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The pioneer wife would have had no need for a T.V. to help her while away the evening hours. After her day's work was done and her husband and children abed, she relaxed by spinning, knitting or sewing. Her children often dropped off to sleep to the sound of the sewing machine. She made practically all of the clothes for her family, including buckskin mittens, moccasins and perhaps a shirt and a pair of pants for her husband, made from deer hide tanned by the Indians. Mrs. Samuel Pickett would spin enough yarn for her family of seven and her son's family of five, which was probably typical of what the average pioneer woman accomplished at her spinning wheel, after she had washed and carded the fleeces of wool.

Members of Trinity Lutheran Church Ladies Aid - Celebration of the 60th anniversary of the church and the 50th anniversary of the society - 1942.

First row, L. to R., Mrs. Amelia Walters, Mrs. Harry Hermanson [Lidia], Mrs. Henrietta Neidlein Sr., Mrs. H. Plath, Mrs. Julius Mellenthin, Mrs. Albert Vanderhoof [Lidia], Mrs. Emma Ayers, Mrs. Charles Andre, Mrs. Martha Schwantes, Mrs. Arthur [Emma] Boock.


Third Row, Mrs. Andrew Peterson, Mrs. Earl [Bertha] Cramer, Mrs. Rob Felker, Mrs. Randolph [Mable] Facklam, Mrs. Willard Kobs, Mrs. Fred


Old time barn raising. Women in front are the cooks.
Russell Andrews and his favorite Companion.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Pickett and daughter, Ione, ready to go to Granton. Grandma [Sarah] Pickett in the doorway.

The annual summer get-together of the old timers. About 1940.

On their way to the cemetery on Memorial Day, L. to R., Raymond Oelrich, Spencer Graves, Wilmer Bruesewitz. Spencer Graves carried the colors for over 40 years.

Camp Fire Girls in Uniform

Camp Fire Girls out on a log before breakfast during a campout at Yellow River Dam in 1917. L. to R., Merle Pickett, Etta Rue Burnett [Leader], Madolin Sook, Lucille Graves Tack and Amy Creed.

Jean Parrette

Merle Pickett

The Damon family off for a picnic. Ina, toward the front, wearing the large hat.

He would a wooing go. Ben Burnett with his new cutter and driving horse, Dixie, 1916.
Sunday afternoon diversion in an old fashioned parlor. Note the younger brother's knee pants and fancy shoes.

Charles Luepke and his sweetheart, Susan Frothinger.

John Graves and the store's watch dog, Sultan, at the rear of the store. The dog was poisoned prior to a robbery.

Ready for a joy ride taken in front of the Ingham residence, now home of E. Schade. Car to the left with Dr. and Mrs. Soles and daughter, Bernice, car to right with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ingham and daughter, Vera. Lady by the tree is Grandma Ingham.


The above is a picture of Prof. Jas. A. Damrel and wife [1912] on Hiway 13, then called the Yellowstone Trail, in front of the John Hess Farm. They were making a coast-to-coast trip driving a team of five timber wolves and advertising Cream of Rye for the Minneapolis Cereal Co. They left the wolves over night in the Hess barn.
The home of Grandpa and Grandma Schluenz beside the old Methodist Church on Main Street. L. to R., Louis Martin, Freda Schluenz, Henrietta Schluenz Neidlein, Albert Martin, Grandpa Schluenz, [unknown], Grandma Schluenz, Sadie Kolb Children. L. to R., Will Schluenz, Otto Schluenz, Ella Schluenz, John Neidlein.

Golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Pickett at their homestead northwest of Spencer. August 13, 1904.
The J. L. Graves home on west Main St. [now the home of the Roland Schaefer] and his family, L. to R., J. D. Graves, Harley, Eva, Joyce, Mrs. J. D. Graves, Carroll in the buggy, Wayne, and Mr. and Mrs. Spencer Graves and daughter, Lucille. 1904.

Early Spencer residence of August Martin located near the site of the former Arthur Boeck residence. L. to R., Willie Martin, Amy and John Davel, Pauline and Byron Mason, Rena Martin, Alta Martin sitting on the sidewalk. Mr. and Mrs. August Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Al Martin, two ladies at extreme right are unknown.

Mrs. George B. [Grandma] Reas in front of her home.

Home built by John K. Hayward south of Spencer and west of the railroad track, replacing their "scoop" roof shanty. Members of the family in the doorway.

SPENCER HOMES OF TODAY

Home of Mrs. Irene Hildebrandt, 409 Roberts St., Spencer. Her son, Gayland, designed the home.

Newly built home of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Sawyer, 301 Pearl St., Spencer.
Logging crew at Camp No. 3 at McMillan. Note Bill Moon cutting meat at the right and an open well. From the left, front row, No. 6 is Bert Reas and his brother Fred No. 8. Second row, No. 4 is Al Trumbull.

An unusual feature marked the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Pickett. Among the 400 friends and relatives who attended the happy event were ten or twelve who, as pupils, attended the school over which Mrs. Pickett presided before her marriage. Calling these former pupils to order once more, this time on the lawn of her home, she stood by with rod in hand to maintain decorum while a picture was taken of the unusual scene as one of the "class" repeated a poem he "spoke" at a school program arranged by this teacher over fifty years ago.

The John Anderson Sawmill at Romeo.

Interior of present Anderson Sawmill

A social gathering on Dr. F. G. Strayer's lawn August 20, 1911, including some members of the Lyric Club: Front Row, L. to R., Ada Blaisdell Graves, Maude Lake Hayward, May Trumbull Hayward. Second Row, L. to R., Ina Damon, Mrs. F. G. Strayer [wife of Dr. Strayer], Edith Griffin Graves, Minnie Buggar, Irene Heath Gross, Lizzie Graves Moore. Third Row, L. to R., Amy Dygart Follette, Lila Wendell, Verna Richardson, Edna Holmes Olson, Martha Potts, Mable Langdon Gardiner, Donna Blaisell Bodie, Mable Gardiner Heath.
Spencer Milk Products-Division of M&M Candy Co.
Left to Right, Jack Neidlein, Robert Clintsman,
Rue Burnett, John Krzykowski, William Rindfleisch,
Donald Luepke, Verlyn Pockrandt, Eugene Steltenpohl,
Joe Ackerman, Dale Bowen.

Thayer lumber mill, upper left, Thayer home, upper right. This home, one of Spencer's landmarks, has recently been demolished.


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