ROSEBUD RANCH

By Steve Plutt



The Rosebud Guest Ranch was owned and operated by Ruth and Herb Lynde and was located just to the west of Woodland Park on the Lower Tranquil Acres road. It was an 160 acre informal resort that was not the typical guest ranch packed with activities such as the BBB or Paradise ranches. Rosebud was but more of a "get away" respite in the mountains. It was essentially a western style hotel that provided lodging, meals and horseback riding if desired. They also catered to large company party's such as annual summer picnics. Today it would be referred to as an "Event Center" for weddings, parties etcetera. Another draw to the place was its public pot lucks that included residents from Woodland Park.

Herbert Bargis Lynde was born on Christmas Eve, 1897 in Chicago, Illinois. He was a design engineer who attended the University of Illinois. He later was on the board of UI. Ruth who preferred to be called "Sally", was born July 31, 1904 in Rantoul, Illinois. She graduated from Urbana High School where she was very active in her school including as an officer in the schools Literary Society and member of the Alpha Sigma Rho. She

later attended the University of Illinois. She married Herb Lynde on July 1, 1929.

When the Lynde's came to Woodland, they first opened and operated "Lynde's Guest House" that was located a couple of blocks north of downtown Woodland Park. Sally also was the manager at Hardy's Jewelry in Colorado Springs. In 1948 the Lynde's



opened the Rosebud Ranch and stayed here in the summer months. In 1949 Ruth was the teacher at the Florissant school. They permanently left Chicago and relocated here in 1960.



Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Jennings were owners in June of 1969. Jennings owned a used car lot in Colorado

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