

Frank
Schmid, Sr.
Born: July 27, 1866
in Minnie Taista,
Hennepin County,
Minnesota
Died: December 29, 1946
in Avon, Minnesota
Fact 1: December 29,
1946
Auto hit by train at 1:58
pm on Sunday.

Gertrude
Vos
Bom: July 20, 1869
in Krain Township,
Stearns County,
Minnesota
Married: September
23, 1889
in Holdingford,
Minnesota
Died: December 29,
1946
in Avon, Minnesota
Fact 1:
Buried in Catholic
Cemetary, Avon,
Minn.

Roman

Ben

MINNESOTA SCHMID'S

Francis, Sr. (Frank)	7-27-1866	12-29-1946
Gertrude (Vos)	7-17-1869	12-29-1946
Killed in car/train accident 12-29-1946		
Joseph Anton	6-20-1890	1-8-1976
Elizabeth	11-18-1891	8-4-1899
Edward	4-13-1893	4-22-1979
Elanor	2-3-1895	7-25-1927
Francis, Jr.	11-17-1896	12-20-1957
George	11-17-1896	
Roman	5-7-1898	3-22-1965
Gertrude (Gertie)	9-30-1900	9-17-1995
Ben	9-24-1902	
Harold (Harry)	11-11-1904	4-25-1983
Leo	9-5-1907	10-14-1991
Marie	6-24-1910	
Aloysius (A)	1-10-1915	3-21-1993
		60
The Voss foster children of Elanor, (Died in childbirth)		
Nestor		
Leroy		
Franklin	4	
Alfred		
Elenor	7-25-1927	



Harry

Leo

George

Gertrude

Elanor



HARRY, GEORGE, ROMAN, ED, FRANK, JOE, BEN, LEO, AL

Approximate Date of Picture____



FIND: Joe, Kate, Francis, George, Etc.



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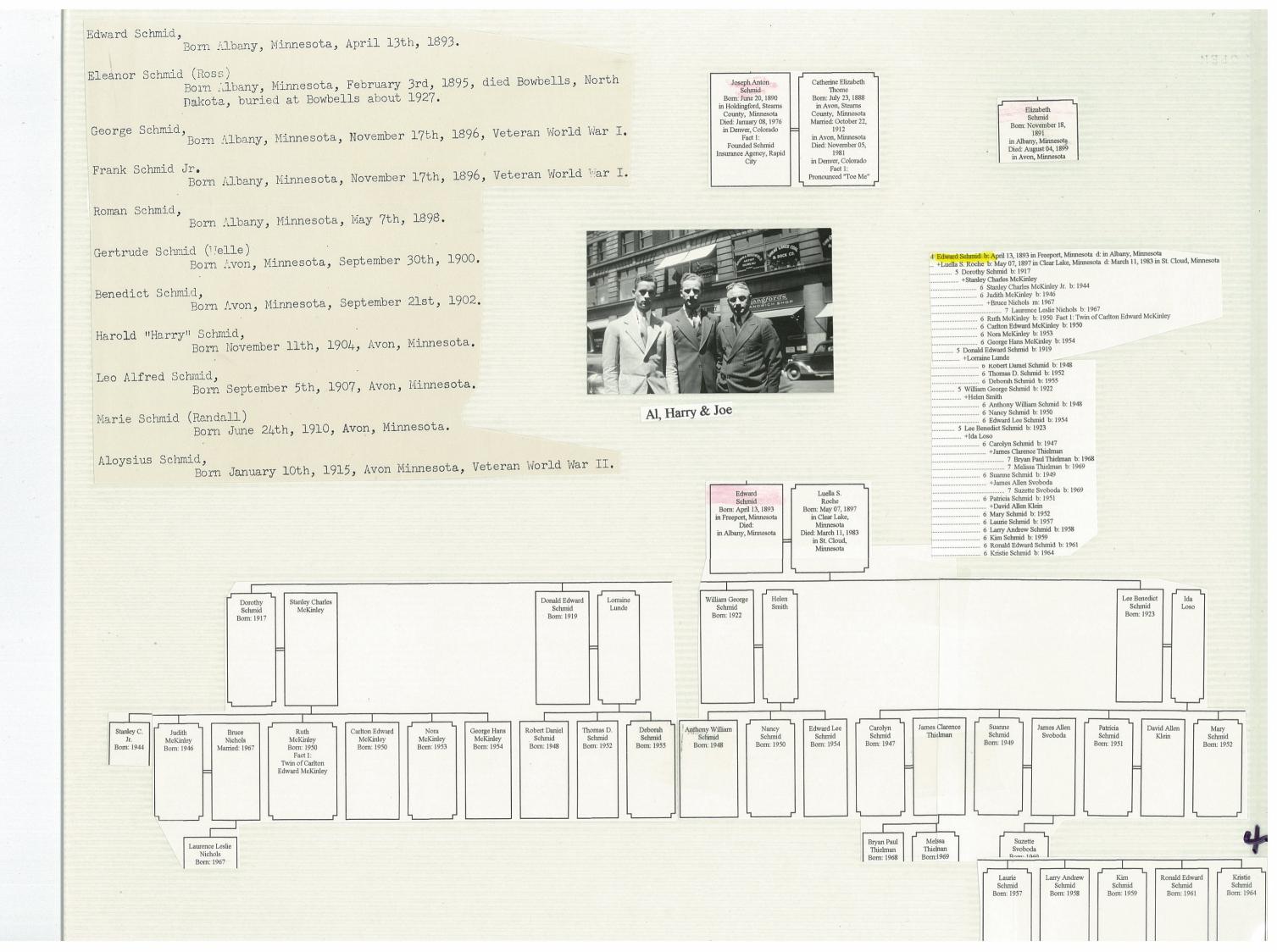
50th Wedding Anniversary of Frank & Gertruce-9/23/1939

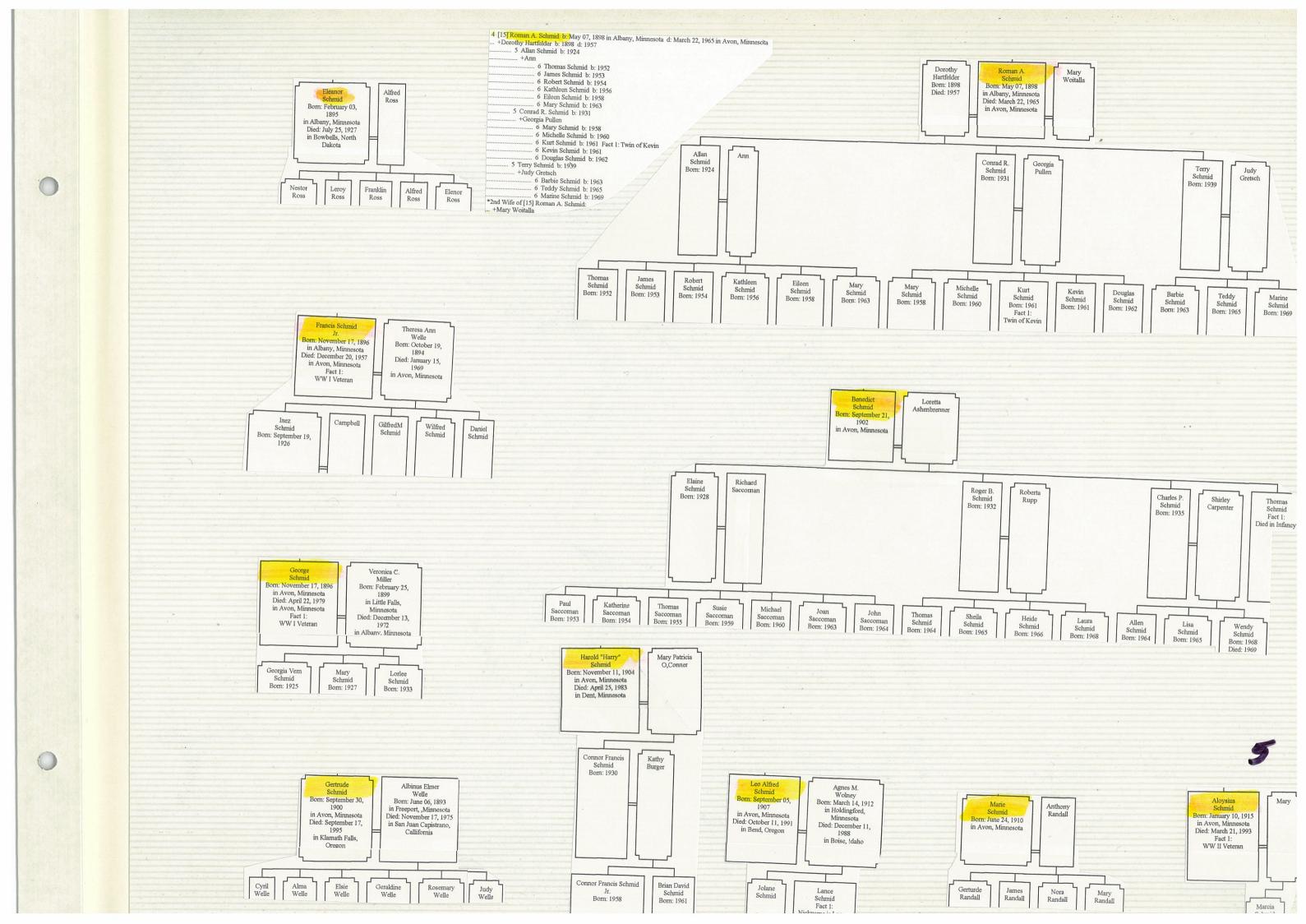
FRONT ROW, L to R

Aunt Mary Pat, Katie, Marie, Judge Randall, Gertrude, Joe Great Grandpa Frank, Great Grandma Gertrude

BACK ROW, L to R

Harry, Abber, Alois Leo, Roman, Tony Randall, Loretta, Ben, Dorothy, Agnes, Frank, Theresa, Vera, George, Louella, Ed





IN TRAIN MISHAP

Avon.—Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schmid, Sr, who met tragic death when their automobile was struck by a Great Northern train here, were laid to rest in the parish cemetery following a Solemn Funeral Mass in St. Benedict's church on Jan. 2.

Prominent residents of Avon for the past 47 years, Mr. and Mrs. Schmid reared 13 children of their own and five grandchildren, the family of their deceased daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rass.

Offering the Solemn Mass and delivering the sermon was the Very Rev. S. J. Schirmers of Urbank. He was assisted by the Rev. August Preusser of Waite Park, deacon; the Very Rev. Lawrence Kerich, O.S.C., Onamia, subdeacon; and the Rev. Werner Schnieppenheim, O.S.B., Avon, master of ceremonies.

Active pallbearers for the couple were 12 grandsons: Connor Schmid, Lee Schmid, Alian R. Schmid, R. Conrad Schmid, Bernard Schmid, Franklin J. Rass, Alfred Rass, Nestor Rass, LeRoy Rass, and William Campbell.

Honorary pallbearers were officers and members of the men's and women's societies in St. Benedict's parish.

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Mr. Schmid, 80 years old, was born in Hennepin county, Minn.; Mrs. Schmid, 77, was born in Krain township. The couple observed their golden wedding anniversary in September, 1939.

For approximately 25 years Mr. Schmid served as a trustee of St. Benedict's parish and was trustee when St. Benedict's church was erected 20 years ago. Records show he made the largest contribution to the new church. As mayor of Avon for 25 years, Mr. Schmid gave to the village many of the improvements it new enjoys.

11 Children Survive

Eleven of their 13 children survive: Roman, Edward, George, Frank, and Benjamin, all of Avon; Alois, Minneapolis; Joseph, Rapids City, S. Dak; Harry, St. Paul; Leo, Little Falls; and Mrs. A. E. Welle, Long Beach, Calif.

Other survivors include 39 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.

Well known in this community

children.
Well known in this community
and surrounding counties as a
farmer, merchant, and banker, Mr.
Schmid had been a farmer in Holdingford and Krain townships and
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Avon Couple Die In Train Mishap

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was in business in Albany before
coming to Avon in 1899, the year of his marriage.

He purchased the general mer-cantile business of T. F. Roche that year. At that time there was a lack of markets for farm produce so he started the Avon creamery. Later he built the grain elevator, potato warehouse, lumberyard, machine shop, and the rural telephone lines, all at Avon. In October, 1912, he was made presider of the Avon State bank.

Since 1927 Mr. and Mrs. Sch-had been living on the farm purchased at the north end c village.



FRANK SCHMID, SR.

Born Carver County, Minnesota, July 27, 1866. Died at Avon, Minnesota, December 29, 1946.

JESUS! MARY! JOSEPH

O Immense Passion! O Profound Wounds! O Profusion of Blood! O Sweetness above all Sweetness! O Most Bitter Death! Grant Them eternal rest. (7 yrs. & 7 quar'tines)

Divine Heart of Jesus, convert the sinners, save the dying, deliver the poor souls from purgatory. (300 days Indul.)

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto Thine. (300 days Indul.)

My Jesus Mercy! 100 days Indul.



GERTRUDE VOS SCHMID

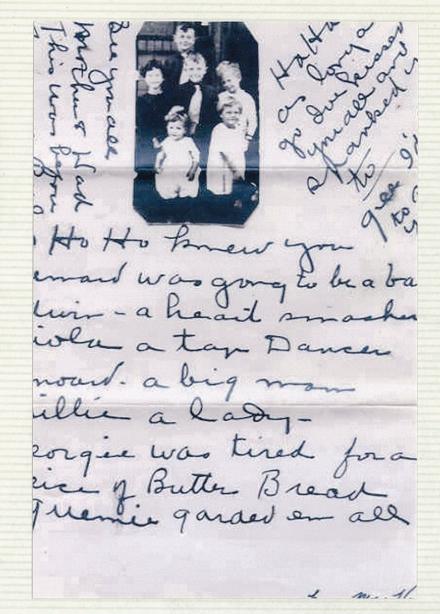
Born Stearns County, Minnesota, July 20, 1869. Died at Avon, Minnesota, December 29, 1946.

We have loved them during life, Let us not forget them in death. St. Ambrose

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord! And let perpetual light shine upon them, May they rest in peace. Amen. (300 days Indul.)

Mary, Mother of God and Mother of mercy, pray for me and for the departed. (100 days Indul.)

Infinitely blessed be the Most Holy Name of Jesus. (300 days Indul.) Sweet Heart of Mary be my salvation! (300 days Ind.)





Ed (Standing) Viola, Lennie, Bernie w/George Millie



Kids w/Queenie's Litter—Dallas, S.D.—1925 (Grandpa sold Boston Bull Terriers) Standing: Lennie, Millie & George Mrs. Montgomery, Viola, 3-Montgomery boys, Francis (Friends from Castlewood, S.D.)

TWO WELL-KNOWN AVON RESIDENTS, Frank Schmid and his wife, were instantly killed Sunday when their automobile was struck by a Great Northern passenger train. The automobile is shown above shortly after the accident oc-

Avon Couple Eilled Sunday In Car Crash

Frank Schmid and Wife, Prominent Stearns Residents, Are Victims When Car Is Struck By G. N. Passenger Train at Grade Crossing

Frank Schmid 82, and his wife, Gertrude 77, residents avon for the last 47 years were killed instantly at about 8 p.m. Sunday when the automobile in which they e riding collided with a Great Northern passenger

The auto had apparently stalled at the Avon crossing when struck by the eastbound train. The machine was carried about 150 feet following the impact.

Mrs. Schmid's body was thrown from the automobile. The couple was driving from their farm to their store at the time of the accident.

Sheriff Art McIntee and Dr. N. J. Libert, coroner, were called to the scene to investigate.

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Schmid, a prominent Avon merchandiser, grain elevator operator and farmer, came to Avon* in 1899 from Chaska, Minn.

Mr. Schmid was presient of the Avon State bank and mayor of the village for 25 years and was president of the Schmid company at the time of his death. He was a member of St. Benedict's society.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. Thursday in St. Bene-dicts church, Avon, with Rev. Werner Schneppenheim, OSB, officiating. Burial will be in St. Benedict's cemetery.

Remains of the couple will be at the Schmid home Tuesday evening. 11 Children Survive

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The couple is survived by nine
sons, Roman, Edward, George,
Frank and Benjamin, all of Avon,
Alois Minneapolis; Joseph, Rapid
City, S. D.; Harry, St. Paul, and
Led of Little Falls, and two daughters. Mrs. A. R. Randell, Little
Falls, and Mrs. A. E. Welle of Long
Beach, Calif.
Office survivors includes.

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Grandma & Grandpa Schmid



912 Fulton







Lennie, George, Grandma & Francis-Lake Miltona





Grandma & her sister, Louise Ohman



Aggie, Grandma, Millie Jolayne, Cathy



Grandpa & his dad, Frank



Lennie, Bernard, Ed, Grandma w/Millie, Viola



Joe Leonard Sue Kate

George Gracie

Bob Millie



San Juan Capistrano February, 1948



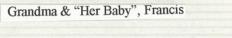


Art Field's House-Los Gatos, 1963 Art, Agnes, Joe, Viola, Kate











Bernie, Francis, Ed Leonard & George 1928







Francis, George, Millie, Grandma & Viola



Leonard, Viola, George, Bernard, Grandma & Grandpa Millie & Francis

Ransas City st -> 12TH ST -> FULTOR

April 8, 1996

Dear Mike:

Per your request, I've spent a couple of days going through albums and revving up the old memory about my Dad - your Grandpa.

The first one of Grandma Kate sitting on fender of funny old car -I think it looks to be a late 20,s picture so that towheaded baby she is holding must be your Pop. George is snuggled up against her, and Lenny Joe must be the guy with the boston bulldog. So this probably was taken in Dallas, S.D. The anecdote I recall about this era - each summer, Dad would load all of us in this car, including the dog, and off we,d go to Lake Miltona in Minnesota - not far from where Grandma and Grandma Schmid (who owned the cottage at Lake Miltona) lived in Avon. Five kids were in back seat with jump seats and Mother, one kit on her lap and one in the middle between the folks in the front. Before each departure, old Joe would line us up and lay down the rules -- no fighting in the back seat, toilet time for everyone (including the dog) would only be allowed at gas stations for necessary refueling. Picnic lunch/ dinner only - no snacking in the car. Somewhere in Eastern South Dakota was our first stop and everyone rushed to the facilities (at least the ladies did). I think all the males took to the weeds! Meantime the gassing up proceeded under careful supervision from Grandpa - and a shout to all to get in the car while he paid the bill. He had a few cussing words with the attendant about spilling some of the gas and apparently demanded a reduction on the amount - he won too! He hopped in the car and off we went. For about ten miles! He had just been told by the unruly mob in the back seat that George and the dog were missing! So it was turn-around time and back to the filling station where we found George holding the hand of the filling station attendant, crying his eyes out while hugging his dog. Dad forgot to give him hell due to our happy noisy reunion!

Our old Dad loved to travel - especially when he bought sonew car. His favorite car was the oldsmobile (mine too) and he received a plaque from General Motors after his 20th which was proudly displayed on the dashboard of his last car. He and Mother drove out to California many times, staying with relatives and friends along the way, since they used to spend some winter months in Arizona. They stayed with me in San Francisco three or four times. In 1959 they stayed with me - it was in October and I had special plans for celebrating their 47th anniversary. A day or so after they arrived, I told them we were going to a wonderful place where we would join Liz and Arthur Field and Jo Beckley from S.F. Dad was against this plan and grumbled all the way and "how much further" was his only question. I was driving and had difficulty controlling wheel and temper, but 150 miles later we arrived at our destination - Little River Inn in Mendocino County. It was a small hotel owned and operated by friends of the Fields. They had a special cottage for the folks, complete with flowers, champagne and a warming fireplace - windows overlooked the beach. Dad was fascinated and his mood improved with every glass of champagne. We watched men in wet suits armed with metal levers prying abalone off the rocks above and below the surface of the Pacific. Later that night we had a beautiful dinner at the Inn and abalone was featured. Seafood of any kind (except Lake Miltona Minnesota Pikke) was not his choice and I really had to persuade him to try this delicacy. He not only ate it but asked Ole the Owner to whip him up another, proclaiming "by golly Ole that was the best fish I ever ate". So much for his dislike of shellfish. Several pictures enclosed--one of Dad toting a large

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piece of driftwood which he intended to adorn his front yard at 912 Fulton.

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Both he and Mother loved their home - bought for \$5500.00 - and their good neighbors and friends. One day while I was on a home visit, we were in the living room, including the Blumenthals. Dad was telling some story involving the antics of a "kike" in town. After Abe and Myrtle left, I scolded Dad for insulting his good friends, but he was quick to respond with "but Ave,s not a kike".

During their last to S.F., by boss, (George Killion, President of American President Lines) took us to luncheon on board the Pres. Cleveland, one of our glassiest passenger ships. It was a wonderful occasion, and you can see from photo how pleased your Grandpa was. The boss,s girlfriend, Australian singer Margaretha (later his wife) really helped to make his day.

a little background info on your Grandpa, Joseph Anton Schmid. He was born in 1890. He was an unusually bright man, for the most part self-taught. He and his eight brothers all attended St. John, s College, just a few miles out of Avon, Mn. I think our dear old Joe finished the 6th grade, and after that he soaked up all the business knowledge he could in the School of Hard Knocks! (St. John, s now is a thriving University with beautiful old and new buildings, a gorgeous church and grounds.) That is where we had our first Schmid cousin reunion two or three years ago. We stayed in St. Thomas dormitory. Ginners were in the Great Hall and there was a terrific deli/cafeteria. Sometime in the future, you might consider a reunion with all your cousins at this wonderful spot!

Back to Joe. After he and Catherine Elizabeth Thome were married in 1912, they went to Little Falls, Mn. Believe Dad was a shoe salesman. And that is where Bernard, Edwin and Viola were born. Our Grandpa Frank Schmid must have been a multi-millionaire on paper, since he owned most of the little town of Avon - the general store, the lumberyard, the bank, etc. etc. (He probably owned the shoe store in Little Falls). About 1919 or 1920, Grandpa Frank sent Joe out to Sydney, Montana where he owned a bank and ordered Joe to operate it. In the meantime, Leoard and Mildred were born in Browerville, Mn. and Joe, Kate, five children and a large black dog (see picture) ended up in one of our large houses in Sydney. This was cattle country, and of course Grandpa,s bank was much involved with loans to cattlemen. Unfortunately, and sadly for Dad, the bank and a lot of other businesses in the area took a big hit due to the cattle/sheep ranchers and the bank went broke. Sorry I don, t know the details but I do know that when mean Uncle Ed called Dad from Avon to Rapid City to tell him of the tragic deaths of Grandpa and Grandma Schmid (their car hit a train when they were returning from Church and both were killed instantly), he also callously told Dad that his inheritance would be charged with the Sidney bank loss. George had to drive Dad to Avon for funeral and estate settlement, so he knows what went on first hand. Also at one point, Dad was flat broke and had to call his on, Edwin, to borrow some money to tide him over. With that he managed to keep his head above water and established the Schmid Insurance Company.

You younger people probably thought your Grandfather was a stern task-master, and I suppose he was, but he loved his family and above all wanted all of them to be properly educated. I know he loved our Mother too, but I know it was a very difficult situation for him. Communication between them became minimal due to her almost stone deafness. She knew how to make a home and rear her children in spite of only a 3rd grade schooling.

Love, Aunt Viola

purchased Bernand Cmillo childun V



?, ?, Grandma, Leo ?, Harry, Mary, Aggie, Francis, Lanny



Cronk, MA, DOYLE, PA, REPPE,



1939
Ed, Bernard w/Darlene ,Grandma & Uncle Leo
Millie, Francis, Grandma, Pearl



Millie, Grandma Francis



Dallas, S. Dak. Home Where Francis was born



1012 12th St.









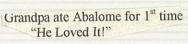


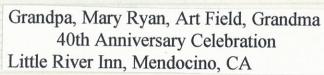
Four Generations of Schmids Joe, Francis, Mike & Steve

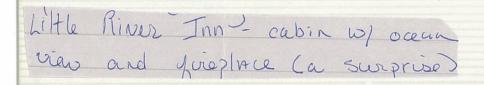


Grandpa's First Great Grandson

GREAT GRANDPA & STEVE, 7/70









July 4, 1956 "He went to bed early!"



Aunt Gertie-November-Norway-?













Grandpa's Traditional \$2. Bill













Grandma, Ed, Francis, Grandpa







George, Viola, Bernard, Ed, Millie & Leonard Joe, Francis & Kate Approximately 1936









1962—Golden Wedding Anniversary



Bernard, Pearl, Bobby & ?



Bob, Steve, Cathy & Millie Tom & Mary



Sue, Gretchen, Leonard, Katy & Joe



Rick, Grace & George Frank, Chuck & Connie



Mike, Phyllis, Francis, Judy & Chris Mary & Joan











Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Schmid + 50th Anniversary Observed

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph A. Schmid, 1912 Fulton St., observed their 50th wedding anniversary on Aug. 25. The observance was held two months early to enable numerous relatives to attend the event.

An anniversary mass was celebrated by the Most Rev. William brated by the Most Rev. William the Cathedral of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.

Children of the couple sponsored a reception in the afternoon at the home of their parents. Hosting the event were: George P. Schmid and Francis P. Schmid of Rapid City; Bernard F. Schmid, Hyattsville, Md.; Miss Viola Schmid, San Francisco, Calif.; Leonard J. Schmid, Brownsburg, Ind.; and Mrs. Robert N. Fenton, Denver, Colo. Col. Edwin P. Schmid, who is serving with the U. S. Air Force in Japan, was the only one of the couple's seven children unable to attend the anniversary events. The couple have 24 grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The Schmids were married on Oct. 22, 1912 at Avon, Minn., and they have been residents of Rapid City 31 years.

Floral bouquets, gifts to the couple, decorated the house and serving table for the reception. Mrs. R. J. Raylor and Mrs. H. F. Emme of Rapid City poured while Miss C a r o 1 Schmid registered the guests.

Honored guests at the event

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Honored guests at the event were the six brothers and sisters of Schmid: Mrs. Tony Randall, Little Falls, Minn.; George A. Schmid, Roman Schmid and Ben Schmid, all of Avon, Minn.; Leo Schmid, San Jose, Calif., and Mrs. Gertrude Welle, Aresia, Calif.

THE 1971 SCHMID REUNION BOB BREZINA'S CABIN (Note the Harry Truman Hat)





Bob, Bernard, Leonard, Francis, George & Ed Millie, Viola, Pearl, Sue, Phyllis, Grace & Doris Grandpa & Grandma





BERNARD, VIOLA, ED, LEONARD, GEORGE, MILLIE, FRANCIS











GRANDPA, BERNARD, EDWIN, LEONARD, GEORGE, FRANCIS