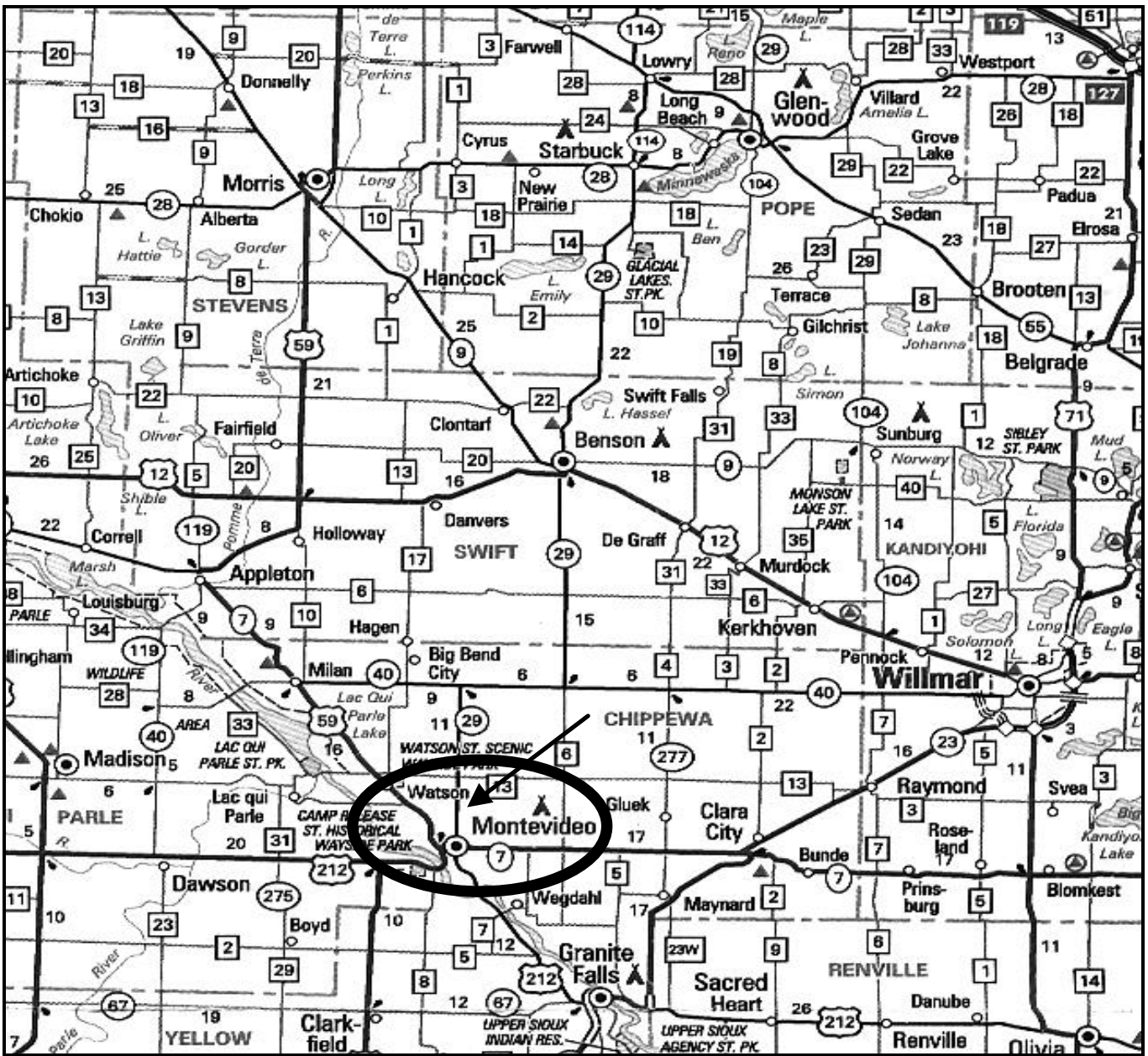


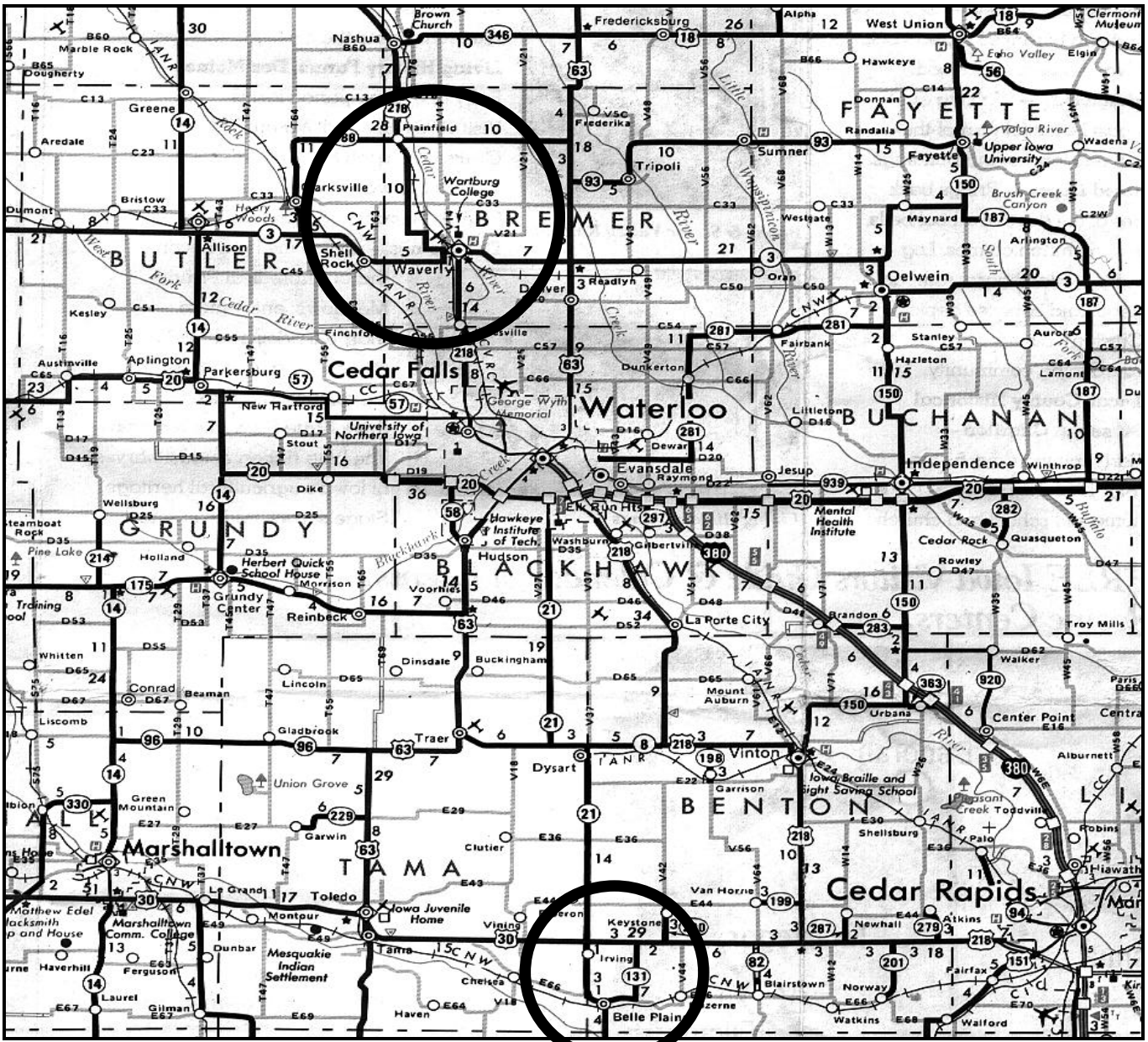
## SIoux COUNTY, IOWA

- 1898 Fred bought 160 acres in **Sioux County** (Hawarden, IA) at \$35/acre [\$5,600]  
 Farm located on west side of road NE of Hawarden, 7 miles NW of Ireton.  
 Mount Joy Church of God (Winebennarian Branch) located ½ mile N on same section.  
 Fred is 29; Emma is 26. Rae is 2 and Myrtle is an infant.
- 1900 #3: Lura Mae born (Oct. 25).
- 1902 #4: Vern Leroy born (Nov. 13). Fred built new house on Mt. Joy (Use corn cobs for heat)
- 1906 #5: Russell Clark born (Jan. 29).
- 1909 #6: Wilbur Lewellyn born (Jan. 28).
- 1913 #7: Viola Evelyn born (Jan. 7).
- 1914 Fred buys a Model T car (used once a week for going to town and church).
- 1916 Fred buys Buick with side curtains (very ritzy).
- 1917 Lura obtains teaching certificate and begins teaching with Russell and Wilbur in her class.  
 ??? Name changed from Schild to Schield to change sound from short "i" to long "e"  
 Family had a Howard piano -- a big upright. Myrtle played and gave piano lessons.
- 1918 Vern attends mechanics short course (2-3 months) at Iowa State (Ames, IA).  
 Rae enlists in the Navy (Chicago- Great Lakes Naval Training Station).  
 Rae ready to be shipped out, Fred, Myrtle and Lura took train to see him in Chicago.  
 Nov. 11: Fred, Myrtle, and Lura saw Armistice Day celebration (Chicago goes wild).
- 1919 Fred sold 160 acres at \$450-500/acre [\$80,000] Fred co-signed on buyer's loan at bank.  
 Fred probably learned about Minnesota farms from reading his Wallace Farmer.



Location of Schield family home in Southwestern Minnesota north of Montevideo.

- 1919 Fred bought 250 acres in **Chippewa County** (Montevideo, MN) at \$225/acre.  
 Farm located 3-4 miles north of Montevideo on Chippewa River.  
 Fred 50; Emma 47, Rae 23, Myrtle 21, Lura 19, Vern 17, Russell 16,  
 Wilbur 10, Viola 6. Rented box cars to move equipment and animals to Minnesota.  
 Beautiful farm: new 100' barn, double silos. [Total cost: \$56,250]  
 Minnesota had half the corn-yield of Iowa because of later Spring and earlier Fall.  
 Milked 18-20 cows. Had 12-16 workhorses. Had lots of hogs and chickens  
 Used walking plow drawn by a team of workhorses. One blade: 16" wide, 6-8" deep.  
 Cultivated a field of corn 3 or 4 times during the summer. No herbicides.  
 Family attended Montevideo Church of God.  
 Fred bought 160 adjacent acres for Rae (who was still in service). [Cost: \$36,000]
- 1920 Rae marries Lillian Yeatman, Chicago Stenographer, Methodist.
- 1921? Rae buys first tractor (Hart-Parr) for plowing and belt work. Wilbur helps Rae.  
 Wilbur takes three years to finish 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Dropped out 1<sup>st</sup> yr., skipped 2<sup>nd</sup>, finished 3<sup>rd</sup> year.  
 No parental pressure to stay or go back. Ukelele came along sometime through here.
- 1921-23 Lura attends Anderson College (Church of God, Indiana). Invites Myrtle to come.  
 Myrtle goes to Anderson. Housekeeper for a lawyer. Gospel music: sing and play piano.  
 Russell and Carl Barron sets up radio (ariel to windmill).  
 Russell hears musical saw on radio. Sends \$10 for saw, hammer & 5 easy lessons.
- 1922-24 Vern attends Anderson College (Bachelor of Theology in 1924)
- 1924-25 Fred buys Delco electric light plant. Used electricity to run the washing machine.
- 1926-27 Russell attends Anderson College
- 1926-29 Wilbur attends Morris Agricultural College during winter. (Skipped '28).  
 Learns farm skills such as woodworking and metal working. [Made brown bookcase.]  
 Russell got tenor 4-string guitar while in the cities (Mpls/St.Paul). Wilbur played uke.  
 According to the Keck family history (1926): "the following children are members of the Church of God:  
 "Myrtle Wilhelmina Shields, Western Union College, Gospel Worker, Montevideo. Lura Mae Shields, gradu-  
 ate Anderson Bible Seminary, Assist Manager Branch House of Church of God, 638 Edgewood Ave., Atlanta,  
 Ga. Vern Leroy Shields, graduate Anderson Bible Seminary, also School of Agriculture, Ames, Iowa. Charge  
 of garage, Montevideo. Russell Clark Shields, Anderson Bible College, farmer, Montevideo. Wilbur Lewellyn  
 Shields, in school of Agriculture, Morris, Minn. Viola Evelyn Shields, in public school."
- 1927 Atlanta,GA: Lura marries Gene Reynolds. Russell attends. Minister is A.T. Rowe.  
 Lura & Gene move to Anderson. Lura is secretary to President of Anderson College.  
 Gene runs Anderson College food service.
- 1928 Gene takes over running a small grocery in Anderson.
- 1929 Sioux County 1919 buyer defaults. Loan balance is \$250/acre.  
Fred is co-owner on Rae's property. Both properties are collateral to loan.  
 Fred forfeits his farm. Sells equipment and livestock. Raises \$3,000 - \$4,000.  
 Fred Schield has relatives in Bremer County, Iowa: Nolte, Theis, Kohagen, Wyles.  
 Fred Nolte (Waverly) had married Alda Schild. Children are Marguerite & Wynona.  
 Fred Theis had married Elizabeth Schild. [Eva, Henry, Edna, Jessie, Frank, Ed & Oscar]  
 Adam [Jeff] Wile (Waverly: furniture) married Eva Schild Theis.  
 Henry Kohagen (Waverly: grocery) married Jessie Schild Thies. Child is Vera.



Circled area at top is near Waverly in Bremer County. Follow Highway 218 from Waverly north to County Road C33 (the Clarksville Road). Rae’s farm is one mile south of C33 on the west side of 218. Fred’s farm is almost one mile north of C33 on the west side of 218. Vern’s quarry is east of Highway 218 on C33 just east of the Cedar River. The Bantam Company and Wilbur’s house are just east of Waverly on Highway 3.

Circled area at bottom is near Belle Plaine in Benton County. This is where Fred and Emma Schield were born, raised and married.



**Ray's farm north of Waverly off Highway 218. Picture taken December 19, 1954 at 2:30 PM.**



Rae Schield