

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH .

Elizabeth Christy (1904- )

There is a bit of sadness about Mrs. Christy when she talks about how Butte used to be. She has very vivid memories of a lively boom town, which contrast sharply with the reality of Butte today.

Mrs. Christy was born in Missoula, and she still has relatives living in the Bitterroot Valley. Her family moved to Butte when she was quite young because her father couldn't find work in Missoula.

After her marriage to Matt Christy, in 1923, Mrs. Christy had an active social life. She took an interest in everything going on in Butte, and as a result she can describe many places that no longer exist. She also remembers that there were definite social stratifications in Butte.

Some of Mrs. Christy's wistfulness about the past might be attributed to worry about her son, George. He sustained brain damage in a childhood bout with Rheumatic Fever, and he still lives at home with his parents. Although Mrs. Christy does not seem to dwell on this tragedy, George is never far from her mind.