 1892. The following year, they purchased the farm near Climax, where they lived until retirement.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hong were charter members of the Climax Lutheran church. They belonged to this congregation from its very beginning, where they helped build the first church in Climax. Mr. Hong was treasurer of the church for 28 years and also collector for the church for many years. Mrs. Hong served as president and treasurer of the Ladies Aid for several years.

They were active in community affairs such as upgrading the schools, improving roads and in general seeking newer and better ways of farming. They were the first to install a Delco plant in their home to give them electric lights and power. They had seven children, three of whom are living: Albert Hong and Ruth Peterson of Crookston, and Josephine Jones of East Grand Forks, Minnesota. They have one granddaughter, Carol Haire of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

ORLAND JEVNING

Mr. and Mrs. Orland Jevning are life-long residents of Polk County. They have spent their married life at Climax, Minnesota and have resided in their present home since 1941. Mr. Jevning, nee Orvella Amundson, was born September 2, 1910, on a farm near Nielsville. Her parents were Sigrid and Alfred Amundson. She had two brothers; Arnold, now of Climax, and Forrest, who passed away in 1927. Her mother died in 1946, and her father in 1965.

Orland Jevning was born August 16, 1909 in Fisher, Minnesota to Ida and Ole Jevning. They had five children: Orland; Ronald (who died in 1974); Mrs. Arnold Amundson (Alyce); Mrs. Morris Marsten (Verna); and Mrs. Lawrence Carroll (Ruth). The Jevning family moved from Fisher to Climax in 1917. Mr. Jevning being operator of Climax Implement. Mrs. Jevning died in 1929, and Mr. Jevning in 1959. Orvella and Orland Jevning are alumni of Climax High School. They were married December 3, 1930. Orland was engaged in farming and retired in 1970. They have two sons, Jerome and Leslie: five grandchildren; and two great grandchildren.

The oldest of two boys, Jerome, was born August 27, 1931, graduated from Climax High School and attended Moorhead State College. He and his wife live in Minneapolis, where he is supervisor of certified seed department in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture. He married Solveig Hagen of Shelly, Minnesota who teaches first grade in the Anoka-Hennepin school district. They have two children: Steven is a senior at Mankato State College, and Jeri is married to Thomas Miller. They reside in Coon Rapids, Minnesota and have two children, Jennifer and Eric. Thomas is an optician in Minneapolis.

Leslie was born August 2, 1933, graduated from Climax High School, attended University of North Dakota, and graduated from the University of Minnesota School of Dentistry. He is an orthodontist in Portland, Oregon. He married Linda Petty, a native of Portland, and a dental technician. They have three children: Derek, Marshall and Bridget.

NORMAN KOBBERVIG

Norman and Elaine (Lunos)Kobbervig were married July 25, 1948 at Climax. A lawn wedding ceremony was held at the home of the bride's aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Storstrom. The Rev. Louis Olson officiated. They have lived at Climax all of their married life. They have two children, Wayne and Fay, graduated from Climax High School. Wayne is presently attending the University of North Dakota, a senior majoring in this field. Fay Ellen graduated with an associate degree from Moorhead Technical School and is employed in East Grand Forks. She and Todd Evenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Evenson of Climax, were married August 23, 1975 at the Climax Lutheran church. They make their home in East Grand Forks where Todd, upon graduating from East Grand Forks Area Vocational Institute, is employed at Preston Implement.

Norman came to Climax with his father, Theodore Kobbervig and family in 1936. He assisted his dad in the meat market