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Visited Bob Cunningham
at the
Nine-quarter Circle
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He says there are two cabins up Taylor on the Holter land. Tom Lincoln built one cabin probably around 1910 or 1911. Wilbur Buttons and a man by the name of Davis built the other. Harold Buttons has stayed up there and trapped. The other two were trappers also. Wilbur Buttons married Mrs. Abe Cutler recently.

He says J. Fred Butler and the Kilbournes were at the Nine-Quarter Circle in 1925. They got it from Ringeling, but Seymour Cunningham had one year to redeem it. Kilbourne was going to keep the Nine-Quarter Circle and J. Fred Butler was going to get the Tedrick place. Seymour got Ringeling to redeem the place to keep Kilbourne from getting it. Then Kilbourne went up West Fork and bought the homestead of Clarence Lytle, 160 acres which is the B-K. Clarence Lytle died in 1927, unmarried. There was 160 acres of the place bought in 1926. Last year J. Fred Butler bought about 7000 acres of Railroad land up West Fork.

Bob Cunningham married Mary Uihlein in 1937. He says Julia Bennett was at the Nine-Quarter Circle in 1925, 28, and 29. She bought the Diamond J. the fall of 1929. When the B-K buildings were built Gene Crail was foreman and Lee Smith was assistant. Lee worked for a long time for Julia Butler. Later married her sister, Mrs. Johnson, and has gone to live in Bozeman; the first place by the power house on Huffein Lane. He is going to build a log tourist camp there. The rock work was done by Ulrich of Bozeman.

The big hall at the Nine-Quarter Circle was built by Lee Smith, Bert Hatch, who has since died, and Clyde Beels who now lives on the Madison. Lee Smith also superintended the building at the Diamond J. Ranch.