

# Local auto supply business stays put for over 75 years

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fix refrigerators and other appliances, the Sandersons said they have always sold auto parts, have repaired cars and now sell parts for and repair lawnmowers and snow blowers.

To legally change the store name, Joyce said, there is so much paperwork to file, so it's never been officially changed. She said they sometimes call it Clawson Auto Supply or Clawson Auto Electric informally but haven't considered changing it to Sanderson's.

"Nobody would know who we are," she said.

The store had eight employees right after World War II, Jack said, but has only had two or three, besides themselves, since he and

Joyce bought it. Now it's just us, he said, and a part-time service man.

It has been a good business, Jack said, better than it is now. It's slow because of the economy, he said, and would be better if things were growing again.

"This is a farming community," Joyce said. "I don't think anybody does anything if the farmer doesn't."

The winter is especially slow, she said, since there is a lot of competition in automotive, making the biggest part of their business parts and repairs for lawnmowers. But this winter is slower than most; people haven't needed their snow blowers much.

Some moisture would help, Joyce said, but so many businesses have had to close that nobody can

be overly confident.

"You never know from one day to the next whether you'll be here or not," she said. "It's pretty scary."

The Sandersons said they used to do a lot of tune-ups on cars but haven't done that for 10 years and used to have a full-time auto mechanic but haven't for a long time.

They used to fix carburetors, generators and speedometers in the basement, Joyce said, but haven't done that in a while.

Jack said he was born and raised in Goodland, and Joyce said she lived in Edson until she was in the third grade. Though they had previously lived across the street from each other, Joyce said, they didn't really meet until she worked at Steiner's Drive-in in high school.

The couple married in Novem-

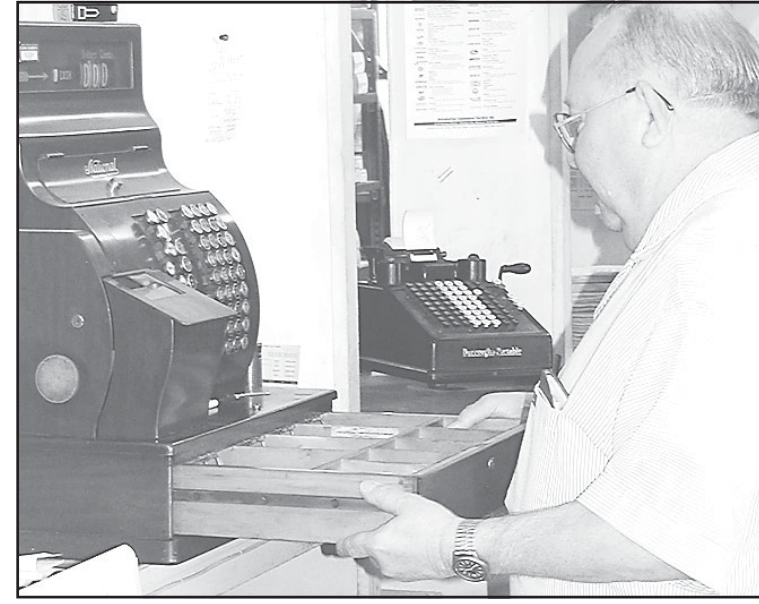
ber of 1962, Joyce said, and they have three kids and four grandkids. Their sons, Kenny and Kevin Sanderson, live in Goodland, Joyce said, and their daughter, Kristie Sanderson lives in Denver.

Kenny is the oldest, she said, and used to work at Clawson's but now is a pilot and works on airplanes at Butterfly Aviation. Kevin works for Helena Chemical, she said, and Kristie is an underwriter for aviation insurance.

Kristie moved to Denver to work for the phone company, Joyce said, but, thankfully, that didn't pan out — "thankfully" because Kristie really enjoys the job she has now.

Having a job you like is really important, Joyce said, a treasure.

"I told her to hang on to that job," she said.



Jack Sanderson still uses the cash register that was custom-made for Clawson's Electric in 1931.

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