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Our mission is to develop a museum to house and preserve collections of artifacts, tapes, photographs and stories of historical importance to the Madison Valley and interpret them through display and education.

From the Wagon Seat: Another fall season has arrived. The weather has been great with even some moisture too. We closed our museum after another successful season.

The August field trip to the Woodworth house (Gayle and Dannette Clark) and to the Madison River Power Plant was rained out. It poured rain until about 2:00pm. There was lots of interest for this tour and we will schedule it again in 2015. In September, we had a tour of the Nearly New Shoppe which is the former Angle Hardware Store. Yours truly gave a brief history of the Angle family and the store. It again rained on us but never stopped the program. Some folks went inside, stayed dry and were treated to tours of the Nearly New Store and the Vintage Attic. Comments of those touring was very favorable and if you have not visited the Vintage Attic recently, please stop by the Nearly New and ask for a tour. There is a good piece of history of in that Attic. We just moved the event down to the Pavilion at the Lion's Club Park and continued with the program. We finished the evening with a Potluck and BBQed hamburgers and hot dogs. Thanks to everyone who brought food and made the rainy day a success., In October we will be back at the bank at 4:00pm with a family history by Barbara Hubner Smith.

The MVHA has a new board member. Liz Applegate has resigned her position on the board to devote more time to her new online employment. Liz will continue to help us on making posters and the Facebook. A big thank you to Liz for all her work. To take her place will be Lee Robison, Ennis native who has returned to the Madison Valley to retire. Thanks to Lee for filling out the term and MVHA is looking forward to working with him. Devonna Owens has taken over the position of secretary.

A great big thank you to Willie's Distillery for buying many sets of historical playing cards and selling them at their store. They are a MVHA Business member and are helping the organization by becoming the in town distributor of the historical playing cards.

The MVHA Board has decided to build a pole type building south of the Forge building. This will be used for items like wagons and other bulky items that need to be stored inside out of the weather. Otis Thompson will be the head foreman and will need help from the rest of the board and anyone else who would like to help out. If you would like to contribute to the building with a monetary donation and tax deduction, it will be greatly appreciated.

A big thank you to all our volunteers at the museum this summer and to members who did programs or helped out with programs. We need more of our members to help out. Please think about volunteering next year. We still need to tell people about the museum. We would like to put up some signs about the museum on the North and South roads coming into Ennis. If you have some good ideas let the board know. We also need your ideas for speakers for programs at the monthly meetings.

MVHA will have a booth at the Woman's Club Holiday Bazaar in November. Start by volunteering to work a short shift manning the booth during the day and stop by to buy a deck of Madison Valley Historic Playing Cards, books about the Madison Valley or the historic cookbook to give as Christmas gifts.

Come to meetings, get involved so the MVHA can keep the wagons rolling. Larry Love, President

Town of Ruby July was the MVHA field trip to Ruby lead by Charles Gilman. Ruby was a thriving community in the early 1900's. It was headquarters for the Conrey Placer Mining Company and remained so until until the end of the dredging days, about 1923. The largest dredge boat in the world at the time, Conrey's #4, worked the area in 1911-'22. Ruby was in the mouth of the canyon and the company dredged Alder Gulch as far as Adobetown, and it is said they took out twenty-two tons of gold. The old mining camp grew from a cluster of cabins to a prosperous town when the dredges came in and declined just as fast when they went out. The post office opened in 1901 with Lawrence Booker as postmaster. It closed in 1924. The name comes from the Ruby Mountains, so called because the garnets found there were first thought to be rubies. The valley and river also took the same name. Names on the Face of Montana by Roberta Carkeek Cheney pg. 224

History Tidbit: Bowling is 5200 years old. Rudimentary bowling balls and pins were found in a tomb in Egypt.

Welcome to Membership The following have joined since the July issue. If you know any of these new members or if they live near you, please invite them to attend the next MVHA meeting and welcome them aboard.

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Membership Update 2014 memberships are now due. Please check your address label on your issue of the Wagon Tongue and you can tell when your membership is due or if you have not purchased it yet. Some of you have taken care of business and your 2014 membership has been received. Thank you! Your membership is good for a full year from the date that you purchased it and you are not penalized for submitting early. If your 2014 membership is due during October, November, or December or if you are past due, you will find a membership renewal slip included with this issue. Memberships are \$5.00 for students, \$10.00 for individuals, \$15.00 for families, \$50.00 for Businesses, \$100.00 for Patrons and \$500 or more for Benefactor.

If you are inviting a new person to join or want to purchase your membership before it is due, just write name, mailing address and type of membership on a slip of paper and mail with membership fee to MVHA at P.O. Box 474, Ennis, MT. 59729.

The Board of Directors of your Madison Valley appreciates all the memberships that are purchased as this allows them to have funds to continue the work of developing a museum in the Madison Valley.

If anyone needs a ride to a meeting, please call 682-5780 and we will arrange a ride for you.

Member News

MVHA member, **Ann Storey** celebrated her 100th birthday on July 27, 2014 at River Rock Community Center in Belgrade, MT. A large group was in attendance and Ann remembered everyone, even those who she had not seen for 55 years or more. Congratulations to Ann for reaching the century milestone and becoming an honorary member of MVHA!

Long time MVHA member and founder of the MVHA, **Jane Rybus**, celebrated her 90th birthday in late September even though the official day is not until late October. She was also honored at the University of Montana Homecoming on September 27th. as being the very first woman student body president. She is a descendant of Myron D. Jeffers, founder of Jeffers and William Ennis, founder of Ennis. The very first MVHA

meeting was held at her house and she is still actively involved in the MVHA. See the Lifestyle page in the Thurs. Sept. 11, 2014 *Madisonian* for photos and story about Jane.

Memories

Mary Ann McDonnell, long time MVHA member, passed away at her home near St. George, Utah on Nov. 16, 2013. She was born on August 29, 1946 in Whitehall to George Arthur McDonnell and Eva Henrietta Pearson McDonnell. Her early years were spent in Cameron, Mt. and she graduated from Ennis High School in 1964. She graduated from Montana State University and then from Utah School of Medicine in 1972.

Internal medicine and cardiovascular disease were her specialties until her retirement in 2013. She was a dedicated physician and developed many close relationships with her patients and their families. David Grauman wrote that he had seen her as a patient and that Chester and Joan Lloyd Jones wintered in St. George and were close to her for several years before their passing.

Edward LeRoy Stupca passed away on June 12, 2014 at Copper Ridge Nursing Home in Butte. He was born in Anaconda, MT on June 30, 1935 to Edward and Helen (Walsh) Stupca. He studied at Carroll College in Helena and the Theological College of the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC. In 1991, he was assigned to the Madison County Catholic Community with parishes in Sheridan, Laurin and Ennis where he served as pastor until accepting senior status in 2006.

Jim Deeney passed away on June 19, 2014. He was born Oct. 1, 1936 in Red Lodge. After retirement from his education career in Walla Walla, Washington, he and his wife Dorothy retired in Ennis in 1998. His daughter is Cindy (Bud) Pederson, Ennis Public Schools librarian.

Beverly May Martin, former MVHA member, passed away July 25, 2014 at the Madison Valley Medical Center in Ennis. She was born Jan. 6, 1932 at the Martin ranch near Harrison. She grew up on the Spanish Creek Ranch and attended high school in Bozeman. She was a leather seamstress and an artist. She gave a program for the MVHA demonstrating and showing her painted gourds. Some of her work is on display in the Montana Room at the Madison Valley Public Library. Beverly lived the last 5 years of her life at the Madison Valley Manor.

Roy Alvin Love of Syracuse, Utah passed away July 31, 2014. Roy was born on the family ranch in Ennis on August, 1934 to Earl Noble Love and Pearl Cassidy Love. Roy's family history started with his grandfather, James M. Love and grand mother Margaret E. (Hinton) Love who were both born near Stella, Missouri. His father, Earl, was also born there.

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With seven children in tow, the Love family moved to Berthoud, Colorado and then to Belfry, MT. The family then came to Norris, MT by train on Jan. 4, 1916. They then spent part of that spring with an uncle, Art Kelly, at Spring Creek above Ennis where the U.S. Fish Hatchery is currently located. Later that spring grandfather, James, leased the L. L. Gordon ranch in the Madison Valley. This ranch was North of the current Valley Garden Ranch. Roy's father, Earl, was the first of the family to be married. He and Pearl Cassidy were married in Bozeman on May 8, 1918. Pearl was born at Burwell, Nebraska where she grew up and received her education. She taught school for four years before coming to Ennis in 1916 and was teaching there when she met Earl. She continued to teach school after her marriage at McAllister and North Meadow Creek schools.

In 1920, grandfather, James Love, bought the Shewmaker place 1 mile north of Ennis. Shewmakers had purchased this ranch from Grandma Ennis in 1912. Roy's father, Earl, took over this ranch from his father and Roy grew up on this ranch learning to be a cowboy and hunting and fishing there. This ranch is now known as the Goggins Hereford Ranch.

Roy married his high school sweetheart, Sharlene Wooten on May 24, 1954 in Bozeman. Roy and Sharlene moved to Bountiful, Utah in 1959, later settling in Farmington, Utah where they raised two children and ran a successful home building business. (Trails and Trials p 115-116, James. M. Love by Paul Love and Progressive Years page 751 by Roberta Love.)

Cousin, Margie Brendel Bengtson, daughter of Earl's sister, Helen, sent this memory of Roy. My memories of cousin Roy go way back to my earliest recollections at the farm when Uncle Earl and Aunt Pearl lived. Roy taught me how to feed the bummer lambs and he let me sit in his seat as he drove the horses when they were haying. I remember Daddy once put part of a dead skunk under the seat as a joke when Roy was haying. Dad thought a lot of Roy and I remember Daddy working and re-tooling a saddle in our basement for him. Most of all I remember Roy letting me tag along with him even though I was just a little kid. and I see him working with his little black mare (named Susie) at the ranch and in the rodeo ring. Roy was a real cowboy. I never put on my red cowboy boots that I don't think of him. He was a real cowboy all of his life. When I watched the National Rodeo Final on TV I bet Roy and Sharlene were in the stands. I cherish my early childhood memories in Ennis and Roy is a vital chapter. I was with Uncle Earl in the rodeo stands when Roy bulldogged or rode broncs. He was just suppose to rope and Uncle Earl about jumped out of his seat when they

announced Roy would be bulldogging.

One summer when we were in Ennis, I got to looking at Roy's and Larry's cowboy boots and I wanted some for when I rode Joker around Grandma Love's house. Daddy had told me I couldn't have the red ones I wanted at Belle's Trading Post because we were on a budget, so I would have to wait 'til I was bigger and they would fit longer...but I really wanted those little red boots! A few days later Uncle Earl took me to Belle's and asked me if I wanted anything... and like a diva, I said, " Sure the red and white cowboy boots". Daddy was really mad at me! I still have the red and white boots and now I have a great pair of red cowboy books that I wear a lot. I never put them on with out thinking of Daddy, Roy, Uncle Earl and my Montana tap root. Thank you, Margie, for sharing a memory of Roy and sharing a little bit of Madison Valley history

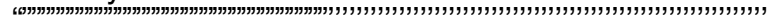
Henry Madison Gates passed away at the Madison Valley Manor on August 7, 2014. He was born in Columbus, MT on Aug. 25, 1920 to William and Ruth (Fleming) Gates. He spent the early years of his life working on his family's ranch. He married Anita Gustafson and continued ranching until moving his family to Cameron in 1961 where he worked on the Carkeek Ranch.

He is father to Mary Oliver and Marie Reinoehl and stepchildren are Rhonda Schabarker, Tina Watson and Gayle Schabarker.

Vernon Forsberg of Huntsville, Ala. passed away August 8, 2014. He is father to Jim Forsberg, Connie Ellerman, Peggy Giblyn and Sue Swanson.

Deonn (DeDe) (Sheffield) Albert passed away on August 10, 2014 in the Dalles, Oregon. She was born May 13, 1939 in Moran, Wyo. to Benjamin and Pamela Scheffield. She graduated from Ennis High School in 1958 and is a sister to Gordon Scheffield. Her parents ran the Windy Water Ranch. Deonn married Jack Albert and they ran the Texaco Station located where Deemo's Meat Market is now located.

MVHA just learned last week of the passing of long time MVHA member, **Audrey Jennings**. She is the daughter of Nova Love Birdsill Bower. When obituary is received and memories are written, a memory to Audrey will appear in the January W.T.



Museum update The Museum closed for the season shortly after Labor Day and when our supply of volunteers ran out. The museum is open by appointment for anyone who wants to visit in the off-season. Just call Larry Love at 682-5780 or Otis Thompson at 682-7415 and they will meet you there for a grand tour.

The beast was the main attraction with many folks coming specifically to see it. Many thanks to Kevin Brenneke who was the volunteer scheduler and to Bonnie Matsick who did a great job filling in when Kevin was on vacation.

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This is a big job and these two ladies did a great job filling most of the hours at the museum. And a great big thank you to all the volunteers who signed up on the sign-up pages and who said yes when called or some who even called and volunteered. You will never know how much this “stepping up to help out” helps the MVHA with its mission to develop a museum and to interpret through display and education. um and to interpret through display and education.

Fewer guests visited the museum in 2014 and all the members of the MVHA have to brain storm and come up with new and different ways and ideas to let visitors to Montana and the Madison Valley know that a great museum can be part of their visit. Word of mouth and TV programs on the beast have helped but more needs to be done and you members can think of some new and different ideas. Bring your ideas to meetings, e mail a board member, talk it up....”get those ideas rolling.”
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History of the Jumping Horse Ranch by

Robert Beck and Nancy Lein Griffin with research by Helene Beck. In the July issue, we left off with the Hodge’s sale of Birdseye Frozen Foods and the parent company General Foods to PostumCo.

The Hodges first purchased the Ernest Vetter ranch and within the year purchased the Maginness ranch, the Bower ranch, Florence Jeffer’s section of land, E.A. Maynard’s Mountain Ranch, and the J. Spencer Watkins Ranch. Nearly five years later the Hodges purchased the Valley Garden Ranch and leased a portion of the Granger Ranches.

The Hodges began almost immediately on an ambitious building construction program. Mrs. Hodges retained the services of a full time carpenter at the ranch, Jack Hill, a Swedish craftsman from Bozeman. She was responsible for selection of building architecture, siting and landscaping. Mr. Hill’s distinctive building style can be observed today in the many natural log buildings he erected on the Jumping Horse Ranch. His furniture, designed from native wood materials, still adorn the main house at the Jumping Horse Ranch, bunk house and guest cabins.

Landscaping of the lawn and garden around the main buildings was no easy feat. Bill Hodges reports that the area across the driveway west of the main house was the site of pig and cattle feeding buildings while the property occupied by the Ernest Vetter family and that before the horse barn and corrals could be built, the years of accumulated manure had to be removed and hauled away and spread over the adjacent fields.

In addition to the present main house, which was built as Dorothy Hodges’ private quarters, the Hodges were responsible for the construction of two ranch hand houses, a bunkhouse,

a cook house complete with walk-in refrigerators and freezers, three livestock barns, a slaughter house, poultry barn and miles of wooden board corrals. The ranch boasted fine horse training facilities and a one half mile banked training race track. The Hodges operated the ranch much as if it were a small city. There was even a commissary attached to the cookhouse, where ranch hands could purchase food staples and personal grooming items.

The crowning jewel in the Hodges’ construction accomplishments is the show barn- a 60,000 square foot, two-story marvel of engineering. The center of the barn boasts a 60’ ceiling, large, divided light windows and two 25’ doors, which probably weigh 700 pounds each. There are balconies for viewing of judged livestock events and the Hodges used the barn often for public showing and sales of their livestock. The barn was used by the next owner, Phil Yeckel, as was used by the next owners, Robert and Helene Beck, as a winter calving facility.

The Hodges also built a boat house-cabin on the shore of Ennis Lake. This cabin was located on land which was owned by George Watkins. Although a lease arrangement was made with Watkins before the cabin was constructed, each time the Hodges attempted to buy the property, Watkins would refuse. At one point, rather than turn the cabin over to Watkins, the Hodges apparently had it moved. Locals cannot recall where the cabin may have been moved to. Some say it was intentionally burnt down. The large stone chimney of the cabin still remains on the east shore of the lake.

The Hodges operated the ranch as much more than the ordinary hay and cattle operation, that was typical of other Madison Valley ranches. The Hodges, who probably employed up to 75 people in peak season, raised thoroughbred racers, hunters and jumpers, Percheron work horses, quarter horses for ranch work, mules for sale to the Forest Service and the U.S. Army, and over 1000 head of purebred Herefords. Staff at the ranch was supported with a herd of dairy cattle, chickens, turkeys and pigs. They even employed a full-time “chore boy” to take care of the farm animals.

Although it is doubtful that the ranch ever produced a profit during the 20 years it was owned by the Hodges, Bill Hodges said all efforts were made to utilize the resources at hand. In addition to the variety of commercial livestock produced at the ranch, Wetmore negotiated a contract with the U. S. Cavalry to have a standing stud available for breeding for U.S. Government horses. Bill said he recalls his father joking about the fact that the most money their best horse, a thoroughbred named Orbridge, ever brought him was when he was used as a performer in a Loretta Young movie.

The Hodges apparently realized that they couldn’t support the expensive horse stock *cont pg. 5*

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operation forever, and after 10 years, scaled back the ranch-ing operation to include only cattle and hay. Ranch hands at the ranch report that in the later half of the Hodges' tenure, the thoroughbreds were gone and the ranch was staffed with only 12 to 15 hired hands.

The Hodges' usually spent only three or four months per year in the Madison Valley, the reminder of their time was spent at their home in Tucson, Arizona or Beverly Farms, Massachusetts. For a period of two years during W.W.II, when ranch help was hard to find, Dorothy and Wetmore spent almost the entire year in the Madison Valley.

The Hodges' children recall their growing years at the ranch with fondness. Although from a more privileged background than that of many of their peers in the community, they felt no social barriers and relished the idea of being cowboys. Bill Hodges even went on to rope professionally after his father sold the ranch. Bill Hodges also played guitar at local dances held every Saturday night at the Odd Fellows Hall (now the vacant Economy Food Market on Main Street), and recalls the times as "wild" especially when the "roughs" from Butte would come down for the dances.

The Hodges boys became quite well connected in the valley and at one time Steve, Bill and Hank dated either Isabelle or Virginia Jeffers, the daughters of Austin Jeffers and the granddaughters of M. D. Jeffers. At one time Hank was engaged to be married to Virginia Jeffers, but his brother recalls that Hank was a "wild, young cowboy", and that Virginia's mother, Belle, was sure he would never amount to anything. Hank spent a great deal of time helping at the Jeffers ranch, because, as his brother Bill tells it, "When you dated one of Belle's daughters, you got put to work."

The Hodges had their share of interesting projects but one which even valley locals talk about was the

"archeology truck". The flat bed truck was rigged with steel compartments equipped for camping and office space. The truck had a unique gear system, which attached a chain between the duals of the rear axle. When the chain was engaged there were four axle drives which propelled the truck. In fact, there were actually 24 gear ratios, as the transmission consisted of a three speed on top of a standard four speed, with a two speed rear axle. The Hodges' used the truck for trips to Tucson and the desert country and Mexico. A local Madison Valley resident recalls that the truck was split "camper" from chassis and sold when Yeckels purchased the Jumping Horse Stock Ranch.

It was Steve Hodges, the oldest son, who became a polo enthusiast and the JHSR also began to raise polo ponies. Some of the polo mallets and balls still grace the shelves of ranch storage buildings. Steve's major obstacle to scheduling polo

matches in the Madison Valley was the lack of other polo players. Local residents recall area cow-boys trying their hand at polo, and some, such as Bob Cunningham, son of Seymour Cunningham, one time owner of the Buffalo Ranch, became regulars at the polo matches. Bob later managed he JHSR for Phil Yeckel.

The Hodges had many well known friends, including two U.S. Presidents. Wetmore served on President Franklin D. Roosevelt's Business Advisory Council and was instrumental in setting up the President's trip to Yellowstone Park. Plans were underway for President Roosevelt to visit the ranch during that trip, but the difficult access for the President's wheelchair would not allow it. Ex-president Hoover probably stayed at the ranch to consult with Wetmore on President Roosevelt's national business reconstruction policies. The guest cabin at the ranch is now called the "Hoover Cabin."

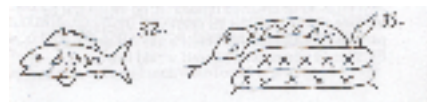
The Hodges were close friends with other prominent families in the area and Bill recalls that each year his father would get together with Charles Ancency, a pioneer ranch in the Gallatin Canyon, to "settle up". Some of Ancency's Flying D Ranch cattle would migrate west over the Spanish Peaks divide and some Jumping Horse cattle would migrate east over the divide. Bill said he remembers the barbed comments the two gentlemen would good naturedly make about whose cattle they were eating when the two families met for dinner.

Ranch hands recall that although Wetmore was friendly he didn't "mix" much with the hands and worked on his own business projects during his stay at the ranch. In fact, he was very friendly, perhaps to a fault in that he was too easy to approach with promotion schemes or the need for gifts. The ranch hands recall Mrs. Hodges as aloof. However, she was the one who brought a prior ranch background with her and played a very large part in building and organizing the ranch. She wasn't a joiner but supported the Trinity Episcopal Church in Jeffers and tended to other needs in the valley. She was an excellent horsewoman and when she and Wetmore rode over the Jordan Creek Divide and first saw the land that became the JHSR. she was the one who could see the prospect of a whole new ranch setting for the Hodges family.

JHSR history to be continued in January 2015 issue with the rest of the Hodges's ranch history and starting with Phil and Jane Yeckel as next owners of the Jumping Horse Stock Ranch.

Check the MVHA website to find back issues of the Wagon Tongue and read the past parts of the JHSR history. Website listed on first page.

Montana Trivia Last two. Need something new!!



For your Reading Pleasure

Death of a Gunfighter: *The Quest for Jack Slade the West's most elusive legend* by Dan Rottenberg

This is another way of looking at vigilantism. Available at the Madison Valley Public Library and V. C. Library

Looking Ahead

Nov. 20, 2014 4:00pm Talc Mine by Dan Northway

Nov. 29, 2014 Madison Valley Woman's Club

Holiday Bazaar at Ennis Elementary School

Dec. 18, 2014 MVHA Christmas Potluck and historical Christmas traditions. Time and location to be determined

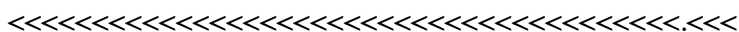


Walk of Names Help the MVHA finish the walkway to the Forge Building. Remember a family member with a Memorial on the Walk of Names. A great way to do a memorial or make a gift. The walkway project is complete but there are still blank boards. You may order one for \$50 at the address below or by stopping by the MVHA booth at Holiday Bazaar. Or you may call 682-5780 or 682-7415.

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Madison Valley Historic Playing Cards. Hot off the press! \$10 per deck. Stop by the MVHA booth at the Holiday Bazaar for your set or order a set or two at the address below. Add \$3.00 for shipping and handling. Makes a great stocking stuffer!

Still available: **Early Days of Madison County** by James S. Spray (\$18 plus \$2 S&H and the **MVHA Historic Cookbook** (\$15 plus \$2 S&H Check out the new "beast" packet with photo magnet. (\$5 plus \$1 S&H.) All these make great gifts for Christmas or just a good gift for anyone. Just contact MVHA at P.O. Box 474, Ennis, MT 59729, call 406-682-5780, or stop by the MVHA booth at the Holiday Bazaar.



*Angle Hardware Store was the featured program in September so now seems a good time to share a **Memory of Claude Angle** written by George Alger.*

There are two letters in Claude's first name, the A and the D which are the initials of the words "always dependable" which I feel fairly well describes Claude Angle.

I have known Claude Angle since 1930 when he graduated from Ennis High School. During those years I have come to realize just how fortunate and rewarding the experience has been to have had him for a very dear friend and I know that there are others here in this assemblage such as Gene Hanni, Dale Black and many others whom have experienced the same emotion toward Claude as I have.

To really know Claude was indeed one of the rare treasures that life affords an individual. He was a dedicated person not settling for half way measures in anything that he involved himself in, no matter if it be work or play, it received his undivided attention and participation. Claude lived his life like we all should. By treating others as he himself would like to be

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treated. He did not talk about it, but he actually lived his life in this manner. Of all the years that I have known him, I have never heard him speak in a derogatory manner about anyone. He was an individual that did not resort to rhetoric to convince people how good he was, but he used performance, so there was no doubt as to his real worth.

Claude's life was not all work, but through it he derived much satisfaction in helping others. Most of us have had a furnace go bad in the dead of winter, a refrigerator malfunction on the hottest day of summer, or any number of other things that we depend on for our daily needs to go bad, have really learned to appreciate him. Claude also loved his family and friends. It wasn't all work with Claude. He loved to play as well. In his younger days he was an avid skier, but during his later years he was in his element on his snowmobile, spending many enjoyable hours on the slopes playing in the snow and Ice fishing in the many mountain lakes with his friends.

Claude was a very organized man. He did not settle for half way measures. Whatever he did he did it with alacrity and all that he had in him. There lies the difference between the journeyman worker and a real craftsman, The following quotation pretty well sums up what Claude Angle was all about. "From compromise and half done keep me, though all the world deride, and when at last my job is done, God keep me still unsatisfied."