Tore Bang, United States Marshall, Crookston, Minnesota. Picture taken after his appointment in 1890.


Laura (Lottie) Bang was born in Rindahl, Norway in 1877. She married Ole Nelson. She died in 1960 at Hamilton, Montana.

George D. Bang, the eldest son of Gilbert H., was born in 1900. He married Armadine Duvall in 1934. They have three children: David, born 1941; Floellen, 1936; and Georgine, 1944. George Bang began his work with the Bottling Works in 1935, and as the Bottling Works began to grow many changes were made. A modern truck, modern ice cooler, and the first six-bottle carton for take-home business were all added in 1936. David married Karen Albright in 1965. They have three children: Michael, Kriste, and Eric.

Floellen, who married Howard Lysne in 1953, has three children: David, Leanne, and Desirer. Georgine, who married Gregory Fries in 1966, has two children, Jason and Kelly. David and Karen live in Crookston. David joined the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in 1968. Since his father's retirement, he has been elected the president of the company. David and Karen are both active in Jehovah's witness, David serving on the parish council. Karen helping with education. Both are involved in Jaycees and Mrs. Jaycees and most civic matters.

Edmund H., a second son of Gilbert H., was born in 1908. He joined the Crookston Bottling Works in 1933. He married Irene Marote on November, 1935 and they have lived in Crookston all their lives. They have three children: Donald G., born 1938; Mary Irene, born 1942, and William, born 1945. Donald married Carolyn Ferrat in 1965 and they have two children, Jody and Brandon. Mary Irene married David Ring in 1966 and they have four sons: Scott, Tom, Michael and Jon.

On April 1, 1938, the Bang Bottling Works became known as the Crookston Coca-Cola Bottling Company. Edmund H. was elected president; Charles R., vice-president; and George D., secretary-treasurer. The company soon operated five truck-routes; three out of Crookston, one out of Thief River Falls, and one out of Hallock. As the years moved on, a new automatic cooler, and a 6-flavor vending machine was added. In 1974, a new plant was built with a large capacity equipment, filter washers, water treating and an automatic high speed labeling machine.

In 1972, Donald and his family moved to Crookston and he joined the Crookston Coca-Cola Bottling Company as sales manager. This family, too, is carrying the Bang tradition of getting involved in their community. Both are active in the Cathedral parish life. Don is the president of the Cathedral Elementary school board, together with his other civic involvements. Carolyn, or Carrie as she is commonly known, is active in education, entertainment, Mrs. Jaycees, hospital auxiliary work, and Crookston in general.

Irene, a daughter of Gilbert H., was born in 1909 and married M. E. Anderson on October, 1936. They had one daughter, Sandra.

Edna, born April 1911, married Lowell Grady in July 1935. They had four sons: Dennis, Michael, Tim and Tom. Lowell died in July 1956 at the age of 52.

Florence, born May 1913, married Lyle Buchannan in June 1940. They had two sons, Bruce and Jeffery.

Tore Bang, born in Norway in 1840, died in 1905 at the age of 62. His body rests in a Crookston cemetery. His wife, Anna, born in Norway in 1840, died in 1913 at the age of 73. Dora, fondly known as Thora, Gilbert’s wife, died at the age of 94 in 1971. She leaves 13 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

**CHRISTOPHER BARNES**

Christopher Barness was born October 2, 1828 in Skenadahl, Romerike, Norway. He came to America in 1861 and settled in Norway township, Fillmore county, Minnesota to farm. Nine children were born to his wife, Martha, who died in 1873. On November 15, 1874, he married Acse Redalen, who was born February 12, 1855 in Norway. Four children were born to this marriage. They were Mina, Emma, Gust, and Lena.

Christopher served as a representative in the state legislature during the twenty-third session in 1883-1884. In 1885 he moved his family to Polk county where he farmed southeast of Crookston. In 1887 Christopher helped organize and became one of the first officers of the Hafslø Lutheran church. The church is located midway between Crookston and Melvin on Highway 102 and is still being used.

Christopher died September 24, 1899 at the age of 71 and is buried in the original Olafslø Cemetery.

Gus Barness was born February 28, 1879 at Fountain, Minnesota and came with his parents to Polk county in 1885. Gus married Gina Amundson on July 12, 1913. She was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Amundson, one of the early pioneer families of the area, and was born May 13, 1887. They farmed the Amundson farm in Fairfax township until 1921, when they

The Oyster Bay Cafe or Lunch room operated by the Gilbert Bangs in early 1900. This cafe was located at the present (1976) site of the Central Pro Gas Station. Gilbert H. is the first gentleman on the left.