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AND
PROGRESS**
Along the Clear Creek



The history of the Clear Creek #2147
and Lake Audy School District #2183

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PREFACE

This area will not celebrate their Centennial Year until the year 2021. By that time, the history of the pioneers will have been forgotten. Our aim is to record this history so that when the Centennial Year arrives this book may be used as a basis for the Centennial Book. In the early 1960's, Mr. Authur Simms suggested we should be collecting and recording the history of the district. From this suggestion, we now have material written by pioneers who have passed away. Although our district is a mere sixty years old, we regret many of the records have been lost, and many things were never recorded. To the best of our ability, we have assembled as much of the information as was available for us.

Some names and events may have been missed or a mistake made, but we have made every effort to produce as accurate a record as possible. The committee assumes no responsibility for any inaccuracies.

There will be some repetition due to more than one member of a family sending in a history. To all those who took the time and trouble to co-operate with our project, and share their knowledge with us, we extend our sincere thanks and appreciation.

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The Clear Creek and Lake Audy districts are the only districts that the Clear Creek runs through. It begins on the east side of the Clear Creek district, where it runs out of Clear Lake at the N. E. corner of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 33 - 19-19, and ends in the Little Saskatchewan River on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-20-20 in the west side of the Audy district.

From its point of origin out of the lake, it runs parallel to the north side of Sec. 33, for a half mile, then for a few hundred yards it runs on the road allowance between sections 32-19-19 and Sec. 5-20-19. It is a very winding stream with many sharp curves and winds in a south westerly direction, section 32 and as far south as the tip of N.W. corner of the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-19-19. On the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 30-19-19, the creek turns to the north and crosses exactly on the corner where the four townships meet.

It takes a small half circle on to S. E. corner of Sec. 1-20-20, then back onto the N. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 36-19-20. It ambles very crookedly across this quarter for a quarter of a mile, then turns north and westerly across the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1-20-20, cuts into the corner of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1-20-20, then goes west and a little southerly across sections two, three, four and five and runs into the river on the S. E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 6-20-20.

Prior to 1913, the Minnedosa Power Cor., any built a dam on the Clear Creek where it came out of the lake. This was a wooden structure. It held the water back to the extent that it caused flooding of thirty acres of land on the Indian Reserve at the west end of the lake. Every spring fish would come over the dam into the creek to spawn. The settlers could easily spear or net the fish from the banks of the creek, and these fish provided many a tasty meal, as well as many being canned for use later in the summer.

The creek also provided a cool drink for people and horses on their many treks across the country. Some places on it were excellent swimming holes. In the winter time, when it was covered with ice, many of our young people learned their hockey skills shooting an organic puck (frozen horse manure) on the creek.

Most of the saw mills, in the early days, were located along the creek. They were run by steam engines which

required alot of water to provide the steam for power.

In 1926, the Clear Creek school was built on the N.W. corner of the N. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-19-19, a couple of hundred yards from the creek, at the point where the four townships meet. The school and district was named after the Clear Creek. The Lake Audy school was also built a few hundred yards, south of the creek on the S. W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-20-20.

There are many springs along the creek, some of them open the year round. One of them was on the Montague farm. There were also places that were very boggy, such as it was on the Jim Young farm.

In 1939, the first beaver in the creek began building a dam on the west side of the Dave Young farm (3-20-20). At that time, people came to view the dam and try to get a glimpse of the beaver at work. What was once a beautiful stream of clean, clear water is now a series of smelly, dirty beaver ponds. What was once healthy tamarac and spruce and poplar and willow bush along the banks of the creek, is now dead timber, flooded out by the beaver.

Unknown to the local residents, the name Clear Creek was at some time changed to Wasamin Creek, as it now appears on the maps.

Written by Bob Curle

Physiography - The district is situated above the Manitoba escarpment, on what is commonly called the second prairie steppe of the Great Plains Region. The elevation of the area is from 15,500 feet to 21,000 above sea level. The topography varies from undulating to sharply rolling in the area. This provides unusual challenges to the area farmers as they navigate the hilly terrain with machinery designed for flat land farming. There is a generous sprinkling of depressions that form potholes, sloughs, marshes and lakes. The area lies within the water shed of the Little Saskatchewan River.

Location - The district lies west of Clear Lake and east of the Little Saskatchewan River. It includes four rows of sections, south of the Riding Mountain National Park.

Soils - The Rackham, Seech and Onanole soils dominate the area. They largely belong to the grey wooded soils zones. The capacity for agriculture production on these soils is regarded as moderate. The area is suitable for mixed farming.

Climate - It has been known to freeze every month of the year. This is a major drawback to Agriculture in the area. The average annual precipitation ranges from 16 to 18 inches. The high altitude at times causes the temperature to range from 40 degrees Fahrenheit in a twelve hour period. The high altitude can also cause the low temperature in winter to drop ten degrees colder than in areas forty miles to the south. This altitude also has a moderating effect on the high summer temperatures.

Geology - The area is underlain by stratified sedimentary Riding Mountain shale that ranges from a few feet below the surface to 200 feet. Surface materials of glacial till, consisting of a heterogenous mixture of boulders, gravel and sand, silt and clay. These deposits tend to run in narrow strips. As a result, a forty acre field can radically vary, in the soil type and productivity.

Natural Vegetation - Mixed weeds, coniferous and broad leaf, and trees dominate the area. The dominant species are: trembling aspen, balsam, white and black poplar, tamarac, spruce and some birch. The minor vegetation consists of a rich assortment of low shrubs, dominated by willow, hazel brush, chokecherry, dogwood, and snowberry.

Settlement - The first settlers in this area were natives, a migration of the Saulteaux (Ojibway) natives from Ontario displaced the Cree and Assiniboine natives in the 1820's. In 1875, at the request of Keeseekowenin (Sky Man), a reserve was set apart by the Dominion Government for the band near Elphinstone. Keeseekowenin and his band in 1892 requested that a small piece of land, on the shores of Clear Lake, be set apart for them in order to protect their fishing rights. A few years later, the Government approved their request and reserved a parcel of 756 acres along the north shore of Clear Lake.

A strong, but transient community of Metis people, developed in the late 1800's and were the link between the natives and the Hudsons Bay Company and other white agen-

cies and governing bodies. Early Scottish and English ranchers came and went leaving as a legacy place names like Imrie Lake, Gunville Lake, and Hyde Lake.

Written by Bob Curle

The first people to live in the Riding Mountain were the Indian residents. The affinity of the Saulteaux people for this district is most vividly portrayed by the history of the Clear Lake Indian Reserve, number 61 A. However, their story begins at an earlier time. The Saulteaux people, a branch of the Ojibway nation, moved westward from the traditional bush lands of North Western Ontario in the 1780's. By 1820 they began to move into the Assiniboine River Water Shed and subsequently the Riding Mountain area. The Saulteaux filled the lands vacated by the Plains Cree and the Assiniboine Tribes in their westward pursuit of the herds of buffalo and their retreat from the white settlers.

By 1860 the Saulteaux became the dominant tribe in the Riding Mountain area. Unlike the Cree the Saulteaux people had traded with the Caucasians since the sixteenth century in Northern Ontario as well as Northern Wisconsin and Minnesota. This tribe was known for their skill at fur trapping and had accommodated the influence of the trading posts into their life style.

The ancestors of the Keeseekoowenin band were Saulteaux whose principal territories included the Riding Mountain and in particular, the transition zone around the Park where the forest meets the plain. The separate ecosystems of the plains and forest lands clashed in transition zone. This clash of soil types, uneven topography and climate change, produced an extraordinary variety of plant and animal life. This in turn tended to maintain stable human habitation in these zones.

This environment was ideally suited to the Saulteaux people. The hunting bands were organized into small family units.

Their organization was based on extended kinship and clan affiliation. At the time of the treaty number 2 (August 1871), the principal chief was the son of Michael Cardinal Omekis. The reserve designated for Mekis's band was to be located in the transition zone north-east of the park, between the Valley and Turtle Rivers. Mekis's son (or half brother) Keeseekowenin in 1874, after Mekis's death, requested the reserve be moved to the transition zone on the south side of the park just north of the village of Elphinstone. This request was approved and the reserve was designated the Riding Mountain number 61. Keeseekowenin was the chief.

In 1895 the Councillors of the reserve went to the Dept. of Indian Affairs Head Quarters in Regina to request a reserve be set aside on the north-west shore of Clear Lake. According to Chief George Bone in a letter to the Dept. of Indian Affairs, "Always we went there for our meat, so when we saw the country was getting crowded with settlers, and we no longer had the run of the Riding Mountain, we thought to ask for a place such as we have at Clear Lake."

HISTORY OF THE RESERVE 61 A

In 1896 the Dept. of Indian Affairs at the request of the natives of the Keeseekowenin Band on #61, arranged with the Dept. of the Interior to reserve certain lands on the shores of Clear Lake as a fishing station for them. This arrangement was affirmed by an order in Council dated July 8, 1896. In 1906 the principal members of the Band entered into an agreement with the Hudson Bay Company to purchase the west half of section 8, township 20, range 19, W.P.M. which adjoins I.R. 61 A. They made certain improvements on the property but were having difficulty making the payments and were faced with the possibility of losing the property. The Band requested the Dept. to purchase the half section. The transaction was to be arranged by the sale of 260 acres of Indian Reserve #61, (the Reserve by Elphinstone) the proceeds to be applied to the paying for half section of sec. 8. The transaction was completed but the receipts from the land at Elphinstone were not sufficient. Only \$1,448.45 was available from the land

funds and the balance of \$960.00 was paid by the Dept. of Indian Affairs.

In 1906 the land was included in the Riding Mountain Forest Reserve by the Dominion Forest Reserve and Parks Act. There is some question as to whether or not the Dominion Forest Reserve could supercede the Indian Affairs Act in the designation of land use.

In 1913 the Band formally surrendered to the crown 30 acres of Indian Reserve 61 A in exchange for 100 acres of land at Bottle Lake. This exchange was to compensate the Band for land which was flooded as a result of the Minnedosa Power Co. building a dam at the outlet of Clear Lake, then known as Clear Creek.

By order in council on the 28 day of December 1929 the Forest Reserve at Riding Mountain was designated as a Dominion Park.

In 1931 Indian Reserve 61 A came to the attention of the Dept. of Justice. This Dept. ruled the Clear Lake Reserve had not been set apart as an Indian Reserve under the meaning of the Dominion Lands Act, and was therefore Crown Land and formed part of the Riding Mountain National Park.

The following five years were years of tensions between the residents of the Reserve 61 A and the Federal Dept. of Indian Affairs and the National Parks. In a letter to the Minister of Indian Affairs, dated Jan. 28, 1932 Mr. C. E. Crawford of Crawford Park wrote to express the Keeseekowenin Bands concern about the expropriation of 61 A by Parks Canada. "At this meeting today, they admitted that if they receive a township which would comprise a half of Lake Audy, which is about twelve miles west of their present Reserve, where they could have hunting and fishing privileges as is called for in their Treaty with the Queen Victoria. They would also ask for a cash consideration in lieu of Reserve 61 A."

Response from A. F. McKenzie, secretary for the Dept. of Indian Affairs is dated Feb. 12, 1932 to Chief

George Bone. "The suggestion that a township of land be obtained for the Band in the vicinity of Lake Audy cannot be acted upon. This Lake, as you are aware, is also within the limits of the Riding Mountain Park." The Dept. has not as yet instructed the Indian Agent to order the removal of the Indians living on these lands. When it is necessary to take this action, those Indian residents on the Clear Lake Reserve will be compensated for their improvements there, either by the payment of money or by being supplied with similar or better improvements on lands which are actually owned by the Band.

The situation gradually deteriorated, prompting A. G. Hamilton, Inspector of Indian Affairs in Manitoba to write to his superiors in Ottawa. The letter dated Nov. 27, 1935, "I cannot emphasize too strongly the fact that the Indians are greatly displeased and there is a strong feeling of resentment in connection with the whole situation. The Indians are continually seeking outside advice and we may find much greater opposition than at present anticipated. I would therefore like to carry out the arrangements (expropriation and financial settlement) leaving as little room as possible for interference and criticism."

Eventually the payment to the band was the sum of \$4,733.45 for Indian Reserve 61 A. The buildings on the Reserve 61 A were burnt by Parks Canada employees in 1935. The only remains of the reserve site is the Indian Cemetery, now a tourist attraction, half a mile north of the Crawford Park district.

Considering cultural differences, the natives of I.R. 61 and 61 A have interactivity with the Caucasian with a surprising minimum of friction. The Lake Audy and Crawford Park districts lay along their native routes to their traditional hunting and fishing grounds around Clear Lake and Lake Audy.

Some natives, like Mrs. John L. Bone have been a source of medical information that has seen many a pioneer healed of various afflictions. The natives often traded wild meat and mocassins for other foods, ammunition

and occasionally illicit spirits. Native labour was a welcome addition during harvest time and at the many saw mills.

Written by H. Hodges

The Clear Lake Indian Reserve was a thriving community. There were a few families who made it their home all year. They were the McKay Blackbirds, Sam Bone, David Burns, the Dan Gaywishes, Gilbert Bone, Philip McKay, George Bone, and in one house three maiden ladies. George Bone was the chief and his home was on the south-west corner of the reserve. These families lived on wild meat, fish and what they could earn trapping and working. They traded meat and mocassins to the local farmers for milk, eggs, and bread.

During the summer months the population multiplied many times as people from other reserves came to visit. Fish and meat were in abundant supply and everyone was happy. They had their Pow Wows and their Ritual Dances. They did their washing down on the lake shore.

The Mission as they called it gave them clothing and quilts. Whenever a deer or elk was killed the hide was always tanned. The three maids (relations to Sam Bone) always had several hides hanging outside their log shack, as they tanned them in return for food from the hunters.

The Indian women made beautiful mocassins, mitts, and buckskin jackets from the deer hides. The price for mocassins ranged from .50¢ for a plain pair to as high as \$2.00 for an elaborately beaded pair. They also did extensive bead designs on their jackets and quantlet type mitts.

Prior to 1925 there was a frame building built on the Reserve about the year 1921. A Miss Lee from the Congregation of the Bethel Church at Danvers spent the summer here teaching the people to read and write as well as some Bible study.

In 1926 this building was bought and moved off the

Reserve to be used as the Clear Creek School.

Some of the people have many connections with this small reserve. Dan Gaywish was born here and married here and their children were born here. Many have loved ones buried in the cemetery here.

The cemetery now a tourist attraction has at least forty graves in it. One tombstone for Michel Bone who passed away 1915 at the age of 22 years. He was the son of Mr. & Mrs. George Bone.



FIRST LAND OWNER

The first land owner ever recorded was Mr. Joseph Buzza who bought the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 6-20-20 on October 28, 1880. In 1889

Mr. Buzza had some friends move in with him as there was a good supply of hay and water. They cut hay from there to Lake Audy. A ranch was started and was known as McLeods Ranch.

There seems to be some misunderstanding about the location of the Riding Mountain Trading Post. It was not in this area as one would think but on Section 34-18-21 which is several miles south of the Park boundary. There was a winter sub-post established on the east shore of Lake Audy. On our visit to the Manitoba Archives we could find no information about it. The post was occupied for a few winters and the furs brought in by the Indians were of fine quality. One of the fur traders was Mr. James Audy who later lived in Elphinstone and died in 1909.

Lake Audy was named after James Audy. It is situated on approximately Section 31-20-20.

In the years up until the early 1930's there were several hundred acres of rich plains on the east side of the lake. It is known that great herds of buffalo roamed on those plains. The remaining sides of the lake heavily timbered areas. The Indians spent part of the summer months digging senecca root on the plains. In the early 1930's part of the great plain was planted with thousands of trees.

What was first known as the Audy trail and later changed to the Stratchclair trail crossed the Audy plain. Many of the settlers to Gilbert Plains and Dauphin used this trail.

THE SQUATTERS AND LATER THE SOLDIER SETTLEMENT

About the year 1900 there was a settlement of people in the Clear Lake area. About thirty-two families of squatters. At the time when it was opened up for the soldiers in 1921 there was still evidence of this former settlement. They had lived in log houses with a cellar dug under them and many of the cellars were still there. The majority of the settlers had lived near the lake shore as far east as what is now called the Dude Ranch. A few of them lived along the Clear Creek among them the Thorns and the Berciers. Their two houses had been only a few hundred

yards apart, one on the N.W. corner of the N.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 32-19-19, and the other on the N.E. corner of the N.W. $\frac{1}{2}$ 32-19-19.

One family Mr. Ed Bercier, said they were French but he could not remember their name, built on the west side of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 29-19-19. They had broken up a piece of land and by their building site there were a lot of cans from canned food that was not evident at the other old cellars.

There were three families down on the east side of Long Lake. It is known that the Rognan family of Erickson were once squatters north of Erickson but we do not know if they were in this area or not. One of the families was Mr. George Kelly. He lived along the lake just at the boundary of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 33-19-19. While living here his daughter Edna was born and possibly his son Jack (of that we are not sure).

About 1900 an election was coming up and these people were given this land in return for their votes. Like most election promises it did not come true and in 1900 the Government ordered them off their land. By this time, most of the people considered it their home, thus they were offered \$300.00 in cash for their improvements and the choice of a homestead in some areas. The George Kellys, Dan Lilleys, and the Jim Lilleys moved to the Sandy Lake district. The Thorns and the Berciers moved further along the Clear Creek into what is now the Audy District.

This land in the Clear Lake area was vacant until 1921 when it was given to the returned soldiers. It had been surveyed prior to 1918 and according to that survey it was open as far north as the northerly border of township twenty or what is commonly called "the old game line." In 1920 it was surveyed again in preparation for the soldiers and the border of the forest reserve was moved south to take in four rows of sections in the township twenty.

In 1921 the two south rows of sections in township twenty and all of townships nineteen as far south as there was vacant land was reserved for the returned soldiers. In order for a soldier to qualify he had to have served overseas. He also had to go before the Soldiers Settlement Board in Winnipeg and they decided whether he was qualified to be a farmer. Those who qualified as farmers had to be at the Dauphin Townhall at 9 A.M. on April 16, 1921.

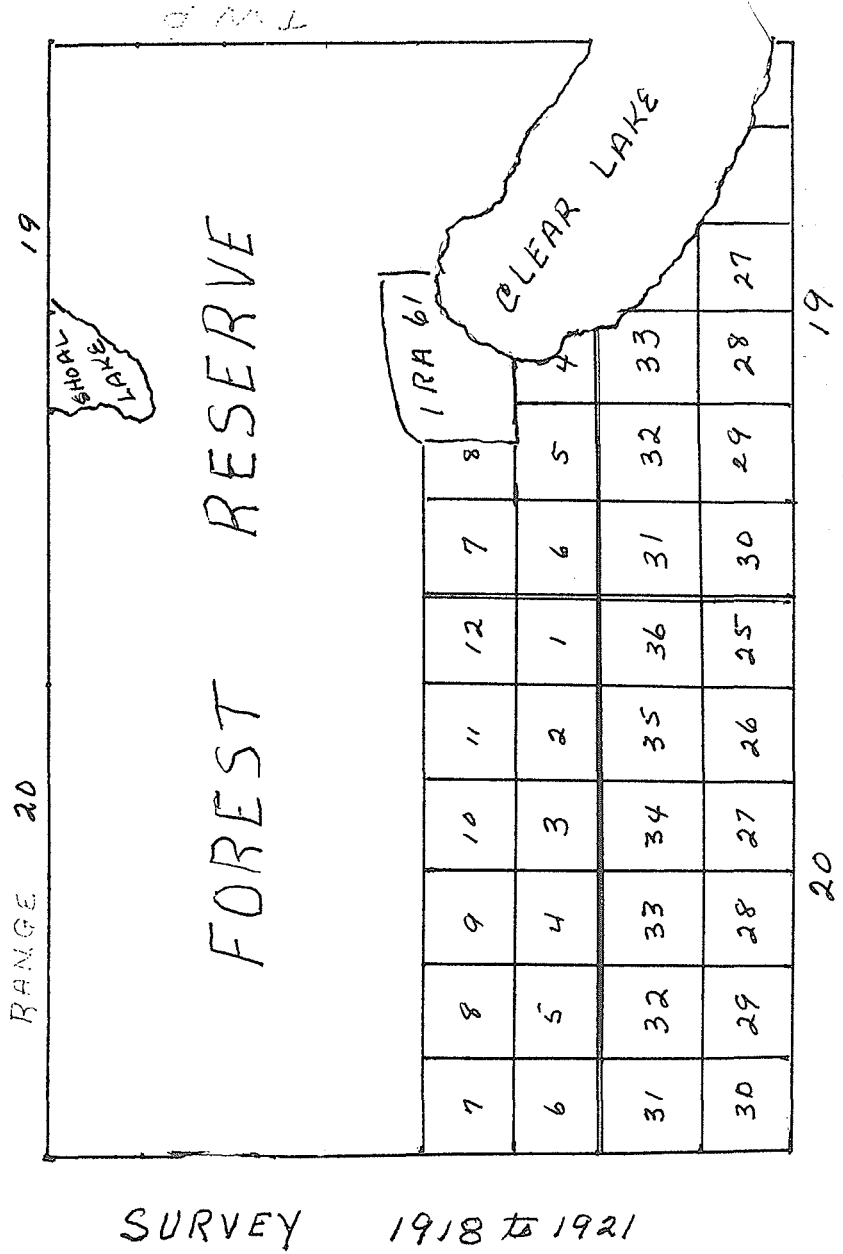
Each soldier's qualifications were put into an envelope and all the envelopes were put into a churn and well mixed up. The envelopes were drawn from the churn by the Soldiers Settlements Superintendant's daughter. As each man's envelope was drawn he had his choice of the land he wanted.

Some of the men had looked over the area and decided where they wanted to farm. Others just picked a location at random then had to find out where it was. Jack Fraser a first settler in the Clear Lake district had a team and buggy and a good knowledge of the layout of the land and he was of great assistance to those who had to find the location of their farms. Another man that was of great assistance was Bob Slater. He had worked with the surveyors when the land was surveyed.

It is interesting to note that the man who had number one choice picked his land on Section 19-19-19, right in the Long Lake swamp. George Kelly was number three pick and he chose the farm that his father had lived on as a squatter: namely the E. $\frac{1}{2}$ 33-19-19. Charlie Crawford was one of the first picked and he chose the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-20-19 right next to Clear Lake near the origin of Clear Creek.

Some soldiers were allotted a half section of land while others received only a quarter section and 80 acres. According to the Soldiers Settlement Act there was a reason for this. If the land was good farm land they received only 160 acres or quarter section plus 80 acres. If it was a less productive soil they received 320 acres or a half section. The quarter section was given to them as a grant. The second portion of which could be 80 acres or 160 acres was called their "reservation." In later years the soldier was given the chance to either buy or homestead his reservation. The term "homestead" meant he could receive the portion of land for the sum of ten dollars. At that time anyone in the country could "homestead" a piece of land of a specified size by applying at a designated place and paying ten dollars. Each person was not allowed more than one "homestead" in their life.

After their farm was acquired, in order to keep it, the soldier had to live on the farm for three months of the year, had to build a building on it and break up to ten acres to cultivation. During the years 1921 and 1922 a



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lot of the soldiers moved onto their farms and remained there. Those are the real pioneers of our district. If a soldier did not fulfill his obligations his land could be cancelled on by other soldiers. Some men were not satisfied with the land they had gotten so they would give it up and cancel on the farms left by other soldiers. Among our pioneers who did this were: Arthur Simms, Jim Coey, Melvin McLaughlin, and I am sure there were many others we are unaware of. In the year 1924 the Government decided to allow anyone whether he was a soldier or not to cancel on these farms and homestead them, thus Walter Preistner and Ford McLaughlin and others got their farms.

The first family to move onto their farms in 1921 were: Neil Christiansons and Hans Christiansons (no relation to each other), George Griffiths and Charlie Crawford. By the end of 1922 nearly all the families that made up our pioneers had moved in permanently.

McLeod Ranch

John McLeod came to Manitoba from Ontario in 1880. He married Ellen Dickson also from Ontario. In 1889 they left their homestead at Newdale and moved to a location near Lake Audy where there was plenty of pasture and hay for their cattle and horses.

Their ranch was situated on the old Strathclair trail and at that time provided the only rest stop for many miles. To accommodate those who were travelling across the Riding Mountain, Mr. McLeod built a large building which contained 24 bunks, a large wood burning stove and tables and chairs. Most travellers carried their own blankets and food but often Mrs. McLeod prepared a hot meal for them.

Mr. McLeod provided the lumber camps north of the ranch with beef, pork, and hay and Mrs. McLeod made all the butter they used. The men in those camps cut logs all winter. They built a large dam at Lake Audy and in the spring when the ice was gone they let out the dam and floated the logs down the Little Saskatchewan River to Brandon.

In 1898 the McLeods left the ranch and moved to a farm north of Strathclair.

MIDDLETON RANCH

William Middleton came from Aberdeen, Scotland with his wife and small son William Peter in 1875.

Mr. Middleton was a contractor in Winnipeg until 1879 when the west called him. He came from Winnipeg on the boat Northcote to Grande Valley.

He was interested in land so he staked his claim and he and Mr. Birmingham a neighbor, walked to Minnedosa to stake their claim. Mr. Middleton and Mr. Birmingham lived together in a small shack and cleared the land on S.W. 2-11-19 which he purchased from Peter Payne. Mrs. Middleton would not come until a house was built. The lumber for the house came by boat and the house was built in 1883.



Middleton's Sr. in front democrat. Original Middleton Ranch House, later torn down and a new house was built before Percy Hyde bought it.

In 1900 Mr. Middleton bought the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 6-20-20 from a man by the name of Buzza . in what is now known as the Lake Audy district. At this time his son William Peter took over the land on 2-11-19.

Mr. Middleton Sr. was both a lumberman and rancher. A saw-mill was situated on his land and he had a cattle ranch.

This ranch was a stopping place for many people including farmers and hunters as it was situated along the Strathclair Trail, the main road to the north at that time. This ranch was situated near the high dump which was so named because of the high river bank. The logs were cut near Lake Audy and dumped at this location and were then moved to Middleton Ranch down the river. Ties for the railroad were cut in this same area near Lake Audy.

Mr. Middleton homesteaded the E $\frac{1}{2}$ of 32-20-19 about 8 miles NE of the Middleton Ranch. It was a hay farm. Scrub and stones were removed and about 60 acres were under cultivation.

In seeding, haying, summerfallowing and harvesting time, they had to stay there for about a week at a time.

Mrs. Middleton had to take the food up and it was a long jaunt with horses as there were no cars. When rural mail service started, Mr. Middleton would have his provisions sent up with the mailman. Mrs. Middleton learned to drive the Reo car later and would go back and forth with them. The meadows were filled with wild strawberries and many quarts were picked.

During the winter, hay was hauled down from 32-20-19 for the stock or sold. Jack Archibald bought the NE quarter and later sold it to H. Hickson. Mr. Middleton sold the other quarter to Mr. Hockley in 1920 and it was a big load off their shoulders.

Mrs. Middleton was a friend to all, Indians and whites alike. She used to deliver eggs to a Webb family in Brandon. At an early age their daughter Jessie was left homeless so Mr. & Mrs. Middleton took her and raised her as their own child.

Mrs. Middleton passed away on April 16, 1918 and is buried in the Bend Cemetery in the R.M. of Strathclair. Mr. Middleton sold his farm on 6-20-20 in the fall of 1919 to Percy Hyde and moved to Santa Monica, California. He later married Lola Brownley. He passed away in 1929.

William Peter Middleton became a well known percham breeder. Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Peter Middleton had three children.



Mr. & Mrs. W.P. Middleton, Mr. & Mrs. Hooper, Ella Nelles Roy and Annie.

William Alexander lives in Vancouver, B.C.

Rita Annie married Jack Catto from Inverness, Scotland and they reside in Brandon.

Ella was a teacher and married Ernest Nelles from Elton, Manitoba. They live in Chiliwack, B.C.

Jessie Webb married Fred Hooper. They had two children, Roy and Annie.

Roy moved to Vancouver in later years when his father Fred took sick. He and Jessie joined him there where they lived out their lives.

Roy still resides in Vancouver.

Annie is married and lives at 100 Mile House.

They have two children both living in Vancouver.

William Peter Middleton passed away in 1927 and his wife passed away in 1932.



Uncle Fred and
Aunt Jessie
Hooper
children are
Annie & Roy



Jack and Rita Cotts

THE MERCHANTS OF LAKE AUDY

The story of the retail business in the Lake Audy district began in the 1850's. The Hudson Bay Company established a winter post on the N.W. 6-20-20, which is now the farmyard of Maurice and Helen Ewasiuk. The post was run by a series of junior traders, sent out from Fort Ellice (near St. Lazare).

The area was rich in wild animals, such as martin, mink, and fisher pelts, which the "Bay" was eager to acquire. In exchange for the skins, the natives were given food (mainly pemican), supplies for hunting and trapping, clothing and other assorted articles. Free traders, anxious to cut into the Hudson Bay Company's business, offered a variety of intoxicating spirits for the furs.

From his recollections, "Trails in Ruperts Land 1866 - 1870," Walter Trail writes: "We had traded between three and four thousand pounds of pemican at two shillings per pound, and can put all the furs on one dogsled. The furs, mink, martin and fisher are nearly worth their weight in gold."

Walter Trail was dispatched to the Lake Audy area to rebuild the post that was burned to the ground in 1868. He chose to move the post downstream on what is now Walter Dinko's farm.

Trail writes: "The Indians here have always been a turbulent band and when the post was abandoned for lack of provisions in the spring of 1868. The Indians regarded the abandonment as an unfriendly act, on the part of the company, and in March burned the post."

The traders that followed Walter Trail were located either at the site on Dinko's farm or in Elphinstone, but continued to make frequent trips into the Lake Audy - Crawford Park district, not only to trade but to hunt big game, waterfowl, and to fish. The trader whose name remains prominent in the area was James Audy (pronounced ODIE). Mr. Audy took over the post in 1871 and had Lake Audy, the second largest lake in the park, named after him. The original name for the lake was a cumbersome Indian name that not only described

the lake but all the creeks and the river that formed the Little Saskatchewan watershed.

In 1921 when the area was opened up to be settled by veterans of World War 1. Mr. Charlie Crawford of Strathclair received the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-20-19 as his grant. That same year he started a store on the S.E. corner of the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-20-19. His first store was in a tent. The tent served as a store until he got a log building erected, ready to move into before the winter began. His supplies were hauled



The first Crawford-Park store

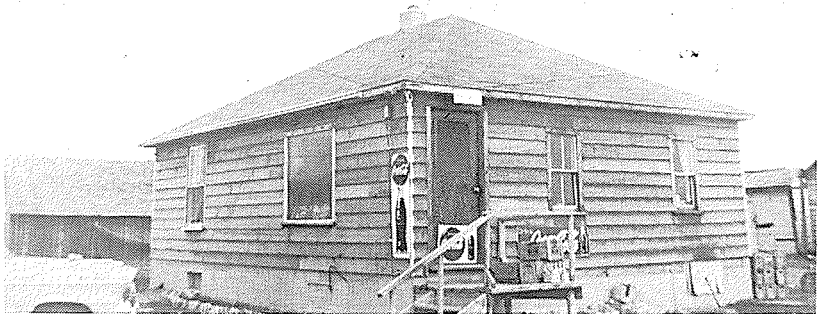
in from Erickson by a man named Joe Fleury. Joe lived in a log shack a few hundred yards north of the store.

In 1923 when the post office opened, Mr. Abe Best began hauling the freight for the store. About 1924 Mr. Crawford built a front on the old log store big enough to house the post office, a piece for a warehouse and some extra room for the customers, and living quarters were added.

In 1933 Mr. Paddy Trim a carpenter, was hired to build a new store with better living quarters. Prior to this Mr. Crawford had become ill and his daughter Florence was operating the business.

In the late 1920's Mr. and Mrs. Bill Wilson Sr. built a lean onto their living quarters at the saw mill. They operated a store there until 1936 when they sold their stock to Mrs. Florence Trim.

In 1946 Florence and Paddy sold the store to Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rochelle. In November 1947 the government awarded the Post Office to Ernie Ashby and he operated it and a store on the N.E. corner of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 36-19-20. Jacob Rochelle closed his store and sold the property. It is now the Conference Centre (Camp Wannacumbac).



First Lake Audy store as it was when purchased by Mr. & Mrs. Mymko in 1961.

In the Audy district, the first modern merchant was Michael and Ann (nee Krupa) Kolenich. They established a store in 1948 just west of the Lake Audy school. This store sold only groceries and closed after two years. Michael and Ann moved to Rackham where they purchased the store.

Maurice and Ann (nee Arnold) Ingram opened a store on the N.W. 1/8-20-20 in 1957. This business like the Hudsons Bay Post catered to the needs of the local residents. By now the type of merchandise had changed. As well as food there was clothing, repairs for machinery and gasoline. A new post office known as Lake Audy was located in this store. The residents too had changed as there were very few natives in the area.

In 1958 Mr. Ashby closed his store and moved to Brandon. The postal service to Crawford Park was discontinued.

The increasing good roads and standard of living eventually allowed the local residents to participate in the North American trend toward frequenting larger service centres for most of their needs.

While this drew business away from the local stores, it also allowed an increase in tourism which made up for the loss of local trade. In 1961 the Ingrams sold their business to Steve and Dora Mymko. The Ingrams and the Mymkos saw a decrease in the local population during the '50's and the '60's. People were realizing that farms of 80 to 160 acres did not provide an adequate living for a family.

Thus in a span of 30 years, the business from a primary reliance on the local population to a reliance on tourism. In 1977 the Mymkos sold their Lake Audy store to Bob and Adeline Curle. It is of interest to note that since 1980 there has been a marked increase in business with some very familiar and old names such as the Burns, Blackbird and Bone families, as they are again hunting in this area.



The Lake Audy store in 1983. Operated by Bob and Adeline Curle.

CRAWFORD PARK - P.O.

The settlement of soldiers started in 1921 had a small store but it was now apparent they needed mail service. Mr. Crawford the store keeper, applied for a post office but before one could be obtained they had to have a name for it. The name Crawford with a hyphenated Park was chosen and on November 1, 1923 a post office was established. The mail had to be hauled from Erickson a distance of 23 or more miles as the trail went. Joe Fleury was hauling freight from Erickson for the store so to begin with he also brought the mail until Mr. Abe Best got the contract to haul the mail once a week on Saturdays. The mode of transportation was with horses and sleigh and in summer a democrat. He left Crawford's store at 6 am arriving in Erickson about 10 am. He had a reserved stall at the livery barn so that his team was well cared for. At 12 noon he left Erickson for the trip home with the mail, freight, etc. He arrived back about 3:30 to 4 pm. Some winters he lived in a log shack on the Crawford farm; in the summer he lived in his home on S.W. ¼ 6-20-19.

CRAWFORD PARK P.O. MANITOBA



Charlie Crawford and Joe Fleury.

A good number of the farmers south of the store got their mail at Crawford Park. Those who didn't had to go to Erickson for their mail. In 1929 Donald Grant (who got his mail at Crawford Park) and Neil Tracy who got his mail at Erickson decided they needed a post office between Erickson and Crawford Park. They took around a petition to the farmers and were successful in getting their post office. Since the post office was to be in Neil Tracy's house, which was built on a knoll on the Neil Tracy farm S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 13-19-19, the post office was called Onanole. This post office was only half a mile off Mr. Best's route so he hauled the mail to Onanole as well. Soon after this post office opened the settlers wanted their mail twice a week. Mr. Best made two trips a week, Wednesday and Saturday. Only once did he use the privilege that if one of his horses could not complete the trip if he was carrying the mail, he could go to the nearest farm and demand a horse to get the mail to its destination. One trip he had to get a horse from L. B. Gusdal.

In 1930 there were definite changes in the mail service. A veteran Mr. J. A. Baxter went to Winnipeg to try and get

the post masters job at Sandy Lake that was vacant. Mr. Best had held off signing his contract in hopes of securing better wages. The postal authorities gave the contract to Mr. Baxter. He hauled the mail in a truck in the summer time but often had to leave the truck at Onanole in the winter time and use horses to get to Crawford Park. In 1931 Mr. Crawford suffered a stroke and his daughter Florence, came home to run the store and post office. Sia as he was called also hauled the cream to Erickson when going on his mail route. The farmers got \$1.25 for a five gallon can.

On July 1936 Mr. Crawford passed away and Mr. A. C. Trim (Paddy) was made the official post master. The mail was being brought in three times a week beginning June 3, 1941. In 1945 when Keith Baxter returned from active service in the army overseas, he took over driving the mail and cream route.

In 1946 Florence and Paddy sold the store to Jacob Rochelle and on August 31, 1946, Mr. Trim resigned as post master. Mr. Rochelle took over as acting post master until November 1, 1947 when Mr. E. Ashby was appointed post master. The post office was then moved from S.W. 1/4-20-19 to N.E. 1/4-36-19-20, a distance of two and a half miles further west.

In 1950 Keith Baxter decided to sell the mail route to Mr. Stewart Steele. Mr. and Mrs. Steele hauled the mail until March 20, 1958 when the Crawford-Park post office was permanently closed.

Some residents changed their address to Onanole, some to Lake Audy and some to Sandy Lake.

A list of the postal revenue for the Crawford-Park post office was \$231.61 in 1931, \$542.96 in 1942, \$803.57 in 1945 and \$214.06 in 1952.

FIRST ORGANIZATION

In the winter of 1922-23 the settlers formed the Clear Lake Sports Association. George Kelly was president and Jim Coey was Secretary-Treasurer. The first picnic was held July 1923, charge was 25 cents per adult. These picnics were held by the shore of Clear Lake on section 33 near the mouth of Clear Creek. The main attractions were the

hard ball games, the horse races and childrens races. Most people travelled by horse and buggy or on horse back and some would travel many miles to attend a local picnic. As well as the Clear Lake picnic there was the Danvers picnic. They had an excellent ball team. Then there was the Elphinstone picnic as well as others. When outside teams came to our picnic, our team always tried to return the favor and go to their picnic. Our team was sparked by back catcher Ben Baxter and in later years Howard Kelly and pitcher Bob McLaughlin. The horse races were Indian pony type of horses but it was always a thrill when a local horse won the race. Often the horses raced were the ones that pulled the buggies and wagon to the picnic. The children's races were varied to accommodate the various ages. The three legged race and the bag race were popular. Of course some men would have a quart of homebrew hidden somewhere in the bush.

At a meeting of the Clear Lake Sports Association on June 15, 1929 the motion was made by Paddy Trim seconded by Jim Griffiths that the C.L.S.A. funds be turned over to the Clear Lake Branch #67 of the Canadian Legion. Carried 12 for 3 against. An amendment to the above motion was made by Arthur Simms seconded by George Kelly that the picnic be run as before with the Canadian Legion and all residents taking part. Moved by T.C. Baxter that Wes Henry be President. Carried. Moved by George Kelly seconded by George Griffiths that J. A. Baxter be Secretary. Carried. Moved by A. Simms seconded by Roy Kelly that H. Christianson act as Treasurer.

At the meeting July 13, 1929 it was moved by T.C. Baxter seconded by E. Ashby that A. Buchannon interview Mr. C. E. Crawford about serving lunches at the picnic from his booth. Moved by George Kelly seconded by E. Ashby that A. Simms, Edgar Kelly, Abe Best and M. McLaughlin act as gatemen. Carried. Committees appointed were Baseball and football - Fred Wilson, Tom Buchanon, George Kelly. Horse races - Roy Kelly, Ernie Ashby, Jack McKenzie. Childrens sports - Mr. Fogg, Minister Bob Brown, Mr. T. C. Baxter. Athletic sport - T. C. Baxter, Water sports - A. Simms, Edgar Kelly, ✓ Quoits - Jack Kelly, Grounds committee - Fred Wilson, A. Simms, T. C. Baxter, O. Christiansen, Roy Kelly, Bob Brown. Moved by G. Kelly, seconded by H. Christianson that we have Tuesday, July 16 for fixing up the grounds.

At the meeting July 27, 1929 the motion was made by Abe Best seconded by Bill Wilson that a ledger be purchased and used by the Association.

At the second meeting held June 14, 1930 to draft plans for the eighth annual picnic, it was moved by H. Christianson seconded by E. Ashby that they have a slow car race. Carried. Moved by George Kelly seconded by E. Ashby that the Busy Bess be instructed that they can put up a tent if they sell only things that will not conflict with the booth or lunch counters.

At the meeting June 28, 1930 basketball was added to the sports with Georgina Wilson, Tom Bushanon and H. Christianson on the committee.

At the meeting July 5, 1930 it was moved by E. Ashby seconded by S. B. Baxter that we pay J. Rochelle \$3.00 for basketball hoops.

At the meeting July 12, 1930 moved by E. Ashby seconded by J. Kelly that Olie Christianson, Fred Wilson, and Jack Kelly act as a committee to arrange a dance for picnic night.

At the meeting June 31, 1931 the motion was made by Ben Baxter seconded by Ted Hodges that the picnic be held July 16, 1931. Moved by H. Christianson seconded by Hans Christianson that we advertise a basket picnic with only lunches served.

July 11, 1931 the motion was made by H. Christianson seconded by Fred Wilson that we hire men to clean up the picnic grounds at 30 cents an hours. Moved by H. Christianson seconded by Bob Brown that we employ Abe Best on the east gate and Jim Girling on the west gate.

June 18, 1932 moved by Mr. Bell seconded by Bert Kelly that the annual picnic be held July 21, 1932. Moved by Ben Baxter seconded by E. Ashby that we charge 25 cents for adults and cars in free but if cars parked in grounds, it would be at the owners risk.

Moved by Scotty Bell seconded by Bob McLaughlin that the catering committee accept W. Townleys offer to provide meals at picnic.

Moved by J. Kelly seconded by Archie Buchanon that the committee accept Mrs. Wilsons offer to put in a booth at the picnic.

June 10, 1933 moved by E. Ashby seconded by H. Christianson that the picnic be held July 20, 1933.

June 6, 1934 moved and carried that the picnic be held July 18 later changed to July 11. Committees were:

Baseball - R. McLaughlin, George Kelly, Tom Winder

Soft ball - T. C. Baxter, Joe Tinkler

Horse races - Hans Christianson, Ted Hodges, J. McKenzie, Ed Skog

Horse shoes - Jack Kelly

Childrens Sports - Ed Shaw, Jack Smith, Mrs. T. C. Baxter, Mrs. Griffiths

Booth - J. A. Baxter, Hy Christianson

Gatemen - East - M. McLaughlin, west A. Ferguson, water - Hans Christianson.

Moved by A. Ferguson, seconded by T. C. Baxter that we buy horse shoes.

July 21, 1934 moved by J. A. Baxter seconded by Bob Ballendine that our annual picnic be held on first Wednesday in July.

June 27, 1936 moved by T. C. Baxter seconded by Hans Christianson that we cancel annual picnic until times are better. Carried.

Moved by A. Simms seconded by George Griffiths that the association pay \$5.00 towards a childrens picnic.

On May 6, 1939 the Legion donated a shield to be competed for by all local schools and be held the last day of school. Schools who competed were Lake Audy, Providence, Clear Creek, Clear Lake, Onanole and Whirlpool. Rackham declined to hoin in this field day. Competitions were march or parade, shuttle race, ball games, races, high jump, broad jump, ball throw and three legged races. Points allowed were:

March	1st - 10 points	2nd - 5 pts.	3rd - 3 pts
Shuttle race	1st - 10 points	2nd - 5	3rd - 3 pts
Ball games	1st - 10 points	2nd - 5	3rd - 3 pts
Races each race	1st - 3 points	2nd - 2	3rd - 1 pts
High jump each class	1st - 3 points	2nd - 2	3rd - 1 pts
Broad jump each class	1st - 3 points	2nd - 2	3rd - 1 pts
Ball throw	1st - 3 points	2nd - 2	3rd - 1 pts
3 legged race	1st - 3 points	2nd - 2	3rd - 1 pts

Mr. Bob Brown usually trained the Clear Creek children for the 1945 March, the opening event of the day.

In 1944 they began awarding credit to the boy and girl earning the most individual points. Weldon Mayor won the boys, Ninetta Skatch won the girls. In 1946 a record high jump of 5'1" and a record broad jump of 18' 8" were made by Weldon Mayor again winning the boys honors. Olive Skatch won the girls. This year the Clear Creek school had won the Legion Shield for three consecutive years; thereby, winning it to keep. This was the last year Onanole competed.

In 1947 a new shield had been presented for competition by the Clear Creek Legion No. 67 to be kept by the school winning it three consecutive years and to be played for on Community Hall grounds.

In 1948 Clear Creek and Clear Lake were tied for points so each had the Shield for six months. Just three schools competed: Clear Creek, Clear Lake and Lake Audy. 1949 is the last year we have records of competition for the Legion Shield.

About 1940 it was decided to appoint a Sports Committee to sponsor a picnic for the local school children held at the Clear Creek Hall grounds and also to assist at the Christmas trees and raising money to provide for expenses. For those years every child in the school was given a gift at the Christmas tree. During the war years up until 1946 the ice cream was home made, quite often made at the home of Bob and Aggie McLaughlin. They always had a plentiful supply of ice. During the war when sugar was rationed the Scott Bathgate Co. always supplied a plentiful supply of candy. This committee also had to raise money for to pay the race winners at the picnic. Prizes: first - 25 cents, second - 15 cents and third - 10 cents. This committee also arranged and paid for the Dental Clinic to come to the school once each year. This was a great contribution to the health of the school children. In 1958 at the annual meeting it was decided to disband the Sports Committee.

The school picnic attendance began to decline about 1953 but efforts were made to keep this community gathering going. About 1965 the last picnic was held.

For a few years in the 1950's, a Field Day was held at Sportmans Park with Erickson, Onanole and Clear Creek competing in the small school competitions.

UNITED CHURCH

We contacted the United Church Archives and the Provincial Archives but there were very scant records, none at all at the Provincial Archives in connection with the student Minister program in the Crawford Park area.

In 1924 the student Minister was Earl Anderson. He boarded in Sandy Lake with either Eastlands or Robucks. From the Home Missions he received \$5 a week. He conducted services at Crawford Park at 11 am on Sunday. If he was lucky he would get a ride from Sandy Lake at least part way otherwise, he walked. The roads were mostly just trails. Sometimes Tom Buchanon would drive his team and buggy and take the Minister back to Sandy Lake. I believe Sandy Lake Service was in the evening.

In the years 1924 - 1926 church services were held in Arthur Simms or Griffiths or Thornton Baxters houses. During the warm weather the hay loft of Blackwells barn was used. At Griffiths house there was an organ but other services Arthur Simms played his violin for music for the hymns. Nearly everyone regardless of their denomination attended these services. It was a chance to meet the neighbors and everyone enjoyed the community spirit.

The Minister in 1925 was a man named Hall. I remember one Sunday at Blackwells he was limping when he came walking in. Someone suggested he should soak his feet in salty water to toughen them up. Bina Blackwell quickly produced a basin of warm salty water. Unknown to Bina Mr. Hall had had two big blisters on his heels, which had broke and were large raw sores. When he put his feet in that water, well, it was fortunate he was a Minister or we would probably have learned some new words that day.

After the Clear Creek school was built the church services were held in the school. Each year on one Sunday the student Minister would exchange services with an ordained

Minister so that all children born here could be baptized. He also conducted communion service.

In the year 1927 the grant was upped to \$10.00 a month. In 1932 it decreased to \$9.00 again. We cannot remember all the names of student Ministers but in 1929 the Minister was Mr. Fogg, and in 1930 Hartley Harland. These student Ministers were an asset to the district. They visited every home in the district and some of them assisted farmers in need of help, stooking and thrashing. In the late 1920s the Ministers boarding plans were changed from Sandy Lake to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Thornton Baxter at Crawford Park. About this time the Sandy Lake services were discontinued.

Some of the Ministers over the years were: G. Edwin Morrow, Mr. McLean, Ed Shaw (he had an ear), John Freeman, two or three by the name of Smith, Murray Henderson, Cyril Bleharry, a couple named Brown, E. Brenton, Mr. L. C. Fogg, G. Husser, D. Rupp, D. Fraser, Hartley Harland, Miss Hanley.

When the Clear Creek Hall was built church services were held there.

In 1951 Miss M. Hanley was the Minister, 1952 was Miss Roberta Wilkie.

When the Clear Lake Hall was available a Sunday service was available in the Clear Lake district.

About 1940 the Baxters, due to Mrs. Baxter's health, could no longer accommodate the student Ministers. They then began boarding with the Potter family in the Clear Lake district. By now a road has been built and the Minister could use a bicycle from one service to the other. There was now a service at Onanole.

In 1952 it is recorded "that Miss Roberta Wilkie was serving at Crawford Park and that services would be withdrawn from Onanole during July and August, but that there would be the usual services at Crawford Park and Clear Lake."

In 1953 there was no student sent to the Crawford Park field. In 1954 recommended that the name of the Crawford Park field be changed to Onanole.

Some years a "Vacation School" was sponsored for a week in the summer months. Here the children learned crafts and Bible verses and children's hymns. Also, some years a Sunday school was conducted.

In 1933 the visiting ordained Minister was Rev. Edward Lund. That is the only service to my knowledge where members were received into membership in the church. At that service Harriet Almira Mayor and Alexander Laurence Mayor joined the United Church of Canada by the session of the Clear Creek Congregation.

From 1952 until 1960 there were no church services in Crawford Park. In 1961 the school teacher hired was Mrs. Peggy Curwen. Her husband Lorne and Peggy began holding church services in the Clear Creek School. These services were well attended by the local residents who enjoyed Lorne Curwen's interesting sermons. One year during this time a service was held for members of the congregation to join the church. Those joining were: Jim and Dorothy Brown, Kenneth and Alice Griffiths, Glen and Marian Mayor, George Hodges and Almira Hodges, Wilma and Henry Winder. The Griffiths children and Tamara Hodges were christened at that time. When Lorne and Peggy moved away, that was the end of our church services.

THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION



The church of the Ascension was built about 1940 on the east side of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 15-19-20. Each family donated 500 feet of lumber and volunteered their labor. Mr. and Mrs. Trim donated the nails. Tony Yaworski did a lot of work, but a master carpenter was brought in to build the dome.

For many years they held regular services there. Steve Koroscil and Annie Gregorash were married in that church. The first priest was Father Hryhorichuk of the Greek Catholic Denomination. Later Father Ewanchu preached there.

When the transportation changed from horses to cars the congregation dwindled down as people went to other churches or moved away. Once a year in the summer months a service is held in this church. This church is sometimes referred to as the Crawford Park church.

SAW MILLS

Saw mills were a part of the history of this area even before it was permanently settled. In the Lake Audy area there is evidence of saw mills that were in the park before 1900. A lot of timber was cut in this area. The logs were placed on the river bank. In the spring the dam on Lake Audy would be opened, thus producing water deep enough to float the logs down the river to saw mills in the settlement. One man who had logging camps in the park was a Mr. Christie. A place on the river bank known as the "High Dump" was a popular place to put the logs into the river. We have not been able to ascertain just where it was located but from local pioneers it was on Section 7-20-20 just south of the park boundary on the Little Saskatchewan River. The log drives on the river were before the area was settled by the Veterans of World War I.

One man who owned an early saw mill was Mr. Alex Kippan. He had a mill near the Audy area. We know the second last mill he operated was about two miles inside the park boundary north of the Indian Reserve. He was operating this

mill during the depression when it was tough to keep a business going. Many of the local farmers got the amount of their wages in groceries from Florence Trim's store. Many farmers as far from Cardale and Hamiota worked at Kippans mill. They would get a log permit to cut logs in the park. The men either worked out the cost of the sawing or Mr. Kippan would take an amount of lumber for pay. He often had 50 to 100 teams working there as well as some families that lived at the mill all winter. They had their own shacks.

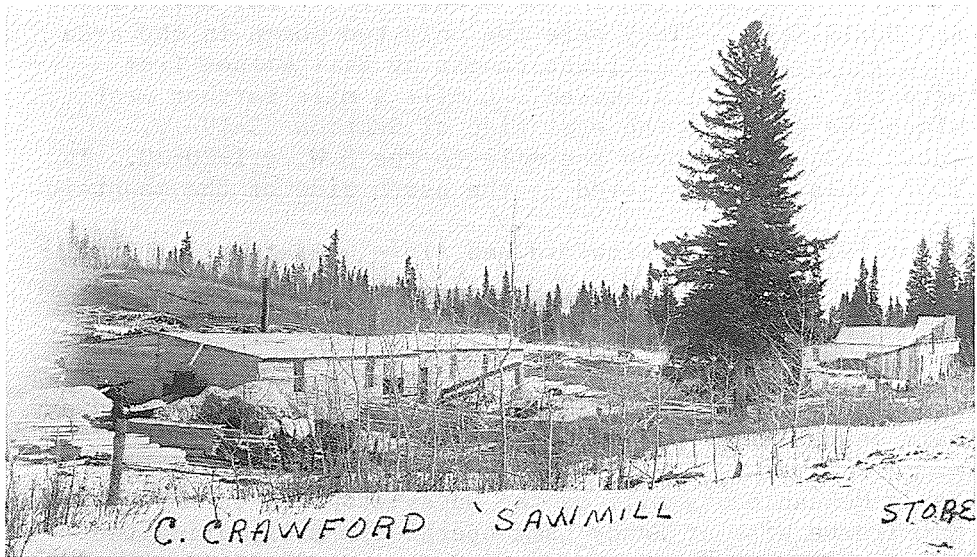
Mr. Kippan sold the lumber to build all the relief camps in 1931 and a lot of cottages at the lake. As well, he donated lumber to many projects like the Crawford Park ball and curling and skating rink. In the winter time a dance was held in cook shack on Friday nights. People came from many miles by team and sleigh and everyone had a good time. Mr. Kippan helped many a man that needed help and all with no charge. In 1936 Kippans mill was moved to the north side of the mountain.

About the first mill in the Clear Creek area was built by the Forsythes, Bill Nichol and Roy Kelly on east side 33-9-19. The first winter the cooks were: Mrs. Ella Nichol and Burly Kelly. They were the only two women in the area that winter. This mill was bought by Bill Wilson from Cardale. In 1927, he moved the mill a mile further west along the creek to the west side of Section 33-19-19. About 1934, they moved the mill to the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1-20-20. In 1937 this mill was moved to the north side of the mountain.

About 1928 Charlie Crawford had Albin Gustafson and Fred Log build a mill on his property near the store. It was operated for a few years but unfortunately it burned down on March 25, 1932.

About 1932 Alex Ewasiuk's saw mill was set upon Ed Gardippy's farm on the west side of the river.

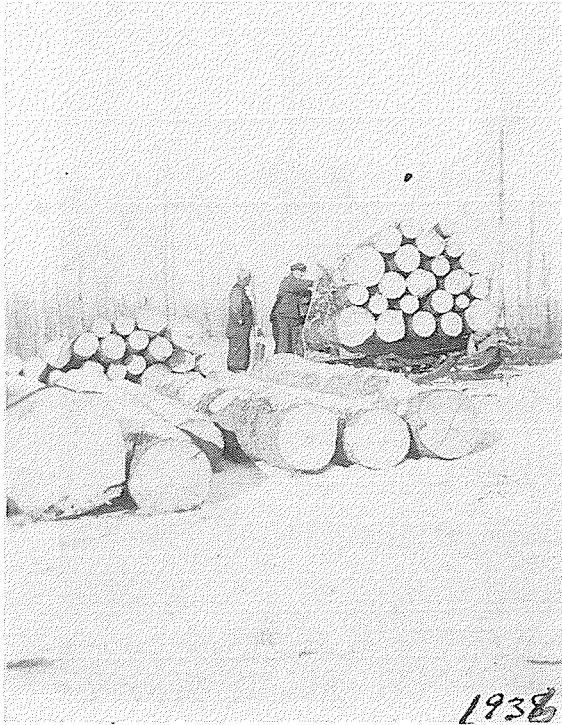
Andy McLean had a mill on the Macsymetz farm in early 1930's. Mr. Ira De Witt of Sandy Lake operated a mill during the thirties on the north corner of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 10-20-20 (Norman Kelling's farm). A good number of dances were held in that cook shack. Mrs. Ramzy from Sandy Lake was usually the cook at this mill. This mill was moved to the west side of Lake Audy in 1938.



Crawfords Mill

March 25, 1932 - burned.

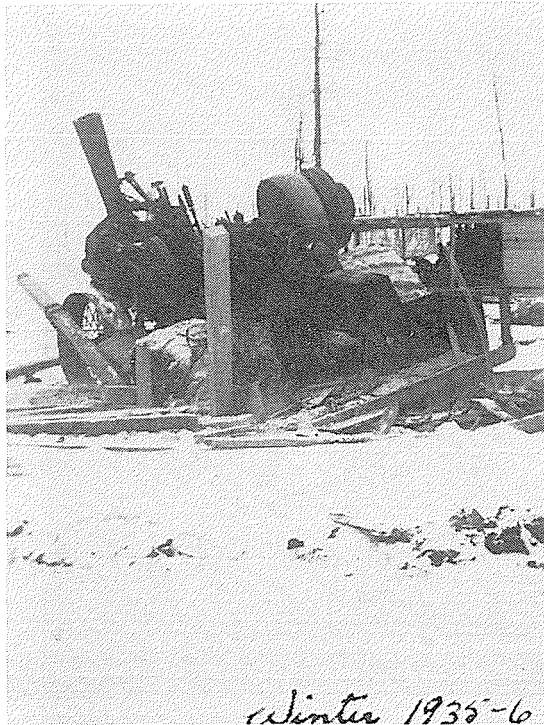
The men who fought the fire when Crawfords Mill burned were:
Left to right: John Mayor, Ed Bergeson, Bill Oberg, Robert
Ballendine, Bert Kelly and Fred Skog.



Ira Dewitt and Gordon Fetterly with load of logs.

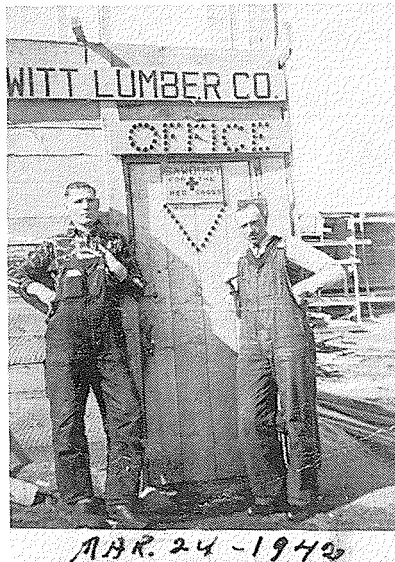


Ira Dewitt's mill on Norman Rolling's farm.



Winter 1935-6

Albin Gustafson's case steam engine on site at DeWitt's mill broke through this ice when going on slough to take on water driven by Pat Ferguson. This engine was used in mill.



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Nick Sichewski
left side of door.

Dewitt's Mill



Willard and Carl Fetterly's Mill

For many years a saw mill was operated on the Ford McLaughlin farm and later on Mel McLaughlin's farm, the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 12-20-20. Mikos had a saw mill on their farm for a couple of year.



Mill at McLaughlins

Another mill operating during the 1930's was owned by Fred and Ed Skog on the S.E. corner of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 1-20-20 (Bob McLaughlin's farm). In the late 1930's, the Skog brothers bought a few acres from J. A. Baxter and moved the mill to their own property next to the Clear Creek Hall. After a couple of years, they sold the mill to William Slashinsky. This mill was operated until the 1950's.

Fred Ewasiuk had his saw mill on the farm of John Ewasiuk N.W. 6-20-20 west side of the river 1947.

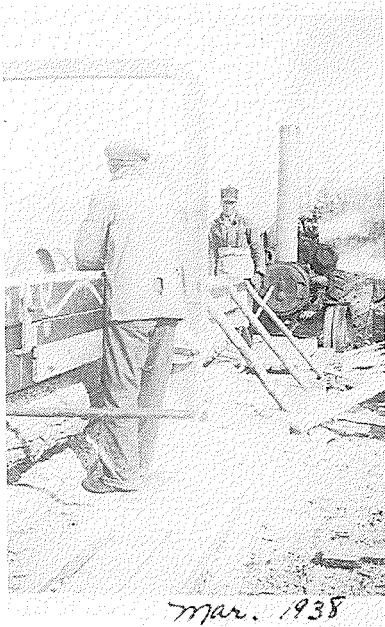


Alex Ewasiuk's mill

Mike Krupa's mill was on the farm of Mrs. Mary Krupa S.W. 6-20-20. It was operating during the 1950's and later he operated a mill just south of the Park line on the N.E. 7-20-20.

During the last years of the war, Willard and Carl Fetterly had a saw mill on the N.W. 2-20-20.

The winter of 1938, Albin Gustafson operated a saw mill on the S.W. corner of S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-20-19.



Gustafson's Mill

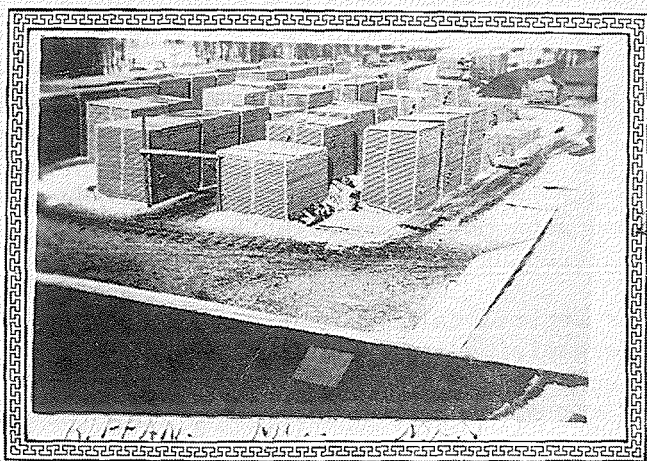
Shingle Mills were also a part of our history. The first one was owned by Tom Buchanan. It operated for many years in the 1920's. It was located on his farm. About 1930, Mr. Oberg came to district and set up a shingle mill near the creek on the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 5-20-19. After some years, he sold the mill to Mr. Kippan and on December 31, 1941 sold the mill site to Laurence and Carrie Mayor.



Oberg's Shingle Mill



Hugh Barr, Pat StCyr, Jack Kelly
Ed Skog, Ludwig Oberg, Bill Oberg



Above pictures-Kippans Old Mill



Wilson's Saw Mill

This is the site of the first mill in this district. First owned by the Forsythe Bros., Bill Nickol and Roy Kelly.

Now in the 1980's, we have a portable saw mill that can be set up wherever there are enough logs to make it worthwhile. It is owned and operated by Kenneth Griffiths.

Clear Creek School District #2147

By the year 1925, the number of women and children increased, but the school age children were few. Kathlee Adams spent some time in school in Winnipeg; Harriet Mayor went to Minnedosa for four months in 1925. In the spring of 1926, there were six children, namely: Kathleen Adams, Harriet, Laurence and John Mayor, Margaret Blackwell and Christina Kelly not attending any school.

The parents started calling meetings to discuss the possibility of organizing a school district and getting a school. The many bachelors in the district were very much against a school as that would mean taxes. They used the school act as their excuse, since it was written that there had to be a minimum of seven school aged children before a school could be obtained. There were only six children of school age, so the hopes of the settlers seemed doomed. They decided to call a meeting for the purpose of taking a vote

on the issue.

Henry Mayor and Arthur Simms knew that on March 19, 1926 Ford McLaughlin and his family of eight children (four of school age) would arrive from Helston to live in this district, so they arranged to have the vote the night of their arrival. Ford went direct from Sandy Lake station to the meeting being held in Arthur Simm's house. Needless to say, there was no vote, as there were now ten school aged children. A meeting to organize a school district was called for March 30, 1926.

At that meeting, a site for the new school had to be decided, and of course, everyone wanted it as close to their farm as possible. The site finally chosen was on the north west quarter of the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-19-19 land that belonged to Arthur Simms. This was the corner of four townships. A school board was formed with trustees: Ford McLaughlin, Thornton Baxter and George Griffiths, with George Kelly as the secretary-treasurer.

To build a new school was going to take a great deal of time, and they wanted to have this school in operation by fall 1926. There was a good building on the Indian Hunting Station that was not being used. It had been built by the Baptist Mission with Miss Lee as the teacher but after a couple of years had been closed.

The school board purchased the building for the sum of \$250.00 and had it moved to their chosen site. A work bee was organized, it was loaded onto skids and then moved with horses. It took many days of volunteer labor with George Kelly as foreman to get the building ready for use. Determination paid off, and on August 1926, school was opened. By this time, there had been an influx of settlers, and the starting enrollment was about 21 pupils, grades one to five. The teacher was a five foot Jewish girl from Winnipeg in the person of Miss Rachel Keston. Her wages were \$600.00 a year, and she had to walk two miles to school. Although some of the children were bigger than her, she administered perfect discipline.

Pupils enrolled first day:

Grade One - Margaret Blackwell, Alice Brown, Jim Brown, Grace Gorham, Margaret Kelly, Christina Kelly, Dorothy Kelly, Bob McLaughlin, George McLaughlin, John Mayor and Joe Rochelle.

Grade Three - Ruth Brown, Laurence Mayor, Melvin McLaughlin, Jessie Rochelle and Mike Rochelle.

Grade Five - Kathleen Adams, Leona McLaughlin, Harriet Mayor, Lottie McLaughlin and Eva Brown.

Later, in the fall Ray Brown and William Wilson Jr. were enrolled.

In the summer months, the children took turns sweeping the floor and keeping the school clean. In the winter months, a caretaker was hired for the sum of \$7.00 a month. The first caretaker was Lottie McLaughlin. The school board bought birch wood for four dollars a cord. As several of the children drove to school, especially in the winter months, a barn was built at the back of the school lot. Of course, there were two outhouses, a necessity in those days.

The school board also was given the responsibility of looking after the roads in the district. For many years, Mr. Bill Wilson Senior was the road boss. Every year the annual school meeting was a battle over who would get the work done on their road. In the first years, the taxes were sent to Winnipeg.

In June 1930, the ratepayers voted to build an addition to the school. The schoolroom was built longer and a porch was added. Frank Wilson was hired as teacher at a wage of \$650.00 a year. In 1934, an addition was added to the barn. That year, the tender to clean the school was let at the rate of \$4.00 to wash the walls and floor of the school, and \$4.00 to clean and repair the outhouses.

In 1940, the ratepayers voted in a sports committee to look after the sports and Christmas trees.

In 1945, the land the school was situated on had to be legalized, so the Board bought the land from Mr. A. Simms for the price of one dollar.

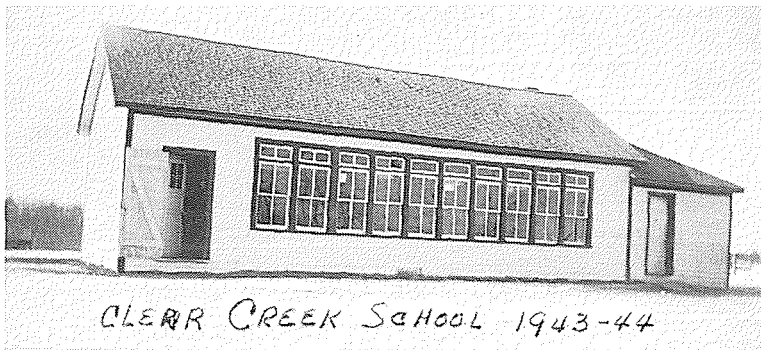
That year, Mr. Grace was hired as teacher at \$1,250.00 per year. The caretakers that year were Marland and Fern McLaughlin at a wage of \$12.00 per month.

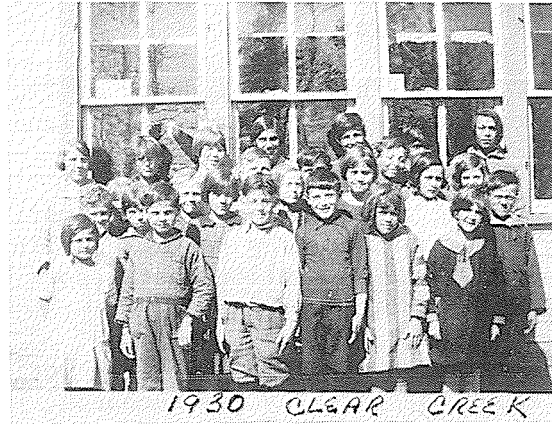
At the annual meeting in January, 1946, the motion was made by Arthur Simms, seconded by Bob McLaughlin that the delegate to the trustees convention must report back to the ratepayers at a public meeting.

At a trustees meeting on April 1, 1947, the motion was made by Ernie Ashby, seconded by Tom Buchanan, that the chairman interview the teacher in regard to the punishment given to the children. If strapping was necessary, no more than four on each hand.

At the meeting in January, 1949, it was voted that the rink patrons could use the school barn as long as they arranged to have it cleaned. In October, 1949, Eunice McLaughlin was hired as caretaker at a wage of \$20.00 a month.

At the annual meeting in January, the building of a new school was discussed. On April 21, 1956, a vote was taken and resulted in 23 for and 2 against building the new school. The new school was built by Johnson Contractors from Minnedosa. It consisted of the school room, porch, teacher, and water works were installed. On June 18, 1958, the old school was sold to Tom Winder for the sum of \$190.00 and was removed from the school grounds by August 1, 1960.





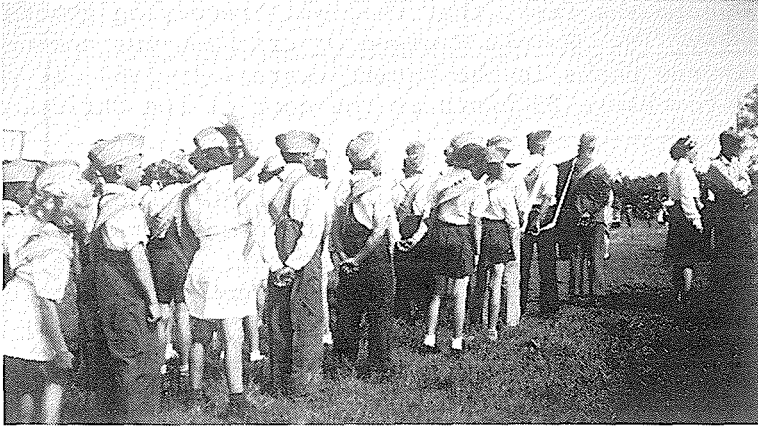
Back Row - Margaret Blackwell, John Mayor, Leona McLaughlin, Kathleen Adams, Laurence Mayor, Jim Brown, Christina Kelly.

2nd Row - Gordon Griffiths, Jean McLaughlin, Bob McLaughlin, Alice Brown, George McLaughlin, Jenny Skatch, Mike Skatch, Annie Christiansen, Paul Skatch, Dorothy Kelly, Margaret Kelly, Winchell Mayor.

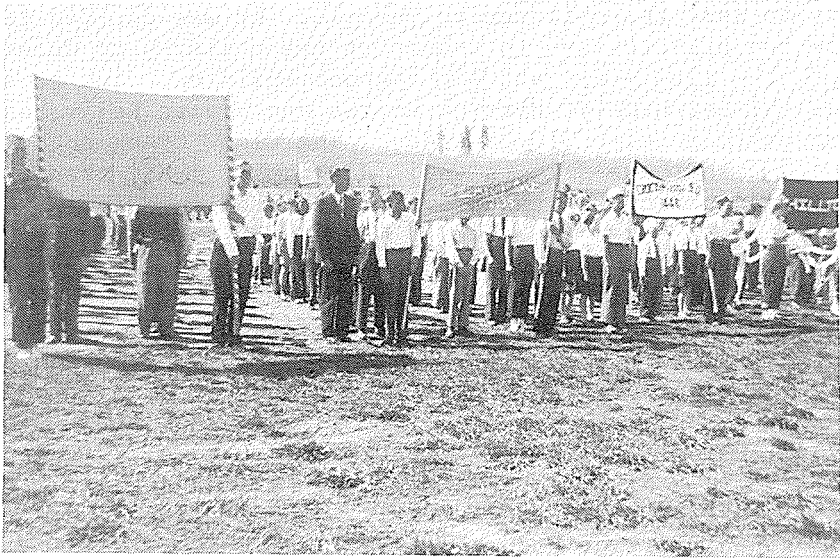
Front Row - Dorothy Skatch, Steve Skatch, Jack Young, Keith Baxter, Jocelyn Tinkler, Doris Kelly.



Sports Day, June 1944



Clear Creek school children 1943-44



Clear Creek school at Sportsmans Park 1950

In 1961, the Dept. of Education decreed that all school treasurer's books had to be audited by a qualified accountant, due to the fact, that they were receiving government money. Mr. Harold Paulsen of Erickson was nominated to audit the books in the future years. In 1961, it was decided to charge 25 cents at the door of the Christmas concert.

Prior to 1961, the children going to high school had to provide their own transportation to Onanole or wherever they were attending school. In the fall of 1961, a school bus, driven by Ed Turner, was sent from Onanole through the Clear Creek School district to the corner of the Montague (Koroscil farm) to pick children who were attending high school. In 1962, the Onanole High school was closed and for the years 1962 to 1967, the children were taken to Sandy Lake to attend high school.

On June 14, 1967, the Clear Creek school board was having difficulty obtaining a teacher for the Clear Creek school. It was decided to close our school and bus the children to another school. A vote was taken by the parents, as to where the children would go. They voted by a majority to send the children to Onanole. It was decided to use two private cars to transport the children to Onanole, both the elementary and high school children. Two cars were hired, namely, Harriet Hodges and Vivian Kelly, each driver to receive \$10.00 a day. The Clear Creek school board paid these drivers until January 1, 1968, when the school district was taken over by the Rolling River School Division.

On January 13, 1968, an auction sale was held in the Clear Creek school with only local ratepayers allowed to purchase the items for sale. The school was removed from the school grounds and put in the Erickson school grounds.

Over the years, the secretary-treasurers were: George Kelly, Ernie Ashby, Mrs. Preistner, Lillian Baxter, Mrs. Ida Mayor, Willard Fetterly, Ken Griffiths, Leona Brown, and Harriet Hodges.

Ratepayers who served as trustees were: Ford McLaughlin, Thornton Baxter, George Griffiths, Jack Young, Arthur Simms, Frank Blackwell, Joe Tinkler, Gordon Fetterly,

Bob McLaughlin, J. S. (Sia) Baxter, Ida Mayor, Tom Buchanon, Lillian Baxter, Jim Coey, Florence Trim, Allan McDonald, Ted Hodges, Ernie Ashby, Eva McLaughlin, Earl Fetterly, Jim Brown, Don Fowler, John Mayor, Harriet Hodges, Melvin McLaughlin, Glen Mayor, Frank Yaworski, Kenneth Griffiths, Ed Kuzmak, and Wilfred Miko, Tom Winder.

People who served as auditors for the Clear Creek district were: Mr. Mutch, J. P. Brown, E. W. Ashby, L. C. Fogg, H. Harland, G. Morrow, P. C. Brown, J. A. Baxter, T. C. Baxter, Ed Shaw, E. Brenton, G. Husser, Kae Adams, D. Rupp, D. Fraser, Lillian Baxter, Florence Trim, Paddy Trim, Harriet Hodges, Ida Mayor, Ted Hodges, Jacob Rochelle, K. Figgures, Tom Winder, Doris Griffiths, and H. R. Paulsen.

Teachers who taught in the Clear Creek school were: Renee Keston, Alma Wilton, Margaret English, Mr. Brown, Frank Wilson, Pearl Smith, Alice Mickelson, Lyall Robertson, Mrs. Lillian Gregorash, Phoebe Belcher, Allan Hayward, Lillian Beddome, Margaret Barager, Violet Gunnarson, Leslie Grace, Rose Millenchuk, Barbara Beeso, Mike Zink, Joe Swidinski, Mrs. Lois Olinyk, Walter Kiliwnik, Mrs. Helen Clark, Florence Steward, Dorothy Jones, Joe Kustiak, Mrs. Margaret Curwen, Margaret Sayer, Margaret Horwood, Mrs. Leona Mackedenski, Barry Boch, and Mrs. Germaine Miko.

During the years from the time Pearl Smith taught until the last year Phoebe Belcher taught, there were as high as 55 pupils in grades one to eight, all being taught by one teacher in one room. From 1940, the enrolment radually decreased until 1966 when the enrolment was 4 pupils.

An honor roll of the personnel who served in the Armed forces in World War II had the following names on it:

rkison,	Frank	Mayor,	A. Laurence
axter,	Keith	Mayor,	Winchell
axter,	Ruth	Mayor,	George
lackwell,	Robert	McLaughlin,	Melvin
rown,	Ray	McLaughlin,	George
rown,	W. James	McLaughlin,	Robert
rown,	Kenneth	McLaughlin,	Jean
etterly,	Earl	Oberg,	William
etterly,	James	Priestner,	Kathleen
etterly,	Carl	Rochelle,	Joe
iffiths,	Gordon	Skatch,	Mike
iffiths,	Doris	Skatch,	Paul

Ferguson, Thomas	Skatch, John
Johnstone, Lorne	Skatch, Steve
Kelly, Aylmur	Young, Jack
Katchur, John	Young, Francis
	Yaworski, Anthony

Excerpts From The Dauphin Herald Dated June 5, 1941

"Crawford-Park defeated Cecil school Rorketon 162 to 161 in the class for one room rural schools. The winning group was told to feel the lilt of "Sir Eglamore" and warned about sliding into Hush-a-Bye Birdie Croon."

Dauphin United Church choir won the class for Sunday School Choirs (Class 78) defeating Crawford-Park 168 to 161. The test piece was Tschaikowsky's lovely "Legend."

"Don't push the baby, rock him" the Crawford-Park kiddies were told after singing "Cradle Song." Their second song, "I like Pancakes" brought a total of 165 marks. Crawford-Park was the lone entry in the competition for rural schools grades one to four (class 75).

Crawford-Park danced the Swedish Clap Dance, test dance for one room schools, and "Bonnets So Blue" for their own choice in the Folk Dancing.

Junior Music Class. Third position was awarded to Joan Kelly and Edith Simms of Crawford-Park, each with 79 points.

AUDY SCHOOL NO. 2183

Audy School district No. 2183 was formed the eighth day of August, 1928 by Inspector W. C. Hartley. However, the first available school register is for the 1929 - 30 term. The district consisted of the following lands in Unorganized Territory: Sections 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33 and 34 in Township 19, Range 20 and Section 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10 in Township 20, Range 20.

The first classes were held in the home of Percy Hyde, which was formerly the Middleton Ranch. The first teacher was

Miss Helen Chorzewsky from Pine River, Manitoba. Her salary was \$750.00 per annum. The official trustee was Mr. Leo Lauder of Elphinstone. Pupils ranged in age from five to sixteen years. The pupils for the 1929 - 30 terms were:

William Wozney	John Lawrence	John Wojnarski
Annie Krupa	Lucy Lawrence	George Lawrence
Mary Hyde	Annie Wojnarski	Alice Lawrence
William Hyde	Lena Wojnarski	Stella Mayes
John Krupa	William Krupa	Dora Wozney
Jessie Krupa	Mike Krupa	

School classes were held there for two years. Then in 1931, a new school house was built on the S.E. 5-20-20. Mr. Joseph Jankiewicz was the first teacher there with a salary of \$550.00 per annum for the term 1931 - 32.

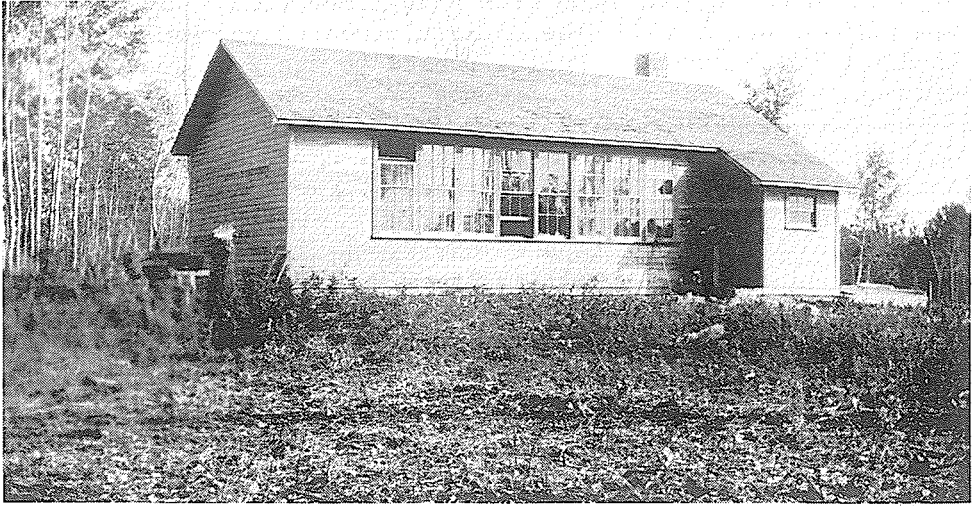
The first pupils to attend classes in the new school house were:

Alice McDonald	Mary Hyde	Lena Wojnarski
Timmy Lawrence	William Hyde	John Wojnarski
Peter Ewasiuk	Peter Wolski	Alex Wolski
Madeline Bercier	Andrew Malar	Jack McDonald
Lena Maksymetz	Nettie Yariniuk	Steve Koroscil
Peter Macksymetz	John Hyde	Milko Black
Mary Ewasiuk	Elvena Bercier	Iris McDonald
Olive Ewasiuk	Lucy Lawrence	Stella Mayes
Jessie Lawrence	George Lawrence	Alice Lawrence
Annie Krupa	John Krupa	Maizie McLean
Annie Bercier	Bill Krupa	Annie Koroscil
Joseph Bercier ✓	Michael Krupa	Annie Wojnarski

Miss Florentine Menzies taught school for the terms 1935 - 36 and 1936 - 37. For those two terms, school began on July 2 and went until December 20. The month of January was a holiday, then classes began again in February and continued until June 30.

The next term, 1937 - 38, when Michael Shewaga taught, the school year reverted back to the original months, beginning in August and ending in June.

In 1939, there were 57 pupils in this one classroom with one teacher and eight grades.



Lake Audy School No. 2183

Lake Audy School # 2183
before the teacherage was built



Lake Audy School No. 2183

Harry Martin taught for the term 1948 - 49. He boarded himself for part of the term by pitching a tent in Mike Maksymetz's pasture by Clear Creek. He hung his frying pans and other utensils on trees and rode a motorcycle back and forth to school.

In 1951, a teacherage was built onto the school as it became difficult to find a boarding place and difficult to find teachers who would come on those terms. In 1957, an addition was made to the teacherage in order to house a family.

School registers for the years 1943 - 44, 1946 - 47, 1947 - 48, 1957 - 58, 1958 - 59, 1959 - 60, 1960 - 61, 1963 - 64, 1966 - 67 are missing, and the minute books for the years 1929 to 1956 are also missing, so much of the school history is unknown.

A log barn approximately 18' x 20' was built in the school - year in 1932 or 33. It burned down in 1935 or 36. A few years later, a frame barn was built. Many of the children had to ride horseback to school or drive horse-drawn toboggans, cutters or vans through the years, so it was necessary to have a barn for the horses to stay in.

After school, there was often a race to see who could have their horses hooked up first! Some families cooked their own lunches at noon hours in the van on the little stoves used for heating. This was quite a relief for the mothers who had four or five children to make lunches for, and the children enjoyed it too.

Field trips took the school children to Sportsman's Park for a few years where they would compete with other schools in marching, racing, jumping, soft ball games, etc. Audy School also competed with other schools at different times of the year in soft ball.

There was talk of a church being built next to the school - yard, but it never materialized. Church services were held from time to time in the school as well as dances, and, of course, school meetings and the yearly Christmas concert. A platform was put up at the front of the school - room and curtains were hung to close off the stage and an area for dressing. At the concert, each child and the teacher were given a gift by the school district, as well as a bag of candy.



Walter Sichewski
 Elsie Ewasiuk
 Katie Rozdeba
 Shirely Hay
 Gerald Ryback
 David Koltusky
 Nellie Boyko
 Lorraine
 Makaymits
 Florence
 Sichewski
 Elmer Ewasiuk
 Carol Hay
 Isabelle
 Koltusky
 Melvin
 Maksymic
 Kennrth Hay
 Rosealine
 Maksymits
 Stella Fiarchuk
 Jim Spaller
 Sonia Boyko ?
 Iris Maksymits
 Ronnie Boyko?
 Fatsy Maksymic
 Verna Spaller
John Spaller



Walter Kiliwaik teacher
 Isabelle Koltusky
 Lorraine Maksymits
 Melvin Maksymic
 Shirely Hay
 David Koltusky
 Stella Fairchuk
 Sonia Fairchuk
 John Spaller
 Jimmy Spaller
 Kenny Hay
 Verna Spaller
 David Koroscil
 Rosaline Maksymits



December 20, 56.

Two Kings:
Ken Hay
Isabelle
Koltusky
Linda Koltusky
Verna Spaller
Sonia Boyko.

School teacher:
Wassey Zeddan
with Mr. and
Mrs. Jim
Arnold



Audy concert
1957

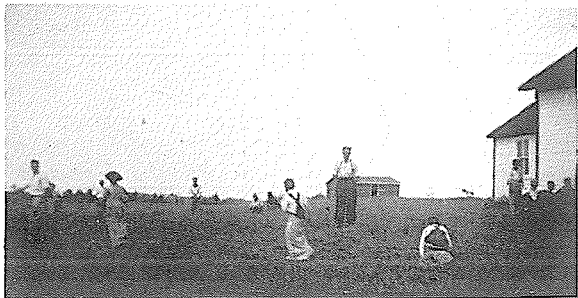


Mr. Kolenich operated a small store in the school yard for short time.

At a trustee meeting on December 1, 1956 it was agreed upon by the board that Audy school district finance snow ploughing of the main roads through the district on a 50-50 cost share basis with the Good Roads Department. The area started at the boundary of Russell Unorganized Territory to the boundary of Clear Creek including two miles north to the Riding Mountain National Park. The school trustees at this time also had jurisdiction over where the road levy money was to be spent. They decided what roads would be built each year and where gravelling was to be done.

At a joint meeting held at the Clear Creek school on Nov. 30, 1956 it was decided that each school

Audy school
picnic sack
races.





Lorraine Maksymits
Shirley Hay
Gerald Ryback
Florence Sidhewski
David Koltusky
Nellie Boyko
Ken Hay
Isabelle Koltusky
Melvin Maksymic
John Spaller
Carol Hay

Patsy Maksymic
Rosealine Maksymits
Stella Fiarchuk
Ronnie Boyko
Sonia Boyko
Iris Maksymits
Jim Spaller
Verna Spaller
Georgina Gregorash
Sonia Fiarchuk
Elaine Gegerash

district would erect signs representing their district.

At a rate payers meeting on April 5, 1967 it was decided that Audy School district Number 2183 go to Sandy Lake on a closed school grant basis for the full term.



Nona Usick
Teacher
Lake Audy



Nellie Boyko
Lorraine Maksymits
Shirley Hay
Florence Sichewski
Gerald Ryback
David Koltusky
Carol Hay
John Spaller
Rosaline Maksymits

Patsy Maksymic
Ronnie Boyko
Kenny Hay
Melvin Maksymic
Sonia Boyko
Verna Spaller
Jim Spaller
Iris Maksymits

The last teacher in Audy School was Mrs. Lillian Trakalo and her wages were \$3600.00 per annum for the 1966-67 term. The last students to attend Audy school were:

Lorne Arnold
Gail Spaller
Maralene Arnold
Darlene Gregorash
Beverly Gregorash

Norman Gregorash
Doreen Boyko
Stephanie Koroscil
Michaeline Mymko

A trustee meeting was called on August 31, 1967 to transfer the road account money to the Local Government district of Park in the amount of \$1752.67. All books and other supplies that belonged to the Audy school were auctioned off early in 1968, with Bill Arnold as the auctioneer. This was Bill's first public auction. The proceeds were turned over to the Rolling River School Division, and thus ended the era of the country school house.

FAMILIES WHO BOARDED SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Percy Hyde's	Willard Fetterly's
Ed Bercier's	Jim Arnold's
Joe Thorne's	John L. Ewasuik's
John Wolsky's	Peter Rozdeba's
Arthur Lawrence's	Mike Maksymit's
Nick Todoruk's	Fred Ryback's
Mike Wojnarski's	John A. Ewasiuk's

TEACHERS OF AUDY SCHOOL DISTRICT:

1929-31	Helen Charzewsky
1931-32	Joseph Jankiewicz
1932-34	Helen V. Krett
1934-35	Kenneth Willson
1935-37	Florentine Menzies
1937-40	Michael Shewaga
1940-41	John Boychuk
1941-41	Katrina Michalchuk
1942-43	Kurt Kietel, Elsie Chastko
1943-44	Elsie Chastko
1944-45	Wassy Zdan
1945-46	H.D. Giesbrecht, Wassy Zdan
1946-47	Muriel Yarich
1947-48	Wanda Styrvoky
1948-49	Harry Martin
1949-50	Nick J. Genik
1950-51	E.D. Byblow
1951-52	Mrs Helen Malchuk
1952-53	Julia Ilnisky
1953-54	Mrs. Rodd, Mrs. Black, Mrs. Brown
1954-55	Miss W.R. Usick
1955-56	Walter Kilwnik
1956-57	Tony Semchyshyn
1957-58	Bernard Chastko
1958-59	Vic Chorneyko, Madeline Knight
1959-60	Jack Chuba
1961-63	Walter Yanchycki
1963-64	Evelyn O'Toole
1964-65	Vicki Hnatuk
1965-67	Mrs. Lillian Trakalo

TRUSTEES and SECRETARY-TREASURES of AUDY SCHOOL

<u>Year</u>	<u>Trustees</u>	<u>Sec-Treas.</u>
1929-31	Leo Lauder, Official	
31-34	M. Wojnarski, John Malar	Nick Todoruk
1934-35	N. Rolling, P. Hyde, Gilbert Montaque	Geo. Cronin
1935-36	N. Rollings, J. Kuzmak G. Montaque	G. Cronin
1936-37	A. Lawrence, J. Kuzmak	N. Todoruk
1937-39	M. Wojnarski, J. Kuzmak	N. Todoruk
1939-40	M. Wojnarski, J. Kuzmak M. Marcischuk	N. Sichewski
1940-41	M. Wojnarski, J. Kuzmak M. Marc schuk	Mrs. J. Tully
1941-42	M. Wojnarski, W. Fetterly	A Lawrence
1942-43	G. Arnold, S. Sapischuk F. Koltusky	W. Fetterly
1943-44	W. Fetterly, G. Arnold J. Ewasiuk	Mrs. D. Hay
1944-45	G. Arnold, F. Kol usky J. Ewasiuk	Mrs. D. Hay
1945-46	G. Arnold, M. Wojnarski J. Ewasiuk	Mrs. D. Hay
1946-48	G. Arnold, J. Ewasiuk F. Koltusky	Mrs. D. Hay
1948-49	G. Arnold, M. Wojnarski M. Maksymits	Mrs. D. Hay
1949-50	G. Arnold, M. Wojnarski M. Maksymits	M. Spaller
1950-51	G. Arnold, M. Maksymits, M. Wojnarski	M. Spaller
1951-52	G. Arnold, J. Ewasiuk M. Fiarchuk	M. Spaller
1952-53	G. Arnold, J. Ewasiuk	N. Sichewski
1953-55	G. Arnold, J. Ewasiuk	N. Sichewski
1955-57	A. Hay, F. Ryback S. Koroscil	M. Spaller
1957-59	A. Hay, F. Ryback, F. Koltusky	M. Spa;;er
1959-60	A. Hay, M. Ewasiuk M. Fiarchuk	M. Spaller
1960-61	A. Hay, M. Ewasiuk, G. Ryback	M. Spaller

CONTINUED:

1961-63	A. Hay, M. Ewasiuk, G. Ryback	M. Spaller
1963-66	M. Ewasiuk, G. Ryback	M. Spaller
1966-67	M. Ewasiuk, G. Ryback K. Hay	Mrs. R. Spaller
1967-68	M. Ewasiuk, K. Hay Wm. Arnold	Mrs. R. Spaller

THRESHING

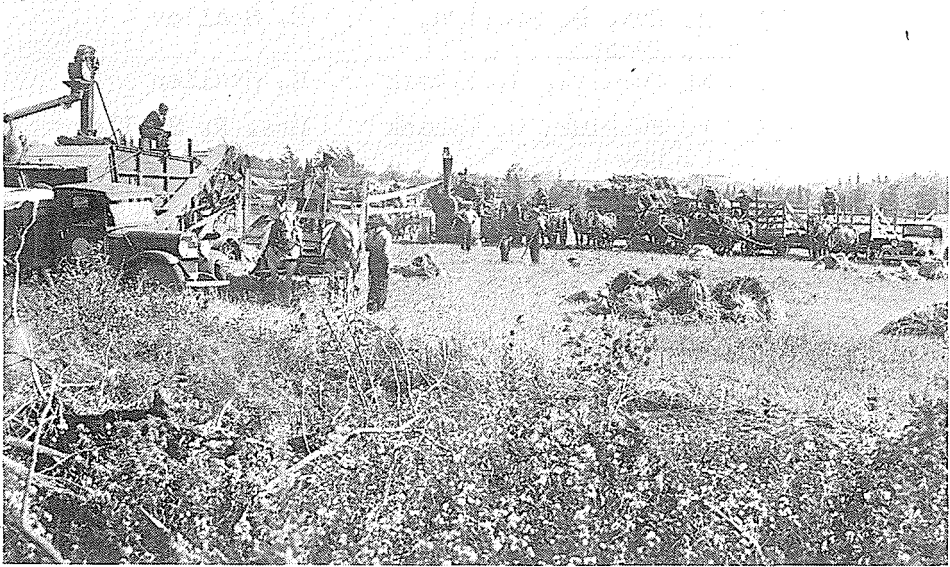
During the 1920 and 30's a big event of the year was the harvest season, the threshing gang would arrive. In 1922 and 23 there may not have been any threshing done. The acreage on each farm was small, and heavy frosts damaged the grain, so that it could not be used except for feed for livestock.

In 1924 and succeeding years Tom and Jacob Rochelle operated a threshing outfit and Jim Coey also bought a machine.

Threshing was long hours and hard work. The gang had to be provided with breakfast early in the morning



Ernie Ashby
threshing
outfit:
1932-33
Laurence
Mayor,
Arthur Simms,
Archie
Buchanan,
Earl
Fetterly,
Hans
Christianson,
John Mayor,
Jim Brown,
Ernie Ashby.



Kolabinski's farm (now part of Sportman's Park)
Albin Gustafson's threshing outfit

(6:00 am) so that they were out in the field at day break. The first machines were powered by steam engines, and the engineer had to be up about 4am to have the fire in the engine to provide enough steam to have the machine running by day break. For many years Pat Ferguson was engineer on threshing gangs. It was also his task to grease up the threshing separator, and when he came in for breakfast, he had plenty of grease and ashes on him. The small machines usually had six stook teams and the larger machines at least eight, stook teams. On the steam outfits there was always one tank team, to haul water for the engine. For many years Edgar Kelly and his faithful team of Minnie and Darky hauled water for Albin Gustafson's outfit. It was hard work because if they did not keep a steady water supply, the outfit would have to wait for water and that was costly time. They hauled water from Clear Lake if close enough and from Cear Creek. The water was pumped by a sump type pump into a large tank with a

Alex Hay with a load
of sheaves

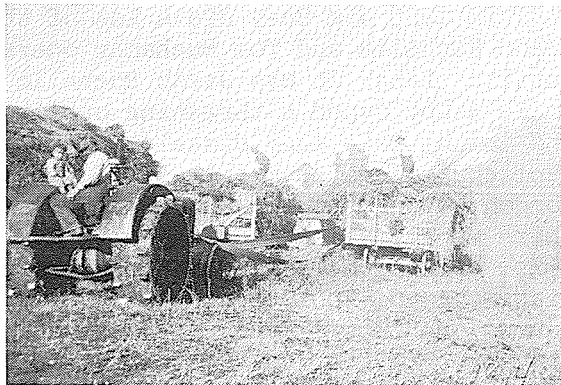


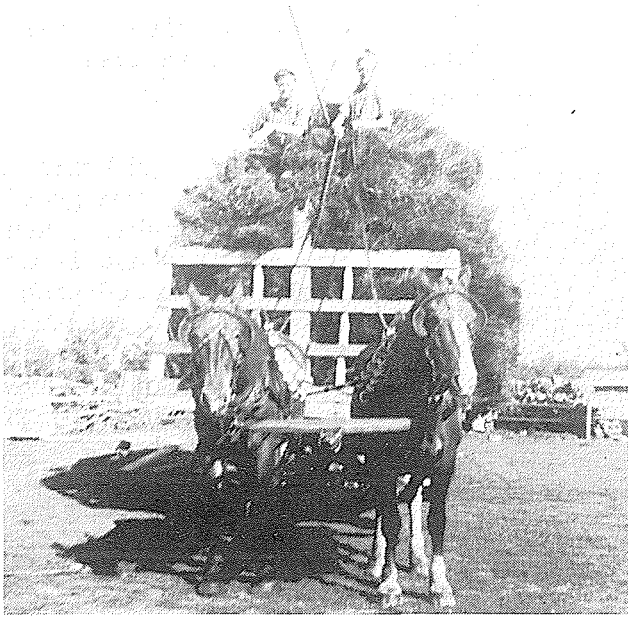
top on it, and built on wagon. Some men provided field pitchers, men who remained out in the field and helped each stook team to load up. Some stook team drivers were noted for the immense loads they brought into the machine. the Others would just fill their racks to the top of the standards. Other lazy fellows would come in with about half a load, as the large mach-

ines were fed from both sides, and each stook team took their turn, the lazy fellows were not too well liked.

For many years Albin Gustafson operated a threshing outfit, and would start threshing on his own farm and went from farm to farm for as far west as Percy Hydes, a distance of many miles. Each farmer was allowed to put a team on for as long as it was needed,

on the left
load Norman
Rollings,
on separa-
tor Willard
Fetterly,
on right
load Carl
Fetterly,
on engine
Gordon
Fetterly &
grandson
Lloyd
Fetterly 1944





Glen &
Albin Mayor
driving
their stook
team. Rock
& Lady.

to pay part of his threshing bill, then the next farmer had his turn. Of course again there were men driving Albins own teams that stayed with the outfit the full season. They usually started threshing about Sept. 1 and threshed until the snow came.

Feeding the men was the responsibility of the farmer and his wife. In some cases Albin would have to go to Crawfords store and buy groceries for the farmers wife to provide the meals.

In 1925 Jim Coey did a lot of the threshing, and Jacob Rochelle and Tom Buchanan operated a threshing outfit. Later it was Jacob Rochelle and Scotty Fowler. Ernie Ashby owned a threshing outfit for many years and in the Lake Audy district Alex Ewasiuk and Sam Sapischuk operated machines. During the war years Gordon Fetterly owned and operated a threshing outfit. These were smaller machines with a stook team gang of six. John Sichewski from Horod, threshed in the Audy district, and in 1950's John Ewasiuk owned a machine. During the 1940's Frank Koltusky did a lot of the threshing in the Audy district. During the 1950's Melvin McLaughlin Jr. did a lot of threshing as did Gordon Griffiths. In 1951 the two machines owned by

Mel and Gordon both threshed and blew straw into the same straw stack. This occurred on the E $\frac{1}{2}$ 29-19-19. John Mayor owned and operated a machine for many years. The last threshing done in the district was about 1964. There may have been other outfits in the district that we are not aware of and we regret this if there are any omissions.

The first combine was used in this area in 1946. Ray and Jim Brown bought one and Edgar Kelly bought one.

CLEAR LAKE LEGION #67

In 1926 the legion B.E.S.L. was organized in Canada. This settlement was nearly all returned soldiers, they decided to form a local branch. In 1928 they had an organization meeting, and Thornton Baxter was nominated as the first president, and Jacob Rochelle was nominated the first sec-treasure. On January 10, 1929 their Charter was granted, the Charter members being: J. Rochelle, W.A. Moon. H. Coulson, A. Simms, J.M. Domanski, G. Griffiths, T.C. Baxter, D. Grant, R. Renton, J.R. Young, J.M. Robertson, T. Buchanan, D.L. Crawford, and F. Blackwell. There were 38 members recorded for the year 1929. These members were from Sandy Lake, Clear Lake, Clear Creek and Lake Audy, and included James Smart from the park and Dr. Rutledge from Erickson.

They held there meetings in the Clear Creek school until 1932, when they decided to build their own hall. On Feb. 8, 1929 they sponsored a masquerade dance in the Sandy Lake hall. On March 1, 1929, they sponsored a hard time dance in the Sandy Lake hall.

In the spring of 1932, they built the foundation for their hall on the SW corner of 5-20-19, land owned by Sia Baxter. Then they decided that this location was not central for all the members, so they abandoned that foundation, and built there hall on the NE corner of 28-19-19, land owned by Albin Gustafson. On August 6, 1932, they held their first dance in the new hall, and realized a profit of \$3.40. In 1933 they had many dances in this hall, with music supplied by the J. Skog, Matt Lilley or Wyman orchestra's, usually at ~

a fee of \$4.00 a night. The caretaking duties were shared by J Kelly, Ella Ried, or H Kelly who recieved the sum of \$1.00 each time. In 1937 they sponsored a fowl supper and dance and profited \$125.43 .

In 1936, these associate members were taken into the membership, Ted Driscoll, Jack Kelly and Herb Figgures. In 1938 they decided the location of the hall, very inconvient as it was off the main road, and not accessable in the winter. They decided to move it to a new location, that being the NE corner of 9-19-19, property owned by Bob Potter. Lance Henry built the foundation. They held a New Years dance and sold ice cream and netted \$15.20. The next - year the orchestra's hired were either Matt Lilly or Ostroms at a price of \$6.00 a night.

In 1931 the Legion Branch began donating money to the children's picnic, and later in 1939 to the Clear Lake, Onanole, and Clear Creek sports day. In 1938 they rented the hall to the seed club, and slso to the sewing club for \$3.85 a night. At the meeting on March 8, 1939 it was unanimously agreed that the policy of charging a percentage of the gross reciepts for the use of the hall, was the fairest method of supporting the hall. On May 6, 1939 the motion was made that the sports day for the Legion should be held the last day of school, June 30 and be held at the old picnic grounds at the west end of Clear Lake. The program committee to consist of Comrade Barclay, for Onanole, comrade Nichol for Clear Lake, and Comrade Buchanan for Clear Creek. Comrade Brodie to represent Whirlpool. The Rackham school declined the invitation to take part in the sports day.

On July 8, 1939 the Legion meeting was held in the Clear Creek hall with Mrs. Edsworthy of Brandon, being present. She spoke on the advantages of forming a ladies Auxiliary to the Legion.. Follow ng the meeting an impromptu concert was put on by the Clear Creek people.

On Sept. 2, 1939 they made the motion to sponsor a fowl supper and dance in the hall. Admission to be supper and dance .50¢, supper only .35¢, or dance only to be .25¢. At the meeting October 7, 1939 it states that a goodly number of the ladies attended, and held a meeting in an adjourning room of the hall, for the purpose of forming an Auxiliary. At this time

all meetings were held in the Legion hall with the Onanole group, alternating the responsibility of providing the lunch. During the winter months Jim Girling could always be depended on, to use his team and sleigh to take the Clear Creek group to the meeting. During the winter months the meetings were held at 2:30 Thursday afternoons.

On June 6, 1940 the school sports day was discussed and it was decided to send the Providence school an invitation to compete in the Sports Day.

On Oct. 3, 1940 Dr. Rutledge of Erickson was made an Honorary President of the Clear Lake Branch. In 1941 they decided to hold the Annual school sports day at Onanole. At the meeting on June 5, 1941 it was recorded that the branch had recieved an appropriation of \$600.00 for the purpose of locating a recreation hut at Clear Lake, for the use of service personnel on leave. A building was moved from Kippan's Mill and renovated to provide sleeping accomodation for men on leave. Comrade Thornton Baxter was in charge of this project.

At the meeting on April 26, 1946 the motion was made by Comrade Simms, second by Comrade Ashby that the Clear Lake Branch #67, has no objection to Onanole starting a branch of their own. Also at that same meeting a motion made by Comrade Trim, second by Comrade Fraser, that the present Legion Hall be left on the present site, as a community hall for the Clear Lake district, and anyone wishing to rent the hall must apply to the sec. of the Clear Lake Branch at Crawford Park.

From this date on we could not locate any records for the Legion, but in 1946 they did separate, Onanole forming their own branch. The Legion hall was sold to the Busy Bees and the Clear Lake Seed Club.

From 1946 on all meetings were held in the Clear Creek hall. Printed in the Manitoba Veteran, April 1946, A Special Anniversary Number:

Clear Lake Branch #67. The Crawford Park district, located on the west side of Clear Lake has a Honor Roll of 54 volunteers for the Army Navy and Air Force. The Roll hangs in the Clear Creek Hall. Twenty eight men and six girls all from one school district, with no village within its boundary, and ten miles from the nearest rail-

way, constitutes a record of which any district may be justly proud.

Submitted by J.A. Baxter

Following is a list of names on the Honor Roll:

Ashby Ernie	Kelly George
Ballendine Robert	Kelly Jack
Barr Hugh	Kelly Almer
Baxter Keith	Mayor Laurence
Baxter Ruth	Mayor Winchell
Blackwell Frank	Mayor George
Blackwell Robert	McLaughlin Melvin Sr.
Brown Ray	McLaughlin Melvin Jr.
Brown W.J.	McLaughlin George
Brown Kenneth	McLaughlin Robert
Crawford Clinton	McLaughlin Jean
Ferguson Thomas	Oberg William
Fetterly Earl	Oberg Donald
Fetterly Carl	Puppitz Mike
Fetterly James	Rochelle Joe
Foster Clifford	Skatch Mike
Griffiths George	Skatch Paul
Griffiths Gordon	Skatch John
Griffiths Doris	Skatch Steve
Griffiths Kenneth	St.Cyr Pat
Hodges Ed. A.	Spiers Calvin
Hodges Ed. G.	

The attendance of the Legion members gradually declined, and in 1956 there seemed to be quite an exodus of residents from the district. This naturally affected the Legion. At last there were just three members left and in the early 60's the Branch became non-existent.

CLEAR LAKE LEGION AUXILIARY #67

The Clear Lake Legion Branch #67 B.E.S.L. had been active since 1929. They decided an Auxiliary should be organized, and called the women to a meeting and it was voted to organize an Auxiliary Branch. The women that attended that meeting were the Charter



Auxiliary members at Legion Hut at tea 1943.
Ella Nichol, Mrs Smith, Mrs. Clegg, Burly Ashby, Mrs.
Fraser, Florence Trimm, Mrs. Gordon, Lottie Foster,
Mrs. Barclay, Mrs Sia Baxter, SITTING: Ada Skog,
Mrs. May, Ida Mayor.

members namely F.T. Trim, E.R. Baxter, R.R. Blackwell, A.E. Wright, I.V. Mayor, K. Figgures, E. Nichol, H.M. Barclay, M. Downey, L.M. Smith, C.C. Krog, M.A. Brodie, E. Zahara, M. Vaughan, M.C. May. On October 19, 1939 Mrs Edworthy of Brandon officiated at the iniation of the officers, who were: President Mrs. Gordon, 1st vice-president Mrs. Trim, 2nd Vice-president Mrs. Barclay, Treasure Mrs. E. Baxter, Secretary Mrs. Fraser. The meetings were held on Thursday, the same time as the men's meeting, and the meetings were held in the Legion Hall. Lunch was provided alternately by the Onanole and Crawford Park and Clear Lake groups.

The main work was looking after the soldiers, that were overseas. They had to pay a per capita tax of .25¢ paid quarterly. At the Roll Call everyone put a penny in the plate. The charties they contributed to were C.N.I.B., March of Dimes, Veterans Christmas Tree Fund, Cancer Fund, St. John Ambulance, Children's

Aid, Navy League, Greek Relief, Russian Relief, The Home Mission, Ninette Sanatorium, Erickson Hospital, and promoted the blood donors clinic. They worked in the Mobile kitchen at the park, for service personnel, and sponsored Bridal Showers, and in 1952 a Library in Mrs. Baxters home.

In 1945 they sponsored a Social for the men who had returned from the services. They gave gifts to the brides married during the war, and to the Silver Cross Mothers. They raised money by various ideas such as: Raffling quilts, Booth at the sports day, Dances in Danceland, Card parties, Plays, Fowl supper, Serving lunch at the Onanole rink, Weiner roasts, Pancake suppers, They had each member pay 2ø a week to provide cigarettes for the soldiers.

As there was some dissension between the Onanole members and the Crawford park members, in 1946 they decided to split. The Onanole members formed a new branch at Onanole, and the Crawford Park members retained the name Clear Lake Branch. At the meeting on Nov. 11, 1946 the motion was made Mrs. Blackwell seconded by Harriet Hodges, that Onanole Branch be given half of the funds and assets, being held by the Clear Lake Branch. In 1949 the average attendance was 5 or 6.

In 1968 the Auxiliary sponsored a Crawford Park re-union that was a great success. It was held at the old picnic grounds, where the Seventh Day Adventist Camp is now.

In 1969 the Clear Lake Auxiliary was dissolved.

For the benefit of any Auxiliary members who now belong to other Auxiliaries, and require your records for years of service awards, the following is when local women joined the Clear Lake Branch.

December 6, 1939	Mrs. Frith, Burly Ashby
Feb. 7, 1940	Mrs. Allen, Mrs. DeJersey, Mrs. L. Baxter
April 4, 1940	Mrs. Julia Beddome
May 2, 1940	Mrs. StCyr, Mrs. G.A. Fairborn
Dec. 5, 1940	Harriet Hodges, Alvina Erickson
May 1, 1941	Mrs. J. Winder, Effie Erickson, Mrs. Swenson
July 2, 1942	Lottie Foster, Pearl Posternack

August 6, 1942	Hansina Christianson, Ada Skog, Carrie Mayor
Feb. 4, 1943	Mrs. Tom Buchanan
April 1, 1943	Ruth Baxter
August 5, 1943	Ruby Ferguson
December 1944	Mrs. Priestnar
May 14, 1945	Ruth Winder, Etta Tinkler
Sept. 6, 1945	Maggie McLaughlin, Eva McLaughlin
Jan. 2, 1947	Dorothy Brown
Jan. 1, 1948	Yvonne McLaughlin
June 7, 1956	Kay Mayor, Alice Griffiths

LOCAL GOVERNMENT DISTRICT of PARK

As anywhere else, when pioneers first settled areas of Crawford Park and Lake Audy, they were probably primarily concerned with survival. Later schools were built and school boards were formed. The boards not only looked after education but with the need for roads, set up tax levies to raise money for these projects. The taxes were collected by an administration at Russell.

By order in council this area officially became the Local Government District of Park on Jan. 1, 1948.

In 1968 school divisions were formed in Manitoba and the new divisional boards took over the administration of education.

Local government of the communities was then taken over by the newly formed Advisory Committee. Crawford Park and Lake Audy were part of two separate wards of which there are seven in what is known as the L.G.D.Park. The Advisory Committee held its first meeting on April 1, 1969 at Russell. Because the L.G.D. of Park was comprised of five wards on the south side of Riding Mountain National Park and two wards in the Duck Mountain area of San Clara and Bogey Creek, Russell remained the mid-point area for administration.

The first advisory Committee members were elected for a two year term by a show of hands at public meetings. These members were:

Ward 1	William Andrusiak
2	John Sawatzky
3	Peter Kashton
4	Steve Wozney
5	Joe Borys
6	Kenneth Griffiths
7	Fred Minty

Fred Minty was chairman at the meetings and Mrs. Donalda Payne was the administrator.

The first meeting of an elected council was held on October 7, 1975. The first elected councillors were:

Ward 1	William Andrusiak
2	John Sawatzky
3	Russell Novalkowski
4	Steve Wozney
5	Maurice Ewasiuk
6	Kenneth Griffiths
7	Fred Minty

Russell Novalkowski was appointed by council as the first reeve. As the reeve has no decision making powers, this left his ward without representation. On March 8, 1976 Tom Buternowsky became councillor for ward 3.

Since most of the council work involved the five wards on the south side of the park, it was decided that an office in Onanole would be more beneficial to the people. The L.G.D. of Park administration building was built at Onanole during the summer of 1981 and on Nov. 11, of that year the move was made. The summer before in 1980, a firehall was built. A fire truck had been purchased and a volunteer fire dept. was formed.

Councillors for:

Ward 6 - Crawford Park, Kenneth Griffiths April 1, 1969

Ward 5 - Lake Audy, Joe Borys April 1, 1969 - Dec. 1970

- Maurice Ewasiuk, Jan. 19, 1971 - Nov. 1983

- James Irwin, Nov. 1983.

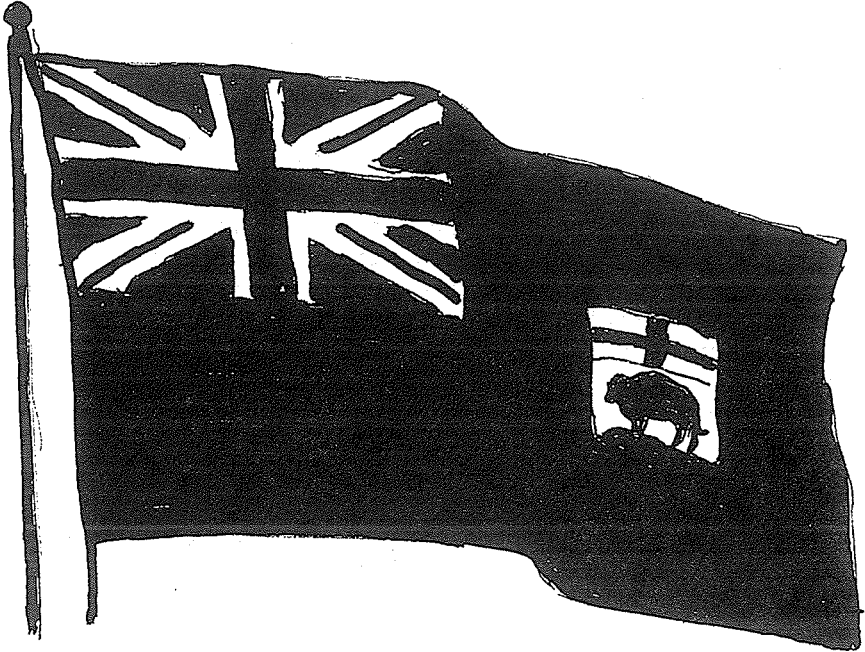
REEVES: Russell Novalkowski October 1975-Nov. 1980

James Irwin Nov. 1980 - Nov. 1983

Robert Curle Nov. 1983

ADMINISTRATORS:

Mr. Harris	1948 - 1956
Mr. R. McMurray	1956 - 1961
Mrs. Donalda Payne	1961 - Jan. 1972
Roger Bouvier	Feb. 1972 - July 1980
Richard Andriès	July 1980-March 1981
Sylvester Yakielashek	May 1981



Manitoba

Manitoba has kept the British red ensign as its flag, together with the provincial coat of arms, on which the ancient cross of St. George is placed above a bison. The massive animal reminds us of the early days of exploration, pioneering and settlement on the vast grasslands of the west.

RIDING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL PARK

Crawford Park and Lake Audy districts are bordered on the north by the Riding Mountain National Park. This large area of forest, prairie and meadow has played a significant role in the history of the area.

Many thousands of feet of logs have been cut within its borders and sawed at local saw mills. Logging permits were first issued at \$3.00 for one thousand feet and there was a limit of three thousand feet per person. In more recent years the fee was increased to \$9.00 per thousand. Each permit holder was given a designated area to work in and the logs to be cut were stamped by the forest ranger or warden in charge. Often several farmers would work together. The logs were skidded and hauled with horses until recently when tractors and trucks were used. Limbs had to be piled and burned and the logging block left in good order.

Cordwood permits could also be obtained for a fee of .10¢ per cord with a limit minimum of ten cords. This fee increased through the years to .50¢ per cord. Again the permit holder was given a designated area in which to work. The local farmers put up hay in the park every summer. Hay permits in the early years were .10¢ per ton, later increasing to .50¢ per ton. Cattle grazing fees began at .25¢ per adult animal, increased to .50¢ each, and finally to \$6.00 per head including calves. Then during the 1960's when the park authorities began a movement toward keeping the park natural, all these privileges were discontinued.

At one time there were ranchers within the present park boundaries. Many of the hay meadows are named after the ranchers who had leases on them. Some of the best known are Moulton meadow, Kennis meadow, Wilson meadow, Kennis Creek and others.

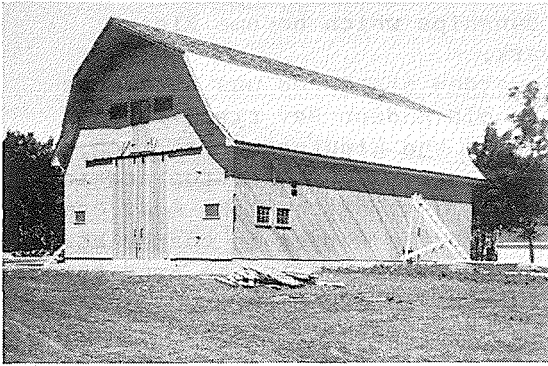
For many years before it became National Park, the area was a Forest Reserve. After the first survey went through and the Hudson Bay Company handed over their rights to the Man. Government, the present day park plus some bordering unorganized territory, became a Timber Reserve in 1895. It was later known as Riding Mountain Forest Reserve. An area north of Lake Audy was a game reserve as well. No hunting or trapping was allowed north of what is now referred to as the "old game line". It was about .4 miles north of what is

now the park boundary. In 1933 the Dominion Govt. took over some 30 townships which became Riding Mountain National Park.

The first game warden stationed was at Kennis Creek crossing on the old Hudson Bay trail to Fort Dauphin. It was known as the Elphinstone station. The first warden there was Jack May. Later the station was moved to a site just east of the Lake Audy camp - ground. Dave Binklev was the warden in charge at that station. Some others who assisted in the area through the years were Jack Johnson, Zack Bercier, Al Doan, Mr. Maxwell Irish Baldwin, Fred Howell, Vernon Tulley, Roy Kelly, Mike Wojnarski, Tony Ewasinuk, and perhaps some others. Sometime during this time the name was changed Audy Station. The third move of the station was to its present location on the park boundary. Mr. Binkley retired shortly after this move and Tom Thordarson was the next warden to be stationed there. Then came Gordon Cullins, George Klapp, Trig Paulson, Ed Stewart, Jim Bertwhistle, and Bruce Sundbo.

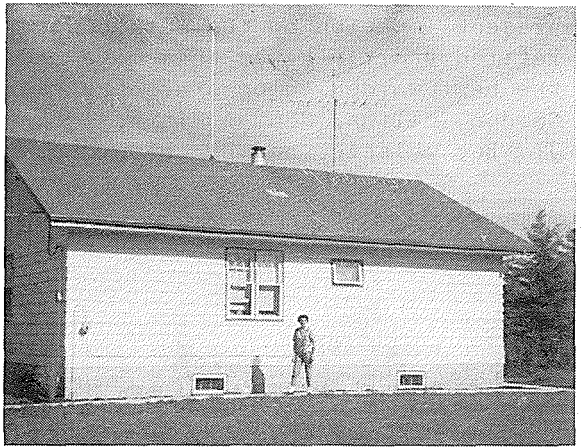


old house at buffalo enclosure



New barn
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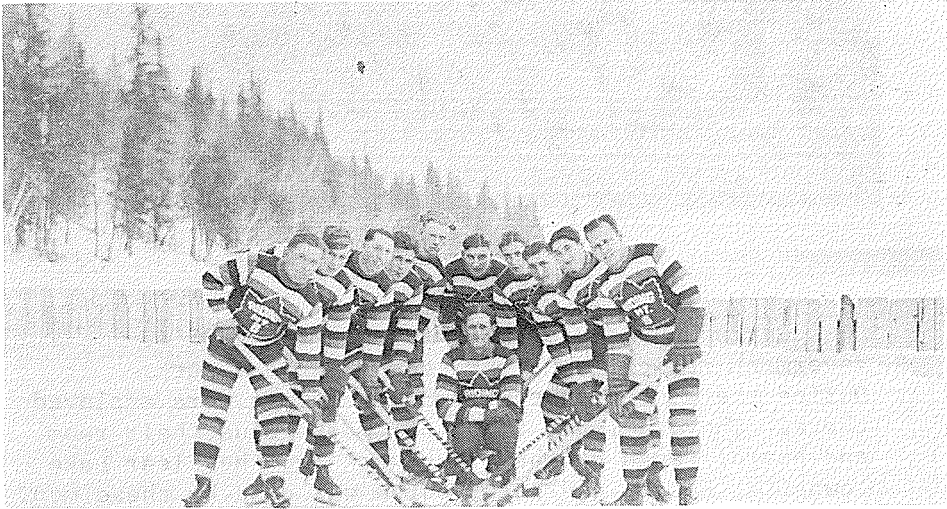
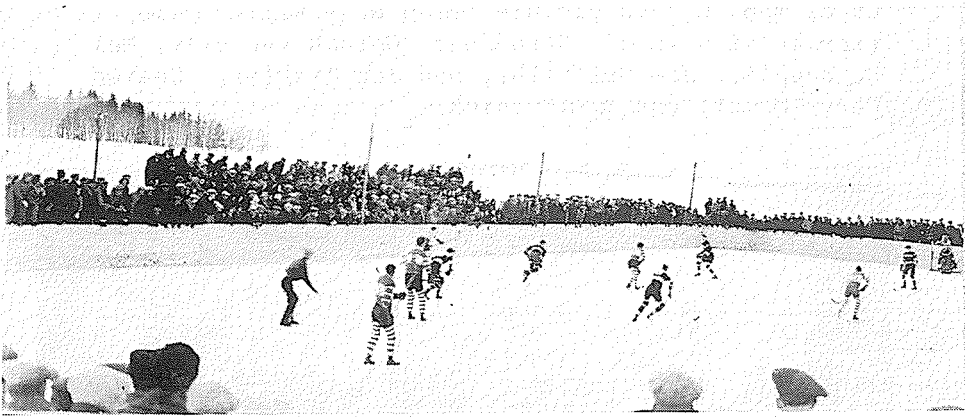


Lake Audy,
flood at
the Dam in
1975

Local men in this picture taken at a Relief camp.
(marked with an 'x') Standing: Gordon Fetterly, Mel
McLaughlin, Jim Griffiths, and Joe Tinkler. Seated
Harry Mayor, and JoANEwasiuk.



During the depression years in the 1930's government relief camps were set up in the park. During the winter months hundreds of men were employed there. They recieved \$5.00 per month plus their room and board. Much of the groundwork for the Clear Lake townsite, beach, and golf course was done by these men. They put in the stones for the pier, cut wood and cleared brush. There were ten camps and each had its own hockey team. Many of the Crawford Park people attended their hockey games, and they in turn attended dances at Crawford Park. Camp 1 goalie, Turk Broda, later became goalie for the Toronto Maple Leafs. Some of the local farmers could also get work at these camps if they had a good team and sleigh which could be used to haul wood and stones. The farmer was paid \$1.00 per day for himself and his team, and he had to provide feed for his horses. There were some summer projects as well, such as road building and completing the golf course. The local farmers took turns, each working for an allotted time.



TOP: rink on Clear Lake at Camp 10. (junction of #10 highway and Audy road.

Middle: The all stars hockey team from the camp teams.

Bottom: Clearing the bush to build the Dauphin road. Taken at Camp 10 junction of #10 and Audy road. Mike Bercier driving Rollings horses.



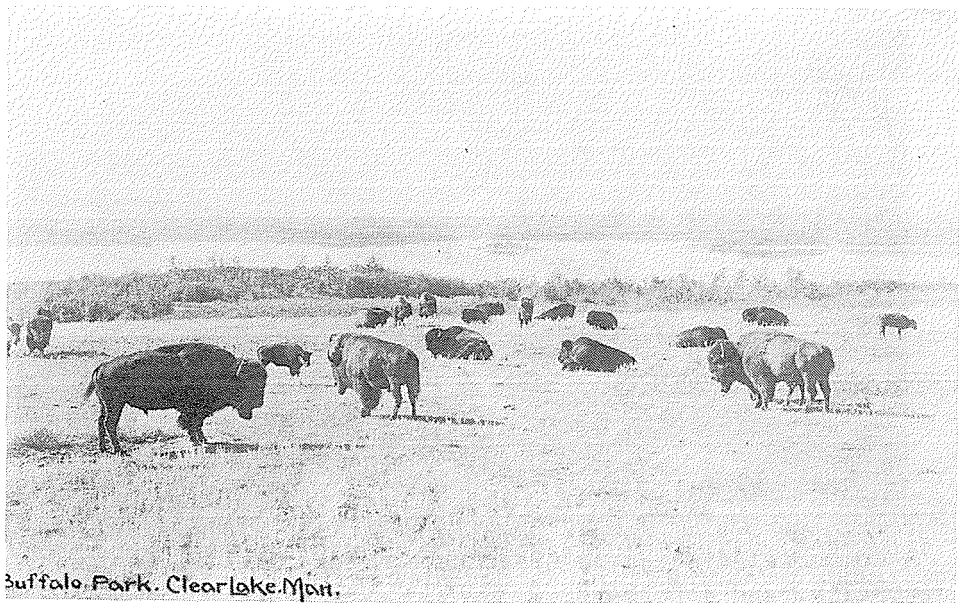
CAMP 6 SOCCER TEAM



Commercial fishing on Clear Lake. Edgar Kelly, George Kelly, and John Mayor.

Around this time commerical fishing was done on Clear Lake and the fish provided part of the menu for the relief camps. Edgar and George Kelly were given the contract and others from the district helped them during the busy season. As soon as the ice was thick enough, nets were set near the center of the lake. The nets were pulled every day so that the fish could be removed while still alive and fresh, and they were put on the ice to freeze. Some days in the peak of the season, usually the month of December, the catch would be as many as 200 fish. They were mostly white fish. Park men picked them up with teams and sleighs and delivered them to the various camps.

In 1931 one of the goverment relief programs was the building of the buffalo enclosure fence. A herd of buffalo was shipped in from Alberta. Hay was cut and stacked for the buffalo's winter feed. A house and barn was built just outside the east Texas gate and a man was stationed there to look after the buffalo. Those who were stationed there were: Wilferd Hicks, Mr. Humphrey, Sterling Campbell, Bob Lavineway Alex Derkach and John Kuharski. A new house and barn were built in the early 60's. Then when the policy to keep the park natural became prevalent, it was



Buffalo Park. Clearlake, Man.

decided that feeding the buffalo in the winter was not natural or necessary, and they were once again left to fend for themselves. That post was discontinued in 1967. The house was moved and the barn was sold and dismantled.

One day when John and Annie Ewasiuk were going through the park to Dauphin they saw an unusual sight. As they approached the buffalo pasture the buffalo herd started to stampede. They bounced a new calf up in the air from one to the other without dropping it until they reached the bush where they could no longer be seen. The reason for bouncing is unknown, unless perhaps it was their instinctive way of preventing the little one from being trampled or left behind.

During the war a German Prison Camp was set up near Whitewater Lake, north-west of Lake Audy. Many of the local people were employed there. Saw Mills in the park also provided winter employment which helped to supplement the sparse income of pioneer farming. After 1946 saw mills were no longer allowed to operate within the park.

Forest fires played havoc in the park and also caused damage and much anxiety for the people who lived nearby. In 1931 there was one just north of Lake Audy and Crawford Park districts. At one point it was thought that some of the residents would have to be evacuated. Then around 1937 and again in 1940 there was fires just west of the Little Saskatchewan River. Percy Hyde lost his barn in 1937 and his home in 1940. The bridge near his home also burned in the 1937 fire. The farmers were called upon to fight and those who were called were compelled to go or a fine would be imposed. Some plowed fire guards with horses, others carried water in bags on their back. The women were asked to provide meals and lunches.

Homesteading along the park had its advantages, but there were disadvantages too. For many years no hunting was allowed in or around the park and the elk population increased tremendously. They came out into the settlement in the fall and winter in large herds, causing extensive damage to crops, hay stacks and fence. During the 1940's and 50's hundreds of elk could be seen going back to the park about daybreak. Then a couple of very severe winters cut their numbers considerably. An annual hunting season

outside the park boundary has helped to keep the situation under control.

When cattle were pastured in the park some were lost to wild animals each year. Bears and wolves were plentiful and were sometimes encountered by those who were hunting for cattle or picking berries. Several farmers who lived along the boundary pastured their milk cows in the park. Many summer evenings were spent on horse back or walking, listening for the cow bell, then wondering, "is that our cows or the neighbours?" ...often it was the neighbours! With freedom to roam where they would it sometimes took hours to find them.

Today, even picking berries is prohibited in the park. They are to be left as a natural food for the bears. But in spite of that the bears occasionally come across the line and steal a farmer's calf!

The Riding Mountain National Park celebrated its fiftieth anniversary on July 26, 1983. In honor of the occasion a writing contest was sponsored in the ten school divisions around the park. Jacqueline Ewasiuk, a grade twelve student from the Lake Audy district won the contest with her poem "A Promise", in which she combined the three main ideas of preservation, enjoyment, and the future.

A PROMISE

Rising high above the sea
of prairie farmlands,
is a monument...

Crowned by evergreen forests
and meadows; rippling
with a pageant of wildflowers.

A sanctuary of wilderness;
the silent lynx stalks small creatures
while wapiti drink from clear, deep streams.

A mosaic of diverse lives;
the black bear walks beneath
the soaring eagle...

A symbol of time...

where bison once roamed freely
as the beaver does now.

A sun-filled classroom...

for those who care to experience and enjoy
what it has to offer.

Scarred by wind, fire, and man,
the monument has endured
a half century of seasons.

A rare blend of Manitoba landscapes,
preserved for tomorrow's children.

A promise for the future...

Riding Mountain National Park.

BY ROGER McMURCHY

Tree planting in the R.M.N.P.

All the trees in the Riding Mountain National Park were not put there by nature. Just north of the second site of the ranger station and south of the buffalo enclosure, one will see a very good stand of spruce trees. The trees were planted by man as a relief plan under the Dominion Government as a relief project in the 1930's.

If you walk into this spruce bush you will see that they are planted in rows which ever direction you look. The warden in charge of the project was Mr. Dave Binkley, assisted by his rangers. They robbed the red squirrel of his store of spruce cones. They put these cones on cookie trays in the oven of the stove and at a certain degree of heat the seeds would pop out. If kept at that degree of heat for a time they would germinate as soon as they were put in the ground. They were planted in a plot of ground just south of the Jack Fish Creek near Lake Audy. This was known as the tree nursery and was there before the one was started at Wasagaming. Some of these seedling spruce could still be found in the abandoned nursery even after the warden's station was moved to the park boundary by the Lake Audy post office.

ENTERTAINMENT

Mrs. Apple and her Core: cast left to right are Burly Ashby, Ada Skog, Ida Mayor, Lizzie Baxter, Etta Tinkler, Mrs. Griffiths, Kae Adams, Mrs. L. Baxter, Florence Trim, and Miss Smith.



For a small district Clear Creek had a lot of talent. The school Christmas tree was always a highlight, of the Christmas season. Every child in the school had a part in the concert, as well as singing in the carols. For many years the Clear Creek school competed in the Dauphin Musical Festival, and won many prizes for the school choir. They were usually trained by the teacher assisted by Mrs. Ida Mayor, Mrs. St. Cyr and George Kelly. They would make the trip to Dauphin in the back of Sia Baxters truck.

One night a week the people of the community would gather at the school for an evening of singing. Of course this was only in the summer nomths, and was held in connection with the church. There were a lot of good singers in the district. Georgina Christiansen and Florence Trim were very good "alto" singers, and Ida Mayor usually sang soprano, but could take the alto part for a duet. Both Mr. and Mrs. George Griffiths were good singers, as well as Grandpa Griffiths. Others were Edgar Kelly, John Mayor, Mrs. Blackwell, and Mrs. Tinkler. When a duet was requested Mrs. Mayor and Harriet, or Mrs. Blackwell and Mrs.

Mayor usually sang them.

Every winter there was always a concert and a play, and this takes lot of time practising. There were a lot of good actors and some like George and Jack Kelly were exceptionally good at imitating different dialects and were often called upon for monologue's. Ernie Ashby could always fill in time in a concert with a monologue, his speciality "The Shooting of Dan McGrue". Mr Ted Hodges senior was always good at telling a few jokes or songs while the scenes for the plays were being changed. These numerous functions were put on to raise money for the Christmas tree or sports equipement and in the later years to support the hockey team.

On another page are a couple of the programmes that were used for the plays. Mrs Tinkler and Mr. Preistner were above average actors. Christina Kelly made a very good actress in the part of a negro lady. A lot of plays were directed by either George Kelly, Mrs Ida Mayor, or Mrs Sia Baxter.

If the program was popular with the local audience, then they would be put on in some of the other schools or towns.

The main form of entertainment in the community was dances. From 1923 to 1926 dances were held in houses or in the summer time in the hay loft's. Arthur Simms house was the most popular, as it had one large room downstairs. The loft's used were Jacob Rochelle's, Mel McLaughlin, and Frank Blackwell's. In 1935 when he built a new barn Joe Tinkler had a couple of barn dances.

In those days it was all free music. The ladies brought the lunch. Sometimes it was a free dance, but if they were earning money for some project, the men were asked to pay 25¢. There were violinists, Arthur Simms, Melvin and Ford McLaughlin, Roy Kelly, Allan McDonald, Jack Young, and Billy Thorn. Joe Thorn was good at playing the symbols, and Mac McLaughlin with the mandolin. If an organ was there Mrs Mayor, Mrs StCyr or Mrs. Wilson would chord, accompaniment. Calling the square dances of which there would be several, were Tom Buchanan, Roy and Edgar Kelly. After 1926 most of the dances were held in the school and calling the square dances were Bob Brown and Bob Ballendine. When the hall was built people were hired to play. Very popular were Matt -

Program March 17th 1933

Play

Lookin' Lovely

comedy in three acts

Place — Living Room of Bordine
country home

Characters as they appear

Act I morning

Persimmon - colored servant --- Mrs Tinkler
Winnie Bordine - inherits farm - Hattie Mayor
Amarilla - ~~post~~ mistress - Mrs Christensen
Clytie } children of } Kathleen Priestner
Buddie } Bordine family } Jack Young
Jennie Matthews - actress - Kathleen Adams
Speed Hawkins - sheriff - Mr. E. Ashby
Esther Hastings - --- Mrs. E. Ashby
Bill Baker - promoter --- Mr. E. Kelly
Jim Dugan - promoter --- Mr. J. Girling

Act II same as act I - four weeks later

Cholly Longacre - Moe's friend Jim Brown
Moe Dubrowski - the ~~theater~~ manager - Jack Kelly

Act III same as act II week later

"ALL A MISTAKE"

CHARACTERS AS THEY APPEAR:-

NELLIE RICHMOND - GEO. WIFE - HATTIE MAYOR

GEORGE RICHMOND - LIEUT. - JACK GIRLING

NELLIE HUNTINGTON - A FRIEND - GLADYS COCKRANE

NELLIE MCINTYRE - A SERVANT - MARGARET BLACKWELL

CAPT. OBADIAH SKINNER - GEO. UNCLE - JACK KELLY

ARNELIA SKINNER - CAPT. SISTER - MRS. TINKLER

FERDINAND LIGHTHEAD - A NEIGHBOR - MR. PRIESTNER

RICHARD HAMILTON - A NEIGHBOR - EDGAR KELLY

ACT I LAWN AT CAPT. SKINNERS
HOME - "OAK FARM"

ACT II AND III IN CAPT. SKINNERS
HOUSE

TIME - PRESENT.

The above play must have been prior to 1935, as it was put on, in the Clear Creek school. Everyone stayed, and lanced, until the early morning hours.

-Lilley and Tom DeSharm. During the war Joe and Ada Skog played violins and Ida Mayor played the piano for a lot of dances. There were some other violinists in the persons of Alex Christianson and George Buchanon, Leslie Kelly, Paul and Elsie Prokopchuk played the Banjo or guitars, which ever they desired. Stewart and Jocelyne Steele also played for a few dances in the hall, also Leo Macsymach and his orchestra from Sandy Lake.

Lake Audy Entertainment

In the Audy district dances were held in the houses at first and later in the school. Things such as Box socials, card parties, Christmas Concerts, and picnics in the summer were held at the school. Baseball games as well as all sorts of races were enjoyed by young and old. Field days, Lunch's and the favourite ice-cream cone. Some of the people that supplied the music were Joe and Willie Thorn, Matt Lilley, Milton Spaller and boys, also John and Fred Ewasiuk.

CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING



The C.G.I.T. which is for Canadian Girls in Training was first organized in the Clear Creek district about 1923. Mrs J. Baxter was the person responsible for our group being organized. We have no records other than excerpts from the Minnedosa Tribune. I remember we spent a lot of time practicing for concerts and sports.

In those years the school was not too well off, and during the summer months we twice cleaned the school, scrubbed the floors and walls and desks, so as to save the school board the expense of doing it. Sia Baxter helped us by doing any repair work that was

needed. Following are a few excerpts from the Mdsa. Tribune.

Nov. 8, 1934 The C.G.I.T. held their concert and bazaar in the Clear Creek school.

Nov. 22. 1934 The C.G.I.T. held a concert in Erickson.

April 1935, The C.G.I.T. held their regular meeting at the home of Viola StCyr. The time was spent making carnations for Mothers Day.

June 6, 1935 The C.G.I.T. held their third annual meeting in the new community hall. Officers elected were: Pres.- Ivy Blackwell, vice-pres Kay Adams, sec. Margaret Kelly, treasure - Hattie Mayor, sports convenor- Christina Kelly.

May 1935, The C.G.I.T. held a social afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayor's to honour Ada Spiers, a bride to be. The afternoon was spent playing contest. Viola StCyr had an interesting recitation, and Hattie Mayor sang a solo. The honored member was presented with a rayon bedspread.

It is unknown just when the group ended their activities.

CRAWFORD PARK HALL

The Crawford Park residents built the hall in 1933. The first committee was Mr. S.B. Baxter, Mr. W. G. Wilson, Mr Gordon Fetterly, Mr. H. Christianson, Mr. Dave Young, there were new ones put on every two years. The legal trustees were Mr. Arthur Simms, Mr. Gordon Fetterly, Mr S.B. Baxter, when they passed away no one was put on in their place. 1970-71 we closed the doors until 1976 when three new legal trustees were put on. Mrs A. Griffiths, Mr Rick Richard, and Mr. George Hodges.

In the early days they put on Fowl suppers and dances. Charge for supper was adult 50¢, children 10 to 14 35¢, under 10 free, dances 35¢ .

Mrs Lillian Baxter was caretaker for \$4.00 a year they brought wood at \$5.50 a cord. They held dances and the music cost \$12.00, there would be 3 or 4 instruments real good music, and you sure could have a ball. Music by Ford & Mel McLaughlin, Ida Mayor, on the piano, Matt Lilly's orchestra, Joe, Ada, Fred, and Ed Skog, Stewart and Jocelyne Steele, George Buchanan,

Alex Christiansen, Art Simms and George Simms, Leo Macsumitz, sorry if I missed anyone.

The barn was built in 1938 and sold to Nick Bialas in 1954.

Secretaries for years were Mr. Jim Coey (can't find the dates), Ruth Baxter 1941-42, 1942-53 Mrs. Lillian Baxter, 1953-64 T.C. Baxter, 1964-83 Mrs. Ruth Winder. Auditors were Florence Trim 5 years, Mrs. Ida Mayor 1 year, Mrs. Kate Feggures 16 years, Mrs. Ruth McLaughlin 6 years, Mrs Edna Beare 2 years, Mrs Marcia Foord 1 year.

In 1978 Crawford Park and Lake Audy joined together and have worked together for 5 years.



Above Clear Creek Hall in 1944, below 1981



Put on card parties, made quilts to raffle, and had bake sales to raise money for the hall. The grants you can get now adays sure help out.

By: Mrs. Ruth Winder

Many special events were held in the hall in 1961 a family birthday party was held for Harry Mayor on his 80th birthday. A birthday party was put on for Mrs. Sia Baxter about 1971. The MacLaughlin families had an annual birthday party for Ford McLaughlin for three consecutive years. In 1983 a birthday party was held for Mrs. Jennie Clark.

In 1965 the 50th Anniversary for Harry and Ida Mayor was held in the hall. Other Anniversary parties were Tom and Lillian Buchanans 50th. Ernie and Burly Ashby's 60th was held in 1982, Tom and Ruth Winder's 45th and 50th, and Kenneth and Alice Griffiths 25th anniversary and Albin and Beryl Mayor's 25th.

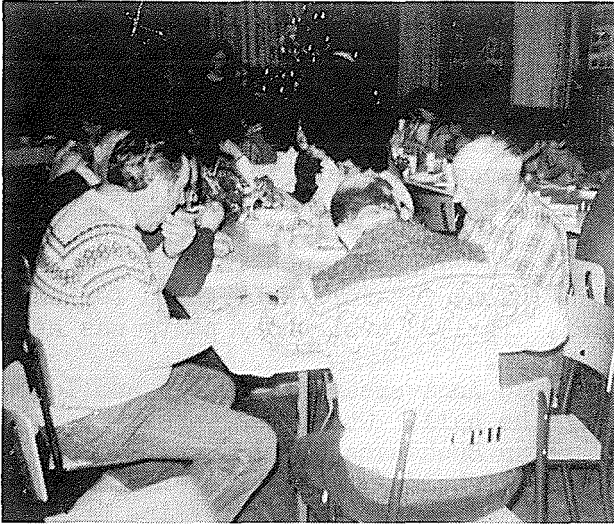
Memorial Services were held for Jack Young and George Mayor in 1944. Furnerals conducted in the hall were for George Griffiths, Sia Baxter, James Arnold, Mrs. Jim Arnold, Fred Ashby and Mrs. Fred Ashby, and Archie Buchanan. In April 1957 the funeral for baby Remy McLaughlin who was born Nov. 20th, 1956 was held in the hall.

In 1979 the district began having a community Christmas supper. It is a pot luck supper, followed by Christmas Carols and an impromptu programe. The evening concludes with the arrival of Santa Claus handing out candy to the children, and fruit to the senior citizens.



Santa Claus
(Ted Hodges)
and Jacob
Ewasiuk

1983
Christmas
supper



CURLING and SKATING RINKS

We cannot locate any records of the curling rink so if any of our dates are not correct, at least we did our best to obtain them from memory. The residents in the district decided they wanted a curling rink. Two locations were suggested, one on the community hall property and one down near the creek by the school. A voting day was held in the hall, the **verdict** was in favor of the location at the hall. Thus a curling rink with one sheet of ice and a skating rink (open air) was erected on the north side of the hall. When the children were playing on the skating rink the sound of hockey pucks hitting the curling rink wall was deafening.

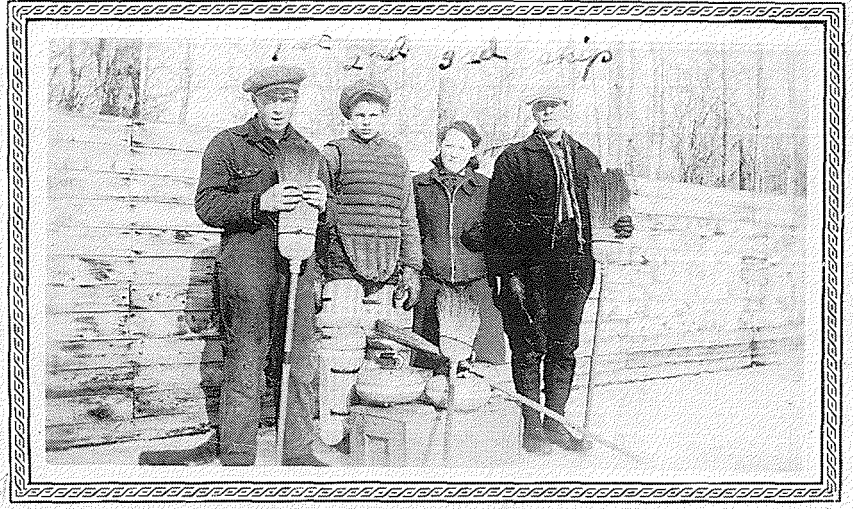
A well was dug by Edgar Kelly and George and probably Jack, Bert, or Howard assisted. The rink opened and many of the young people learned to curl, under the guidance of curlers like George Griffiths, Norman and Bill Rollings, Nick Rochelle, Bill Jury, the Christianson's and Jim Coey. The first curling rocks they used were privately owned, the set Jim Coey provided were heavier than the others. For a few years a good time was had by all.

Tom Winder, Jim Brown, Ed Skog, and Ruth Winder



Edgar Kelly, Howard Kelly, Christina Kelly, and ~~Al~~mar Kelly.





Jack Young, Fred Ashby, Ruth Baxter, and Sia Baxter.



George Griffiths,
Doris Griffiths,
Burly Ashby, and
Mr. Oberg.

About the year 1943 or 44 the water supply became short. In those days the local wells were dug by hand and a good number of them by the Kelly brothers. Edgar was called upon to clean the well out, and when he went down the well, he found the well had been parti ally filled with large stones. In those days that was a formidable obstacle. The water came into the well but had to be drawn frequently to get enough

for use. The rink committee by doing alot of hard work, managed to flood the ice for a couple of years, then for a few years, it did not operate.



Alex Hay, John Posternack, Keith Baxter, and Hjulmar Christiansen.

In 1951 the people wanted the rink operating again and it was either dig a new well or move the rink to the creek location. A vote was again held and the rink was moved a mile west to a location between the school and the creek. It operated there for 3 or 4 years. Howard Kelly was caretaker a couple of years. Then it closed down, the people using the rink were not paying and the few who were paying could not afford to keep it operating.

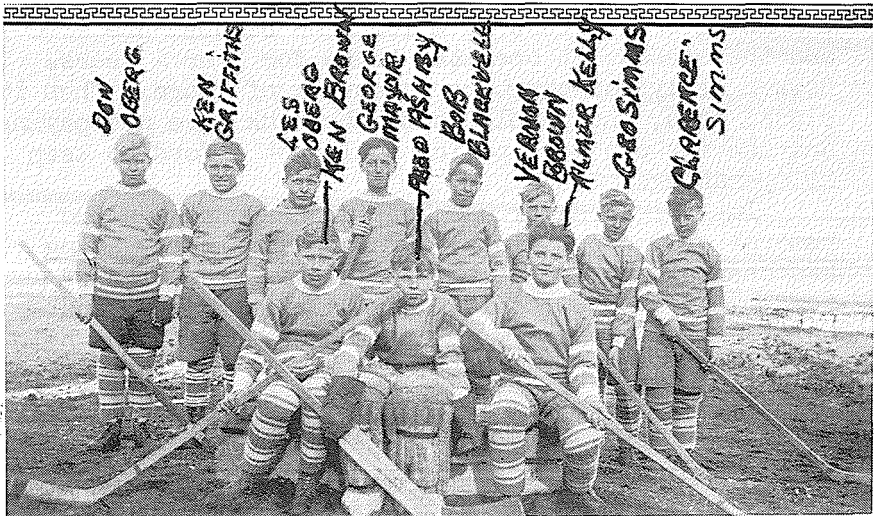
In 1961 a tender was let for the purchase and removal of the buildings. By this time every thing had been stolen out of the buildings. The highest tender was \$150.00 subitted by Harriet Hodges, and the rink was removed within a month , due to the help of good neighbours.

Fortunately it was not the end of curling for the ardent curlers. They had to drive many miles to other rinks.

Don Oberg, Ken Griffiths, George Mayor, Ken Brown,
Fred Ashby, Elmer Kelly, Bob Blackwell, George Simms,
Clarence Simms, kneeling Leslie Oberg, Vern Brown.
Missing from the picture is Albin Mayor.



Below: Hockey team about 1936.



CLEAR CREEK RED CROSS GROUP



Harriet Hodges, Lillian Baxter, Ada Skog, Ruth Baxter, Lottie Foster, Mrs. Griffiths, children Ida and Earl Hodges.

Shortly after the war broke out the women formed a Red Cross Group. Nearly every local woman worked for this association. They knit for the service personnel as well as for emergency relief.

They raised money to send Christmas parcels to the boys overseas. During the war the tobacco companies had a deal on, that \$1.00 would send 300 cigarettes to a service man. So the Red Cross Group donated to this project regularly, so that our local boys always had cigarettes. They sent to Montreal for 100 pound lots of quilt patches, and made many quilts for the Red Cross and for raffles.

A good number enrolled in the Home Health and Emergency first aid course sponsored by the Red Cross.

They decided to send monthly news letters to all service personnel from this area, so they came up with the idea of a scandal sheet published by Sarah Screwball, Betty Bughouse, and Lucy Loosenut. They were produced on a hectograph and sometimes were not too clear.

At the end of the war, the group was disbanded. Excerpts from the scandal sheet.

Burly Ashby has a new time saving plan, she put the pigs in the hen house and they gather eggs for her.

We must tell you about Bob McLaughlin's hunting. He shot a deer and went to cut its throat. The deer got tired of waiting for Bob to get the knife out of his drawers so got up and ran away.

Bob got several gifts off the Christmas tree such as salt, string, etc.

The experience Carl and Alferd Fetterely had should warn people about parking in cars. Theirs froze up and had to be towed into Neilsons garage in Erickson.

Clarence Simms went to the Onanole New Years Eve dance and was still dreaming on the way home. He ran into the ditch at the Clear Lake School and there the dream ended. He had to walk home.

The subject of editors for the scandal sheet was dicussed. The qualifications being a fool with some education, they figured Harriet Hodges and Ruth Baxter were the best qualified to carry on the job.

The stork had quite a time trying to catch Sia Baxter the other night but Sia assisted by Ken Griffith and Harriet Hodges beat him to Biszo's. Another ten minutes, and the truck would have been a hospital. Ada gave birth to a son, "Edward Calvin". We thought he should have been called Josiah Kenneth.

The rationing of meat has been temporarily suspended. There is a noticable improvement in the amount of meat being served in restaurants.

The tire and gas shortage must be getting bad. Mel McLaughlin now travels with a packing box on a stone boat. It was quite a senation to see Mrs. Sia Baxter arrive at the rink in a packing box.

Spring is here at last. Old Saul is getting better every day. Joe Skog has been doing carpenter work at Griffiths. Rumor has it he is building an ark for the flood the old timers are predicting. In fact fhe flood water this spring might run a close second to the liquor at the bonspiel.

You folks have probably noticed that for some time name Sarah Screwball has not been on our sheet. Ada Skog was the editor under that name. We reget to have to report that Ada has been very sick in Brandon Hospital. The other two editors Betty Bughouse (Ruth McLaughlin) and Lucy Loosenut (Harriet Hodges) are also retiring.

Baby-sitter: a teen-ager who behaves like an adult, while the adults are out behaving like teen-agers.

CLEAR CREEK WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

On March 21, 1946 a meeting was held in the community hall, with Mrs. Francis McKay as a guest speaker. She gave a very interesting address on the work and of the Women's Institute. It was moved by Mrs. Figgures and seconded by Mrs. Grace that a W.I. group be formed at Clear Lake.

The Women voted to the first executive were: Mrs. Lillian Baxter, Mrs. K. Griffiths, Mrs. Harriet Hodges, Mrs. Burly Ashby, Mrs Ruth Winder, and Mrs. Hansina Christiansen. The executive then nominated were Pres-Burly Ashby, Vice-Pres. Mrs. Figgures, Sec-Treasure Harriet Hodges, committee for the sick, Eva McLaughlin and Hansina Christiansen.

It was decided that the \$44.70 left from the Red Cross cigarette fund be used to give a Banquet for the returned service men. The committee to arrange the banquet was: Eva McLaughlin, Dorothy Brown, and Mrs. Grace. The banquet was held May 9, 1946 with Mrs. K. Figgures to act as hostess at the banquet, and that next of kin be invited. The girls asked to be waitresses were Emily Kowal, Fern McLaughlin, Vinetta Skatch and Edith Simms.

At the meeting on Wed. August 14th, 1946 the possibility of having a cemetery located in the district was suggested by Burly Ashby and Harriet Hodges. It was decided that each member pick out a suitable spot for the same. Moved by Mrs. Figgures seconded by Mrs. Baxter that a public meeting be called the evening of August 24 to discuss this project and vote on the location.

For the Provincial convention each W.I. had to have a scrap book to display. At the Oct. 9, 1946 meeting moved by Mrs. Figgures seconded by Mrs. L Buchanan that our book be made up of the history of quilts, and that all the members contribute their favourite quilt block for the book.

At the meeting Oct. 9, they decided to sponsor card parties on the second and fourth Thursday in each month. On Monday Oct. 14, a social evening was held for the Bill Jury family.

On Nov. 13, 1946 the first annual meeting was held with the following members voted in: Mrs. Christianson Mrs. Cobb, Mrs. Baxter, Mrs. Hodges, Mrs. Winder, and Mrs. Figgures. The executive nominated were:

President Mrs. Figgures, 1st vice pres. Mrs. Lillian Baxter, 2nd vice pres. Christina Cobb, sec-treasure Harriet Hodges. The committee for the sick Eva McLaughlin and Hansina Christianson were re-elected and instructed to send a box of chocolates to each of our four senior citizens. The senior Mr. and Mrs. Kelly and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ashby. The card party nights were changed to Tue. It was also decided that we purchase material to make boy clothes for the Minnedosa hospital.

At the meeting on April 9, 1947 having the T.B. X-ray visit the district was discussed. The secretary was instructed to make the arrangements for this project. Also it was recorded that the W.I. send a wreath to the funeral of every local resident and that every local bride-to-be, be given a shower. Mrs Ida Mayor was the delegate to the provinical convention held in the Fort Garry Hotel in Winnipeg on May 20.

On May 14, the members discussed Hospitalization for the local residents and the secretary was instructed to contact Man. Hospitalization for information. Wednesday June 4, that the men have a report from the public meeting re- cemetery. The men chose the plot picked by Mrs. Christianson, namely on the farm of Mr. Charlie Crawford. Mr.'s Joe Skog, Hans Christianson and Mr. Ted Hodges were nominated to measure out the four acres. The motion was made by Mrs. Baxter, second by Mrs. Rochelle that the cemetery land be deeded to the local Govt. of Consul, Mr. J.R. McLoed to give his permission.

The W.I. served lunch at the Joe Tinkler and Gordon Fetterely sales. Showers were sponored for Emily Kowal and Ruby Ferguson. At the July meeting, Hansina Christianson demonstrated her prowess at riding a bicycle. Mrs. Baxter, Eva McLaughlin and Mrs. Rochelle canvas the district in regard to forming a Man. Hospitalization group. The secretary to request a representative of the Man. Hospitalization come to this area to form a group.

Oct. 1947 moved by Mrs. Baxter second by Eva McLaughlin that due to poor attendance, the W.I. be dissolved. The sec. to write to have the cemetery land inspected and surveyed. The \$39.00 left in the funds be turned over to the cemetery. Auditors for the books were Mrs. Ida Mayor and Mr. Jacob Rochelle.



THE 4-H PLEDGE

I pledge:
My head to clearer thinking,
My heart to greater loyalty,
My hands to greater service,
My health to better living,
For my club, my community,
and my country.

THE 4-H MOTTO

Learn to do by doing

THE GARDEN CLUB

In the spring of 1945 a garden club was formed under the leadership of Mr. George Griffiths and Mr. Grace. Each member was given seeds to plant a garden plot of specified dimensions. When the garden plots were judged it was on how well the member had followed the instructions and how free of weeds it was kept. In the fall they had a club show in the waiting room of the Clear Creek rink. The vegetables grown the first year included, peas, carrots, turnips, radishes, beans, onions, etc. The vegetable the second year were different and included such as pumpkins, cucumber, citron, and marrows, cabbage, etc. This club was only active for two years.

THE CLEAR LAKE SEED CLUB

Since there is no club records available, they having burnt when Bob Ross's house burned. The following is collected at random.

The Clear Lake Seed Club was formed in 1934 under the leadership of Mr. Ted Driscoll, with Mr. Bob Ross sec-treasure. It was a very active organization. The first Clear Creek children to join the club were Alice Winder and Ida Hodges in 1947. At that time they had regular monthly meetings in the Clear Lake Hall, and at every meeting each member contributed a dime to the March of Dimes Fund. Mr Driscoll had a good knowledge of grains, grasses and weeds. Many of his club members were top grain judges in competitions, at fairs. In fact in the early years of the club two members Jack Winder and Ronald Thurry won the Dominion Championship for the 4-H seed clubs. Each year some of the members entered the grains and grasses competition at the Minnedosa Fair, and were always among the prize winners. Each winter the club held a banquet for all members and parents, guest speakers were the local Ag-Rep from Minnedosa as well as several from the Dept. of Agriculture.

Each member had a plot of seed that was inspected by the representative of the Dept. of Agricultural. The members points for plots all added up to make a clubs total points. In the Man. Archives we learned that one year the Clear Lake Club had 943 points out of a possible 1000. For many consecutive years they won the T.J. Harrision Trophy as the top Seed Club in the province of Manitoba. It was wrote in the Archives as follows: "For a great many years this club has done outstanding work in the Clear Lake area, and has been continuously under the management of Mr. Ted Driscoll."

Each year a couple of members were taken on a trip to the Lake Head. They also sponsored members to go to a boys camp at Brandon. In the later years girls camps were also sponored. They attended short courses sponored by the Dept. of Agricultural. After about 1956 the enrollment began to decline. When Mr. Driscoll died, Mr. Bob Ross took over the leadership of the club , assistant leaders were

W. Miko, Nick Bialas, and Harriet Hodges. In 1949 there was a great interest in a Calf Club and it was formed in connection with the Seed Club, with Mr. Driscoll as overall leader. This joint organization spilt into two separate clubs, the Clear Lake Seed Club and the Clear Creek Calf Club. In 1966 the club was down to ten members Don, Calvin, Allan, Nelson, Kenneth, and Gary McLaughlin, Leonard and Melvin Bialas George and Harry Hodges. That year they grew Conquest Barely. Their seed club fair was held at Ozerna, Man. In 1967 the club members grew Harmon Oats and the fair was held at Newdale, Man. The seed club was very active in public speaking. In 1967 the last meeting was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Nick Bialas and this was the last year there were enough members to have a club.

BANQUET 1947

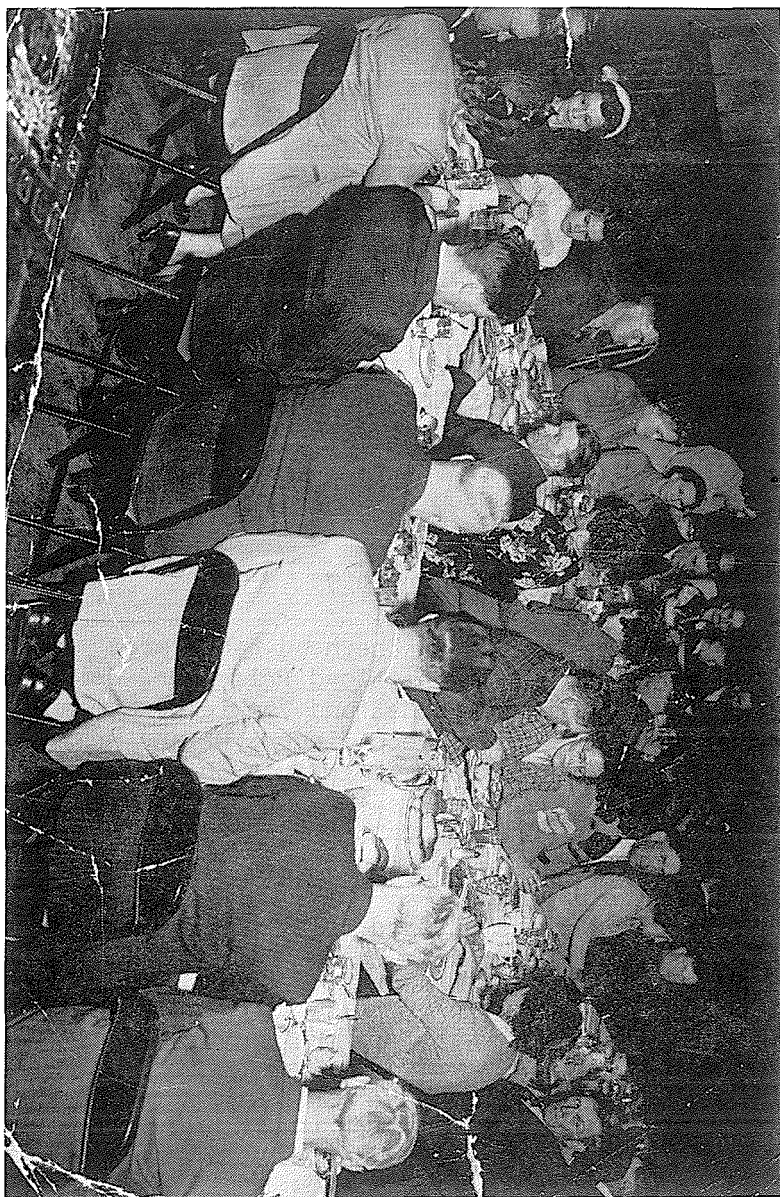
Some of the guests at the head table are:
Mr. and Mrs. Art Dillworth, Lloyd Price, Mr. Driscoll, (far right). At left are Mel and Vickie Gunnarson, Xira Winder, Mr and Mrs. Pete Winder, Mr and Mrs. Andrew Thierry, across the table from them are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Price, Mr. and Mrs. August Moyer. Next table, Ted and Harriet Hodges, Ruth and Tom Winder, Mr. and Mrs Frank Hogarth, At right of table Effie and Olie Erickson.

This banquet was catered to by the Rackham Ladies and was held in the Onanole Hall.

Picture on the next page.

Some people get lost in thought because it is such unfamiliar territory to them.

There is nothing like a dish towel for wiping that contented look off a married mans face



Banquet 1947

THE CLEAR CREEK CALF CLUB

The calf club first originated with the Clear Lake Seed Club with Ted Driscoll leader of the combined clubs and assistant leaders Ray and Jim Brown in 1949. The first calf club shows were held at the Clear Lake Legion Hall, as the Clear Lake members declined in numbers and the Clear Creek members increased in numbers, they decided it would be more convenient to have a separate club, called the Clear Creek Calf Club. First leaders were Jim and Ray Brown.

Each member raised and groomed a calf for about 8 months, then they were shown at a local achievement day. Some prizes were bought, others were donated. The competition was keen for the awards of Champion, and Reserve Champion, Showmanship, best halter broken etc. After the show, calves were loaded on the transfer and taken to market in Winnipeg and sold. Price varied from year to year and an example is shown in the record kept by Gerald Brown. In 1949 his Hereford calf named Topsy weighed 720# netted \$166.30. In 1950 his calf named Billy weighed 760# netted \$219.10. In 1951 his calf named Jingles weighed 990# netted \$269.00.

Some years a couple of members went to Winnipeg to see the calves sold. A few tears were always shed when the transfer left with the calves that they had spent many hours working with.

There were also a few laughs, like the time when Gerald Brown, Ellwood and Richard used a whole bottle of shampoo to wash their calves. There was shampoo bubbles all over the yard. In those days no one had water works, the water had to be warmed on the stove to mix with the cold well water, or creek water used.

Another incident was when Harry Hodges, who was bathing his calf, dumped half a bottle of bluing in the water to whiten the white head of his calf, he ended up with a Hereford with blue spots and a blue face. It was impossible to wash out, and as Morris Bown said, "that was the first time Paul Bunions blue ox was at the calf show."

The members spent a lot of time on their displays for the achievement day that was held each summer either at Minnedosa or Neepawa. Gold watches were awarded to the highest scoring 4-H member, one for



Gerald, Ellwood Brown and Harvey Brown at the calf show in 1957.

a girl and one for a boy. Ellwood Brown achieved that score and won his gold watch.

The 4-H members also took part in various activities such as public speaking and square dancing. They competed in the square dancing competition at the Elphinstone picnics.

The last calf club show was in 1964 and due to the inclement weather it was held at the farm of Ken and Alice Griffiths. Assistant leader that year was Ted Hodges.

The followong is a write up that appeared in the Country Guide in 1953.

The Clear Creek Calf Club of Manitoba is only five years old, but for all its youth it is brimming over with ideas which is what makes it so much fun for its members. Already neighborhood skeptics have begun to agree that a club which encourages young farm people to meet together, and carry out programs and develop displays, has a useful place in the community.

The club exhibit at the giant Neepawa 4-H Club rally last month, was a good example of the kind of work they do, under the leadership of enthusiastic and devoted club leader, W.J. Brown, Crawford Park farmer. They prepared an exhibit this year which was different. Although they are calf club members, something with broader interest was agreed on, and they set out to build a display on farm safety.

At first we wondered just how we would illustrate farm safety, says club leader Brown, "but then, when we got working on it, the ideas came along naturally".

They decided to make a comparison of a safe and well kept farmstead, with a ramshackle place that would be a real danger spot for anyone working on it.

When they started to discuss the features of the unkept farm, scores of ideas were suggested, and strangely enough (or perhaps not so strangely), most of the ideas of hazards suggested and used were those that club members had seen on their own or on neighbours farms.

We'll leave the paint off that old barn, suggested one member, "to be sure it is one that is well weather beaten".

We'll have it leaning toward one end, as if it had a notion to upset, enthused another. "our own barn has a pretty sad lean to it, and it can be the model".

From another livestock minded member, "I've seen cattle badly torn from rolls of old barbed wire. Let a cow be tangled up in some."

From the tractor minded member, came the idea, "We'll show a tractor mixed up in a set of drag harrows".

On a more solemn note, since a neighbour had been killed by a bull not too long before, a model of a bull being carelessly led through the yard on a short rope, was contrasted with a bull kept at a safe distance by a pole-type leading staff.

Clay was put to work by the eager hands of the club member's to model livestock and people. while the good buildings and poor ones were built of wood. With a rainy spring giving them extra time for the display it soon took shape. A neat and tidy farmstead appeared on one side of the platform and on the other side the grotesque features of that purposely hazardous farm. One, two, three, four, were the rungs of a ladder up the front of the tired old barn, but the fifth rung of the ladder was missing, and sprawled on the ground below, still clutching that fifth rung of the ladder that hadn't been repaired for years, lay the unhappy climber.

The weather beaten barn had been carried to the field day at Neepawa with its front door intact, but the roughness of the ride inspired a new idea. One of the hinges had been shaken loose, and, said the club leader the door looked a whole lot better hanging cornerwise across the opening.

Although it was fun to build, the exhibit still had to prove popular to Rally Day visitors, and this

is where the real satisfaction of something worth while accomplished is gained by club members.

When fair visitors stopped and laughed as they saw the model of the cow just on the verge of slipping into that old uncovered well, or the model of the unpainted and unrepaired barn rearing up on one end, or the clay farmer with that fifth rung still grasped in his hand, or the cow struggling and kicking to free herself from that barbed wire entanglement, there was no doubt as to the success of the exhibit.

It provided a laugh for the visitors, but more than one visitor probably said to himself as he left "By jove maybe my own farm needs a bit of cleaning up and repair work too."

Square dancing on the opposite page:

Morris Mayor, Vivian Kelly, Earl Hodges, Isla Winder, Jimmy Mayor, Peggy McLaughlin, Ellwood Brown, Darlene Brown,

Musicians: Stewart and Jocelyn Steele

Square Dance caller: Edgar Kelly

MANITOBA 4-H POULTRY CLUB

PURPOSE: To maintain interest and provide instruction in all phases of poultry production. The knowledge gained then being used to improve quality of the farm flock. The principal "Learn to do by doing".

OBJECTIVES: 1. To improve management practices of farm flocks

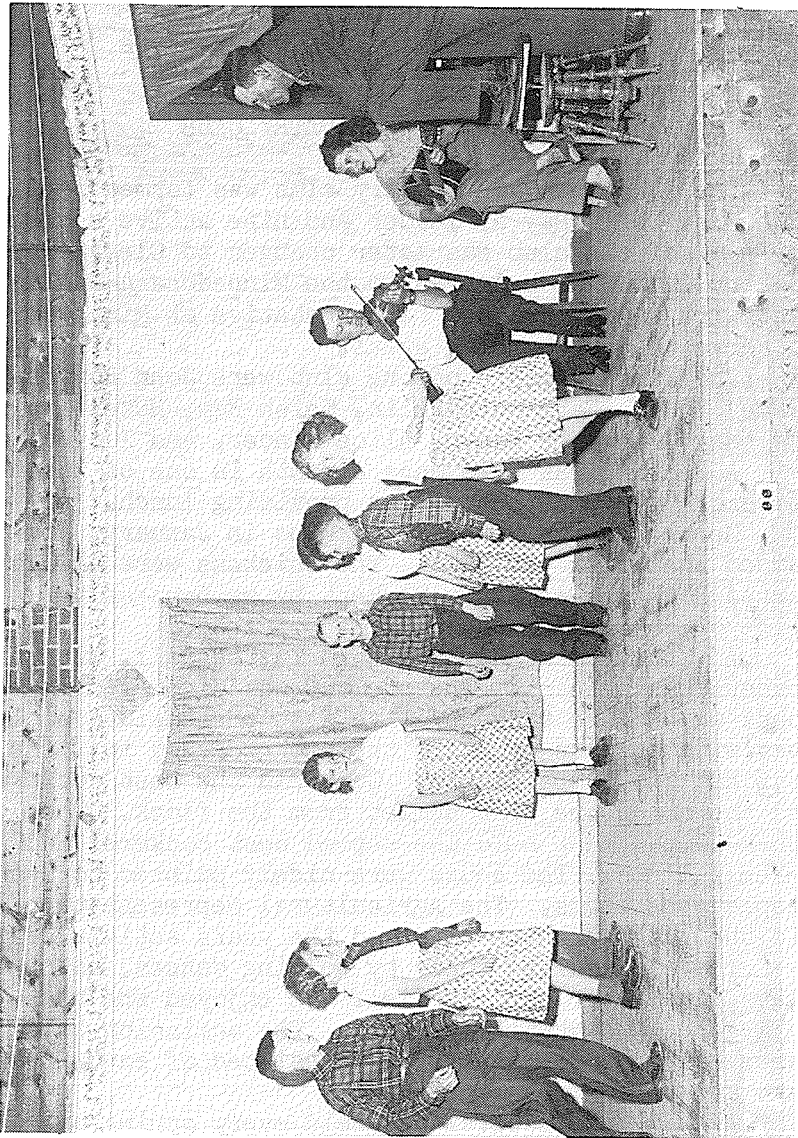
2. To impress the necessity of keeping production cost records.

3. To maintain interest of boys and girls in farm and community life.

4. To give boys and girls knowledge and experience in democratic meeting procedure.

5. To develop those qualities in young people which will give them self confidence and insure leadership in the future.

ORGANIZATION: The clubs will be organized by the



Extension Services, Manitoba Department of Agriculture with the assistance of local leaders. The program will provide for members raising and managing chicks during the spring and summer months and carry out community projects through out the year. The years activities should also include regular meetings,

judging demonstration, keeping cost of production records, attending district rally and holding a club fair in the fall.

THE LAKE AUDY 4-H POULTRY CLUB

The Lake Audy 4-H poultry club was formed in 1948 with Mrs. Doris Hay as leader and nine active members. The name of the club was later changed to Clear Creek Poultry Club. We belonged to the Minnedosa 4-H district with an agriculture representative at Minnedosa to serve the surrounding areas.

The first members of the club were John Rozdeba, Harvey Young, Earl McLaughlin, Keith Hay, Hazel Hay, Earl Hay, Florence Brown, Alice Winder, and Ida Hodges.

A meeting was held once a month in one of the members homes with the mother providing lunch.

Members ordered their chickens in January, and raised them till the fall. The chickens were always Barred Rocks. Records were kept by members as to price of chicks, amount and cost of feed.

An achievement day was held in the fall, with all members taking part. The poultry was displayed in coups which were three by five feet three sides enclosed with chicken wire and the back boarded in. The coup had two compartments. One held the best cockerel and the other the best pullet from the flock. The other compartment held the second best cockerel and three pullets. The coups were nicely painted to best display the birds. The Agricultural Representative did the judging which climaxed the years activities.

The club raised money by holding dances, concerts plays, and later card parties. We enjoyed the baseball games and skating parties. The admission to a dance was .35¢ . Lunch which consisted of sandwiches cake and coffee for .15¢.

A 4-H club festival was held every spring and members competed against each other in their 4-H district. There was singing, dancing, and readings by members from all clubs in the district. There was also a 4-H Rally held annually in Minnedosa or Neepawa where members were in judging classes, poultry club members having to judge poultry. The club members had been busy prior to the rally, making a 4-H display. The displays were all assembled in one building on the

fair grounds. Our club won first prize for our display at the 4-H rally's for three consecutive years, while Mrs. Hay and Leona Brown were leaders. Members were all dressed alike to participate in the parade, the day of the rally. We had a banner in the same colors as the members clothes with the club name on it.

The Clear Creek Poultry Club was well known for its square dance abilities. The members enjoyed the many hours of practice and learning the many different square dances. Some of the musicians of the district who played for our dancing were Mrs. Ida Mayor, Frank Hogarth, Joe Skog, George Buchanan, and Stewart and Jocelyn Steele. Edgar Kelly was the square dance - caller. We performed at various functions such as festivals, rally's, and the Elphinstone Picnic. The members were dressed in matching outfits, the boys in western shirts and jeans and the girls in blouses and drindle skirts.

Agriculture representatives during our years were Mr Don Wilton, Mr. Mitchell, Mr. Art Dilworth, and Mr. W.I.R. Johnson. Some leaders of the club were: Mrs. Doris Hay, and Mrs Leona Brown.

TRANSPORTATION AND ROADS

Local transportation in the early years in this area was mostly by horse drawn vehicles such as wagons sleighs, buggies, and cutters. Everyone took pride in a good team of drivers. The heavy work horses were much slower. Those years are often referred to as the "horse and buggy days". Often if a journey was just to relay a message or pick up mail, horse-back was used. People also walked many , many miles in those days.

Roads consisted of only wagon trails winding through the district just ~~wherever~~ it was easier to go. These trails went through people's yards and across private property which meant there were numerous gates to be opened and closed along the way.

The first cars that came into the district could travel on those same trails. However , as time went on and cars were being built more like cars and less like wagons, the need for road improvement arose.

Around 1946 the first main road was built through the Audy district making a better link with the surrounding area. Road building equipment then consisted mainly of horse drawn scrapers. By to-days standard the new road would probably have been classed as just an "improved trail". It was still most advisable to leave the car at home if it was raining or even looked like rain! And of course winter travel with cars was still impossible.

By 1948 road levy monies were being used to build roads for individual farmers. This made it possible for trucks to be used in place of teams for hauling grain to the nearest elevator some 16 to 20 miles away.

In the summer of 1954 the Department of Highways rebuilt the main road and it was gravelled and maintained thereafter. This was a great improvement and encouraged more travel through the district. That same year at the rate payer's meeting in the Audy school it was decided that the main road be snow plowed, but farmers were still responsible for clearing their own private roads. For those who were some distance from the main road this meant leaving the car at home for most of the winter.

In 1955 at the annual school meeting a resolution was passed that a levy for gravelling and maintaining district roads be instituted. The school trustees had the jurisdiction over these matters at that time. Gradually through the years roads were improved until most everyone had a good gravel road to their place.

The main road through Crawford Park and Audy districts now known as P.R. 359, was upgraded to its present state in 1965, with a few minor improvements having been made since then. It is now a much travelled "all weather" road, as good as any secondary road in Manitoba.

HYDRO AND TELEPHONE

Two more big events for the district were the coming of the hydro and telephone. At the annual Audy school meeting in 1949 the acting chairman suggested that hydro would be a great asset to the area. It was unanimously agreed upon to have petitions

signed and sent to Mr. Harold Clement, Liberal M.L.A. and to the Manitoba Hydro. The next year another campaign was launched and a promise was recieved that hydro would be installed by 1952. When the power was turned on in the fall of 1952 a new era began for farmers and housewives. Coal oil lamps were put away on a shelf, refrigerators replaced ice houses, water could be pumped by just the flick of a switch, cream separators no longer had to be turned by hand, and through the years more and more conveniences have been introduced.



Crew cutting hydro lines.

Back row: Mel
McLaughlin,
Keith Kelly, Jim
Brown, Pete
Krushelnisky,
Ted Hodges, Glen
Mayor,
2nd row: Steve
Hyrnkiw, John
Michalchuk, Nick
Bialas, John
Mauor, Ted Bialas
Front: Bill
Spitula, Mike
Jawa, ? , Frank
Hogarth, Ray
Brown.

The followong year at the annual meeting it was suggested that petitions be sent away asking for telephone service. Up until this time the only telephone in the area was in the Crawford Park store. It had been installed there in 1929. However that was 10 to 12 miles from many of the residents of the Audy district.

During the summer of 1953 poles and lines were being erected. Each house holder had to pay a fee to have the telephone installed. The telephone co. wouldn't put up lines for more than a mile without a telephone being installed, so there had to be co-operation amongst the people in order that all could get the service. By the end of 1953 there was telephone service throughout the district.

The first phones were the large box type with a crank on the side that was used for ringing others on the line. Often there were ten or more subscribers on a party line and each had a different combination of long and short rings to designate their number. There was a little switch board in the Crawford Park Store for relaying long distance calls and calls to other lines.

This service provided another important link with the surrounding area, as well as improving communication amongst the people of the districts. Dial phones replaced the old type in 1957.

THE CRAWFORD PARK RE-UNION

On August 11, 1968 a Crawford Park re-union was held at the old Clear Lake picnic grounds, now known as the Seven Day Adventist Camp. They very kindly permitted the district the use of their camp for that day. The whole re-union was organized and sponsored by the Legion Ladies Auxilary #67.

They had a program arranged, but most of it was not used as everyone was just too busy meeting old friends. Mr. A. Simms gave an address and several pictures were taken. Everyone enjoyed picnic suppers. For those who did not bring a picnic basket, there were hot dogs.

There were 255 guests who registered. The attendance was approximately 275. Guests registered from as far east as Welland, Ont. and as far west as Rogers Pass, B.C.

Followong is a copy of the speech given by Mr. Simms.

Ladies and Gentlemen, neighbours, your families and friends, it is a great privilege and honor for me and the Old Timers to meet here to-day. We only wish that those who have gone, could be with us. We extend a special invitation to those young people who re-recognized us, to speak to us to-day, or whenever you happen to meet us. We wish to thank the Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion for making this meeting possible.

One thing we are very proud of are the boys from

this district who volunteered for service in the second world war. For the two who made the Supreme Sacrifice and did not return, we miss them and will always remember them. I ask you all to now bow your heads and remember them. Two minutes silence.

They shall not grow old as we that are left grow old,
Time shall not weary or the years condemn,

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
WE shall remember THEM.

I shall try to convey to the younger people, something about the history of this district. Mrs Harriet Hodges is writing a complete history of this district and I hope she will have the co-operation of all the residents. Meanwhile if I make some wrong statements please correct me, as I am just speaking from memory.

The township and range nineteen, was settled by squatters about 1900. The late George Kelly, told me he came here about 1902 and built about 300 yards east of here. This ground was a jungle of fallen timber and raspberry bushes at that time. He said there were about 32 families of squatters come to this district. The squatters claimed they had been promised the land would be opened up for homesteading, but in 1907 they were paid \$300.00 each family, and told to move out.

This land we are now standing on, was surveyed for a townsite in 1914. I was told there was a picnic of some kind, held here by some people from Brandon in 1915. The first time I saw it was on July 14, 1921. Roy Kelly was trying to cut some hay, and was having trouble with the iron survey stakes. That was the first time I saw fish flies.

In 1920 this land was surveyed and opened up for the Returned Soldiers from World War 1. To qualify to enter you had to go to Winnipeg and go before a board and qualify as a farmer. You also had to have service in England during the war. To enter you had to be at the Dauphin Town Hall on April 16, 1921 at 9:00am. Your qualifications were put in an envelope with your name on it and put in a churn and well mixed. The letters were drawn from the churn by the soldiers Settlement Superintendants daughter. As each envelope was drawn, they were numbered and recorded and given to the owner. Number one got the first choice of all the land. Number two got the second choice and so on.

Some parcels of land were 160 acres grant and 160 acre reservation. Some were 160 acres grant and 80 acres reservation. There were a great number of applicants like myself, who had not seen the land. The first four entries chose land which ended up to be all swamp around Long Lake. As it was none of them kept there land. There were others who knew the land and knew what they wanted, and were in the early draw. George Kelly took the W $\frac{1}{2}$ 33-19-19, Charlie took the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-20-19, Jim Coey took W $\frac{1}{2}$ 28-19-19, Tom Buchanan took E $\frac{1}{2}$ 25-19-20, Frank Blackwell NE 31-19-19, A Smith from Russell NW 31-19-19. My number was 99 and I took SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-19-18, six miles south of Jim Coey. I abandoned it, and on Sept. 13, 1921 I took the NW 31-19-19.

When the land was surveyed in 1920, there were some who squatted on it that year. The government valued the improvements, and any soldier taking that land had to pay for the improvements, the money being passed on to the squatter. The improvements were not valued very high, and it was usually what was considered the best land that was squatted on, but the comradeship was such, that no squatter lost their land to my knowledge. The squatter had to draw for their turn to enter the same as the rest of us.

Early in 1924 all land not taken by the returned soldiers was opened to the civilians for homesteading. Practically all the vacant land in the district was homesteaded at that time, and quite a few more settlers moved into the district. The land at Rackham and Sandy Lake was taken at that time. Charlie Crawford built a log store where the M.F.A.C. camp now stands, in May 1921. The freight was hauled by Abe Best, from Erickson 20 miles, no roads at .50¢ per 100 pounds. Anything not in stock could be ordered and prices were reasonable. Elk or moose steak at .08¢ a pound, fish about the same. Indians mocasins .75¢ a pair, beaded \$1.25. The freight and mail came in on Saturday, so we used to go to the store on Sunday or Saturday nite to get the groceries, mail, and do a bit of gossiping. Most of the travelling was done by horse and wagon, or on horse back.

There were house rats at Clear Lake in 1921. One morning Charlie Crawford noticed a rats tail hanging through a crack in the top of the door casing. He caught a hold of it, but could not get at it, or the

rat at him, so he pulled it to one end where the crack was narrow and jammed it in there. When the R.C.M.P. came that evening, he told them he had a prisoner, he wanted them to take away. The mountie was going to shoot it with a 22 rifle, but Charlie did not want it left there to stink. Next morning he gave the tail a little pull, but the rat had chewed his tail off and was gone. Charlie ran the store until about 1930, when his health failed his daughter Florence took it over, and ran it until 1946, when she sold it to Jacob Rochelle. Mrs. Charlie Crawford was a very fine lady, always had a smile always willing to help and sympathize.

The district was known as Clear Lake, until we got the post office, then it was called Crawford Park. The winter of 1922-23, the settlers formed the Clear Lake Athletic Society. George Kelly was president and Jim Coey the sec-treasure. They held their first picnic on these grounds in July 1923. Admission .25¢ for adults and cars .25¢. It was a success, people came from 50 miles away. Their was an annual picnic on these grounds until about 1935. Then we had school picnics and field days at Onanole, Clear Lake. The first field day at Onanole, Clear Creek got four points. The next year we won the shield and took it several years after.

The first saw mill started sawing and planing lumber in December 1921. It was on the south side of the creek, about 400 yards west of here. It was owned by Jim Forsythe, Bill Forsythe, William Nichol and Roy Kelly. Mrs. Nichol and Burly Ashby did the cooking at the mill. The only other ladies in the district were Mrs. Neil Christiansen and Mrs. Hans Christiansen. We cut logs about half a mile north of Clear Lake just south of where Kippans first mill was. In later years Bill Wilson had a saw mill and store about three quarters of a mile from here (west).

SCHOOL

Clear Creek district was formed in 1926, and opened in September 1926, with Miss Keston of Wpg. the teacher. First school board was Thorton Baxter as chairman, other trustees, Ford McLaughlin and George Griffiths. George Kelly was the sec-treasure.

The school was bought from some church group in Erickson for 250.00 dollars, and moved off the Indian Reserve, section 8-20-19 to the NW corner 31-19-19. There was a flat assessment of \$200.00 per acre or \$10.50 per quarter section. The next year taxes nearly doubled, owing to a lot of land not being taxable.

People who's talents helped our district were: Our first blacksmith Hans Christianson. He did most of his blacksmithing after supper. Most of the land broken the first years was done with shears sharpened by Hans. Of course we always got a cup of Mrs. Christiansons coffee. In later years Ford McLaughlin did a lot of the blacksmithing. Fred Ashby built a skating rink on the NE 36-19-20, and did a lot of hard work shovelling snow for other peoples enjoyment. Later the community ran the rink. Wages were \$5.00 a month, from the goverment. In later years the community built a skating rink on the SW 15-20-19 on the land donated by Sia Baxter to the Clear Creek Hall. The Clear Creek Hall had been built earlier. Mr. Ben Baxter doing a lot of the work, and Mr. Alex Kippan donating a lot of lumber.

Mr. George Kelly donated a lot of his time to the welfare of the district. He organized a concert group of the young people, and with the help of Ida Mayor, and others put on concerts and dances at Kippans Mill, Elphinstone, and locally. The proceeds went towards financing a boys hockey club. Hjalmar Chrsitianson was our butcher in later years. He delivered fresh beef once a week, at .10¢ a pound, liver and heart free. Mr. Bob Brown went to the school noon hours during May and June to help train the children for the field day. He also was MC for the dances.

Mrs. Sia Baxter an R.N. gave her time and talent freely for the welfare of the residents, and was a great comfort when considering we were 20 miles from a doctor. Fred Wilson had his arm sawed off in the mill and Mrs. Baxter saved his life. Dr. Rutledge of Erickson was our local doctor from 1921 to 1946, and never refused to come when called and never let fee's or milage be a consideration.

About 1921 the Riding Mountain was proclaimed a National Park, Mr. J Smart was the first super-intendant. He was a returned soldier, and helped us by giving us team work at the park. Dave Binkley was ranger at Lake Audy for over 20 years. He helped with

the hay permits, he worked both for the park and the settlers.

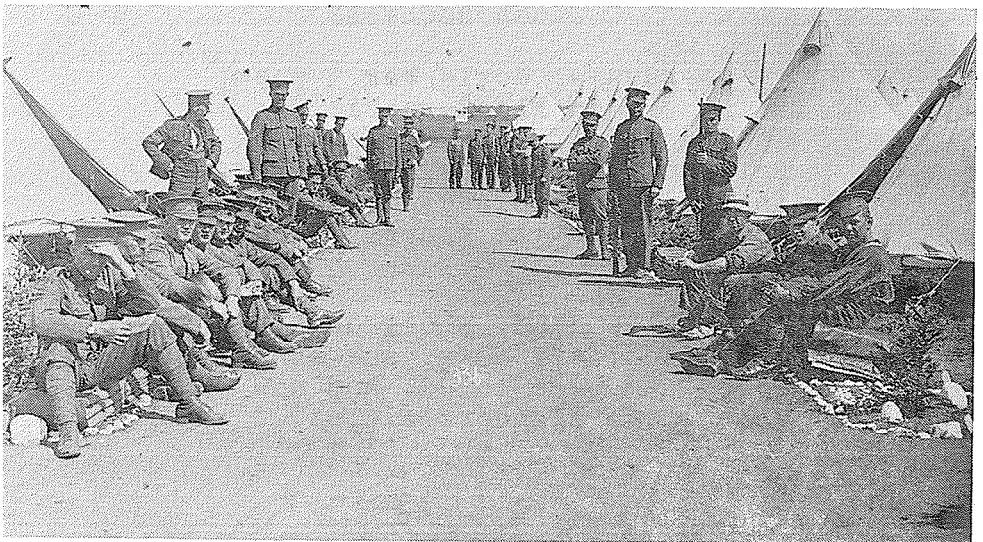
On behalf of the pioneers of this district, I wish to thank all who are here to-day. It has been a great pleasure meeting you again. I wish to thank the committee for making the arrangements for this get-together, also I must congratulate you people, who took over this district, after we left. We wish you and yours the best of everything in the years to come.







Charlie Crawford, World War 1, George Griffiths



Camp Hughs in World War 1, now Camp Shilo.



Jacob Rochelle

A popular World War 1 poem

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the dead, Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.



John Ewasiuk

Take up our quarrel with the foe,
To you from falling hands we throw
The Torch, be yours to hold it high,
If ye break faith with us who die,
We shall not sleep though poppies grow
In Flanders Fields



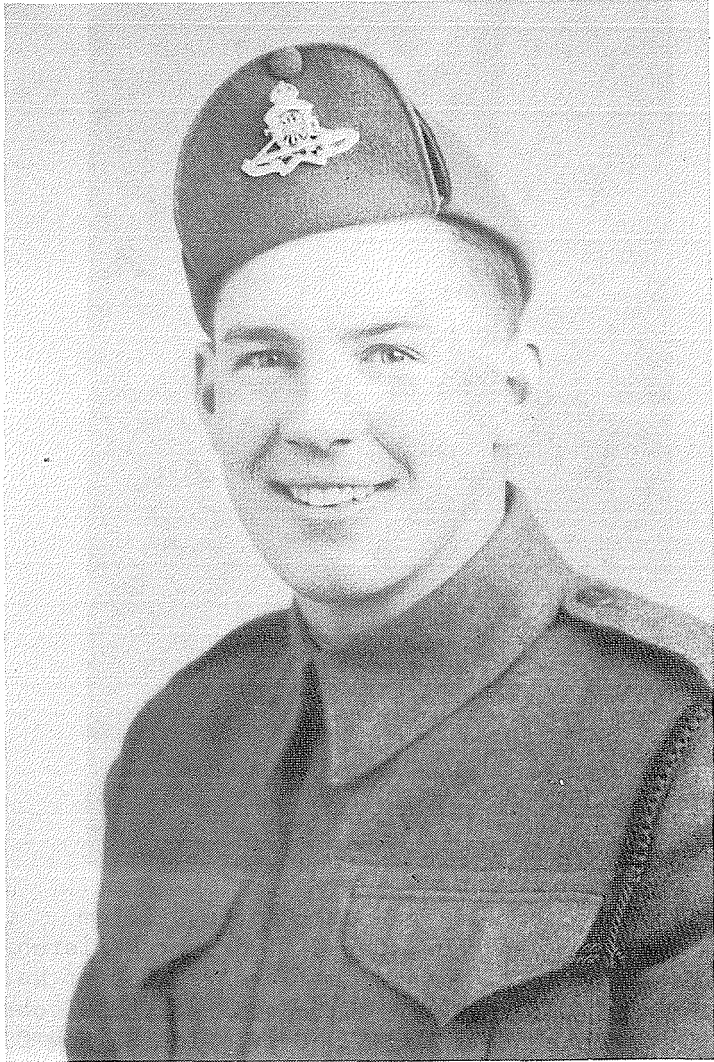
Norman Rollings

We cannot Lord,
Thy purpose see,
But all is well
That's done by thee.

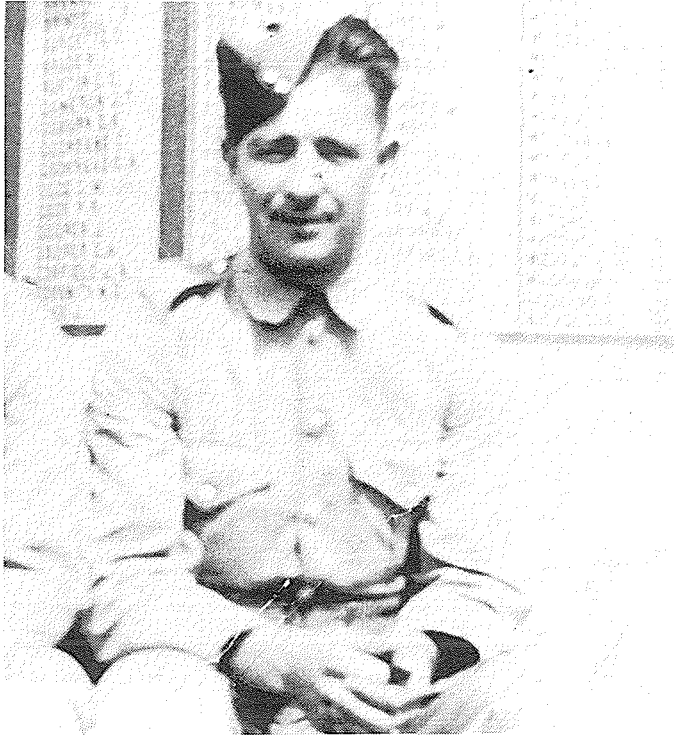


Mayor Pilot Officer (Air gunner) George William ,
J 91171 R,C.A.F. 424 squardon. Killed over Karlsruhe,
Germany, 5th of April, 1944. Age 19 years. Son of Harry
J. Mayor and Ida V. Mayor of Crawford-Park, Manitoba.
Buried in the Rheinberg War Cemetery, Plot 8, Row C,
Grave 8.

On November 20th, 1946 Pilot Officer George W. Mayor
was awarded posthumously, the Operational Wings of the
Royal Canadian Air Force, for gallant service against
the enemy.



Pte. Jack Young, 4th Anti Tank Regiment, Killed in Italy on August 23, 1944. The eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young of Crawford-Park. Jack is buried at Assisi, Italy.



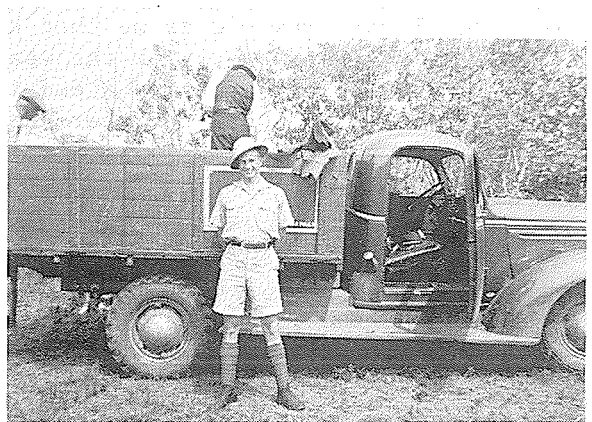
Pte. John Wojnarski joined the Royal Winnipeg Grenadiers April 28, 1941. Served in the Caribbean and Hong Kong. John was the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wojnarski of Lake Audy. He died at Hong Kong January 7, 1942.

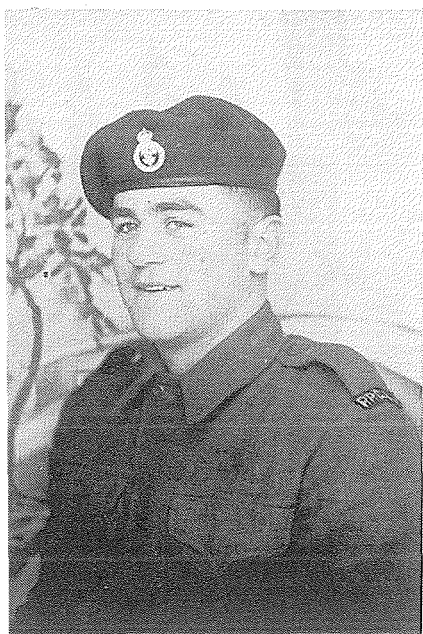
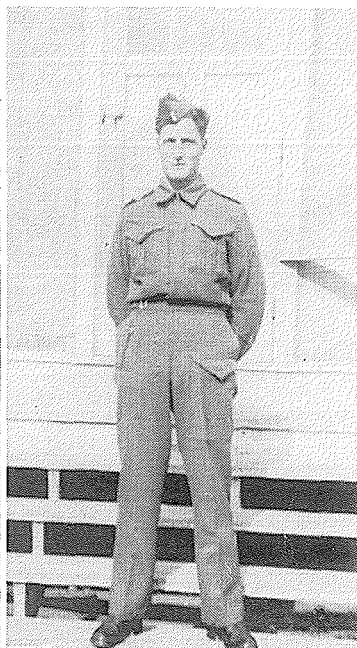
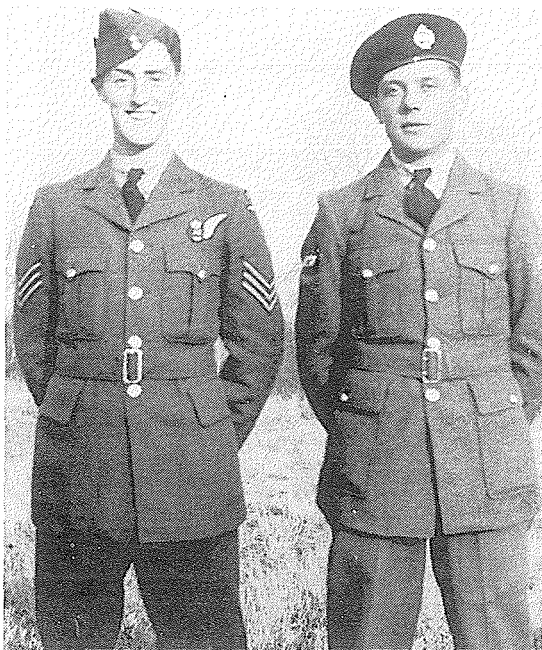
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Time shall not weary or the years condemn
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We shall remember them.



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Blackwell

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Nicholas
Sichewski
to the right
James
Fetterly



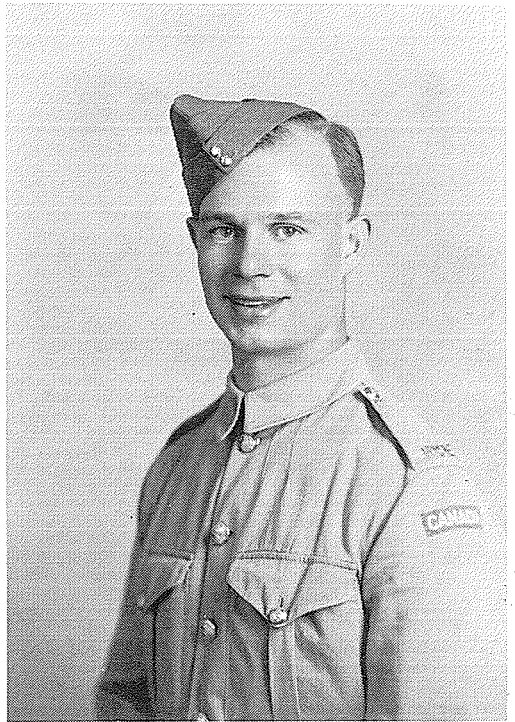


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George Mayor
John Katcher
Laurence Mayor
picture on left
Fred Wojnarski.
Korean War



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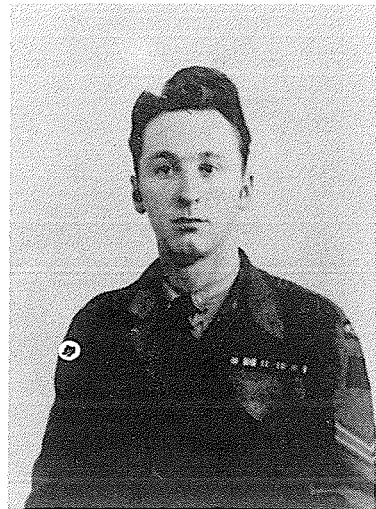
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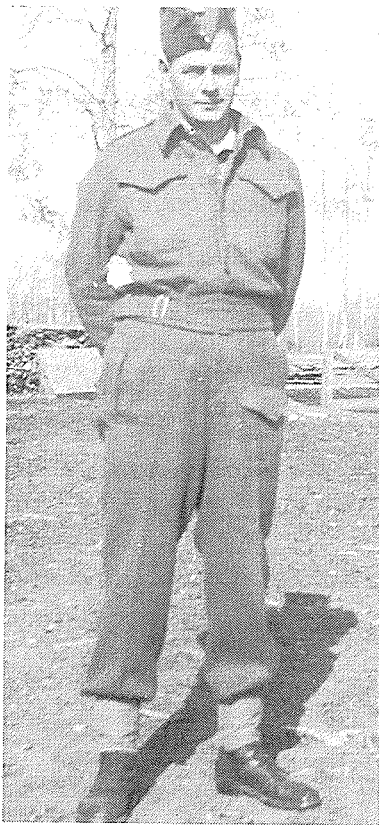
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Tom White



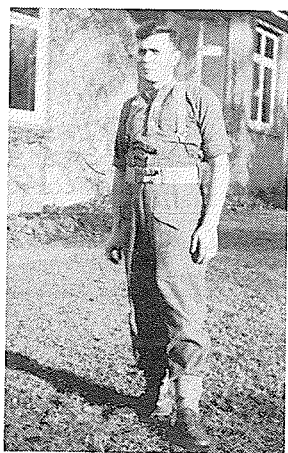
Winchell Mayor P.P.C.L.I.



Ted Hodges Jr.



Earl Fetterly



Jack Kelly



Aylmur Kelly

In the original surveys, all sections 8 and 26 in each township were the property of the Hudsons Bay Co., All sections 11 and 29 were known as school sections, and were owned by the Provincial Government. The Hudsons Bay sold their lands to the first buyer to apply for the different parcels. The School sections were kept by the government, until after World War 11, when they were available for the returned soldiers. In many cases there were squatters living on them. In these cases the veteran had to pay for the improvements, done by the squatters.

Following is a list of the early settlers, and the farms they owned. In many cases the farms were never paid for, so they were not registered owners. Many lost their farms, and they were homesteaded by the next resident. A lot of the original owners, are registered in the Lands Title Office, as owned by the Soldiers Settlement Board. As near as possible we have endeavoured, to list the residents and their farms.

Township 19 Range 19

<u>Location</u>	<u>1st resident</u>	<u>2nd resident</u>	<u>3rd resident</u>
N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 19	Bob Geekie	Peter Skatch	Wm. Skatch
W $\frac{1}{2}$ 28	Jim Coey	P. Krushelniski	Government
E $\frac{1}{2}$ 29	E. G. Hodges	G. & P. Hodges	-----
S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 29	Crown	-----	-----
N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 29	Annie Hodges	Fred Hodges	E. G. Hodges

S.E. 4 30	G. Simpson	Joe Tinkler	S. Steele
S.W. 4 30	unknown	Mike Danyk	John Lee
N.W. 4 30	M. Carson	Arthur Simms	Jim Brown
N.E. 4 30	Joe Tinkler	S. Steele	Harriet Hodges
S80/S.E. 4 31	J. Tinkler	S. Steele	Harriet Hodges
N80/S.E. 4 31	F. Blackwell	Ray Brown	M. McLaughlin Jr.
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S80/S.W. 4 31	M. Carson	A. Simms	J. Brown
N80/S.W. 4 31	A. Simms	J. Brown	Shafeek Farag
N.W. 4 31	A. Simms	Dorothy Brown	Shafeek Farag
S.E. 4 32	N. Christiansen	Peter Prokopchuk	M. Prokopchuk
N.E. 4 32	N. Christiansen	P. Prokopchuk	M. Prokopchuk
E80/S.W. 4 32	H. Christiansen	A. Kippan	Ed. Bercier
W80/S.W. 4 32	H. Christiansen	A. Kippan	Tom Winder
E80/N.W. 4 32	H. Christiansen	A. Kippan	Ed. Bercier
W.80/N.W. 4 32	H. Christiansen	A. Kippan	Tom Winder
W 4 33	George Kelly	S. Prokopchuk	P. Krushelniski
E 4 33	Crown (Lake)	-----	-----

Township 19 Range 20

S.E. 4 24	John Fedorki	Fred Miko	-----
N.E. 4 24	Bob Geekie	Bill Melcosky	Wm. Skatch
S.W. 4 24	Paul Melcosky	Fred Miko	-----
N.W. 4 24	Pat Carrol	Paul Gregorsh	Tulles
E 4 25	Tom Buchanan	-----	-----
W. 4 25	W. Girling	A. Yaworski	-----
S.E. 4 26	J. Kuzmak	F. Yaworski	-----

N.E. ¼ 26	Wes. Prokopchuk	B. D. Shewchuk	-----
S.W. ¼ 26	Bill Gregorash	J. Burdeny	A. & M. Cochrane
N.W. ¼ 26	Paul Gregorash	Tulles	R. W. Johnston
S.E. ¼ 27	Earl McIntosh	P. Gregorash	Tulles
N.E. ¼ 27	Tom White	P. Gregorash	Tulles
S.W. 27	Tom Barr	P. Gregorash	Tulles
N.W. ¼ 27	Tom Barr	Bill Koroscil	R. Soduck & L. N.
S.E. ¼ 28	M. WoLoch	John Wozney	-----
N.E. ¼ 28	Mike Gregorash	R. Sopuck & L. N.	-----
S.W. ¼ 28	Paul Gregorash	N80 R. Sopuck	-----
		S80 D. McDonald	-----
N.W. ¼ 28	Wm. Gregorash	N. Bilyk	-----
E. ½ 29	M. Gregorash	Wm. Trexlar	-----
W. ½ 29	N. Sichewski	T. Novalkowski	-----
S.E. ¼ 30	S. Thachuk	J. Marcischuk	F. & J. Wozney
N.E. ¼ 30	J. Malar	N. Guglick	B. & A. Curle
S.W. ¼ 30	F. Riddle	J. Thachuk	Wozney
N.W. ¼ 30	M. Marchischuk	Marchischuk	F, Wozney
S.E. ¼ 31	J. Malar	Nick Guglick	Mike Guglick
N.E. ¼ 31	Fred Boyko	-----	-----
S.W. ¼ 31	W. Richardson	John Wolski	D. Krupa
N.W. ¼ 31	W. Richardson	John Wolski	D. Krupa
S.E. ¼ 32	C. Sojecki	P. & G. Evasiuk	-----
N.E. ¼ 32	Joe Thorn	Sandy Finnie	P. & G. Evasiuk
S.W. ¼ 32	Wm. John Thorn	J. Malar	Guglick.
N.W. ¼ 32	George Hogg	Peter Evasiuk	-----

S.E. 4 33 Alex Koroscil George Koroscil J. Irwin
 N.E. 4 33 S. Sapischuk Steve Koroscil J.E. Irwin
 S.W. 4 33 Steve Kuzmak

N.W. 4 33 Fred Krupa Peter Rozdeba

S.E. 4 34 Bill Moon Nick Rochelle Mike Rochelle

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S.W. 4 34 J. Lukianchuk Crown -----

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E. 4 35 Jacob Rochelle Florence Trim S. Prokopchuk

W. 4 35 Dave Crawford Florence Trim Matt Spaller

S.E. 4 36 E. Ashby Jim Brown Shafeek Farag

N.E. 4 36 Renton Fred Ashby Jim Brown

S.W. 4 36 E. Ashby M. Parschyshyn -----

N.W. 4 36 Renton Jim Girling Allan McDonald

Township 20 Range 19

E. 4 4 Lake-----

S.W. 4 4 C. Crawford F.J. Trim Jacob Rochelle

N.W. 4 4 Thornton Baxter K.W. Baxter Crown

S.E. 4 5 C. Crawford Welbourne Ted Bialas

E 80/N.E. 4 5 T. Baxter Ben Baxter Arthur Ferguson

W 80/N.E. 4 5 Roy Kelly Thornton Baxter K. Baxter

S.W. 4 5 Lamb J. A. Baxter Slashinski

N.W. 4 5 Roy Kelly Fowlers L. Kimpinski

E. 80/S.E. 46 Lamb George Griffiths M. Griffiths

W 80/S.E. 46 John Tanner Crown -----

S 80/N.W. 46 Geo. Griffiths Mary Griffiths Ken. Griffiths

N 80/N.W. 46 Jim Zahara G. Griffiths Ken Griffiths

S.W. #6	John Tanner	Crown	-----
N.W. #6	George Griffiths	K. Griffiths	-----
S.E. #7	Jim Zahara	G. Griffiths	G.W. Griffiths
N.E. #7	C. Fowler	D. Fowler	Glen Mayor
S.W. #7	Howard McIntosh	Gordon Griffiths	-----
E. 80/N.W. #7	C. Fowler	Don Fowler	Glen Mayor
W 80/N.W. #7	H. McIntosh	Crown	-----
W 1/2 8	Edgar Kelly	Fred Cobb	Blanchard & G.
S.W. #18	Harry Mayor	Ida Mayor	Glen Mayor

Township 20 Range 20

S.E. #1	M. McLaughlin	or Fred Cobb	Ed. Stewart
N.E. #1	M. McLaughlin	Bob McLaughlin	John Mayor
N.W. #1	Jim Young	G. Fetterly	A. Prokopchuk
S.W. #1	Jim Young	G. Fetterly	F. Yaworski
E 1/2 2	Jack Young	M. Panschyshyn	-----
S. 1/2 2	Henry Young	Dave Young	Ken Griffiths
N.W. #2	Henry Young	Dave Young	Carl Fetterly
E 1/2 3	Jim Griffiths	Bill Jury	Mike Danyk
S.W. #3	John McDonald	Allan McDonald	G. Montague
N.W. #3	John McDonald	Willard Fetterly	M. Spaller
E 1/2 4	Gilbert Montague	S. Sichevski	Steve Koroscil
W. 1/2 4	John Evasiuk	M. Maximitch	Earl Hay
S.E. #5	Philip Bercier	J. Maximitch	G. Gregorash
N.E. #5	A. Pupice	Mrs. Yariniuk	Mike Fiarchuk
W 1/2 5		Nick Todoruk	Fred Ryback
S.E. #6	George Cronin	Joe Malar	John A. Evasiuk
N.E. #6	N. Sichevski	Walter Sichevski	-----

S.W. # 6	Mike Krupa	Adam Krupa	-----
N.W. # 6	Joseph Buzza	1880 Middleton	Percy Hyde
S80/S.E. # 7	Jack Johnstone	Raymond Hyde	Paul Patruluk
N80/S.E. # 7	Jack Johnstone	G. Johnstone	Paul Patruluk
N.E. # 7	Jack Johnstone	M. Wojnarski	G. Arnold
S.W. # 7	Ed. Gariepy	N. Sichevski	Ann Sichevski
N.W. # 7	T. Kwiatkowski	Alex Kwiat	M. Marchischuk
N ½ 8	Jim Arnold	Gordon Arnold	Bill Arnold
S ½ 8	Bill Sichevski	Mike Fiarchuk	-----
N ½ 9	Ed. A. Hodges	Alex Hay	Ken Wark
S.E. # 9	A. Brazeau	O. Maximitch	M. & R. Maximitch
S.W. # 9	A. Brazeau	Tom Rozdeba	Brandt & Lepper
E ½ 10	Norman Rollings	F. Koltusky	S. Winder
W ½ 10	Bob Slater	F. Koltusky	Stanley Winder
S ½ 11	Earl Fetterly	J. Kuzmak	Ed. Kuzmak
N ½ 11	M. McLaughlin Jr.	C. Evasiuk	-----
S.E. # 12	Stitt	F. McLaughlin	J. Twendochlib
N.E. # 12	Hugh Irwin	E. Kuzmak	C. Evasiuk
S.W. # 12	Stitt	Walter Preistner	Albin Mayon
N.W. # 12	Hugh Irwin	M. McLaughlin Jr.	C. Evasiuk

Nothing is as great as the Inexhaustible wealth
of Nature

Men's Natures are alike,
It is their habits, that carry them apart.

We wish to pay tribute to the memory of Mrs. Lillian Baxter for the many hours of nursing she did for the residents of Crawford Park and Lake Audy. In many cases she went into homes, on the verge of poverty, and coped with circumstances, as they were. She brought to them, the comfort of knowing they were receiving the services of a competent nurse. She was keenly interested in the welfare of her friends and neighbors, giving freely of her time and devotion.

Mrs. Baxter was a leader in community affairs, being the instigator of starting the Community Hall and numerous organizations.

We must remember that Mrs. Baxter did not drive, and that her husband, Sia was often called upon to get up in the night to take her to her destination. In some cases he had to assist her with her work. He also spent many hours helping the neighbors.



Rebecca Arkison and three of her children, namely Tom, Frank and Cora moved from Dauphin, to the cottage behind Crawford's store about the year 1937. Frank attended the Clear Creek school. Tom worked at the Park, where he had started work in 1933, as teamster. He looked after two teams of horses, which were kept in a barn, where Don Lee's and the R.C.M.P. office is now. There were other horses at the Park, but they were stabled in a barn just down from Doner's corner. In those days the work was varied. There were no water systems at the Park and Tom had to haul water in two 14 barrel tanks to the cottagers. For the summer months they were on call 24 hours a day if anyone needed water. They also hauled all the wood and the garbage as well as all the miscellaneous jobs that came up. During the summer season, people were always asking to have their pictures taken with the team. Even the Superintendent, Mr. Heslop, had his picture taken driving the horses.

In the winter months Tom was sent up to Lake Audy, to haul feed to the buffalo. Tom recollected that in 1938 Roy Kelly, Jack Johnston, Wilfred Hicks and Tom rode horseback and shot twelve timber wolves that were harassing the buffalo. In the winter of 1939 Tom saw the biggest herd of elk he ever heard of. There was about 35 ton of hay in an enclosure of a nine foot fence at the Whitewater and he was sent up to haul the hay. The next morning he went to get a load and he said they could see the steam rising ahead of them. He said that whole bush was a moving mass of elk. When he got to the hay corral, there was nothing left. The herd started moving towards the buffalo enclosure, and one big bull and about 125 other elk ran into the fence. They knocked the wire off of about eighty posts and were inside the enclosure. They stayed in there for about three years. At this time Mr. Dave Binkley was warden. During the years the Relief camps were at the Park, Tom had to pick up the fish that Edgar Kelly piled in piles on the ice, to deliver the fish to the camps.

When the second world war started, Rebecca Arkison's four sons all joined the forces. Son John joined the Lake Superior Rifles, Jim joined the P.P.C.L.I., Tom joined the 18th Armoured Car Regiment when they were recruiting at Minnedosa. He served at Normandy. Frank joined the Queens Highlanders and was in Sicily, Italy, then through France,

Holland and Germany. He was wounded in Germany, when all his clothes were blown off him. They removed 122 pieces of shrapnell from his body. Frank served with the Medical Corps in the Korean War, and after that served with the Canadian Forces in Germany. He retired and lived in a cabin in Tom's yard at Onanole. He died in 1980 and is buried in the Legion plot at Dauphin.

When Tom was discharged, he returned to work at the Park. In 1946 he was married to Marion Edwards, a sister of Mrs. Evelyn Dean of Onanole. They have three children, Thomas, Douglas and Gwen.

Cora Arkison, now Mrs. Denny, lives in Orillia, Ontario. Mrs. Rebecca Arkison died in 1978 and is buried at Dauphin.

Tom said that in 1946, a herd of about 175 elk left the Park, went out across the Montague farm and migrated towards Shilo. The few survivors of the migration got as far as the United States.

Tom retired from the Park in 1972 and is enjoying his retirement on 6 acres of the old Walter Dean farm.

JAMES AND ALMEDA ARNOLD



James Arnold was born in Gulladuff, County Seitrim, Ireland on March 5, 1864 and came to Canada in 1888. He and his brother, Bob, homesteaded near Bagot, Manitoba. In 1903 he married Almeda Olive Fetterly. She was born in Huntsville, Ontario June 18, 1883 and moved with her family to Springhill, Manitoba in 1893.

Jim and Almeda had two children. Flossie Irene Hazel was born October 4, 1905 at Bagot and Gordon William Lee was born February 8, 1907 at Franklin, Manitoba. Shortly after that they moved to Finlater, Sask. where they had a store business for several years.

Jim had always wanted to go ranching. He heard about the pasture and hayland in the Riding Mountain. He came to look over the situation and found the Lake Audy area was an ideal location with a good supply of water from the Little Saskatchewan River, lots of pasture and an abundance of wildlife to satisfy his love for hunting, trapping and fishing. This was a rancher's paradise! He sold his store at Finlater and went to Winnipeg to buy some cattle. They were shipped by train to Elphinstone and from there he herded them on horseback along the old Strathclair trail, about 21 miles to Lake Audy. There were several gates to open and close and rivers to cross. Driving cattle through private property and trying to keep them from going where they shouldn't be was no easy task. Then there was always the risk of some being chased away by dogs.

Meanwhile his wife, Almeda packed some of their belongings into a wagon, and she and the two children started out with four horses and the wagon to find Lake Audy. What she couldn't bring in the wagon she shipped by train to Elphinstone. With no numbered roads, no maps and only wagon trails to follow, the journey was not an easy one. It took about two weeks. Each evening she put up their tent by the road side and let the horses graze either tethered or hobbled nearby. One place where she stopped the man who owned the farm there came out and told her he didn't allow any squatters on his property! When she told him her story he relented and said she could stay as long as she wanted. When they arrived in Elphinstone, around 1917, Arthur Ferguson and the Serle family were amongst the first people they became acquainted with. She and the children stayed in Elphinstone for a short while and Hazel and Gordon went to school there.

Jim chose the east side of the river where the Lake Audy dam is now located for his building site. He built a log house and barn and the family moved there. They raised cattle and when there were some ready for market they had to be herded back to Elphinstone and shipped on the train.

Jim hunted and trapped. Almeda tanned the furs and hides and made coats, hats, mitts and moccasins for the family. She bought large quantities of material from Winnipeg and sewed all their clothes. Later people began bringing her deer and elk hides to have jackets, mitts and moccasins made.

The mail was brought from Elphinstone to Jack Johnson's (NE 7-20-20) and the Arnold's went down the river once a week in a boat to pick it up in the summer. The children attended school at Springhill for some time and boarded with the Gordon Fetterly and Mern Fetterly families.

Hay was cut in the meadows along the river with a horse drawn mower. Then it was stacked by hand near the buildings to feed the cattle through the long winter. Elk were very plentiful in the area at that time and it was hard to keep them from eating and tramping the hay. Sometimes high pole fences had to be built around the stacks to protect them.

In 1923 they bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 8-20-20 from the Hudson's Bay Co. and moved to the location where the third and fourth generation of the Arnold family still reside. The quarter section was mostly heavy bush. They lived in a tent while a new set of log buildings were erected. They continued to graze their cattle and cut hay in the forest reserve and began the long, hard task of clearing the land. Many hours of hard labour went into building up a homestead. There were mosquitoes by the millions and the only way to get a much needed rest at night was to put cheesecloth over the bed like a tent.

Later they bought the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 8-20-20 which was also Hudson Bay land. Another quarter of bush to clear. By this time Jim wasn't able for so much, so it was Gordon who did most of the harder work. The land was cleared by using a grub hoe to clear the dirt away from the root of each tree, then sawed up with a bucksaw. The best of the tree was used for firewood. The branches and stumps were piled up and burned. Then the land was plowed with a one furrow plow and four horses. Very different from the present day method of clearing land.

In 1927 they got their first Model T Ford car. It was a great improvement over the horse and buggy, but could be very frustrating when it wouldn't start, or got stuck in a mud hole. Jim always thought Gordon drove it much too fast for safety!

Jim had a narrow escape while fighting fire during one of the big forest fires in the Park. While he was plowing a fire guard the fire began to overtake him. He unhooked the horses and let them go. He just had time to lay in the plow furrow and pull the furrow on top of himself. The fire went right over him and left him unharmed. The horses ran to safety.

Their daughter, Hazel clerked in the Crawford Park store for some time before her marriage to William John Jury in 1930. They lived at Clanwilliam then later returned to live in the Audy district for a few years. They had five sons, James, Gordon, Harold, Marvin and Harvey.

Gordon Arnold married Edith Ann Jury from Clanwilliam in 1931. They lived on his home farm and continued farming there. They had four children, Annie, Nellie, Grace and William.

When the grandchildren started arriving Almeda wanted to be called "Gan" instead of Grandma, because that was what her mother had been called. In later years she became "Gan" to all who knew her. She was a real pioneer woman who loved the outdoors and was as efficient at driving horses, stooking sheaves or stacking hay as she was in the house cooking and sewing. In the early years she spent many a day in the Park every summer cutting hay with the team and mower. Some of the Audy school teachers boarded with them in the 1940's when Gordon's family were going to school. She was still making fancy leather jackets from deer hides when she was in her early 70's.

Jim enjoyed buying cattle and shipping them to Winnipeg. It was a challenge to guess the weight and buy close. Because of a severe back injury when he was young, he walked quite stooped and used a cane for many years, but Gordon said he could walk much straighter and faster when he was going to Winnipeg with a load of cattle! Later when he wasn't able to be out much, he still took a keen interest in all that was going on around the farm, and he loved to hear the hunting stories. When he was younger he was a good shot and took home many a turkey from the turkey shoots that were common then. Jim passed away

September 1, 1957 at the age of 93. Almeda died January 2, 1968. Both are buried in the Crawford Park cemetery.

Gordon Arnold



Annie, Edith and Gordon

Grace, Nellie and Billy

Gordon William Lee Arnold was born at Franklin, Manitoba February 8, 1907, only son of James and Almeda Arnold. He came with his parents and sister to the district from Finlater, Sask. in 1917. They lived where the Lake Audy dam is now situated. He went to school in Elphinstone for a short while, then continued his schooling in Springhill where he boarded with his uncles. When he was 16 they moved to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 8-20-20. They began clearing the land and built a new set of log buildings. Then they bought the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 8-20-20 which was also heavy bush land, for approximately \$750.00. He farmed with his parents and in the summer of 1930 he began building his own log house. He could often be seen going to Clanwilliam with his team of drivers, a trip which took about 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ hours each way. On June 17, 1931 he married Edith Ann Jury from Clanwilliam. She was born September 14, 1911, the daughter of Thomas and Annie Jury.

To supplement his farming income, Gordon went around with a team and Bennet buggy every spring castrating colts. He charged 50¢ for a colt and \$1.50 for stallions. In 1934 he sold 13 head of cattle for \$75.00. They milked

several cows and sold cream for 17¢ per pound. Eggs brought 12¢ a dozen. Eggs and cream were taken to the Crawford Park store with the team once a week and the mail and groceries were brought back. Since the roads at that time consisted mostly of trails through people's property, there were many gates to be opened and shut along the way.

In the winter large blocks of ice were cut and piled in an "ice house" which was insulated with sawdust from the local sawmills. That was where cream and other perishable goods were kept cool in the summer.

Getting enough water for the cattle in the winter was a problem. Several wells were dug but without success. The cattle had to be driven two miles south to the creek every day where a hole was cut in the ice. Finally a well was dug with a digger powered by two horses. They dug down 98 feet and got a good supply of water. The water was all pumped by hand for some time, then by gas engine and later by electricity.

The Forest reserve bordering their land became National Park in 1933. A grazing permit could be obtained for a small fee per head, so they continued to pasture their cattle in the Park. Hay permits, logging permits and wood permits were also available in designated areas.

In 1936-37 the government sent men out from the cities and towns to work for the farmers. They were paid \$5.00 per month by the government and the farmer provided their room and board. Gordon had two work for him for a while. One asked how long he would have to work before he became manager!

Gordon and Edith had four children. Annie Almeda was born April 21, 1932, Nellie Camelia June 19, 1933, Grace Olive on January 18, 1935 and Thomas William James (Billy) was born September 3, 1936. They all took their schooling at Audy school, 2½ miles away. Some of the time they walked. In the winter they were often taken with a team and van. When they got older they took the team and van themselves. Gordon made them a two wheeled cart that was drawn by one horse, for summer travel. They well remember May 8, 1945 when Sandy Finny came to the school with the news that the war was over. School was dismissed early and they had to walk home through a heavy snow storm, dressed only for the nice summer day that the morning had promised.

Family allowance started in 1945 at \$5.00 per child. They moved into a new frame house in 1949. It was built by the combined efforts of all the family, from logs cut in the park.

Edith's mother lived with them for several years, and also spent some time in her little trailer nearby.

There was a scurry around the Arnold household in early 1951 when their three daughters were all making wedding plans. Several trips had to be made with the team through deep snow and blizzards. Gordon never could figure out why anyone would pick the stormy month of March to get married!

On March 28, 1951 their oldest daughter, Annie married Morris Ingram and went to live at Keld, then Ochre River. They came back to the district in 1956 and started the Audy Service Station in 1957, then moved to Alberta in 1961. They have three boys, Walter, Harold and Norman.

Nellie married Paul Hrushowy on March 29, 1951. They have farmed at Fork River ever since and Paul also drives a school bus. They have three children, Sandra, Jo-Ann and Delmar. They lost baby Kenneth at birth and a little daughter, Lana died at 8 months old.

Grace married her grade 9 school teacher, Nick Genik on October 18, 1951. They went to Keld, then came back to Audy for a few years. They have five children, Ila, Aileen, Alva, Karen and Dale. They now reside in Dauphin.

Bill married Edna Bird on June 5, 1956 and continued farming in partnership with his Dad. They have three children, Marlene, Lorne and Evelyn.

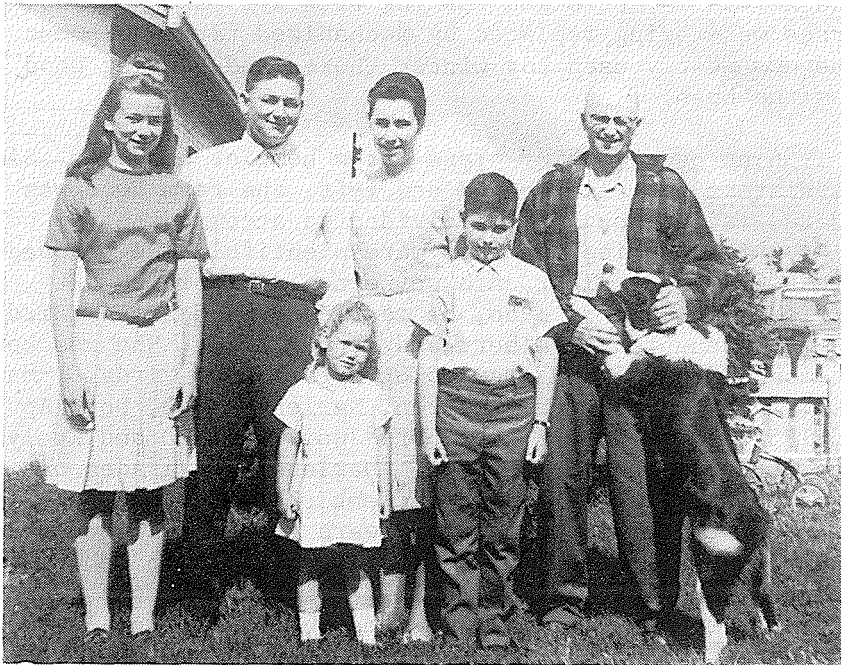
1951 was the last year of stooking and threshing on the Arnold farm, when a small pull-type combine was purchased. No more threshing gangs or run-away stook teams! Elk continued to be a problem and several methods were used to protect the hay stacks. Gordon hung a lantern near the stacks. The first night it kept the elk away, the next night they used it for a light! Then he strung twine all around the stack and attached it to a bell in the house. When the bell rang he went out and chased them away. When the herd ran back to the Park they took the fence with them. Every spring the fence along the Park had to be replaced. One fall Gordon decided to solve that problem by pulling the

staples and dropping the wire on the ground for the winter. Soemone rolled it all up and took it away, so that wasn't the answer either!

Hydro came to the district in 1953 and telephones were installed in 1954. In 1956 Gordon and his son, Bill bought the E $\frac{1}{2}$ 7-20-20 from Mike Wojnarski. Later they bought the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-20 from Donald Marcischuk. They also owned the E $\frac{1}{2}$ 35-19-20 for a few years.

Gordon was a trustee on the Audy school board for several years. He always worked hard for anything that was for the betterment of the community.

He passed away on November 26, 1969 after a lengthy illness, and is buried in the Crawford Park Cemetary. His son, Bill bought over his share and continues farming there. Edith still resides in her own house on the farm. Bill and his family live in a new house nearby.



Bill, Edna, Gordon, Marlene, Evelyn, Lorne Arnold
(taken in 1969)

WILLIAM ARNOLD

Thomas William James Arnold, better known as "Bill" was born September 3, 1936, the only son of Gordon and Edith Arnold. He grew up with three older sisters who did their best to keep him out of trouble. He took his schooling at Audy School.

Much of the farm work was still being done with horses. One day when he was raking hay the team took scare and ran away. He fell off the rake and was rolled over and over with the hay until something tripped the rake and he was set free. His Dad and Mom watched helplessly from the other side of the meadow where they were stacking hay. Luckily he was unharmed.

One of the big events in a young farm boy's life was when he was given his own stook team and really became one of the "threshing gang". Keeping up with the men and getting his load of sheaves to the threshing machine on time was a challenge. This was even considered a legitimate reason for missing a few days of school!

When he was 14, he began farming with his Dad. Gradually horses were being replaced by mechanized farm equipment and were now mostly used for winter chores and hauling wood from the bush.

In 1956 he began making plans for a home of his own. Since his sisters had all married and left, the farm home was considered large enough to be divided to accommodate two households. That spring muskrats were plentiful. He trapped and sold 500 at one dollar each so he could afford to get married. On June 5, 1956, he married Edna Georgina Bird, the only daughter of Albert and Jennie Bird. She was born December 10, 1938 and grew up on a farm near Firdale, Manitoba. They have three children, Marlene Karen, born April 29, 1958, Lorne Albert Lee, born June 17, 1960 and Evelyn Jean arrived January 27, 1966. Marlene took grades one to three at Audy school and Lorne went there for one year. Then the school closed and they were taken by bus to Sandy Lake elementary school and to Erickson for high school. Evelyn missed out on going to the "little old country school" with its outdoor bathrooms and other such conveniences!

The winter after Bill was married he and his Dad cut 100 cords of wood and sold it to John Malchuk at the Horod store for \$5.00 per cord. The money was left as credit in

the store and taken out in groceries as needed. In 1956 they bought the E½ 7-20-20 from Mike Wojnarski and a few years later, when they could no longer pasture cattle in the park, they bought the NW¼ 7-20-20 from Donald Marcischuk. They continued to farm in partnership until his Dad passed away in 1969.

When the larger school divisions took over in 1967, and the Audy school closed, the trustees decided to sell the desks, library books and other items in the school by public auction. Bill was one of the trustees at the time. He volunteered to be the auctioneer and thus began a new career. He went with George Shields, an auctioneer from Birtle, for a year. Then Mike Kustiak from Rosburn asked him to join him as a partner. After Mike passed away, Bill took Hal Hedley with him and the business became "Arnold & Hedley Auction Service". However, mixed farming on the farm is still his main occupation.

Their daughter, Marlene, graduated from Erickson Collegiate in 1976. She became a registered nurse in 1979 and worked in Dauphin until her marriage to Kelly Ross Olson on March 14, 1980. They lived in Buxton, North Dakota for a year, then moved to Dickinson, where Kelly is Field Manager for Cenex. Their daughter, Tami Lynn, was born August 21, 1981.

Lorne finished his schooling in 1977 and began farming with his Dad. In the fall of 1979 he bought the W½ 31-19-20 from Allan Choy. He enjoys hunting, trapping and fishing, as well as farming and raising cattle.

Evelyn graduated from Erickson Collegiate in June, 1983.

FREDERICK AND BENINA JANE ASHBY

Mr. & Mrs. Ashby were born and lived in England until in 1907, Mr. Ashby came to Canada, where he was a farm worker for Morton's at Elphinstone. In 1908 Mrs. Ashby and their son Ernie came to Canada. They lived in the village of Elphinstone for some years and he worked on the section for the C.N.R. In 1976 he began farming just out of the village about a mile. They built buildings and moved out to the farm. They lived there until they moved to Crawford Park in 1926. They lived with Ernie and Burl for a short time until they obtained their own farm, the N.E. ¼ 36-19-20. They built their house on the south side of the quarter well in from the road allowance. In 1927 he began the work of

caretaker for the Clear Creek school at a wage of \$6.00 a month. He was the best caretaker they ever had. He was always there very early and had the school warmed and was ready to take the horses for those who drove and stable them, thus letting the children go into the warm.

In 1934 Mr. Ashby and Ernie built a skating rink in Mr. Ashby's yard. They had their own plant for to provide the lights. They charged a dollar for a season ticket, and even at that rate many people did not pay for their skating.

In 1947 they moved their house out to the North East corner of their farm where Ernie and Burly had built a small store. Mr. Ashby died May 14, 1955 and Mrs. Ashby died in 1968. Both are buried in the Crawford Park cemetery.

ERNIE ASHBY



Ernie, Burly, Fred, Ruby

I was born in Lostoff, England, the only son of Fred and Benina Ashby. Burleigh Kelly was born the eldest daughter of George and Annabela Kelly at Clandeboë Bay, Manitoba.

In the winter of 1921, I went to the Clear Creek District, later to be known as Crawford Park and ran the engine in the saw mill owned by Bill Nichol, Lloyd and Bill Forsyth and Roy Kelly. That winter we sawed a million and a half board feet of lumber and planed about a third of it. Burleigh Kelly came to the mill and helped Mrs. Bill Nichol to cook for the gang.

On the 7th of May, 1922, Burleigh and I were married at Elphinstone and lived on the farm with my parents. In the fall of 1923 we went back to Clear Creek and built a log cabin on our farm. We stayed there until the fall of 1924 when we went back to Elphinstone to help take the crop off and stayed there on the farm until 1926 when we sold the farm at Elphinstone and moved back to the farm at Clear Creek.

I went from Elphinstone in the summer of 1926 and broke the first land on our farm there which was cropped by Jimmy Girling, a neighbour, the first year during which time I broke some more land. The first year's crops were frozen so we had to depend on selling a little lumber which we took off our land.

In 1926 my parents came and lived on our farm, later getting a homestead of their own on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ - 36-19-20. The first few winters we cut a lot of lumber and got it sawed into lumber at the mill owned by C. E. Crawford, the storekeeper and postmaster, after whom our post office was named - Crawford Park. Then the district became known as the Crawford Park district.

In 1930 I bought a Case Steam Threshing outfit and threshed with it until 1939. In 1934 my Dad and I built the first skating rink on my Dad's farm and charged one dollar a season for a skating ticket and in 1938 we rented it to the community at which time a community rink was built. My dad was caretaker of Clear Creek School receiving a salary of six dollars per month for the winter months. In the summer there was no caretaker.

I was Secretary Treasurer of the School District for a number of years for a salary of ten dollars a year and the salary paid to the teachers in the 1930's was approximately \$480.00 per year, a big difference from today.

The 1930's were pretty tough years. We had little or no money but we had our fun. On Wednesday nights in the summer months, we would get out for ball practice at the Griffith's farm and on Saturday nights at the picnic grounds where now the Adventist Camp is located.

The Crawford Park Hall was built with lumber donated by Alex Kippen and erected by volunteer labor under the supervision of Mr. Ben Baxter, exact date not remembered as is the case of a lot of other events. The hall was used for a church in the summer months with a student minister taking the services, as well as for meetings, dances, concerts, etc.

In 1940, I joined the army and served for 4 years, mostly at the Interment Camps in Ontario and Alberta. In 1947 I was appointed Post Master at Crawford Park and held that position until the post office closed in 1958.

Our son Fred received his education at Clear Creek School with the exception of one year at Erickson taking Grade 9. On June 29th, 1957 he married Ruby Page of Basswood. They stayed at Crawford Park running the store and working in the post office for several months before moving to Brandon where they now reside. They have one daughter, Karen, who is attending Brandon University.

We still have fond memories of the years we spent at Crawford Park and the good times and the good neighbors we had there.

GEORGE BALES

(contributed by Lillian Anne (Bales) Buchanan)

My parents George Bales and Edith Lillian Kelworth were married in Cobban Surrey, England in January 1902.

Dad was a laborer. He did a lot of gardening. Mother was a milliner and dressmaker. They immigrated to Canada with three small children, Violet, George and Margaret. They arrived in Winnipeg March 1906. George Jr., born 1904, took ill on the ship and died when they reached Gladstone so they settled there. Dad built a house there. The only tools he had were a saw, hammer and home made square.

Mother continued her trade, but just for friends and neighbours.

Dad shovelled coal for trains passing through town for seven years, then had to quit because of the coal dust.

We moved to Orangeville School District where Dad took up farming. He sang at Christmas concerts and when neighbours gathered for a friendly get-to-gether. He also played the button row accordin very well.

In the fall of 1918 we moved to Mayfeld. The next fall another son was born and Mother was laid to rest. Besides farming, Dad worked several summers with the section gang at Mayfeld.

We moved to Clear Lake March 1926 and lived two months on the Donnely farm, then on the Linder farm with sister Vi and her husband. In the fall we moved to Crawford's farm. Dad hauled freight for the store till April 1928 when he, with three of the family, moved back to Mayfeld. He continued farming till he went to live with Bessie and her husband Percy Hunter. He died in 1959.

Violet Edith born 1902. She left home when thirteen years of age to work for room and board and continue school another year. Vi continued working out till 1919 when she came home to keep house for us. She also worked the farm while Dad was with the section gang.

Vi married Robert Penton in 1925 and they lived at Helston. Robert (Bob) moved to Crawford Park in March 1926. He rented SW quarter 27-19-19 owned by Henry Linder. Vi followed a few weeks later with infant son Robert George. They had two sons, Reginald and Arthur born at Crawford Park. They moved to Mayfeld March 1930 and worked for Percy Hunter where their last son William was born. Bob rented a farm at Mayfeld and continued farming until his death in 1937.

Vi and family moved to Gladstone. She remarried - Stephen Bown in 1941 and lived at Helston until her death in Oct. 1946. There are eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Margaret Ellen born March 1905. When twelve years old, she worked for room and board and went to school one term. She spent two winters at Headingly working for our Uncle Leonard Helworth, coming home to help on the farm in the summers.

In 1926, she worked at Crawford store and post office. Maggie married Walter "Mac" McLaughlin in 1927. They lived on S. $\frac{1}{2}$ 7-20-19 owned by Jim Zahara.

Mac moved to Crawford Park in 1925. His parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert McLaughlin Sr. lived with him, then moved to Rackham. Mac and Maggie moved to Edrans in 1928. His parents went with them. Three sons, Leonard, Douglas and Morly were born at Edrans.

Mac and Maggie homesteaded at Amaranth in 1938 and in 1945 their daughter Marlyn was born. Maggie died November 1972.

Mac continued to live on the homestead with Leonard. He stayed with Marlyn and her husband Frank Hunter for a while before moving to Third Crossing Manor in Gladstone in July 1979. He died November 1979. There are 11 children, 8 step grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Mac and parents lived with Mel for a while in 1926.

I (Lil) was born in Gladstone in 1909. I quit school when thirteen years of age to herd cattle and I kept house for two summers for Dad before coming to Crawford Park. I worked for Mr. & Mrs. Chessum of Sandy Lake in 1926 and the next two years at Crawford's store and post office.

I was married to Thomas Buchanan in 1929 and have lived on the homestead ever since. We have one son George (see under Buchanan).

I joined the Ladies Auxilliary to the Canadian Legion at 1st regular meeting Nov. 4th 1939 and dropped out end of 1948 because of a health problem. I also belonged to the war time Red Cross for the duration of World War II. I have always enjoyed gardening and still have a good vegetable garden each year.

Bessie Eryline born in Gladstone 1912. She kept house for Dad after he moved to the Crawford farm, going back to Mayfeld in 1928.

In the spring of 1929, she returned to Crawford Park to stay with sister Vi and Bob for the summer. She came back and stayed with Tom and I the winter of 1931-32. Bessie married Percy Hunter in 1932. They farmed at Mayfeld on the Hunter homestead.

They had three sons, Archie, Frank and Ross and one daughter, Florence. Percy died in 1957. Bessie and family continued farming until April 1966. Two of the boys had already left home. Bessie moved to Portage for the summer, returning to

Gladstone, where she bought a house and still resides there. She has fourteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Laura Irene born in the Orangeville District in 1914. She went to both Clear Lake and Clear Creek School.

She moved back to Mayfeld in 1928, coming back to Crawford Park in 1930. She stayed with Tom and I for the winter, then worked a year at Crawford's store and post office. Laura married Jim Currie of Edrans in 1933. They farmed at Mayfeld and Helston before moving to Edrans in 1943.

Jim and Laura have two sons, Donald and Gordon and one daughter, Irene. They also have six grandchildren and two great grandchildren. They still live on the farm in semi retirement with Gordon doing most of the farm work.

Alfreda Myrtle born in the Orangeville District in 1916. At Mayfeld, our house was built on the bank of Silver Stream Creek. When Freda was four years old, she and Stanley were sitting on a plank for crossing the creek. The dog passing behind them, pushed Stanley into the water. As he came to the surface, Freda caught hold of his shirt and held him until help arrived. Maggie had witnessed the accident from the bank. Freda also went to both Clear Lake and Clear Creek schools. Freda died accidentally in March 1927.

Stanley James born in Orangeville District in 1917. He went to both Clear Lake and Clear Creek schools. When he left school, he worked on the farm with Dad.

In 1939, he volunteered for active service in the armed forces, but was discharged three months later due to ill health.

Stanley and Elsie Warburton were married in 1949. They farmed at Mayfeld and Helston. Stanley and children "twins" George and Elaine, and Wallace and Ronald moved into Neepawa the fall of 1964. Stanley moved to Brandon in 1971 where he received treatments until his death in 1972. There are two grandchildren.

Ralph Leonard born at Mayfeld in 1919 was reared by foster parents, our Uncle and Aunt Bertram and Emily Helworth.

After leaving school, he worked for a dairy farmer at Portage la Prairie.

He joined the armed forces June 1940, serving overseas with the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He was discharged September 1946.

Ralph and Eileen Costella were married in 1948 and lived in Winnipeg. Ralph was a bartender. In 1951 they moved to the Preston District where he farmed. Ralph and Eileen had five sons, Thomas, Christopher, Leonard, Dennis and Bertram. He was forced to retire in 1954 due to ill health.

In the fall of 1974, they moved into Gladstone as he had to spend so much time in Deer Lodge hospital and went into hospital to stay in 1976 until his death in July 1979. Eileen continues to live in Gladstone. There are four grandchildren.

ROBERT BALLENDINE

Robert Ballendine was born in the village of Sandy Lake in September 1909. His mother died when Bob and his brother were very young. The boys lived with Grandpa and Grannie Kelly (Granny was in reality, an aunt). After their father remarried, the family then moved to Winnipeg. When his brother died, Bob ran away from home and came back to the Kelly family, who now lived at Crawford Park about 1928.

Bob worked for farmers until in 1939, he enlisted in the P.P.C.L. and went overseas shortly after his enlistment. While serving in Italy, he learned the shoemaker trade and became very adept at working with leather. When he was discharged, he returned to Crawford Park. For a short time he had a shoemaker's shop in Erickson. When he wasn't working ✓for farmers, he made his home with Edgar Kelly. Bob always attended the dances, where he was a real good square dance caller, as well as being a good dancer. He also was very talented at playing the mouth organ.

Bob went out west and for some years lived at Haney, B.C. Robert was married while he was overseas in England, but his wife never came to Canada.

Bob had a tremendous sense of humor and a happy personality that was appreciated by his friends.

Thought for the day - Good judgement comes from experience
and experience often comes from poor
judgement.

THOMAS AND GRACE BARR

Thomas Barr was born in Port Glasgow, Scotland on December 4, 1878. He liked to travel and sometimes his Mother would not hear from him for months. Then he would arrive home, and tell them of the far away places he had been. In 1900 he received an award for bravery, in saving a child from drowning in the River Clyde. He was in active service in the Boer War and again in World War 1. He was wounded in World War 1.

Grace Agnes Love was born in Port Glasgow, Scotland on April 20, 1892. They were married in Port Glasgow on Dec. 30, 1915. Their two eldest sons were born in Scotland, Robert L. Barr on August 20, 1916 and Hugh L. Barr on Dec. 6, 1917. The family came to Canada, arriving on April 19, 1919. They came to Rapid City, where their son Thomas was born.

Prior to 1923 they moved to their farm, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ 27-19-20, in the Crawford Park district. This half section had some big hills on it. Tom Barr always said, that being a Scotchman, he chose that farm because, with so many hills, he had more acres per quarter of land. While living on this farm, two daughters were born. Their daughter Grace was born October 18, 1923. She passed away at the age of 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ years, in 1927. their daughter Ann Elva was born in Sandy Lake.

The Barr family moved to the village of Elphinstone in 1930. Here their son James and their daughter Isabel were born. In 1935 they moved back to the Providence school district, living just south of the Providence school. Their youngest child, Mary was born there. In the 1940's the Barr family moved to Winnipeg.

Tom Barr passed away in Winnipeg, on July 24, 1958. Grace Barr died in Regina, Saskatchewan April 28, 1978. Robert Barr died in Winnipeg, February 21, 1958. Hugh Barr passed away in Burnaby, B.C. April 5, 1968. Ann Nechwediuk (nee Barr) passed away in Winnipeg, August 26, 1979.

Imagination: What sits up with Mom and Dad the first time their teenager stays out late.



Certificate presented to Tom Barr 1900

HUGH AND IRIS BARR

Hugh Barr was born in Port Glasgow, Scotland on December 6, 1917. He grew up in the Sandy Lake-Elphinstone area. He worked as a labourer, in saw mills and on farms, mostly in the Crawford Park area. On October 4, 1939 he enlisted in the P.P.C.I. and went overseas in December 1939. He served in England, North Africa, Sicily, Italy, France. In April 1945 he returned home on "Rotation Leave". While he was home the war ended so it was not necessary for Hugh to return overseas. He received his discharge from the army June 6, 1945. He went to work in the Stony Mountain Penitentiary as a guard and was there until March 1951, when he joined the R.C.A.F.

He was posted for training at St. Jean, Quebec and also at Aylmer, Ontario. He was then sent to Rivers Air Base in Manitoba, in September 1951. We stayed at Rivers until October 1955, when we were posted to #1 Fighter Wing, of the R.C.A.F. at Marville, France for three years. We absolutely loved our three year tour of Europe. We took many side trips to England to visit our relatives there. So much of the European history seemed to come alive, as we visited so many places we had read about.

We returned to the Air Base at Nomas, Alberta in 1958 and were there until Hughie's retirement in June 1967. While at Nomas, Hughie went up north each spring and fall on "re-supply", where they always visited at Thule, Greenland. Their 40 and 60 ounce bottles of "guess what" were a real bargain at the American P.X. When Linda, our eldest daughter was married in 1965, Hughie and friends made a special trip to Thule for "wedding supplies".

Hugh was also in the Belgian Congo, and took part in the Zambian Air lift in 1966.

He was also Safety Supervisor for the Air Base.

We moved to Burnaby on July 1st, 1967 and in August, the doctors told Hugh he had an inoperable lung - Cancer. He passed away April 5, 1968. He was too fine a person to have suffered so much and die so young, just the age of 50. Hugh and I (Iris McDonald) were married on June 2, 1945. Our daughter Linda arrived in 1946. Linda is now married and lives in Edmonton, Alberta. She has two children. Tracy will be seventeen in June, and Shawn will be fifteen in September. Our second daughter was

born, Carol, in 1964 so she was just 3½ years old when her Dad died.

I still miss Hugh very much, especially when some problem with Carol arises. Husbands do not come any finer than Hugh was.

SIMON AND MARGARET BAXTER



Mr & Mrs. Ben Baxter

Simon Benjamin Baxter was born in Ontario in 1864. He came west at an early age, travelling by ox cart. He settled on a parcel of land, north of Eden, Manitoba. This was later known as Baxter's Corner. There he operated a half way house, catering to the settlers moving west and north of the Riding Mountain. While there he met and married Margaret Jane Gamey of Marney, Manitoba.

To them were born two sons, Josiah Alexander and Thornton Crawford and one daughter Reta. Later the family moved to Neepawa in a partnership in a sash and door factory, making wagons, buggies, doors and windows. They also made the first straw blowers, for a threshing machine. This consisted of wooden device with hard wood fans and a pipe. About

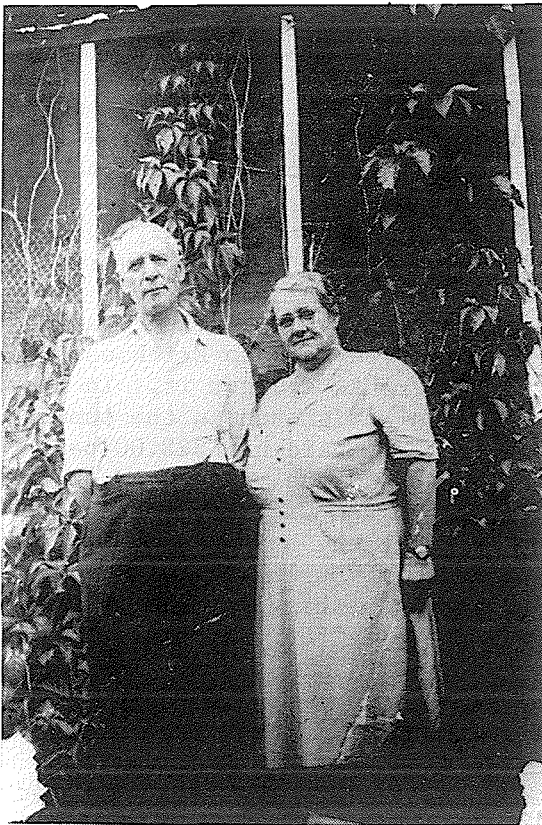
1905 the family moved to a rented farm at Strathclair. There he farmed and did carpenter work until he moved to Crawford Park in 1923. He and Jane arrived in April to take up residence on 80 acres of land which was part of the Soldier's Settlement land, granted to his son Thornton.

They started work on a cottage and stable and lived in a tent all summer until they had the buildings ready so that they could move before the winter of 23-24 was upon them.

Ben was a good baseball player and would stop anytime to play ball. Both Ben and Mrs. Baxter were active in church and community work. He spent most of one year working on the building of the Clear Creek Hall, all volunteer work.

In 1937 they decided to retire and traded the 80 acres to Mr. Alex Kippen for a house in Strathclair. They moved to Strathclair in the fall of 1937 and lived there until their deaths. Ben passed away in the fall of 1941, his wife Margaret in 1942. Both rest in the Strathclair cemetery.

JOSIAH AND LILLIAN BAXTER



J. A. Baxter's
taken at
Crawford's
Cottage about
1943 or 1944.

Josiah Alexander Baxter, better known as J.A. or Sia, was born in Eden, Manitoba, the eldest son of Ben and Margaret Baxter. He was educated in Neepawa and he apprenticed in sheet metal work, as a tinsmith. When war broke out in 1914, he enlisted with the Winnipeg Rifles and went overseas in 1915. He served in France and returned home in 1919. After his discharge, he worked at various jobs in Neepawa, Newdale and Strathclair. He took a job as tinsmith for the C.N. Railway. This work took him to Edmonton, to put a new metal roof on the C.N. station. While there he learned that a nurse, Lillian McCallum, whom he had met in Neepawa, just prior to his enlisting, was working in Bassano, Alberta. He decided to look her up and on January 1, 1920 they were married at her parents' home in Roland, Manitoba.

They returned to Edmonton to live. On December 26, 1922 their son Keith Wesley was born. On November 22, 1923 their daughter Ruth Yvonne was born. As work became harder to find, they decided to return to Manitoba and file on a homestead at Crawford Park. In 1926, they found that most of the land had been homesteaded. However a Mr. Lamb from Minnedosa had given up his soldier's grant on the S.W. ¼5-20-19. Sia filed on it and was successful in getting it. In the fall of 1926 his wife and family from Edmonton, arrived but as they were unable to move into the little house on the Lamb place, as the Ford McLaughlin family were living in it, Sia and his family spent the winter with his parents.

In 1930 the mail contract came open for bid. It was to haul the mail to and from Crawford Park to Erickson, via Onanole. Sia applied for the route and got it. In the winter time he used a team and sleigh and in the summer time a truck. His first contract paid him \$28.00 per month, for one trip each week. As the years went on, he added hauling cream to the Erickson Creamery, shoes for repair at the shoemaker in Erickson, hardware orders and many other miscellaneous orders. During the war years, when gasoline was short, it was nothing for him to spend three or four hours doing shopping for the community each trip to town.

He continued on the mail route until 1947 when his son Keith took over the route. They were both active in community affairs. Sia was secretary of the Legion for many years, as well as well as working for the Red Cross and on a lot of the Sports Committees. Mrs. Baxter served

in many offices in the Clear Lake Auxiliary and later in the Erickson Auxiliary. She served as trustee on the Clear Creek School Board and for a while as secretary treasurer. Sia and Mrs. Baxter were two of the people who called the first meeting to see about building the community hall. From the beginning until she moved to Erickson in 1952, she was the secretary treasurer of the hall committee.

Through the years Mrs. Baxter did a lot of private nursing among the neighbors in the district. A number of babies were born in the little old house on the homestead. At one time Dr. Rutledge came out from Erickson, and with Mrs. Baxter, they removed tonsils for three people (one was Alex Christiansen and one was John Mayor). They used the kitchen table for an operating table and the three children stayed with Mrs. Baxter until well enough to go home.

Ruth Baxter married Melvin McLaughlin Jr. in 1943 and lived in the district, farming until her death in 1979, at the age of fifty-five years.

Keith Baxter married Myrna Shirley Winder in 1950. They left the district and Keith worked for the Manitoba Pool Elevators in Mentmore.

Sia Baxter passed away suddenly in 1952. Mrs. Baxter sold the homestead to Mr. Slashinsky in 1952 and moved to Erickson, where she lived until her death on March 26, 1976. They both rest in the Strathclair cemetery.

Thoughts for the day:

It's always sunny weather, when friends are together.

True happiness consists not in the multitude of friends, but in their worth and choice.

True goodness springs from a person's own heart.
All men are born good.

THORNTON AND ELIZABETH BAXTER



Mr. & Mrs. Thornton Baxter

Thornton Crawford Baxter was born at Marney, Manitoba in 1890, the second son of Ben and Margaret Baxter. He received his education in the Neepawa area. He then worked at various jobs around the country until the First World War broke out in 1914. He enlisted in the Fort Garry House Artillery and went overseas in 1915. While in France he was wounded and returned home on a hospital ship in 1919. The next two years he spent in Deer Lodge Hospital. While in the hospital, he met and married Elizabeth Adams, a widow, with a son Bill Adams and a daughter Kathleen Adams.

While he was in Deer Lodge Hospital, he applied for a Soldier's farm in the Crawford Park area. He was allotted the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-20-19 and the east half of

the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 5-20-19. As he had no machinery or stock, he traded the eighty acres on Sec. 5-20-19 to his father for four cows, four horses and the harness and machinery that his Dad had at Strathclair. Thornton and his Dad (Ben) arrived in Crawford Park on Friday, April 13, 1923. He built a frame house and a slab barn on his quarter section, and while doing this, they lived in a tent for the summer. His wife Elizabeth and children remained in Winnipeg until the fall season of 1923.

For many years, during the summer season, the student ministers boarded at the Thornton Baxter residence. Thornton and

Lizzie Baxter were both very active in the community affairs. Thornton was one of the first trustees in the Clear Creek school. They were both active church workers and for many years, until his death, Thornton was an Elder in the United Church. He was also the Secretary-Treasurer of the Clear Creek Hall Committee, for many years. They were both active Legion workers, being officers in the Legion and Auxiliary. During the war, when the Legion sponsored a hut at Wasagaming for the Service Personnel, Thornton was in charge of it.

When Mr. Ben Baxter passed away in 1941, Thornton and Elizabeth spent a year in Strathclair looking after Thornton's mother until her death in 1942. After a lengthy illness, Elizabeth passed away in the General Hospital in Winnipeg in 1944. Thornton remained on his farm until his death in 1964. They both rest in the Strathclair cemetery.

Bill Adams completed his education in Winnipeg. He spent some time with his Mother and Thornton on the farm. About 1925 he began working as a teller in the Royal Bank in Clanwilliam. After other various postings, he became the Senior Officer in charge of Foreign Exchange. He married and spent most of his life in Eastern Canada. He died at a very early age, being about fifty years.

Kathleen received her education up to grade nine, beginning in Winnipeg, then attending Clear Creek school. She completed her high school in Winnipeg. She then trained to be a Hair Dresser and went to Windsor, Ontario. She was married to Robert Carruthers, who passed away in the late 1940's. Kathleen still resides in Windsor.

KEITH AND MYRNA BAXTER

Keith Wesley Baxter was born in Edmonton, Alberta on Dec. 26, 1922, the only son of Sia and Lillian Baxter. He came to Crawford Park, with his parents in 1926 and received his education at the Clear Creek school. He worked at odd jobs until the war broke out in 1939. He joined the army in Winnipeg on July 2, 1940. He went overseas and served with the R.C.A.S.C. in England, Sicily, Italy, France, Belgium, Holland and Germany. He returned home in 1945. He spent a year driving his father's mail route and cream route. In 1947 he took over the routes and continued until 1950 when it was sold to Stewart Steele.

Keith married Myrna Shirley Winder in 1950 and moved to

Mentmore, to work for the Manitoba Pool Elevators for that fall. In December 1950, they moved to Eden as Elevator helper. Here their son Robert Murray was born. In 1951 Keith took over for the Pool Elevators in Basswood. Over the next few years three daughters were born, Barbara Lynne, Donna Jean and Brenda Gail.

In 1958 he left the Pool Elevators to work for Anglo Oils of Brandon in Basswood. They moved to Dauphin in 1962 and worked with the oil company until 1970. From there they moved to Brandon where Keith and Myrna took over the Husky Service Station and Restaurant. They spent the next ten years in Brandon working for Husky Oils Ltd. During the last three years in Brandon, they spent their spare time building a house on a lot they had purchased from Tom Winnder at Crawford Park. Keith and Myrna are now semi-retired having left the Service Station in 1979.

Their son Murray is married and lives in Dauphin. Daughters Lynne and Donna live at Grand Prairie and Brenda lives at Fort McMurray. Keith is enjoying working around in the bush and Myrna cooks at the Elkhorn Ranch. They are both active in community affairs and spend a lot of time visiting their children and grandchildren.

* Foot Note - There was no written records of any of the Baxter's and what's been written in this book is just by memory of Keith Baxter.

GORDON AND EDNA BEARE

Gordon was born in Brandon, son of Thomas and Sarah Beare of the Delton District.

Edna was born in Teulon, daughter of Frank and Isabella Carson.

We met when Gordon returned home after serving five years with the armed forces in Europe. I (Edna) was teaching at Delton School at the time.

We were married in 1947. We were blessed with three children, Linda, Bruce and Edward.

We farmed in the Delton District for twenty-six years. In 1972 we had two weddings in our family. Linda and Mark Fisher were married. They have been farming in the Nesbitt

area since then.

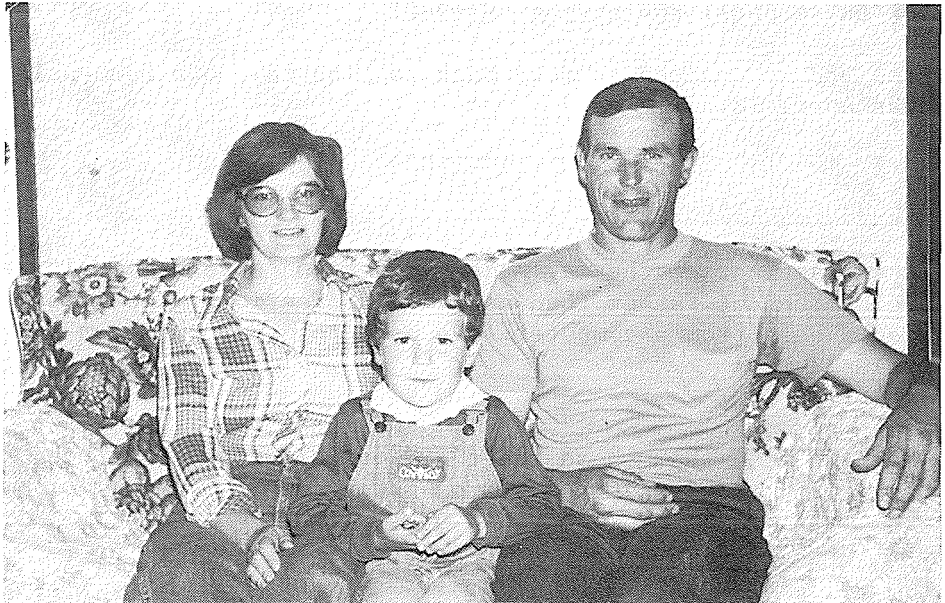
Our son Edward married Patricia Graham, a girl from Wawanesa. Bruce and Jane Sundell were married in August 1974. Jane came from Calgary where her father still lives. We now have seven grandchildren, the eldest being seven and the youngest one and a half years. My crochet hook is pretty well burnt out.

In the spring of 1973 Gordon became caretaker at "The Riding Mountain Conference Centre" in Crawford Park. The years we have spent in Crawford Park have been most rewarding. We have made many friends in the district. The staff at the camp has been excellent. If anyone loses faith in the youth of our country, they should spend a few months at the camp. The counsellors that we have met over the years have been exceptionally fine.

To update our family's activities. Linda on top of her many duties as homemaker, helps teach a ladies' fitness class in Nesbitt. Bruce works for "Shur Grow" a fertilizer company in Wawanesa and Edward is manager of the Cargill Elevator in Brandon.

Gordon and Edna retired in 1982 and moved to Wawanesa.

LARRY AND VERA BENDFELD



Larry, Verna and Wade Bendfeld

Larry was born June 11, 1947 in Galahad, Alberta. He is the third eldest son of Arnold and Rita Bendfeld. He received his education in the Heisler School.

I was born August 7, 1947. I'm the third eldest born to Milton Spaller and Rose Sapischuk.

I attended Audy School and Sandy Lake Collegiate.

To me the means of transportation has really progressed through the years. I remember when during the winter, Dad would have to take us to school with horses and sleighs, as well as our trips to Grandma's place. The winters don't seem so severe any more. In the summer, we would walk the two miles to school. Quite often we would carry a quart of milk to the teacher who bought milk from us as well.

The highlight of the school year was our school picnic and the sports day at Sportsman's Park. At our picnic, the prizes for the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placing in any sprots event were 25¢, 10¢ and 5¢.

Larry and I were married in 1970 and we have one son, Wade. He was born March 31, 1978.

We bought our farm in November of 1975, that is SW-35-19-20 and NW-35-19-20 from my Uncle Matt Spaller. We didn't move on there until the spring of 1980.

In 1983 we decided to move back to Alberta. Our farm sale was April 18.

Thought for the day:

It's fascinating the way modern education stresses positive reinforcement rather than negative correction. Kids today get a beep from a computer. We used to get a bop from a ruler!

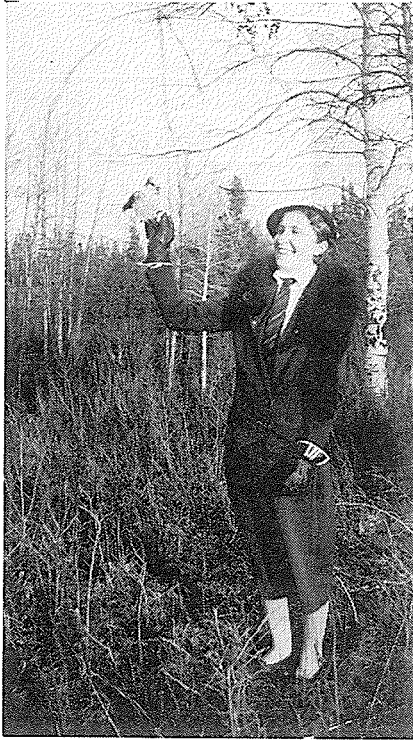
Keep in mind that these are the "good old days" that people are going to miss 20 years from now!



Mrs. Elsie Binkley
and their daughter,
Molly.



Dave Binkley



Pearl Binkley

Pearl Binkley

David Brock Binkley was born in Hamilton, Ontario May 29, 1893. He served in the First World War. After the war he joined the Forestry Department and in 1927 he was posted to Lake Audy as Forest Ranger. He was in charge of tree planting and conservation and it was his duty to supervise the saw mills in the area. He and George Bedell, an engineer with the Forestry Service of Ontario, surveyed what is now the road from Lake Audy to Clear Lake.

When the Riding Mountain Forest Reserve became National Park in 1933, Mr. Binkley was appointed Park Warden. He lived in a cabin near lake Audy where he could continue to oversee the tree planting program along with his other warden duties. He also had his own tree nursery nearby.



Warden Binkley and Pearl 1940

During World War II he was in charge of the Prison Camp at Whitewater Lake where there were about 500 German prisoners of war.

Mr. Binkley loved nature and took a keen interest in birds and animals as well as plant

life. One of his hobbies was making articles such as end tables, lamps, planters and ornaments from elk and moose antlers, driftwood and other materials found in the Park. He also wrote several poems, one of which appears below.

During the early 50's a new warden station was built at its present location near the Park boundary (SE 18-20-20) and Mr. Binkley moved there from the lake.

In 1956 he built a home on an acreage he had bought just outside the Park near Clear Lake, and after 30 years of service to the Forest Reserve and National Park, he and his wife, Pearl, retired there. During his years of Service he was dedicated to the conservation of both animal and plant life and at the same time did his best to be fair to those with whom he dealt, whether it was in marking logs, measuring hay, or discreetly overlooking the aroma of elk meat cooking when he knew there was a large hungry family to be fed!

Mr. Binkley passed away June 29, 1979 after enjoying over 20 years of retirement near the Park he loved.

THE MOUNTAIN PATROL

The Mountain Patrol is a hard working crew
The poachers were many but now they are few
They're all taken in and their guns taken, too
By the Mountain Patrol.

They live in the open and sleep on the ground
They're watching for trails and they're listening for sound
That tells of a hunter or trapper around
Near the Mountain Patrol.

The fawn need protection when born in the spring
The birds find a friend when they come on the wing
Oh, even the shiest will come out and sing
To the Mountain Patrol.

Destroying destroyer, protecting the Park
Extinguishing fires that they leave no mark
On Canada's playground, all this is the work
Of the Mountain Patrol.

ED AND ELIZA BERCIER

Ed Bercier came to Canada from St. John, North Dakota. On November 15, 1906, he married Liza Thorn, eldest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. John Thorn. They lived at Clear Lake, then moved to Lake Audy, then to Ste. Rose, then lived at George Cronin's farm for two years. In 1942 the family moved to Kippen's Mill, where Eddie was employed until 1946. During the war when it was difficult to hire men, the Bercier girls helped in the mill. In 1946 they moved to the Hans Christiansen farm, which had been purchased by Mr. Alex Kippen. Mr. Kippen gave Mr. & Mrs. Bercier a quarter section $\frac{1}{4}$ mile wide and one mile long on the east side of the NW and SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 32-19-19. This was the same land where the Bercier and Thorn families had lived in the early 1900's. In those days their homes had been just south of the creek and about 500 yards apart.

While living here, son Mike worked the farm and Ed worked in the neighborhood as a labourer, and was one of the best hired men a farmer could hire. From this farm they moved to Birnie where they lived with their son-in-law and daughter Bob and Francis Walker. While there Ed Bercier suffered a stroke that confined him to a wheelchair. Then they moved back to a house along #10 highway at Onanole. Liza Bercier passed away suddenly on Oct. 19, 1966. Ed Bercier returned to live at Birnie and Arden for a short time, until he entered Eastview Lodge in Neepawa. He died on March 27, 1972. They were the proud parents of 13 children.

Edna - married George Cronin and lived at Lake Audy, Winnipeg and Selkirk.

Robert - enlisted and served five years in the R.C.A.A. He married May Romanski. In 1977 he married Mary Pilatic and they live in Neepawa.

Katie - deceased in 1938.

Alice - married James Griffiths, lived at Lake Audy district, then moved to Winnipeg.

- Arthur - married Sarah Lilly, lived at Onanole, Brandon and now on a farm near Minnedosa.

Mike - married Yvonne Brown from Stonewall. He died in an accident at work in 1963.

Gladys - died at the age of 15 years.

Emma - died on October 20, 1946.

Francis - married Bob Walker of Birnie. After farming for many years, they retired in Neepawa.

Ruth - married Henry Edwards. They farmed for years, then retired in Dauphin.

Fred - died December 9, 1982.

John - died at birth.

Jack - married Teena Wiebe and lives at Arden.

MR. ALBERT (ABE) BEST

Mr. Best was married to Maggie Tanner. Maggie's son John was a World War 1 veteran and was given the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 6-20-19 as his soldier's grant. Mr. and Mrs. Best built a log house on John's farm, a few hundred yards from John's house. In 1923, Mr. Best got the contract to haul the mail from Erickson to Crawford Park. For a few years it was just one trip a week, which was on Saturdays. He would be at Crawford's store, a distance of about three miles from his home, at 6 in the morning. He arrived in Erickson about 10 a.m. in the morning, fed and rested his team, and began the return journey at exactly 12 noon. He would arrive back at the store about four o'clock. Mr. Best was very particular about being on time. When he said he was leaving at 6 a.m. he waited for no one and left at 6 a.m. He drove a black team most of the time. They were an Indian pony class of horses but could trot for miles at a time. In the summer he used a democrat and in the winter, a light sleigh, really a cutter, with a long box behind the seat. He hauled the freight for Charlie Crawford's store and supplies for the families that lived along his route to Erickson. In those days there were no radios or phones in the area. If a settler's clock stopped they could set it close to the right time by watching to see when Mr. Best went by on his mail route. Some bachelors even got their days mixed up but knew it was Saturday when the mail man went by.

Abe and Maggie used to camp at little Shoal Lake up in the forest reserve, every fall for a month. That is where he cut hay to feed his horses. The only time he missed making the trip for the mail, was one fall, he was up at Shoal Lake and there was a real bad storm. The creeks were so deep and running full to the top of their banks and Abe could not get across them to get home.

In 1928 when the Onanole post office was opened on the Neil Tracy farm, Mr. Best hauled the mail to that post office as well, as it was only about half a mile off the trail to Crawford Park. In 1930 he was instructed to make two trips a week so he hauled the mail on Wednesday and

Saturdays.

In 1930 when his contract was up, he did not sign it, hoping if he held off the department would give him more money. Mr. Baxter got the contract and that was the end of Mr. Best's mail service.

Mr. Best's favorite pastime was playing rummy. He insisted plain old rummy. A straight deal of seven cards and nothing wild. He was very particular about his appearance, especially when he went to town.

Maggie Best did beautiful bead work on the Indian mocassins she made. She also made good leather jackets from the deer hides she tanned herself.

When Mr. Best lost the mail job, they moved away from the district to the Rossburn Reserve.

The summer months Maggie would spend visiting friends and relatives on the various reserves. During this time, Mr. Best would eat most of his meals at our house.

McKAY AND VICTORIA BLACKBIRD

McKay Blackbird was born north of Lake Audy about the year 1881. He hunted, fished and camped at various locations in the park. He met and married his wife Victoria at Rossburn. They came to live permanently on the Indian Reserve #61A. The location where their house was is still discernable on the west side of the road between the Indian cemetery and the Audy road. McKay was always noted for hearty laugh and good humor. Victoria, his wife, was talented at Indian crafts and made many pairs of mocassins to trade for food.

While camping up in the Park at little Shoal Lake their eldest son died. The chief gave them permission to bury him near their camp. For many years the white settlers spoke of the Indian grave near their hay meadows.

When the residents were removed from Indian Reserve 61A, McKay moved his family to the Elphinstone Reserve. His older children, namely John, Irene, Laura, Isabelle and Douglas were born at Crawford Park and Anna was born at Elphinstone.

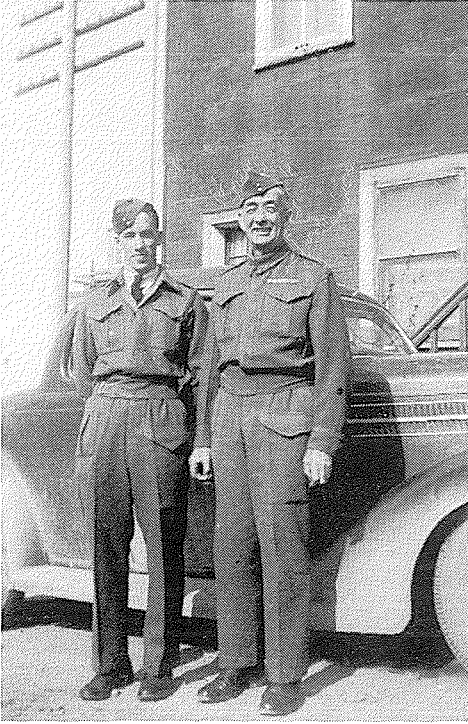


McKay Blackbird and dog

Victoria Blackbird died August 15, 1981 and McKay passed away on March 26, 1983.

Their oldest son John and his wife Nan and family are active farmers on the Elphinstone Reserve.

FRANK AND RUBINA BLACKWELL



Frank Blackwell and
son Robert

Frank Blackwell was born in Peterborough, Ontario and came to Minnedosa, Virden, Oak Lake area when he was a young man. His sister was Mrs. Herb Batho. In 1914 he enlisted in the First World War with Wpg. Grenadiers, when they were recruiting at Minnedosa. He served overseas and returned to Minnedosa, Man.

Rubina Hunter was born in Armadale, Scotland, where Frank met her. After the war they were married at Minnedosa, Man. They came to live at Crawford Park in 1922, on the N.E. 31-19-19. They also owned the north 80 acres of the S.E. 1/4 31-19-19. Like all the pioneers they had a very hard life, those first few years. Like many of the other farmers Frank had some fine

horses and he worked hard at breaking up the land, only to end up with a beautiful stand of frozen wheat. Frank and Bina were good community workers and for many years boarded the school teacher. In the summer of 1925 he thoroughly cleaned out his hay loft so that the settlers could have church services there. The barn was a good sized log barn with a lumber roof and loft.

They had three children, Margaret, Ivy and Robert. They all received their education in the Clear Creek school. Margaret married Sven Petersen, Ivy married Earl Fetterly. When the Second World War started, Frank joined the Veterans guard, in which he served as guard at the prison camp until the war ended. After the war he sold the farm to Ray Brown and went to work at the Riding Mountain National Park. They moved to Onanole, where they resided until Bina's death in 1957. Later he lived at Dauphin and at

Kamarno until his death in 1978. Frank and Bina are both buried in the Minnedosa cemetery.

At age sixteen, Bob Blackwell went to Gladstone to work in the creamery with Cecil Wilson. When he was old enough to enlist, he joined the P.P.C.L.I. paratroopers. When the war was over he remained in the Active Force and served in Cyprus, Germany and other places with the Nato forces. He married and is now retired from the Forces. He lives in Vernon, B.C.

FRED AND LENA BOYKO



Sonia, Lena, Ron, Doreen



Fred and Lena Boyko



Nellie

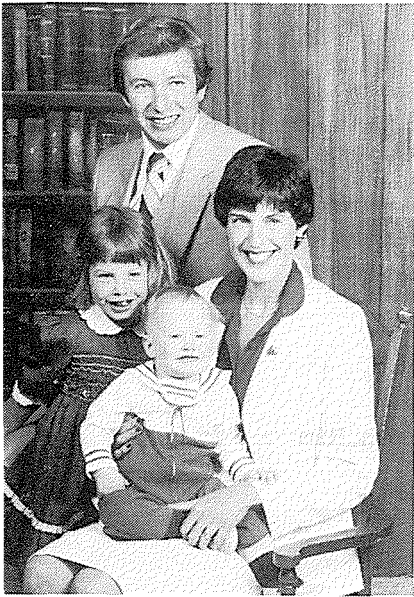


Wendy

Fred Boyko was born at Keld, Manitoba October 13, 1903. He came to the Audy district about 1938 and homesteaded the N.E. 31-19-20. In January 1940 he married Lena Maximitch, daughter of Joe and Annie Maximitch. They had four daughters and one son, Nellie, Ronald, Sonia, Doreen and Wendy. They lived on the south side of the river for some time, then moved to the north side where the present building site is.

They left the district around 1970.

BOB AND BARB BRANDT



In January of 1977, we, Bob, Barb, Susan and David Brandt bought the Tom Roz-deba farm (9-20-20) along with Don and Mary Ann Lepper, Sean and Stephen.

We are a family of 4, Susan is 6 and David is 3, as of June 1983, plus we have 2 Golden Retrievers who accompany us on our weekend treks to the farm.

Upon possession of the house built by Tom in 1961, we replaced the baseboard heaters and painted the house blue with a red door. We also transformed a grainery into a bunkhouse for a little extra space. But

because 8 growing people gradually depleted the space and oxygen of the farmhouse, especially the 1 room bedroom we decided to build separate quarters in 1981 on a high spot in the wooded area overlooking the fields.

We use the farm as a balance in our life, a togetherness as a family and a back to nature with the peacefulness and discovery around us.

Most major holidays we enjoy at the farm with the accompanying seasonal outdoor activity and whether it is summer or winter we keep the campfire burning for either hot days or the evening glow.

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If you can take the broken dreams of men
And help them fit the pieces back again
If you can sit with sorrow for awhile
And help disperse the storm clouds with a smile
The sun will shine, not in their lives alone
The light will be reflected in your own.

When all the walls you build with patient care
You wake someday to find no longer there
When all your hopes and plans have gone awry,
If you will smile and hold your head up high
Your friends will find you worthy of their trust
And help rebuild the ruins from the dust.

I cannot see what lies ahead
Whether sunshine, pain or tears
I'll live each day with faith in Him
And wipe away all years.

My Lord has promised to stand by
To guide and care for me
I'll take each day and walk with Him
Down paths I cannot see.

Another thought:

I saw God wash the world today
It rained and rained and rained
And then the sun came out
And all was clean and fresh and bright.

I saw God wash the world today
Would God just wash me so
Of unkind thoughts and words and deeds
And let His Heavenly sunshine in
Would he just wash me so.

AMBROISE BRAZEAU

Ambroise Brazeau came from Boggy Creek, San Clara area (north to Roblin) about 1912-14. He was a carpenter by trade, served in 1914-18 war and was wounded. He married Emma Bercier some time in this area but she died a short while later.

He received land in Audy area (S $\frac{1}{2}$ 9-20-20) as a soldier's settlement. He lived there for a short while and then moved to Elphinstone area. He lived there until he was hospitalized at Deere Lodge where he died about 1945-46.

ANTHONY AND SADIE BRONEY

Tony, one of a family of ten born to Metro and Mary Broney. They lived on a farm in the Providence district, and at the Providence school is where Tony received his education.

Sadie was born in Poland and came to Canada at the age of eight years with her mother and one brother. Her father came to Canada a couple of years before them. Stanley and Polly Chorney came to Basswood, later moving to a farm between Newdale and Sandy Lake. Another boy was born to the family there.

Tony and Sadie were married at Sandy Lake in June 1948 and moved to Winnipeg. Owing to Tony's working, they moved to various places.

In 1950 while sawing wood on a farm between Newdale and Sandy Lake, Tony had the misfortune to have his hand badly cut.

The family moved to Onanole in 1952 where they lived until 1965 when they purchased a plot of land on the S.W. corner of section 4-20-19. There was a basement there that a house had been moved off of. Tony and Sadie built a home there. Tony worked at heavy construction. It was while working for Keating Construction, bulldozing on a farm near Russell that Tony was accidentally killed.

Sadie and family lived at Crawford Park until 1979 when they moved to Onanole where they now reside. Tony and Sadie raised 9 children and a grandchild.

Richard married Carol Ogibowski from Winnipeg and they live in Calgary.

Shirley married Alvin Gregorash of Sandy Lake and they live at Grosse Isle, Manitoba.

James married Brenda Dunning of Erickson and they live at Onanole.

Rose married Ron Lucier and they live in Calgary, Alberta.

John married Marge Smith of Winnipeg.

Karen works in Winnipeg.

Leanne is married to Ken Gringles and they live in Winnipeg.

Jack works in Calgary.

Paulette graduated from Grade XII in 1982 and is taking a secretary's course in Winnipeg.

BOB BROWN

Robert Brown, born at Milverton, Ontario on October 10, 1878, passed away in 1939 at age 61.

Mamie Brown, born at Grand Rapids, Mich. on February 23rd, 1880, passed away February 9th, 1944.

There were 10 children in the family, 5 girls and 5 boys.

Myrtle, deceased as an enfant, Walter, born in 1900, deceased 1941, Merle, born 1902, deceased 1931, Clifford, born 1905, deceased 1920, Allan, born 1908, Eva 1910, Raymond 1912, Ruth 1915, James 1917, Alice 1919, deceased 1964.

In 1926 Bob and Mamie moved from Basswood to Crawford Park. There was always work to be found.

Bob farmed Jim Young's and the children went to Clear Creek school.

He then moved to the Hugh Irwin farm and farmed there for a few years.

Then he moved to Crawford's and fired the steam engine in the saw mill in 1928.

He used to call square dances and be floor manager at the school dances and hall dances.

He got a piece of land from Mel and Eva McLaughlin and built a house on it. Mamie used to caretake for the school.

In 1933 Mr. & Mrs. Brown adopted their daughter Merle's three sons, Ken who was born in 1923, Vernon born 1928 and Eldon born 1930. Then when Mrs. Brown took sick, Tom and Ruth Winder took the boys.

(contributed by Ruth Winder)

MR. AND MRS. ALLAN BROWN

It was in February 1932 that Allan and I (Margaret Brown) were married and moved up to Crawford Park. We lived with Mel McLaughlin's for some months, then went to Newdale to work for the summer months. Came back to the district in late fall and lived in a house belonging to George Griffiths. Things were rather quiet back in those dirty 30's. With the exception of the odd dance in Clear Creek school, there wasn't much else. Allie worked with his brother Bud hauling wood to Sandy Lake or supplies to the Park - anything to keep us in groceries. Just had the one child then - Agnes. In the summer of 1933 we moved back to Newdale where we worked for different farmers.

I had taught school at Clear Creek school in 1929 and part of 1930. And, as Allan had lived at home and worked at odd jobs, the district was home to us for a few years and we still have pleasant memories of our life there. We had three children. Agnes married Roy Harris and had four children, Vicki (Mrs. Dave Foster), Linda, Kevin and Roberta.

Charlie married Marion Stewart. They have 2 girls and a boy, Charlene, Lynn (Mrs. Bob Elliot) and Bruce.

Robert married Lylia Cameron and have tow boys, Allan and Scott.

We have 9 grandchildren, all healthy and doing well. We are living in Harrison House in Newdale now and are enjoying Sr. Citizen's life. Time marches on!

RAY WALLACE (BUD) AND LEONA BROWN

Our families both moved to Crawford Park the same year in 1926. We both attended the Clear Creek School. We were married in November 1932.

We continued to live in the district. Ray (Bud) joined the Armed Services in P.P.C.L.I. and spent five years in the army during the 2nd World War.

When he returned, we bought the Blackwell farm through the V.L.A. We had five of a family and they all attended the local school.

Morris married Irene Kaye and had 3 daughters. They made their home in Crawford Park. Morris passed away August 11, 1976.

Evelyn married Raymond Moffat of Strathclair, Manitoba.

Florence married Peter Boyko of Welland, Ontario.

Darlene married Edwin Watson of Strathclair, Manitoba.

Harvey married Verna Yorke and they also live in Strathclair, Manitoba.

Bud was a Calf Club Leader for many years and I was a Poultry Club Leader and served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Clear Creek school for a few years.

W. JAMES AND DOROTHY BROWN

Jim Brown, the youngest son of Mr. & Mrs. Bob Brown was born at Basswood on October 27, 1917. He came with his parents to Crawford Park in April 1926.

✓ Dorothy Kelly was the second daughter of Edgar and Mary Kelly and was born at Sandy Lake on November 9, 1919.

They both attended the Clear Creek school and were active in all the youth activities. They were married at Dauphin on February 14, 1939. At that time Jim was working for Arthur Simms. Jim and Dorothy worked for Simms' until the fall of 1939. Then they moved to Kippen's mill, where Jim was employed for a couple of years. Then they moved to the

Ernie Ashby farm and rented it and the Melvin McLaughlin Senior's farm.

In the spring of 1943 Jim enlisted in the Regina Rifles and went overseas. While he was in the army, Dorothy stayed with her Dad and later lived in Erickson. When Jim came home in 1945, they bought the Arthur Simms' farm where they lived until January 1975. They retired to Onanole.

Jim served as trustee on the Clear Creek school board and as a leader in the Clear Lake Calf Club. Jim and Dorothy were both active in the Legion and the rink. They have three sons, namely Gerald, Ellwood and Richard who received their education at Clear Creek and Onanole schools. When they attended Onanole school, there was no bus, thus they had to provide their own transportation to get there.

Gerald, the eldest, married Verna Rebech of Winnipeg. They have 4 children, 3 girls and a boy, Darlene, Geraldine, David and Wendy. Ellwood married Ruth Burnett. They have 3 children, 2 boys and a girl, Douglas, Lori and Dwayne. Richard is married and has two daughters, Rhonda and Carrie.

VERNON BROWN

Vernon Franklin born March 6, 1928 on a farm in Crawford Park. He was educated in Clear Creek School and married Madeline Margaret Moyer on November 5, 1955. In April of 1956 he joined the Canadian Armed Forces and moved west to Edmonton, Alberta. On August 22, 1956 the first of six children was born, Debra Ann. Next born, Elaine Francis on May 5, 1958, Clarence Marvin June 8, 1959, Douglas Anthony, February 24, 1961, Patricia Lynn, July 21, 1963, Wesley James on August 7, 1967.

Our family resided in various cities and towns in the Province of Alberta and retired from the Armed Forces in 1976. We settled in Calgary and presently employed by the City of Calgary. At present two of our children are happily married and we are the grandparents of two children, Jeanne Lee and Michael Nicholas John.

MORRIS AND IRENE BROWN

Morris Brown, the eldest son of Ray and Leona Brown was born at Crawford Park February 16, 1933. He received his education at the Clear Creek School. He was active in the 4H Calf Club and worked for many years on his father's farm.

Irene Kaye was born in McCreary and was employed at the Park when she met Morris. They were married at Onanole in January 1961. They lived at Onanole, where Morris worked as a labourer. They moved to Calgary, but after a year returned to Onanole, where they built a house. Morris trained as a plumber and obtained work at Camp Shilo. In 1968 they sold their house at Onanole to Harvey and Vivian Kelly and they purchased the Skog house on property next to Clear Creek Hall.

Morris and Irene had three daughters, Valerie, Beverley and Thelma, who grew up in the Crawford Park area and attended the Onanole School.

Morris passed away on August 11, 1976 and is buried in the Crawford Park Cemetery. Valerie now lives in Brandon, Beverley lives in Vancouver, B.C. and Thelma, still in school, is home with Irene.

THE BUCHANAN'S

John James Buchanan and Isabella Campbell were married December 25, 1885. They farmed for a while, then moved into town of Neepawa and John drove the town team for four years. He then worked for C.N.R. eventually becoming forman. He was transferred to Elphinstone in 1905. He spent the rest of his life there with the exception of some time spent at Crawford Park with son Tom. He died at Crawford Park in 1927. Isabella continued to live at Elphinstone except for several years at Crawford Park with son Tom and one and one-half years at Crawford's cottage with son Archie. She died in 1948.

John and Isabella had a family of ten. Robert born 1886, died 1888. Catherine born 1888, married Frank Henery. They lived in B.C. She remarried Alex Rombow. Catherine had no family and died in 1931. Norman born

1890. He went to B.C. at the age of sixteen and became a lumber jack. He volunteered for active service in World War I. but was put in the Military police in Canada. He married Florence They had a family of six.

Their oldest son Lawrence holidayed in the Crawford Park district.

When he was discharged from the army in 1946 he stayed in Elphinstone for a while and at Crawford Park with Uncle Tom. He lived in both Winnipeg and Brandon before going back west. He and Dorothy have two children, Norman died in 1936.

Annie Jane born 1892. She married William Gerrie and lived in Neepawa. They had two daughters, Lorna who married Jack Titus and had three children. Jean married Raymond Wittenberg. They have one son. Annie died in 1960. Lorna also died in 1960.

Archie born 1893. He worked on C.N.R. He volunteered for active service in World War I in 1916, was rejected, then called up in 1918 and discharged the same year. He lived with Tom at Crawford Park the winter of 1921, and came back again in 1925. He stayed with Tom, also helped at shingle mill. Archie lived in Mr. Crawford's cottage from the fall of 1928 to the spring of 1930 and hauled freight for Crawford's store. He again stayed with Tom. He went to Elphinstone in 1936. He was bar tender in Valleyview Hotel several years and took over management in 1941 till the hotel changed ownership in 1945. Archie was bar tender again from 1952 to 1962. He went to Churchill in 1964 and worked for Joe Rochelle as bar tender coming home in 1965. He lived in Elphinstone till going into the San y Lake Medical Nursing Home in 1974. He died in 1978.

Thomas Eldon born 1897. He has farmed all his life first working for farmers, then renting land at Elphinstone. He was in the armed forces from spring of 1918 till 1919. Tom took up East ½ of 25-19-20 as homestead and grant in 1921, and moved to Crawford Park that fall. He and Archie lived in one end of the stable while building a log shack. They moved into it on Tom's birthday, February 16, 1925. It served as his home for twenty-nine years.

Tom set up a shingle mill in 1926 and had a threshing outfit. He also crushed grain for the neighbours until 1948 when other crushers came into the district, one going from farm to farm.

Tom was on committee for Clear Lake Sports Association, then president for a year in the 1930's or 1920's, also school board.

He sold the shingle mill in 1931 to Alex Kippen. The following month he started work at Kippen's mill, setting up shingle mill and cutting shingles. The next three winters he worked there as engineer. The fall of 1937 Tom helped move the Wilson's mill to the Dauphin area and was engineer three winters.

Tom married Lillian Bales in 1929. They still reside on the homestead. They have one son George Archie who was born on the farm and lived there all his life. George plays violin and with Will's Gregorash on guitar started playing for dances and parties in 1947. After an injury to his hand in 1950 he did not play violin for a few years. In 1954 he played for the Poultry and Calf Club square dancing accompanied by Mrs. H. Mayor on piano and Edgar Kelly as caller. The dancers took first and second everywhere they danced. In 1957 George and Ambrose Moyer formed an orchestra "The Riding Mountain Playboys". They broke up in 1964.

George still lives with his parents and does the farming.

Lawrence born 1898. Volunteered for active service in 1916 and was killed in action December 25, 1917.

Maggie May "May" born in 1900, married Henry Johnstone. They had one son Lawrence. May remarried Alf Lawrence. They lived at Crawford Park with Tom and Lil part of 1938 and again in 1939 leaving in the fall to cook at Kippen's mill. They worked for Archie at Valley View Hotel from 1941 to 1945. Alf worked at the park for twenty years.

May took a stroke in the fall of 1947 and died in 1951.

Alf now resides at McKays Towers, a Senior Citizen's home at Tisdale, where he does his own cooking, etc.

Lorne Johnstone born in 1921. Lived around Elphinstone and Strathclair as a child and spent his summer holidays with his Uncle Tom at Crawford Park. Also stayed at Tom's and went to Clear Creek School the winter of 1935 - 36. He also lived at Crawford Park part of summer of 1938. Lorne worked at Kippen's mill before joining the armed forces in 1941. He was discharged in 1946.

Lorne married Verna Swenson and they worked at Clanwilliam for Verna's Uncle Frank Blunt. He joined the Co-op staff at Minnedosa, was transferred to Glenboro, then to various Co-op's in Saskatchewan and Alberta. They now live at Kelvington, still working as manager for the Co-op.

They have a family of five, Wayne, Valerie, Colleen, Lloyd and Gregory. There are also seven grandchildren.

Harold Campbell born 1905. He worked at the Forsyth Nic mill at Crawford Park the winter of 1922-23. Harold went to B.C. where he worked as a lumberjack. He then got a job with Imperial Oil and worked his way up to foreman. He joined the forestry battalion in World War I. His job was held for him while he was away.

Harold married Ella Watt. They had a family of four. Beverly who was drowned in a boating accident in 1951, Jean, Donald and Joyce.

Harold remarried Doris Bowering. She has two sons, Ted and Lorne.

There are 15 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Harold died in 1977. Doris still lives in B.C.

John Richard born 1908. He married Sylvia Edwards. They lived in B.C. Lorne also worked as a lumberjack, then breakman, then conductor and had an office job when he died in 1960. Harold and Sylvia had three children, Isabella, Jim and Michael. There are eight grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

CARROLL

Frank "Pat" Carroll married Violet Keeley in 1905 and lived in Rapid City. They had a family of three, Neal, Beatrice and Victor.

His trade was plastering houses. In 1921 he homesteaded N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 24-19-20 and his grant was N.E. of 23-19-20.

Thomas Fritzgerald put in first crop in 1922 and Jimmy Girling in 1923. Tom Buchanan then rented the farm until 1942, when Wm. Melcoski got it for two years. Then Paul Gregorash. Frank never moved his family in but he and son Neal spent part of one summer clearing land for breaking. He also stayed with Tom Buchanan one winter and worked at Tom's shingle mill. Pat died in 1934 and Violet some time in the late 60's at age 83 years.

MATT CARSON

To the best of knowledge, Matt was born and raised in Rossburn, Manitoba, one of the youngest of a large family. He studied for a veterinarian and enlisted in the first war. When he got back to Canada in 1919 he started practicing in Russell. He took up the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 30-19-19 on April 16, 1921 at Dauphin. He also held the south 80 acres of the W $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-19-19. He put two months of the summer of 1922 on the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 30-19-19, during which time he broke $2\frac{1}{2}$ acres and built a shack and the walls of a log stable. Tom Buchanan cropped land in 1923-24, James Girling rented it in 1925. Then Mr. Simms got it. Mathew as a veterinarian in Rossburn. Then he got a job with the Provincial Govn. as a meat inspector and worked for some years in the meat packing plants in Winnipeg. He sold his land to D. Simms in 1933. His wife died in 1921. He had one daughter. Matt died later out west some where.

HANS AND HANSINE CHRISTIANSEN

Hans Christiansen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark in 1892.

Hansina (Hanson) Christiansen was born in Copenhagen, Denmark on March 17, 1897. Both received their education in Denmark.



Hansina and Hans Christiansen

Hans came to Canada in 1915 and on March 27, 1916 he joined the army at Neepawa. His Reg. number was 1001127 and he was in the 226th Battalion. He served in Canada, England and France. He was discharged from the army on March 21, 1919, at the age of 26 years.

Hans returned to Denmark to bring his fiancée Hansina to Canada (Sina as she was affectionately called by her many friends). When the boat arrived at Halifax, the authorities would not let Sina off the boat because they were not married. Therefore they were married in Halifax, May 10, 1920.

Then, they came to Erickson, and on to Crawford Park, where they farmed on the W ½ 32-19-19. They cleared the land with horses and an old plough. They got their groceries in Erickson some twenty miles away, until Mr. Crawford came and started a grocery store.

They lived in a small shack, where they had to have a smudge going, so the mosquitoes wouldn't take over. Later they built a two storied frame house. Thanks to her many friends, Sina learned to speak and write English.

Before he began farming, Hans worked on the railroad and was a skilled blacksmith. He spent many hours sharpening plough shares for his neighbors. Sina was an exception-

ally good cook.

They lived on the farm until April 17, 1942 when they moved off the farm to live in Paul Wards house on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 33-19-19. In 1946 they moved to Onanole.

They had two children, a daughter Annie Marie, born January 30, 1921 and a son Alex born June 9, 1923. Both received their education at the Clear Creek School.

Annie was married to James Nichol on October 17, 1940. Jim was badly burned in an accident, and passed away December 26, 1970. Jim and Annie had one daughter Dyliss, born September 18, 1941. She married Wm. Young from Kinisota on November 7, 1959. They have four children, Jim, Sherry, Donald, and Alex. Sherry was married to Walter Zechowski from Riding Mountain on May 19, 1979.

Alex Christiansen never married. For over thirty years he was the caretaker at the Onanole Curling Rink and Hall.

Sina passed away December 20, 1967. Alex and Hans batched for a few years. Then Annie came to live with them and look after her Dad. Hans died in 1981. After his Dad's death, Alex retired from his work at Onanole, and moved to Riding Mountain to reside with Annie.

NEIL AND VIVIAN CHRISTIANSEN

Neil Christiansen served overseas in World War with the Highlanders. After the war, he obtained his farm, the east $\frac{1}{2}$ 32-19-19. In 1921 he moved to his farm and was the first soldier to move onto his farm in the Clear Lake area. Neil assisted by his brother Olie broke up some land and built a good frame house and barn. Neil's father had died in Denmark and his mother and family moved onto the farm, with Neil and his wife Vivian. In 1924 Neil and Vivian moved out of the district to where Neil was employed. They had one daughter, Doris.

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Thought of the Day - May you have just enough clouds in
your life to make a beautiful sunset.



Fox and rabbit houses about 1928

OLLIE CHRISTIANSEN

Olie Christiansen came to live with his brother Neil and family on the farm. Also, there was Mrs. Christiansen senior his mother, sisters Margaret and Ellen and brother Hjulmar. Margaret married Edgar Miller in 1926, another sister Camilla married John Krog. When Neil and Vivian left the farm, the rest of the family continued to live there. For many years Olie operated a mink farm and spent the winters hunting wolves. The mink pens were on the west side of the farm, near the creek, as were the fox and rabbit pens.

In 1934 Olie and his mother moved to Erickson. Mrs. Christiansen died on March 9, 1947. Olie passed away in 1977.

HJULMAR AND GEORGINA CHRISTIANSEN

Hjulmar was born in Denmark, and came to Canada with his mother, brothers and sisters.

Georgina, the youngest daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Bill Wilson was born at Newdale and came to Crawford Park when her mother and family moved into the dwelling at the saw mill.



Hjulmar and Georgina Christiansen

Hjulmar and Georgina were married in 1931. They farmed on the E $\frac{1}{2}$ 32-19-19. Two of their children Ava and Olie were born there. Their third son was born while they lived in Onanole.

Hjulmar was always interested in butchering. He raised large flocks of turkeys, and sold and dressed birds to the butcher Albert Wickstrom at Erickson. He also operated a meat ring in the Crawford Park district. He sold choice beef for ten cents a pound.

In 1941 they moved to Onanole, where they lived in a shack for a couple of months, until the butcher shop was built.

Hjulmar and Georgina were very active community workers. Georgina was a good basket ball player. Hjulmar was treasurer of the Clear Lake Sports Association for many years.

Their daughter Ava is Mrs. Ken Harris and resides in Minnedosa.

MYRLE R.O. CLARK (NOV. 26, 1904)

Myrle and Jennie moved onto the farm December 1, 1967 and lived in the old log house till they built a new house in 1969 and farmed until 1979.

Myrle had served in the army for 3½ years. He played the guitar and mouth organ together and generally made himself useful around the neighborhood; altering young pigs, butchering and witching wells. Some of the wells were for Tom Buchanan, George Hodges, Jim Spaller and Jim's brother-in-law, Larry Bendfeld and others through the surrounding area. They sold out, the farm and all and moved to Nokomis, Saskatchewan in 1979.

Later they returned and reside in Sandy Lake, Manitoba.

FRED AND CHRISTINA COBB

I was born in Sandy Lake, June 26, 1918, the first in the family of Edgar and Mary Kelly. In 1925 our father and his parents moved to the Fowler farm at Crawford Park. At that time there was no school there. In 1926 a school was opened so I received my education at the Clear Creek school. About 1930 or thereabouts, Grannie and Grandpa Kelly moved to a house of their own on the east side of Uncle George Kelly's farm. Dorothy and I stayed with Daddy, kept house for him and helped him on the farm. There were hard times, but I have many happy memories of those years. Daddy had a team and van and we attended every community function there was. The team he used the most were Minnie and Darkey. In the summer time we used to walk everywhere until Daddy bought a car, then we could usually coax him into giving us a ride.

Uncle Roy stayed with us sometime when he took the notion and Uncle Bert lived with us for a few of the winters.

Fred and his brothers Reginald and Gerald had come from Saskatchewan looking for work. They landed in Dauphin, on a cold windy day, hungry and broke. They had been riding the freights. They met a man named Billy Miner, who was looking for help. He hired all three of them, stocked them with groceries, and took them to Kippen's mill. They came down to the dances, in the Clear Creek

Community Hall, and that is where we met. Fred and I were married on August 12, 1940.

Fred joined the army and served with the P.P.C.I. We lived in Winnipeg while he was stationed there. Our first daughter, Shirley Evelyn was born October 9, 1941. She passed away on July 17, 1943, aged one year, nine months and eight days. Betty Louise was born on April 25, 1943, Walter Lloy was born on June 20, 1944 and Douglas Brian was born on August 25, 1947.

Fred was discharged from the army for medical reasons. We moved into the Fowler house on April 10, 1945. Fred worked around Crawford Park, spending the winters working in the bush. In 1951 we moved to British Columbia. I won't go into all the places we lived. There were so many, I can't remember them all. We ended up in Williams Lake, where the children attended school.

Fred was in the milling and logging business from 1955 to 1966. Then we came back to Crawford Park and bought Daddy's farm, namely the west $\frac{1}{2}$ 8-20-19. Later he bought the Melvin McLaughlin farm the south east $\frac{1}{4}$ 1-29-20, and we moved to that house and worked both farms from there. We sold that farm to Ed Stewart and moved to Onanole. Fred worked as a truck driver for the park and also as a gateman.

In 1974 we came back to B.C. to the William's Lake area, in fact we live at McLuse Lake. Our family did not return to Crawford Park, when we moved in 1966. Betty was married to Noel Hubbard in 1962. They have two children, Cindy Louise aged 17, and Kelly aged 18. Kelly has played hockey, with the Portland Winter Hawks, and this winter was drafted to the Minnesota North Stars. Cindy is finishing her last year in school.

Betty lives in Prince George, where she works in the Royal Bank. Her husband Noel works on the Railroad.

Lloyd was married in 1965 to Lynnette Swanson, and they have two children, Randy aged 8 and a girl Toni Lynne, aged 11. Lloyd has his own business, a Men's Wear Shop, and his wife Lynnette owns a Ladies Wear shop in Williams Lake.

Doug married Trudy Myhres in 1968. They have two boys, Warren, aged 8 and Dustin aged 6. Doug has a truck with a crane, and he builds log houses, and does some trucking. Trudy does part time bookkeeping.

SAM AND ANNIE COCHRANE

Mr. & Mrs. Sam Cochrane, who had been farming in the Kelloe district, moved to Crawford Park in 1932. They rented the Zahara farm from the Soldiers Settlement Board. While living there, they tore down the original old frame house, that had been built by Mr. & Mrs. Zahara. It was a two storey house with three rooms downstairs and one room upstairs. The Zahara's had built right beside the line fence between them and Griffiths. The Cochrane's built a cottage type house, back in the bush, a few hundred yards.

In 1935, they left the district and moved to Coquitland, B.C. They had a family of two girls. The eldest girl, Margaret married Mr. Fred Kenward, while the family lived at Kelloe, thus she did not come to Crawford Park to live.

Gladys took her schooling while here, by correspondence. On June 8, 1939 she married Frank Hastings in Coquitland, B.C. They have three daughters, Lynda, Gayle and Kathleen.

Mrs. Annie Cochrane was a sister of Jim Girlings. She passed away in 1956. Mr. Cochrane passed away in 1980. Both are buried in Coquitland, B.C.

ARTHUR AND MARILYN COCHRANE

Arthur Cochrane was born at McBride and grew up in the Mount Robson area. Marilyn was born at McBride and attended school there. They were married on February 14, 1970.

Art joined the Warden Service in 1970. He served at Jasper National Park, Yoho National Park and Nahanni National Park before coming to the Riding Mountain National Park. He was stationed at Grandview before coming to the South Lake Ranger Station in 1979. Art is a proficient horseman, and at this ranger station, he looks after all the park horses over the winter months.

Art and Marilyn have two children, Clay, aged 10 and Rachelle, aged 7. Clay began kindergarten at Grandview, and both children attended Onanole School. Since coming here they have purchased three quarters of land, namely S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 26-19-20, the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 23-19-20 and the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 22-19-20.

Art, Marilyn and children are all interested in rodeos and training horses. Marilyn was a member of the Onanole Ladies Curling Club and worked in the Onanole School as a teacher's assistant. Art is taking a year's leave of absence from the Warden Service to work at his father's Guest Ranch, west of Mount Robson, in view of possibly making that their home.

JAMES COEY

Frederick James Coey and Violet Chessum of Sandy Lake, Manitoba were married February 11, 1926. On November 11, 1926, I, Pearl, the eldest daughter was born at Sandy Lake. On June 3rd, 1929, Myrtle arrived and four years later on May 4, 1933 our brother Dennis was born at the home farm house with the late Mrs. Baxter in attendance.

These are a few of my recollections of the thirteen years I spent on our farm at Crawford Park. I started school when I was eight that fall. Our hired girls had taught me numbers and alphabets, reading and writing. Pearl Smith was my first teacher. One day Ruby Ferguson and I were asked to stand up and read from our readers which we did. Shortly after we were both promoted to Grade III. In the summer time Myrtle and I drove the four miles with horse and buggy and in winter time our hired man drove us in the van picking up the different ones along the way. I must admit my main pleasures came from my two pony mares Dad bought for us kids. I rode and drove them all over the country in summer holidays we'd take lunch out to the men working in the fields, cutting grain or threshing with the old steam engine. Dad threshed for many of the neighbors in the years about 1926.

One winter Dad came home with a snow plane. Once in a while he took us to school in it but I remember it most when we used to go to curl and having to push it to get going. It must have been a fright for people with their

teams of horses on the roads at that time. I remember Rose Rollings and Jimmy Girling driving horses and ponies at that time.

Three or four times each winter Dad would hook up a team to an open sleigh box and we'd all go across country and lakes to Sandy Lake to visit Grandpa and Grandma Chessum, many a times there would be water on the ice. You could see it bubbling up through air holes.

In 1934 Dad bought a wine colored Chevrolet car from the late Frank Clement at Russell and that was the climax to our trips with the horses. Later on a W 30 tractor to do field work, and in 1941 or 42 he sold the farm and moved to Onanole and into the hardware business. I had left the farm the year previous to attend high school at Onanole.

After many years in the store at Onanole, in 1969 he sold it to Bruce McLaughlin and moved to Brandon. Dad died on April 8, 1980, Mother on July 6, 1966 and both are buried at Minnedosa.

DAVID COOLEY

David and Evelyn Cooley came from Birtle, Manitoba in 1983.

David is the eldest son of (Ray) Harry William and (Nell) Helen Mary Cooley, Birtle, Manitoba. Evelyn is the eldest daughter of Michael and Anne Antonation, Shoal Lake, Manitoba.

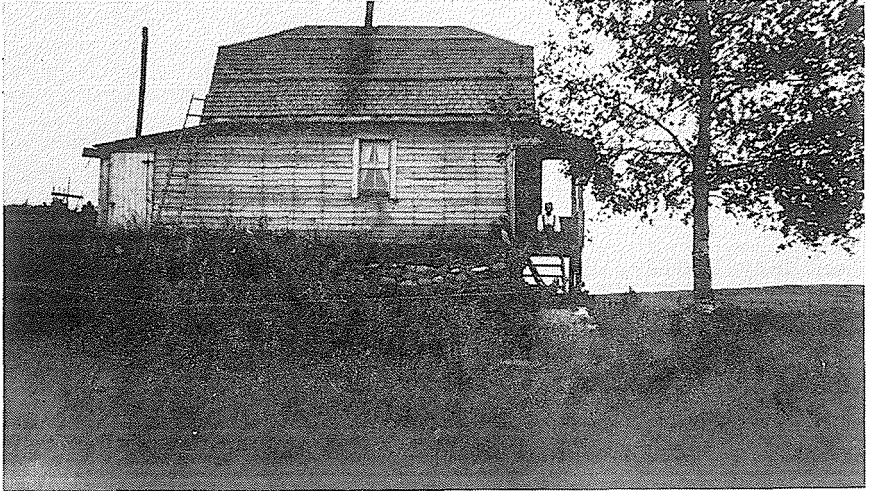
David and Evelyn have five children: Catherine, Michael, Allan, Clair and Steven.

They reside on the S.E. 4-20-20 and work for Jim Irwin.

One good thing about being married, you can't make a fool of yourself without knowing it.

FARM WIFE

The census-taker, calling at her door
On the old farm, wrote, as she bade him do,
The word housewife, not knowing that it bore
A thousand meanings, from her point of view.
She was no artist, yet she saw the fine
Free-flowing grace of ballet dancer in
The snowy clothes that blew upon her line;
In birdsong she heard flute and violin.
She used no brush--her flowers were the paint
That made her garden bright as canvas of Van Gogh.
Her pantry shelves held jewels quaint,
Of gold and ruby jells, fashioned with love.
She was no artist, yet her life was filled
With beauty, as her joyous spirit willed.



The house built by Dave Crawford on his farm.



Dave Crawford at
old store.

Dave Crawford was born at Dunville, Ontario where he received his education. He came west to Strathclair, and worked as a labourer until World War 1 broke out. He enlisted with the army and served overseas. He returned to Strathclair, after the war and took a soldier's grant, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ 35-20-19. He built a frame house, at that time one of the best in the district, and batched there until his death July 29, 1939.

CHARLES EDWARD CRAWFORD

Charles Edward Crawford was born in Dunville, Ontario on April 19, 1869. After completing school he worked with the Fire Department for a year and then clerked in a store for a year.

In 1893 he migrated to Strathclair, working first in a logging camp and then in a saw mill.

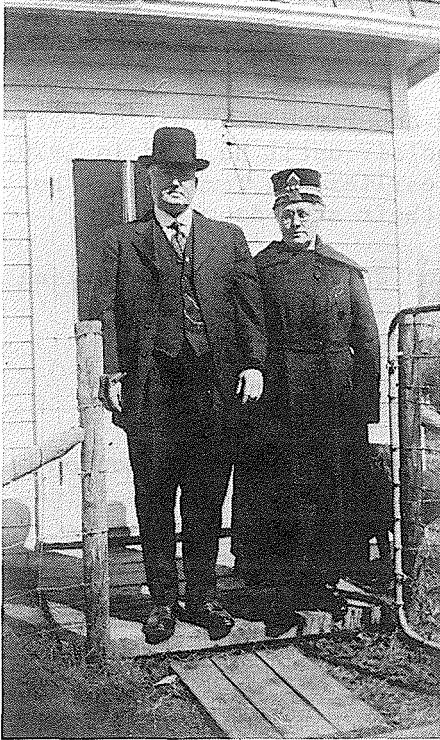


Kate Crawford

He married Catherine McDonald of Shoal Lake, daughter of Donald McDonald in 1894. They had four children, Florence, Clinton, Fred and Mary.

After selling the butcher shop he began buying grain for the Dow Cereal Co. The elevator was on the south side of the railroad track, west of the section house. He bought grain for a few years, then went travelling as salesman for the Garr Scott Machinery Co.

In 1915 he joined the 45th Battalion and went overseas and returned home in 1918. He went into J.R. McKay's store as a clerk and in 1919 he and his brother John opened a grocery store in the old building where Allen's Cafe now stands. He sold the business in 1920 to John Paterson who now resides in Willingborough, England.



Chas. & Kate Crawford

In 1921 when the land at Clear Lake was opened for the returned soldiers he put in his application and was given the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 4-20-19 on April 16th, 1921. He opened a general store. When the Post Office was opened in 1923 it was called Crawford Park and this is now the spot where Wannacumbac camp which is owned by the Wasagaming Foundation now stands. Mrs. Crawford moved up in June 1922.

A phone line was opened in the store in the early 1930's. Mrs. Crawford enjoyed meeting and talking with the people who came for groceries.

Charlie bought a couple of horses and some farm equipment to work the land. He hired an Indian Joe Fleury to do the work.

Joe sometimes hauled freight from Erickson.

Marr Black from Strathclair gave Charlie a ram, which was put in the barn. Clinton was home from Medical College for his holidays and went out to feed the horses in the morning. He left the barn door open and when he was getting oats out of the bin, the ram put him head first into the bin. That poor ram caught grief when Clinton got out.

Fred always came home for duck or chicken shooting, when he got a few days off from the C.N.R.

Charlie suffered a stroke in February 1931, and Florence who was working as a telephone operator at Russell gave up her job and came home to look after the store, and enjoyed the work.

On June 7, 1936 Charlie died. Mrs. Crawford moved to Strathclair with the Trim's in 1946. She passed away in 1963. Mr. & Mrs. Crawford are buried at Strathclair cemetery.

Clinton retired as a doctor and lived with his sisters Florence and Mary in Strathclair until he died in 1979. Fred had died three months earlier, in Texas where he and his wife were visiting their step daughter.

Mary married Clare Basler and spent many years working as a telephone operator.

GEORGE AND EDNA CRONIN

George Cronin was born December 23rd, 1902 in London, England. He came to Canada at the age of 16, settled and worked on a farm in Harding, Manitoba.

In 1925, he married Edna Bercier and settled in Elphinstone until 1928 and then on to a homestead in Audy. Here we stayed until 1939 when we sold the farm to John Mallard at Audy. In 1939 we then moved to Winnipeg. We had five children, 3 boys and 2 girls. George passed away in 1974. I, the wife, Edna, am staying in Selkirk, Manitoba.

ROBERT AND ADELINE CURLE

Robert Curle, born March 26, 1941 in Dauphin. Adeline (nee Antoniak), born February 14, 1946 in Sifton. Deirdre M., born May 28, 1966 in Brandon, Clinton T., born December 29, 1967 in Brandon.

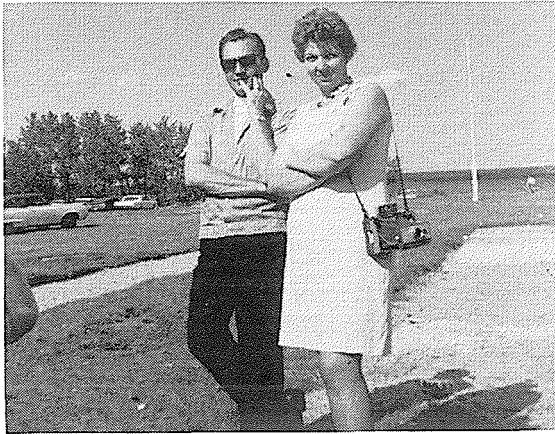
The Curle family moved into the district in 1977 when they purchased the Lake Audy store from Steve and Dora Mymko. The reasons for this move were many. The presence of a plentiful supply of wood, fish and grain are represented options for a more self-sufficient life style. The district and the store business was an ideal setting to raise a couple of teenagers. The scenic beauty of the district, its recreational options and its colourful history were also attractions.

The Curle family first moved into Manitoba as part of

the great Ontario migration in 1879. Bob's great grandfather settled in the Moore Park district, some 60 miles south east of Lake Audy.

Running the Lake Audy store is like farming in the area - it's necessary to have a second income. Adeline assumed most of the responsibility for managing the store and post office, and Bob was employed by the provincial government, working out of Minnedosa, then Brandon, and finally Dauphin. In 1980 the Curle's purchased N.E. 30-19-20 on the west end of Imrie Lake.

LORNE AND PEGGY CURWEN



Lorne and Peggy Curwen moved to the Crawford Park teacherage in August 1961 where Peggy taught for the next 4 years. She was also involved in teaching music - piano and accordian to the young people of both Crawford Park and Sandy Lake. With a shortage of pianos in the district many of the children practised on the piano in the school. Thus there was never an idle moment for that piano!

Lorne furthered his education by attending the Sandy Lake Collegiate. He later conducted workshop services in the school every second Sunday with alternate Sundays being Sunday School. Both were well attended and supported by the community. A choir and Young Peoples group

grew out of this involvement.

Lorne and Peggy left to reside in Portage la Prairie. Lorne is now minister of the United Church at Whitemouth, Manitoba. They have one son.

MIKE DANYK

Mike Danyk came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1927 and settled on the S.W. ¼ of 19-19-30 in 1929. He was joined by Jennie (Lasuik) Kowal and her children, Emily, Sadie, Fred and Harry Kowal in 1939. They lived in the log house (still useable) till Mike passed away, October 22nd, 1962. They had married and had 2 children, Nick and Juliana.

Mrs. Danyk moved to Douglas, Manitoba where her son Fred worked at C.F.B. Shilo in 1963.

Mike Danyk and Jennie farmed ½ Sec. known as the Jury farm for some years. Jennie sold it to the Spaller boys, Jim and John in 1969.

Jennie Danyk was born August 22, 1908.
Harry died December 16, 1945.

HELEN DERHAK (ROCHELLE)

Born at Crawford Park on March 28th, 1924 to Jacob and Ann Rochelle. Started school in September 1930 at Clear Creek School, with Mr. Frank Wilson as my Grade 1 teacher. Some of the children I remember who went to school with me were Frances Young, Jackie Young, Kathleen Priestner, Ruth Baxter, Fern McLaughlin, Joceyln Tinker, Ivy Blackwell.

My sister and I had to walk 2½ miles to school across open prairie and bush as the main road was too far around to go. We were afraid to walk, so our mother walked with us until we were in view of the school, then she would return home and come out to meet us again at 4 p.m.

I remember the first Xmas concert at the school I had a recitation and I also was an angel, being very nervous to be on the stage and looking into the audience to see

if I could see Mom and Dad. When Santa brought in the treats I cherished the bag and kept it for the next day. After the concert, the old boiler was full of coffee for everyone and lunch was provided by the parents. After lunch we all got into the sleigh boxes, covered up with quilts and riding in the cold all the way home, only to come in to a cold house as those days no one had electric or oil heat. It was the good old box stove.

I still can recall the dances that were held in the school. The whole family went bundled up in quilts and blankets. The covers were brought into the school and all stacked in the corner behind the big heater. When the children got sleepy, the parents made beds underneath the benches and we slid into the covers and would peek out under the benches like young swallows out of their nests, eating all the dust until we fell off to sleep. No babysitters were needed those days and none of the children suffered any ill effects afterwards.

I recall how my sister, my mother and Mrs. Jack Young and Frances went picking moss berries in the swamp. We got bitten by wasps, only to come home and get scared out of our wits when a big snake crawled on the door step, we all screamed, Mrs. Young barefooted, grabbed an axe and hit the snake, then chopped him up.

We moved to Sandy Lake in the winter of 1930 and my sister and I attended Sandy Lake School and finished my Grade XI and later married Steve Derhak of Sandy Lake and were blessed with 8 children, 4 boys and 4 girls, of these were 2 sets of twins. All are now married except the last set of twins.

ALEX DERKACH

Alex Derkach was born in the Seech district. After his marriage to Marjory Chobotiuk they lived in Oakburn where he worked in his brother's garage. Their eldest daughter Darlene was born in Oakburn.

In 1954 he moved to the dwellings at the Buffalo Enclosure at Lake Audy, where he was employed by the Federal Government. Here he had many responsibilities, looking after the buffalo, and keeping all the buffalo enclosure fence repaired. He had horses there, and had to haul the

hay from the meadows at Mineral Springs to feed the buffalo.

There was no electricity in the buildings in those years. When Darlene was old enough to go to school, Alex had to drive the many miles to the Audy School. Two more daughters, Jo-Anne and Donna were born.

In 1962 the family moved to Onanole and Alex began working at the Golf Course. In 1963 he began working with the gardeners, where he is still employed. In 1969 their son David was born. Marjory passed away in 1969, and Alex had the responsibility of a one parent family. Russell and Elsie McLaughlin took baby David and looked after him.

In 1979 Alex and Mrs. Dorothy Safronuik of Mountain Road were married.

Darlene is Mrs. Demaniuk and lives in Winnipeg. She has one daughter.

Jo-Ann is Mrs. Roy Holmes and lives in Calgary. They have two children.

Donna was killed in a car accident in 1981. She had an infant son, Kenneth, who now lives with Alex and Dorothy.

LILLIE AND JOHN EWASIUK

Lilly Ewasiuk - My parents Sandy and Mary Toduruk arrived in Canada from the Ukraine in the early spring of 1900, two months later I was born at Mountain Road where my parents settled. During most of my school days I was kept at home to help work or babysit the younger children while my mother helped in the fields. My father helped in building the Ukrainian Catholic Church at Mountain Road, which was struck by lightning and destroyed in late 1960.

John Ewasiuk, my husband was born in 1899 in the Ukraine. He came to Canada with his parents when he was 2 years old. They settled in the Scandanavia (known as Kerr's Lake) district. John joined the army in the first World War in 1916 and had served overseas until 1919. In 1922 John and I were married and shortly after moved to the



John and
Lillie Ewasiuk
1943

rawford Park district and purchased a $\frac{1}{2}$ sec. of 4-20-20 through the Soldiers Settlement Board in Lake Audy district. That was quite a trip as the roads were rough and muddy. It took us two days to get to our homestead, with only a few belongings which included a team of horses and a cow behind the wagon.

Our first one room house was built of logs and mud plaster and was home for my first three children, Olive, Mary and Peter. Again it was clear land, pick rocks and fight with the millions of mosquitoes which I shall never forget.

The neighbors were far and few, and it was exciting for me to see them moving closer to us. You didn't see them too often, but just seeing smoke from the chimneys made you feel

that you were not alone.

John worked at the Golf Course at Clear Lake when it was being built. He worked with his team and got paid .25¢ an hour. He worked there for 2 years and his biggest money was delivering groceries to the Grey Owl Cabin for Grey Owl for the sum of \$5.00 every Saturday. He would come home Saturday evening and on Sunday he would have to get back and take enough feed for the horses to last the whole week.

John worked for Kippen's Mill and also worked for Sandy McLean just beside the river from us. This was done after fall until spring. Finally we built a larger home with much help from the neighbors.

Irene, Adam and Margaret were born over the years. When Olive and Mary started school, I had to walk them to Percy Hydes house, as that was the nearest school house which was two miles away. Luckily we had a cow or wild animal trail to school as that was the start of a new road.

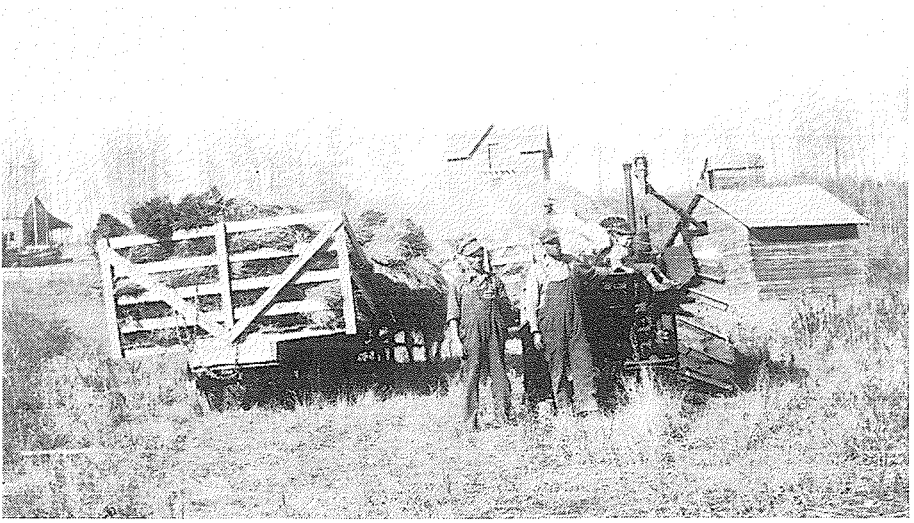
When Audy school was built half a mile away, it was much easier on me and the children.



House built in 1927

Later, I got a job as a janitor in the school because we were the closest family and it had to be heated in the winter before the children arrived. This made me #1 path maker after a deep snow-fall. My wages were \$5.00 a month from which I saved \$15.00 for a rainy day. This money came in handy when at the age of six, my youngest son, Adam broke his leg.

One of our biggest celebrations was going to a picnic at



John on south field, owner of threshing outfit.



Picnic at Clear Lake

Olive, Mary, Lilly, Peter & Mazie McLean, late 20's

Crawford Park where everyone attended. Luckily my brother Nick, who lived with us for a few years, had a car to take us out.

Then there were the hunting seasons where neighbors and friends would gather at our house and some times fared quite well.



John holding Peter, Olive and Mary out front. Mr. Pete **Romaniuk** on the right. Left Matt Zahodnick.

As most farmers, we all remember the hard work around harvest time, but reaping a good crop was a blessing.

During depression years we rented the farm to Mr. Mike Bachewich and moved to Elphinstone, and when this didn't work out well, we returned back to the farm. Work was very hard to find.

In 1939 when the war broke out, John joined the army (Veterans Guard) in the spring of 1940. That same fall I packed my belongings and children and we moved to Winnipeg, where we lived while John travelled to Ontario, Alberta and Saskatchewan, to different prison camps.

January of 1941 Olive married Mike Maximitch and moved back to the farm which we sold to them. They raised three children, Melvin of Prince George, B.C., Patricia Lucko of Winnipeg, and Sherry Antonyshen also of Winnipeg. Olive and Mike now reside at Sandy Lake, Manitoba.

Lorraine, our last child, was born in 1944. After six years with the service, John spent a few years doing local work in Winnipeg.

In October 1948, we moved out to Richmond, B.C. and have only one regret, that we did not make the move sooner. My life here has been very good.

During the sixties, the farm house was destroyed by fire. The place looks very deserted now, where there was once laughter and tears. When we visit, we always have a visit at the old homestead. I hope the owners, the Hay family, don't mind.

John passed away on October 11, 1974.



Sitting: Peter,
Mrs. Ewasuik, Adam,
Olive.
Standing: Lorraine,
Margaret, Irene,
Mary
Taken Oct. ;5/74

Mary married Gordon Rorison and resided in Richmond, deceased in 1980, left one daughter, Patricia Allen of White Rock, B.C.

Peter married Gertrude Maximitch and they now live in the Audy district. They have four children, Clarence, Calvin, Sandra Pastershank and Dale, most of which now reside in Edmonton, Alberta.

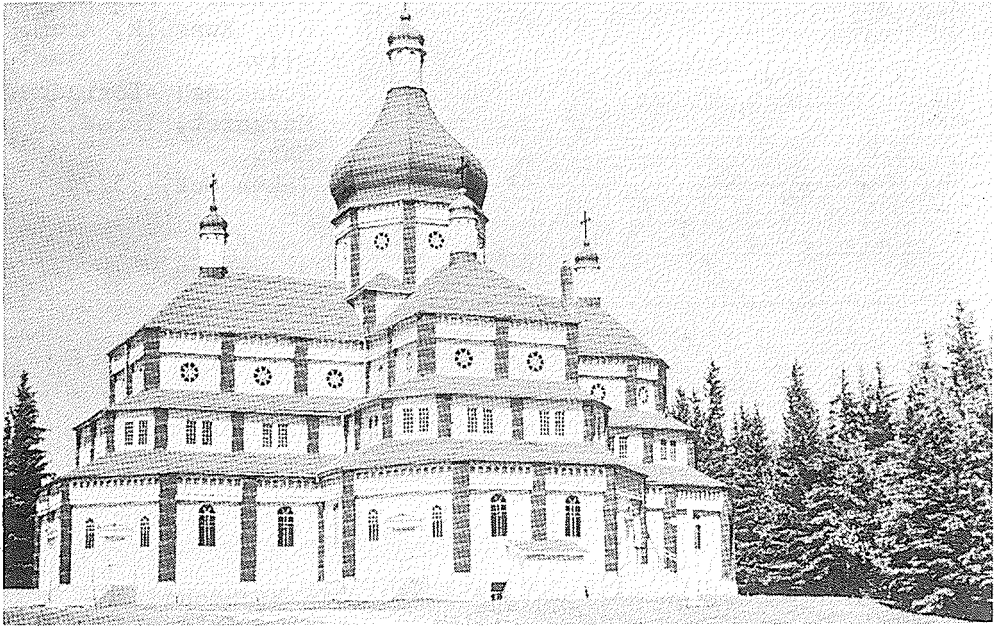
Irene married Don Wine and they now reside in Richmond, B.C. They have three children, Gary of Denver, Colorado, Linda Phipps of Richmond, and Janice who is still at home.

Adam married Jean Rikis and they live in Richmond along with their two children, Douglas and Cindy.

Margaret married Tony Lasuita and are living in Ladner, B.C. along with their two youngest, Donna and Brian. Their oldest, Brenda Warren, lives in Savona, B.C., while Darlene also lives in Ladner.

Lorraine married John Bachewich and they, too, live in Ladner, B.C. along with their two sons, Rodney and Darren.

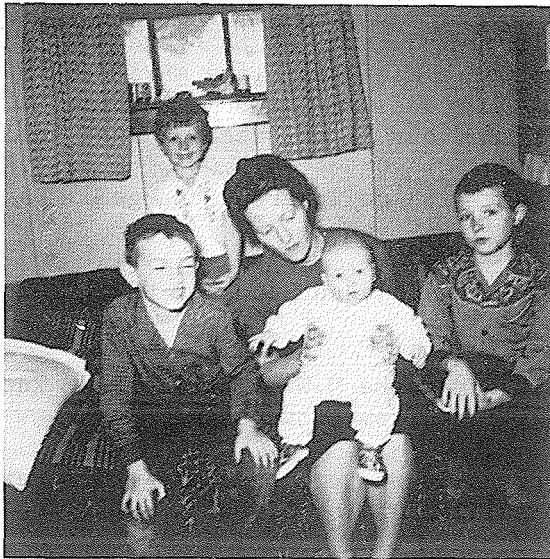
Although I have gone through many hard times in my life, my children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren have made it all worthwhile.



St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church, Mountain Road, Man. Built 1923-26, designed by Father Rue, and built by the people of Mountain Road, one of whom was John Ewasuik. The church was hit by lightning and burnt to the ground August 1966.



Clarence, Sandy, Calvin, Peter & Dale Ewasiuk.



Calvin, Sandy, Gertie, Dale & Clarence Ewasiuk

Peter David Ewasiuk was born October 13, 1925 in the Lake Audy district, the third child born to John and Lily Ewasiuk.

Peter received all his education at the Lake Audy school.

The year that World War II broke out, his dad enlisted, so he sold the farm to his son-in-law Mike Maximitch and moved the family to Winnipeg. Peter, then a young lad of 14 years, decided that the city lights were not the life for him, so he then went to live with his Uncle Nick Todoruk. Peter worked out a lot as farm labourer earning a grand sum of \$5.00 a month.

When the German prison camps were being built at the White Water Lake in Riding Mountain National Park, Peter got hired on as a cookee in the camp. Also spent 5 years in bush camp in the "Red Lake" Ontario area.

Returned to the district in 1950, then in 1951 married Gertrude Maximitch.

Gertrude was born September 12, 1932 to Nellie Maximitch of the Horod district.

Gertrude got all her education at the Lake Audy school, boarding at her Uncle Mike and Olive Maximitch's home.

In 1952 we purchased our first piece of land (all bush) S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 32-19-20 for sum of \$550.00 with \$150.00 down and \$100.00 a year with no interest charged. Purchased the land from Charlie Sojecki.

In 1958 purchased the adjacent quarter N.E. 32-19-20 from Sandy Finnie.

In 1980 also purchased the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 32-19-20 known as the old Geordie Hogg farm from Crown Lands.

In 1953 we moved to Vancouver, B.C. and there Peter worked for Seagrams Distilleries for 5 years. That job terminated so we then moved back to Manitoba.

In the spring of 1959 we rented, then later purchased a Restaurant in Sandy Lake from Gladys Wasylenko. We called it "Gerty's Cafe". Gerty's mother Nellie Chorney joined us in the business venture. There our three children

started school and our fourth child was born. We operated a family restaurant and also a concession booth during the summer by the lake for nearly 5 years. We sold the restaurant in 1963 to Gerald Chan and the concession booth to Mike Maximitch.

In 1964 purchased a restaurant in Rosssburn, Manitoba. Operated a family restaurant till 1968 when we sold to Mr. Lawrence Gurnick of Rosssburn.

In 1968 we purchased a house in Erickson from Mr. Ben Ward. Lived there till 1975 when we sold to Mr. Jeff Kerr.

In 1970 we also purchased Lake Audy school and 3 acres of land where the building still stands.

Peter worked for a while in Minnedosa at the Distillery till it closed.

Gertrude was manageress at the Golf Course Club House Restaurant in Clear Lake for nine years from 1968 to 1977.

In 1975 we moved out to our farm and built our present home, where we still reside.

Our children are:

Clarence Lloyd, born February 26, 1953, now living in Edmonton and working as a cat skinner.

Calvin Lawrence born July 22, 1954, farming, married Joanne Bachand from Morinville, Alberta, and son Jacob Kyle, born April 11, 1983.

Sandra Leah born April 26, 1957, married Jerry Pastershank of Onanole, They have a daughter, Kelly Rae born August 11, 1982. They live in St. Albert, Alberta.

Dale Edward born July 29, 1961. Living in Edmonton, Alta. taking his apprenticeship with the C.N.R.

HISTORY OF CALVIN EWASIUK

- I was born in Erickson in July of 1954 and
- Graduated from Erickson Collegiate in 1972.
- Worked as a heavy equipment operator and farmed part-time after buying the N.E. ¼ or Section 12-20-20 in 1974

from Steve Kuzmak. In 1976 also purchased 3 quarters from Melvin McLaughlin, being the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 11-20-20 and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 12-20-20. In 1980 sold N $\frac{1}{2}$ of 12-20-20 to Herman and Cecile Castelyn where they now reside.

- While working in Alberta I met Joanne Bachand and we were married in Erickson in October of 1980. Joanne was born in Edmonton, Alberta and is the daughter of Eddie and Sophie Bachand of Morinville, Alberta. Graduated and majoring in Business in 1974, was employed in the Insurance Industry for 6 years before moving to Manitoba.
- In 1981 we cleared bush for our present homesite and started building in September 1981, moving in in July 1982.
- Joanne has been employed with the L.G.D. of Park since November 1981.
- Our son, Jacob Kyle, was born April 11, 1983.

ALEX EWASIUK FAMILY

Alex came to Canada in 1899 from the Ukraine, village of "Bodnarivka", municipality of Husatyn. He had a half-brother, Mykita who had come to Canada earlier and had settled in the Shoal Lake - Oakburn area. He stayed with his brother for awhile, working for other farmers as well as his brother. When he came to the Elphinstone area, he met Lucia Chupa. Anna had also come from the "Husatyn" area, but from the village of "Shidlovitz". Alex and Anna were married in 1900. For awhile, they lived with Anna's parents, then purchased a homestead, $\frac{1}{4}$ section of 34-19-21, northwest of Horod. Alex and Anna moved to their homestead. They broke some land and started farming, but at the same time continued to work for other farmers. A few years later, he bought a steam engine and threshing machine in partnership with his brother-in-law, Joe Malchuk. As there weren't any threshing outfits in the surrounding area, they threshed for many farmers.

Alex also bought a sawmill and set it up on his own farm. He farmed during the summer and sawed lumber during the winter months.

When Alex first came to Canada, he was quick to learn the English language. This helped him tremendously in his early years in the new country. As he was fluent in English, Ukranian, and Polish as well as a bit of Czech. and Latin, he was a big help to other settlers who could not speak English. He worked with the police and acted as court interpreter for those in need of such services.

He helped in the community with the construction of the school and the church. He also served on the Horod district school Board.

Alex and Anna had eleven children, nine boys and two girls, of which 8 are deceased.

In the mid-twenties, three of their sons decided to go on their own and bought homesteads several miles north of Sandy Lake. The sons and Alex decided to set up the sawmill on one of those homesteads. The land in that area was heavily wooded with good timbers for logs to be sawed into lumber and smaller trees to be cut into cordwood.

Anna and the younger children stayed on the homestead at Horod and Alex commuted back and forth. Later he moved the sawmill to Elphinstone and also bought a lumber planer which he moved to different places.

On October 23, 1932, Alex moved his sawmill to the Lake Audy district. He set it up on Ed Garoippy's farm on the west side of the river. On the road allowance, alongside the Park, he built a house and started sawing lumber again.

Alex loved gardening and was very good at it. He planted and transplanted trees and did a lot of grafting. He kept bees. He did blacksmith work. Alex was also talented musically and played the violin at dances and weddings. He kept a cow, sheep and a pig and when he went to visit neighbours, all his animals followed him. While he was in the house visiting, the animals would sometimes eat and root the neighbour's garden.

Alex moved his sawmill to the Crawford Park areas for awhile but didn't stay long and sold the outfit.

Anna passed away in June of 1948. Alex lived at Lake Audy till 1961 when he became sick. After a few weeks in the Rossburn Hospital, he passed away on October 23, 1961. He

was 82 years old at the time.

Alex and Anna's children were:

Frank, born December 1901 - died April 1942.

Mike, born November 1903, married Nellie Cymbala.

Tony, born July 1905, married Rose Genik.

Mary, born 1906, died 1932, was married to Frank Ward.

Bill, born 1908, died November 18, 1963 - wife Eileen?

Adam, born 1909, died 1958 - wife Mary?

John, born Dec. 24, 1911 - married Anne Malchuk.

Harry, born 1913, died August 10, 1982.

Fred, born 1915, died November 25, 1982 - wife Betty Kripawaty.

Donald, born 1922, died February 2, 1975 - wife Carol Sichewski.

Jean, born 1926, died 1929.

Mike's wife, Nellie passed away February 6, 1984.

FRED AND BETTY EWASIUK

(Leo) Fred was born on March 15, 1916 in the Horod district. His parents were Alex and Anna Ewasiuk. He attended school at Horod in his boyhood days.

In 1938, Fred married Betty Kryswaty at Shoal Lake. Betty came from the Rossburn area. Their first son Theodore Robert was born on April 11, 1940 and their second son, Elmer Fred was born on May 18, 1941.

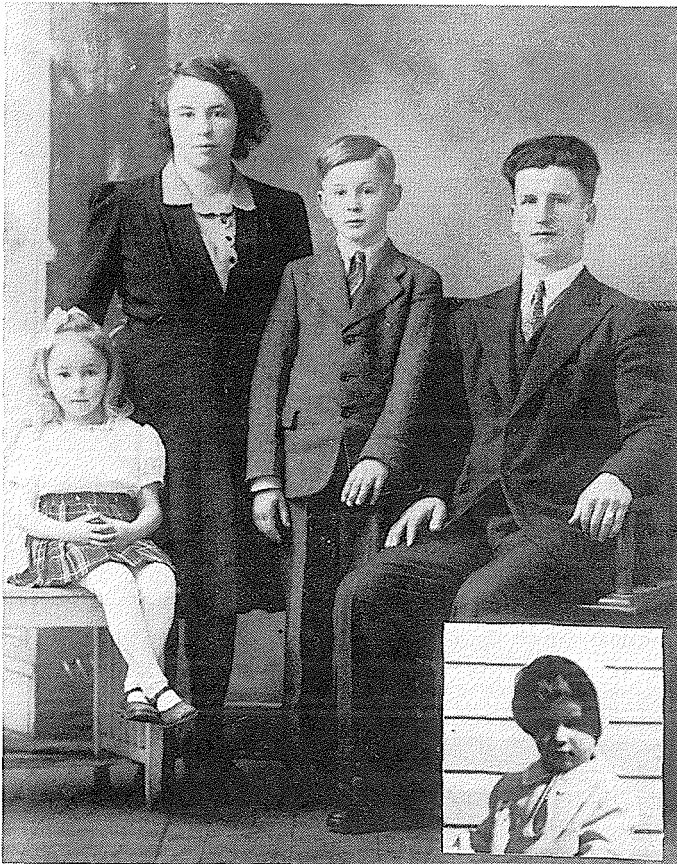
Fred enlisted in the Canadian Army in 1941 and served with the Princess Patricia Regiment overseas until his return in 1946. Then, he operated a sawmill on his brother John's farm in the Lake Audy area. In the spring of 1952, Betty passed away. In 1956, Fred sold the mill and worked at various locations in Ontario, and around Long Spruce in northern Manitoba. He retired in 1976 and lived in the Rossburn area until he passed away on November 25, 1982.

Ted and Elmer attended Lake Audy School till 1953. After their mother's death, the boys went to live with relatives at Rossburn.

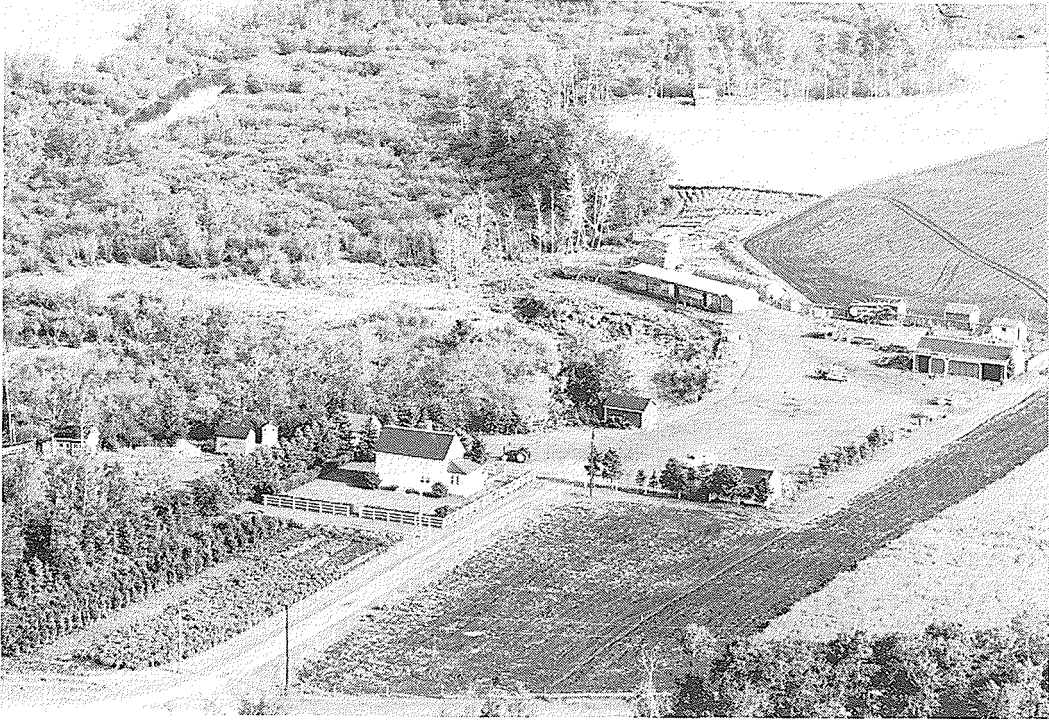
Ted married Julie Francis Jendruck in Alberta on August 21, 1965 and they live at Redwater, Alberta. They have three children; Sherry Lynn Marie, born March 10, 1967, Dianne Betty, born March 10, 1968, and Christopher Robert, born February 8, 1972.

Elmer married Elaine Mary Bennett from Pipestone, Manitoba on May 12, 1962. He worked at odd jobs till 1965, when he was employed in Brandon by Pool Packers Ltd., which later changed hands to Burns Meats Ltd., where he is still working. They live at 528 - 23rd St. at Brandon. They have three children; Steven James, born September 13, 1962, Brenda Mae, born February 17, 1964, and Kevin Darrell, born on July 13, 1969.

JOHN AND ANNE EWASIUK FAMILY



Elsie, Anne, Maurice, John, Ella Marie



John Ewasiuk farm

John was born in the Horod district on 32-19-21, on Dec. 24, 1911. His parents were Anne Chupa and Alex Ewasiuk. He attended Horod school and at about the age of sixteen, left to work for Lou Grills as well as other farmers in the Strathclair area. In 1932, John had an appendix operation and came back home to recuperate; at which time, he decided to stay and help with the farm work and his father's sawmill operation.

During this time, John met Anne Malchuk, daughter of Margaret Dmyterko and Fred Malchuk. Anne was born on October 25, 1915 and raised in the Horod area. She attended Horod school. They were married at the Horod Church on November 2, 1935 by Father Gregoraychuk.

They lived on John's parents' farm for a couple of years. Making a living was difficult as cordwood sold for \$1.50 a cord after spending one day cutting it and another day

hauling it ten to fifteen miles to town. A five gallon can of cream sold from two to two-fifty. They had lots to eat having their own meat and milk products, but no money.

Their first child, Maurice Edward was born in 1936. In 1937, they decided to move on their own and raise cattle. They built a cabin for themselves and shelter for the cattle on the road allowance north of Horod along the Riding Mountain National Park. A good location for their "Ranch" as they called it, since the Park was an excellent source of pasture for summer and hay for winter feed. A team of horses, a mower, rake and pitchfork as well as a lot of muscle made up the haying equipment.

When moving to the "Ranch", they moved whatever cattle they owned and with their possessions on a wagon, mother and son all ready to go, John's brother Donald took them, saying he'd return for the rest as soon as he unloaded. John decided, with a pail of feed in hand, to see if the remaining animals would follow him. To his amazement, an event he'd never forget, the two calves, a pig, cats and two dogs followed him cross-country to their new home, arriving shortly after Donald.

John and Anne enjoyed their life on the Ranch. Bears were a problem and steel bars had to be installed on the windows of the cabin.

Elsie Jean was born in 1940. Then in 1942, John and Anne bought the N.W.¼ of 6-20-20 (known as Middleton's Ranch) from the Great West Co. This was in the Lake Audy district. They moved to this quarter in May of 1943. The last farmer to occupy this quarter of land had been Percy Hyde and all his buildings had been destroyed by fire. Therefore, all new buildings had to be constructed and the family lived in a granary till the house was built that summer. Anne's father, John's brother Harry, Tom Rozdeba and some other neighbours helped build the house and they were able to move in by early fall. Other buildings were built as time went on.

During the years, at different times, some of John's and Anne's relatives built on their land on the west side of the river. They were Anne's father and her brother Ted; her sister Ella and husband Frank Zemianski. Also, John's brother Bill and wife Mary, and his brother Fred and wife Betty with their two sons Ted and Elmer. Fred operated a

sawmill on the west side of the river.

John served on the Lake Audy School Board for a few years and on the Sandy Lake Nursing Home Board. He also worked for Good Roads. John was a talented violinist and played at many weddings and dances.

On November 9, 1947, another son, Larry, was born. He passed away on November 15, only living for six days.

Their second daughter Ella Marie, was born on April 5, 1951.

In the fall of '57, a friend of John's came to visit and noticing that the farm work was done for the season, asked if he'd like to work for the Rivers Air Base. He decided to go for about two weeks but stayed for almost 20 years.

John worked about 12 years for the Dept. of National Defence, then the Air Base was phased out and Indian Affairs took over. He stayed with Indian Affairs for another seven years, till his retirement in April, 1977.

During the years at the Air Base, they lived in the adjoining village of Wheatlands; Anne and Ella having moved there in 1964 after Maurice was married. In May, 1966, with John working and Anne having time on her hands, they went into business. Anne operated a grocery store which also had a lunch bar. Ella and John helped after school and work. They called it Ewasiuk's Store and kept it till October of 1970 when they sold it.

In July, 1977, John and Anne moved to their present location just west of Onanole on S.W. 14-19-19 where they had previously bought a couple of acres from Leonard Prawdzik. They moved a partially ready built home there and finished it themselves.

Although retired, John continued to work occasionally. He worked the winters of 1980-81 with CESO and Indian Affairs. The natives had a contract for brushing for the new #10 highway in R.M.N.P. and at Norway House the next winter. John supervised the work crews and consulted with engineers and surveyors.

In July, 1981, John had surgery and took awhile to recuperate. John and Anne have enjoyed many trips to Eastern

Canada visiting their daughter. Ella married John Doyle in February 1970. John is with the Armed Forces and they have been stationed in Quebec and Nova Scotia. They have four children; John Robert, Michael, Kristina and Karl.

Elsie married William Ronald Olson in January 1964 and they live in Winnipeg. They have four children, Ronald, Jr., Everitt, Kara-Lynn, and Jeffrey.

Maurice married Helen Chuba in July, 1964 and they have one daughter, Jacqueline.

MAURICE & HELEN EWASIUK FAMILY

I, Maurice Edward, was raised on my parents' John and Anne Ewasiuk's "ranch" west of Lake Audy, where we lived till I was six years old.

We moved to Lake Audy on N.W. 6-20-20 in 1943. I attended Audy school till Grade nine, then attended Elphinstone Collegiate for two years. After that I decided to stay home and farm.

I was always interested in politics and community affairs, becoming a board member of the Audy School Board in 1956 and chairman in 1963. I remained in this position till the school closed in 1968. Actually, the school closed a year earlier and the students were transported to Sandy Lake but the board remained responsible for their transportation plus local affairs (roads and taxes, etc.).

In 1970, I was elected to the L.G.D. of Park Council for Ward five and was councillor till I resigned in the fall of 1983. At the same time, I've served on the Sandy Lake Nursing Home Board.

On July 18, 1964 I married Helen Catherine Chuba. Helen was born and raised in the Seech district. Her parents were Katherine (Drozda) and Nicholas Chuba. She was the youngest in a large family of eleven children; eight brothers and two sisters. She attended Flower school till grade eight. Her father had died when she was five years old and eight years later, her mother married Nick Koscielny and moved to the Prince of Wales district near Elphinstone. Helen finished grade 8 at Prince of Wales school, then moved to Crandall for four years of high school. She graduated

in 1960 and attended Manitoba Teachers College the following year. After graduating from college, Helen was employed as a teacher for two years at Binscarth and one year at Beulah.

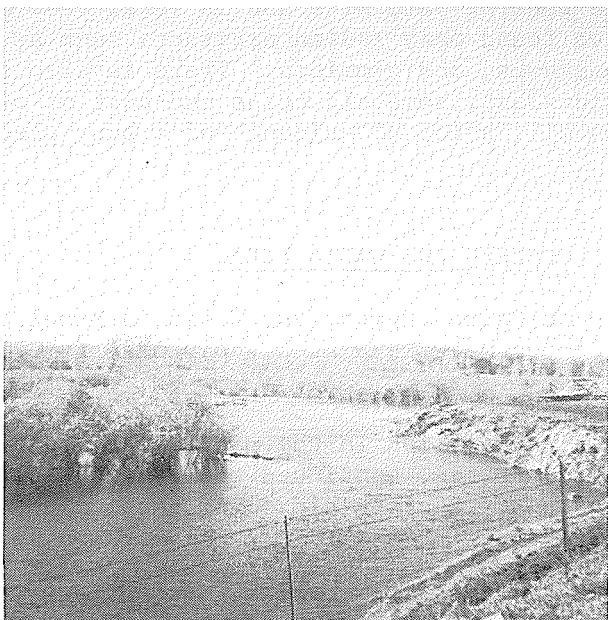
Our daughter, Jacqueline Anne, was born at Minnedosa Hospital on December 22, 1965. Jacqueline attended Sandy Lake school till completion of grade nine, then Erickson Collegiate, graduating on June 28, 1983. She is attending Herzing Institute at Winnipeg, taking Computer Programming and Business Systems.

We bought my parents' farm in 1970 and kept on with mixed farming, but mostly raising Hereford cattle. I worked on the Trans-Canada Pipeline in Saskatchewan and Manitoba one summer as well as clerking for Arnold's Auction Service for about seven years. Helen worked as cashier with Edna once in awhile. I gave up my job as clerk when farming began to require more and more time.

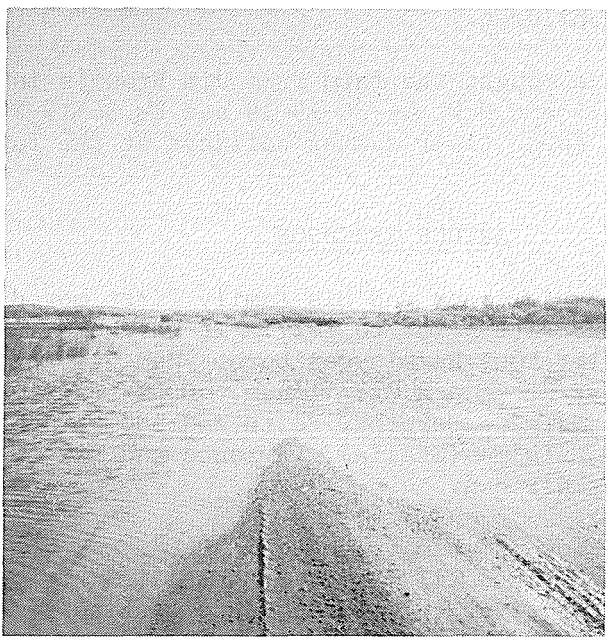
In 1979, Helen was employed by Parks Canada at Wasagaming as park attendant with Visitor Services; a year later becoming Supervisor at Wasagaming Campground.

We enjoy our life in our community at Lake Audy. There have been many interesting events but one which will not be forgotten is the flood in September of 1978. After weeks of rain, the little Saskatchewan River which runs past our yard, suddenly swelled from a little river to a raging torrent of water. It rose quickly and in a couple of days almost flooded us out completely. The area south of the house was one big lake. The water was just inches away from the top of the bridge on P.R. #359 and our lane was under several feet of water. At Lake Audy, the lake and river were level with no sign of the dam. The road leading to the dam was under about three feet of water.

N.W. 6-20-20 on which we reside has an interesting history, much of which is unknown. This quarter was first bought by Joseph Buzza on October 28, 1880. None of the other land was homesteaded till the 1920's. It would be interesting to know why Mr. Buzza chose this place and what his plans were. Prior to this, a trading post had been built here in the early 1850's and burned down in March of 1868. The yard was also the site of a courthouse and a schoolhouse during the 1920's when Percy Hyde lived here. The Strathclair Trail



1978 September flood - Back Barnyard



Our lane between yard and P.R. #359

runs through the present yard site and is still very much evident. We have found many Indian artifacts such as arrow heads, tomahawks, and pemmican. There is also a great deal of old glass, some old coins and part of old weapons. All in all, a lot of evidence of a busy place in days gone by.

SHAFEEK AND WADIA FARAG

Shafeek was born in Cairo, Egypt, and Wadia in Mosul, Uraq. They were married December, 1939 at her parents' home in Mosul, Uraq.

They received their education in the middle east, and they came to United States, continued their education in Michigan and Nebraska. Shafeek did some teaching before they came to the states.

Shafeek is now professor of Chemistry at the University of Illinois, in Chicago. Wadia is the clinical Dietician at the Presbyterian St. Lukes Hospital in Chicago.

They have two girls, Huda McClelland and Fifi Foote. They have five grandchildren.

Shafeek and Wadia bought the farm from Jim Brown's in 1974 the W $\frac{1}{2}$ - 31-19-19 and N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ -30-19-19 and E $\frac{1}{2}$ 36-19-20. Since then they spend their summer holidays at the farm.

ARTHUR FERGUSON

Arthur Montgomery Ferguson and his family first moved into the Lake Audy district prior to 1927. It was here that the youngest daughter, Ruby Hazel, was born. Mom was attended to by Mrs. Robert Brown and Mrs. Lundy. Other family members still at home were Dorothy, Edith and Thomas. Three older children, Estelle (Stella), Lawrence and Ralph, were out working on their own.

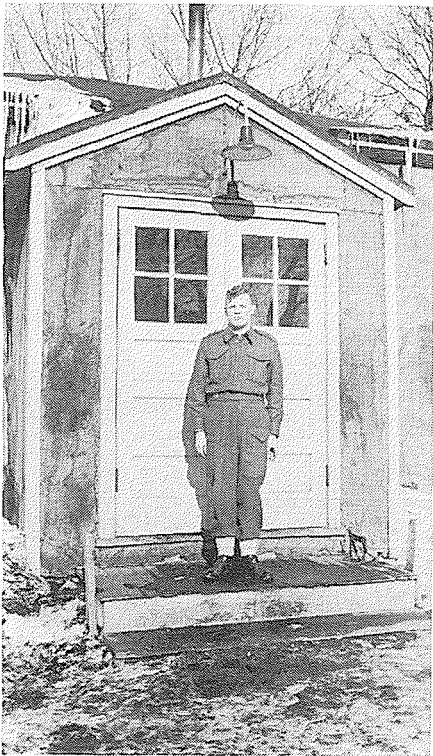
Arthur, better known to his friends as "Pat", was born in Hope, N.D., U.S.A. in April 1888. He came with his parents, brother and sister first to Ontario, then west to Strathclair, Manitoba where the family farmed for many years in the Marney district south of the town. The original Ferguson farm just past out of the family when it was sold by

brother Ralph's family in 1967. In 1909, Pat met and married Edith Harry of Newdale, Manitoba. She was born at Newdale, daughter of Thomas and Mary Harry.

This article is being written by daughter, Ruby. My first recollection of memories dates back to the early thirties when we lived at Kippan's Saw Mill, where Dad ran the steam engine at the saw mill. Later in 1931 we moved to Clear Creek district so we could attend school. Dad was still employed at the mill, often taking his wages in lumber. When that mill closed down and moved to a different location, Dad found employment with Albin Gustafson Saw Mill, and also at Wilson's Saw Mill. He ran the steam engines at these mills. He also ran the steam engine for Albin Gustafson's threshing outfit.

Later Dad settled down to farming the Ben Baxter farm, which had been purchased for him by Alex Kippan for back wages and services rendered. As the years past the children left home

one by one. Dorothy left to work on a farm in Ferr-ell. She has one son residing in Winnipeg. She still lives in Cardale. Edith left to work on a farm in the McConnell district. She has spent a lot of her time working on a farm just out of Yorkton, Saskatchewan. Tom left to go into the army and served overseas with the 3rd Division Infantry Divisional Headquarters during the second world war. He returned and took up farming in Clear Lake district, staying at home with mom and dad. He married Eileen Route of Winnipeg in September 1954. Later he sold his farm and took up residence in North Kildonan. They have two daughters, Janet and Ruth.



Tom Ferguson, World War II

I left in 1942 to take a job at Brandon College. Later I worked at Brandon General Hospital, then moved into Winnipeg and worked at Perth's Laundry. I returned to Crawford Park most summers to help on the farm. On a holiday with a girl friend, I met my husband, Harry Halverson of Broadview, Saskatchewan. We were married in August 1947 and have lived ever since on our farm south of town. We have two daughters, Betty and Karen.

Tragedy struck the Ferguson's when their home was destroyed by fire. They rebuilt a small house on the farm but when ill health threatened Dad, the farm was sold to Howard and Doris Kelly. Dad and Mom built a small cabin on Trim's land in which they resided till 1953. Dad was operated on for cancer in December 1946. A heart attack in February 1953 ended his days. Our Mother, Edith, spent her last years in a nursing home in Winnipeg, passing away in May 1960. They both rest in Marney cemetery not far from where they started their life so long ago.

GORDON AND ALMA FETTERLY
(by Willard Fetterly)



Alma Gertrude and Gordon Rupert Fetterly, July 1913

Prior to 1880 the Fetterly and May families were early settlers in the Muskoka County, Hunterville, Ontario area. In 1882 John Wesley Fetterly and Mary Margina May were married on July 10th. Mary being the 3rd eldest, with six brothers and three sisters. Her husband also being from a large family.

John and Mary had four children, Almeda Olive born June 18, 1883, Morenis Lee born 1887, Gordon Rupert, born May 26, 1889 and Ila Bella, about 1893. John and family moved to Manitoba, settling on a quarter section of C.P.R. property in the Springhill district, about twelve miles north west of Neepawa. Two years later John took a bad cold after swamping hay out of a slough, and it turned to T.B. He returned to Hunterville and passed away September 10, 1895, leaving his widow and family in Manitoba. Upon his death Mary sold a milk cow to pay his funeral expenses. Eighty acres of the farm had to be sold, also their team of horses, as the children were too small to handle them.



Gordon Fetterly, Carl, James, Alfred, Raymond, Ethel, Earl and Willard. Seated Mrs. Fetterly, Hilton is missing from this picture.



Gordon Fetterly's old residence at Crawford Park



Fetterly's Barn Yard

There were hard times, and Mary baked bread for bachelors for half the flour. She grew a garden, picked berries, and acted as mid-wife for the district. The children worked, but received little education. Gordon could only sign his name. Mary used wild hops for yeast. Their house was built with logs stood upright, and it was difficult to keep the mud plaster on them.

When Mern was old enough he helped build the C.N.R. rail-

way through the Springhill area. He later married Ethel Maud Ward, and took over the home 80 acres and purchased 80 acres more. He farmed until shortly before his death in 1948.

Almeda married James Arnold of Bagot, Manitoba, farming there for a time, then moving and homesteading at Finlater, Saskatchewan. The farm land was broke up with a plough and oxen. They later established a general store in the village.

About 1920 they moved to Elphinstone, Manitoba. They lived in town for a time so that their children Hazel and Gordon could attend school. They then moved to Lake Audy. They came as far as they could by trail to the "high Dump on the river. They went as far as Lake Audy and erected a log shack with a dirt floor and sod roof. Their belongings were transported by row boat from the dump to the shack. To cross the swamp between what is now the park boundary and the lake, the belongings were loaded on beef hides and pulled across the mire by ponies, until a log corduroy was built. This was in the Riding Mountain forest reserve, and at that time Jack May was the ranger.

The dump area was later homesteaded by Jack Johnston, a World War I veteran, then purchased by Mike Wojnarski and finally bought by the Arnold family. During the years spent at Lake Audy, they raised cattle. There were other herds owned by Alex Kippan and Mr. Franks. In the fall a cattle drive some 20 miles to Elphinstone was made, to ship the cattle to Winnipeg.

On one drive the trail passed through a wheat field. Just as they arrived at the field, the farmer's wife came out, threw up her hands and screamed, and the cattle stampeded. The next year, the same thing was about to happen, when one man on horse back lassooed the woman, and tied her to a post until the herd of cattle passed through.

The Arnolds also had elk hunters stay with them. One year Jim Arnold drove the 20 miles by team to catch the 6 a.m. train passing through Elphinstone. It was 40° below zero, and nothing was open in town but the hotel. When Jim went in with his fur coat and whiskers all covered with frost and icicles, a traveller that had gotten so cold that he got out of bed and came downstairs to get warm by the fire, asked Jim "and which room did you sleep in last night?"

Arnolds later moved onto section eight, which was Hudson Bay land.

Ila Bell Fetterly married Daniel Barton.

Gordon Fetterly purchased his first farm at Springhill. In 1913 he married Alma Gertrude Ward. Their first child Willard Gordon was born March 17, 1915. Then came Earl Frank on November 12, 1916, then Carl Wesley on July 10, 1919, then James Rupert on May 13, 1921, then Alfred Lee on June 29, 1923. These children were all born at Springhill. Gordon purchased a second quarter by taking a mortgage through the bank. Due to Influenza all his horses died, but one. The bank foreclosed on his farm. He bought some horses and moved to Lake Audy, built a log shack near the Arnold farm on the park boundary. The move took two days each way, to move the machinery, cattle and the family.

The following summer, Gordon worked for the forestry, with four horses, hauling trees off the right of way, which is now the road from Lake Audy to Wasagaming. He also helped to build the telephone line to Lake Audy. Jack Maxwell was forest ranger. In the winter of 1924 the house burned to the ground, while the family was away. We lived with the Arnold family until we could move to a rented farm at Springhill. The children did not attend school that year. The year at Springhill was a poor one. Ethel Gertrude was born there. The same year the cows died one after another from paralysis.

So we moved to Quibelle, Ontario to homestead. Two box cars were loaded with machinery, cattle, household goods, etc. at Springhill and shipped to Quibelle for \$40.00 a car. As only one car could be shipped at that rate, Willard was made joint owner of the second car.

That summer Gordon drove a school van six miles each day. The 70 acres of hay on the farm did not provide enough feed for 4 horses and 4 cows until Christmas. After six months on the homestead, an auction sale was held, and then the family moved to Vancouver, B.C.

Alma's parents lived in Vancouver. In 1929 Gordon purchased two lots and two room house for \$1600.00. A job was available in a mill, piling dunage at \$4.00 a day. After six months Gordon was hired by the city at \$4.50 a

day. The boys worked after school and week ends at 15 cents an hour.

In 1929 Raymond was born. In 1930 the depression was on, and unemployment was rampant with riots, etc. The family decided to move back to Manitoba. The house was sold, and it took \$360.00 for tickets for the family to come back to Elphinstone. The Arnolds took us in, until a log shack on the Hodges farm could be plastered. Gordon went threshing with Albin Gustafson at \$3.00 a day. Willard worked for Bob Slater for the winter's supply of potatoes. Earl worked at Arnolds for his board. After harvest the Jim Young farm was bought for \$1200.00 from the Royal Bank. This farm was the W $\frac{1}{2}$ 1-20-20 in the Clear Creek district.

In 1930 Walter Priestner and Rollings had rented the farm. They hauled the barley to Sandy Lake and sold it for 6¢ a bushel.

In 1931 the crop did not pay the interest on the \$1100.00 owed on the farm. Gordon hauled cord wood to Sandy Lake. When the Relief camps opened at Clear Lake he worked for \$1.00 a day for a man and team. Men alone were paid \$5.00 a month. Life was hard but the family grew up, healthy and happy.

Hilton was born at Crawford Park, with Mrs. Baxter and Dr. Rutledge attending.

An interesting happening was when Gordon, Jack Johnston and Albert Baldwin lived in a small tent, while brushing out the Audy road. One evening Jack was blowing what he called his "fat ribs whistle". It was made from a wild rhubarb stalk and he used it for making elk calls. An old buck elk was answering him, every time a little closer. All at once the elk was almost up to them, and seeing the tent lighted by a lamp, charged past them. It caught the guide ropes, and pulled the tent down on the three men. Albert then told Jack to put his whistle away.

In 1946 Gordon and Alma Fetterly moved to Minnedosa.

On January 11, 1948 Gordon passed away at the age of 58 years.

Alma passed away in B.C. on March 23, 1977. Both parents are buried in the Clanwilliam cemetery.

WILLARD AND ANN FETTERLY

Willard stayed at home until he was 21½ years old, while the rest of the family went out on their own. The first job he took was brushing the mill site on the north side of Riding Mountain for Alex Kippan. Five acres for \$10.00 netting the sum of 17½ cents a day.

In 1937 he bought the John McDonald quarter the N.W.¼-3-20-20 in the Audy district for \$800.00 from Moserr Orloff of Elphinstone. Orloff was an Elphinstone merchant, who had owned 40 quarter sections, taken on store bills, during the depression.

In 1939 Willard married Mable Ann Dunbar of Portage la Prairie, and they farmed until 1945. They moved to McDonald, Manitoba, to farm in partnership with brother Carl. In 1949 Willard and Ann and family moved to Minnedosa. In 1959 they moved to Vancouver. They now reside in Maple Ridge, B.C.

They have four sons, Lloyd Murray born April 27, 1942, Charles who passed away shortly after his birth on June 8, 1944, Donald Raymond born November 10, 1945, is now a Vancouver city constable, Stuart Gordon born January 30, 1948, now an R.C.M.P. corporal.

Lloyd passed away January 2, 1969 in Vancouver. He had spent over twelve years in a wheelchair suffering from Muscular Dystrophy.

EARL AND IVY FETTERLY

The Gordon Fetterly family of 5 moved to a log cabin (house) which was located on the W.J. (Jim) Arnold farm in the Lake Audy district. The year was about 1923 or 24. They moved there from the Springhill district 15 miles N.W. of Neepawa, Manitoba. For a living Gord got a job helping to install the phone line from Clear Lake to the Lake Audy ranger station. The closest school was Horod 6 miles away so the two school age children Willard and Earl didn't get any schooling that summer and fall. At Xmas time the family took a holiday back to the old home area and while away the house burned down, leaving the family with nothing but a few clothes they had with them. During the summer Ted Hodges (senior) was camped in a tent

on his farm next, E. to Arnolds. Dad and some of the boys called on him one day and he had a 4 lb. tin of strawberry jam (store bought). Did it ever taste good to some hungry kids. Of course the ration wasn't very large, just some on some bread.

After the fire Gord moved the family back to Springhill in the middle of winter. Farmed there nearly 4 years, then moved to Northern Ontario on a homestead. Stayed there and drove a school van 6 months, then sold out to Auction and moved to Vancouver for nearly two years. About 1930 the family of seven - six boys and a girl moved from the city to the Clear Creek District and settled on the Jim Young farm. The family worked hard trying to farm and do bush work, logging and tamarack cord wood in the winter.

Three of the boys had military service during World War II. Earl, Jim and Carl - Earl and Jim were in the D-Day invasion of France and both served 5 years. Jim won a medal (Military Cross). Earl was overseas 4 years and had left a son Dan and wife (Nel) Ivy Blackwell in Canada. Carl, who didn't serve long and never left Canada, was discharged due to poor health. He has since died with bone cancer at the age of fifty-four. All told Gordon and Alma had 9 children. Doreen (the youngest) died at birth in Erickson. Mrs. Si Baxter looked after Alma when Hilton was born (the youngest boy). Seven of Gord and Alma's children are still living. Willard (the eldest) at Maple Ridge, B.C., Earl at Linden, Alberta (just temporary). He has a home at Lynn Lake rented out and a permanent home at Komarno, 45 miles north of Winnipeg. Alfred lives at Salmon Arm, B.C., Jim is in Calgary, Raymond at Gimli, Manitoba and Hilton at Birdshill Park, near Winnipeg, Ethel is at Ponoka, Alberta.

Willard, Earl, Carl and Alfred all farmed in the Crawford Park District for a time. Earl and his wife Ivy settled on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ of a school section selling out in 1957 and moving to Lynn Lake, Manitoba.

Earl and Ivy raised six children, 5 boys and 1 girl and now have 11 grandchildren, Dan (and Sharlene) with three children, live at Linden, Alberta, Ron (and Elizabeth) and their 3 children live at Gillam, Manitoba, Leslie (and Linda) and their 2 children have a trailer home at Linden (farm) and a house at Kansas City, Missouri, U.S.A., Mildred (and Roy Parsonage) have 3 children. They live at

Trail, B.C. Stanley (not married) lives at The Pas, Manitoba, Calvin (the youngest not married) also makes his headquarters in The Pas, Manitoba.

Dan, Ron and Les took some schooling at the Clear Creek school.

ALFRED FETTERLY

Alfred Lee Fetterly born June 29, 1923.

Married Olive M. (Peggy) Potter November 6, 1945.

Two children, Robert J. born October 11, 1947 and Marlene G. born September 19, 1958. First lived in Crawford Park on 1-20-20. In 1946 moved to Clear Lake District to operate Bob Potter farm.

In 1949 moved to Onanole. In 1953 Alf began working in Riding Mountain National Park, was transferred to Rogers Pass, B.C. in 1967 and later in 1971 to Revelstoke.

In the spring of 1981 Alf retired from Government work and moved to Salmon Arm, B.C.

Robert works for Powell Equipment in Winnipeg and was married October 1981.

Marlene graduated with a Bachelor of Science Degree in June 1981 and works for "Nova" Corporation of Calgary.

A STORY ABOUT THE FETTERLY FAMILY
(by Ray Fetterly)

It was during the month of July 1913 when Gordon and Alma Fetterly began their lives together. The Hamlet of Franklin was beginning to become a thriving farming metropolis in those days and in the Methodist Church on Main Street is where my Father and Mother were married.

My Father was from a family of two boys and two girls. He was the youngest son of John and Mary. Grandpa Fetterly descended from Maskoka County, Ontario and he came to the Spring Hill district in 1892. Tuberculosis took his life when my Dad was only two years old. Grandma Fetterly raised her four children alone. Firewood cut with an axe

was hauled to Neepawa with a team of one horse and one bull. A few groceries were bought with the money for the wood, but for the most part they lived off the land on berries and wild game. Grandma Fetterly passed away in 1934 at the age of 73 years.

Alma was the fourth daughter of Mary and Louis Ward. The Wards being pioneers of the Bethany district, were later to become established in Vancouver, B.C. where Grandpa Ward passed away in 1927. Grandma Ward now alone in 'far-off' British Columbia and with her failing health, longed for the Prairies and her home back in Manitoba. Upon learning of Grandpa Ward's death, Mom and Dad left their small holdings at Quibelle, Ontario and with six children moved to Vancouver to care for Grandma.

The two lots with a house in Vancouver which was bought for \$1,600, in 1929, had to be sold and since the depression hit in 1930, the same property sold for \$600. The train fare from Vancouver to Elphinstone, Manitoba was \$50.00 per adult person. However, 'new Canadians' could travel the same route for only \$15.00. But our family did not qualify for this since they were established Canadians. To say the least my Dad was very upset over this injustice and he expressed his displeasure in no uncertain terms.

For 1½ years my dad, under the severe handicap of almost no formal education, found it very difficult to support his growing family on the lower scale income in which he was forced to work. Finally the decision to return to Manitoba was made. With now a family of six boys and one girl to feed, for Raymond was the new addition, being born in Vancouver on the day after Christmas in 1929, Mom and Dad brought Grandma Ward with them when they all returned to their 'home' and for a while they stayed at Jim Arnolds near Lake Audy. Soon a log house was built and the whole family moved in. However, tragedy struck one day in 1925 while everyone was away. This log home burned to the ground and nothing was saved. With only the clothes on their backs and with the help of the Arnold's and some friends, a new start was made. There was a log shanty on the old Hodges place and in the summer of 1930 we moved in. It had a sod roof and had been used for a barn. There was only loose boards for a floor and the weeds grew up to the eaves.

I was a baby creeping about and one sunny day while Mom

was down at the well getting some milk, I crept outside. When she returned she could hear only my screams and finally I was found sitting in the tall grass with a garter snake wrapped around my little hand. Mom killed the snake and the only medication she had was butter to rub on my small hand while I cried myself to sleep. The snake bites were not poisonous and I later woke up smiling, much to mother's relief. There were no medical facilities for over thirty miles and there were no roads or transportation available.

The stay in the sod roof shanty was only for three months and in the late fall of 1930, my parents bought the North West and South West quarters of Section 1, Township 20, Range 20, West. This farm was the former Jim Young place and it was bought for \$1,200 for the half section.

There was an old log house on the place and Dad and the boys built a log barn in 1931. This log building still stands today with the bold letters standing out on the front "Spring Bank Farm 1931".

Three broncos were bought from a car load of horses sent from Alberta and before that we just owned two horses by the name of Jim and Dick. The broncos were unbroken and very tough. But my Dad was a 'pioneer' and his will and persuasiveness finally won out over many trials, hard knocks and broken harness.

March 17, 1915 was an early spring and one of great importance, for to Alma and Gordon their first-born, Willard arrived. He was the eldest of the family and in early manhood he worked alongside his father in the bush and on the farm. Willard was the family bookkeeper while they worked at logging, cutting fence posts and fuelwood. Like Earl, Carl and Jim, he received his schooling in Vancouver, Clarksville school at Springhill and in the one room school at Clear Creek.

Ann Dunbar from Makinak, near Dauphin, came to work for us as a hired girl and she was paid the sum of \$6.00 per month. A courtship developed between Ann and Willard and they were married on April 20, 1939. They farmed in the Audy district until 1944 when they went into partnership with Carl on the farm near Macdonald, Manitoba. Willard and Annie raised three boys. Their oldest son, Lloyd passed away at the age of 21 years in January 1962. Don is in the Vancouver City Polica and he and his wife Sherry make

their home in Coquitlam, along with their two children. Stuart and his wife Shirley make their home at Port Coquitlam. He is with the R.C.M.P. and they have three children.

The second son to be born was Earl on November 14, 1916. Earl too worked with his father on the farm, but he went out to work in his mid-teens on the Jack Spillit farm near Dauphin. He received the full wage of \$12.00 per month.

Ivy Blackwell became his wife on October 15, 1938 and they moved to Kippin's sawmill on the north slope of the Riding Mountain. Earl worked as a tail-sawer in the mill. He was employed there until he joined the Royal Winnipeg Rifles in 1940.

The Second World War, like many of our neighbours and friends, took Earl overseas until the duration in 1945. Upon returning he, with Ivy and their young son Dan, took up homesteading on the 'school section' near our farm. For twelve years they worked the place from solid tree covered hills into a viable mixed farm operation. This farm was on the South half of 11-20-20 West.

But finally the nickel mines at Lynn Lake became more appealing and Earl, with his family of six moved north where they completed raising their children. Earl and Ivy are now retired on a 25 acre place near Komarno, Manitoba. Their family are scattered about the west; Dan and his wife Sharlene with their children operate a dairy farm at Linden, Alberta. Ron and Elizabeth with their three children live at Sioux Lookout, Ontario. Leslie and Linda reside in Kansas City, Missouri. They have two boys. Mildred and Roy Parsonage reside in Trail, B.C. and they have a family of three. Stanley and Calvin live at The Pas, Manitoba.

Carl was the third offspring of the Fetterly family and he was born on July 19, 1919. Carl farmed at Crawford Park for a few years before joining the Royal Canadian Engineers. After the war he went into partnership with Willard until his marriage to Mary Cornick on October 16, 1948. They had a family of seven: Gordon lives in Toronto. Harvey with his wife Janet live in Winnipeg. June and Larry Wiebe reside in Winnipeg. Grace makes her home in Calgary. Lois and Jerry Kowalski with their one child live in Winnipeg. Eldon resides in Winnipeg, as do Joy and John Kilyk.

Carl passed away at the age of 54 on December 27, 1975. He was living in Vancouver at the time.

James was the fourth of the family and he arrived into the world on May 19, 1921. He helped with the farm before he went out to work in the Riding Mountain. Then he joined his brother Earl in the Royal Winnipeg Rifles. He married Flo Ellis from Wawanesa after the war and he was in the lumber business until he joined Investors Syndicate in the City. He ended 20 years of Investors work in Calgary in 1971. Jim now follows the Real Estate business and they raised three children: Dale of Edmonton, Karen and Barrie Webster are in Grand Prairie, Alberta. Pat and Peter Jacquest make their home in Salt Spring Island, B.C. They have two children.

The fifth of the family was Alfred and he was born on June 29, 1923. While attending school at Clear Creek he and Jim did the chores and trapped. Soon after the war, Alf and Peg were married. Peg was the oldest daughter of the Bob Potters' and they farmed the old Potter place near Clear Lake Hall until Alf went to work in the Government stores at Wasagamung. In 1967 the lure of the rockies took Alf and Peg away from Manitoba for the first time when they transferred to Glacier National Park near Revelstoke, B.C. They are now retired and living in Salmon Arm. They raised two children, Bob resides in Winnipeg and Marlene makes her home in Calgary.

It was on October 6, 1927 that the pride and joy of Mom and Dad came along. Ethel their only daughter was born on that date. She grew up to be a fine young lady and during her working out years she ventured to Ponoka, Alberta, where she met and married Don Stretch. Don works in the oil fields and runs a beef feed lot near Ponoka as well. Four children were born to them and they live in Alberta and B.C. Gail and James Bunz reside near Kamloops, Wayne and Doreen make their home in Airdrie. Leonard lives in Calgary while Heather and Keith Loucks are living in Leduc, Alberta.

Hilton was the eighth of the family and he came into the world in the Baxter home at Crawford Park. He and Lillian Jameson were married in Winnipeg on June 2, 1956. They have a family of two. Both Debbie and Dean reside at home in Winnipeg. They own and operate the Birds Hill Provincial Park Riding Stables near Winnipeg. Hilton followed the trucking and transportation business for many years.

Raymond and Pat Giesbrecht were married in Winnipeg on August 17, 1957 and they make their home just outside Gimli, Manitoba. Two children were born to them. Bruce resides

in Winnipeg while Jane attends college in Medicine Hat. Ray followed the Forest Ranger trade for over 22 years. In 1975 he transferred over to the Manitoba Department of Agriculture and he is employed in this work in the Inter-lake at the time of writing.

The years have slid by almost unnoticed, but of life particularly during the War years and the latter part of the Depression I remember well. I shall always remember our wonderful neighbours. Everyone was poor, but the human bond of concern and help that was extended to each will forever stand foremost in the minds of all of us. As I recall those days I feel both sad and happy. Our family worked very hard, especially Willard, and with poor health he teamed and performed chores far beyond his physical condition. We were never hungry but often clothes were scarce and they were made over from cast-offs from the relief camp at Wasagamung. Mom was a fine seamstress and the old 'Singer' sewing machine could be heard long into the night. We all learned to sew leather mitts at a very early age.

Poor as we were, our home was a happy place and both Mom and Dad had a good sense of humour. We loved to hear Dad tell stories and the one we often asked him to tell was about the 'bear' he stepped on. He was a boy of about 10 or 12 when they lived at Springhill. Like all boys his age he had a very vivid imagination - he was afraid of bears. His home was on a hill while the neighbours lived on a rise across a willow swamp. An archway of bush covered the pathway between. In summer he usually was in bare feet and he could run like a deer. One evening he stayed until well after dark and he was holding the cow's tail while it was being milked. Finally he started out for home on the dead run. As he sped along suddenly he felt 'hair' under his feet. A black cow was laying on the path and in his haste he had stepped on her. His Mother, on hearing his shriek opening the door of the house and as the story goes Dad cleared a four wire gate and shot past his Mother and slid clean under the bed at the far end of the one room house.

Dad and Mom were fine honest hard working parents. They were of a deep religious faith and every Sunday until I was 16 years of age we all attended meetings. This was not a regular Church as is commonly known, but it was held in the home and the number in attendance were small. Although not much was explained to us as children, I believe through

this close association with our parents belief we had instilled in us a deep sense of perseverance, honesty and purpose that was in later years to become invaluable.

On Sunday morning my Dad would rise early and go about his chores, milking the cows and feeding the animals. Having completed the task at hand and readied the team for the five mile journey to cousin Arnolds' farm, dressed in his Sunday best he would sit in the wagon ready to go. In the mean time Mother was busy coping with her many household duties as well as keeping peace amongst a crew of lively youngsters. As Dad waited impatiently he would say "I just don't know what's keeping that woman". Finally everyone was ready, all scrubbed, pressed and with shoes polished, we all boarded the wagon and bumped over the rough road to Church. Usually there was disagreement or unkind verbal exchange of some sort enroute. But coming home was quite a different story. On the return trip Dad and Mom were in the best of spirits and they often sang hymns and joked. 'Only Remembered' was a hymn they both loved. We children were anxiously awaiting play, but we enjoyed the trip home for now we could drive old Jim and King, our faithful horses, with much improved skills according to Dad's strict rules, in taking turns we qualified as acceptable 'sheep herders'.

Our log house had to be built onto and the rough board floor was always scrubbed clean. It was plastered inside with a mixture of brown clay, straw chaff and horse manure. The water for all purposes was hauled in cream cans from the spring.

One hot dry summer day while Dad was away a forest fire swept down upon our place. Mom was alone with several young children and they had to lay face down on the only bare ground in the garden until the fire had passed. But Mom kept her cool and she swept the flames away from the banking of the house with a wet broom. Mom said "we'll at least save the house." Fortunately all the outbuildings were spared but the wooden tongues were burned out of all the horse machinery in the yard. For years after, burned poplar stubs stood alongside the yard as reminders of the near tragedy.

The older members of the family were either established on their own or working out, so my sister Ethel, Hilton and I grew up together. In the summer we walked the two miles to school. In the early morning we would meet dear old

Mrs. Bob Brown as she returned home over the school hills from starting the fire in the school, as it was her job as janitor. She always had a happy smile and we played 'touch you last' on the road as we met.

On cold winter days sometimes we drove with a long toboggan hauled along by a lazy buckskin horse called Bob. This loveable animal was a horse of much endurance and a regular kids pony. During one extremely cold morning as the horse plodded along a herd of over one hundred elk came out of the bush and converged upon us. There were elk everywhere and they broke the fences and swept along over the fields. Bob did not run away, but he simply turned around in the traces and stood there sweating. After a difficult struggle the three of us managed to unscramble ourselves from the overturned toboggan, and collect the horse blankets horse feed and our scattered lunch and books. After the elk had passed old Bob was persuaded to carry on and we arrived at school half frozen, only to have the best story of the day to relate to our teacher Miss Belcher, and our classmates.

As the war raged in Europe and it progressed and escalated, many stories of heroism and valour came to us by radio and through the only telephone in the district at Crawford's store. Someone from nearly every family or in some cases the entire family were in uniform. They were either in the thick of the war overseas or performing some military task for their country, at home.

One day word was received that our brother had won the "Victoria Cross". That day at school would long be remembered for we three children were the heroes of the day. Our brother was to receive top honours for some deed far beyond what our young minds could comprehend. The next day, however, it was confirmed that he had won the "Military Cross", not quite as important, but non-the-less recognized as top honours.

In our home the luxury of a radio we did not enjoy. Quite often during the 1940's in the winter months, Ethel, Hilton and I would accompany Dad to the Youngs, our closest neighbours a half mile away.

The Young's old log house was always spotlessly clean and Mrs. Young was such a good cook. We would play with Harvey and Jean while Dad and Mr. Young listened to the radio.

Hockey Night in Canada with Foster Hewitt came out of the small battery radio on the shelf. After the game, news from the war would be broadcast. And the two men listened intently of fast and terrible happenings far across the world. We children played happily and we were too young to quite grasp the gravity of the times or to experience the ultimate grief our family would share with our closest friends, the Youngs, in the loss in Italy of their oldest son Jack.

Our Dad often talked to us as old Bob hauled the toboggan along on the homeward journey. One evening he related a story to us that he had heard at the sawmill. He said that "away in New York or someplace they had a radio from which a picture came right into your home" - you could see the man reading the news and talking. We wondered of this and tried to imagine such a thing, but New York was such a long way off, let alone someone you could see reading the news. Had our Father lived to see a few years hence, probably he would have remembered the story and our looking into the cold starry night trying to visualize an invention beyond possibility and indeed far away from our rather limited world at home on the farm. Little did we realize that television would soon be a part of everyday life for nearly every family throughout the entire world.

Bush work occupied the winter months during the latter part of the 1930's, and my brothers and Dad spent labourious days cutting logs at Kippin's sawmill. The logs were measured in thousands of board feet and were delivered at the mill for \$3.50 per thousand.

Of the thirty miles from our farm to the mill there was no communication. Usually by March 15th the bush work was over and we looked forward to the return of the men and the good tales of the experiences of the camps. Twenty and thirty teams of horses would pass by our farm enroute home and some stopped overnite. Sometimes we were extremely crowded but there was always room for everyone and all were fed and sheltered.

It was in the fall of 1946 that my parents sold out, left the farm and moved to Minnedosa. They kept one horse and two cows on a 12 acre piece of land near Minnedosa Lake. Old Jim the horse had to be sold, and as I rode him away to the 'Fox Farm' Dad stood in the yard crying. I am sure the many times that this faithful old steed helped make a

living during those hard times, crossed his mind. Old Jim was bought as a colt and had been with the family for over 20 years.

On January 11, 1948 my father succumbed to a heart attack and passed away. He was 58 years old.

My Mother lived on for another 29 years and she passed away at 81, on March 23, 1977.

Both parents lay at rest beside each other in the Clanwilliam Cemetery.

MIKE FIARCHUK



Mike Fiarchuk in Army uniform, World War II



*Sonia Dennis Mike
Mary and Stella
Fiarchuk*

Mike Fiarchuk was born August 9, 1918 at Horod, Manitoba. He was called to the Armed Forces in 1941 and discharged in 1943 because of ill health.

In 1943 he married Mary Sichewski. She was born August 10, 1924 at Horod.

We lived at Horod until 1945 when we moved to Lake Audy and rented the S $\frac{1}{2}$ 8-20-20 from my brother, Bill Sichewski. In 1950 we bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 5-20-20 from Mr. Lubiniski. In 1958 we bought Bill Sichewski's farm and have continued to farm there.

We have three children. Stella was born June 25, 1945. She married John Philipation. They farm at Onanole and have two children, Bobby and Karen.

Sonia was born May 1, 1950. She married Ed Zatylny. They farm near Erickson and have three children, Angela, Lisa and Mark.

Dennis was born August 2, 1962. He lives at home.

We had to work hard those days, clearing the land and working with horses. There were no roads. We drove with the van before we bought our first $\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck. Since

Then we bought tractors, combine and other machinery. We built a new house in 1962 and later a barn and other buildings.

MRS. KATE FIGGURES

Mrs. Figgures was born at Statford-on Avon in 1883, and came to Canada in 1910. Her husband Herbert, an Officer in the army, was killed in 1916. Mrs. Figgures raised three sons, Herbert, Walter and Arthur. Prior to coming to the Clear Lake district in 1934, the family had lived at Franklin, Manitoba. They farmed on the farm of S.E. ¼ 9-19-19. They had a farm sale there on November 19, 1941. Mrs. Figgures then came to live in the residence across the road, at the Crawford Park store. In 1945 she began the employment as housekeeper for Thornton Baxter, where she stayed until Thornton's death on June 8, 1964.

Mrs. Figgures then went to Winnipeg to holiday with her son Herb and family. She passed away July 30, 1964 and is buried in Green Acres Memorial Gardens in Winnipeg.

Herb Figgures and family live in Winnipeg, Walter and family live near Grande Prairie, Alberta, Arthur enlisted in the Air Force and served overseas during World War II. He is now married and lives in London, Ontario.

Mrs. Figgures was a very active Legion Auxiliary member and W.I. member. During the War years she worked diligently for the Red Cross. She was adept at all types of needle work, especially doing quilting.

SANDY FINNIE

James A.B. Finnie was born February 10, 1912 in Elphinstone, Manitoba, the son of John and Mary Finnie. He took his schooling in Elphinstone. Later he spent 7 years in the Clanwilliam area working for a farmer for about \$15.00 a month. While he was there he bought a pair of mink and began to raise them. Then he went to work in the mines in Ontario for a few years. His younger brother continued to care for his mink while he was away. In 1941 he came to the Audy district and bought the N.E. 32-19-20 from Joe Thorne. In the spring of 1943 his brother, Bill Finnie moved in with him and brought along a few cows and pigs. In



Sandy Finnie 1978

1943 Sandy enlisted for active service, but was turned down for health reasons. He kept mink until the price of furs dropped drastically during the war years. Bill did custom wood sawing in the district and when he left Sandy continued the job. Sandy rented land from Fred Ryback and George Hogg and farmed until 1950. Then, discouraged by a complete crop failure due to frost, he rented out his land and went to work for the Department of Highways in the fall of 1950. He sold his land to Peter Ewasiuk in 1958.

In December, 1958 Sandy married Esther Carlson from Minnedosa. They live in Minnedosa and he continued to work for the Highways Dept. until his retirement in 1977.

FRANK AND MARCIA FOORD

Frank was born at Virden, Manitoba, December 1946, the only child of Ted and Eleanore Foord. He was raised on a farm five miles south of McAuley, Manitoba. He attended school in McAuley and Virden. In 1969-71 he attended the Brandon University where he received his teaching Certificate. In September 1971 he began teaching grade five and six at the Onanole Elementary School.

Marcia L. Foord was born at Gilbert Plains, July 1951, the eldest child of William and Lily Hale. She grew up on a farm nine miles south east of Gilbert Plains. She attended elementary school at Markham school until consolidation became effective, then she had to go to the school in the town of Gilbert Plains. She graduated from high school in 1969. She attended Brandon University, 1969 - 1972, and received her Bachelor of Teaching Degree.

In June 1972 Frank and Marcia were married. They had met at Brandon University. They resided in the Onanole Teacherage. In 1973 Frank became the Principal of the Onanole School and Marcia began teaching grades five and six. In 1979 they moved to Crawford Park to build a home on the eighty acres they had purchased from Melvin McLaughlin, the west 80 of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-19-19 (part of what used to be the Blackwell farm).

Frank and Marcia are very active in Community affairs, especially sports. Frank plays hockey, fastball and curling. He coaches the Ladies Softball team, and also coaches Minor Hockey. Marcia plays fastball and is active assisting the Minor Hockey.

Frank took courses at night and during the summer holidays and in May 1975 received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from Brandon University. In 1980 Marcia quit teaching. In May 1981 their son Devon was born. Marcia keeps busy, raising chickens and beautifying their yard. She also does a little substitute teaching, if it is convenient.

In February of 1982, they were blessed with another child, a daughter, Hillary Rae.

CLIFFORD AND LOTTIE FOSTER

Clifford Foster was born in the Municipality of Strathclair, the third son of John and Carleen Foster. He grew up and received his education in Elphinstone. In 1932 he married Lottie McLaughlin.

Lottie was born at Sydney, the eldest child born to Ford and Margaret McLaughlin. Lottie received her early education in Helston, Manitoba, in the area where her parents were farming. In 1926 the family moved to Crawford Park, and Lottie attended the Clear Creek School. Prior to her marriage she spent some months back in the Helston area, where she obtained employment.

They lived in Elphinstone until 1935 when Clifford built a small house on the east quarter of the Hugh Irwin farm, NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 12-20-20. Later they moved into the McIntosh house. Their son Mervin was born January 1, 1933.

In 1940, Clifford joined the army, serving with the Lord Strathconn Horse units. While Clifford was overseas, Lottie lived for about six months at Elphinstone, then moved back to Crawford Park and lived with her sister Leona Brown and family.

When Clifford returned home from overseas and was discharged he was employed at Wasagaming by the National Park. The family made their home at Onanole.

In December 1968, Clifford retired and now is a very active gardener. For many years they both curled. Lottie was for some years, President of the Onanole Legion Ladies Auxilliary and was an active Red Cross worker.

Their son Mervin lives in Alberta.

DON AND EVELYN FOWLER

Don and Evelyn bought and moved onto the farm formerly owned by Don's father Scotty Fowler (NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-19) also the east 80 acres on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-19. They also purchased the farm formerly owned by Roy Kelly, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 5-20-19 plus the west 80 acres on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 5-20-19. Both were good community workers. Don served a term as school trustee on the Clear Creek school board. They had four children,

Louie, Marilyn, Donna and Charles.

In 1957 they sold the farm to Glen and Marian Mayor and moved to Oakburn.

EDWARD GARDIPPY

Ed Gardippy was born at Duck Lake, Saskatchewan. He attended the Indian Boarding School in Regina. He played soccer on the team that won the soccer championship in Regina in 1907.

He served in the 45th Batallion in World War I. After the war he came to the Audy district with Jack Johnson and bought the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-20 as a homestead. In later years he rented his land to the Wojnarski family, then rented it to Nick Sichewski in 1956. He moved to Elphinstone and in 1960 he sold his farm to Nick Sichewski.

Ed was married and had one daughter, Annie. All are now deceased.

JEAN LENA GAYWISH
(by Norma Huntinghawk)

Mrs. Jean Gaywish was born February 5, 1893, Rolling River Reserve.

Mrs. Gaywish is one of the few remaining elders of the Rolling River Indian Reserve.

Her fathers name was John Bird and mother's name was Betsy Bird. She also had a sister named Martha, who married the late Peter Huntinghawk.

Mrs. Gaywish went to school in Birtle, the year of 1906. She also said that they didn't have grades back then, instead they had standards. She went up to standard four. Before going to school in Birtle there was a Day School, south of Rolling River at the old Missionary house. She attended this school for one year. Missionary and Doctor Frank Gilbert taught them for the whole day. They were taught the ABC's and how to speak English the year of 1903.

Mrs. Gaywish married the late Daniel Joseph Gaywish on September 1, 1912 in Rolling River. She was married in her sister's house and Mr. Maclaren from the Birtle Indian Residential School performed the marriage ceremony.

She also said that her husband attended the Okanese Reserve School, but due to playing too much hooky Daniel Gaywish did not continue to go back to school.

Mrs. Gaywish's in-laws were Peter Gaywish and Marie Moosetail.

Mrs. Gaywish has two boys and eight girls. Her son Alex and daughter Alice remain here in Rolling River. Her other daughter Elizabeth lives in Brandon. The other remaining seven have passed away. All her children were born in Rolling River. None of her children were ever born in a hospital but in a house. A lady by the name of Gunck Huntinghawk helped at the birth of babies. After the babies were born, Gunck cooked for the mother. She put sugar in the soup she prepared so the mother could have rich milk. Mrs. Gaywish does not know Gunck's christian name, Gunck was her Indian name.

All the children had Indian names. The Name Giving Ceremony was usually done a month after the baby's birth.

Mrs. Gaywish recalls that her and her husband earned their money the usual way every year by digging seneca root, picking berries, trapping and hunting around the north side of Crawford Park.

There was at least four to six families living around the vicinity on the north side of Crawford Park.

Some of the people that were living there were: Old John Bone and family, Chief of Elphinstone, Mackay Blackbird and family, David Burns and family, and George Mackay and family.

In 1915 they moved back to Rolling River. She said that they would go back and spend the winters in Crawford Park. Apparently her in-laws had a log cabin up in Crawford Park and they would spend the time with them.

Mrs. Gaywish describes some of the things they ate and how they prepared them.

They had a Bear Feast whenever one of the men got a bear. The bear's head was smoked and later boiled. Everyone gathered and was given some meat, this meat was a delicacy. When I asked Mrs. Gaywish what it tasted like she responded that it tasted like ham. When the bear was eaten up, the bones were put in a place where the dogs wouldn't get at them, because as a ritual the Indians believed that if the bones were not put away, they would not be able to get another bear.

The moose, elk, white tailed deer: Mrs. Gaywish remembers she used to dry and smoke the meat. The calf part was roasted and boiled. The bone was cracked in half and the inside of the bone called grease oil was taken out and eaten with dried meat, or the dried meat was pounded and the grease oil added. The hides of the moose and other animals were cleaned with a hide scraper and either used for making moccasins or other clothing.

The rabbit was skinned and cleaned out either to boil or roast. When they ate the rabbit which was cut into pieces, a sort of game was played after dinner, with the rabbit's head. They'd make some kind of a joke and then the rabbit's head was spun and whoever it pointed to, the joke would be on him/her.

Mrs. Gaywish does not remember ever running short of food. She said her husband was always hunting.

Mrs. Gaywish says that her husband also got a lot of fur-bearing animals. They sold the furs to buy groceries and the meat was eaten. Other parts of the body of the fur-bearing animals were used for other purposes.

Once in a while they used to get rations for \$25.00, but no clothing rations. But she said it was not often they asked for assistance.

Today, Mrs. Gaywish stays with her daughter, Alice McKay. When asked about the generation nowadays, she says that they keep to themselves. She says that even some of her grandchildren don't stop to take the time to even say hello to her.

NICK GENIK



Aileen, Alva, Nick, Grace, Ila, Dale, Karen

I first came to Lake Audy on September 19, 1949 to Gordon Arnold's to get hired as a teacher for the 1949-50 term. We then went and picked up the rest of the trustees, Mike Wojnarski and Mike Maksymitz and went on to Milton Spaller's (Sec. Treas.) to make the agreement.

There were 32 pupils in school, grade 1 to grade 8 and one correspondent student, grade 9. I taught one year only and decided that I didn't want to make teaching my career.

The highlight of that year was that I met and courted my future wife Grace Arnold.

I boarded at John Ewasiuk's, 2½ miles from school so we drove horses and cutter to school all winter. At the end of June I moved back to Dauphin district and farmed with my Dad.

On October 18, 1951 Grace and I were married at Strathclair, Manitoba. Then on May 10, 1956 we moved to Wojnarski's farm yard in Lake Audy district. We noticed the great improvement in winter transportation from sleigh and horses

to plowed roads and vehicles.

We had two daughters by this time, Ila born July 8, 1953 and Aileen born August 2, 1954. While we lived at Lake Audy we had another Daughter Alva born July 18, 1957 at Erickson Hospital.

The summer of 1956 I worked on Topographical Surveys in the Park, in 1957 as cook assistant at the Forestry Camp, in 1958 at Rivers Airport as carpenter's helper. I worked out in the summer and was unemployed in the winter.

We had cattle, horses, pigs and chickens to feed for chores, besides cutting logs for lumber and cordwood for sale. We bought our first new Chev. car in the spring of 1958.

On May 13, 1959 we moved to the Town of Dauphin, 408 - 2 Avenue, N.E. where we still reside. We had 2 more children, a daughter Karen on August 14, 1963 and a son Dale on June 30, 1965.

JACK AND EUNICE GIRLING

Jack came with the Sam Cochrane family to the Crawford Park area. In 1934 he married Eunice Griffiths. Eunice came from Winnipeg. Eunice and her Dad spent many holidays with her brother George Griffiths and family. About 1933 or 34 Mr. Griffiths bought the McIntosh farm and Eunice moved in with her Dad. After their marriage Jack and Eunice stayed with her Dad.

About 1937-38 the family moved to B.C. Jack and Eunice had three children, two daughters, Myrtle and Jean, both live in the state of Washington, and one son Fred who lives in B.C.

Eunice has passed away and is buried in Mountain View Cemetery in Coquitlam, B.C. Jack has re-married and lives in Washington.

JAMES GIRLING

James Girling was born in Warwickshire, England, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Girling. He came to Canada in 1900 with his parents, settling north of Newdale, later in 1914 moving to Elphinstone. After the war, he and his parents moved to Crawford Park, to the west $\frac{1}{2}$ 25-19-20.

In 1929 William sold that farm to Mr. John Yaworski, and in the fall of 1929, Jim and his father bought the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 36-19-20. They built buildings near the creek and lived there until his death on August 24, 1941 at the age of 54.

Jim was active in community activities. He kept good horses and was an expert horseman. After his parents' death, he spent a lot of time helping his neighbors. He was helping Paddy Trim when he became ill and was taken to Brandon Hospital where he died. He is buried in the Strathclair cemetery.

Jim always smoked a pipe. Tom Arkison can recall, sleeping in the same bunk house as Jim, and as soon as the lights were put out, Jim would put his pipe out. They asked why he did that and his reply was "What is the use of smoking, if you can't see the smoke".

Jim always attended shooting matches, and was often the one who organized them. He took great pride in his horses, and when he took a team on the road, the horses always had "Scotch Tops" on the harness.

Jim baked good bread, which was appreciated by his visitors.

WM. GIRLING

Mr. & Mrs. William Girling senior, came to Canada from England in the year 1900. They settled on a farm north of Newdale, then moved to Elphinstone, Manitoba in 1914. The eldest daughter had left home so we have no record of her.

William Jr. married Florence Hyde, and they raised two foster daughters. He enlisted in the army in World War 1. When he returned to Canada, he applied for a soldier's grant of land and got the West $\frac{1}{2}$ 25-19-20.

Walter Girling married Mary Johnstone.

Annie married Samuel Cochrane.

James did not marry and with his father and mother moved on to the farm that was William's soldier grant. Mr. & Mrs. Girling lived in the Crawford Park area until their death. Mrs. Girling passed away on July 8, 1927, and Mr. Girling passed away also.

THE GEORGE EDWARD GREGORASH FAMILY

George Edward Gregorash was the son of Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Gregorash. He was born on April 16, 1917 in the Sandy Lake area. He farmed there with his parents until 1949. In 1949 he married Elieizabeth Bachewich. They farmed near Sandy Lake until 1952 then moved to Lake Audy district, where they continued farming. George also worked at various jobs off the farm. He worked on the gas pipeline near Rapid City and also on construction of the Portage by-pass. In 1970 he rented out the farm land and went to work in Thompson mines.

George and Elizabeth had six children: Georgina, Elaine, Garry, Norman, Beverly and Darlene. They all grew up in Lake Audy district and attended Audy School except the youngest daughter who attended Sandy Lake when Audy School was closed.

Georgina married Wes Southall of Brandon in 1971. They have two children, Kara and Trevor. At present they reside in Calgary, Alberta where Georgina is teaching.

Elaine married Dale Holden of Calgary in 1971. They have one child, Lee Ann. They took up residence near Newdale, Manitoba in 1982. Elaine is now a retired optician.

Garry married Diana Hedley, then of Sandy Lake, in 1970. They have three children, Troy, Trista and Travis. Garry is grocery manager at Co-op in Minnedosa, Manitoba where they presently reside.

Norman is living in Calgary, Alberta where he works as a Heavy Equipment Operator.

Beverly married Neil Soroka of Mountain Road in 1980. They have one child, Terra Dawn, and reside in Calgary, Alberta.

Darlene married Dan Nechwediuk of Sandy Lake in 1977. They have two children, Tanya and Carla. They are farming near Minnedosa, Manitoba.

George Edward Gregorash passed away in December 1975. Elizabeth continues to live on the farm near Lake Audy.

PAUL GREGORASH

Paul Gregorasah lived on the Pat Carl farm for many years. He retired and moved into Sandy Lake where he now resides.

WILLIAM AND PAULINE GREGORASH

William Paul Gregorash was born in the Ukraine in 1898. He came to Canada in 1902 to the Fork River area. He married Pauline Elaine Kuzmak in 1920, at Fishing River. They farmed in the Fork River district until 1924 when the family came to Crawford Park and began farming on the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 26-19-20. They farmed here until 1969. They had four children, two daughters, Mrs. Marion Diachinsky of Sandy Lake, Mrs. Helen Burnett of Calgary, and a son Willis Gregorash and family of Minnedosa.

A son Frank passed away September 3, 1945 following an appendix operation.

All the Gregorash children received their education at the Clear Creek school. In the early years they attended all the dances in the Clear Creek school.

Bill Gregorash passed away June 25, 1970 after a short illness.

Pauline Gregorash lived in Sandy Lake after her husband's death. She died on October 17, 1975.

Mr. & Mrs. Gregorash and Frank are buried at the Ascension Catholic Church cemetery.

PAUL AND DORA GREGORASH

Paul Gregorash and his wife Dora were both born in Austria. Paul came to Canada in 1928 and worked as a labourer for many years. For many years he worked in Alex Kippin's lumber mill. He bought his farm, the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 26-19-20. He built a good set of buildings and in 1939 he sent for his wife and two children to come out from Poland. Their eldest child was a son Mike, and their second, a daughter, Anne. The family came to Canada by boat, The White Star, a ship belonging to the Cunard Line.

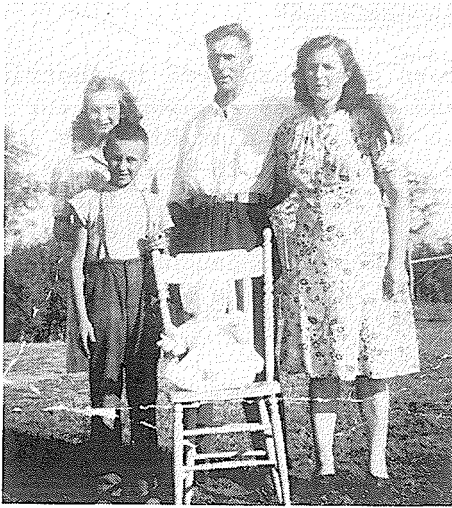
Their son Mike went to work in Newfoundland, where he was married. He has been transferred to Lynn Lake, where he now resides. Anne was married to Steve Koroscil in 1947.

When Kippin's Mill closed down in the late 1940's, Paul farmed until 1959. Then they moved to Sandy Lake. For a few years the farm was vacant, then it was sold to the Mel Tulles family. Paul and Dora still reside in Sandy Lake.

MIKE GREGORASH



Mike and Mary Gregorash



Mike and Mary Gregorash with children, Lillian, Leonard, and baby Alvin, in 1949.

Mike Gregorash was born in the Ukraine in 1901. He came to Canada with his parents in 1902. The family settled in the Fork River district north of Dauphin. In 1928 Mike got a homestead in the Audy district, the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-19-20.

In 1933 he married Mary Marchischuk. She was born on a farm near Horod in 1915, the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Joe Marchischuk. Several years later they bought the west half of 27-19-20 and around 1950 they purchased the east half of the school section 29-19-20.

They raised a family of three. Lillian was born in 1934. She married Matt Spaller in 1951. They live on a farm north of Sandy Lake. They have 2 boys and 2 girls. Leonard was born in 1939. He married Annes Eastchuk in 1961. They have 2 boys and 1 girl and live on a farm west of Horod. Alvin was born in 1949. He married Shirley Broney in 1970. They have a family of 3 girls. They live in Grosse Isle near Winnipeg and Alvin works at the Airport.

Mike and Mary farmed until 1961 when they retired and moved to Sandy Lake. Leonard continued to farm their land until around 1965. They sold their homestead and the W $\frac{1}{2}$ 27-19-20 to Matt Klym and Leonard bought the E $\frac{1}{2}$ 29-19-20.

Mike died in 1972. In 1973 Mary married Mike Nowitsky, a retired farmer from Seech. They are living in Sandy Lake.

LEONARD GREGORASH



Leslie, Teresa and Terrance
Leonard and Annes

Leonard Gregorash, son of Mike and Mary Gregorash, was born in 1939 on Sec. N.E. 28-19-21. I went to grade school at Lake Audy from 1945 to 1953 at which time I quit school to help Dad with the farm. In the spring of 1961, I got married to Annes Eastchuk of Sandy Lake. We lived with my parents till the fall of 1961 when they moved to Sandy Lake. Our son Terence was born in the fall of 1961 and our daughter Teresa was born in the summer of 1963. In the fall of 1965 we moved to the Horod district where our second son Leslie was born in the spring of 1968.

MR. GRIFFITH SENIOR

Mr. & Mrs. Griffith senior came to Canada from Wales, England, and lived in Winnipeg. He used to come to Crawford Park several times during the summer season, to visit his son George and family. He was usually accompanied by his youngest daughter Eunice. His two grandsons George and Roy Johnstone, usually spent the summer holidays with their uncle and aunt George and Mary Griffith. Both these boys were killed in active service in World War 11.



Mr. Griffiths, senior & Gordon

In the early 1930's Mr. Griffith purchased the farm, the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-19 from Mr. Howard McIntosh of Rossburn. While they were living there, his daughter Eunice met and married Jack Girling. They were married in 1934. They all moved to reside in B.C.

Mr. Griffith was a very good singer and always attended church and the sing-songs held in the school. Two of Mrs. Griffiths' daughters, Mrs. Millie Trimble and Mrs. Alma Johnstone, and their families from Winnipeg, often holidayed with the Griffiths' families.

GEORGE AND MARY GRIFFITHS

George Griffiths was born in Wales, England. He came to Canada and worked in Winnipeg. In 1914 when World War 1 broke out, he joined the 43rd Battalion of the Cameron Highlanders of Canada and spent the duration of the war overseas. He was wounded and lost the sight in one eye.

When over in England he met Mary Welford. Mary was the only girl among several boys in the Welford family. She was employed doing war work in a Munitions factory.

When the war was over George returned to Canada with the Canadian troops. Mary Welford accompanied by a friend Miss Montague. Gilbert Montague came over on the same boat.



Mr. & Mrs. Griffiths & family

Mary came to Winnipeg and was married to George Griffiths on May 9, 1921. It was a double wedding as George's sister Millie and William Trimble were married that same day.

Mr. Griffiths applied for a soldier's farm in the Clear Lake area, and was allotted the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 6-20-19 and eighty acres on the N.E. 6-20-19. They were among the first people to settle in this area and they suffered many hardships.

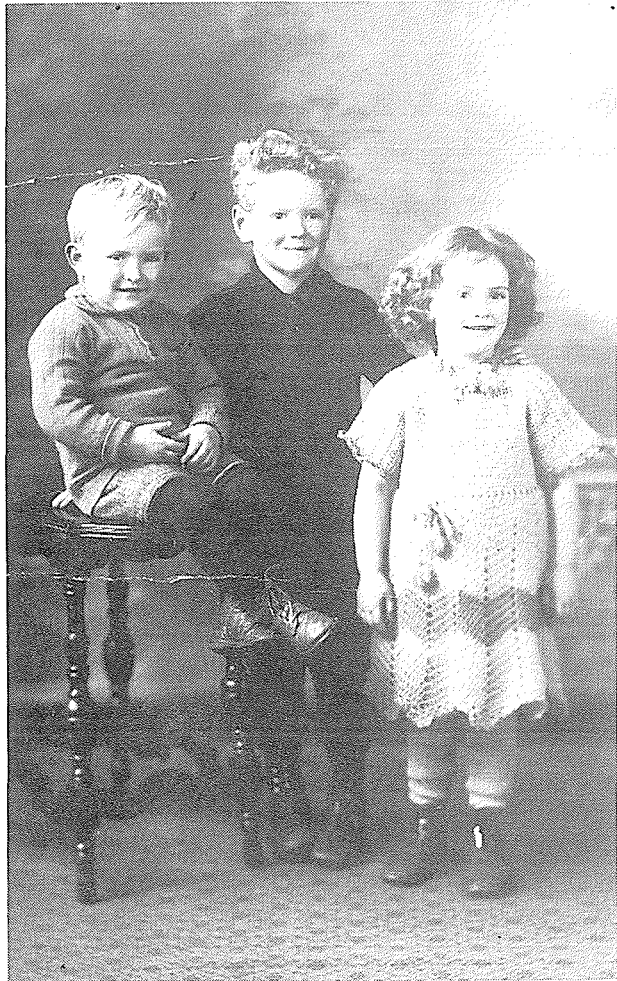
The Griffiths' were great community workers. They were active church workers, and ardent curlers. When the young people no longer had the use of the old picnic grounds, the Griffiths' kept a piece of ground available for ball practices and corn or weiner roasts.

When World War II broke out, Mr. Griffiths joined the Veterans Guard and served in that service in Canada until January 26, 1945. He returned to the farm, and also worked as a gardener at Wasagaming for the National Park.

On May 9, 1952 while leading a bull from the water trough to the barn, he was gored by the bull. He was rushed to Minnedosa Hospital, where he died.

Mrs. Griffiths lived on the farm with the family, until the fall of 1956. She went to Hinton, Alberta where she made her home with her son and daughter-in-law Gordon and Kay until her death on July 30, 1977.

Their family were all raised and educated in this district. They were Gordon Welford Griffiths, born February 17, 1922. He married Kay Reid and resides at Hinton, Alberta. Doris Welford Griffiths born December 6, 1923. She received her education at Clear Creek and Erickson, and trained for a secretary. During the war she served with the Womens Naval Service W.R.N.S. and served overseas. After the war she



Kenneth, Gordon & Doris

went to work at Whitehorse, Yukon. In 1952 she returned home to be with the family in their bereavement. During this time she worked in the office at the Park. About 1954 she married Anthony Sylvestre of Whitehorse, and returned there to make her home. Tony and Doris had two children. Doris passed away in January 1981.

Kenneth Welford Griffiths was born February 4, 1925. He married Alice Winder. They reside on the home farm and have seven children.

Mildred Welford Griffiths was born September 6, 1935. She received her education at Clear Creek and Strathclair, and became a telephone operator. She was married to Arthur Dinan and moved to New Brunswick. They have six children.

Twins Eleanor Welford and George Welford were born April 17, 1930.

Baby George passed away April 23, 1930 and Eleanor passed away May 2, 1930. The twins and Mr. and Mrs. Griffiths are buried in the Danvers Cemetery.

GORDON AND KAY GRIFFITHS

Gordon Welford Griffiths, the eldest son of George and Mary was born in Winnipeg, February 17, 1922. He attended school at Clear Creek. He was an avid hunter, and enjoyed playing ball and curling. He farmed in summer and worked in the bush in the winter, a couple of winters at Kippin's mill.

On November 17, 1942 Gordon enlisted with the Algonquin regiment. He served overseas, and when the war was over he returned to farming. He owns the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 6-20-19 and the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-19.

On July 21, 1956 he was married to Kay Reid of Brandon. They moved to Hinton, Alberta. Gordon works for North-West Pulp and Power Co. For some years Kay taught school, but has now retired from teaching.

KENNETH AND ALICE GRIFFITHS

Kenneth Griffiths, the third child of George and Mary Griffiths, was born in Winnipeg February 4, 1925. He attended Clear Creek school, and was a talented sports participant, excelling in hockey. He was a member of the Erickson Hockey team for 6 years. He farmed all his life, except for a few months when he was in army training. He married Alice Winder on May 19, 1956.

Alice was born and has lived all her life at Crawford Park, except the years she spent at Basswood attending high school. Both are active in all community affairs. They both worked on sports committees, and Ken served as trustee on the Clear Creek School Board. Both are members of the United Church. Kenneth has served as councillor for Ward 6 on the L.G.D. of Park council for sixteen years.

They have seven children. Eleanor Sharon started school in Clear Creek, completed her high school at Onanole, and attended Universities at Brandon and Lethbridge where she obtained a degree. Presently Eleanor is a provincial warden, stationed at Rennie, Manitoba. Myrtle Ruth attended school at Clear Creek, Onanole and Erickson, then Brandon University for three years. She is married to Richard Gawiuk of Elphinstone. They farm at Elphinstone, and Myrtle teaches grades 2 and 3 in the Elphinstone school.

George Allan started school at Clear Creek, then attended Onanole and Erickson and Dauphin. He played hockey for three years with the Dauphin Kings. He married Louise Nechwediuk of Sandy Lake. They reside at Dauphin. On September 18, 1983 their baby girl was born, Melanie Goe.

Robert Malcolm was born November 1961. He attended Clear Creek, Onanole and Erickson schools. He worked on farms for two years, then went to Swan River where he works at carpenter work. He married Arlene Usick of Erickson, July 9, 1983.

Kenneth Wayne was born December 9, 1965. He attended schools at Onanole and Erickson and Dauphin. He is a good hockey player, and has connected with the Dauphin Kings. Presently he plays hockey for The Pas Huskies.

Gregory William was born March 30, 1969 and is attending school at Onanole.

Koreen Fay was born January 8, 1974 and is attending Onanole School.

JIM GRIFFITHS

Jim Griffiths was a veteran of World War I. In 1921 he got his farm E $\frac{1}{2}$ 3-20-20 from the Soldier Settlement Board. He built a log house and a barn on a hill on the south quarter. The creek was right at the bottom of the hill. Jim was noted as a good horseman.

In the spring of 1926 he married Merle Brown. They had two boys, Kenneth and Vernon, and on September 29, 1930 the twins Eldon and Betty were born. Betty died December 25, 1930.

In 1932 Merle died suddenly. She was hauling water from the creek. She had the three boys at the creek with her, when she dropped dead. The oldest boy Kenneth ran to Allan McDonald's, a quarter of a mile away for help. The baby Eldon was kept from falling into the creek, by the dog, which held him by his clothes.

Merle's mother Mrs. Bob Brown took the three boys and looked after them until her death in 1944.

A few years later Jim was married to Alice Bercier. Shortly after their marriage, they moved off the farm. They stayed in the Audy district for awhile, then moved to Winnipeg.

During World War II Jim was in the Veterans Guard. Jim passed away. Jim and Alice had five children, four daughters, Florence, Ann, Doreen and Shirley and one son George. Florence passed away on March 6, 1976 and is buried in Brookside cemetery in Winnipeg.

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Sad but True,

Life begins at 40 - and so do fallen arches, lumbago, poor eye sight, and the tendency to tell a story to the same person three or four times.

GUGLICK FAMILY HISTORY



Mary & Nick Guglick

Nick Guglick was born in 1894, the son of Nick and Katie Guglick. He immigrated from Zaluba, Poland in 1912, coming to Halifax by ship. He was 18 years old at the time and was accompanied by several of his friends. For a few years, he worked as a farmhand. Nick was married to Mary Wozney at St. Mary's Ukrainian Catholic Church at

Seech on February 6th, 1921 by Rev. Peter Oleksiw. Mary was the daughter of John Wozney and Anne Derenewski. She was born in 1904 and had five brothers, Mike, Fred, Nick, Bill and Tony. She also had 2 sisters, Jessie, (Mrs. Fred Bomak) and Dora (Mrs. Bill Yacuik). Mary was raised in the Horod district. After Nick and Mary were married, they lived with her parents for seven years. They kept live-stock and poultry and Nick worked out in the Strathclair - Newdale area.

On May 25, 1927, Nick bought the S.E. homestead quarter of 31-19-20 for the sum of \$10.00 from the Dominion lands office in Dauphin.

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DOMINION LANDS

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I hereby certify that I have received from Lydia G. Gulych
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 (O.C. 20th Nov., 1907), and that he is, in consequence of such entry and
 payment, vested with the rights conferred in such cases by the provisions of the
 Dominion Lands Act.

E. H. McNeely
 Agent.

They moved to their own farm, built a log house, plastered with clay as was typical of that day. They built the other farm buildings as time went on. They first cleared about 5 acres for a garden and some grain. They milked cows and cleared more land and made their living from mixed farming. Nick first became a Pool Elevator member

in 1947. A 1950-51 Canadian Wheat Board Permit Book shows the seeded acreage for wheat as 9 acres, oats 3 acres, barley $4\frac{1}{2}$ acres and 3 acres in summerfallow. Newly cultivated land was 14 acres.

Life was difficult for them. An example was when they bought a team of horses and one died. As no money was available and a team was desperately needed, the neighbours had a fund raising party and another horse was bought. Neighbours helped each other and Nick was known as the best pitcher with a threshing outfit. No matter how mangled the sheaves were, he always pitched them heads first into the machine.



Back row, left to right: Mother Mary, daughters Anne, Mary and Margaret. Front row, left to right: Mike and Jean.

Mike and Mary raised four daughters and one son, all of whom were born at home. They are Mary, born in 1926 and married to Pete Chegus. They now reside at Shoal Lake and have one daughter Decie. Anne was born in 1928, is married to Paul Stasiuk. They live in the Horod district and have two daughters, Elsie and Arlene. Margaret was born in 1931, and married Mike Proskin. They lived on a farm in the Sandy Lake district. They have a son, Richard and a daughter, Loretta. Mike passed away in 1975 and Margaret now lives at Sandy Lake. Jean was born in 1932, married Ernest Malchuk and has a daughter, Beverly and a son, Darren. Jean is now separated and living in Brandon.

Mike was born in 1936 and has remained on the farm till 1983.

Nick and Mary bought a half section of land from John Molar on August 23, 1954 and moved to the Molar yard site in the spring of 1955. Mike took over the farming operation from his dad in 1956. Only horses were used to work the land till about 1961. Mike bought his first tractor, a John Deere D in 1962.

They lived there till Nick passed away on February 24, 1960. Mary continued to stay on the farm with her son Mike until she died on February 21, 1979. They are both buried at the Horod Cemetery.

Mike sold his farm and moved to Sandy Lake in 1983.

VIOLET GUNNARSON

I stayed with the elderly Ashby's when I was at Crawford Park. They were really fine people. I taught there 1943 - 1944. Had eight grades - most of the kids I haven't seen since I left so don't remember them. I keep thinking I'm going to go up there when I come home to visit Mother but never seem to make it.

ALBIN AND ALMA GUSTAFSON

(by John & Jane)

Albin Ernest Gustafson was born January 27, 1892 on N.W. 16-18-17W in the Scandinavian area, attended the Little Red School House, and the Scandinavia Church. As a young lad he worked on farms, threshing gangs and sawmills.

When World War I began, Albin enlisted in the 29th Battalion in British Columbia, and was wounded at Vimy Ridge. After the war, Albin homesteaded on Vancouver Island, where he worked at a logging camp as a licensed Steam Operator. He operated a "Donkey" Steam engine, which pulled the logs through the bush by cable. He recalled the "High Riggers" men, who had to climb a "Spier" tree to attend the pulley which the cable ran through.

Returning to Manitoba in 1922, Albin came to the Crawford Park area, where on May 10, 1922 he applied for a farm through the Soldier Settlement Board, and received the E½

28-19-19. During the winter months, for several winters, he returned to British Columbia, to work in the logging camps. During his absence from the farm, Paul Paulsen or Ed Bergeson would look after his horses. Albin always kept 8 to 10 good horses.

In the late 1920's Albin lost his home by fire. All his personal possessions were destroyed. He built a frame house to replace his shack. While farming he was involved with threshing outfits and sawmills.

In 1929, Albin became a member of the Clear Lake Legion Branch #67. He married Alma Swenson at Brandon in 1929. They had two children John and Jane. Both were born while Albin and Alma were on the farm. John at Mrs. Biczko's Nursing Home on October 5, 1931. Jane was born at home on the farm on July 11, 1934.



Son, John recalls hired men working for his father were: Ed Bergeson, Albert Hanson, Pat Ferguson, the Mayor boys, and the McLaughlin boys. Their close neighbours were: Jim Coey's, Ed Coey's, Edgar Miller and John and Charlie Holt.

Albin and his brother-in-law with their steam engines, moved the Clear Lake Hall from where it was situated on the N.E. corner of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-19-19 to its new location on the N.E. corner of the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-19-19, which was a distance of three miles. They also moved the United Church Camp from the Reid farm, to its present location.

In 1938 Albin, Alma and family moved to the Onanole area. The family owned and operated various businesses in Onanole and Erickson. A street in Onanole is known as Albin St.

Albin was a member of the Erickson Lutheran Church. He passed away June 27, 1968 while holidaying in B.C. He is buried in the Erickson Cemetery. Alma resides in the Parkland Home in Erickson.

John received his education at Onanole and Erickson, took an accounting course at Success Business College. On September 11, 1954 he married Leona Hoefer, of McCreary. They reside in Erickson, where they are in the Parkwood Auto Garage business. They have one son.

Jane attended school at Onanole and Erickson, and then a secretarial course at Success Business College. On August 1, 1959 she was married to Al Austin and now lives at New Westminster, B.C. They have three children.

JOHN JAMES AND MAUREEN HAIGHT

Jim was born in Hartney, Manitoba on July 25, 1943, the eldest son of Jack and Madge Haight of Pierson. Received his education in Pierson, finishing school in 1959. Jim worked around home for a year, then went to B.C. where he began an apprenticeship as a shipwright, later working on Canadian Coast Guard ships and tug boats. He also worked in logging and construction.

Maureen Delores Stokes was the only daughter of Maurice and Ina Stokes of Prince Rupert. Maureen has four brothers

residing in B.C. Maureen worked as a telephone operator and marine radio operator.

Jim and Maureen were married in Prince Rupert in 1963.

In 1968 they moved to the Queen Charlotte Islands, and operated a building construction business which they sold in 1971. They moved back to Pierson and began another construction business which they operated until 1982. In 1982 they moved to Camp Wannakumbac at Clear Lake where Jim is maintenance supervisor and Maureen works in the kitchen.

Jim and Maureen have three sons. John Maurice (1963) born at Prince Rupert, started school in Port Clements, Queen Charlotte Islands, completing his education at Pierson. He is working in Lyleton, farming and oil well maintenance. Their second son Kenneth Allen (1965) born in Prince Rupert, received his education at Pierson, is now a member of Canada's Armed Forces.

Andrew James (1969) was born on Queen Charlotte Islands. Began school at Pierson, now attends Erickson Collegiate.

HARTLEY J. HARLAND

I was appointed to the Sandy Lake Mission Field in the spring of 1930. It was a Field that was served only during the summer months as the students went back to college in the fall. It consisted of the Village of Sandy Lake, which was predominantly Ukranian, and the territory to the north and east, the area to the west and south of Clear Lake. This area had been settled a few years before by soldiers from the First World War, who with their families were opening up a new district.

The Village of Sandy Lake was served by two churches, Greek Catholic and Greek Orthodox, besides our own. I resided in the Nichol Hotel but spent much time out in the area to the north and east. We had a modest church building in Sandy Lake and used for services the Clear Creek and Clear Lake Schools.

Soon after my arrival at Sandy Lake, I was taken to Mr. Ben Baxter's home at Clear Creek by Mr. McKay, the postmaster at Sandy Lake who was served a contact person on the Charge,

to be ready for the first Service. I soon collected my pony and was set for a summer of riding bareback around the Field.

Many homes in the area were open to me and I thoroughly enjoyed the hospitality and friendship that I met. I spent many nights and ate many meals away from my boarding place, accepting such favours from Thorton Baxter's more than any others, as their home seemed to be a natural place for me to stop.

I recall with pleasure my association with the Ashby's, the Baxter's, the Brown's, the Blackwells's, the Buchanan's, the Christianson's, the Coey's, the Crawford's, the Dean's, the Ferguson's, the Holt's, the Kelly's, the Laurie's, the Mayor's, the McLaughlin's, the Pollen's, the Potter's, the Reid's, the Tinkler's, the Wilson's, the Priestner's, the Wright's, the Young's and others.

During the summer I appeared on occasion at Camp Wasaga, and because I resided at Sandy Lake was nicknamed Sandy.

In 1939 I became the Minister at Oak River and had a limited contact with the area as I served as Manager at Camp Wasaga that first summer. In the meantime Highway #10 had been built and Onanole Post Office left the knoll on which it had been established and moved a short distance east to the highway and the present village by that name took shape.

Then in 1943 with my residence at Strathclair, my association with the area became more active. On different occasions I served as Supervising Pastor for the Summer Student, and thus had a link with the church life and the people. In the meantime halls had replaced the schools as places of worship at Clear Creek (Crawford Park) and Clear Lake. Onanole was then becoming a very vital part of it all.

In the fall of 1953 when the Student went back to college, I undertook to give weekly services at Onanole on Sunday afternoons.

These were the first winter services held in the area on a weekly basis, and seemed to be appreciated. The activity in the Park made it more desirable for the people of Onanole to have services at Onanole in the winter rather than in the summer, as so many of the people of the community were engaged in providing services of various kinds at the Park.

These services were carried on until the end of June 1954, and at the last Service, before the "holiday period" peoples' attention on Sunday afternoons. A Reception Service was held and a Membership Roll was established. Onanole had become a Church.

In the meantime Cardale had been added to the Strathclair Pastoral Charge making it rather difficult for me to serve Onanole, and so Dr. P.N. Murray, the Minister at Newdale, took over Onanole, and for several years Onanole was served from Newdale.

During this Newdale association the former Baptist Church at Neepawa was purchased and moved to its present site and became the Onanole United Church, and as Chairman of Birtle Presbytery I had the privilege of dedicating the Building.

After my retirement and return to Strathclair in 1976, I was called upon to perform various services in the Congregation until the appointment of Mr. Elgin Hall as Minister-in-Charge. Now with the regular Church Services, Sunday School and other Services that a resident Minister can provide, the Church gives great promise of Service in the building of God's Kingdom.

A FARMER'S CREED

My creed is simple, deep humility;
The will to help a neighbor when I can,
Faith in my Maker, as a part of me;
Faith in my country, and my fellow man.
And I believe sincerely that the earth--
Is here for me to till; that happiness
Lives on a farm; that true content is worth
More than possessions, and has power to bless.
And I lastly believe--refreshing rain
And sun, will always work their magic spell:
That havestime will always come again;
That in the spring the buds will always swell;
That summer winds will make the grasses nod--
Until at last--
All things--return to God.

ALEXANDER AND DORIS HAY



Doris and Alex Hay

Alexander (Alex) born December 15, 1899 at Elkhorn, Man., was the second son of James and Ina Hay, who both immigrated from Scotland.

They lived at Two Creeks, Man. at the time, but later moved to the Moosomin, Sask. area. There his father worked for wealthy English people, who kept a dozen or more fox hounds for hunting. He broke wild horses for a number of years that were shipped from the western prairies to Moosomin for that purpose. When prairie land was thrown open for homesteaders, they along with some new arrivals from the

British Isles moved to the sand plains, north of the Quappelle River. The land was so poor that they moved close to Spy Hill, Sask. after the Grand Trunk Railway (later taken over by the C.N.R.) was built through Melville, Sask. and on.

Alex, at a young age, drove a team of oxen owned by his father. He was farming near Rocanville when he met Doris.

Doris, born August 1, 1907 was the only child of Arthur and Martha Emily (Pat) Elsom who both immigrated from England. Doris spent her childhood days on a ranch near Sheho, Sask. with her parents and completed her schooling there. Later she attended Success Business College in Yorkton, Sask. where she graduated as a stenographer and was later employed as a stenographer at the Crescent Creamery there.

Alex and Doris farmed near Rocanville, Sask. for a time when in the spring of 1931, they went into Winnipeg in search of a better way of life. They left the farm in charge of Alex's two nephews, Howard and Norman Scarrow. About July that year, they made plans to move to the Crawford Park area along with their infant daughter, Patricia who was born on July 26, 1931.



(Picture at left) - Pat in carriage, first house Alex and Doris lived in.

In October, they, along with Howard and Norman Scarrow, left with their belongings which consisted of 13 head of cattle, 5 horses, a purebred collie dog, a Model T car (converted into a truck) and 2 wagons. On one rack was hay for the horses to eat along the way along with a table, 2 arm chairs, a bed and mattress. The other rack was a sawing outfit, grain crusher and engine. Along the way, which took 5 days, they lost one of their wooden arm chairs which was later found

by Mr. Mike Wojnarski.

The first night they camped along the river at St. Lazare and slept under the rack. There they built a campfire and bathed the baby nearby. By this time the weather was getting quite chilly.

They had a yearling heifer which had never been loose before, give them a lot of trouble. She would insist on going into the river and would just stand there. Howard on horseback and the collie dog would have to get her out and this happened several times. Another time when they got to Birtle, she ran right up the church steps and of course the people scattered. Once again Howard came to the rescue and rode right up the steps and brought her back down the other side.

At night the horses would be tied to the rack and would eat the hay left there for them, and the cattle would graze wherever they stopped. They usually tried to camp beside a river each night so that the animals could have water.

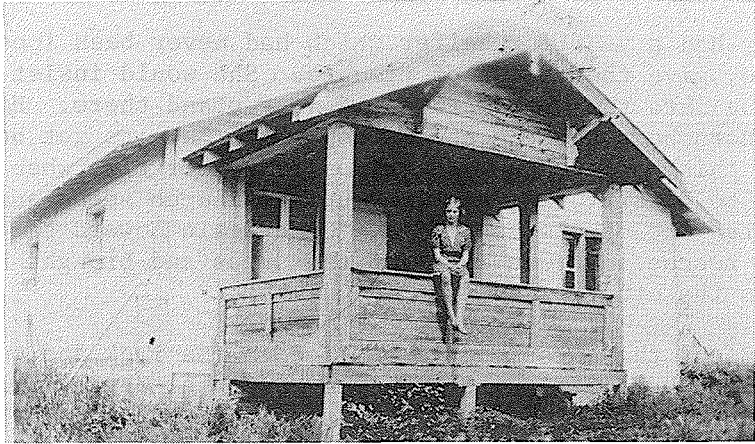
The last night they camped at Elphinstone where they got word that Doris's mother was on her way to visit them from Sheho, Sask. and would arrive that night, so they unhooked the Model T truck from one of the wagons and went to meet her leaving Howard and Norman to finish the trip on their own.

The move took them to N $\frac{1}{2}$ of 9-20-20 owned by Edward Hodges Sr., a veteran of World War I. They ordered a new stove from an old Jewish man soon after they arrived, but instead of the new one they purchased, they received an old well worn one.

Alex, Doris and the baby spent the winter in a shack built of small logs or poles. The plaster between the logs had dropped out and there were many large cracks in the walls, so blankets were hung on the inside walls to help keep out the cold.

In the spring of 1932 they moved to the Tom White place NW 26-19-20 and remained there until January 1, 1933. Then they moved to the Dave Crawford place W $\frac{1}{2}$ 35-19-20, where their first son James Alexander was born on June 12, 1933. During the next 7 years three more children were born, Hazel Jean on January 10, 1935, Earl Clifford on April 17,

1937 and George Keith on May 13, 1938.



Pat at the second Hodges house

Patricia, better known as Pat, took 2 years schooling at the Clear Creek school.

On October 20, 1940 they moved back to the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of 9-20-20 which they eventually purchased for \$4000.00 and this land remains within the family.

On August 3, 1941 another child arrived, Shirley Ina followed by Kenneth Albert on November 9, 1943, Florence Carol on May 11, 1946 and Dorothy Lyn on July 7, 1951.

The family's livelihood depended to a large extent on having access to the Riding Mountain National Park on which their land borders. Cattle were pastured, hay, logs, firewood and cordwood were cut and some was even sold. This left the farmland relatively free to produce grain and every available acre was utilized. Cereal grains such as wheat, oats and barley were the main crops.

The first years were farmed with horse drawn machinery followed later by tractor drawn machinery. The old binder was converted to a swather and a pull type combine was purchased.

That ended what Doris called the glamour of farming. Doris rode horseback in her earlier years of farming, many times carrying a pail of eggs (worth 10¢/dozen) from the White place to Crawford's store in exchange for groceries.

Most of the farming community consisted of mixed farming with the usual milk cows, horses, pigs, chickens and theirs was no exception. Alex and Doris even kept a few sheep which left their mark around the yard, as their wool would catch on the barb wire fences. The lambs usually went to market in the fall along with pail fed steers, while some of the heifers were kept as replacements.

Cars were driven in summer when it wasn't muddy (as there were no gravelled roads) but come fall, cars were put up on blocks and horses and cutter, van or horse drawn toboggan were used for transportation. Grain was hauled to Sandy Lake (15 miles) in winter by horse drawn sleigh box. In extremely cold weather, Alex wore a buffalo coat and gauntlets and sometimes tied the lines to the sleigh box and ran behind to keep warm. Life was difficult for the first years. There was plenty of work for all.

On a normal summer day, they'd be up between 5 and 6 a.m. Horses were fed and watered, cows brought in and milked, milk was separated and calves, pigs, chickens and turkeys were fed and watered before breakfast. Then there was field work, haying, berry picking, vegetable canning, baking, food preparation, etc. There was no running water so it had to be carried in and later carried out.

At dinner time, the horses had to be fed again and worked till suppertime. Then cows had to be brought home from the park and the cycle began again as it did in the morning until all the chores were done. Bedtime was welcome and there weren't any problems with sleepless nights.

If there was any spare time, there was always plenty of patching and mending that had to be done and Alex helped with some of the patching.

Holidays were practically unheard of. There was work for everyone right down to the little ones who would carry wood in for the cook stove and chickens had to be fed and watered, water carried, etc.



The Hay Children

	Jim		Earl
Keith	Patricia	Hazel	Shirley
		Kenneth	Carol
	Dorothy		

In wintertime, snow was carried in and put in a 45 gal. barrel which would thaw out and be the wash water and would later be heated on the cook stove. In summer, rain water was caught off the roof of the house into a large tank by the house, while drinking water was carried from the well several yards away from the house.

Doris washed clothes on a scrubboard in a tub of water until the later years when she was fortunate enough to get a washing machine with a gasoline engine and later on an electric one when the hydro came in.

Until the hydro came in, meat and vegetables had to be canned as there were no freezers. With the coming of the hydro, work was made much easier on the farm.

The nearest and only telephone for many years was 7 miles away at Crawford's store.

Alex enjoyed curling and curled at the Clear Creek Curling Rink originally situated on the land occupied by the Crawford Park Hall. He helped construct the hall on a voluntary basis along with most of the residents of the district. He served as a trustee on the Audy School Board for 8 years and was chairman for a number of those years.

He and Albin Gustafson worked on the Clear Lake Golf Course with a team of horses and scraper for \$3.75/day.

Doris was secretary-treasurer of the Audy School Board for 6 years and was instrumental in starting the Audy 4-H Poultry Club, of which she was a leader for a few years, (later changed to Clear Creek Poultry Club).

She was noted for her good horsemanship and won several prizes in her teen years and was known to race her horse at the Crawford Park picnics.

On October 9, 1963 Alex passed away and Doris has since bought a home in Brandon where she still resides. Part of her summers are spent in a little cabin west of the house on the home place at N $\frac{1}{2}$ of 9-20-20.

Pat married Mervin Worden from Ninette, Manitoba and they now reside in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They have seven children, Joanne, Judy, Marlene, Mervin Jr., John, Margaret and Brenda, and two grandchildren.

Jim married Mary Holunga from Bield, Manitoba and now reside in Regina, Sask. They have two children, Jacqueline and Keith and two grandchildren.

Hazel married Lloyd Bull of Strathclair, Manitoba. They have two daughters, Mavis and Sheila. Hazel now resides in Brandon, Manitoba and has since married Al Irwin from Virden, Manitoba.

Earl married Olive Wark of Erickson, Manitoba. They had two children, Curtis and Wendy. Earl was accidentally killed on June 16, 1967 at Simplot Chemical Co. in Brandon. Olive has since married Keith Robertson from Moose Jaw, Sask. and they reside near Griswold, Manitoba.

Keith married Jeannette Cox from Punnichy, Sask. They have two daughters, Ruth and Gwen and reside at Lake Audy, Manitoba.

Shirley married Ken Wark from Erickson, Manitoba. They have three children, Blair, Wanda and Kim and reside at Lake Audy, Manitoba.

Ken married Doreen King from Regina, Sask. They have three children, Marieta, Jeffrey and Mark and live near Edenwold, Sask.

Carol married Tom Kowalchuk from Brandon, Manitoba. They have two children, Pamela and Troy and reside west of Onanole, Manitoba

Dorothy married Ken Aime from Petersfield, Manitoba. They have one son, Kabe and reside at Ste. Rose du lac, Manitoba.

DORIS'S RECOLLECTIONS OF A TRIP TO SANDY LAKE

Alex had made a deal prior to this trip to sell a Model T truck with a Mr. Perepeluk, the blacksmith at Sandy Lake.

Alex took the motor out of the truck and placed it in the back. Our intentions were to pull the truck behind the democrat.

Howard Scarrow, Alex's nephew, who was staying with us at the time, made a tongue out of a pole to attach the truck to the democrat. He sawed it halfway through thinking it was too long but Alex told him to leave it, it would be all right.

The team of horses we used were very lively and would run at the drop of a hat.

Alex asked me what I would like to drive, the team or the truck. I told him I'd drive the horses. So Alex got in the truck with baby Pat and we started on our way.

Everything went well for about a mile and a half when we came to a steep hill north of Bottle Lake. The truck was too heavy for the democrat so it started shoving the democrat sideways. Over it went on its side and snap went the tongue which Howard had sawed half way through. At the

same instant, the truck now freed from the democrat sped down the hill with no motor or brakes. Alex jumped out with baby Pat, put her on the ground and ran after the truck, turning the wheels crossways, preventing it from continuing on down the hill.

At the same instant, I tried to stop the horses by driving them into a fence. I let go of the lines, the horses gave a jerk and pulled the democrat back on its wheels and away they went full speed toward home. I said, "Run you suckers run".

Alex picked up the baby and gave her to me telling me to go to Eastchuk's who lived just at the foot of the hill and wait there till he got back. He said, "I'll go and catch the team before they break the democrat to pieces. He returned in about an hour, the democrat only had a few loose bolts.

We hooked on to the truck again, but this time we had a rope instead of a tongue, which was much worse and we started out again. This time I chose to drive the truck.

Within 4 miles of Sandy Lake, we had just crossed a bridge at Mike Lewandoski's and were almost at the top of the hill when snap went the rope. Down we went backwards down the hill and I knew I couldn't drive the truck at that speed and hit the bridge perfectly, so I cramped it off to the left. It went into the ditch and hit a barb wire fence and ended up halfway back on the road. Baby Pat landed on the floor and was crying. Alex, not realizing what had happened kept on going up the hill. The horses did not seem to be labouring under the load so he looked back and saw me in the ditch. He asked "What in the world are you doing down there?"

We hooked up again, with a much shorter rope. This time we managed to get to the blacksmith shop only to find that he didn't have the \$15.00 he promised to pay for the truck. He asked, "You bring car? I got no money", turning his pockets inside out. A jack knife and a few straws fell to the ground. Alex said, "I don't care if you don't have any money, I'm not taking that thing home again".

The purpose of taking the truck to town was to buy groceries with the money. We needed flour in the worst way, intending to take 100 lbs. home. We purchased Bill Hucalak's

groceries which we promised to do the day before and on the way home, took the groceries to him. Unaware to us, he had noticed we hadn't bought any groceries for ourselves.

Mr. Hucalak lived approximately 3/4 mile from us and about an hour after we arrived home, I noticed him coming with something white on his back.

He put the bag of flour on the floor and said, "There, you not going to starve for 3 weeks".

I ran over to him with tears in my eyes, threw my arms around his neck and said "A friend in need is a friend indeed, you are truly a good friend".

EARL AND OLIVE HAY

Earl Clifford Hay was the second son of Alex and Doris Hay. He completed his schooling at Audy School and was active in both the Clear Creek 4-H Calf and Seed Clubs.

He worked at various jobs until 1959 when he married Olive Wark from Erickson, Manitoba. They spent the first winter living in the Crawford Park district and then moved to Brandon. Curtis Earl was born in 1960 in Brandon and in the fall of that year the family moved back to Lake Audy and lived on the former Roy Maksymits farm S.E. 1/4 9-20-20 where Keith Hay now resides. In the spring of that year they moved to Strathclair and the next year was spent living in various places in Manitoba while Earl was employed in the road construction trade.

From here they purchased the former Mike Maksymik farm N.W. 1/4 4-20-20 and moved back to live at Lake Audy.

In December of 1963, Earl and Olive were blessed with a daughter, Wendy Carol. Olive and the children remained on the farm and Earl continued to work in the construction trade and in the summer of 1964, they permanently moved to Brandon to live.

On June 16, 1967, Earl was killed in a construction accident at Simplot Chemical Co. in Brandon.

Olive, Curtis and Wendy continued to live in Brandon. Olive attended night school and worked as a nurse's aide

and later as a medical secretary. In 1969, Olive married Keith Robertson of Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. Keith is employed at the Brandon Research Station and Olive as an Administrative Secretary at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon.

Curtis graduated from Neelin High School in Brandon and has been employed as a rider for P.F.R.A. ever since. As a hobby and past-time Curtis travels the rodeo circuit in Manitoba and Saskatchewan and is a Bull Riding Champion, Bare Back Champion and many times over All Around Champion Cowboy in the Manitoba Rodeo Cowboys Association.

Wendy, likewise has been a source of great pride to her family. Well known for her singing ability, Wendy graduated from the Souris High School and is currently a second year Psychiatric Student Nurse at Brandon Mental Health Centre. Wendy has also excelled in showing horses and rodeo, having won her share of provincial championships.

The family now resides at Griswold, Manitoba where they have a small farm and raise registered quarterhorses.

KEITH AND JEANNETTE HAY

George Keith Hay born on May 13, 1938 is the third son of Alex and Doris Hay. He completed his schooling at Audy School and was active in the Clear Creek 4-H Seed and Calf Clubs.

Keith farmed with his parents until 1958 when he purchased the Roy Maksymits farm S.E. 9-20-20.

In 1961 Keith married Jeannette Cox from Punichy, Sask. who was working for her uncle and aunt Morris and Annie (Arnold) Ingram at the Lake Audy Store.

In 1968 they purchased his brother Earl's farm, the former Mike Maksymits farm.

Keith served as trustee on the Audy School board for two years.

On July 7, 1962 their first daughter Ruth Marie was born followed by Gwen May on August 20, 1965.



Keith, Jan, Ruth and Gwen

In 1971 they left the farm and took up residence at Erickson, Manitoba where Keith was employed as a Machine Operator with the Manitoba Hydro, travelling all over Manitoba.

In 1975 the family moved back to the farm and Keith did survey work part time with the Department of Public Works in the Riding Mountain National Park.

They are now raising beef cattle full time and have a small grain operation.

Ruth is completing her schooling and taking a course in cooking in Brandon.

Gwen is helping out at home, working occasionally for Jim and Jane Irwin while searching for full time employment.

EDWARD ALBERT HODGES



Edward and Annie Hodges

Edward Albert Hodges was born in Lynne Regis, Dorset, England on March 17, 1883, one of a large family. In 1908 he migrated to Canada, and arrived at what is now Rapid City which was a thriving community in those days. He worked as a farm labourer and carpenter, and moved to the Strathclair and Elphinstone area. He worked for the Scott family on the Middleton Ranch, and for a farmer named Ted Hepworth. He also worked for a carpenter, and helped to build the Sandy Lake School. Later two other brothers namely Fred and Charles also came to Canada, and two sisters Cecilia and Beatrice migrated to Australia.

In 1913 Ted returned to England to visit his parents, where he met Annie Elliot of Salisbury, England. They were married in Winnipeg on August 9, 1913, and came to reside in Elphinstone. In 1914 a son Edward George (really George Edward) was born at Elphinstone.

When World War I broke out Ted enlisted and when he was sent overseas, Mrs. Hodges and her baby returned to England. A second son Frederick Charles was born in England. Ted Hodges served during the war with the 45th Battalion until 1918. The family then returned to Elphinstone. Ted worked at various occupations, on the section, in the post office, and was also town constable.

When land north of Elphinstone along the Forest Reserve boundary was opened up for the veterans, he walked from Elphinstone to Dauphin to claim the North $\frac{1}{2}$ of 9-20-20. Added to his other labors was the making of the improvements on his soldiers grant. He built a log house and barn, and with a walking plough broke up a couple of small fields.

In 1922 Mrs. Hodges moved from Elphinstone to Winnipeg. One of the conditions of the improvements was that the land had to be lived on a number of months of each year. Ted had difficulty keeping his farm, as every time he lived in Winnipeg, his neighbor would cancel on the farm, and Ted would have to leave Winnipeg and come to live on the farm. The Priestner family and the Alex Hay family resided on the farm for short periods. In 1930 Ted remained on the farm permanently, and batched there until 1931 when the boys who had in previous years spent their summer holidays on the farm, came to live with their Dad. In 1933 they built a new frame house 28 x 28 which was a big improvement over the log shack. A year or two later they added a 12 x 28 lean to kitchen to the house. One day Joe Maximithch walked over to the field to ask Ted if he could borrow a shovel. Ted told him there was one at the house to go and get it himself. When the men came in for dinner, there was Joe sitting up on the kitchen roof. The German shepherd dog had put him there when he picked up the shovel.

Fred was seriously injured the summer of 1934. He was riding the saddle horse Jean, and decided he wasn't going to get off to go through the pasture gate. He reached down and dropped the gate, but when he undertook to put the mare over it, she became tangled up in the wire, and Fred was thrown off. He hit his head on the gate post. He spent many days in St. Boniface hospital, and he never fully recovered from the injury.

In October 1935, Ted Jr. and Harriet Mayor were married and Harriet kept house for the three men.

In 1937 Mrs. Hodges moved from Winnipeg to the farm. Mr. Ernie Stubbs of Winnipeg also moved in with Mr. & Mrs. Hodges and Fred so a small house 18 x 18 was built for Ted Jr. and Harriet to live in.

In May 1940 Ted Hodges left the farm and joined the Veterans Guard. In June 1940 Ted Jr. and Harriet moved off the farm. In the fall of 1940 Mrs. Hodges and Fred and Ernie

Stubbs moved off the farm into the house behind the store on the Charlie Crawford farm. They resided there only a couple of months, when Ernie Stubbs was taken into Deer Lodge Hospital where in the spring of 1941 he died of cancer. In the late fall of 1940 Mrs. Hodges and Fred had an auction sale and disposed of all the farm equipment and moved back to Winnipeg.

During the war Fred worked on farms and then obtained the position of elevator operator in the Bank of Commerce building on Main St. in Winnipeg. Ted Hodges Sr. worked as a door man at the Marlborough Hotel until he was 72 years old. In 1952 they purchased the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 29-19-19 for \$900. and built and lived in a small cabin there one summer. They then moved to Onanole where they lived until 1958 when they moved back to Winnipeg. On May 30, 1961 Ted Hodges died from cancer and is buried in the soldiers plot in Brookside Cemetery. Mrs. Hodges died of cancer on August 6, 1963. She was buried on what would have been her 50th wedding anniversary.

Fred Hodges married in 1969. They lived at Onanole for some time, and now resides at Fort Qu'Appelle, Sask.

Ted Hodges Sr. was a man with many talents. He cooked one winter in Wilson's saw mill, he spent many winters doing bush work, a couple of years for Alex Kippan when he first began. He was a good singer and at a concert if they needed someone to ad lib while sets were being changed, they always called on him. He had a knack for telling stories, and could tell them by the hour.

TED AND HARRIET HODGES

Edward (Ted) George Hodges, eldest son of Edward and Annie Hodges was born in Elphinstone, September 3, 1914. He lived in Elphinstone until about 1922, then the family moved to Winnipeg. He received his education in Elphinstone and Winnipeg, when he was 16 or 17 he came to live with his Dad on the farm, the N $\frac{1}{2}$ 9-20-20.

Harriet Almira Hodges, eldest in the family of Harry and Ida Mayor was born at Gladstone, Manitoba on July 6, 1915. She received her education at Bear Creek school, Minnedosa for four months and Clear Creek school, and high school in Erickson and six months in Clanwilliam.



Ted & Harriet, taken in 1975, Earl and George, Ida and Almira and Harry, taken in 1965.

Ted and Harriet were married from the home of Harriet's grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Alex Moad at Gladstone on October 26, 1935. They lived on the farm with Ted's father and brother Fred. In 1938 when Ted's mother came to live on the farm, Ted and Harriet moved into an 18 x 18 house of their own. Ida Ann was born on that farm.

On June 12, 1940 Ted enlisted in the P.P.C.L.I. regiment in Winnipeg. He went overseas in 1941. On November 23, 1941 their son Earl was born. Ted transferred to the Calgary Tank Regiment, and served in Dieppe, Sicily, Italy and the western front. He was discharged from the army in July 1945.

Harriet lived with her parents for awhile, then purchased four acres of land from Sia Baxter. It was located north from the hall, on the north side of that big slough. Using horses, Gordon Fetterly and Edgar Kelly moved the house from the farm to the four acres on S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 5-20-19. They lived in this house until 1950.

When Ted was discharged from the army he applied to the Veterans Land Act for the east $\frac{1}{2}$ 29-19-19 which was a

school section (provincial land). In the summer months they lived in granaries on this farm, and returned to the house in the winter months. They had a good herd of cattle that Harriet had maintained at her Dad's farm until the end of the war.

In 1950 Harriet purchased the farm from Stewart Steele (the Tinkler farm), and the family moved onto that farm. Stewart took the 18 x 18 house in the deal on the farm. He moved this house to the S.W. corner of Sec. 4-20-19, and later moved it into Erickson. It has had some additions to it, but is now the residence of Harold Stitt.

For many years they milked fifteen cows and shipped cream to both Erickson and Neepawa creameries. This farm was well suited for mixed farming. Of the 1040 acres, about 100 acres was only usable for pasture.

When the veterans got their farms they all purchased tractors to replace the horses. This was the beginning of a whole new style of farming. In 1946 Ted purchased an International W6 tractor for the sum of \$1635.00. Both Ted and Harriet became experienced tractor operators.

The years 1956 to 1961 Ted worked for the Manitoba Hydro. From 1971 to 1978 he was employed at the Park. In both jobs, it was summer employment only - for six months. During these years Harriet and the family did the farming. In 1974 their son George and his family moved from Thompson and took over the farm. Ted and Harriet had built a new house on the farm in 1964. In 1974 they built a small house on the N.E. corner 29-19-19, where they now reside.

During the years, they served on many committees for organizations. Ted was a Legion member, a school trustee, Assistant 4H Leader, and was on the Sports Committee, Hall Committee and Rink Committee. Harriet was caretaker for the hall during the war years until 1946. She joined the Legion Auxiliary on December 8, 1941, was an active Red Cross member, secretary-treasurer of the Sports Committee, the Rink Committee, the W.I., and for seven years the Clear Creek school district. She also served a term as a school trustee. She represented the Local Government District of Park, on the Minnedosa Agricultural Council, and the Park-land Home Board. She was an assistant leader in the 4H Seed Club.

They have five children: Ida Ann born July 6, 1936, attended a homemaking course at the Agricultural school in Brandon. Worked as a telephone operator at Newdale. She is married to Eddie Andreychuk of Newdale. Edward Earl (Butch) was born November 23, 1941. He worked at Thompson for 8 years, then moved to Neepawa. He is married to Brenda Poole and lives at Onanole. George Dwight (Porky) was born September 16, 1946. He also spent seven years at Thompson. He is a qualified mechanic, and now resides on the farm. He married Phylis Kobelka of Lenswood, Manitoba. Almira Lynn (Lizzie) was born March 11, 1948, is a licensed practical nurse. She is married to Wesley Shewchuk. They lived at Gillam for several years, and now reside in Brandon. Harry Desmond (Peanuts) was born May 18, 1954, and is married to Ann Robertson of Maryfield, Sask. He attended University of Manitoba for four years, and is now teaching school. He is also manager of the Sandy Lake Hardware, in which he is a partner.

In 1966 when the Rolling River school division took over the Clear Creek school district, Harriet tendered to drive a school bus route. For four years she used her car and picked up the John Mayor, Mel McLaughlin, M. Brown, and Broney children. The pay was \$10.00 a day to drive as far as Onanole. In 1970 she was given a 30 passenger bus, and drove to Onanole for \$7.00 a day. In 1974 she was given a 66 passenger bus, and four days out of six drove to Minnedosa, transporting classes from the Erickson Collegiate, as well as her own Clear Creek route. In 1978 she quit the long run, and drove a 48 passenger bus as far as Erickson. In 1980 due to being 65 years she had to retire.

Ted and Harriet both enjoyed playing ball, curling and dancing. Ted received a Certificate of Merit for his work for the Legion. Harriet is a Life Member of the Legion Auxiliary, an Honorary Member of the Onanole Ladies Curling Club. In July 1983, Harriet was presented with a scroll for forty years of service, as correspondent for the Minnedosa Tribune.

Thoughts for the day:

Let kindness come with every gift, and good desires with every greeting.

It is better to understand a little, than to misunderstand a lot.

EARL AND BRENDA HODGES



Timothy, Earl, Tamara, Brenda, 1981

Earl Hodges was born in the Minnedosa Hospital November 23, 1941, the eldest son of Ted and Harriet Hodges. He received his education at the Clear Creek and Onanole schools. He excelled at sports and spent a couple of months in Baseball Training Camp in St. Petersburg, Florida.

In 1961 he went to Thompson where he worked in the smelter at International Nickel. He played ball with the Thompson Reds and in 1967 when they won the Manitoba Championship he was presented with the trophy as the most valuable player on the team.

Brenda was born in St. Rose, the second daughter of Carmen and Helen Poole. She attended the Kelwood school. Earl and Brenda were married at Thompson on October 4, 1963. In 1969 they moved from Thompson to Neepawa where they took over the Agassiz Drive Inn restaurant. In 1976 they sold the Drive Inn, and for the next two summers they operated the Concession at the Neepawa Golf Club.

In 1979 they moved to Crawford Park and lived in the house

on the farm of Shafeek Farag. In 1980 they purchased a house at Onanole. Brenda is a cook at the Elkhorn Ranch. Earl looks after Camp Manito, and works for farmers, when the camp closes in the fall.

They have two children, both born in Thompson. Tamara Leigh born in 1964 and Timothy Wayne born in 1965.

GEORGE AND PHYLIS HODGES



Phylis, Corrie, Romona, George, Elton

I was born in the Minnedosa Hospital on September 16, 1946, the third child in the family of Ted and Harriet Hodges. The other four children being, Ida Ann, Earl, Almira and Harry. My grandparents were early settlers in the Crawford Park area, Ida and Harry Mayor settling here in 1925, where they lived on rented farms, until they homesteaded the S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 18-20-19. Edward and Annie Hodges got their Soldiers

Settlement farm in the Lake Audy district, namely the N $\frac{1}{2}$ 9-20-20, in 1921.

I attended the Clear Creek school, when we had to walk 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles to school. For my high school I attended the Onanole school for grade nine, then completed my high school at Sandy Lake. I was active in all the sports events, and earned the trophy for the best male athlete, when I was in grade 12. I was also a member of the Clear Lake Seed Club, and the Clear Lake Calf Club. We learned a great deal getting calves ready for the shows, and the grain ready for the Seed Fairs. We won many prizes in these events, especially for the oats we showed at the fairs.

In 1964 I went to work in Thompson for International Nickel. I started working for \$3.19 an hour. I served two apprenticeships while there and received my diplomas in Millwright and Heavy Duty Diesel and Gas Mechanics. In 1969 I attended a Father's Day picnic at Lenswood, about 30 miles east of Swan River. I met Phylis Kobelka. That fall we met again, when I was attending Keewatin College at the Pas, when I was studying Theory for my apprenticeships, and Phylis was studying Cosmetology. After we had both completed our courses, we were married on July 11, 1970.

Phylis is the daughter of Fred and Mary Kobelka of Lenswood. She has a brother Eugene and a sister Iris. Iris is married to my nephew, Larry Andreychuk.

Phylis and I were employed in Thompson until our first son, Elton Howard was born on February 7, 1972. In the spring of 1973, I worked at Ominowan on heavy duty equipment, then moved to Crawford Park where I took over the farm from my parents. On March 24, 1975, our first daughter Corrie Dawn was born, and on March 17, 1976, our second daughter, Romona Lee was born.

In 1973, I began driving a school bus on the Clear Lake route, which I drove on until the spring of 1982 when I was transferred to the Clear Creek route.

GEORGE HOGG

George Hogg was born at Teberton, Ontario in 1876 and came to the Strathclair district with his Dad and Mother and Uncle Tom Jack in 1877. They homesteaded on N.W. 22-17-22 and later on a farm of his own.

He moved to Lake Audy in 1941 to the N.W. 32-19-20 and lived there until 1958 when he moved to Elphinstone.

He died October 26, 1961. George was a great sportsman and a crack shot with a rifle.

PERCY HYDE

Percy was born in Yorkshire, England, the oldest son of Harry and Emma Hyde. The family came to Canada in 1885. They lived at Elkhorn and Oak Lake before moving to the Elphinstone district in 1900. They rented the Merchiston Ranch and Percy and his brothers all bought land in the area. Percy homesteaded the south half of 26-18-21. For a time in the early 1900's he was the Sheriff in Elphinstone.

Percy married Cassie Craig in 1917 and soon after that they moved to the Audy district. They settled on the N.W. 6-20-20 which was known as the Middleton Ranch. Before the Audy school was built classes were held in their house for a few years. They had a family of six, Willie, Mary, John, Harry, Ruth and Helen.

Their barn was destroyed by a Park forest fire in 1937. Then when their house burned in 1940 they moved back to Elphinstone.

Percy passed away in 1947. Mrs. Hyde worked at various places as housekeeper and later married Tom Nutty from Virden. She passed away in 1975.

MORRIS AND ANNE INGRAM

Morris Ingram was born August 19, 1922 at Maple Creek, Sask. His mother passed away three days after his birth and his grandparents raised him. They moved from Sask. to Ochre River, Manitoba in about 1932. Morris joined the army in 1941 where he served for a time. His grandfather passed away in 1943 and he lived with his grandmother (Mrs. Kenny) until 1951. She passed away in 1963. He had one brother who passed away in 1980, and he has one sister, Mrs. Cox, who is Mrs. Keith Hay's mother.

I am the oldest daughter of Gordon and Edith Arnold of Lake Audy, born April 21, 1932 in Mrs. Baxter's home at Crawford Park.

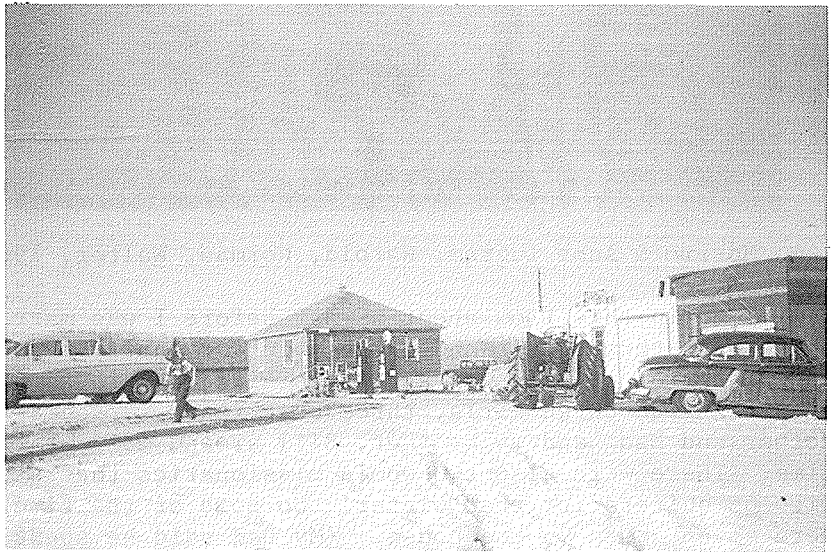


Morris & Anne Ingram, Harold, Norman, Walter, 1965

I will begin this from about a year before I was married. There were three girls and one boy in our family. The fall and winter of 1950-51 was a hair raising one around the Arnold's with three girls, three boyfriends, Grandma Jury, Mother and Dad and my brother, Bill around most of the time. There were also two women missionaries that stayed with us quite a lot that winter. So some of the time there were seven women in the house. (My Dad said he spent most of the that winter in the barn!) and Bill spent the winter looking over our shoulders to see if he could read the letters we wrote to our boyfriends. I first met Morris in the early fall of 1950. 1951 was clear out year at our home when the three of us girls all got married. The next winter Mother had to let the dog in the house to keep Bill company.

Morris and I were married in Elphinstone March 28, 1951. Morris was a Park Warden at the time. Our first home was at Keld, Manitoba. In the spring of 1952 we moved to the farm at Ochre River that Morris owned from his early years. We farmed and raised some cattle there. Our first son, Walter was born January 18, 1954 in Dauphin Hospital. Then on April 13, 1955 our second son, Harold was born in Dauphin.

Morris became sick with asthma and could not stand the cattle so we had to leave the farm. In July, 1955 Dad came and got me and the two boys and Morris went to work on the extra gang on the railroad near Gilbert Plains. In the fall we got two acres from Dad and had a little house moved there from Ochre River. Morris and Bill cut logs and cord wood that winter and in the spring of 56 we both went to work for the Survey in the Park. Morris worked with the gang and I stayed at the camp and cooked for the 13 men. Our two boys were with us there. My brother, Bill was married in June that year during one of the worst rain storms I have ever seen.



This is the Lake Audy Service Station the year 1961 when we left.

We came back to our little house at Lake Audy for the winter. In the spring of 1957 we put in a gas pump and with the help of family and neighbours we had a garage put up. We called it "Audy Service". I sold gas and confectionery that summer while Morris worked for Mr. Carter at Clear Lake. In the fall he started to do some garage work for neighbors and by the spring of 58 it became a full time job. Then we built the house and store and started the Lake Audy post office when the Crawford Park post office closed. We built 6 boats and had them at Lake Audy for rent during the summer. We



Trying out boats built by Morris Ingram

made many good friends and neighbours while we lived there.

In April, 1961 we sold our store and service station to Steve Mymko and moved to Cherry Grove, Alberta where Morris's Dad and brother lived. His brother had a store there and we built up another service station and cafe. That summer Morris's Dad passed away.

Then came our third son, Norman on July 19, 1962, last but not least. There were ups and downs over those years. One night when the school bus came, an older boy came to the door with Harold in his arms. Harold had put out his foot to trip another kid and broke his leg. That was the story of his life. After that he broke a leg three times and his arm at least once! We worked hard there and the two older boys were getting old enough to help out. One afternoon I made a big stew. After supper I had to return to the store leaving the boys to do the dishes. Harold came running into the store to see what to do with the leftover stew. Meanwhile Walter gave it to the dog, pot and all. Harold went running back, grabbed the pot and put it in the fridge. When I got home I asked what happened to the stew. Harold said, "I saved what I could!" That's life I guess.

In 1965 we sold again. We put what we had in two small trucks and left for Fort McMurray in northern Alberta. There was about 100 miles where the road hadn't been built yet and there was only a bush trail. It was a long trip. Morris got work in the Power plant. I found it very lonely when Morris left for work and the two older boys for school. Day after day it was 60 below zero. The only people we knew there owned a hotel and after about a month I got work cleaning rooms. I took 3 year old Norman with me.

In the fall of 67 Dad and Mom came by train to visit us. It was some trip for them but we were glad to see them! In the fall of 68 we went to Fort Chipewyan, 250 air miles north of Fort McMurray where Morris looked after the Power Plant for six months. That was even more lonely!

Steve Kuzmak came to Fort McMurray from Crawford Park to look for work and later moved his family there. His wife, Frances and I became very close friends. Then Richard Brown came and soon we had many friends there.

The boys enjoyed hunting and fishing. They always had to clean and save everything they got. One weekend they camped out and came home with 103 bush rabbits all cleaned! Sometimes they would bring home 30 or 40 fish at once, along with cut hands and feet! We could expect anything.

In the fall of 69 we moved into our own house and two weeks later my Dad passed away. Until then we made it back to Manitoba about once a year. The boys enjoyed the farm and spent several summer holidays with Grandma and Grandpa at Lake Audy while they were young.

Walter and Harold graduated in 1973. Walter worked for Beaver Lumber and at the age of 21 he became manager. He married Heather Barkly on August 2, 1975. They have two children, Ryan and Kristy. Harold worked at the Supermarket until 1976 when he went to Regina for R.C.M.P. training. He graduated in April, 1977 and was posted to Banff, Alberta. He has been in Calgary for the past three years. He married Lori Dohlman July 11, 1981. She is a nurse at Foothills Hospital, Calgary.

In July, 1977 we moved to Winfield, Alberta when ill health forced Morris to take on lighter work. Norman missed the north and soon went back to Fort McMurray where he worked for Walter and finished school. He graduated in 1981. He

went to work in the oil field and now has his Class 4 steam ticket. Glen Siegersma lived with us in Winfield while he took grade 11 and 12. He is now an R.C.M.P. and stationed in Rosburn, Manitoba.

Morris hauls garbage in Winfield, does some carpenter work and is general repair man for the town. I look after our home the best I can. I've got a little better at cooking. When I was married I hardly knew how to boil water, as I was Dad's right hand man on the farm.

Written by Anne Ingram, February 5, 1983.

HUGH W. IRWIN

HOMESTEADING ON N 12 20 20

Hugh Irwin was born at Plumas, Manitoba and went overseas with the 12th Field Ambulance Corp in July 1916. After seeing considerable action in France he came home in June 1919. He married Margaret McKerchar of Strathclair in November 1921.

The government opened up land south of Riding Mountain National Park and Clear Lake for homesteads for the veterans of the war. At first Hugh wasn't interested as we had made plans to buy a farm at Plumas but the land was light and didn't yield heavy crops and we found that by the end of the year all we had made went to the man we were buying the farm from so we began to see possibilities on a homestead where at least anything we produced would be our own. In July 1922 Hugh went and filed on the north half of 12-20-20. By then most of the land south of there had already been taken up. Most of our land was covered with spruce but there was good water. Hugh was not able to get up to the homestead until November 1923. We moved our stock, machinery, etc. to my brother's farm at Strathclair and Doreen and I stayed with my parents. Hugh took a team and sleigh with a few necessities and went north and with the help of neighbors erected a shack to live in and a stable for the horses. He took out some logs for lumber as part of the homestead duties. In July Doreen and I went to the homestead for a few months. The shack Hugh had been living in was only about 2' by 12' and was really crowded for 3 people to eat, sleep and cook, etc. so we built a bedroom beside it. This was about 4' x 10'. We drove 4 corner posts in, leaving about 10 feet above the ground. About 18 inches from the ground

we put in a floor and boarded the sides with rough lumber which allowed for lots of fresh air! The roof was tar paper which really shed the rain, of which we had lots. Inside at one end we put a platform about one foot off the floor across the width of the room and about six feet long. Complete with mattress and bedding, this was our bed and underneath our storage area for boxes of clothing, etc. The mosquitoes were very bad so we got yards of cheesecloth and lined the whole upper part; this kept out the mosquitoes but let in the air. How wonderful for sleeping! On our visits back to Strathclair when we had to sleep indoors we felt as if we were smothering.

We put in a very busy summer. There were no roads and in places we had to build log bridges across the creeks. We dug a well and the water was always cool and so soft it was almost like using rain water for washing.

Some of the men got government permits to cut hay in the park. Hugh cut in 1924 and when we hoped that it was ready to rake and coil we loaded up the wagon with dinner, tied the rake behind the wagon and set off. We found a nice place at the edge of the meadow under some trees where we ate our dinner and rested the team. Hugh did the raking and when finished he came and helped me with the coiling. Doreen had trudged along with me and in the afternoon got weary so I took her back to our retreat hoping that she would sleep - but no way. At last as time was getting on I decided to take her back with me to the hay meadow. As I started to gather up our things a wolf howled just back of us in the bush. He must have been there all the time watching. What if Doreen had fallen asleep and I had left her! How many times did I wake up at nights after that dreaming about it.

Hugh took out logs and I cleaned up around the yard in preparation of our new home. In the fall we went back to Strathclair where Hugh was able to get a few dollars driving a stook wagon during harvenst. Doreen and I stayed at Strathclair where Lucille was born early in January. Meanwhile, Hugh with help from the neighbors had built our house at least the shell of it. Early in April of 1925 we moved up to what we hoped to be our permanent home. Hugh had rented Gilbert Montague's farm which had about 30 acres broken on it. This we sowed to oats and what a crop! While we had been waiting for seeding time we did a lot of work on the house. We put in an upstairs floor, a stairway,

pantry and a partition downstairs to divide it into two rooms. We covered the logs with brown building paper, then papered over it. I used building paper for window blinds and bought yards of cheese cloth to make curtains and we sure were proud of our home. We had brought our cows, chickens, turkeys and a pig up with us. The cows were milking, and as there was no way to ship cream I made butter which I sold at Crawford's store to buy our groceries. The only fence for the cows was the corral for night but in the daytime they roamed out on the park. Hugh was putting in the crop at Montague's and since we only had four horses he would walk home every other night to see how the children and I were faring and if the cows had come home for milking. Usually they came home on their own but if they didn't I couldn't go for them and leave two little ones alone. We had a lovely big collie (Tag) and a little mongrel pup that one of the neighbors had given to Doreen. When I was alone with the children, the dogs never left the yard and were to any one not a friend. I was never afraid to stay alone.

We used to make the occasional trip out to Strathclair. Every one wanted something brought back whenever any went out so we always had quite a list. On one of our trips we had brought back a load of feed for the livestock, plus all other supplies and Doreen had brought back a cat. The horses were tired even though we had stopped at Jim Young's for supper. We had to cross a slough and when we got to it the horses refused to go any further, lying down when we tried to urge them on. At last we unhitched them and I drove them home and Hugh carried Doreen and her cat. Next morning Hugh had no difficulty getting them to bring the load home.

At harvest time Hugh couldn't be coming home too often so his Mother came to stay with the children and I. Charlie Crawford loaned us a little pony that I was able to ride and could go and round up the cows. He seemed to know just where to go for he always found them and as soon as the cows saw us coming they would start for home.

A few years before this my Dad had sold his farm but in 1925 he had to repossess it so asked us if we would be interested in renting it. So in April 1926 we moved out to the farm near Elphinstone. Hugh did the necessary home-lead duties by going up every winter and taking out lumber for the big sum of \$10.00 per thousand feet of rough lum-

ber out of which he paid the sawyer's fee. In 1925 there was a fire that came very close and I was all ready to move out with children to a bit of breaking but just as it got near the buildings the wind changed and it roared past. Another big fire went through later and wiped out most of the timber. I don't remember what year Hugh sold the west quarter to Melvin McLaughlin. After Hugh's death I sold the other quarter to Edward Kuzmak (in 1966 or 1967).

Hugh died in October 1962. We had retired from the farm at Elphinstone and were living at Strathclair. I am now living in Dauphin. Douglas is still on the home farm. Doreen (Jack Hunter) lives at Dauphin, and they have one daughter. Lucille (Lorne McKinnon) lives at Delta, B.C., and they have one son, two daughters and two grandchildren. Jean (Jim Creber) lives at Vermilion, Alberta, and they have one son, four daughters and five grandchildren.

(submitted by Mrs. Margaret Irwin)

JIM AND JANE IRWIN

At present our family consists of James C. Irwin, born July 3, 1945, Jane E. Irwin, born December 6, 1952, and our son Jodey C. Irwin, born January 2, 1981 and Cody J. Irwin, born June 25, 1983.

We met at the University of Guelph, in Ontario, and as we did not enjoy the eastern lifestyle, we decided to pack up and move west.

Due to our interest in running a cattle operation, we were drawn to our present location because of its beauty and its high potential for raising cattle.

The farm is comprised of four former homesites. In 1978 four quarters were purchased from Steve and Ann Koroscil, three of which were the original Montague farm, and one of which was the Sapischuk homestead. Two other quarters were incorporated into the farm, one was Steve Kuzmak's homestead and one was George Koroscil's quarter.

We decided to build our new home on the beautiful old Sapischuk yardsite. Our house stands in almost the same position as that of Sapischuk's, overlooking a 150 acre slough, while the cattle are located at the Koroscil yardsite. The name, Thistledown Farm, was inspired by a white

blanket of down covering the Sapischuk yardsite the fall we began construction of our new home.

We were very pleased after becoming acquainted with our neighbours to find that there exists a tremendous spirit in this area, not only in working on community endeavours, but also in helping and sharing with each other on a personal basis.

Jim was elected as Reeve of the Local Government District of Park in October, 1980. While in office he was vice chairman of the Riding Mountain Liaison Committee, on the board of the South Riding Mountain Planning District, a member of the committee of council dealing with the Onanole Sector Plan, as well as working towards establishing an Erickson Veterinary District.

JOHN CHARLES JOHNSTONE



John Charles Johnstone was born at Poplar Point in 1870. He came to the Elphinstone District where his father had taken up a homestead on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 14-18-21 which was later known as the Allan Hyde farm. He married Margaret McDonald who had come from Edinborough, Scotland to work for Robert Campbell. They had eight children.

Tom (deceased) - a policeman in Winnipeg. He had five children -- Lil, Margaret, Tom, Betty and John.

John - killed in France in the First War.

Jack Johnstone

Agnes - married Frank Hyde from Elphinstone. They had ten children - Margaret Bercier, Mamie Walker, Bernice Christensen, Henry, Grace Jackson, Hazel Hunter, Jean Spraggs, Marney Boake, Doreen Boake, and Jack.

Mary (deceased) - married Walter Girling - had three children - Tora, Wilfred, and Myrtle.

Margaret (deceased) - married Scotty Winton - had two children - Leonard and Eva.

Henry - living in Toronto - served in both the First and Second World Wars.

George (deceased) - married - no children.

Annie (deceased) - married Norman Hays - had one son Jack.

Jack Johnstone (better known as John Jollish) rode from Elphinstone to Regina on horse back to join the Riel Rebellion. He just arrived in time to see the war finished. He and his three sons, Tom, John and Henry joined the army in the First World War. After the war he worked in the Riding Mountain National Park as a Game Warden. He and his son George lived at the High Dump which later became the Mike Wojnarski farm. Jack spent the last part of his life with the Spraggs family at Elphinstone. He passed away at the age of 90 years in June 1960.

BILL JURY



Back row: Harold, Gordon, Jim, Marvin. Front row: Harvey, Hazel, Bill Jury

William John Jury was born December 18, 1909 at Clanwilliam, Manitoba. He married Hazel Arnold at Elphinstone on November 25, 1930. Hazel was the daughter of James and Almeda Arnold.

Bill and Hazel farmed near Clanwilliam for eight years. They had five sons. James was born August 16, 1932, Gordon on September 11, 1933, Harold August 19, 1934, Marvin on September 13, 1935 and Harvey October 14, 1938. In 1939 they moved to the Audy district where they bought the S.E. ¼ 3-20-20 from the VLA.

In August 1944 Bill met with a tragic accident. He was siphoning gas out of the car because there was water in the bottom of the tank. His friend who was standing nearby, lit a cigarette and the fumes caught fire. When Bill went to throw away the can, the gas spilt on him and his clothes caught fire. His son, Gordon helped put the fire out. He was badly burned. He was taken to Erickson hospital by Peter Koltusky, where they gave him a pill and sent him to Minnedosa. In Minnedosa the Doctor gave him a needle and sent him on to Brandon. When he arrived at the hospital there, he needed a blood transfusion. Peter had his blood type, so he donated his blood immediately and saved Bill's life. He spent a year in the hospital. His five boys, aged 7 to 13 did the chores at home. Their Grampa and Grandma Arnold took turns staying with them while Hazel stayed with him at the hospital. All the neighbours helped put up hay and cut and thresh their crop.

In 1945 they moved to Neepawa. Mike Danyk took over the farm. The boys finished their schooling in Neepawa.

Jim married Clara Petrynka on December 10, 1955. They have one daughter Debbie, and live in Dauphin.

Gordon married Wilma Livingston November 19, 1955. They live in Ochre River and have five children, Orla, Tannis, Tim, Lorena and Fiona.

Harold married Kathy Slinn May 7, 1965. They have one daughter, Heidi. They live in Calgary, Alberta.

Marvin married Vick Siwak on July 4, 1959. They have two children, Wayne and Virginia, and reside in Winnipeg.

Harvey married JoAnn Liest July 2, 1965. They live in Kelowna, B.C. and have one son, Glen.

Bill and Hazel later moved to Winnipeg. Hazel passed away on March 6, 1972, in Winnipeg. Bill is now living with his son, Jim, in Dauphin.

STEVE AND ANNIE KATCHER

Steve and Annie (nee Kimpinsky) farmed all their lives. They came to Crawford Park to live on the Fowler farm, about 1937. They had ten children, Carrie, John, Stanley, Frank, Rose, Peter, Nick, Steve and Lillian. Steve, Nick and Lillian were born at Crawford Park.

They lived here until the end of the war and then moved across the mountain to Riding Park, where they farmed, until Steve's death in 1957. Annie moved into the town of Grandview and resided there until her death in 1973. They are both buried in the Riding Park cemetery.

Carrie married Laurence Mayor in 1939. She passed away in 1974.

John joined the army, and served overseas with the South Saskatchewan Regiment. After the war he returned to Riding Park, where he married Anne Kozakowski. They farmed for awhile, then moved into the town of Grandview. John was employed as the janitor at the Grandview Collegiate, and is now employed as the janitor at the Post Office.

Stanley worked as a labourer in B.C. He passed away in 1973.

Frank took over the family farm for a few years, then moved to Edmonton. He passed away in 1977.

Rose worked in Toronto, and married there. She now resides in Winnipeg.

Peter worked at the oil wells in Alberta. He passed away in 1981.

Nick is married and lives in Edmonton. Lillian is married and lived in Winnipeg. Steve went to Edmonton to work, and was killed in a car accident in 1973. Harry is married and lives in Revelstoke, B.C.

GEORGE KELLY SR. FAMILY



Mr. & Mrs. George Kelly

George Kelly was born in Chicago, U.S.A., the son of Irish imigrants from Cork Ireland. He came to Canada and worked on the C.P.R. Railway at Banff, Alberta about 1884. It rained so much he was making no money so he walked back as far as Brandon and took the train to Winnipeg.

He married Anne Bella Molegan, September 19th, 1889, at Clandeboyne Bay. There were three children born at Clandeboyne Bay, George, Roy and Archie. Then they lived one year at Harrowby, Manitoba where he was Section Foreman. They moved back to Clandeboyne Bay where Edgar, Birt and Burlly were born. In 1903 they moved to Clear Lake to E¹/₄ 33-19-19,

there Edna and Jack were born. In 1907 they moved to Sandy Lake to S.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 5-18-20, where Howard was born.

The family lived at Sandy Lake until 1925, when they moved to the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-19, north west of Clear Lake. He farmed there for two years and then moved to N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 33-19-19 which was owned by his son G.A. Kelly. He built a house about one quarter of a mile west of where they lived from 1903 to 1907. He died in July, 1945.

Mrs. George Kelly Sr. spent most of her childhood at Poplar Point and St. Marks, 12 miles north of Poplar Point. She was at Cumberland House when she was twelve years old and was at Battleford during the Riel Rebellion of 1885. She passed away in 1947.

George and Roy served in France and Belgium in the First World War. Burly married E.W. Ashby of Elphinstone on May 7, 1922. George married Elizabeth Batt of London, England in 1919. In 1921 he took the W $\frac{1}{2}$ 33-19-19 as a Soldier Grant and homesteaded. They raised six girls and two boys. G.A. Kelly was a member of the Veterans Guards, and died in 1944 at Deer Lodge Hospital.

Edgar Kelly married Mary Rose Lilley January 23, 1918. They had five children, three girls and two boys. The three younger children died at an early age, and Mary died March 2, 1925. Edgar farmed at Crawford Park on Section W $\frac{1}{2}$ 8-20-19, and passed away in Erickson Hospital in 1972.

Jack was a veteran of the 2nd World War, married Doris McKinley, and had one son, Ian. They make their home in Brighton, England.

Howard married Doris Reid, they have a family of 6 boys and three girls.

Roy married Bella Lilley and he died October 16, 1956.

Bert never a healthy man, died March 23, 1945. Edna married Arthur Simms, a local farmer.

Granny Kelly brought many babies into the world without the help of a doctor.

GEORGE AND ELIZABETH KELLY

I, Elizabeth Batt of London, England, was a war bride meeting my husband who was serving in the 1st machine gun Battalion of the Canadian army, while on holidays in Eastbourne 1918. We were married in London in 1919, both coming to Canada on the same boat. We lived in Elphinstone, where George was a barber, for a little more than two years. Margaret, the eldest, was born there. So was Doris.

When the Government opened up land for returned men in unorganized territory, my husband went to Dauphin where one got a number. He picked 2 - 3. Mr. Crawford also had 2 or 3 (I do not remember). Mr. Crawford was north of our place. Mr. Crawford, having a store in Strathclair, had his stock fetched in and opened a store in a tent until he had a building put up. We had N.W. 33-19-19. George, my husband, had herded cattle at Clear Lake for farmers. Since George's parents had squatted there in 1906, George had some idea of the country. We went to the homestead in 1922. There was a saw mill on the land so we lived in a log shack until we were able to put up a house. The land was very sandy, so it needed lots of moisture which we did not seem to get. There was frost every month of the year for a while. The mosquitoes were terrible. We had to have a smudge under the table while eating and put paper under ones stockings. The mill was owned by a Mr. Wilson. His son was cutting logs when he stumbled. The arm was taken off at the shoulder. My husband, George, took a horse and toboggan to the nearest phone about ten miles bringing the doctor to the mill. A registered nurse had just arrived in the district in 1926. She was a wonderful person! She knew what to do for Fred Wilson. He would never have survived had it not been for this lovely person. He was taken to Neepawa hospital and recovered. While in hospital, he complained his arm was sore. The doctor advised the family to find the arm, (it had fallen in the saw dust pit) and to burn it in the firebox of the steam engine. It did seem to work too!

The community always was grateful and relieved to have Mrs. Baxter. We felt as if we had a doctor near by.

When there was enough children for school, they were able to get a grant and a Mr. A. Simms donated land for a school. We were 3½ miles away. My family was always ready to go whatever the weather was like. At first not many were going. The first teacher was from Winnipeg and one of the

best. After a few years, the one room had grades 1 to 8. That was all the education some of my family had and its wonderful to say that they have never wanted for work - all have done well. Mr. F. Ashley made a skating rink on his land near the school, which the young really enjoyed.

We had six children born on the farm, making our family of eight. My husband went working away from home. Wages were \$25.00 a month. I never heard of anyone getting relief or any help. Roads were made by voluntary help. My husband joined the Veteran Guards but was discharged for ill health.

We moved into Winnipeg in 1942. He was in Deer Lodge for more than 18 months and died in October 1944.

George Kelly organized and was the first president of the Clear Lake Sports Club. He was first secretary-treasurer of the Clear Creek S. D. #2147. He was also active in the organization of the Clear Lake Legion #67.

The farm was a tough hard life but sure was a good place to raise a family. If we only had a little of what I get now with the Old Age Pension, we could have given the family a little of what was really necessary.

All the family are married. Margaret married Norman Ward of Neepawa. Doris is Mrs. Dunlop of Winnipeg. Aylmer and his family live at Brooks, Alberta, Mrs. Lois Steele and Mrs. Joan Faedol live in Winnipeg, Mrs. Shirley Archambault lives in Regina, and Ronald and family live in Victoria.

ROY AND BELLA KELLY

Roy Kelly was the second son of George and Anna Bella Kelly and was born at Clandeboy Bay. He came to Clear Lake when very young, and when the family moved to Sandy Lake he attended school there. He enlisted in the army in World War I and served overseas. At the end of the war he worked in this area and was co-owner of a saw mill with the Forsythes and Bill Nichol.

He applied for a farm through the Soldiers Settlement Board and got the N.W. ¼ 5-20-19. He broke up a few acres, and lived on it for a few months. Roy played the violin and was popular at the dances in the pioneer days.

He worked for many years at the Lake Audy Ranger's station, as an assistant to Mr. Dave Binkley.

Roy married Mrs. Bella Lilley, a widow. They lived in a house on the north side of Edgar Kelly's farm for a few years. They had one daughter Violet. They moved to Onanole, into a house across from Sportsman's Park. Roy died October 16, 1956. Bella still resides at Onanole. Her son Howard Lilley and daughter Violet Kelly have passed away. Her son Robert Lilley, resides at Onanole, and her daughter Laura Roback resides out west.

EDGAR AND MARY KELLY



Edgar & Mary Kelly

Edgar Kelly, the third son of Mr. & Mrs. George Kelly, senior, was born at Clandeboye, on March 23, 1898.

Mary Lilley was the daughter of Mr. & Mrs. Dan Lilley. Edgar and Mary were married on January 23, 1918. As Edgar was working at various jobs, they lived in many places, around Swan River, Yorkton and Sandy Lake. Five children were born, namely Christina, Dorothy, Hughie, Mildred and Leslie. Mildred passed away September 1922, and is buried at Swan River. Hughie and Leslie also passed away, in their

childhood, and are buried in the same cemetery, near Sandy Lake, that their Mother is buried in. Mary Kelly passed away March 2, 1925.



Christina & Dorothy Kelly

In March 1925, Edgar and his two girls, his parents, his sister Edna, and some of his brothers, moved onto the Scotty Fowler farm, the N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-19. About 1829 he bought the E $\frac{1}{2}$ 8-20-19. In 1930 his parents moved into a home of their own, on George Kelly's farm. In 1934 he built a home on his own farm, and moved off the Fowler farm.

Edgar was involved in many community affairs. He was good with animals, and many neighbors called him to treat a sick horse, or to assist the cows, having calving problems. He never kept many cattle, but always had about eight or ten

horses. They were not heavy draft horses, but were always dependable for a good day's work, or a long trip. Prior to coming to Crawford Park, he used to take a lot of horses to what is now Camp Shilo, to be used by the dragoons, in summer exercises. He also raced horses at the Elphinstone picnics. His favorite team was "Minnie and Darkey!" In the winter months, he used them on his van, and always had a load of people to take to dances, even as far away as the Providence and Whirlpool schools and the Clear Lake Hall. He also hauled the hockey team to where their games were held.

Edgar was usually in the cast for the plays, and was quite capable of being the floor manager and calling the square dances when asked to do it. Edgar was a staunch Conservative, and when election time came around, he was an ardent electioneer, and for about a month prior to the election, it seemed the whole district was arguing politics.

During the years when the Relief camps were at the park, Edgar had the contract to supply all the camps with fish, out of Clear Lake. Having spent winters fishing at Lake Manitoba, he had the knowledge to supply fish for a large demand.



Edgar's team and van out on lake winter fishing

One summer he fished and sold the fish to the cottagers. He converted his model A Ford car to a truck, by building a large box, lined with metal, that would hold ice and the fish. The Indian women on the Reserve cleaned the fish for him. They were washed and put into the box of ice, and there was a good demand for fresh fish. The cottagers would be lined up, waiting for his truck to arrive. His brothers gave him a lot of assistance setting the nets. The winter catch was mostly white fish, the summer demand was for Jackfish.

Edgar was a good friend to the Indians on the Reserve. When they needed a coffin for a funeral, Edgar would make a wooden box for them. He shaped the coffin, by sawing the boards part way through, then pouring hot water on the sawed portions, so they would bend to shape, without breaking. When the box was complete, the Indian women would cover it, if they had any new flannelette sheets or diapers provided by the Mission.

Edgar was one of the first farmers to invest in a combine. He enjoyed the outdoor life of farming, but had to retire due to ill health. He sold his farm to his son-in-law and daughter, Fred and Christina Cobb. He spent a lot of time in the hospital, when out of the hospital, he stayed with his son-in-law and daughter, Jim and Dorothy Brown. He passed away on January 24, 1972. The funeral service was held in the Onanole Church, interment in the Erickson cemetery.

HOWARD AND DORIS KELLY

Howard's parents lived on the old picnic grounds in 1905. Edna (now Edna Simms) and Jack were born there.

A rhubarb plant of Granny Kelly's still grows there on the south side of the Seventh Day Adventist Camp.

The government made them, the Bercier's and the Thorn's move from there so the Kelly's moved to Sandy Lake where Howard was born. The rest of the family, George, Roy, Archie, Edgar, Bert and Burly were born at St. Marks.

After their return from World War I, George and Roy took up homesteading at Crawford Park.

The first store at Crawford Park was Charlie Crawford's. It was an old log building plastered with clay.

Many a time in 1921, my sister Mary and I, Doris Reid, (Howard's wife) walked from Clear Lake to the old store.

My dad, Bob Reid had the land $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of Clear Lake school. Our 80 was on the west side of the main road and our quarter was on the east side.

Howard's parents moved up to the Fowler Place in 1925 and Roy homesteaded there.

Edgar purchased his farm, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of 8-20-19 next to the Fowler place. Granny and Grandpa lived with Edgar, as his wife passed away and Granny raised his two daughters. Christina is now at Williams Lake, B.C. and Dorothy married Jim Brown and lives at Onanole.

The Kelly children built a cottage for their parents on George Kelly Jr.'s place and they lived there for the last years of their lives. We lived near them and our nine children were born while we lived there.

In 1952 we purchased the 80 acres on the east side of N.E. $\frac{1}{4}$ 5-20-19 from Arthur Ferguson and lived there. On January 30, 1945 our house burned down.

We sure enjoyed living at Crawford Park. We moved to Onanole, as we had a child with a kidney problem and had to be rushed to the hospital when these spells occurred. We intended to move back to Crawford Park but never did.

We have many memories of the good times and our good neighbors.

Harvey married Vivian McLaughlin and works at the park. They have two children and reside at Onanole.

Leslie married Neva Shaw from Winnipeg. For many years they lived in Calgary. They reside in the former Whirlpool district and have five children.

Keith married Laureen Laurie. They have four children and live in Brandon.

Kenneth married Florence Stiles. They have four children and live in Brandon.

Marlene Wood lives in Calgary and has three children.

Margaret married Terry Carey. They have two children and live at Onanole.

George married Eileen Minty. They have two children and reside at Onanole.

Barry married Barbara Minty. They have three children and live at Onanole.

Beverley lives at Onanole.

THOMAS AND JESSIE KIMPINSKI

Thomas, son of John and Mary Kimpinski, was born in 1916 in the Seech district. Brothers and sisters include Nick (deceased), Agnes Starzuk (deceased), Anne Katcher (deceased) Lena Ryback, Mary Yaworski, Frances Koltusky (deceased) and Stan.

Jessie, daughter of Mike and Mary Krupa, was born in 1920 in the Horod district. Brothers and sisters include Mike, Bill, John (deceased), Anne Kolenich, Jean, Carol Nowasud, Adam, and Dennis. In 1942, Jessie married Tom. They have four children: Louise, Lorne, Marvin, and Dave.

Tom and Jessie lived briefly with Tom's parents in Seech and then moved to Winnipeg for a short time. In 1948 they moved to Jessie's mother's farm. In 1951 they moved to Elphinstone where Jessie presently resides. In 1972 Tom left home and lived in Brandon and Sandy Lake. On July 24, 1981 he passed away at the age of 65. He is buried at Wisla with his parents, John and Mary.

LORNE AND MYRNA KIMPINSKI

Lorne is the eldest son of Thomas and Jessie (nee Krupa) Kimpinski of Elphinstone. He was preceded by a sister, Louise McKay, of Victoria, B.C. Following was a younger brother, Marvin, of Brandon, and the youngest in the family, Dave, of Brandon.

Lorne was born in Winnipeg in 1948. The family moved to Lake Audy in 1948 and lived on the farm of Mrs. Mary Krupa,

Jessie's mother. In 1951 Tom and Jessie moved to Elphinstone where Jessie presently resides.



Lorne & Myrna Kimpinski

Until 1966, Lorne lived in Elphinstone. He then lived in Winnipeg for two years while working and training in the teaching profession. From 1968 to 1970 he taught at Birtle. In 1970 he got a teaching position in Elkhorn. Lorne married Myrna Cooley in 1972. At the present time, they reside in Elkhorn.

Myrna is the youngest offspring of Ray and Nel Cooley of Birtle. She was preceded by Ruth Wasslen of Binscarth, Lynn Stowe of Beulah, Dave Cooley of Lake Audy, Joan Ellis of Foxwarren, and Ted Cooley of Calgary.

Myrna was born in Birtle in 1954. She lived on a farm east of Birtle until 1965 when Ray and Nel were forced to move to Birtle due to health reasons. Myrna resided in the town of Birtle until 1972 when she married Lorne and moved to Elkhorn.

Lorne and Myrna purchased their farm, N.W. 5-20-19W, in 1977 from Dan and Evelyn Fowler of Winnipeg. Attracted by the beauty of Crawford Park, they decided they wanted a stake in this area.

GEORGE AND ELEANOR KLAPP

George Klapp was born at McCreary in the year 1919, the eldest son of Frederick and Constance Klapp. He attended Bracken school for about six years, and then attended Mountain Eve school. During World War II, he served overseas in the R.C.A., 5th Division. He transferred from them to the Counter Mortar units. While serving in Germany in 1944, he was awarded the Commander in Chief's Certificate for Gallantry while in active service. He was discharged from the army in February 1946. He returned to McCreary and farming.

In October 1947, he married Eleanor Muriel Scutt. Eleanor was the eldest daughter of Percy and Violet Scutt of Souris. Eleanor began her education at Souris, and then the family moved to McCreary. She completed her education there.

In 1958 George joined the Warden Service for Parks Canada. He served at Gilbert Plains, Rosburn, two years at Audy, Clear Lake, and then seven and a half years at the South Lake Warden Station. In 1979, he retired from the Warden Service, after 25 years of service and moved to Brandon.

Eleanor is a very talented needlewoman, seamstress and cook. She won many prizes competing in the Country Fairs. She worked for some years at the Fireside Inn at Wasagamung. Then was Cook at the Clear Lake Conference for a few years. She has been a W. I. member for twenty five years. They have three children. Judy completed her education in Rosburn. She is married and lives in Brandon. Betty completed her education in Sandy Lake, she was married and lives in Winnipeg. The youngest, their son Fred, completed his education in Erickson. He lives in Calgary. Eleanor works two days a week in the Jo-Ann shop in Brandon. George grows a big garden and does odd jobs to keep busy.

FRANK KOLTUSKY

Born in 1910, in the Flower School area Frank Koltusky was raised and educated. In 1936 he married Katie Zurbyk and lived in the area till 1939 when together they purchased some land in the Lake Audy area from Bob Slater, settling near the park line. In 1941 their first child, a son David was born. Times were very hard at the time, farming with basic equipment and having very few cattle. Frank had a threshing machine and every harvest season went from farmer to farmer threshing their crops for extra money. Then in 1944 a daughter Isabelle was born and six years later, in 1950 another daughter Linda was born. Things slowly progressed and Frank purchased another ½ section of land from Norman Rollings. Frank and Katie were very active with the Ukraninian Catholic Church in Horod and also in Elphinstone. Frank also served for a number of years on Audy School Board as a trustee. Eventually the children grew up, David married Sonia Krawchuk, Isabelle married Norman Mymko and Linda married Vincent Moyer in 1972. They all moved away to different cities. Frank took ill in 1970 after 39 years of farming. They sold out and made their home in Elphinstone. Frank passed away in 1977 and Katie still resides in Elphinstone.

BILL AND ANNE KOROSCIL

In the year 1906 coming from Austria to Canada were Michael and Maria Koroscil. One of the several children coming with them was Wasyl (Bill) Koroscil. They settled in the Doloney area, where they farmed.

Then on July 14, 1923 Wasyl married Annie Scotlas who was also from the Doloney area. They made their homestead near Sandy Lake on Section N.W. 6-19-19W. In 1935 they moved to the town of Sandy Lake where Wasyl (Bill) operated a variety store (nick-named Hudson Bay), where the Sandy Lake Co-op now stands. While he operated the store he acquired the nick-name Hudson Bay Bill.

In 1942 Bill and Anne moved to the school section of Lake Audy S.E. 29-19-20W. They lived here several years and later they moved to a farm section S.W. 28-19-20W (formerly Mike Bain's property), where Bill and Anne ran a mink ranch with up to 100 mink at a time, they also did mixed farming.

They later moved to their last homestead which was section S.E. 20-19-20W (formerly Lukianchuk's) where they continued a mink ranch and mixed farming.

Bill and Anne had fifteen children, thirteen of which are still living. Their daughter born in 1940 died at birth. A son Alex who lived in Winnipeg passed away in 1972.

Jessie left home at a very early age and went to work in Newdale. She then moved to Brandon and later married Ray Sebastian. They have one son Doug. Ray works for the Canadian Pacific Railway. Doug is employed with the Brandon Post Office. Jessie and Ray have been residing in Brandon for the past 35 years.

Mary married Ed Brodackie, and they reside in St. Catherines, Ontario. They have one son Dale. Ed works for a tool manufacturing company. Their son is married and has two children.

John worked for many farmers in the area and later married Agnes Kopneski. They have lived in Elphinstone for the past 30 years. They had 8 children, Gladys, Victoria, Gary, Mary, Judy, Rose-Anne, Brenda, and Dennis. Gladys is married and has one son. Victoria has two sons, Gary has two children.

George still chooses the carefree life of a bachelor. He farms the parents' last homestead but makes his home in Sandy Lake.

Harry also chose the life of a bachelor. He has lived in Gilbert Plains, Winnipegosis, St. Rose, Rivers and now makes his home in Erickson.

Leslie married Isabelle Spirrow and they lived in Dauphin for several years. In 1964 they moved to Ft. Langley, B.C., where Les is a foreman on a large mink ranch. Les and Isabelle have two children Bob and Carla. Bob works alongside his dad on the ranch. Carla attends high school.

Sophie married Ed Paslawski and has resided in Transcona for 23 years. They have two children Vernon and Karan. Ed has been working at Dominion Malting for the past 25 years where they process barley for beer making.

Rose married John T. Wozney of Sandy Lake. They have farmed over 25 years on the first homestead Bill and Anne had.

They have seven children, Larry, Melvin, Calvin, Mitchell, Sharon, Anthony and Daniel. Larry is married, Melvin is married and has two sons, Calvin is married and has one son and one daughter. Sharon is living and working in Alberta. Mitchell is also working. Daniel and Anthony are attending Sandy Lake school.

Nellie married Melvin Cherpako and they too reside in the Oakbank area. They have one daughter Andrea. Nellie and Melvin are both hair dressers and have operated their own shop in Winnipeg for the past 15 years.

Katie married Steve Wozney and they have lived and farmed in the Horod area for the past 20 years. Katie and Steve have four children, Maryann, Kathy, Darryl and Daniel. Maryann is attending Hertzing Institute. Kathy, Darryl, and Daniel attend school in Elphinstone.

David married Olive Baranyk and lives in New Bothwell, Man. They have two sons Kevin and James. David is employed at Co-op Implements in Transcona where he is involved in the manufacture of farm machinery.

Lorraine married Russell Kufflick and they have lived in the Portage la Prairie area for the past 6 years. They have one son Jason. Russ is supervisor of highways for the Westbourne area.

Bill passed away suddenly of a heart attack in August 1963. Anne who has had spells of ill health now resides in Elphinstone. From their 15 children they had 31 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

The Koroscil family is large and scattered, however, they gather together for many occasions.

(written by Maryanne Wozney & Judy Koroscil)

STEVE AND ANN KOROSCIL

Steve Koroscil was the second son born to Alex and Katherine Koroscil, and was born at Horod, Manitoba. He went to school for a few years at Horod, then when the family moved to the Audy district, he attended the Audy school. He enlisted in the Armed Forces in World War II. and served overseas with the Lake Superior Regiment. When he returned from overseas in 1945, he purchased the farm owned by Steve

Sichewski, E $\frac{1}{2}$ 4-20-20 known as the Montague farm.

In 1947 he married Ann Gregorash, daughter of Paul and Dora Gregorash. They were married in the Catholic church across the road from the Sumach farm, sometimes called the Crawford Park church.

Ann was the only daughter of Paul and Dora Gregorash and was born in Poland, and with her mother and brother came to Canada in 1939 (May). She received some education in Poland, and then attended the Clear Creek school.

Steve and Ann lived on the farm until 1979. They have two children. David, who married Joan Wark, now resides in Winnipeg and has four children, Jason, Jonathan, Diana and Timothy. Their daughter Stephanie, married Ray Kopeechuk and lives at Brandon. They have one son, Andrew.

In 1979 Steve and Ann sold their farm to Jim and Jane Irwin and moved to Erickson.

For many years Ann worked during the summer months for private businesses at Wasagaming. Steve and Ann are very active members of the Erickson Legion and Auxilliary. Stephanie is also an Associate Legion member.

ADAM AND PATRICIA KRUPA

I was born on February 20, 1933 at home on S.W. 6-20-20, the same land my father homesteaded in 1927. I am the 8th child out of 9 born to Mike and Mary Krupa (nee Wasylenko). The other children being Mike, Bill, Jessie, John, Anne, Carol, Jean and Dennis. I attended school at Lake Audy and in 1952, went to Winnipeg and was employed at the Simmons Bedding Co. as an upholsterer. After working in Winnipeg for 2 years I went to work on construction in Saskatchewan when Highway #10 was being built. I returned to the farm in 1955 and started raising Hereford cattle. At age 12, I began to play the fiddle and at age 24 I started a band and played at dances in the surrounding area.

In 1969, I married Patricia Anne Lamb, the 5th child out of 7, born to Peter and Anne Lamb of Oakburn, Manitoba. She received her education at Oakburn and Elphinstone Collegiate and in 1967 she entered Nurse's training at Selkirk Hospital for Mental Diseases, graduating as a Registered Psychiatric

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Agency, *Danphur*

June 1st 1937

I hereby certify that I have received from *Paula Kump*

Elphinstone

the sum of TEN Dollars, being the fee for *Leasehold*

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Range *20* West of *1* Meridian, subject to the right of the Province to take for road purposes, without compensation prior to issue of patent, such land as may be required not exceeding 2 1/2 per cent of the total area (O. in C. 20th Nov. 1907), and that he is, in consequence of such entry and payment, vested with the rights conferred in such cases by the provisions of the Dominion Lands Act.

Edwards

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Nurse in 1970. We lived in Winnipeg from 1969 to 1971, until we bought the farm from my mother. We moved out to the farm from Winnipeg and continued to raise Hereford cattle. Our daughter Darla Alison was born on April 12, 1973 at the Health Sciences Centre and our son, Dean Adam Edward was born November 5, 1974 also at the Health Sciences Centre. Both are presently attending school at Sandy Lake, Manitoba.

This farm is situated on the old trail to Lake Audy that the Indians used for seneca root digging and hunting. As a young lad, I remember Indians stopping at our house to trade Indian handicrafts for bread, milk or butter with my mother. The Little Saskatchewan River runs through this quarter of land and many artifacts have turned up over a period of years. Buffalo skulls, unidentifiable bones, arrowheads, pemmican and hammerheads are not unusual to find along the river bank.

PETER AND ROSE KRUSHELNISKY

Peter Krushelnisky was born in Poland. He became an orphan and in 1929 he immigrated to Canada. He came to Newdale where he had two uncles, Steve and Harry Shewchuk. For about twelve years he worked as a labourer on farms.

Rose Wolski was born at Oakburn, the third daughter of John and Francis Wolski, who made their home at Basswood, Man.

Peter and Rose were married in the Jackfish Church in 1941, and took over the operation of the Walter Andreychuk farm for one year.

Then they moved to Mr. Wolski's farm at Basswood for awhile. In 1944 they moved to Crawford Park where they, with Joe and Sophie Norosky, purchased the Jim Coey farm, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ 28-19-19. The Noroskys later moved to the Ed Miller farm, but Pete and Rose remained at Crawford Park. They also purchased the W $\frac{1}{2}$ 32-19-19 from Steve Prokopchuk. They farmed until 1972 when they sold all their land to the Dominion government and retired to Erickson.

Pete and Rose had six children. Mavis lives in Montreal and is employed by Air Canada. Wayne owns and operates Commercial Stock Inventory Co. Ltd. and lives in Edmonton. Patricia married Bob Railland and lives in Winnipeg. Alice married George Bourgouin and lives at Grosse Isle. Larry married Marne Cutter and lives in Onanole. He works for the Dept. of Public Works. Karen married Nick Jawa and lives in Winnipeg.

JOHN AND ADELINE KUHARSKI

Born August 26, 1920, I lived on the family farm and was educated in Eden, Manitoba.

Adeline Zinger Kuharski was born June 8, 1916 and received her education at Empire School.

I worked out for a few years, then joined the Fort Garry Horse in 1940. I went overseas in 1941. Three weeks later I got word that we had a baby daughter. I did not see her until I got back in 1945.

We farmed in the Franklin district from 1946-1956. Then I worked for the C.N.R. and later took up a position at the

Buffalo Enclosure at Lake Audy where I looked after fences and put up hay for the buffalo for seven years. We moved there June 30, 1961. We lived in the old log house for two years, then a new house was built and a diesel generation was put in for power. Pens were made to tag the buffalo in 1966. Later the size of the herd was cut down from 78 head to about 25 or 30.

We had a family of four, Doreen, Don, John Jr. and Shirley. The kids went to Audy School, then to Sandy Lake and Shirley finished high school in Erickson. In 1968 we moved to Onanole where I am employed at the Park Gate.

Doreen is married and lives in Brandon, Manitoba. John Jr. joined the R.C.M.P. in March 1967, and has been stationed at Kamloops, Williams Lake, Cache Creek and Smithers. He is promoted to Cpl. and is now stationed in Prince Rupert.

Don took electrical work and got his certificate in Kamloops. He has been working on the dam site at Revelstoke for the past two years.

Shirley took up nursing and trained in 1970-1972. She spent one year in Fort Churchill, five years in Brandon and five years in Kamloops. All her nursing has been in the Intensive Care unit working with heart patients.

It was tough driving kids from the Buffalo enclosure to Lake Audy School. Some days it was 54° below in the morning when we were leaving home. There were elk all over laying around by the road. In places by Lake Audy when they started to cross the road we had to stop. Bears used to walk by the house and elk used to feed on leftovers from the garden.

The kids say that it was good experience for them. They will never forget all the wildlife they have seen and how we raised a buffalo calf on a bottle. He would be on our door step when we were getting up in the morning.

Those years have gone by so fast and today we are getting to be old plugs, ready to be turned out to greener pastures.

- John, Adeline and family

JACK AND ANNIE KUZMAK

Jack Kuzmak was born on a ship while his parents were coming from Europe to Canada. His parents came to Valley River, then later moved to Fork River.

Annie Miko was born in Elphinstone, Manitoba to Alex and Teenie Miko.

Jack and Annie were married in 1933, and lived for a year in Sandy Lake. They moved to their farm the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 33-19-20 in the Audy district. Their four children were born there, and attended Audy school. In 1957 they purchased the S. $\frac{1}{2}$ 11-20-20 from Earl and Ivy Fetterly, and made that their home. After a lengthy illness suffering from diabetes and leukemia Jack died in 1964.

Their son Eddie lived on the farm with his mother, and continued to operate the farm. He was very popular in the district, and had a very pleasant personality. He served on the Clear Creek school board until it was taken over by the Rolling River Division. He enjoyed trapping, and an outdoor life. He passed away suddenly in 1974.

Frank Kuzmak owns the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ of 2-20-20, but lives and works at Fort McMurray.

Steve Kuzmak married Francis Bachewich and they reside in Fort McMurray.

Mary Kuzmak married Reg Betz and lives in Neepawa.

In 1975 Mrs. Kuzmak sold S $\frac{1}{2}$ 11-20-20 farm to Cecil and Lena Richard and moved to Erickson. Jack and Eddie are buried in the cemetery by Crawford Park Catholic Church.

JOHN KWIATKOWSKI

John Kwiatkowski homesteaded the N.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-20.

He was married to Maria Lukianchuk. They had 2 boys and 2 girls.

LEO LAUDER

Leo Lauder was born and raised in the Elphinstone area.

He started in business around 1905 in lumber-hardware, later in machinery.

He became acquainted with most of the people in Horod-Audy district throughout his business. After selling his business he farmed for a short while. It was during this time he became official trustee for Audy School, (1928-30) - first school at the Percy Hyde home and then later at site where school was built.

He talked about hunting elk and moose at present Lake Audy in (1900-1912 time).

He passed away 1962.

ARTHUR LAWRENCE

William Arthur Lawrence was born in Los Angeles, California. He lived with his parents in various places in the United States before coming to Canada in the early 1900's. He settled on the N.W. 5-20-20 in the Audy district. In 1915 he married Margaret Sarah Thorne. Margaret was born in 1896. They raised a family of ten, Judy, George, Jean, John, Jessie, Jim, Henry, twins Helen and Dewey, and Gordon. Three other children died in infancy.

The children all attended Audy School, and they recall many times stopping to fish in Clear Creek on their way home from school.

Arthur witched and dug several wells in the area. For a few years he put up hay in the Park for the buffalo. Besides helping on their own farm, the boys worked for other farmers in the district, clearing land, stooking, haying and helping on threshing gangs.

Three of the boys were in active service during World War II. George and John joined the Lake Superior Regiment and served in France and Germany. John was wounded in France. Jim was with the Cameron Highlanders Infantry Regiment and spent 3½ months in the front lines in Holland and Belgium just before the end of the war. He spent one more year in Germany after the war was over. Judy joined the Navy and was stationed in Halifax.

In 1944 the Lawrence's moved to a farm near Glenella, Man. They sold their land to Fred Rybak.

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence retired in Brandon. Arthur passed away in 1965 and Margaret in 1971. They are buried in the Brandon cemetery.

Judy married Bill Owens. They live in Edmonton and have a family of 3 boys and 1 girl.

George married Beatrice Leduc. They live in Winnipeg and have 3 boys and 1 girl.

Jean married Ted Malchuk. They live at Winnipeg Beach. They had 2 boys. One boy died in an accident.

John married Mavis Tewes. They have 4 boys and live at Taber, Alberta.

Jessie married Eric Turner. They live in Edmonton and have a family of 5 boys and 2 girls.

Jim married Pauline Unger. They live in Brandon and have 1 daughter.

Henry married Loa Anderson. They reside in Brandon and have 2 boys and 1 girl.

Helen married Ken Lee. They have 1 boy and 1 girl and reside in Winnipeg.

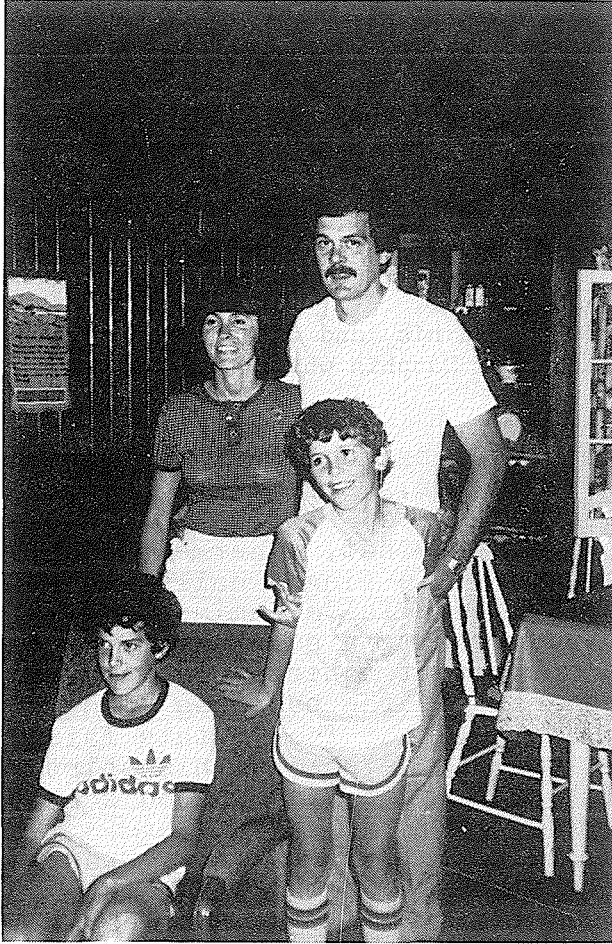
Dewey married Lavinia Larose. They live in Regina, Sask. and have a family of 2 boys and 5 girls.

Gordon married Julie Larose. They have a family of 4 boys and 2 girls. They live at Turner Valley, Alberta.

DON AND MARY-ANN LEPPER

The Lepper family uses the S.W. $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-20-20 as a recreational residence. The property was purchased in 1977. Many weekends have been spent enjoying the quiet surroundings.

Mary-Ann grew up in Brandon and studied Home Economics at the University of Manitoba. She is presently teaching home economics at Vincent Massey Collegiate in Fort Garry.



Mary-Ann, Don, Stephen, Sean Lepper

Don grew up in Dauphin, took a Bachelor of Science degree at the Univeristy of Manitoba and now teaches at Sanford, Manitoba.

They have two sons, Sean, eleven, and Stephen, nine who are both actively involved in hockey and soccer in Charleswood where the family resides.

JOHN LUKIANCHUK

John was born in 1904 at Horod, Manitoba, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kost Lukianchuk. He came to the Audy district around 1926 and homesteaded the N.W. ¼ 34-19-20. He married Mary Solotky and they had five children, Nick, Frank, Adam, Lena and Jean.

After Mary passed away John married Helen Kowalski. They have seven children, Stanley, Lennie, Frances, Victoria, Stella, Ernie and Leslie.

Around 1948 John sold his land to Sam Sapischuk and they moved to a farm near Dauphin where they are still residing.

A farmer is a paradox, He is an executive with his home office, a scientist using fertilizer attachments, a purchasing agent wearing an old straw hat, a permanent director with grease under his finger nails, a dietician with a passion for alfalfa, amines, and antibiotics, a producer with a surplus, and a manager baffling a price cost squeeze. He manages more capital than most of the business men in town. He likes sunshine, good food, state fairs, dinner at noon, His neighbors, his shirt unbuttoned to the waist, and a good soaking rain in August.

He is not much for droughts, Grasshoppers, or helping with homework, gullies, through ways, weeds, the phone, or an eight hour day. Farmers can be found in fields ploughing up, seeding down, rotating from, planting too, fertilizing with, or harvesting. Wives help them little boys follow them, city relatives visit them, salesmen detain them and wait for them, Weather can delay them, but it takes heaven to stop them.

One volunteer, is worth more, than ten forced men.

The quickest way to be convinced that spanking is unnecessary, is to become a grandparent.

MALAR JOHN

John Malar and Mary Koroscil came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1909. Soon after their arrival they were married in Thunder Bay, Ontario. John worked on the railway there for five years.

They moved to Elphinstone and worked for Ed McLean on his farm just south of town for about three years. Then they rented a farm just north of Elphinstone. In 1926 they got a homestead in the Audy district, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 32-19-20, and farmed there until 1953.

They had three sons, Joseph and Michael were born at Thunder Bay and Andrew was born at Elphinstone. Andrew attended the Audy school.

Emrie Lake, which is situated beside their homestead became well known locally as "Malar Lake".

In 1953 they sold their farm to Nick Guelick and moved to Elphinstone. John passed away on September 15, 1959 and Mary on December 13, 1978.

Joseph Malar married Doris Gorda in 1935 and they lived on the home farm. He bought a quarter section from George Cronin. In 1941 he sold it to John Ewasiuk and they moved to Winnipeg where they are still residing. They have one son Jack.

Michael married Jessie Wasalake. They have two daughters and reside in Thunder Bay,

Andrew remained single.

MALCHUK FRED and MARGARET

Fred was only six years old when he came to Canada with his parents, Steve Malchuk and Ursula Krenkewich, from the Ukraine municipality of Brodi, village of Schurevitz. They arrived in 1899 and settled north of Elphinstone on the east side of the Little Saskatchewan River. Some earlier homesteaders were already living in that area.

In 1904 Fred's father died, leaving his wife and children alone in their new country. Some of the children were older and helped as life had to go on. When Fred was still quite young he helped his mother out by hauling cordwood with oxen to Elphinstone and Strathclair. Winters were cold and the journey was long and slow. He had to walk behind the sleigh to

keep warm.

Fred had three brothers, Joe, John and Nick and three sisters, Francis Navalkowski, Mary Rochelle and Antonia Sichewski.

In January of 1915, Fred married Margaret Dmyterko. Margaret was the daughter of John and Teenie (Krupa) Dmyterko. She had one brother Mike and three sisters, Anne Yareszewski, Sophie Cherkas and Mary who died in her teens. They had also come from the Western Ukraine province of Skalot, village of Sorochko, and made their new home in the Horod district.

In the spring of 1916, Fred and Margaret bought a $\frac{1}{2}$ section of land southwest of Horod and moved there. In 1922, he bought more land and like everyone else, tried to make a better living. Fred had bad luck with horses. They kept dying, were very expensive to replace in those days, and yet were an absolute necessity for farming.

During the drought of the late 20's and early 30's Fred decided to go to work. He took four horses and a frizzner and went to help construct the road alongside Clear Lake by the present golf course and in the town site. In the meantime, he rented the land out to his brother John. However, things don't always work out as planned. It was very dry and dusty and his eyes were irritated to the point where a doctor told him that he had to quite working there. He went back to working the land the next summer.

Fred and Margaret had four children: Anne (Mrs. John Ewasiuk), Steve, married Rose Pasholko, Ella (Mrs. Frank Zemianski), and Ted who married Jean Lawernce.

Fred and Margaret built a new house in 1941. In the summer of 1942 Margaret passed away, leaving Fred and his youngest 16 year old son alone on the farm. In the spring of 43, he moved to the Lake Audy district.

He lived on the west side of the river on his daughter and son-in-laws farm Anne and John Ewasiuk. For a few years, he grazed his cattle in the Park. Meanwhile, his son Steve returned from World War 11 and after staying with his father a year or so, they decided to start a cabinet factory at Yorkton, Sask. They built and operated this business for awhile and then sold it. Steve went to work in Alberta and Fred came back home.

He bought a lot at Elphinstone and built himself a home there. He semi retired doing some building for

others whenever he was able to. Fred became ill in 1968 and a few months later, on July 29, he passed away at Riverside Hospital at Rivers. He was 76 years old at the time.

MARCISCHUK MIKE

Mike was born in November 1900 to John and Mary Marcischuk. He attended school at Horod, Man. In 1929 he married Nellie Waytkiw from Strathclair. They farmed for many years in the Audy district. They lived on the NW 30-19-20 for some time then moved to the NW 7-20-20. They had four sons and three daughters, Ernest, Donald, Leonard, Robert, Jean, Shirly, and Eva. For the family one of the most exciting things that happened was when the hydro came in 1952. It was a great change from the coal oil lamps. They felt as if they were in another world.

Mike passed away November 6, 1958. Donald continued to farm the home place until 1965. Nellie Marcischuk lives in Winnipeg.

Ernest married Helen Kostenchuk from Mountain Road. They have two children and live in Winnipeg. Donald lives in Regina and has one son. Leonard and wife Jean have two sons. They live in Fort McMurray, Alberta. Robert and wife Iris farm near Sandy Lake. They have two children. Jean lives in Vancouver, B.C. Shirly is married and lives in Edmonton, Alberta. Eva passed away November 11, 1967.

MAKSYMITS JOE and ANNE

Joe Maksymits was born in 1902. His parents Olian and Maria Maksymits farmed in the Horod district. In 1923 he married Anne Wolowynski of Rackham, Man. In 1931 they purchased SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 5-20-20 (mostly bush) from Philip Bercier. They had five children, Peter, Lena, Mike, Fred, and Katie.

In 1952 they sold their land to George Gregarash. They moved and retired in Neepawa.

MAXIMITCH MIKE and OLIVE



Front L to R. Kelly, Brent Lucko, Lillian, Shelly, Mike, Olive Maximitch, Sherry holding Michael. Back L to R-Pat & Ernie Lucko, Karen & Melvin Maximitch, John Antonation, Clarence & Stella H. I, Mike Maximitch son of Olian Maximitch and Maria (Roskewich) was born Nov. 9th, 1914 at Horod, Manitoabo.

I attended school at Flowers S.D. 1843 and then helped my parents on the farm - NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 32-19-21.

On November 15, 1935 I married Mary Koltusky and farmed at Lake Audy. My wife Mary passed away ten days after giving birth to our child at the Erickson Hospital. From this marriage I had two children: Frank and Stella.

Frank was born March 24, 1937. attended Flowers school. Married Olga Waskal of the Vita, Man. on Nov. 5, 1955. They have three children: Janet, Russell and Judy. Has been employed at Swift's and Versalite Co.

Stella was born August 12, 1938. Attended Lake Audy school. Continued with her education at Ninette, Sanatorium in 1956. Graduated from St. Vincent's Hospital School of Nursing in Dec. 1962. Married Clarence Paul Hilderbrand on May 6, 1966. Has one daughter, Angela. Clarence works for Co-op Implements and Stella has been nursing in St. Vital for the past 20 years.

Two and one half years after my wife Mary, passed away I remarried to Olive Ewasiuk, daughter of John Ewasiuk and Lily (Todoruk). This marriage took place in Winnipeg on January 31, 1941.

Olive was born in April 14, 1923 at Mountain Road and later came with her parents to Crawford Park district. She started school at the age of eight in a house belonging to Percy Hyde. Later Lake Audy School No 2183 was built and she completed her education there. This school was one half mile from her place. She then went to work part time to different farm homes as a house keeper's helper. From here she moved to Winnipeg with her family. Her father served in the first and second wars.

Olive and I settled in the Lake Audy District purchasing a half section from Olives parents.

In 1962 we sold the farm and moved to Sandy Lake, Man. I then was employed with several construction companies. In 1964 I started working with Highways Department and I worked with the department until my retirement in 1979.

We also had a concession booth by the lake for ten years and then this business was sold.

Olive and I are members of the Ukrainian Catholic Church of Sandy Lake. I have served on the church committee. Olive serves in the Women's League.

We have three children from this marriage, they are: Melvin: was born in 1942. Recieved his education at Lake Audy School. Left to work in Winnipeg. August 31, 1963 married Lillian Sitko of Oakburn, Man. Moved his family to B.C. and worked in various places with Overwaite Co. Now is working in Prince George, B.C. as a meat manager. Lillian is nursing at a hospital in Prince George. They have two children Shelly born Nov. 24, 1964, attending the University of Kingston, Ont. and Karen born July 5, 1967, attending high school at Prince George, B.C.

Patricia: born Jan. 23, 1946. Recieved her education at Lake Audy and Sandy Lake Schools. Took a hair-dressing course at Pollock Beauty School in 1963. Worked for 6½ years for Tru-Art Beauty Salon. Married Ernie Lucko of Hazelton, Man. on July 12, 1969. They have two sons: Brent born on May 16, 1970 and Kelly born on May 20, 1971. Her husband Ernie is employed with Burns Food Company in Winnipeg. They are members

of the St. Michaels Catholic church in Transcona.

Sherry: born May 18, 1960. Attended school at Sandy Lake and took high school at Erickson where she graduated. She belonged to the Ukrainian Catholic Youth Club for a number of years. Also worked as a Nurses aid for the Sandy Lake Nursing Home. In Sept. 20, 1980 she married John Antonyshen of Elphinstone. The marriage took place in the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Sandy Lake, Man. They have one son Michael and reside in Winnipeg where her husband John works for MacDon Steel Industry.

MAKSYMITS ROY and PHYLLIS

Roy was born on January 17, 1918 in the Horod district. He is the youngest son of Julian and Maria Maksymits who immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine about 1894.

They lived in the Sandy Lake district for about two years and then moved to the Horod district where they farmed. Roy attended Flowers school.



Roy and Phyllis Maksymits

Phyllis was born on May 2, 1918 in the Olha district. She is the second child of Andrew and Rozalia Nychek. They immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine about 1894. They moved to the Olha district to a farm that had no buildings at all

and just large black poplar trees. Andrew built a small shack out of the logs and clay, and grubbed out trees with a grub hoe.

One hot day he hitched an ox and a horse together. It

was too hot for the ox so he dragged the horse and plow right into the slough where he could cool off.

They farmed at Olha for ten years, then moved to the Seech district where Phyllis attended Seech School.

Roy and Phyllis were married in 1940 at Olha Ukr. Catholic Church. In the spring of 1941 they moved to the Audy district where they farmed the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 9-20-20. There were 57 acres under cultivation and the rest was mostly bush, so they decided to milk cows. They milked as many as sixteen cows by hand in the summers, and shipped cream, about 4 five gallon cans each week for about \$5.00 a can. With these cream cheques, they were able to pay off the farm as well as pay all other expenses. There wasn't much grain to sell so selling cream and a few cattle was their living. They lived in, small two story house for a few years, then built another room onto the original house.

Roy and Phyllis have three daughters, Lorraine, Rosaline and Iris. They attended Audy school which was about two miles across the fields. The girls had to walk to school much of the time through bush, mud and sloughs. They wore high top rubber boots after the snow melted, most of the time as there were always low spots that stayed wet. The girls were a big help on the farm and were never demanding. They accepted anything they were given gladly.

Phyllis set clucking hens and hatched her own chickens and turkeys and never bought any from a hatchery. Even though there wasn't a lot of money around there was always plenty of good food.

During haying time, Roy would toss the hay on to the rack while Phyllis would build the loads. One day it was very hot about 95 degrees F in the shade and Roy told Phyllis "You have a much cooler job, your up high and get all the breeze". Phyllis said "It isn't very cool up here climbing through the hay either." and the tears began to flow. It was the last straw and she was just about beat as it was. It was one of those days when you can hardly breath. She also helped with the stooking.

In 1950 Roy purchased a John Deere tractor and when harvest time came, Phyllis would drive the tractor and Roy would operate the binder. They would finish cutting their crop as quickly as possible and Roy would go and help the neighbors thresh. Phyllis would

hand milk the 16 cows herself and do the other chores.

In the winter time Roy and Alex would go logging in the park. They lived in a small plywood van, (normally used for transportation, horse drawn) equipped with a small stove for heating and cooking.

One day Roy spotted a pile of snow by a large up-rooted spruce tree. He said, "Alex, I'm sure there's a bear in here." Alex cautioned him by saying, "I'd leave it alone if I were you. But Roy, needing a little excitement by now said, "I'll chop his head off." So he kept chopping at the entrance to the den. As he chopped, he saw some hay in there and started dragging it out with his axe. All of a sudden out came the bear right between Roy's legs and almost lifted him off the ground. He yelled, "run like hell Alex, the bear is coming." Both Roy and Alex fled and when they got enough nerve to look back the bear was going just as fast in the opposite direction. The bear really scared them but afterwards they had a good laugh. Many times after that when our family got together, they would retell the story of the bear and it was very entertaining.

Roy and Phyllis farmed at Lake Audy for 20 years. In 1960 they decided to sell the farm and move to Dauphin where they still reside to-day.

They sold their farm to Keith Hay and he and his family still live there.

The first person to live in this farm was Ambroise Brozeau who was a returned soldier. He obtained his land from the Soldiers Settlement Board. Later on Joe Maksymits, followed by Mike Maksymits and then when Roy and Phyllis were married, they purchased it.

When Joe lived there, there was no well, so the government provided a relief man for \$5.00 a month and paid the farmer \$5.00 a month to keep him. One fall Joe and a relief man dug a well 20 feet deep and hit a big rock so decided to leave it. The next spring Joe and another relief man attempted to dig the rock out, punched a hole under it the size of a cup. The water started gushing out the hole and the relief man hardly had time to get out. It was up to his chest before he knew what happened and his tools were left in the well. That well could not be pumped dry and it supplied water for all the neighbours cattle in the winter, including Slaters, Hodges and Arnold's.

At one time a steam engine used 9 tanks of water from it a day but could not pump it dry.

In the fall of 1959, everyone pitched in and helped with the fall-work. Pete Rozdeba threshed with them, so had one rack. Rosaline who was only about 12 years old at the time drove the other rack back and forth from the field to the threshing machine. Phyllis and a hired man helped pitch the loads on and Roy pitched them off. Lorraine cooked the meals and did the milking and chores. While Phyllis's sister Elsie and Iris took the garden off. Because everyone helped they managed to get finished in spite of the early winter, which started when the snow fell on October 7.

Lorraine is at home in Dauphin.

Rosaline married Edmund Billech from Sandy Lake, Manitoba in 1964. They live in Calgary, Alta. and have three children, Charles, Carla and Laurie.

Iris married Harvey Fydirchuk from Ethelbert, Man. They live in Calgary, Alta. and have two daughters Lila and Pamela.

MAYOR HARRY and IDA

Harry Joseph Megson Mayor was born in Barrie, Ontario in 1881. In 1884 the family moved to Riske Creek, B.C. There were five children, Harry being the youngest. There were no schools in that area so in 1891 the family moved to Gladstone, Man. and lived 2 miles east of the town.

Ida Violet Moad was born in Minnedosa, Man. where she recieved her education. In 1912 her parents moved to Gladstone and three of the four girls went with them. They lived about 1½ miles north and east of Gladstone on a farm then known as "The Oaks".

On June the 16, 1914 Harry Mayor and Ida Moad were married. They farmed seven miles south and west of Gladstone. The new school district was formed and the new school opened August 1922 and was known as Bear Creek. Two of the pupils attending school on opening day were Harriet Almira aged 7, and Alexander Laurence age 6. The other Mayor children born while they farmed there were John Ashton Moad, Winchell Herbert, and George William Harold.

In July 1924 the family motored to Crawford Park

in their Model T ford, and visited at the Arthur Simms farm for a couple of days. While here they attended the annual picnic. Harry met Harry Linder and rented his farm. In March 1925 they moved from Gladstone to Crawford Park. The cows and farm equipment and household effects were shipped by train to Erickson. Harry drove his eight horses from Gladstone. He had to arrange to be in Neepawa the same day as the car of cattle as the CNR demanded that the cows be watered at Neepawa. The Newtons at Neepawa were an uncle and aunt so he stayed there over night. The second night he stayed with the George Wilson's at Clanwilliam, another uncle and aunt. The family having arrived at Erickson ahead of him stayed at Henry Millers Hotel. On March 26, 1925 they arrived at Jim Coey's farm where they stayed over night and until they got the stoves and furniture moved into the Linder House.

In January 1926 they moved to the McIntosh farm which they had leased for three years. That spring they lost a lot of their cattle, due to having only three year old wheat straw to feed them. They hauled wood and posts to Sandy Lake for \$1.00. While they lived on this farm Thomas Albin was born.

Again there was the problem of no school, and Harry along with some of the other parents, called meetings to form a school district. There was a great deal of opposition, as a lot of the farmers were bachelors. There were only six school age children namely Kathleen Adams, Margaret Blackwell, Harriet Mayor, Laurence Mayor and John Mayor. The law was that there had to be seven pupils to open a school, and the future of a school was dismal. Then Ford McLaughlin decided to move into the district and he had four school age children. The big night when the vote whether they would get a school or not was to be in March. Arthur Simms house was the place for the meeting and he and Harry Mayor arranged to have it on March 19th the day Ford McLaughlin arrived. Ford was hurried from Sandy Lake to the meeting and needless to say there was no vote, as there were now ten children, which necessitated a school which was called Clear Creek and opened in August 1926. Many new settlers arrived in the district that year and when the school opened there were over 20 pupils.

In 1929 the family moved onto the Zahara farm



THE H MAYOR FAMILY

back row: John, Harriet, Harry, Winchell, Ida,
Laurence and George.

front row: Weldon, Glen, and Albin.

which they rented from the Soldiers settlement board. While they lived on this farm Glen Arthur was born in 1929 and in 1931 Weldon Scott was born.

About 1928 some park land was being taken out of the park. Harry contacted the arthorities responsible and was successful in getting the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 18-20-19 taken out of the park, and he homesteaded it. While living on the Zahara farm he broke up some land and built a house and barn. On his homestead, getting water was a problem. In later years they dug an 80 foot hole by hand, which did solve the water problem.

For several years from 1931 to 1938 they cultivated a large garden and deliveréd vegetables and some home baking to the cottagers at the park, two days a week. Sometimes they used the Model T which had by now been converted to a truck, but if the roads were bad, they used a team and wagon. One summer they sometimes drove a team and democrat owned by Charlie Blazdell.

Although Harry danced only square dances, the family attended all community projects. Mrs. Mayor played the organ or paino, and was much in demand for church services, school concerts, and music Festivals.

In 1932 they moved to their homestead. Times were tough and in the winters Harry worked at Camp 5 with a team for a dollar a day. They always milked cows, so milk, cream, and butter, wild meat and

vegetables were plentiful. They pastured the cows in the park, and cut and hauled hay from Little Shoal Lake in the park.

Harry Mayor was crippled with rheumatism at an early age. In his teen years at Gladstone, he spent the summers riding horseback and herding cows for his Dad on the big marsh east of Gladstone. It was a harsh life and many days he would be wet and cold, as he had no protection from the weather.

When the vegetable selling at the park ended in August, he spent a lot of his time herding cows in the park, so that they wouldn't venture down into the farmers crops.

In 1939 the war years began. Three sons, Winchell Laurence and George were successful in enlisting. George joined the Air Force in 1943 at the age of 18. He died at Karlsruhe, Germany on April 25, 1944. As George had signed some of his pay over to support his mother and Dad, they were able to receive a pension when he was killed.

They remained on the farm until 1956 when they retired to the village of Erickson. Dad was always closely associated with the church, attended the Lutheran Church there as it was two blocks away from where he lived and he was able to walk that far. He became an avid crib and scrabble player, but he never was happy living in town. He died March 3, 1967. His funeral was in the Onanole United Church and he is buried in the Crawford Park Cemetery.

Mother was active in many organizations and was the Returning officer for both the Conservatives and Liberal parties in the village of Erickson. In 1971 she moved into Parkland Home. She died of cancer on August 22, 1976. She is buried in the Crawford Park cemetery.

The family of one daughter and seven sons of which seven still live:

Harriet Almira married Edward Hodges October 26, 1935 reside at Crawford Park.

Alexander Laurence married Carrie Katchur October 28, 1939 resides in Eden.

John Ashton Moad married Kay Glowa March 2, 1941 resides in Erickson.

Winchell Herbert Married Doris Ebsworth, April 7, 1945 resides in Erickson.

Thomas Albin married Beryl Burkett July 26, 1958
resides in Erickson.

Glen Arthur married Marion Burnett Jan. 21,st 1956
resides in Onanole.

Weldon Scott married Margaret Mackie October 22, 1955
resides in Calgary, Alberta.

MAYOR ALEXANDER LAURENCE

Laurence was born in Gladstone, Man. on August 24 1916, oldest son of Harry and Ida Mayor. He moved to Crawford Park district with his parents in March 1925, and recieved his education in the Clear Creek school. He helped his father on the farm and worked in the bush during the winter months. In October 1939 he started working at Kippan's mill near Moon Lake in Riding Mountain National Park.

In October 1939 he married Carrie Katchur from Elphinstone. They raised 3 sons and 2 daughters; Morris, Jim, Harold, Linda, and Diane. An infant daughter died in 1940 (Eleanor).

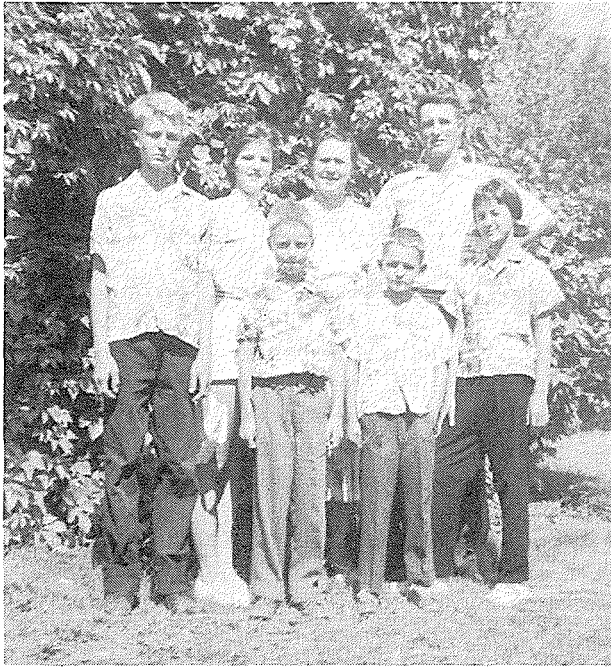
Laurence joined the Armed Forces in 1940 and after discharge went to drive transfer for MacArthurs of Brandon. In 1952 he went to work for Manitoba Pool Elevators. After 27 years of service at Justice and Eden he is now enjoying retirement at Eden.

He lost his wife, Carrie in May 1974 and his son Jim in Feb. 1975. Both died of heart trouble.



Laurence and
Carrie

MAYOR JOHN and KAY



Family 1958

back row:
George
Joyce
Kay & John
front row:
John
Gerald
Judy

John Mavor the second son of Harry and Ida Mavor, was born at Gladstone, Man. He attend school for one year at the Bear Creek school and then the family moved to Crawford Park, where he attended the Clear Creek school. For one year he lived with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young, so that he could take Jackie to school, the first year she went to school. John left home at an early age, and spent many years during the depression working for farmers, namely Arthur Simms, Ben Lee at Newdale, and many years for Fred Porter at Basswood. He also spent a year at McBrides at Gladstone.

When the war began in 1939, John went to enlist in the services but was turned down. He tried several times at later dates but due to being nearly blind in one eye he was not accepted. The last time he went to try to get into the army at Winnipeg, he got work, operating the elevator in the Ambassador apartments. It was while working there that he met Kay.

I, Kay Glowa was born at Agardsley, Man. the oldest daughter in a family of nine, the children of Annie and Bill Glowa. I recieved my education at schools in Agardsley, Elphinstone, Sandy Lake, and then when the

family moved to Endeavour, I completed my education at Endeavour. My parents operated the general store. I went to Winnipeg to work.

In 1941 John went to the God's Lake gold mines in Northern Man.

I followed later and we got married. One year later the mine closed so we went to Pickle Crow, Ont. gold mines. In five years this also closed down. We then came to Crawford Park in 1948 and started farming on the Bob McLaughlin farm NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1-20-20. We came to the farm with three children. Anyway as farming progressed to a section so did our family to five. John had attended school at Clear Creek, and so did all the children in later years. In 1960 the Rolling River Division took over so our children were transported to Onanole for a few years, then to Sandy Lake and then on to Erickson.

Our eldest daughter Joyce got her high school in Winnipeg and Erickson. She trained at the General Hospital, Wpg. for a Lab. Technician at that time they gave her a stipend. She married Elwood Morris of Erickson and they went to Montreal Quebec, she got employment at McGill University. They now reside in Mississauga, Ont. have three children: Jordan, Laura, and Kristine.

George took a year of Drafting at M.I.T., Wpg. (now its known as Red River Community College) then two years of lab chemistry and got employed at Atomic Energy at Pinawa, Man. for 5 years. He loved skiing so went to Fernie, B.C. and still is employed at Kaiser Coal Resources in Lab. work and computers.

Judy took Lab. Technology at M.I.T. in Wpg. after graduation she became employed at the Civic Hospital Ottawa. Is now supervisor and instructor there. She got married to Les Waddell and has two children, Bruce and Lyndsey.

John Jr. got his BSc. at the University of Wpg. After graduation got married to Sharon Lazaruk of Oakburn. Got employed at Fort Colbourne, Ontario later at Uranium City, Sask. and presently reside at Esterhazy, Sask. where he is employed with International Minerals and Chemicals Corp. as a senior Metallurgist. They have two girls, Mandy and Erin.

Gerald, after high school attended Red River Community College in Wpg. taking Telecommunications. He is employed with Sask. Telephone in Grenfell, Sask.

He married Denise Tutkaluk of Oakburn, Man.

We farmed until 1974 then retired to Erickson. There was no medical in those days and the nearest hospital for surgery was Minnedosa. Erickson hospital opened in 1950. We had four cases of appendix in one year. Some how we paid the doctor bills a little each month.

John and I were both active in community affairs. John served a couple of terms on the school board. He was a good curler.

MAYOR ALBIN and BERYL

Albin was born at Crawford Park on November 20, 1946 to Ida and Harry Mayor. He was educated at Clear Creek school but left school to take over the family farm when the older boys joined the armed forces.

Albin took part in curling, basketball, and was a member of the Clear Creek Midzets Hockey Team coached by Art Simms. He purchased the Walter Priestner farm S.W. of 12-20-20 in 1948 and sold it to John Mayor in 1954.

He moved to Erickson in 1955 to work for Pool Elevators.

Albin married Beryl Burkett in July of 1958. He then started work for the Highways Department for nine years. At that time he started carpentry, getting his papers in 1972 and presently is still working at carpentry.

Albin and Beryl raised three sons, Darwin and Delmar are both in Alberta. Cameron is completing his education in Minnedosa and still lives at home in Erickson with Mom and Dad.

MAYOR GLEN and MARIAN

Glen Arthur was born Nov. 19, 1929 the sixth son of Harry and Ida Mayor. He was born on what was then known as the Zahara farm and was ushered into the world by Mrs. Baxter. He recieved his education at the Clear Creek school. Glen excelled in sports and in 1944 when Onanole and Clear Creek were tied in points with only the boys high jump to decide who won the Levion Shield, Glen won the high jump thus giving

Clear Creek the shield. He played hockey with the local boys teams, and for a number of years played with the men's hockey team in Erickson when they were competing in league play. The summer and fall of 1948 he spent at High River, Alberta working on a ranch.

On January 21, 1956 he married Marian Burnett. Marian was born in Basswood, the second daughter of Earl and Margaret Burnett. The Burnett family moved to Onanole in 1947.



Earl, Glen, Marian, and Richard Mayor

Glen and Marian farmed at Crawford Park where he bought the Fowler farm NE of 7-20-19. He worked for Carter Construction as well as farming. In 1975 he began working for the Park. In 1976 they sold the farm to Mr. McGregor and moved to Onanole. Their auction sale was April 23, 1976. Glen and Marian were active in community affairs. Glen served as trustee on the Clear Creek school board. They had three children, Marie Suzanne died at birth July 24, 1964. Earl born

in 1956 is now married to Martha Grochmal, and they have two children Kelly and Derek. They lived at Thompson for a few years, but now reside at Allan, Sask.

Richard born in 1957 is married to Elizabeth Kroeger and they have three girls Tara, Trisha and Julie. They also lived in Thompson a couple of years, but now reside at Saskatoon, Sask.

MAYOR WELDON and MARGARET



Weldon and Margaret
Colleen, Laurie, and Maxine

Weldon Scott Mayor was born in the Zahara house on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 6-20-19. Mrs. Baxter attended at his birth.

He is the youngest son of Harry and Ida Mayor. He attended the Clear Creek school, and excelled in track and field and soft ball. After completing elementary school he worked at various jobs. He was assistant to Mr. Steve Verbewsky in the Pool Elevator in Sandy Lake and also for the Eden brothers in construction. He worked for Man. Hydro from 1956 to 1962 and resided in Erickson, Man.

On October 22, 1955 he married Margaret Mackie, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mackie of St. Rose. Margaret was born at Uno, Man. and attended the Turtle River school. Margaret's parents were Scottish and have many relations in Scotland.

In 1962 Weldon answered an advertisement in the newspaper for the city of Calgary. His application was accepted and the family moved to Calgary. He still works for City of Calgary Electric System. His one specific chore there is the Christmas decorating of the streets of Calgary.

Weldon and Margaret have three daughters Maxine, was born in Brandon in 1956. She is now employed by Gulf Oil of Alberta. Laurie was born in Erickson, after completing school she took a hairdressing course and now operates her own shop. Colleen was born in Erickson, after completing high school she worked in a shop for awhile, but is now taking a hairdressing course.

MCDONALD JOHN

I don't know when my Uncle Allan and my grandparents moved from Elphinstone to Crawford Park but were there when we moved from Dauphin to Crawford Park in 1930. We lived there until 1933 and then my Dad, John McDonald joined the Stoney Mountain Penitentiary staff in 1935 and we moved to Stoney Mountain.

My brother Jack joined the Cameron Highlanders in October 1939 and went overseas and took part in the Dieppe raid and back to Canada in 1943 to take an instructors course. While in Canada he married a nurse Ila Johnson in January 1944 and went back overseas in April of 1944. He was killed in Belgium on September 14th, 1944 and his son was born Nov. 5, 1944. Jack's wife and son both live on Vancouver Island.

Alice died in May 1946 in childbirth so there's

only my youngest sister Anne and I left. Anne lives in Regina, has two daughters and a son, all married. She has 7 grandchildren.

Both my parents are gone, we lost Mum in 1973 and Dad in 1975.

Uncle Allan is still in Winnipeg.

MCDONALD ALLAN

My parents, Norman McDonald and Barbara McDonald were married on May 20, 1891. They had six children, John born July 9, 1893. Bella born July 29, 1894. Catherine Anna born November 25, 1895. Barbara born January 24, 1897. Margaret Maud born 1898. Allan born November 14, 1904.

We lived at Elphinstone for many years, where we operated the hotel. After World War 1, my brother John a veteran got his farm W $\frac{1}{2}$ 3-20-20. My parents and I built a house on the south quarter, and lived there for many years. In June 1936 while mother and I had gone to Crawford Park Store two people beat my Dad up and stole our few valuables in the house. He died about a year later.

In 1941 I purchased the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 36-19-20 from the Jim Girling estate. One year while living there my sister Barbara lived with me. She was teaching at the Clear Creek school. I sold this land in 1947 to Mr. and Mrs. Mike Panschyshyn and moved to Winnipeg. In the spring of 1948 I began work with CNR. I was retired on November 14, 1969. Since then I have worked at Janitor work. I married Florence Lumbly and we have one daughter, Sandra.

NOTE: Allan was a very good Violinist as well as a good dancer. He was a good community worker for many years.

McINTOSH HOWARD

Howard was a veteran of World War 1. He was wounded while overseas and had one leg amputated. He applied to the Soldiers Settlement Board for a farm and got the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-19 and the W 80 of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-19. He did the improvements on his farm, building

a farm house 24x24. Other farmers lived on this farm by renting it. He sold it to Mr. Griffiths Sr.

Howard was married and lived at Rossburn.

McLAUGHLIN ROBERT and JANE

Robert and Jane and son Mack moved to Crawford Park in the fall of 1926. They lived with sons Melvin and Bob McLaughlin until the spring of 1927, when they moved to the Zaharia farm. They spent a little over a year there and then in the fall of 1928 moved to Rackham. From there they moved to Edrans, both are buried in the Edrans cemetery.

McLAUGHLIN FORD and MARGARET

With a family of eight children they left Helston by train for Sandy Lake and arrived there March 9, 1926. Harry Mayor came to meet us with a team and sleigh box to take us to Crawford Park.

It was a long cold drive across Sandy Lake and crooked winter road through bush and sloughs. Enroute to Harry's place we stopped off at Arthur Simms farm, where we got warmed up and stayed for a meeting to try and organize a school district, as we had five school age children. We got our first school in Clear Creek in 1926. Lottie McLaughlin, a student was the first care taker of the school.

We arrived with arrived with nothing, not even a team of horses to make a living, **there was** certainly tough times ahead of us for years. We were lucky to have friends like Harry and Ida Mayor who willing let us stay with them until we could find a house to live in. We finally moved to a place known as the Lamb Place, to a small frame house with one ply of shiplap on the walls.

Ford was able to find some work clearing land for other settlers, all by hand with an axe and a saw.

The boys did some trapping and traded the pelts at the store for food for the table. In the summer the whole family dug Seneca Root, washed and dried it and traded it at the store for food. Mr Charlie Crawford was the store keeper and post master.

Ford had made a deal for section 8, Hudson Bay



Ford and Maggie
McLaughlin

log house on his
homestead

taken after
the war.



A family gathering by the new house built on
McLaughlins homestead.

land, it had no buildings and nothing broke up, so while trying to break up land for a crop, we moved to a small house on Roy Kelly's farm south of section 8. The family still trapped and dug seneca root to make ends meet. Then Ford was unable to make payments and lost the farm.

Ford was able to apply for a second homestead, the SE of 12-20-20 which was all bush and heavy timber. He built a log house and moved there in 1929.

In the year 1933 another daughter was born making a family of nine children. The year of 1939 the second war broke out, as a result four of the family joined the armed forces, Melvin, George, Bob and Jean. In 1932 the two oldest girls married.

In the year of 1953 they retired and moved to Onanole. They enjoyed living there for ten years. Margaret passed away in April 1964 and Ford continued to live there until he took up residence in the personal care home in Sandy Lake. He is now 90 years old.

The oldest daughter Lottie married Cliff Foster and had one son. Leona married Bud Brown and had a family of five children. They took up farming and lived in Crawford Park district until the children all finished going to school. Melvin married Ruth Baxter and had a family of eight children, they farmed and raised their family in Crawford Park, Melvin still lives there. George married Shirly Prokopchuk and had five children. Jean married Tony Bochman, they had two children. Bob married Yvonne Strubble and had five children. Russell married Elsie Prokopchuk and had four children. Cecil married Grace McCutcken they have four children. Marjorie married Ivan Lundy and had one child.

McLAUGHLIN MELVIN and EVA

Melvin was born in Neepawa, Man. the 4th child in the family of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McLaughlin. He enlisted in World War 1 and served with the Cameron Highlanders overseas. When he was discharged from the army he worked in the railroad at Gladstone. Then he went to Russell to work and there he met Arthur Simms. In 1922 they came to Clear Lake where they took soldier farms. Mel took the east half of 1-20-20. He lived

with Arthur the first winter and took out logs to build his house. Melvin's brother Robert came to live with him. They worked together breaking the land and building a barn and other necessary buildings. Melvin was a good violinist, and they attended all the dances and parties in the area.

On March 17, 1927 Melvin married Eva Brown. Eva was born at Grand Forks, North Dakota. The Brown family moved from U.S.A. to Basswood, Man. and in the spring of 1926 they moved from Basswood to Crawford Park, to the Young (Jim) farm, the W $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1-20-20.

When Melvin and Eva were married, Melvin gave his brother Robert the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1-20-20, and Robert built a house and moved to his own farm.

Melvin farmed for 42 years. During World War II he enlisted in the Veterans Guard of Canada. He was discharged for medical reasons. Melvin and Eva raised a family of nine children.

Fern married Harold Kirkby, has four children and lives in Brandon. Marland worked on his Dad's farm until 1966, when he began working as a gardener at the park. Marland became diabetic when very young. He had to quit work for medical reasons and after a lengthy illness, he passed away in the St. Boniface Hospital in Wpg. in 1980. Eunice married Harold Scott, has two children and lives in Brandon. Earl married Grace Dudding, has four children and lives in Alexander. Vivian married Harvey Kelly, they live at Onanole and have two children. Margaret married Vincent Smith has two children and lives at Onanole. Bernice married Leonard Battersby has two children and lives at Charter. Bruce lives at Onanole and after working for a short period in the stores at the park, he began operating the Onanole Hardware Store. Bruce excels in sports, especially hockey, curling, and pitching fastball. Debbie married Mervin Hall, lives on a farm north of Erickson. They have four children.

In 1966 Melvin and Eva sold their farm to Fred and Christina Cobb, and moved to Onanole. Melvin passed away Jan. 9, 1977.

Melvin had an excellent knowledge of operating and repairing farm machinery. In the early years he spent every fall at Portage-La-Prairie, where he operated a thrashing outfit.

Eva was very active in community affairs. She served as school trustee, was a member and president of Legion Auxiliary, and served on the sports committee.

McLAUGHLIN BOB and AGGIE



Robert (Bob) McLaughlin was born at Portage-La-Prairie on Sept. 14, 1897. His parents moved to the Muir area and that was where Bob attended school. He was a good hard ball player (pitcher) and was active in all the ball tournaments. About 1923-24 he came to Crawford Park and lived with his brother Melvin who had a half section of land. Melvin gave Bob a quarter the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1-20-20 and here Bob built his farm home. On Nov. 6, 1929 he married Agnes Simms of Russell.

Agnes Simms had spent many holiday at Crawford Park, where a relative Arthur Simms had his farm. Bob and Aggie farmed in this district until 1949 when they moved to a farm between Onanole and Erickson.

They had three children, Ivan married Beatrice Holt and lives in Shoal Lake. He works for the Dept. of Highways. Gwen married R Nene Nichol and lives in Edmonton. Roger is married and lives at Yorkton. He is a radio announcer.

Bob and Aggie were ardent fans of the Toronto

Maple Leafs hockey team, and enjoyed the hockey broadcasts. They were both good curlers and worked for every community project. They also were very dedicated to their political beliefs. Bob was a staunch Liberal and Aggie a dedicated Conservative. One election Bob taking his horse and buggy, refused to give Aggie a ride to the voting poll. Doc Rutledge who was the Conservative candidate had a car, and was hauling his followers to vote. He picked Aggie up and she passed Bob on the road. They were both good sports and we had many good times with them. They farmed until 1968 when they retired to live in Erickson. Bob passed away in July 1974, at the age of 77 years. Aggie passed away March 1, 1979 at the age of 80 years. Both are laid to rest in the Erickson Cemetery.

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McLAUGHLIN MELVIN and RUTH

Melvin, the eldest son of Ford and Margaret McLaughlin was born at Helston, Man. where his parents farmed. He attended school at the Bear Creek school when it opened in the fall of 1923. He came to Crawford Park in March 1926 when the Clear Creek school was opened in the fall of 1926, Melvin attended school there. He worked on his Dad's farm and was instrumental in setting up a saw mill there.

In 1935 he bought the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 12-20-20 from Hugh Irwin of Elphinstone.

On June 20, 1940 He joined the P.P.C.L.I. in Wpg. He transferred to the 106th Heavy Artillery, and served in Canada, in Winnipeg and Newfoundland. He was discharged from the army Dec. 11, 1942.

Ruth Baxter was born in Edmonton, Alberta Nov. 1924 the only daughter of Josiah and Lillian Baxter, and recieved her education at the Clear Creek school. She enlisted in the C.W.A.C. and was discharged Nov. 23, 1942.

Melvin and Ruth were married on Nov. 6, 1943 at Dauphin, Man. The first winter they lived in the J.A. Baxter house, as Mr. and Mrs. Baxter were living in the Crawford cottage. Then they moved to Melvin's farm.

In 1947 they purchased the N $\frac{1}{2}$ of 11-20-20. While living on section 12 Melvin operated a saw mill for about 15 years. A lot of lumber was produced in this

mill. He also did custom threshing for a few years, until combines were used in the district.

In 1960 Melvin and Ruth purchased Brown's farm (the Blackwell farm) and the Bercier farm. In 1961 the family moved to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 31-19-19. In 1969 they purchased E $\frac{1}{2}$ of 32-19-19 from the Prokopchuk's.

Melvin and Ruth had eight children. Carol is married to Larry Reid. They have 5 children and live at Clanwilliam. Donald married Esther McMillan. They have three sons and live at Coronation, Alberta. The twins were Calvin and Allan. Calvin is married to Paula Allan, they have three children and live at Coronation, Alberta. Allan is still single. He joined the army, the engineers, and has served numerous places in Canada, in Germany and in Egypt. He is master Corporal and is at present stationed at Camp Shilo, Man. Nelson is married to Debbie Dunning. They have 3 children and live in Erickson. Both are employed at the park. Kenneth is married to Liz Moyer from Minnedosa. They have 4 children, two of them twin girls. They live at Coronation, Alberta. Gary lives at home with his Dad. Gordon married Paula Nechwediuk from Sandy Lake. They have two daughters. They live in Erickson where Gordon works at the Co-op.

Melvin has sold all his land but eighty acres. Ruth who had been in ill health for some time passed away May 17, 1979. She is buried in the Crawford Park cemetery. Melvin served on the school board as trustee and Ruth was secretary-treasure of the Legion Ladies Auxiliary #67 for many years.

McLAUGHLIN DON and ESTHER

Donald McLaughlin was born in Dauphin. He attended school at Clear Creek school and Sandy Lake Collegiate. He worked at various places, as well as helping on his Dad's farm. While working at the Husky Garage in Brandon on No. 1 highway he met and married Esther McMillan who was employed in the Husky restaurant. Esther was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George McMillan of Basswood.

Don and Esther were married on Sept. 2, 1972. They lived in Irene Brown's house for awhile, also in Erickson. He worked for some time at the park. About 1977 they moved a mobile home onto the farm, and Don helped on the farm.

In the spring of 1979 they moved to Coronation, Alberta. Don drives a truck, hauling supplies to the oil fields. Don and Esther have three sons, Mathew, Shawn and Ryan.

Don was an active member in the 4-H. He served as president of the Seed Club.

MELCOSKY WILLIAM

My parents, John Melcosky and Petronella Palahnuik were marreid in October 1902 in the hamlet called Kudrincee in the district of Borschiw, West Ukraine. My brother Gus and my sister Annie were born in the Ukraine. My Dad migrated to Canada in the year 1908. He worked for a short time in the Province of Quebec, then he moved on to Espanola, Ontario where he was employed at a pulp and paper mill. My mother migrated with Gus and Annie to Espanola in the year 1911. In August 1912 my brother Peter was born. Then on 23 February 1914 I (William) was born.

In 1915 we came to the Sandy Lake district. Dad bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of section 8-17-20. I attended school at Mountcalm. In March 1926, my Dad and 3 or 4 other men went to Dauphin via Lake Audy and Keld. They took up homesteads. Dad homesteaded NE $\frac{1}{4}$ section 24-19-20. In June, July and August, my Dad, Gus, Frank Chastko and I worked on the homestead and Gus's wife Lena was our cook. Dad and Frank cut logs for a cabin, while Gus and I broke land. Gus drove five horses on a 16 inch brush breaker and I drove six horses on an 18 inch breaker. We stayed in Joe Kenny's log dwelling. We had very much rain in 1926 and the mosquitoes almost ate us alive.

I being only 12 and a half years old, went back to school. By the way we broke 44 acres of land the first summer. In the spring of 1927, I was helping with the seeding. Gus and I put in the first crop. Bill Burdeny cut the crop for us and Jacob Rochelle threshed the crop. In the spring of 1928, I seeded the crop. We bought a 6 foot McCornick Binder with which I cut grain for 5 years. In 1930 and 1931 we had severe fires as the dirty thirties were upon us. My parents spent much time with us as I was quite young. In the winter of 1929-30 I worked for Tom Buchanan at the shingle mill. In 1933, I rented one

quarter section from W. Pawluk, a three year lease. My Dad became ill and had to have medical attention. Times were difficult for me without his help and supervision. Then on September 11, 1934 our family was saddened as our dad entered Eternal Rest. We sadly missed him. In 1935 I had a hired man as I was renting a half section from Mrs. Pat Carrol. In the fall of 1936, I bought my first car, a 1928 Chevrolet coupe. My sister Christine was my housekeeper from 1934- 1936. Then my sister Mary stayed with me. Brother Paul was with me for a few years. There were many happy times as my place was a get-together centre. And so life goes on.

In the fall of 1939, Bill and Paul Gregorash and I took a 100 thousand foot contract to cut logs at Alex Kippan's Mill north of Moon Lake. And so the winter of 1939-40 was spent logging....hard work but rewarding. The following winter, 1940-41 I went logging again. This time, with Mike Nechweduk. We had Bill Nechweduk and Mike Mizinchuk cut the logs for us.

I divined for water and located a strong source of water right in the yard and had a 78 foot well drilled. On Nov. 1, 1941 I married Rhea Olive Lundy and we farmed. In August 1942, we were blessed with a baby girl and we named her Alice Ann. In 1943 the crop was really good. Then, one morning in August at 5:00 a.m. it hailed and I mean hailed. All our crop except seven acres was completely hailed out. On 31 October 1943 we had an auction sale. We bid farewell to neighbours and friends. And so ended the era of the Melcosky's in the Crawford Park community.

On the next day, our 2nd anniversary, we moved to the village of Sandy Lake. Our family consisted of two daughters and four sons.

In Sept. 1955 we moved to the hamlet of Douglas as I was employed at C.F.B. Shilo. In May 1957 on the 11th our eldest son John Campbell went fishing with a soldier from Shilo and an Officer from Rivers. Tragedy struck....all were drowned. In 1958 on Labour Day weekend, we moved to Brandon. Our family grew up Alice married F.L. DeDelly and is living in Winnipeg. Thomas married Diana Hrechka and is living in Thompson. Beatrice married Don Evanonki and is living in Brandon and Dave married to Kathy Town is living in Brandon. Ivan is still single and lives in Nordegg, Alberta. Rhea and I were divorced. She lives in Calgary, I have my home in Brandon.

MIKO FRED and ANNE

Fred was the eldest son of Alex and Tekla Miko of the Horod district. He was born Feb. 4, 1904, in the Ukraine. He came to Canada with his parents and sister at the age of two. He attended school for three days, but returned home to help operate the farm.

Anne was the eldest daughter of Michael and Martha Chequis. She was born on Dec. 23, 1907 and lived in the Rossburn district. She attended school in the Roskaraura district. Being the eldest she also had very little education, for her help was needed at home. Her parents came from the Ukraine but she was born in Canada.

Anne and Fred met during Ukrainian Christmas season January 8 and were married one month later on Feb. 7, 1928 in the Rossburn district in a chapel. They also had a second reception at his father's house in Horod. After the wedding they took up residence on a rented farm in the Elphinstone district for about 3 years. From here the couple once again rented land in the Crawford Park area. They homesteaded the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 13-19-20. They began cutting down the huge trees, clearing land and building a house and stable. They have since built another home on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 24-19-20, and have resided here ever since. It was Ann's dream always to have land of their own. They raised turkeys pigs, cattle, and grew grain. While farming they raised a family of four children. One child died at age four months due to illness. The children consisted of three sons, Wilferd, Metro, and Peter and one daughter Venetta and the baby which was also a girl.

Wilferd married Sophie and now reside with their two children, in the Ozerna district, Laurence and Roselle Mairie.

Venetta married Ron Baranuik, have three girls and reside in Winnipeg. Roseanne, Tammy and Sandra.

Metro married Joyce and reside in Winnipeg, and have three children, one girl Gail, and two boys Tom and David.

Peter married Germaine and reside in the Crawford Park district and farm their land with three girls, Wanda, Holly, Valerie and one boy Terrace.

Fred and Anne celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1978. The family gathered at their home to wish them well and have a day of remembrance of the years that passed.

Anne passed away in Nov. 1980 at the age of 72 years. Fred resides with his daughter in Winnipeg during the winter and returns to spend the summer on the farm with his son Peter.

Fred and Anne were truly pioneers of the Crawford Park district.

MIKO PETER and GERMAINE

Peter is the third son of Fred and Anne Miko. He resides on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 23-19-20, formerly owned by Bill Pawluk.

Peter grew up in the Crawford Park district and attended the Clear Creek school, till grade eight, then went to Sandy Lake to complete his education. Having taken part in different school activities, Peter also became a devote 4-H member for thirteen years. He belonged to the beef and seed club in particular with some support given to curling and public speaking.

After high school Peter went on to take an Artificial Insemination Course in Selkirk. He then became a technician in various areas for twelve years.

Peter ventured out in 1965 to Regina, Sask. where he became employed at the Cominco Fertilizer plant. While there he met Germaine Sali.

Germaine was the eldest daughter of Nick and Catherine Sali of Regina. Germaine was employed there at the time they met. She attended school for eight years at St. Augustine and high school at Balfour Technical. Peter and Germaine met at a New Years Eve dance in Sask. at a little town called Pilote Butte. They were married in Regina, on October 8, 1966 in the Ukr. Catholic Church of St. Basil. There was also a second wedding reception held in Sandy Lake on October 15, 1966.

After the marriage they took up farming on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of 23-19-20. Germaine taught the last year of school at the Clear Creek School and Peter went working for the Government, testing cattle for Bangs disease. They have taken over Peter's Dad's farm and now operate a mixed farm.

The family consist of three girls and one boy. The girls are: oldest Wanda, Holly, and Valerie and the youngest being the boy Terrace. The children attend school at Sandy Lake and high school at Erickson.

MONTAGUE GILBERT and CONNIE

Gilbert Montague was born in Buckinghamshire, England. He came to Canada in 1913, but when the first World War broke out, he returned to England and enlisted in the army. He returned to Canada, coming over on the same boat as his sister Mrs. Newitt, his sister in law Mrs. Montague, and Miss Mary Welford, a friend of the family. Miss Welford was coming to Winnipeg to be married to Mr. George Griffiths.

Gilbert applied for a soldiers farm through the Soldiers Settlement Board. He was given the East ½ of section 4-20-20. He farmed there as well as working on the railroad. He was a fireman for the CPR and later for the CNR. He batched on the farm until 1932, when he and Connie Rollings were married.

Connie was born and raised at Plumas. She worked in the bank there and moved to Crawford Park with her parents and brothers in 1927. They farmed there until 1944. They had a good farm on which Gilbert had worked breaking the land with horse and plough. The creek ran across the south end of the farm, and where Gilbert had the buildings there was a spring, that provided water, the year round.

In 1944 they sold the farm and bought the John Kolabinsky farm at Onanole. There were three quarters with the buildings on the SW¼ of 19-19-18, where Sportman's Park is now located. Gilbert and Connie decided to build a new house but built over on the north east corner of the quarter away from the main road. In 1948 they decided to move to B.C. They rented the farm to Ernie and Tillie Smith later to Geletchuks. In 1960 they decided to sell the farm and sold it to Veron and Rose Rollings.

When they moved to Creston, B.C. they purchased a hotel. They later sold that and bought a store. Gilbert died on June 29, 1972. In 1973 Connie came to Erickson where she resides with her brother and sister-in-law, Veron and Rose Rollings.

Housework: is something you do that nobody notices unless you don't do it .

MOON WILLIAM

We could not locate any relatives of Bill Moon. He was a veteran of World War 1 and took as his farm the E½ of 34-19-20 through the Soldiers Settlement Board. He batched there for some years. The last winter in this area, about 1930 he stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Jim Arnold and family. Some years later he passed away, a victim of tuberculosis.

MORGAN W.M. and LAURA

Bill and Laura Morgan lived on the Neil Christianson farm during 1942-43. In November 1943 Bill joined the armed services. In Dec. of the same year Laura moved to McConnell.

When Bill returned from overseas, he moved to Onanole and was employed at the Park on heavy equipment. Bill died on Sept. 3, 1982.

MYMKO STEVE and DORA

My father and mother came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1902. They settled just north of Ashville, Man. in a small log shack that was covered with dirt. They had two children at that time. Teenie and Bill. I was born Oct. 1, 1914 the second youngest of nine children. Dad had to go to Neepawa by foot and carry flour home to make bread. They used to add potatoes to stretch the flour so it would last longer. Dad worked for a farmer in Grandview earning a few dollars to feed his ever growing family. He bought a bigger house with a thatched roof and more land. However, this was all lost during the depression. In 1928 he bought a homestead near Shortdale, Man. and moved in 1929. By this time there were only 3 children left at home. We worked for various farmers scrubbing land for .50¢ a day. I also worked for a farmer at Oakburn from sun-up till sun-down, walking behind harrowes for \$15.00 a month. In 1934 I started batching with my brother Bill on a farm near Grandview. I remember that to go to a dance we had to cut a load of wood and sell it to get .75¢ so we could go to the dance. In the summer of 1934 I went by bicycle across the Riding

Steve and Dora
Mymko



BELOW
Back row: Norman
Lyla, Dora, Steve,
Muriel.
Front: Michaeline,
Patricia, and June.



Mountain to visit my brother Fred who lived on a farm near Oakburn. I had to stop over night on the way there. I stopped over at Alex Orvniak when I went across the mountain. That's when I met Dora Oryniak for the first time. In the fall of 34 she came to Grandview to stay with her sister Mary. Her sister was married to my brother John. Dora worked in Grandview at Piekoff's for \$6.00 a month doing housework. She was 17 years old at the time. She worked in Grandview for a few years then in 1936 she went to work in Gilbert Plains Commerical Hotel as a cook. In 1937 she came back to Grandview to work for A.J. Webb doing housework, was getting paid \$8.00 a month. In 1938 she worked for Art Hoffman. We got married Oct. 1, 1938 and rented a farm $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from Shortdale. Times were tough, no money to live on and no jobs. I hauled wood and ice that winter for \$1.00 a load.

In 1941 we moved from Shortdale to the Pleasant Valley district. We rented a farm, the weather was very dry and the crops poor. Wheat was selling for .35 cents a bushel. Barely and oats was selling for .05¢ a bushel. In 1944 I managed to scrape together enough money to put a down payment on a farm (100.00). The farm was located 2 miles SE of Shortdale. We had three children by this time. We farmed in the Shortdale area until 1960. By this time we had six children, Muriel, Lyla, Norman, Patricia, June, and Michaeline. In 1961 we sold our farm and bought the grocery store, filling station and boats from Morris Ingram at Lake Audy. We moved to Lake Audy the Easter of 1961 with our four children, Norman, Patricia, June and Michaeline. My mother, Irene Mymko was living with us since Dad passed away in 1956. She stayed with us until she passed away in Nov. 1962. Dora's mother Sophie Oryniak spent the summer with us after her husband died in March 1960. I was working for the CNR when I bought the business and continued to work for the railway until 1974.

Our son Norman married Isabella Koltusky in the fall of 1961 and they moved to Winnipeg in 1962, where he is now employed by the City of Winnipeg as a fireman.

The tourist trade kept us very busy during the summer months, what with the store and post office and renting boats at Lake Audy. The summer months were the busiest time of the year and if we wanted a holiday we had to go in the winter. In 1972 my brother Bill sold

his farm at Grandview and came to live with us at Lake Audy. We had good neighbours and friends that were also customers. When our 2 youngest girls decided to leave home we had to sell the business as it was too much to handle on our own. We weren't getting any younger. So in 1977 we sold out to Bob Curle. We didn't realize just how many friends we had made over the years, until they all came to our farewell party. They gave us a beautiful wall clock and Bill a barometer. We are now retired and living in Onanole, Man. but still think of Lake Audy as back home.

Our daughter Michaeline is now living in Red, Ont. June is living in Balikpapan, Indonesia. Patricia and Muriel are in Calgary, Alberta. Norman is in Wpg. Lyla is living in Dauphin. Bill is still with us.

Canadas Provincial Flowers

British Columbia-----	Dogwood
Alberta -----	Wild Rose
Saskatchewan -----	Prairie Lily
Manitoba -----	Crocus
Ontario -----	Trillium
Quebec -----	White Lily
New Brunswick -----	Blue Violet
Nova Scotia -----	May flower
Prince Edward Island--	Lady Slipper
Newfoundland -----	Pitcher Plant
North West Territories-	Mountain Avens
Yukon Territory -----	Purple Fireweed

Your an old timer if you can remember when you could tell a youngster the facts of life without getting into a debate.

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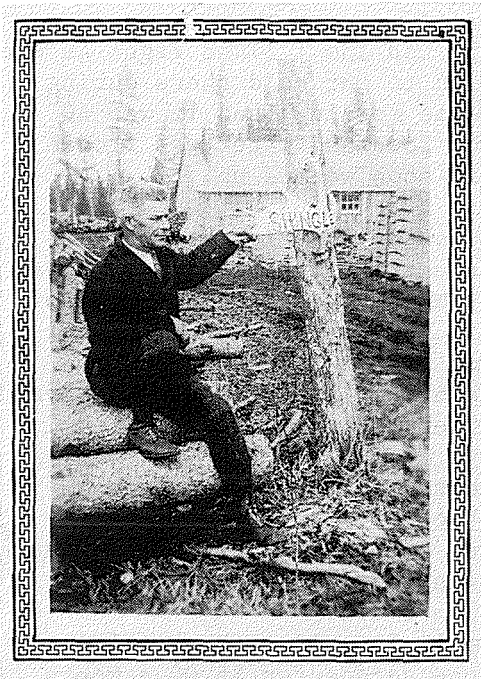
NICK NOVALKOWSKI

Nick Novalkowski was born in Horodenka, Ukraine in 1899, and came to Canada in 1911. In 1924 he married Frances Malchuk. She was born in 1897. They bought a homestead in the Audy district, the N.E. 30-19-20 and lived there for 17 years.

They had seven sons, John, Eddie, Ted, Russell, Chris, Steve and Tony. The boys attended the Audy School. Around 1942 the family moved to Horod. They lived on several different farms in the Horod, Seech and Providence districts before they retired and moved to Sandy Lake.

Nick and Frances are still living in their own home in Sandy Lake.

LUDWIG OBERG



Dad Oberg

First off, Dad and I came to Crawford Park in 1934 from Erickson and brought a homemade shingle mill with us which we eventually sold to Joe and Harold Johnson at Sandy Lake. Then we made another one which we used at Crawford Park Mill and sold that one to Alex Kippan and I operated it up there for two winters. Then we made another one and set it up on a piece of land not far from Si Baxter's place.

I worked for the Crawford's in their lumber mill (tail sawing and with the planer mill) and also did chores for Mrs. Crawford. She sort of took a liking to me for some reason.

I also worked with Dad on the shingle mill at night so didn't have much sleep those days; well that's

what you put up with when you are young and apparently it didn't hurt me any.

Oh, by the way, in the lumber mill Fred Skog was the sawyer, Joe Skog was the canter at times, Ed Skog ran the planer, and I think Jimmie Brown's Dad ran the steam engine.

When we set up the shingle mill by Baxter's place, we used to saw shingles for other people on a half and half basis. They would bring their logs in and we would keep half of the shingles for the sawing and then sell them for \$2.25 per thousand, that is 55 cents a bundle, pretty reasonable I'd say. Also we would trade shingles at stores for food such as flour, sugar, etc. mostly in Sandy Lake and Erickson.

At the mill by Baxter's we had different people working for us and I will name some of them: Art Ferguson, Ed Skog, Mel McLaughlin, Lance Henry, Harold McKee, Calvin Speir, Pat St. Cyr. I don't remember if Laurance Mayor worked for us or not. We had some good times there and also some tough times.

When we first set up camp there Dad and I lived right at one end of the mill and it sure used to get cold there during the night. We would wake up some mornings and it was 40° below in the building. All our food and water was frozen solid but a good fire going, it soon warmed up.

One time when Lance Henry was sawing shingles he put his hand along the saw to grease the track (whilst the saw was in motion) and not looking at what he was doing. The saw caught his hand and cut all his fingers off (that was our worst accident). Good thing we didn't have any more. I sawed a lot of shingles but never had an accident, mind you I always respected power machinery.

We also moved the mill to Erickson's farm in the Onanole area for one season and then back to Crawford Park and that's where it was when I went overseas. When I came back and went up there everything was gone.

When I wasn't working at the mill I would work on a farm. I worked for Frank Blackwell one season for \$5.00 a month and my board and then drove his team during threshing time. I also drove a stook team for Ernie Ashby one season and Jim Coey one season. Then I used to work with Dad hauling grain in his 1928 Ford Model A truck. I remember one time

when he had a load on and going to Sandy Lake Elevator, going up a steep hill the truck upset and spilled all the grain in the ditch. Well that didn't stop him, he got someone with a team of horses to get the truck back on the road right side up and then he shoveled all the grain back into the box and carried on to the elevator.

I remember the dances we had in the Community Hall. I played for some of them on my accordian and everybody seemed to enjoy themselves. I also was president of the Hall for one or two years and that was the only time it made any money.

I also played baseball at Crawford Park until I got my finger broken and had to go to Minnedosa to get it set properly. During the winter we played hockey up at Ashby's rink and of course also went skating on Clear Lake and on the creek.

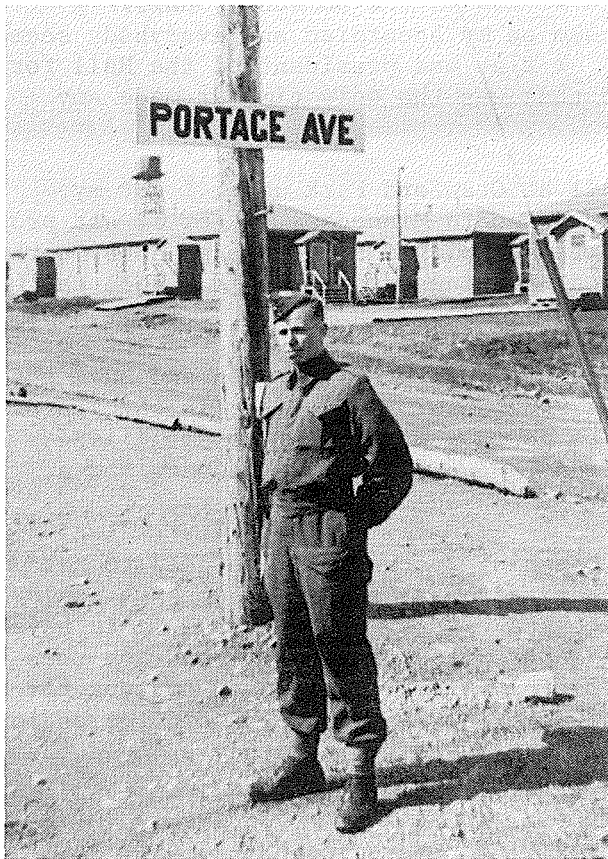
I used to walk from Crawford Park to Erickson and back the odd time and that was some hike. I remember in the winter time Dad and I used to go to Erickson in his small 1924 Model T truck. It didn't have a cab, just a seat and a windshield. Boy that sure used to be a cold ride.

When Dad and I were batching at the mill, we used to get our bread from Sina Christiansen, so once a week we would walk up to their place, have a few games of 500, then have a cup of good coffee and a piece of cake or buns and then take our bread back to the mill. I sure used to look forward to those visits. I think Hans and Sina did too and of course Annie and Alex were there too and they enjoyed themselves also.

I remember early one morning when I was coming home from playing at a dance in the Hall and I was carrying my accordian. I heard this commotion and just at the top of the hill from the Hall a herd of elk came out of the field and over the fence, across the road right in front of me. Well I was kind of scared as there was about 8 or 10 of the animals and they sure seemed big. Another time also walking home from a dance in the early hours of the morning I surprised a couple of coyotes by the road by Blackwell's farm and I think they were just as scared as I was.

One time when I thought I would go hunting moose, all I had was a 22 single shot rifle. Well I saw this moose and

he seemed like a real old one and was real close to me. I shot at him and all he did was shake his head and then came for me. Well I had to climb a tree and in so doing dropped my rifle and that sort of ended my hunting trip. I never went hunting again.



Bill Oberg

Debert Camp

I joined the army in 1940 (the Royal Winnipeg Rifles). I was working at Kippan's Mill at the time and went to Dauphin for my physical and then on to Winnipeg. From there we spent some time at Shilo and then to Debert for awhile, then overseas on the ship SS Orbita. It took 18 days on the Atlantic finally arriving in Liverpool just in time for an air raid. On the way over we bypassed a few big icebergs.

We went from Liverpool to Aldershot and then on to Whykhurst. All this time I was in the H.Q. section and doing signal work,

repairing wireless sets, phones, etc. Then I transferred to Ordance and was stationed at Middleton-on-Sea and during this time was involved with the Dieppe raid. Then I transferred to First Corp in Borden and then on to wireless courses in Parsley, Scotland, London, Twycross, and Nuneaton, then a short training at Isle of Beut (Rothsay) and back to Borden in the Base workshop installing wireless sets in Ram tanks.

Due to the type of work I was in I never had the opportunity to be physically involved with the Germans, but that's the way things turned out.

I got married in England to an English girl, Mary Lambert and we are still married to each other. We have four children, 2 girls and 2 boys, all living in this area. Three are married and we have three grandchildren. I worked here in Victoria after the war in 1945 for construction firms as a carpenter and then joined the B.C. Government and stayed with them until retirement in 1978 with the position of Carpenter Foreman.

I have lost contact with the St. Cyr. I think Vi is somewhere in Victoria but don't know where. I think Pat may be living in Ontario. Mrs. St. Cyr passed away a few years ago.

(Submitted by Bill Oberg)

MIKE AND TEKLA PANCHYSHYN

Michael Panchyshyn was born in Dolhe, Poland in 1903. He was the third child in a family of six. At the age of twelve he lost both his parents within three days. They both died of the flu during the first world war.

As a young man he worked as a laborer. At eighteen he was drafted into the Polish army where he served three years. Upon his return from the army he went back to his job and later he married Tekla Chmylyshyn.

Tekla, born in 1907, was the eighth child of a family of nine. She lost her dad during the first world war too, when she was only seven years old.

After his marriage, Mike worked for his in-laws and himself. In 1929, with the help of Tekla's family, Mike immigrated to Canada leaving his wife Tekla and their infant daughter Anne in Poland.



Mike and Tekla Panchyshyn



Brian, Walter, Susan and Ann
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Panchyshyn

In Canada, Mike worked where ever he could get a job of any kind. In 1936 he came to Crawford Park and bought the Southwest quarter of 36-19-20 and started farming.

In 1938, with the help of Tekla's two sisters Anne Wasylyshyn of Winnipeg and Nellie Moroz of New York, U.S.A., Mike brought his wife and daughter to Canada. Besides farming Mike also worked out during the winter. He worked at Kippan's Mill then, during the war, at Lake Audy prison camp as well as different parts of Northern Ontario in lumber camps. He also purchased more land, first the northwest quarter of 39-19-20 then later, after Anne's marriage, the east half of 2-20-20.

In 1951 Anne married Walter Kiliwnik of Elphinstone. Walter's teaching job took them to many different places to live, but every weekend and holidays they came home to help out on the farm.

In 1960 Mike had a very serious accident when attempting to pull out a truck full of grain which was stuck by the granary with his farm tractor. The tractor reared backwards pinning Mike beneath it. Mike spent most of his summer in the General Hospital. That spring all the work was done during two weekends following Mike's accident by the good neighbors and friends of Crawford Park and Walter taking over. Mike had another surgery that November when he had a plate put in his head and he recovered very nicely and was back at working on the farm the following spring.

In the spring of 1965 Tekla became very ill and she spent several months in Misericordia Hospital where she underwent two surgeries during the summer. She came home that fall, improving but not for too long as by summer she began to fail again and was taken to Erickson Hospital where she stayed for three weeks. She died there on the ninth of September, 1966.

The following summer, 1967, Walter and Anne moved the house off the farm into the village of Sandy Lake where Mike resides at present.

Walter and Anne Kiliwnik live in Elphinstone where Walter is the principal of Elphinstone Collegiate. They have two children. Their son, Brian, is married to Teresa Dziver and is living in Minnedosa where he is practicing dentistry in his own Dental Clinic. Their daughter, Susan, is now living

in Brandon where she is also in dentistry working for Dental Services.

Walter and Brian, besides their jobs, still run the family farm and rent 3/4 of other land. Crawford Park is still our home.

PAUL PATRYLUK

Mr. & Mrs. Paul Patryluk came from Seech around 1930 and lived on the north half of the N.W. 1/4 7-20-20 for some years.

They had two sons, Bill and Morris.

(Bill married Annie Solotky). Morris attended the Audy school.

Around 1938 they sold the land to Vernon Tully and went back to the Seech district.

SVEN AND MARGARET PETERSON

Sven came to Canada from Denmark on May 23, 1928. He came to Hans Christianson's. He lived with them until March, 1929, when he went to work at Brown's Bakery in Minnedosa. He had served a five year apprenticeship in a bakeshop in Denmark. He came back from Minnedosa, and spent awhile with the Griffiths family. He then returned to Minnedosa where he worked for the Brown's Bakery, until March 1947, when he moved to Dauphin to work for A.H. Lepper.

Margaret, the former Margaret Blackwell, at age sixteen, went out to work. She worked at Baker's store and cafe at the park for one summer. She then went to work for Brown's Bakery in Minnedosa. Sven and Margaret were married in Minnedosa on July 6, 1940. They have one daughter Shirley, born in 1941.

In April 1947 they started their own business in Dauphin, known as Petersons Tea Room. After many years of successful business, they had to retire, due to ill health. They are enjoying their retirement living at 405 - 1st in Dauphin.

WALTER AND KATHLEEN PRIESTNER

The Priestner family, Walter and Kathleen, lived in the Crawford Park area for twenty-five years on the homestead located at SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 12-20-20.

Both had come to Canada from England, were married in Strathclair, moved to Crawford Park in 1925 and moved away in 1949. After a short sojourn in B.C., they settled in Onanole where they lived quietly, enjoying both new friends and old, until Walter's death in 1968.

Their daughter Kae, born at Strathclair, returned there for her high school education, prior to taking a business course in Winnipeg and service in the RCAP (WD).

Mrs. Priestner lives with her daughter in Northwestern Ontario and remains in touch with old friends by mail. She has two grandsons presently living in Winnipeg and a granddaughter and three great grandchildrn in Australia.

On June 7, 1946, Mrs. Priestner was very ill, and spent many days in the hospital in Winnipeg. Mrs. Priestner served as secretary-treasurer of the school, and both served on many community projects. Mrs. Priestner celebrated her 90th birthday in 1983.

Birthstones and their Meaning

January-----	Garnet	-----	Constancy
February-----	Amethyst	-----	Sincerity
March -----	Bloodstone	-----	Courage
April-----	Diamond	-----	Innocence
May -----	Emerald	-----	Success
June -----	Pearl	-----	Health
July -----	Ruby	-----	Contentment
August -----	Sardonyx	-----	Gonfidence
September -----	Sapphire	-----	Keen, alert
October -----	Opal	-----	Hope
November -----	Topaz	-----	Fidelity
December -----	Turquoise	---	Prosperity

Prokopchuk Andrew

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Prokopchuk moved into Crawford Park in the early 1940's and there were 10 children in the family. Five boys and five girls. Peter, Metro, Mike, Steve, Paul, Annie, Mary, Emily, Doreen, and Elsie.

They lived on the Hjulmar Christianson place and the family lived there for approximately 4 years, then Dad Prokopchuk bought the Fetterely farm where they resided until the early 1950's, when they retired and moved to Sandy Lake.

The children Metro then moved to reside in Brandon, he passed away Jan. 30, 1980. Mike also went to Brandon. Steve and Sadie (his wife) moved to Onanole, and Paul moved to Vancouver. Elsie married Russell McLaughlin and moved to Onanole.

Peter passed away in 1949. Annie married Lance Henry, they lived in Kelwood for many years, then retired to Brandon. Mary married John Bocker and lives in Brandon. Emily married Mike Kuzik and now resides in Vancouver. Doreen married George Bates and lives in Vancouver. Andrew died on Jan. 13, 1973.

Petrunella Prokopchuk passed away Feb. 20, 1981. Both are buried in the Sandy Lake cemetery.

Petrunella Prokopchuk passed away at the Sandy Lake Nursing Home at the age of 89 years. Petrunella was born in the hamlet of Kudtenchie, West Ukraine in 1891. She came to Canada in 1902 and married Andrew in 1910.

She was predeceased by her husband Andrew in 1973, and two sons Peter and Metro. Surviving relatives are two sisters, Mrs Annie Usick and Magdoline Ellchuk. Also surviving are eight children, 14 grandchildren, and 10 great grandchildren.

She was a member of the Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Funeral Service was held at St. Michael's Ukrainian Greek Orthodox Church Tuesday Feb. 24, 1981 at 10 am with Father Skrumeda officiating. Interment was in Sandy Lake Cemetery. Sanderson Funeral Home of Minnedosa was in charge of arrangements.

Prokopchuk Peter and Nellie

The late Peter Prokopchuk was born in Sandy Lake the third child in the family of Mr. and Mrs Andrew Prokopchuk. He recieved his education at the Sandy Lake school and in 1942 he married Nellie Kawka of Angusville. He enlisted in the army and served in the Field Artillery.

Nellie was born in Winnipeg, and when she was still an infant her mother took her to Norquay, Sask. where her mother died. Nellie was taken to an orphanage at Yorkton. Mr. and Mrs. Kawka of Angusville, who had a family of four adopted Nellie. She grew up and recieved her education at Angusville.

While in the army Peter suffered a back injury and was discharged. They lived in Brandon, then Sandy Lake, then in 1947 they bought the Niel Christianson farm the E $\frac{1}{2}$ 32-19-19, and came to live at Crawford Park. In 1949 after a lengthy illness Peter passed away, and is buried in the Sandy Lake cemetery.

Nellie and the family lived on the farm until about 1958, when she moved to Erickson and worked in the Co-op. About 1959 she moved to Brandon. For eleven years she was employed at Lindenberg seeds. She quit work to look after her aged grandfather. After his death she began working for McCallums Jewellers.. Except for a years leave of absence due to ill health, she is still employed there.

Peter and Nellie had three children the youngest one, born shortly after Peter's death.

Lashia (Elizabeth) went to school in Sandy Lake, Clear Creek, Erickson and completed her education in Brandon. She married Earl Andresiak of Sandy Lake and now lives in Edmonton. They have two boys Owen and Vincent.

Iris Sutherland lives in Brandon and has two children, Dean and Leasa.

Orville who is a barber by trade is married to Gillian Black. They have one little girl, Marissa, and they reside in Brandon.

Nellie was an active community worker and Legion Auxiliary member.

Prokopchuk Steve Andrew

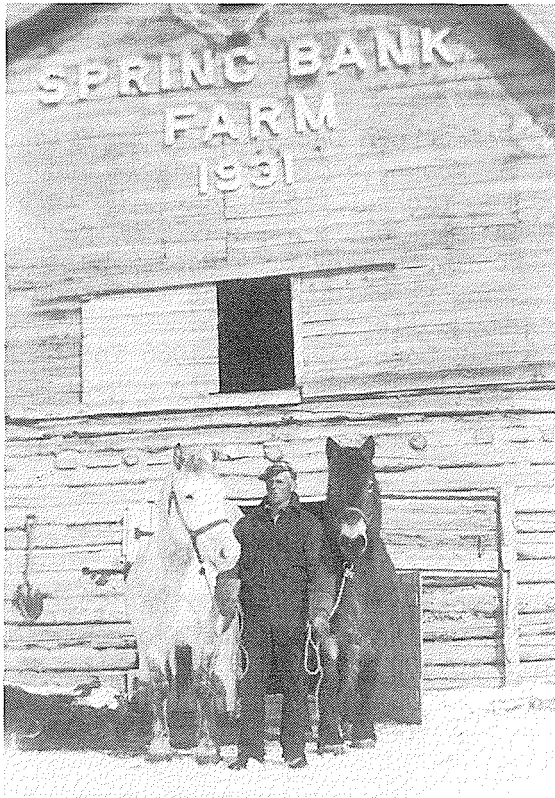
Born May 18, 1918 in Sandy Lake, Man. Steve was the 5th child of Andrew and Petrunella Prokopchuk. He attended school at Coldwell and graduated from the 4th grade. He purchased SW 33-19-19 and NW 33-19-19 in the Crawford Park area from Elizabeth Kelly for the sum of \$3,000.00. In 1948 he sold 4 acres to the M.F. A.C. for \$410.00 (now camp Wannacumbac). He married



Steve and Sadie June 13, 1949

the former Sadie Kowal June 13, 1949. They resided on the above mentioned for 2 years and later purchased SE 35-19-20 and NE 35-19-20 from Florence Trim. All land transactions were made through the mail. Mrs. Trim was never present. He purchased a 35 Chevy from Gordon

Griffiths for \$100.00. It was later sold to Nelson Klym for a whopping \$35.00. This included new rubber all around. Farming began with one cow and calf. This was recieved from Mother. Aherd could never be built up as the calves were sold to keep up farm expenses. Recall selling three 2 year old heifers to buy 3 barrels of fuel from John Lewandosky. Sold 159 bushels of oats @.445/8¢ per bushel, barely brought a little more, .79 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢. Good times were spent at Crawford Park Dances. Everyone went and the children slept on coats, jackets, etc. on the stage beneath the orchestra. In the spring of 56 the land was sold to Willard Fetterly and a move to Onanole was made. Mel McLaughlin was the mover and in exchange he recieved a $\frac{1}{2}$ bin of barley. Not bad eh! Steve commenced



Steve with Dot and May in 1951

work with the Park (Riding Mountain National Park) in 1958. His first job brought him a whopping .90¢ an hour. Steve did various jobs but his main job was that with the gardeners which he held until his retirement in 1978. Steve and Sadie were blessed with four children:

Diane Patricia born Dec. 8, 1950 in the Erickson Hospital. Attended Onanole elementary school and later graduated from Erickson Collegiate in 1969. Following her graduation she went into the banking business. Married James Earl Spaller of the Crawford Park area June 17, 1972. Together with their daughter Lindsay Rae born Oct. 16, 1976, they now farm the once owned Danyk farm SE 3-20-20.

Adam Michael born Dec. 26, 1951 in Erickson Hospital. He attended Onanole School and later Erickson Collegiate. Worked at various jobs in Manitoba, Ontario, and B.C. Married the former Louise Oman of Clanwilliam August 14, 1976. They have two children Erin Louise born Feb. 16, 1978 and Chad Michael born Nov. 2, 1982.

Walter Peter born Dec. 30, 1954 in Erickson. Wally as he is known, attended Onanole school and later ventured to Erickson Collegiate. He left school in 1972 and sought jobs as a heavy equipment operator. This job took him to many provinces. Wally now lives in Brandon, Man. at which time he is attending Assiniboine Community College.

Sandra Jean born March 16, 1966 in the Minnedosa Hospital. Sandra attended Onanole school and is presently attending Erickson Collegiate.

Steve and Sadie now enjoy retirement in Onanole.

Pupice Ambrose

After Ambrose came to Canada he lived in the Sandy Lake area for some time before coming to the Audy district in 1926. He settled on the NE 5-20-20.



Olive Ewasuik and Nettie Yarniniuk 1943



Jean Yariniuk

Around 1931 he married Mrs. Agafia Yariniuk, widow of Adam Yariniuk. Agafia and Adam had come to Canada from Poland in 1929 with their two young daughters, Nettie and Jean. They settled in the Horod district. Adam died shortly after their arrival in Canada.

After Ambrose and Agafia were married Jean and Nettie attended Audy school. Like all pioneers they worked hard. They kept cows and chickens and worked their

land with a team of oxen.

Ambrose was a carpenter by trade. He helped to build the Audy school. For a few years before he died he was confined to bed because of illness. Mrs. Pupice and the girls carried on with the farm for about a year after his death.

In 1943 Mrs. Pupice decided to try a different kind of life. She sold the farm to Louis Lubinisky and moved to Sandy Lake where she operated a cafe for some time. Then she moved to Winnipeg and worked at various jobs there until her retirement. She passed away at the age of 87.

Nettie married Peter Kwiatkowski in 1943. They live in Winnipeg and have a family of five, Larry, Linda, Rose-Ann, Anna and Steven.

Jean married George Kymaniuk. They also live in Winnipeg and have two boys, Darcy and Dickie.

Next story and pictures presented by Peter Ewasiuk.

History of Ambrose Pupice's Oxen

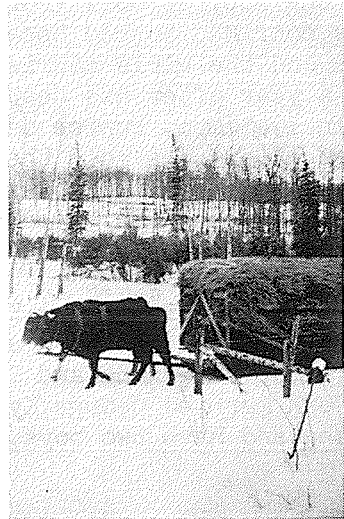
Charlie was born in 1932 with a white spot on his face. Bill was born in 1932 and was all red in color. Charlie was bout 2 years old when they started to harness him up and 1 year later Bill joined him as a team. Charlie was a nervous type of bull and when the



Mrs.
Pupice with
oxen
Charlie
and Bill.

weather was hot and flies were bad he would head for the willows along with whatever was hooked on to him.

A trip to Elphinstone with the oxen would take 7 hours each way. In 1941 Peter Ewasiuk was working for \$1.00 a day plowing with a walking plow with the oxen. In 1942 they were sold for \$150.00 each and they were purchased by Mr. Herb Partridge who was a grain buyer in Elphinstone at that time.



Hauling straw with
the oxen. (picture)

RICHARD C J (RICK) and LENA (YAWORSKI)

We bought the south half of 11-20-20 in the district of Crawford Park in April 1975. This land was formerly owned by Edward Kuzmak. We moved onto this place in June of the same year.

For me (Lena) it was coming home as I was born at Crawford Park and went to school at Clear Creek. My years of growing up were mostly very pleasant. Dad and Mother were hard working folks and made sure that my brother Frank and I were not idle much of the time. Our brother Tony at this time in his late teens was off to war in Europe.

Livestock and grain were of equal importance in the lively hood of the farm, and while Frank was interested in both, he was having to help with most everything. I was involved in the lighter chores, but my favorite was to work with the livestock. Much of my time was spent outdoors. However, while we did work hard we also managed to have a lot of fun.

Walking the $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles across country to school was seldom boring as there was plenty of company. We usually left home early so as to have time for some adventure or just a visit along our way. Special occasions at school like Valentine's parties and Christmas Concerts were always something to look forward to. Practises for the concert were held at the hall. This was always fun. All the kids would walk the $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from school over to the hall, and Mrs. Mayor would be there to play the piano for us. For me, preparing and going to the field day was the biggest event. Remembrance Day observances stand out in my mind as we thought of the many members of our community who were away overseas, and some that would not return.

Saturday was the day we went for groceries and the mail. In my early years it was to Trims store on the shore of Clear Lake (now Camp Wannakumbac) a five mile trip with a buggy in summer, during the winter we used a cutter which Dad built.. It was nice and light, the horses could travel at a good clip. Occassionally the cutter would tip over on a snow-drift, but we thought that was great fun.

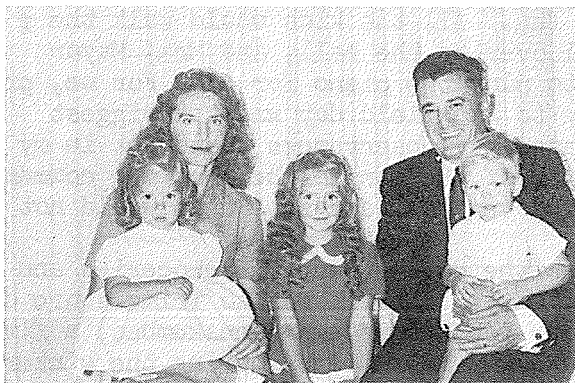
4-H clubs had started up, first was the garden club of which my brother Frank was a member, later

about 1947 a beef club was formed. I was with the beef club for a few years. Jim Brown was our leader.

My first job was at Alldritts Red and White store in Onanole. Myrtle Coey had been working there then, and we became good friends. Mr. Alldritt was good to work for, they treated us like daughters. In 1954 Mr. Alldritt passed away then his daughter Norma and her husband took over the operation of the store. That same year I moved on to get a job at the Station store, Canadian Joint Air Training Center, Rivers, Man. About a year later I got work as a clerk typist at the administration office on the station. Rick and I met at Rivers and were married in 1957.

A "Down Easterner", Rick was born in Summerside, P.E.I. He joined the Special Force at Halifax, N.S. in 1950. After basic training in Wainwright, Alberta with the Princess Patricia Canadian Light Infantry he spent 13 months in Korea. On his return to Canada he enlisted in the regular Force, again in Halifax. He was then posted to Camp Borden, Ontario to be with the Royal Canadian Army Service Corps, 1 Airborne platoon (paratroopers). In 1953 he was posted to C.J.A. T.C. Rivers.

We moved to Winnipeg in 1958 and lived there for several years. Our children were all born there.



Richard's
Lena,
Eunice on
her knee.
Patricia
Cecil, with
Roger on
his knee

Patricia in 1960, Eunice in 1964, and Roger in 1965. In 1970 we were transferred to the Radar Station in Dana, Sask. We lived there for 3 years then were transferred to C.F.S. Beausejour, Man. In 1974 Rick

applied for release from the service ending a 26 year career with the Canadian Armed Forces.

Patricia began grade 10 at Erickson Collegiate, she graduated from high school in 1978. Then she attended the University of Manitoba and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture in 1982. Eunice and Roger went to school in Onanole. Eunice started there in grade 6, and Roger in grade 5. Euni Eunice graduated from high school in Erickson in 1982, and is attending the University of Manitoba, Roger graduates from Erickson Collegiate in June 1983.

Richard's SE 11-20-20 1983.

ROCHELLE JACOB

Jacob was born in Poland March 17, 1896. He came to Canada in 1899 at the age of 3 years, with his parents and settled in the Elphinstone district. In 1916 he enlisted with the 184 Overseas Battalian C.E. F. "C" Coy. After being wounded and spending over a year in a Loulou Hospital he returned to Canada. Later married a Patricia Moydouiuk of Elphinstone, who died within the year in a house fire, where they both worked for a Strathclair farmer (Lyn Coughlin). In 1921 he married Ann Gregorash daughter of Matthew and Effia Gregorash of Horod, Man. in the Ozerna Catholic Church.

They moved to the Crawford Park area where they farmed for a number of years. They were blessed with two daughters, Marie, Mrs. Ken Bartlett of Orillia, Ontario, and Helen, Mrs. Stephen Derhak of Sandy Lake and later on a son was born Earl Jacob who is presently employed in the Sandy Lake Co-op Hardware store.

In 1926 he moved to Sandy Lake temporarily where he owned a pool hall, and barber shop, and farmed in the summer months his farm at Crawford Park. His brothers Nick, Mike, Joe, often helped out on the farm. Nick later managed the farm. Later on Jacob was Co-Op manager for 12 years in Sandy Lake and being in ill health quit and bought the Crawford Park store and Post Office which he operated for a few years, with his wife and later his daughter and son in law (Marie and Ken Bartlett). He then sold the store to the Manitoba Federation of Agricultural known as M.F.A.C. now Camp Wannacumbak.



Bill Moon, Ann and Jacob Rochelle, couple unknown, Ruby and Jack Young, Helen and Marie Rochelle, Francis Young.

He next managed the Co-op in Elphinstone for a few years. Then bought a Garage and Implement dealership in Elphinstone from Mr. S Sobkow. His wife died in 1958, so Jacob and son Earl sold the garage and moved to Buchanou, Sask. where he managed the Hotel there in partnership with his brother Nick and Joe. He remarried to Mrs. Mike Gregorash from Sandy Lake. In 1963 he bought the Birch River Hotel with Mike Panchuk of Sandy Lake and managed the hotel until ill health forced him to retire to Elphinstone. He was of Roman Catholic faith and spent a great deal of time in helping in any church function. He died suddenly in 1966.

Jacob was an ardent worker and took keen interest in the Canadian Legion. In 1918 he joined the Great War Association and then transferred to the Legion in 1925, then a member of Winnipeg number 1. He then helped with Cde. Albert Yetman to organize the Clear Lake Branch No:67, and was secretary of this branch from 1927-1938. He then moved to Sandy Lake and with Cde. A. S. McKay organized the Sandy Lake Branch 184 and served as president for a number of years and then secretary until 1946. When he moved back to Crawford Park he became an active member from 1946-48, particularly in fund raising for Legion activities and

Branch entertainment. In 1948 when he moved to Elphinstone he was elected president and later became secretary and held the office till 1963 when he moved to Birch River and joined Branch no: 48 and became active in the Poppy Day Fund. Later retiring to Elphinstone and rejoining the branch there. During all those years he had an un-tiring effort in helping Veterans with service and welfare problems, he gave of his time and efforts without stint. He was the "work Horse" in any committee he was on, throughout the communities he lived in. He became known as "Mr. Legion" to the members of the branches he had served so well.

He always worked hard in other functions in the community, he was an ardent curler, taking many top curling awards and trophies, a great fisherman. a sport which he really enjoyed and even did miracles at; even catching a fish with his necktie. (a little tale that was told) He also took great interest in the political field. Being a true conservative all his life. Many a day he spent with the late Dr. Rutledge MLA for this area, campaigning, travelling with his Model A, through swamp, bush and quagmires. Dr. Rutledge was the doctor that administered all the Crawford Park needs and many was the time that Jacob took his Model A and drove the "doc" to deliver a baby or what not in rain or shine, daylight or night time. This was always done without pay, sometimes the "doc" would give him a few dollars that is if anybody had any money to pay the doctor first.

He also had the first threshing machine in the area and with the late Jack Coulson they would thresh till snow fell, doing all the farmers stooks. Many of the Old Timers never paid a penny for his work as they were just too poor to pay.

Their farm home at Crawford Park N¹/₂ 35-19-20 was always a stopping place for weary farmers from Sandy Lake and Elphinstone on their way to and from the saw mills in the district. Jacob and Ann always showed their hospitality to anyone that stopped at their house, and no one ever was turned away whether it was food, shelter, or money or help in any way. He was active throughout the years with the Red Cross always trying to get help for the needy. His entire life was devoted to helping others less fortunate.

Because of his unforeseen death his wife recieved Posthumously The Meritorious Service Medal which is the highest award to be conferred on any member of the Royal Canadian Legion and can only be issued with the approval of the Dominion Command standing committee on the honors and awards, and is granted only to a member who has rendered especially meritorious or outstanding service. Jacob had 41 years of continual service to the Legion.

ROCHELLE MICHAEL and CHRISTINE

I, Michael was born Oct. 10, 1913 to Ludwik and Mary Rochelle in the Municipality of Strathclair. (SW 4-19-21). I had four brothers and 4 sisters. I attended the Elphinstone school. In 1926 we moved to the Crawford Park area, to live with brother Nick. There I attended the Clear Creek school until I was 14 years old. I then worked for my brother Nick on his farm for two or three years, after that I started out on my own.

I bought the $\frac{1}{2}$ section E $\frac{1}{2}$ 34-19-20, from brother Nick. I worked on the farm in the summer months, and worked in the saw mills in the winter months. I hauled logs at Kippans Mill for two or three winters my brother Peter working with me. We recieved four dollars a thousand, hauling logs three to five miles to the mill. We used a cross cut saw to saw the logs and cut as much as 120 thousand in one winter.

We had to board ourselves and our horses and build our own cabin, as well as a barn for the horses. We also had to build a slab fence to keep the moose from eating the hay. One early morning, I was leading a team of horses to water them when a big bull moose came charging out of the bush. The horses got scared and got away from me. Of course they started for home to the farm.. Peter and I got on horseback on the other team and caught them near Moon Lake in the park.

Peter did the cooking even baked bread, as well as hauling logs. Clifford Manley and I cut and skidded the logs. The snow up in that area was always at least three feet deep. It was very lonley out in the bush, so we decided to move our cabin and barn into the mill area. There were a lot of employees there, and we sometimes danced in the cook shack, or went to

Dauphin for the evening. There was also a curling rink, and evenings of playing cards.

Logging was hard way to make money so, I decided to break up more land and spent all my time farming.

In the thirties I attended all the dances, Box socials, Pie Socials, at the school and later in the new community hall. We went skating and curling. I met a lot of girls but not too interested in them, until I met Christine Melcosky, I realized that was the girl for me, I wanted to spend the rest of my life with, and we were married on Oct. 6, 1940, at the Elphinstone Roman Catholic Church. My best men were Stanley Kwiatkowski and my brother Peter. Christine's bridesmaids were her sisters Mary (Mrs Peter Rochelle) and Marion (Mrs. Memryk).

Christine was born July 10, 1920 seventh child in the family of John and Petronella Melcosky. She attended the Montcalm school a distance of two miles from her home. As did a lot of children in those days she had to walk to school regardless of what the weather was like. In 1934 her father died and Christine had to help with the work thus her education was ended. In 1935 she spent two months working for Miss Lily Robertsons Hatchery in Newdale then spent the remainder of the summer at home. At age 16 she worked as housekeeper for the family of Mr. Jim English, recieving \$5.00 a month. It took her several months to save enough to a buy a coat she liked in Simpsons catalogue. During the winter of 1938 she worked for her sister Annie, who was married to Frank Chaskto. In 1939 she went to work for Jim and Violet Coey of Crawford Park. Her wages were \$7.00 a month, raised to \$12.00 during the harvest season.

Christine and I first met in 1935 during harvest. My brothers and I helped her brothers at harvest time. One night when I was walking home from courting Christine, a cow was lying on the road. Thoughts of love were on my mind, and I tripped over the cow and went head over heels on the road.

I spent two winters working for Ira DeWitt and Proskin when they had a sawmill at Lake Audy. I started off hauling water for two steam engines for one dollar a day. I only hauled water for two weeks, when Sam Philipchuk, the sawer had an accident, so I was hired to take his place as sawer, which I did for the rest of the two winters. This mill was set up on the

west side of Lake Audy where a while before there had been a big fire. The burn extended all the way from Christy Lake to the White Water Lake. I had worked fighting that fire.

When I was working as a sawer I recieved \$1,50 an hour, and I worked from 7am until 6pm. Nick Proskin had installed a lighting plant, so they could work longer hours. The late Mike Zachary, operated the re-saw, and I learned a lot from him. He was a very nice person to work with.

The farm I owned was very rough land. Stones and hills so when Mr. Sam Sapischuk offered me \$1500.00 for it, I sold it. While living on that farm, we were blessed with our first child. Beverly Pearl. In the fall of 1943, we moved to the E¹/₂ 35-19-20 which Mrs. Trim owned. I leased land for a number of years, I raised beef cattle, milked cows and shipped cream, raised pigs and chickens. We spent ten years on this farm. One year we were froze out on Aug. 14. Another year we were hailed out. In 1951 the wheat layed in the swaths all winter. In the spring of 52, I combined the wheat, while Kenneth Brown the hired man prepared the fields for seeding. The winter of 1951 I went to work for my brother Joe and Tom Chastko in a saw mill in the Duck Mountain. After seeding was done the owner decided to sell the farm.. As I considered the price too high, I did not buy the land.

Brother Joe had a quarter section of land on 7-18-20, in the Harrision Municipality. I bought it for the sum of \$5500.00 and built a new house that summer. In the month of Sept. we moved into our new home.

We had nine children: Beverly Pearl, married to Lawerance Kristalovich and living in White Horse , Yukon.

Sylvia born June 21, 1944 married to Wilf Groinus and living at Beausejour, Man.

Elsie born Sept. 19, 1945 married to Stu McDermod and they live in Brandon.

Sonia born April 22, 1948 married to Louis Chastko and they live in Winnipeg.

Joan born Dec. 1949 married to Taras Chwaluk and live on a farm at Menzies, Man.

Harvey born Dec. 15, 1950, married Janice Baranyk

and they live in Winnipeg.

Victor born March 19, 1954 is married to Michaelene Mymko and live at Red Lake, Ontario.

Eleanor was born July 6, 1958, she is still single and works in the I.G.A. in Brandon.

Barry was born Dec. 30, 1962, and is still at home.

ROCHELLE NICK

Nick Rochelle was born in the Municipality of Strathclair on Jan. 22, 1906.

At the very young age of 16, Nick along with older brother Jacob moved to the Crawford Park district in 1922, where they homesteaded. Other settlers who arrived the same year were Charlie Crawford, Tom Buchanan, Tom Barr and Earl McIntosh.

At this time there were only winter roads over bush and swamp. It took 20 hours to go to Elphinstone which was only 20 miles. These journeys were with horses and wagons and were a test of endurance.

In 1922 Nick and Jacob broke 40 acres and the following spring they sowed the total acreage into wheat. The crop turned out good. However threshing did not begin until almost Christmas due to the lack of roads to move the machinery. By that time the snow was three feet deep. They borrowed a small 20 inch case threshing machine on skids to thresh this crop of 1923. This machine was also used by the other settlers in the district at this time.

Then came 1924 when Nick and Jacob ventured to buy their own threshing machine. It was a second hand machine that they bought from Harry DeWitt. Along with this hand fed machine they purchased a Titan tractor for the grand sum of \$500.00.

In 1926 Jacob decided to leave the district and moved to Sandy Lake to begin his own business, which was a pool room. At this time Nick took Jacob's land over and continued farming. This land was located on section 34 and 35.

As time went on, Nick met the former Ann Prokopchuk and they married June 30, 1929.

The 30's brought hard times. Although the crops were good it was barely enough to make a living. So,

consequently, Nick worked part-time in the park to have extra income. Nick worked approximately four years, during which he worked on the establishing of the golf course. He also was employed as a fire guard until 1942.

Prices were rock bottom in the 30's example, Nick sold barley at 6¢ a bushel and No:1 wheat for 30¢ a bushel. He also kept some cattle and pigs at this depressing time. For a 200 pound pig, one would only get \$5.00 for it. In another case, Nick shipped a cow and a calf to Winnipeg and recieved a .50¢ cheque. It took the price of the calf to pay the freight.

Nick had a hired man for only the summer months. His wage was \$15.00 a month. Due to the hard times wages were unable to be paid in cash. For 6 months work Nick gave his hired man 300 bushels of barely and 200 bushels of wheat.

Nick and Ann's first daughter named Aleta was born on April 13, 1931 at Erickson.

In 1942 Nick and family bought a farm three miles south of Elphinstone and there they farmed for 26 yr.

On January 12, 1951 their second daughter was born, Lucille at the Shoal Lake Hospital.

Due to ill health Nick quit farming in 1959 and rented out the farm, but the family kept living there. Finally in 1968 Nick decided to sell the farm and move to Neepawa, where they presently live in their new home on 5th street.

Aleta the older daughter, married Fred Strohman of Neepawa and presently live in Thompson, Man. They have two daughters, Donna and Delores. Donna, Nick and Ann's oldest grandchild married John MacDonald of Halifax, N.S. on May 15, 1982 and reside in Thompson, Man. Delores completed her education and presently is employed in Thompson, also.

Lucille, married Raymond Lewandoski of Sandy Lake and they have two children, Garrett and Marla-Rae. They reside in the village of Sandy Lake. Lucille nurses in the Nursing Home and Raymond has his own "cat" business and farms.

Pictured in photo of 1924 are: Tom Buchanan, Steve Domansky, Jimmy Girling, and Nick Rochelle. threshing.



Threshing at Nick Rochelle's farm

ROLLINGS FRANCIS and ELIZA ANN

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Rollings came from England to Halifax in 1880. They took the train to Winnipeg, which at that time was the end of that railway line. They had decided to go homesteading. They bought horses and a covered wagon, tools and some provisions. They travelled as far as Plumas, where they settled on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 34-16-12. Over prairie trails the nearest town was Gladstone. They would travel there to get the wheat ground into flour, and buy necessities they could not grow.

In order to survive, Mr. Rollings found work in Gladstone working as a bookkeeper in Galloways store. It is said he often walked the nineteen miles from Gladstone to his farm, in 40 below zero weather to make sure his family were alright. Mr. and Mrs. Rollings were always available to help their neighbours. Mrs. Rollings was often called on to act as mid-wife. She was an excellent needle woman, and helped neighbours with dressmaking, as nearly everyone made their own clothes.

They were members of the Anglican church and were members of the Agricultural society. Mr. Rollings later got work in the store in Plumas. They raised seven children Arthur, Gertie, Norman, William, Connie Mable, and Vernon.

In 1926 they moved their cattle to Norman's farm.

at Crawford Park. The family moved to Crawford Park in May 1927. Arthur, Mable and Gertie did not come as they were married and out on their own. Their railway car of furniture came to Elphinstone and they hauled it to the farm with horses and high wagons.

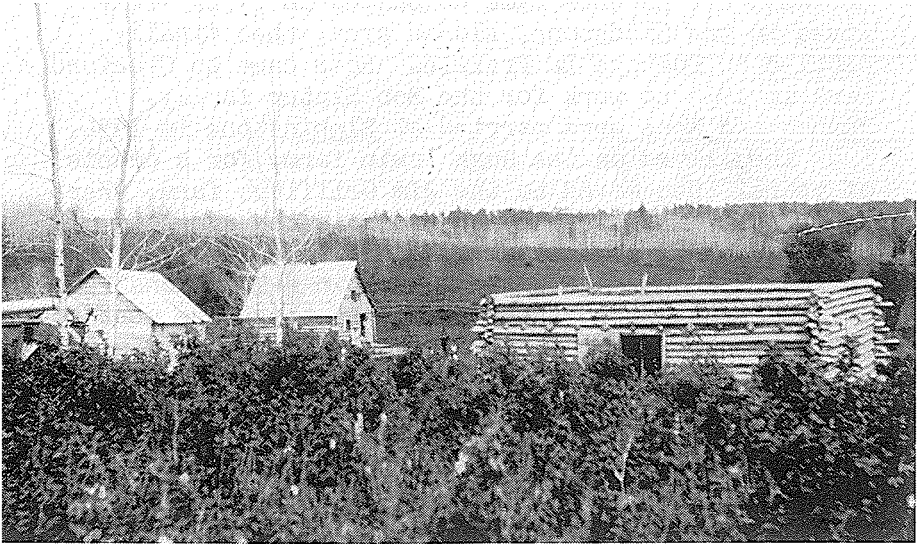
Mr Rollings passed away in 1937. Mrs Rollings lived on Norman's farm until death in the fall 1945. Mrs. Rollings was a good cook, and at Plumas took many of the prizes for her baking and needle work. During the hard times she had recipes for home made H P sauce tomato ketchup, and home made mince meat, made out of ground up potatoes. Every Sunday she cooked custard for ice-cream, and Bill would make the ice-cream, in a freezer turned by hand. They had one of the first radios in the district, and on Saturday night, many of the neighbours gathered at their place to listen to the "Grand Old Opera" and enjoy a cup of tea.

Mr. and Mrs Rollings are both buried in a cemetery near Plumas.

ROLLINGS NORMAN



Norman was born at Plumas, Man. and lived on the farm there until the first World War began in 1914. In 1915 he enlisted in the army, and served with the eight Battalion. He was wounded twice while in combat in France. He returned home to Plumas in the spring



Normans log barn

of 1919. He applied and got a farm in the "draw" at Dauphin in 1921. He spent some time on his farm, enough to hold it from cancellation. In 1923 he moved to the farm to stay there. Some times one of his brothers, mostly Bill, would stay with him. In 1927 his parents and Bill, Connie and Vernon moved to Crawford Park and lived with Norman.

Norman always had good horses, and he enjoyed working with them. He was an ardent curler, and skipped his own rink. He always attended the dances, or any community function. About 1952 he moved to Onanole and rented the farm, later selling it to Mr. and Mrs. Koltusky. He had his own house, where he batched until 1968, when he went into a home in Brandon. He passed away Oct. 19, 1969 and is buried at Onanole, Man.

Rollings Vernon and Rose

Vernon was born at Plumas in 1903, the youngest son of Francis and Eliza Rollings. Rose the eldest

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. White was born in England, and with her parents came to Canada in 1912. They lived in the Gladstone, Alonsa area, then finally settled in Portage La Prairie. Rose came to Crawford Park in 1933 to work for the Bob Slater family. Vernon and Rose were married at Elphinstone in 1934.

They lived on the Hugh Irwin farm, for a couple of years, then moved to the Jim Griffiths farm, where they lived until Vernon went to join the army at Dauphin. He was discharged after three months, for medical reasons, but went to work in a Munitions Factory in Strathcona. After 18 months there, he went to Vancouver to work in the ship yards. The pay was not very good there so he went to Prince Rupert, where he worked at ship building.

Rose moved to Portage La Prairie and worked in the Air Force Training Camp at South Portage. They moved to Flin Flon to live but, didn't like it there, so only stayed for three months. They came back to Crawford Park. They spent some time with Gilbert and Connie Montague. They moved to Onanole where they built a house on East Ave. In 1948, Vernon began working for the Park at Wasagamung. When Gilbert and Connie decided to sell the farm Vernon and Rose bought their farm, which consisted of three quarter sections the house being on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 19-19-18. They moved onto the farm in 1960.

Vernon farmed and worked at the Park, until his retirement in 1968. In about 1970 they sold the farm to Jerry and Bobby Campbell and moved to Erickson, where they still reside.

They had four children: Marilyn was born in the house on the Hugh Irwin farm, on Christmas Day 1935. Mrs. Bob Brown and Doc Rutledge, brought her into the world. All Doc Rutledge charged them was that they vote for him, the next election. Vernon gave Mrs. Brown a quarter of beef, because she helped them, when they could not get anyone else, and they appreciated her leaving her home and family on Christmas Day to help them.

Aileen Isabel was born while they were living on the Griffiths farm in 1939.

The twins were born Feb. 17, 1944, Gary Randal and Karen Nadine. Marilyn and Gary live at the Pas, Aileen lives in Brandon and Karen at the warden station near Oakburn.

Vernon Rollings passed away at his home in Erickson on August 5, 1983, following a lengthy illness. Funeral services were from the Onanole United Church with interment in the Onanole cemetery.

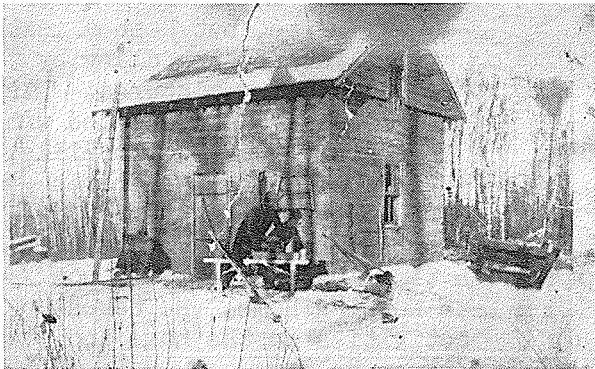
ROLLINGS WILLIAM

Bill Rollings was born at Plumas the fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rollings. He always looked after a large herd of cattle both at home and at Crawford Park. He milked the cows by himself by hand and kept the farm going, during the hard times.

Bill never married and always took good care of his mother, after his father's death. He died in 1949. His funeral was held in Plumas, and he is buried beside his parents in the Plumas cemetery.

ROZDEBA TOM

Tom Rozdeba was born March 7, 1907 in the Wisla district north of Elphinstone. He came to the Lake Audy district in 1929 and homesteaded the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 9-20-20.



Tom busy in front of his house Dec. 7 1930.

He broke the land and worked it with horses, then later rented it to neighbours. Much of the quarter was swamp and he enjoyed trapping muskrats and mink on the marsh. In the winter he cut logs and cordwood. Tom was a good carpenter and helped many of the people in

the area to build their buildings.

Everywhere he went he walked, rode a bike, or went on skis. He was often seen walking to Molar's Lake to go ice fishing, or skinning across country to the store for the mail and groceries. Going home he would have his bag of groceries slung over his shoulder, and it always contained some treats for any visitors who might come. The children in the district were always

excited when Tom came to visit. He would entertain them with his picture shows of shadows on the wall that were made with his hands in front of a coal oil lamp, or he would play the mouth organ or accordeon for them.



Tom Rozdeba
Dec. 4, 1955

Tom was well known for his ability to forecast the weather. He loved to study the moon and stars and the signs of nature. He was unable to read or write, but kept a most interesting diary by drawing pictures. His yard was decorated with birdhouses, windmills, and other ornaments that he made.

In 1974 ill health forced him to leave the home he loved. He spent some time in hospital and now resides in the Sandy Lake Nursing Home. He takes a keen interest in the activities in the home and lends a helping hand wherever he can.

ROZDEBA PETER

Peter was born Feb. 19, 1903 in the Wisla district north of Elphinstone, the oldest son of John and Katie Rozdeba. He worked for Dan McGregor in the Strathclair district for eleven years. On May 24,



Peter and
Annie
Rozdeba

1930 he went to Dauphin and applied for a homestead, the NW 33-19-20. He lived with his brother Tom until he got a house built on his own place.

He cut logs on his homestead and had them sawed at a nearby mill. He donated 500 feet of lumber toward the building of the Audy school in 1931. He built his house in 1932 using logs which were squared by hand with a broad axe. In 1934 he broke the first seven acres of land with horses and walking plough.

On Nov. 24, 1935 Peter married Annie Korscil. Annie was born Feb. 20, 1917 the only daughter of Alex and Katie Korscil. They had a few milk cows. They made butter and sold it to Stoffman's store in Elphinstone for 5¢ a pound. In 1939 they bought their first cream separator for \$21.45. Peter



John and Katie Rozdeba

trapped fur bearing animals on their farm.. He continued to work for the McGregor's during harvest time for several years.

Peter and Annie had one son John, born Sept. 21, 1936 and one daughter, Katie born Sept. 15, 1938. They got their education at Audy school, then went to Ontario to work.

John married Lorraine Byrns in May 1959 at Chelmsford, Ontario. They have eight children: Leslie, Susan, Sandra, Sherry, Shannon, Peter, Timothy, and Thelma. John worked on the railroad and in the mines. He is now retired and they live in Chelmsford.

Katie married Don Byrns in July 1959. They have seven children: Carol, Timmy, Arlene, Janice, Kathy, Andrew and Terry. They live on a farm near Chelmsford, where Don works in the mine.

In Sept. 1971 Peter and Annie moved to Elphinstone. They enjoy frequent trips out to their farm where they still grow a garden and cut their winter's supply of wood each year.

RUTKOWSKI ALEX and CAROLINE

Alexander Rutkowski was born Jan. 21, 1905 in Ruda, Poland. After surviving the disasters of World War 1 he decided to leave his family and seek a new life in Canada.

Arriving at the port of Quebec City on May 19, 1929 he then made his way from there westward.

On the Praries during the summer months he found work as a hired hand on many farms in Manitoba and Saskatchewan. During the winter months he worked on many logging camps in Northwestern Ontario. As the depression set in work was difficult to find. He rode the "rails" from Alberta to Ontario seeking work. He finally found work near Birtle and then in Strathclair.

Here he met Caroline Furman. She was the second oldest child of Walter and Katie Furman. She was born August 20, 1905 in a homeland then occupied by Austria. She had come to Canada with her mother and sister in 1906. A year earlier Walter came to Canada and started a homestead in the Sandy Lake district. Here the family lived until the early 1920's and then they

moved to Strathclair. On the 10 th of November 1935 Alex and Caroline were married.

They purchased a quarter of land north of Horod right at the Riding Mountain National Park boundary. Coming to only a few out buildings and granary for a house they set up a home.

To their near neighbour, Alex was known as that "Polish fellow", who drove a team of very miss matched horses; one very small and a huge horse named "Hudson Bay". This horse could do the work of two horses. But because of his large size and weight he would get bogged down in swamps and would have to be pulled out by the neighbours teams.

The first years were difficult. They managed to improve the farm from the crops they grew, the cattle they raised and a regular trap line Alex had during the winter months. They improved the house and added more buildings and Alex even bought a 1935 Ford near the Wars end.

On December 16, 1942 their only child, a daughter Sally was born to them.

With the retirement of Caroline's parents to Elphinstone they were urged to move south. This they did in April 1946. They lived at NW 14-17-22 in the Strathclair Municipality.

Better land and prosperous years enabled them to purchase a quarter SE 3-17-22 from Tony Penenzik in 1950. Selling his Horod property to Mike Marchischuk he then aquired another quarter SW 3-17-22 from Mike Chorney in 1953. They farmed three quarters until 1963, they bought a house in Elphinstone (once the residence of the RCMP) and made plans to retire. In 1964 they purchased one more quarter SE 22-17-22 from Frank Dawson. They moved to their home in Elphinstone in the winter of 1963.

In July 1964 they gave away their only daughter in marriage to Elmer Shmyr. Sally had taken all her education in Strathclair. She and her husband farmed the land until 1976 after which they moved to Shoal Lake.

In 1965 Alex and Caroline made a two month tour of Poland. They visited relatives and the place of Alex's birth. They enjoyed their overseas trip and made more trips to places like Montreal, and Toronto. Travelled twice to the Rockies and Vancouver. Also across the United States to Californis with their

good friends Mr. and Mrs. Mike Dmyterko.

They enjoyed a good and comfortable retirement. They gained two grand daughters, Alexandria Jonna (Lexia), in February 1968 and Charlotte (Michello) in December 1972.

It was on September 5, 1973 that Alex died of heart failure. Caroline lived in Elphinstone until March 1979 then she moved to live in residence at the Morley House in Shoal Lake. It was here she died August 26, 1979.

My memories of life at our home near the park is very limited, it was the many visits to the area and to the neighbours and friends that my parents had is what I remember best.

This land is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Arnold.

By Sally Shmyr

RYBACK FRED and LENA

Fred born June 14, 1907 is the son of John and Mary Ryback who immigrated from the Ukraine to Canada in 1921.

For seven years from 1914 to 1921, Fred's mother and the family could not locate their father because of World War 1 and small wars afterwards. When the family was finally re-united in March 1921 they immigrated to Canada and settled in the Strathclair area where Fred's dad was employed by his niece and her husband, Rose and Mike Kokorudz. After working his seven month term, they moved to the Flower district where Fred and his younger brother attended school. In three years they had finished grade five and left school to look for work.

In 1929 Fred met Lena, the fourth child of John and Mary Kimpinski who immigrated from Poland. Lena was born in Oakburn, Man. on December 1, 1907.

They were married and prior to moving to the Audy district, Fred and Lena lived at Otosquen, Sask. for twelve years where Fred was employed on the railroad. Their second son Gerald John was born July 28, 1939 while they lived at Otosquen. Their first son Stanely was born October 21, 1930 and died Nov. 1930.

In September 1948 Lena moved to Winnipeg where



Fred and Lena Ryback on their 50th Anniversary 1979.

she was employed in a clothing factory. Fred resigned from the railroad on Dec. 28 that year and joined Lena in Winnipeg where he worked at Bell Factory.

In 1941 Fred and Lena purchased a quarter section of land for \$1000.00 in the Audy district NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 5-20-20 from Arthur Lawrence with only 14 acres under cultivation. In 1943 they purchased Nick Todoruk's farm NE 5-20-20 with 35 acres under cultivation. Fred and Lena rented their land to Sandy Finnie until they moved to the Audy district on Sept. 17, 1949. They purchased a team of Clydesdale horses that were quite old, for \$50.00 that fall and another horse in the spring. They used a gang plow with one 14 inch furrow drawn by three horses. Normally a gang plow had two 14 inch furrows and required four horses to pull it. They had a 16 shoe seed drill (each shoe was 6 inches apart) which was also pulled by 3 horses. They also had 5 sections of harrows with a home made draw bar, which Fred made out of a tamarac tree.

The first year Fred and Lena had 35 acres of summer fallow which they sowed to wheat in the spring

of 1950. The crop was beautiful until sometime in July when they had a heavy frost and the crop froze. They cut it anyway and Frank Koltusky threshed it for them at \$5.00 an hour. It only yielded 108 bushels and the chickens wouldn't even eat it as it was mostly chaff. From then on they had beautiful bumper crops every year.

The family did most of their shopping at the Horod store where they could buy groceries, dry goods etc. That fall with no grain to sell, they owed a grocery bill of \$400.00. During the winter Fred trapped muskrats and by spring was able to pay off the grocery bill when he sold the pelts.

In 1953 a storm with hail the size of saucers and just as flat hit the area. There was very little damage done, but Fred and Jerry had to crawl under the binder for cover.

Fred was trustee on the Audy school Board for 4 years, during which time a new well was dug at the school and the board managed to put through a 50 -50 cost share basis with the government, to add a teacherage on to the school.

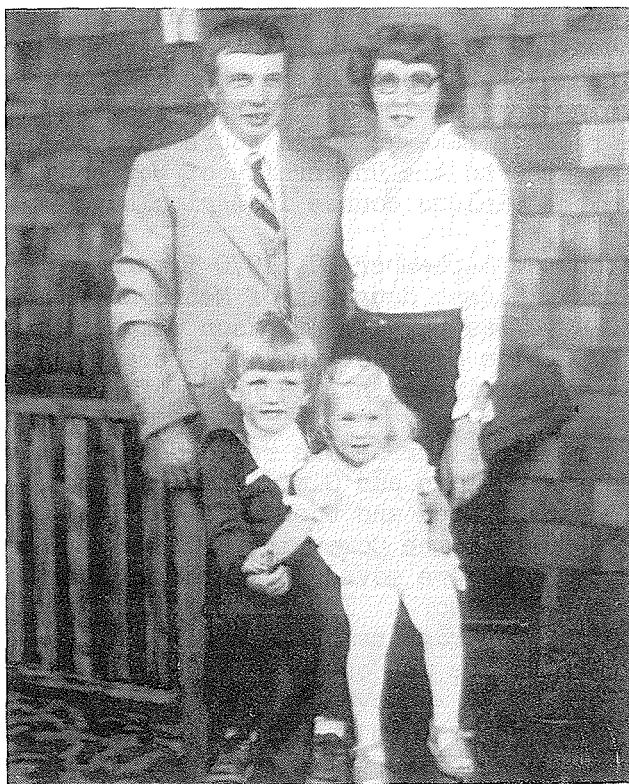
Jerry married Gladys Slashinsky on Sept. 19, 1970. They have two children Mark and Mary Ellen and reside on the home place.

RYBACK GERALD JOHN And GLADYS

I was born the second son of Onofrey (Fred) and Lena Ryback at The Pas, Manitoba on July 28, 1939. Since my family resided at a sawmill and logging operation at Otosquan, Sask. I recieved my early education through correspondence from Regina. In August of 1945 we moved to Winnipeg and I attended Sturgeon Creek school. The following year we moved to our present location at Lake Audy which dad had purchased from Nick Todaryk. Bush covered most of the farm land with trails for roads which seemed to have alot of gates. Finally, the transfer truck carrying us and all our belongings arrived at our "new" home which I thought we would never find.

Horses were the only means of transportation until 1952 when a tractor was bought.

Times were tough. I remember dad hunting and trapping for food and money to pay taxes and other



LEFT:
Jerry,
Gladys,
Mark and
Mary Ellen

BELOW:
aerial
view of the
Ryback
farm 1982



necessities. We also cut logs and wood in the park.

I continued my education at Lake Audy and later recieved my grade 12 at Sandy Lake. Then I worked at Brandon returning to farm in 1960. While farming I also worked for Sandy Lake McLeod's store in 1966-67. The same year I went to the University of Manitoba and graduated from the Diploma course in Agriculture in 1969.

In Minnedosa on September 19, 1970 I married Gladys Slashinsky, oldest daughter of Metro and Mary Slashinsky. Gladys was born at Erickson October 26, 1946. Upon completion of grade twelve, she attended Brandon University recieving her Bachelor of Education degree in 1976.

When we were first married we resided at Neepawa where I worked for McLeods and Gladys taught school. In May 1972 I quit McLeods and took up electrical construction at Assiniboine Community College in Brandon. In August of 1973 we moved to Minnedosa from where each commuted to work. I was employed by various electrical contractors before recieving my journeyman's certificate in January of 1977.

On June 30th, 1977 we moved to the family farm in Lake Audy to operate the farm and Ryback's Electric.

We are blessed with two children, a son Mark born April 9th, 1977 and a daughter MaryEllen arrived June 14, 1978 on her Grandpa Ryback's 71st birthday. We feel very honored to have parents, grandparents, and great grandparents to share our many pleasures of life.

Both Gladys and I have been involved in community affairs. When the 4-H seed club was at Clear Lake, I was a member. I also was on the Audy School District as trustee from 1961-1967. Presently I am an active member of the Onanole and district fire dept. and I'm their sec-treasurer.

Gladys has served on the Crawford Park Hall committee as well as on the History Book Club Committee. She is also sec-treasure of the Horod Community Hall.

It is with many fond memories I sit back and reminisce of the many hardships our family encountered when we first arrived here and of all the pleasures that have been found in the Lake Audy district.

SAPISCHUK SAM and EMILY

Sam was born in 1897 in the village of Chorkova in the Ukraine.

At the age of 18 Sam immigrated to Canada. When he came to Canada, Sam worked and lived in Winnipeg. Sam stayed in Winnipeg for a few years. When he had enough money he decided to leave Winnipeg and got a homestead in the Lake Audy district at the following location, NE 33-19-20, currently owned by Jim and Jane Irwin.

In 1922 (1923) Sam married Emily Korol at Horod Holy Eucharist Ukrainian Catholic Church. Emily is the daughter of Metro and Barbara Korol (Moodrevich).

Sam and Emily had a small mixed farming operation consisting of chickens, a few cows, pigs, turkeys, ducks, and some grain. When they could afford it they increased their livestock.

The family went to church at Horod and Somack's church. They purchased their supplies at the Horod general store, Elphinstone, Sandy Lake, and Strathclair.

Sam and Emily have a family of seven children.

Mary: was born in 1924 and died in 1977. She married Carl Solotky in 1940. They have four daughters, Rose, Jean, Muriel, and Ann. All are married and have children.

Rose: was born in 1926. She married Milton Spaller in 1945. They have five children James(Jim), John, Verna, Melvin and Gail. All are married and have families of their own with the exception of Gail. Rose's husband Milton died in 1966. In 1974 Rose married Frank Zeppa.

Hnat: was born in 1928 and died in 1947. The cause of death is relatively unknown but it may have been blood poisoning.

Anna: was born in 1931 and died in 1945. She died of diptheria.

Metro: was born in 1932. He married Anna Motoos in 1960. They have one son Joseph (Joey).

Nellie: was born in 1934 and died in 1977. She married John Wozney of Horod in 1954. They have two children Carol and Walter.

Margaret: was born in 1937. She married William (Bill) Wawrykow in 1955. They have two children Janice and Leslie. Margaret and Bill are divorced.

The Sapischuk children attended the Lake Audy school.

Sam died in 1951 at the age of 54. Emily died in 1971 at the age of 65.

SCARROW HOWARD and ZELMA

I was born on October 18, 1909 at Spy Hill, Sask. My brother Art and I moved to Crawford Park to live on the White place SE 34-19-20 in the winter of 1933, and batched there for about a year.

We moved to the MacIntosh place south of there as White's wanted to come back to live on their homestead.

Dr. Rutledge found a job for Art at Clear Lake. I cut and hauled some cord wood to Sandy Lake, but it brought so little, that I'd have been better off staying at home and snaring rabbit for food. But that wasn't easy either as they always seemed to dodge my snares. I trapped the odd prairie chicken and had some frozen vegetables in the cellar so I managed to survive somehow.

I finished selling my horses and moved the cattle to Uncle Alex Hay's place and took Alex's place working at Lake Audy, hauling hay to the buffalo until spring.

Then in the spring of 1934 I caught a ride to Erickson with Sia Baxter in the mail truck, got to Minnedosa and found a job travelling a light horse at Landry's. Later I got married and started farming at Spy Hill, Sask. never thinking I'd ever go back to farming at Crawford Park. Then for some reason we hired with Gilbert and Connie Montague, in 1941 as they wanted to go to Winnipeg for the winter. He was offered a job as conductor in the CNR yard. We housed our animals in the stable at Allan MacDonald's old farm that Gilbert had bought. After awhile Connie came back, so we had to move into the shack on the MacDonald place, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 3-20-20.

One day in (1942) it took me 5 hours to go 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles on horseback, because the snow was so deep between the Montague place and Uncle Alex's. In March I got a call from the Military Service so I went to Winnipeg and enlisted. I was accepted as A1, so had to stay. Zelma my wife and Uncle Alex took

most of our belongings to an auction sale. We kept some horses, turned some into the park, left some with Uncle Alex and left a team of driver's with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young. I was in the army a little over a year, then got a job at Spy Hill and worked out for a year or two. We farmed and raised our family there, then sold out in 1959 and moved to the Brandon area. I was there at different modes of life until 1977, when I retired and moved to Moose Jaw, Sask. where I now reside.

HOWARD SCARROW'S RECOLLECTIONS OF MY FIRST TRIP TO LAKE AUDY

My first trip into that area was with the first car Alex owned. He wrote me when they were leaving Winnipeg and asked me to bring his old Model T car to them at Lake Audy. He said the last few miles would be pretty rough and that I should stop in Elphinstone and inquire about the road to Ted Hodges homestead somewhere south of Lake Audy, which wasn't even on the map at that time.

When I pulled into town, I spotted a name on a grocery store, I. Diamond. Now Issac Diamond had at one time kept a store in Spy Hill, Saskatchewan so right away it rang a bell. I pulled up there and went in and sure enough it was the same man. He remembered me and was glad to see me but hadn't a clue about any road that I could take to get where I needed to go. Well he gave me some lunch and suggested that I wait around to see if anyone would come in that could direct me on my way. Sure enough a man by the name of Bercier happened along on horseback. (I want to say here that where he came from, that was the only way to travel). He said he wanted to get a hundred pounds of flour and some groceries out to his brother's place, about 12 or 15 miles north. If I would transport it, he would turn his nag loose and it would find its way home and he'd ride along with me and show me the way that far and he'd be able to direct me the rest of the way.

I will never forget that trip! It was bad as far as he was going but the last 2 or 3 miles were hardly passable with a team and wagon. I didn't get one half mile on until a stick came up in front of the car, caught in the fan and punched a hole in the radiator.

That meant walk the rest of the way.

I finally got to John MacDonald's place (now John Spaller's on top of the big hill) and Mrs. MacDonald told me I was on the right road, to just keep on another mile or so and I'd be there. When I got there Doris and Pat were in the shack. Doris said Alex and Ted Hodges Sr. were getting a load of hay from the swamp, but they would go with the team and pull the car the rest of the way. Of course, she told me that had I stayed on the right road, I'd have had no trouble. I had to agree later that the road by Arnold's farm was some better, but not much.

However, so much for my first trip to Lake Audy.

SICHEWSKI WILLIAM

Bill Sichewski was born at Horod, the second son (youngest) of Mr. and Mrs. John Sichewski. He married Rosie Yanchyski. They moved to the Audy district and bought the S $\frac{1}{2}$ 8-20-20 from the Hudson Bay co.

They had two children Dennis and Marjorie.

In 1945 they rented their farm to Mike Fiarchuk and in 1958 Mike bought it.

Rosie passed away in 1969. Bill is now remarried and they live in Winnipeg.

Dennis and Marjorie are now married and living in Winnipeg also.

SICHEWSKI NICHOLAS

Nicholas John Sichewski was born December 10, 1910 at Horod, Man. He came to the Lake Audy district May 25, 1927 and homesteaded the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ 6-20-20.

He married Annie Marie Krenkewich on May 15, 1932. She was born July 18, 1910 in the Horod district. They had five children. Carol was born May 23, 1933, Rose on October 3, 1936, Walter on June 16, 1939, Florence on April 9, 1943 and Rudy on May 23, 1950.

Nick farmed until he joined the armed forces Nov. 2, 1942. He served with the Argyle Sutherland Highlanders of Canada, 4th Division. He was discharged Jan. 16, 1946 with the rank of Private. He resumed farming.



LEFT:
cutting
cordwood
in the
park.

RIGHT:
Sichewski
house



LEFT:
Back row:
wife Annie,
Carol,
with her
son Murray,
Walter,
Rose,
Florence,
Dan (Carol's
husband)
Nicholas.
FRONT:
son Rudy
grandson
Alvin

after the war. For twelve years he was mail courier serving Horod and later Lake Audy post offices.

In 1957 he bought the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 7-20-20 from Ed Gardippy.

Their daughter Carol married Dan Ewasiuk on Oct. 27, 1951. They have six boys, Alvin, Murray, Ernest, Barry, Richard, and Shane. Dan passed away Feb. 2, 1975. Carol resides in Rivers.

Rose married Harvey Walker Feb. 16, 1956. They live in Portage La Prairie and have one daughter, Wendy.

Walter lives on the home place and continues to farm there.

Florence married Steve Satz October 14, 1961. They have eight children, Gerald, Shawn, Dale, Douglas Dwayne, Darryl, Donna, and Dennis. They live at Stoney Plain, Alberta.

Rudy married Darlene Derhak on Nov. 16, 1974. They live in Saskatoon, Sask. and have two children, Shelly and Korey.

Nick worked at CFB Rivers with engineering from 1963 to 1969 when ill health forced him to retire. He passed away March 8, 1970. His wife Annie still lives on the home quarter.

SOME PRICES FROM THE PAST (as recorded in Nick Sichewski's diary) :

In 1938 wheat sold for 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per bushel and barley for 20¢ per bushel. Cows brought 2 and three-quarters cents to 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ per pound. A 210# pig sold for 7 $\frac{1}{4}$ ¢ per pound and weanlings were \$3.00 each. Cordwood was sold for \$1.25 per cord. Wages at a local sawmill were \$1.25 per day. A pair of men's boots could be purchased at Horod Store for \$3.00 and women's oxfords were \$1.45. Two local men bought a second hand steam threshing outfit for \$400.00.

In 1942 steers were selling for 16¢ per pound. Within the next couple of years some of the Lake Audy farmers bought new tractors. A John Deere D was purchased for \$2383.00, a Cockshutt 30 for \$1975.00, and a new IHC W4 for \$1900.00.

A beautiful behaviour is better than a beautiful form.

SIMMS ARTHUR

North W 31-19-19 Arthur Simms Foxwarren, Man. The above land was taken up on April 16th, 1921, by a Mr. Smith from Russell, I think he really came from Nova Scotia. Mr. Smith abandoned this land in Aug. 1921 because the Soldiers Settlement Board would only loan him \$1200.00 to improve it. I Arthur Simms took the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 28-19-18 two miles east of the Park gate north of Onanole. I think Mr. Bedome took it later. When I went to Mr. Lawerance Boulton, lawyer in Russell to abandon the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-19-18 he told me about Smith abandoning NW 31-19-19, so I took the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 31-19-19 on September 13, 1921.

I built a frame house and log barn on said land in 1922, and broke 22 acres. 1923 I broke 27 acres. 1924 broke 17 acres. 1923 crop was froze, wheat grade 6 (.50¢), oats 2 feed (.30¢), hauled it to Erickson on a wagon. In 1924 had frost every night from Aug. 5th to 13th. Not even bran in the wheat, oats 27# to bushel. In 1925 hailed in August. Threshed in snow, had all in oats 56 acres, yield 60 bushels to acre, damp .40¢ per bushel. Hauled to Sandy Lake.

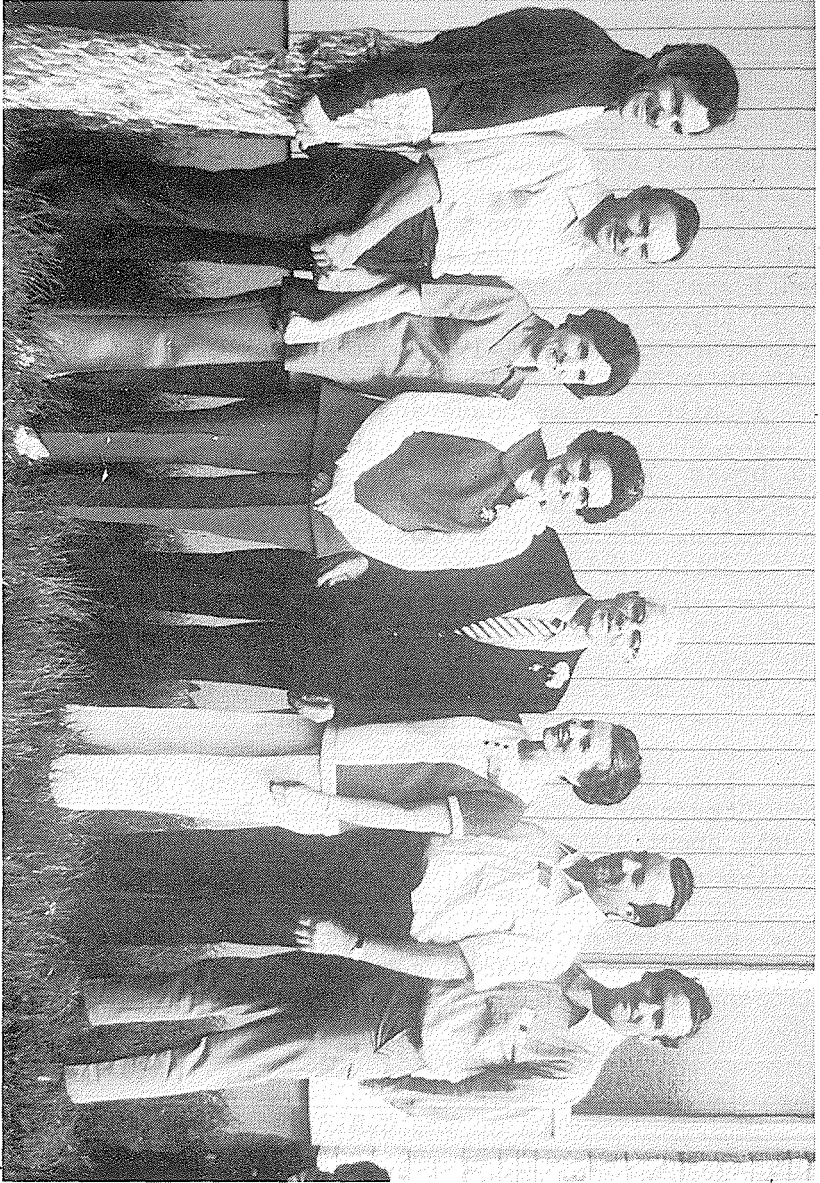
The Simms family came from Northern Ireland in 1880. They came from Winnipeg to Fort Ellis in 1883, to Brandon by train and to Fort Ellis by flat bottom boat. Then to Russell by oxen and horses. My mother Edith Stevenson came from Manchester, England to Russell about 1888, I have two brothers and 7 sisters, all living.

I married Edna Kelly in Elphinstone 30th of Nov. 1925. We lived on NW 31-19-19 until April 1947, and then moved to Foxwarren to get high schooling for the children. We have 6 children, 4 boys and 2 girls.

MY STAY AT CLEAR LAKE

In 1914 I stayed at the C.N.R. boarding house and I roomed with Bernard Wetland from Erickson. He was working on the railroad and I was working in the Neepawa Machine Works and he told me about the Clear Lake country. When I came back from the war in April 1919

I stayed at home at Russell until Nov. 17, 1921. Clear Lake country was surveyed in 1920 and opened for homesteading for returned soldiers on April 16, 1921 at Dauphin.



Left to Right: Ray, George, Edith, Edna, Arhtur, Ruth,
Clarence and Lyall

I think, I was 52 in the draw and as I did not know the land, I took the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 28-11-18, six miles east of Jim Coey's who was two miles east of Wasagaming Cottage. There were just nine cottages there at that time. On June 28, 1921 Dad, Jim Coey, John Coey and myself went to see the land. We stayed in Erickson that night and went and saw the land the next day. Jim was satisfied with his but I was not with mine.

We had Dad's Model T Ford. We went home. When we stopped to open the gate at home, the back wheel fell off.

We went back to Clear Lake with horses on July 12, 1921. I decided to abandon my place and I stayed with Jim Coey to help him get started on his place. On July 25, 1921 I took a mare of Jim's and rode south to see Bob Slater. He was working with the surveyors and I wanted to know what the land was like that he had surveyed. I went to Rackham and there was no one there, just one log building that someone had stayed in to cut cordwood. I found out later it was Kelly's who had stayed there the winter of 1920-21 and cut cord wood. From there I road down the railway track to Sandy Lake. Jim Coey wanted me to see Roy Kelly or Bill Forsyth to see if he could borrow their mower to cut hay. I was told in Sandy Lake that they did not know where to find them but I was told I would find surveyors, at the north east corner of Sandy Lake. I had to go four miles north and one mile east and one-half mile south. On the way I met the McNauton boys. They were squatted five miles north of Sandy Lake. They asked me to stay with them that night, which I did. I went on and saw Bob Slater and he said he had not seen anything but bush and water so far. I stayed with McNautons that night and next morning it was raining so I had to travel two miles west to get around the lake and get on the Indian trail to Clear Lake. I followed the trail until I came to McIntoshes on 27-19-20. I stopped there for lunch. There was just Pat, Carrol, and a boy there. They had one building 20x24. The horses were in the bottom and up above was living quarters. I went on east three miles and came to the Frank Blackwell breaking. From there I went south east across 29 to Jim Coey's. I stayed and helped him for a couple of weeks. Then Ed Coey came with a team of slow clydes. He wanted me to go with

him to see his homestead on 22-19-18 seven miles east of Jim Coey's, about three miles north and three mile east of Onanole. I went with Ed. We had to go to what they called the forks of the road about one half mile south west of Onanole. There was a trail from there to Clear Lake where Wasagaming is now. We took that trail and then went east to George Bartleys 20-18-19. We stopped there to talk to George. He had a basement dug and a pile of lumber there so I asked him if he was going to build a house, and if he was I told him Ed Coey was a good carpenter. He said he thought the Swedes were good carpenters and knew all about wood. Ed was not to pleased. We looked over the homestead but it was all jackpine ridges, stone, and sloughs. We went back and at the forks of the road there was a homesteader there, George Ross. We stopped there for awhile. Archie Smith, I knew him in England at Epsom. He and Ed got talking and Ed told him what George Bartley had said about the Swedes. Archie told him not to worry about the Swedes. He said there was a Swede here who had a saw mill and a planer. He was supposed to know all about wood but he was married for four years before he found out his wife had a wooden leg.

I came back to Russell with Ed Coey. It took us over two days. We stopped one night in the country and one night in the Oakburn Hotel. I do not know where, but some where I got lousy, so I remember that trip. When we left Clear Lake it was raining and the sun was shining and there was a rainbow that came right down into the lake and all the colors seemed to be rising up from the water. I got home about August 1 and threshed and went back to Clear Lake on Nov. 17, 1921. Jim Coey came to Russell and threshed with Dad and went back to Clear Lake right after threshing. I think that is right but I'm not sure.

I went to Clear Lake on Nov. 17, 1921. I had my 280 rifle (Ross) and a suit case. When I got on the train in Russell, the conductor stopped me and said I could not get on the train with a gun. After some arguing and grumbling, he let me on. I got off at Erickson and went to the post office and asked if there was any one going to Clear Lake which was 20 miles. I was told that Ole Christiansen would take me up in the Model T Ford in the afternoon. I went to

Johnson's hardware and tried to buy a .22 rifle for \$8.00 but he said I would have to have an order from a Police magistrate. That meant going to Minnedosa, so I did not get the rifle. I knew Jim Coey had a colt .22 revolver so I bought some ammunition for it and we used it to shoot partridge that winter. That afternoon I got into the back seat of Ole Christiansen's ford with stove pipes, swede saws, axes and other hardware and hit for Clear Lake. I think we got three flat tires on the way, which I had to fix, but we got there. There was very little snow, but everything was frozen hard and the temperature below zero.

When I got to Jim's, I dug a well eleven feet deep in sand. It supplied him with water until 1930 and then it had to be deepened to 26 feet. Jim and I went to Donald Grants and bought 300 bushels of oats at .32¢ per bushel and 300 oat sheaves from Jack Frazer at 3¢ each. I got two jumpers that winter and Jim got one. I looked after horses and cut the wood and Jim done the cooking and washing.

We built a log stable on my place and took out 1500 tamarac post and 400 logs or 20,000 feet of lumber. We got the logs about one half mile north of Clear Lake. It cost \$5.00 per thousand to get the logs sawn and the same for planing. The first trip we made for logs was on Jan. 1, 1922. It was 30 below in the morning but warmed up and stormed in the afternoon. We went in across the lake, but could not see the road in the evening so we had to come back through the Indian Reserve. I went to a house to ask the way. After knocking on the door for awhile a girl came out. I asked her about the road but she would not speak. I saw a man coming from the lake but he would not speak. (It was Sam Bone). We got to the mill alright after dark. The lake used to crack and roar like thunder. The Indians said there was some kind of windigo in the lake and they were scared of it. One morning it was very cold, I was on my way for logs and I stopped in at the mill and went into the men's bunkhouse to get warm. Roy Kelly was in bed sick and asked me how the weather was, I told him cold. Then I noticed a girl sitting on the side of his bed. It was his sister Burly. That was the first time I saw Burly Kelly. She married Ernie Ashby on the 7th

of May that spring.

On December 22 John Coey wanted to go home to Russell for Christmas and we wanted some feed grain for the horses. I made my first trip to Sandy Lake with a sleigh. I got lost on Long Lake going there and lost coming home. There were two elevators in Sandy Lake but they did not want to sell me grain. At last DeWitt let me have 35 bushels of cleanings at 35 cents per bushel. There were 7 general stores in Sandy Lake and I went to every one before I got a spool of linen thread.

I bought a load of hay from Luie Lilley and it was on the west side of Long Lake. He told me to go to Andy Canada's and they would take me to the hay. Canada's sent two boys with me to show me where the hay was. When I got across the lake I had to turn north. The biggest one, which was a girl, got off the sleigh and told me the other one would show me where the hay was. I kept asking him where to go, but he would not talk. At last I found the hay, but he would not help me load it so I told him he better go. Then he asked me if I could let him have a chew of tobacco. I paid \$8.00 for the hay.

In those days there was a spring on the west side of Long Lake and it flooded all winter. There was a foot of water on the ice and I had some trouble getting around it.

We used to go to the store Saturday night or Sunday and get the mail and groceries and the news. I went to the store one Saturday night in Feb. Charlie Crawford had gone to Winnipeg for a medical board and left his brother Dave in charge of the store. I got there about 8 o'clock but Abe Best was not in with the mail yet. The store was full of men waiting, I thought for the mail. Abe got in about 10:00pm. There was enough men went out to meet him that they brought in every thing out of the sleigh in one trip. Then Dave asked Abe where the bottle was? Abe said when he got to George Ross's at the fork's of the road they put his team in and fed them and fed him and emptied the bottle. So everyone went home not saying much, but thinking a lot.

I went up to the mill one Sunday afternoon to find out when I could get my logs sawn. There were quite a few men sitting at the engine all talking big.

I leaned up against the wall waiting to talk to Bill Nicol. The old dog came and looked at me with tears in his eyes. Then he went around behind me and scraped the saw dust away from a jug of home brew.

The first time I remember seeing Ernie Ashby some one was giving him H!! for taking dry tamarac polls off his load to fire the engine with. Each claimed the other one stole the polls.

I went back to Russell in April, 1922 and helped Dad put in the crops. Matt and I came back to Clear Lake June 12, 1922 and put up the pasture for the horses. Matt went to Dauphin on the 23 to enter on his homestead at Grandview. June 22, 1922 was the night the big hail storm went through Strathclair, Newdale, Portage and Winnipeg. We got wind at Clear Lake but no hail. The summer of 1922 I broke 20 acres and lived in a granary. I used to start breaking at day break, quit at 9am and start at 5pm in the afternoon. There was mosquitos, bull dogs, dear flies, and sand flies. I made the mistake by taking a 14" bush-breaker, it was very hard to hold and used to bung up with wet grass and roots. The next year I took a 16" steel beam Scotch clipper stubble plow that Dad bought at Car's sale for \$7.00 and got on a lot better.

I went home threshing for that fall and I do not remember when I came back to Clear Lake, but Jim Coey and I built my house that fall. I remember going to Jim's one evening when it was getting dark and there was two jumpers on Tinkler's field. I shot one but it got into the swamp. I found it laying in the water I put my rifle up against a tree and crept up close and jumped on it but it jumped at the same time and landed on my belly in the water. I yelled woe but it did not stop, but I got it.

One evening when we got to Jim's we were sure some one had been there. That night when Jim went to bed he found his brother John in bed. A while after we found we were lousy, John had brought company with him.

Jim had a cook stove in one end of the house and a heater in the center of the house. The pipes from the cook stove went straight up and the heater went in by a T pipe. One night it was windy and the pipes went on fire. The fire and sparks were flying out of the pipe out side and it lit up the coultury for half

a mile. There was no harm done.

On December 28 John Coey and I went to the mill for some lumber. While Roy Kelly was measuring the lumber, John says to him, "I hear you are having a dance New Years Night". Roy said nothing. Then John says, "If you need music, Arthur has a fiddle." So Roy invited us to the dance. Roy introduced me to his sister Edna and we danced the Jersy.

I went home to Russell the next day and went with Matt to Grandview for the winter. That was the most snow that winter that I ever saw. I came back from Grandview in March and helped Thom McNeil build a log stable. Then Wilferd and I went to Clear Lake in April.

I broke 8 more acres that spring and put in 17 acres of wheat and 12 acres of oats. The grain was all frozen, wheat sold for 50¢ a bushel, oats 2 feed. I hauled some wheat 20 miles to Erickson for 48¢ per bushel. I broke 20 acres that summer on the north side of the creek. That summer in July we had our first picnic at the lake on $B\frac{1}{2}$ 33-19-19. Admission was 25¢. They built a platform out of planks and had a dance at night. We played baseball and got beat by Erickson and the Indians beat us at football. My sister Annie and Sara Coey came from Russell and stayed there that summer.

Christiansens threshed for me that fall with a 22 inch international threshing machine. My grain was stacked. I finished cutting September 17 and it rained and hailed that afternoon.

I put in 20 acres of wheat, 25 of oats and 4 of barley. Frost came on the 5th of August and froze every night till the 13. The wheat did not even have bran in it. It stood there green, a wonderful crop for about a month and then I cut it for feed. The oats graded 2 feed, 28 pounds to the bushel. The barley I cut for feed. That was one of my big blunders. I could not get clean oats for the breaking and while oats stood the frost better, they generally went down flat on new land. After that I grew oats for a few years. The best crop of wheat I grew was in about 1932. It graded 2 northern and I got 26¢ a bushel for it.

In 1924 I broke 17 acres on the north east corner of the farm. I lost a plug of big ben there and I though I looked for it until I left the farm, I never

found it.

The winter of 1924 -25 Mel McLaughlin, Bob McLaughlin, and a friend of theirs stayed with me. I used to do the cooking and Mel looked after the horses. One day while I took a load of oats to Sandy Lake, Mel fixed up a grindstone in the house. We had no stairs in the house, just slats nailed on the two by fours to get up stairs. The next morning when a friend of McLaughlin's was coming down stairs the slat came off and he landed on the grindstone and broke it and was Mel mad. We took him to Dauphin and left him there. McLaughlins were taking out logs to build a barn and one day they upset with the sleigh on top of the logs. So the next day we took the front bob of my sleigh and got it under, chained it, put two teams on, and got it home. We fed green wheat sheaves to the horses that year and they did well.

McLaughlins piled logs on the creek and then it flooded. Mel and I tried to skid them off with his team, but the horses just laid down. But old Mag and Jess skidded them off with no trouble. By spring there would be four feet of ice on the creek. We used the creek for a road in the winter but the flooding used to cause problems.

I had a nice pile of logs at the mill and when it was my day to get my logs sawn, I got Bert Kelly to help me. I showed him the logs and while we were there, Jack and Howard came along. There was a hand spike there and one of the boys gave a pull with it on a log and my logs were scattered all over, so Bert told them to get and not come back.

SIMMS

Arthur Simms: born at Russell, Man. 1892 died at Foxwarren 1982.

Edna Simms: born at Clear Lake October 14, 1905 to Mr. and Mrs. George Kelly. She married Arthur on Nov. 30 1925 in the church north of Elphinstone. She now lives in the village of Foxwarren.

George: lives on the farm in Foxwarren. Owns and trains thoroughbred horses.

Clarence: manages a construction steel company in Edmonton, Alberta

Edith: married Rodney Graham, registered seed growers in Foxwarren.

Ray: teaches school and lives in Birtle, Man.
Lyle: owns a construction outfit and lives in Foxwarren.
Ruth: married Lorne McDonald owner of an employment Agency in Mississauga, Ontario. Ruth is a qualified music teacher.

The family sold the Crawford Park farm to Jim Brown and moved to Foxwarren in 1947, mainly to be close to high school. Following the interest of the parents, the children became active in music and sports.

Community ties with Crawford Park, friends and relatives continued for years after our move to Foxwarren. The terms "Home", "back home", and "down home", were frequently used by the family for years.

SIMPSON GEORGE

George Simpson was a Scotsman who came from the west. He entered on the S $\frac{1}{2}$ 30-19-19 on April 16, 1921 at Dauphin. He had not seen the land, so he went back west without seeing it. He brought back four broncos to his land and broke them in on the way to his homestead. He built a shack and stable on what he thought was his own place, but it really was on N $\frac{1}{2}$ 30-19-19. In March 1922 he abandoned his land, later Mr. Joe Tinkler got the land.

Later in 1922 he took up the land W $\frac{1}{2}$ 23-19-20. Harry Burdeny got the land later on. George Simpson was not on the land more than a year or two, he had stomach trouble and died.

SKATCH PETER

Peter Skatch immigrated to Canada from the Ukraine in 1914. Two years later his wife Mary and two children joined him. On his arrival in Man. Peter worked wherever employment was available and farmed in the Sandy Lake district, and Gypsumville area, finally purchasing a homestead in Crawford Park. The house and barn were built of logs which Peter cleared for land. Peter and Mary farmed in the Crawford Park district until retiring to Minnedosa in 1958.



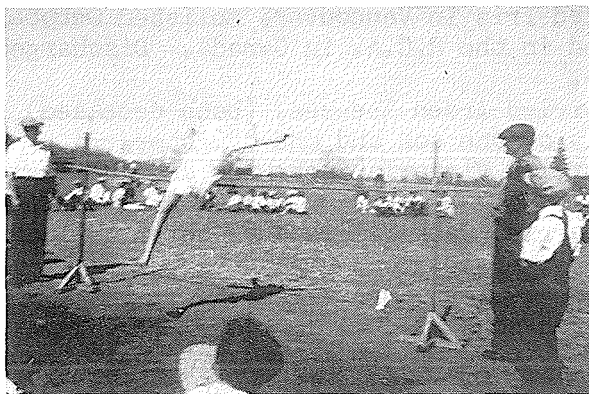
Peter and
Mary
Skatch

Peter died in 1965 and Mary died in 1971. Mary and Peter had a family of thirteen children.

Anne: the oldest was lost in heavy forest in 1917 at the age of eight years.

Mary: (Deceased) Married Don McDonald, widowed in 1953 and they had one son, Jerry. In 1958 Mary married Frank Hunter.

Mike: Married Mary Slobodian of Erickson.
enlisted on March 27, 1941. Served in the R.C.A.S.C.
attached to the Signal Corp. in Italy and Europe.
Discharged December 4,
1945.



Field Day
June 14, 1946.



LEFT: Paul and Steve
Skatch.
Nijmegen,
Holland.

Paul: married
Emily Kowal, they had
one son and one daught-
er. Their son was
tragically drowned.
Paul enlisted January
1941. Served in the
R.C.A.S.C. IN Europe.
Discharged March 4,
1946.

Jean: married
Lawerance Anderson

They had a family of four children, one daughter and
three sons.

Steve: married Joan Tibble of Hayling Island,
England. They have one son and one daughter.
Enlisted in April 15, 1942. Served in R.C.A. and
R.C.A.S.C. in Europe. Discharged March 23, 1946.

Lillian: married Carl Tallon and they have a
family of eight, five sons and three daughters.

Phyllis: (Deceased) married Al Minot of Califor-
nia, they raised a family of four boys, (two deceased)

John: married Iris in Vancouver. Enlisted October
21, 1943. Served in the R.C.A. in Canada. Discharged
February 26, 1946.

Dorothy: married Arden Steeves, (both deceased)
They had a family of one son and one daughter.

William: married Victoria Bachewich and they have
one daughter.

Vinnetta: married Jack Williamson, three children
two daughters and one son.

Olive married Peter Cherkas, they have two
daughters and three sons.

Peter and Mary were active members of their commu-
nity, their church, and there were great family
celebrations at Christmas and Easter, following their

Ukrainian customs. Mary and Peter were very keen gardeners and were well known for their garden produce. Most of the children attended Clear Creek School, taking part in sports and various school activities. Times were hard but the family still have fond memories of Crawford Park and the many community social activities they participated in.

SKOG JOE and ADA

I think Dad, Uncle Ed, and Uncle Fred were all born on the farm at Scandinavia (east of Onanole) and had very little schooling as their mother died when they were quite young.

Fred: named Johann Frederick was born Dec. 13, 1889.

Ed: named Charles Edward was born June 18, 1891. and

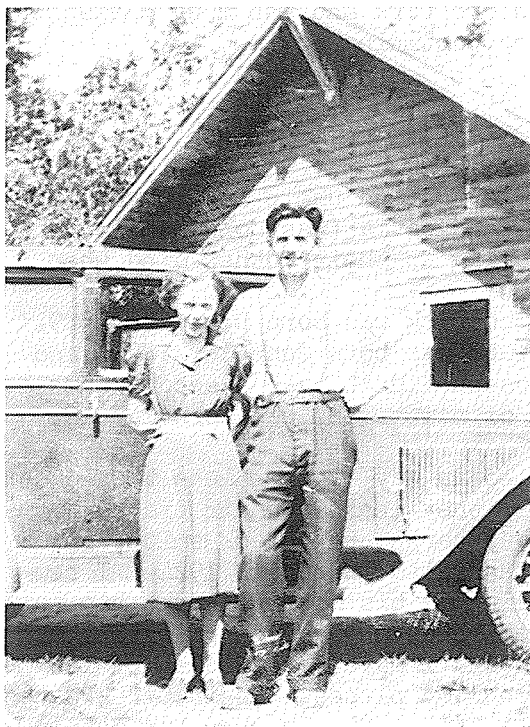
Joseph: named just Joseph, didn't have a second name.

I guess they ran out of names. He was born May 18, 1893.

Their mother died in May 1902. Since they didn't go to school too much, they learned their trades from their father, which was carpentry, black smith, and bush work. Their father died in August 1924. I remember Uncle Fred telling me his mother taught him to read and write in Swedish as he was the oldest. She was a religious woman and I have her Swedish Bible which is underlined in many places. Their birth dates she wrote in and Uncle Fred wrote in when his mother and father died and his handwriting is identical to hers of course. Uncle Fred later taught himself of read and write in English by doing cross word puzzles and studying the dictionary. I think my Dad met my mother Ada Spiers at Clear Lake as she was born in Virden, Man. They were married May 6, 1935 on Grandpa and Grandma Speirs farm in Virden. I think they first lived at McLaughlins mill and then to Kippan's mill before coming to Crawford Park. I think I was born in Dauphin but my certificate is registered at Erickson, born May 20, 1936. Then Dennis born October 17, 1937. Donald born Feb. 28, 1940. Calvin born March 9, 1944, all in Erickson.

I remember when Calvin was born, Grandma Spiers was staying with us as Dad was working at the Prison camp. Uncle Ed and Fred had built a black smith shop

with a loft in it where they slept in the same yard. Uncle Fred was always away at different mills like Mafeking and The Pas but Uncle Ed was always around, so good natured and so good with us when Dad was away. He taught us all how to tie our shoes, and tell the



1941 or 1942
ADA and JOE SKOG

time with his pocket watch before we went to school. I can remember growing up on the dance floor there at the hall as Mom, Dad, Uncle Ed, and Uncle Fred and Mrs. Ida Mayor was the local orchestra, when home on the weekends.

The night of March 8, 1944 my Grandmother woke me and said my mother was very sick (2 am) I was to go as quickly as possible to the neighbours Griffiths to get them with the horses to take my mother out to the doctor. (no phone) I went as far as

Harriet Hodges who lived just north of the slough north of the hall, and she went to Griffiths for the team of horses. I can remember running across the frozen slough which was a short cut and so moonlight, but no time to be afraid of anything. I was almost 8 years. I thought they would never come back with the horses as I waited at Hodges. They loaded my mother on the sleigh box and took her out to the main road where Mr. Baxter with his mail truck took her to Erickson Nursing home. I remember being so surprised and so happy when Mr. Baxter came to our place before Dennis and I went to school and said we had a new baby brother and that my mother was alright. She was home off and on for 2 months and was never able to care for

the baby when the same Mr. Baxter came one morning in May to tell us she had died. Some kidney trouble which caused heart failure and was only 29 years old. So four of us left without a mother, I was the oldest 8 years. Calvin who was the baby was only 2 months. We were fortunate to have my Aunt Edith (my mother's sister) and Uncle George Laing take the baby as they had no family and later adopted him in their name.

My Dad still had to go to work so tried some advertised housekeepers to look after us but that didn't work out too well. Then we bounced around among friends for a year. Fetterley's, Hans Christiaansen's, Griffiths. Then in summer holidays's 1945 Uncle Ed and Fred loaded us in their Model A car and took us to Virden to be with Grandma Speirs as she now lived in a brick house in town, Grandpa Speirs had passed away 2 years before my mother. So Dennis and I went to school in town, I was in grade 3 and he in grade 2. By now my Dad had been taken to Ninette Sanatorium for TB and was there 18 months. This was too much for my Grandmother and some real good friends asked Uncle Ed and Fred to bring us back to Onanole, where I went to OLE and Effie Erickson's and the 2 boys to George Holmstroms for 6 months and then ended up at Erickson's too, until we were out of school and married.

Uncle Ed had his left hand sawed off at an accident at the saw mill in 1955. He suffered a lot. Made himself an artificial hook and finally died in Deer Lodge hospital, Winnipeg in October 1962. Uncle Fred lived on alone in the house at Crawford Park until his death in Sept. 1965.

Since Dad died October 1980 in Minnedosa Care Home there are no more of that family as he was the youngest of the three boys, and no other living relatives that we know of.

Don and I got married in October 1953.

Dennis and Gloria in Nov. 1958.

Calvin and Helen Laing in July 1969.

Donald and Bev Skog in Winnipeg March 1974.

By Gerry Frazer

SLATER ROBERT and VERL

Bob Slater was a veteran of World War 1. When the Crawford Park and Lake Audy districts were being surveyed prior to 1921, Bob worked with the surveyors. He knew the area very well, the west half 10-20-20. He was a hard worker, and took great pride in the good horses he owned.

In 1927 he married Verl Owens, and they had three children, Yvonne, Velma, and Pearl. Verl spent a lot of time in Winnipeg, because of ill health, and she never did like the farm life.

In March 1939 they sold the farm to Koltuskys and they moved to Vancouver. The day they left the farm they went to Sandy Lake and stayed over-night with Eastlands and boarded the train, to make their journey. Bob recollects that while he was farming, he hauled wheat to town with horses and sleigh, and all he got was .18¢ a bushel.

Mrs Yvonne Domey and Mrs Velma McKee live in Vancouver. Miss Pearl Slater lives in Texas, USA. There are seven grandchildren and eight great grandchildren. Mrs Verl Slater passed away in 1962, following a lengthy illness. Bob resides in a senior citizens home in Vancouver, and enjoys good health.

On May 24, 1981 Bob was the guest of honor at a Banquet to Celebrate his ninetieth birthday. Present at the banquet were Willard and Annie Fetterley of Maple Ridge, B.C.

SPALLER MILTON

Milton came to Canada in 1912 with his parents when he was three years old and went to school at Horod. He helped his parents on the farm. They later moved to the Providence district presently owned by his brother Matt Spaller. He was working at Kippan's mill in 1942-43. He also worked at the prision camp in the park.

Milton married Rose Sapischuk on March 4, 1945. Father Gregorhechuk preformed the ceremony. Rose's parents were Sam and Emily Sapischuk. They lived at Lake Audy. Milton and Rose lived temporarily with Miltons parents at Providence. Their twins were born at the time they were living there. They purchased



Milton and Rose
Spaller

the Willard Fetterley farm in 1946 for the sum of \$2000.00 dollars at Lake Audy L.G.D.P.

Milton was secretary at the Lake Audy School for fourteen years and he worked for the highway dept. for one year.

In the late 50's Milton and the boys played for dances at Providence calling them selves " The Country Chipmunks". Milton and Rose were blessed with five children:

Jim: was born on Feb. 17, 1946. was first born of twins. Attended Lake Audy school. Married Pat Prokopchuk on June 17, 1972. Worked for a few winters at Fort McMurray, Alberta on construction. Jim and Pat have one daughter, Lindsay. Lindsay was born Oct. 16, 1976. Jim farms and lives on the former Danyk farm SE 3-20-20.

John: was born after twin brother Jim on Feb. 18, 1946. He took his schooling at Lake Audy and Sandy Lake. Helped his father Milton on the farm. Began to work for Peter Koltusky's Lumber Yard in the fall of 1966 and worked all winter. Began farming on his own in the spring of 1967. Worked for Wheat City



Milton, Rose
Verna, Jim,
John
taken at our
house April
30th, 1948.

House built
by Willard.
Fetterly

left to
right:
Jim,
John,
Melvin,
and
Verna.



roofing during the winter 1968-69 and 69-70. John worked driving a truck for Peter Zackary Construction. Began driving a bus for Rolling River School Division in the fall of 1974, and does so till this day. John learned to play guitar and he played since age nine. He played first for the Bill and Margaret Wawryko's wedding earning five dollars for his share. This was 1955. He played on his father's orchestra, Adam Krupa, one year for Leo Macysymach's orchestra and now and then with Peter Lamb and Ernie Citulski. John married Sonia Braschuk on October 7, 1972. They have one girl Sharla born June 2, 1975. John continues to farm the home farm, and drive the school bus.

Verna: born August 7, 1947. Attended Lake Audy school and Sandy Lake. Married Larry Bendfeld on Oct. 10, 1970. They have one boy Wade, born March 31, 1978.

Melvin: born Feb. 9, 1951. Attended Lake Audy and Sandy Lake schools then to Erickson. Went to Wpg. and began to play in a band. Undertook a painting trade and is currently living at Ft. McMurray, Alberta Where he is maintenance man for Northward Development. Also is taking a trades journey man level in carpentry.

Gail: born Dec. 5, 1960. Attended Lake Audy, Sandy Lake and Elphinstone schools. Took one year university at University of Winnipeg. Got a job as secretary for Syncrude in Ft. McMurray, Alberta and is there to-day.

Milton took ill and passed away on August 12, 1966 and is buried at Horod cemetery. Rose and the boys continued to farm. In 1968 they purchased the Danyk farm. In 1974 Rose remarried Frank Zeppa and are presently living at Horod.

THORNE FAMILIES

John William Thorne came to the Clear Lake area with his parents from St. Rose (Ochre River district). His dad George and his mother Mary-Rose nee Lilly farmed north west of Horod touching the Park boundary.

There were seven children in the family: William (Billy) was in first World War and came back totally blind. (He loved to play the violin). He died in Deer Lodge Hospital in 1950. Liza (Mrs. Ed Bercier) deceased. Sarah (Arthur Laurence) deceased. Marianne (Zachary Bercier). Nora (James Bercier) deceased. Joseph, deceased.

Joseph and John took homesteads in the Audy district. Joe homesteaded the N.E. quarter of 32-19-20. He married Beatrice Clark. They had twin girls Rose and Doreen. John settled on the N.W. quarter 32-19-20, where he and Joe farmed as partners for awhile. John married Olive Adelia Bercier daughter of Hyacinth and Olive (nee Paul). They had twelve children: Clifford who was killed in action at the age of 20, in 1945. Joseph Lloyd who also enlisted and trained in the army but never got over seas as the war was over. He married Doreen Thorne, they have five children: Betty Lou Knotts, Alice Herman, Johnnie, Donna-Jean, and Roy.

Roy, who died at the age of seven in Brandon General Hospital after a mastoid operation.

Norman married Rose Thorne, they have three daughters. Florence (Mrs. Munson) Linda and Arlene Henderson.

Jean (Janie, Mrs. Arden Erickson) they have four children: Ardis (Cal Sigurdson), Arlene (Mrs. Harold Minty), Brenda Sue (Mrs. Vaughn Ullberg), Craig Arden at home.

Madeline (Mrs. Gilmour Lund) has three children: Donna-Jean Bunt, James and Bertrand.

Jackie (Helen Boyer) have three children: Rena, Clifford and Jacqueline.

Howard (Donna McAndrew) they have three children: Vincent, Christopher and Terry-Lynn. one son is deceased. Leona and three other children died at birth.

Clifford, Joe, Norman, and Roy went to school at Audy. Jean may have also started there. During the depression John struggled to keep operating his farm, but had to eventually leave it. The farm was bought by

George Hogg. Previous to that he built a small house for his parents on his land. There was a saw mill set up in the north east corner of his land. The saw mill owned by Sandy McLean.

The sawyer for the mill was Ogden Svenson (Arden and Jean's uncle). You just never know who you will be related to. Dad was one who liked to play jokes and do tricks for his children. Recall a man he was very fond of by the name of Mike Swistun. John moved his family to Elphinston around 1940. There he worked for farmers, in the park, at Kippens Mill, also prison camp and on the CN section gang for a short period of time. Did mechanic work as well. He was a fireman on a steam engine in Elphinstone as well. Though he had no schooling he taught himself to read, had a wide knowledge of what was going on in the world around him. John remained in Elphinstone until his death (of a stroke) in 1970. Mrs Thorne moved to Brandon to be near her family. She died in Rivers Hospital, in 1979. Both are buried in the parish cemenry in Elphinstone. Remember our parents as kind, generous, and honest people.

TINKLER AND STEELE

Joe Tinkler was born in Benwick, Cambridgeshire, England December 10th, 1890, the third son in a family of five boys and two girls. At the age of twelve he was working every day. He came to Canada in 1912, to his Uncle Harry Butler at Hamiota. He worked for several farmers in the area until joining the army at Minnedosa and going over seas with the 226th battalion. He was awarded the Military Medal for bravery in France, which was presented by the Prince of Wales. Although the family knew of the medal, we didn't know why he had won it or seen his citation until his son-in-law, Stewart Steele returned from overseas at the end of the second World War, when he told the whole story.

After the first World War ended, he returned to Minnedosa, again working for farmers, where he met Henrietta Hunter, who had come from Scotland in 1921 with her mother and brothers Tom and Bill. He first filed on a quarter section of land where the town of



Joe Tinkler breaking on his farm

Onanole now sits, but cancelled it and filed on the land at Crawford Park when the area was opened up for soldier settlers.

He and Etta were married in Minnedosa, in June of 1922, and moved to the farm where they lived in a granary until the house was built. Their first child Jocelyne was born in March 1923, they drove to Erickson with the team in a terrible blizzard, and could have perished on Clear Lake but Jack Ried, Sr. had gotten up during the night and his lamp light guided them. Jocelyne was born in the upstairs part of the building which is now Oshust's Solo Store.

The first few years were very difficult, with so much heavy bush to clear, frozen crops, all the hardships a pioneer has to contend with. I can remember them talking about one Christmas when Mum cried for days because they had no money to buy anything, but on Christmas Eve when they went for the mail there were parcels from relatives and friends in Brandon.

Holidays were spent with Frank and Bina Blackwell, Etta's sister and brother-in-law, and nearest neighbours. Christmas at one place and New Years at the other, the reverse the following year. Tom,

Bill, and Granny Hunter were usually there and Harry Tinkler. One form of holiday entertainment was acrobatics, Uncle Bill could stand on his head and drink water from a glass, Etta could put her ankle around her neck. Quite often chair or table legs were broken when someone fell while trying to do some stunt. Decorations were home made, paper chains with paste of flour and water, though there always seemed to be tinsel on the tree, and it sparkled more in light of the coal oil lamp than it does to-day, but perhaps memory makes it seem that way. One year Uncle Bill harnessed a calf and pulled a hand sleigh around the yard on Christmas Eve, so the tracks of Santa's reindeer were there to add to a little girl's excitement in the morning. When I was five he asked what I wanted from Santa Claus, for some reason I said a guitar, when I sneaked out in the morning and touched it, it scared the wits out of me.

Their only son Bill born in February 1932, Mona in February 1936 and Betty February 1939. In January of 1943, Jocelyn married Stewart Steele, he was sent overseas shortly after, returning to Canada exactly two and one half years from the date of the wedding. As Joe had spent much time in Deer Lodge as a result of war injuries, he sold the farm to Stewart and Jocelyn in 1946 and bought a store from Ernie Gusdal in Erickson. They ran the store until 1949, when they sold it to Jim Jackson. The rest of their lives were spent in what was known as the McKenzie house in Erickson.

Bill married Ethel Smith, born at Płumas, who was nursing in Erickson hospital. They had two girls, Barbara and Lynda who are both married, and one son Scott, who is the only Tinkler left to carry on the name.

Mona married Bob Pratt, they separated and Mona now lives at Sunset Farm, the old Regnan place.

Betty married Bill Wasylenko, from Rackham, they have three boys, Rick, Joey and Robert, three girls Sheryl, Shannon and Debbie. Rick and Joey are married Rick has a daughter Melissa. Bill and Betty now live at Prince George B.C. where Bill works for the CN.

Bill Tinkler lives at Neepawa where he has a window factory and is part owner of a lumber yard.

Stewart and Jocelyne sold the old Tinkler farm to Ted and Harriet Hodges in 1950, when doctors advised the move because Stewart had asthma. They had two sons

Allan who works for Inco. in Sudbury, is married to Gloria (nee McCulligh) and they have three sons, Curtis Dale and Andrew. Bill is a professional dancer, at present lead dancer and dance captain on board the S.S. Norway, the largest cruise ship in the world, touring the Caribbean out of Maime.

Stewart and Jocelyne bought the mail contract and Anglo agency, including a cream route etc. from Keith Baxter in 1950. They hauled mail from Erickson to Onanole and Crawford Park, and to Wasagaming during the summer months. Along with the mail and cream, there were supplies for Ashby's and Frith's stores, such as flour, bread, milk, etc. a variety of items for everyone along the route, taking in plough shears to be sharpened, tractor tires to be repaired, depositing grain and cattle cheques in the bank, picking up prescriptions at the drug store, birthday cards and gifts, also get well cards for anyone from the area who was in hospital. One never knew at the start of the day what was in store. During the summer there was frieght from the station for the gift stores at the Park, such as 400lb. barrels of china from England, furniture for the cottages, pies, cookies etc. from Wally's to deliver to the restaurants, along with the mail, empty cream cans, farmers repairs, the loads were varied.

They also played for dances, along with Mrs. Mayor on the paino. Their wedding gift to sons and daughters of their relatives and friends was to provide free music for thier wedding dances. On New Years Eve 1947 they played for the dance and Allan was born Jan. 5th, he was less than a month old when they were playing again, all the little girls of the district pushed him around the hall in his carriage.

They moved into Erickson in 1945, and 1956 bought lots and had their house moved from Crawford Park to Erickson. In 1962 they traded their house for the Howard Stitt farm in the Bethel district, farmed there till they sold out in 1977, obeying their doctors' order. Stewart had worked at the south gate at the park for eleven years, suffered a coronary in 1971 and had to retire.

There are so many things to relate but it would be a book in itself.

We remember the first time Dad drove the old model T, he made it thru our own gate but on reaching Uncle Frank's gate to the main road he forgot about the brakes, started hollering "whoa" and drove right thru it. He used to jack up the hind end of the model T and turn the big school ice-cream freezer, and make ice cream at the annual picnics. I can't remember how he had it fastened to the wheel.

He couldn't understand how we could enjoy curling, till finally he tried it. From then on as soon as the chores were done and supper over on curling nights he'd say "think I'll go up to the rink, someone may be short a player." He enjoyed curling, bowling, and fishing until his age and infirmity put an end to his activities. He passed away in June of 1978, the last remaining member of his family.

Mum had some interesting experiences, such as being knocked out by a ham, it was hanging in the back kitchen and when she reached up, the hook slid off the nail, and it fell on her head. We were sure scared but laughed about it after. One time she was taking lunch out to the threshers with the model T and got struck in an old straw stack. Sina Christiansen was with us, and was pushing at the back when Mum backed up. Luckily she held on and I hollered and it was an incident that always caused a laugh after, when the families got together.

On summer Sundays she would again make use of the ice-cream freezer, make tarts and most of the young people in the district would gather there to play ball till dark, then hide-and-seek. One night someone who was driving along the main road heard the hollering and went into Uncle Frank's saying there must be something wrong over at Tinkler's.

Etta passed away suddenly in Sept. 1980 just a few days after her 75th birthday. She was in good health, was at bingo on Saturday evening, on Monday morning she went into a coma from which she never awakened. The last time I saw her alive she was talking about going bowling and curling. She was also the last surviving member of her family.

We the family, have many happy memories of them a few tragic ones, and a lot of hilarious ones. There was never much money, but we were always warm and well fed. Dad was a very hard worker, a good provider.

Mum was a wonderful cook, to us "the good old days" were good.

Joe and Etta rest in the Erickson cemetery.

STEVE TKACHUK

Steve Tkachuk and Mary Eastchuk were married in 1928. They lived at Horod for a couple of years then moved to the Audy district where they lived on the S.W. 30-19-20 for a short time.

They sold the farm to Fred Wozney and bought the Horod store. They ran the store and Steve was the postmaster there until 1943 when John Malchuk took over. From there they went to Saskatchewan. They owned and operated hotels in several different places before they retired in Elphinstone.

Steve passed away and Mary is now living in Minnedosa.

NICK TODORUK

Nick Todoruk from Mountain Road Man. married Anne Wojarnski in 1933. They had three children Eileen, Alvin, and Sharon.

They lived $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of the Audy School and from their first year of their marriage they boarded the Audy school teachers.

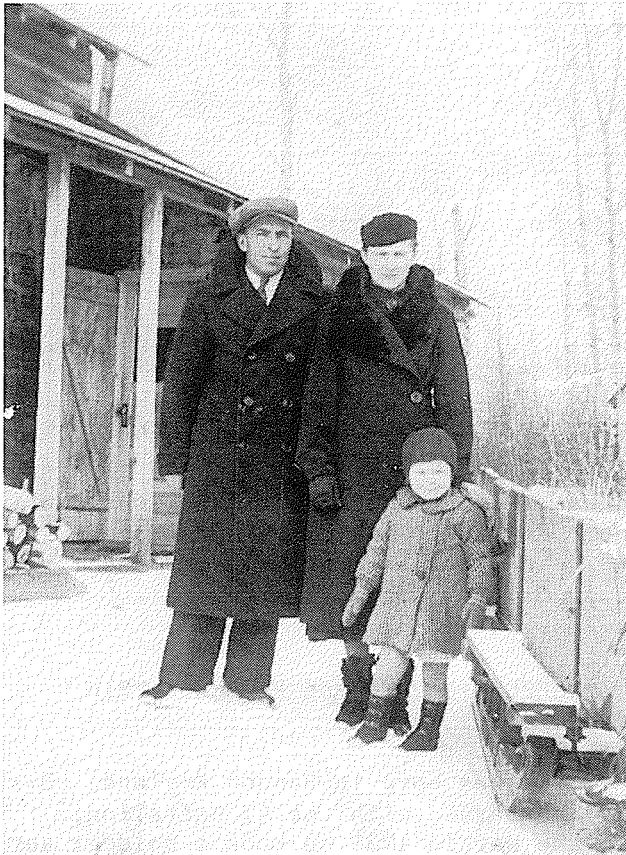
The depression years were difficult and survival was their biggest challenge. In the early years of marriage Dad cut cord-wood which meant one day in the bush cutting and the next day hauling it to Elphinstone by horse and sleigh. The pay was \$1.50 for two days work and only if the wood was considered good quality. Most times it was not and so the pay was less.

Dad was a school trustee and served on the school board as secretary for many years. He also delivered mail from Elphinstone to Horod, once every week with horses for \$3.00 a trip. Later this was done by car.

We also owned a stallion and Dad travelled with the horse for many weeks every summer, around the country side while mom milked the cows and shipped

cream into town.

The farm was for the most part self sufficient as we raised cattle, grew a garden, hunted for wild meat, and picked berries.



Nick, Anne and Eileen Todoruk

Social Life: Many dances and whist drives were held at the school to raise money. These were always well attended. Many happy times were spent camping at Lake Audy. Every Sunday families would visit back and forth summer and winter. They would bundle up the children and visit for the whole day.

An auction sale was held in 1945, at which time everything but personal belongings were sold and the family moved to Alonsa to operate the Alonsa Hotel.



Stallion and Dad

In 1949 (I think) the family moved to Winnipeg where Dad was employed with Carling brewery until his retirement. He passed away in 1978. Mom is living at home. The children are all married and living in Winnipeg.

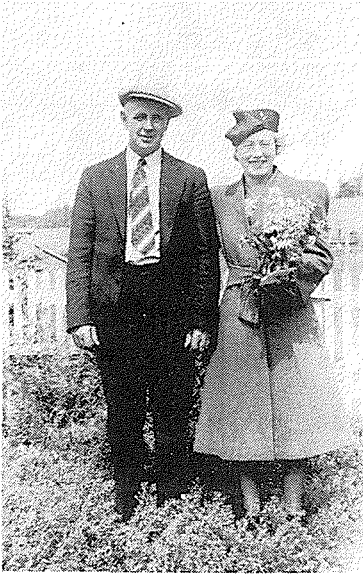
ALFRED (PADDY) and FLORENCE TRIM

Paddy Trim was born in Hendon England. During World War 1 he served with the 43 Battalion.

After the war in 1921 he took a soldier settlement board farm, the N.E.¼ of 17-19-19. Florence was the eldest child of Charles and Catherine Crawford, was born at Shoal Lake on June 20, 1898, and recieved her education at the Strathclair schools. Then she trained for a teacher and taught school at Graysville and later substitute teacher at Strathclair. For many years she worked as a telephone operator. In 1931 she came to Crawford Park to look after the store due to her father's illness.

In 1934 Paddy and Florence were married and took over the store and post office. In 1936 they went on a trip to the unveiling of the Vimy Ridge Memorial.

Bene Place and Pearl Posternack looked after the store during their absence. While living here they were



active in Legion and Auxiliary work.

Florence served as trustee on the Clear Creek school board.

Paddy was often called on to make an emergency trip to Erickson if Sia Baxter was not available.

In 1946 they sold the store to Jacob Rochelle and they all moved to Strathclair. Paddy and Mr. Alex Kippan built the theatre in Strathclair. They managed the theatre until Paddy's death in Nov. 1950. They then sold the theatre.

Paddy and Florence

Florence went back to work as a telephone operator in Strathclair, where with her sister Mary, she still resides.

VERNON TULLY

Vernon Tully born in 1913 came to Elphinstone when he was about three years old and lived with his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Lauder (Sr.), most of the time.

Vernon took all his schooling in Elphinstone and later worked as a farm labourer in that district. In the early 1930's, he worked for a time at Jim Arnold's.

In 1938, he bought some land in the Lake Audy district, 80 acres from Scotty Fowler and 80 acres from Paul Patriliuk and started farming. **Vernon** also worked as patrol man at the Lake Audy warden station in Riding Mountain National Park from 1939 to 1941.

In 1941, Vernon joined the armed forces and served overseas until 1946 as Gnr. Tully #60197 returning in July 1946.

He then went back to work in the Park, living at Baldy Hill north of Oakburn

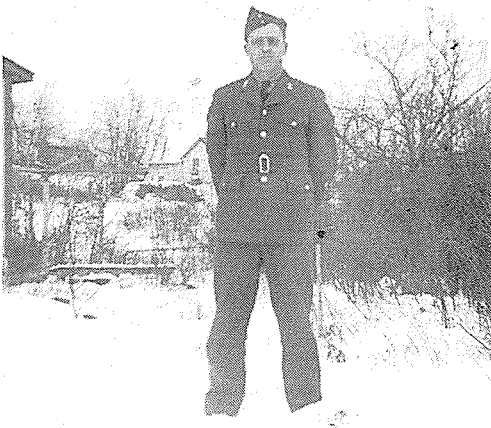
Vernon as a game warden

Manitoba. There he advanced to the position as park warden.

Vernon went back to farming in the Oakburn district in 1951 for some years and then moved to the Erickson district where he also farmed. Vernon also drove a truck for Stans Cleaners.

Upon retirement, Vernon sold his farm and now lives on the North shore of Ditch Lake in the Erickson District.

_____ Vernon Tully _____



A little girl had just finished her first week of school. "I'm wasting my time," she said to her mother. "I can't read, I can't write, and they won't let me talk.

W.M.E. Von Varendorff

JACK and ROSE TWERDOCHLIB

Jack was born at Marco, Man. and Rose was born at Seech. They were married in 1939. In 1953 they purchased the S.E. $\frac{1}{2}$ of 12-20-20 from Ford McLaughlin. They had two children, Sonia who married Leo Macsymach of Sandy Lake. They now reside in Brandon. Fred resides at Elphinstone with his mother.

When Jack and Rose moved out of the district to farm elsewhere, they rented the farm to John Mayor, then later sold it to him. Jack passed away in 1976, Rose resides in Elphinstone.

WARK, KEN and SHIRLEY



Blair and Ken
Wanda, Shirley and Kim

Shirley Ina Wark born August 3, 1941 is the third daughter of Alex and Doris Hay. She attended Audy school where she completed grades 1-9, finishing high school in Strathclair, Man. Shirley was a member of the Clear Creek 4-H Poultry Club and held the position of secretary for one year. During high school she worked part time as a telephone operator with the Man. telephone system and continued full time in Minnedosa and Russell after graduating.

On April 8, 1961 she married Kenneth Harry son of Mac and Anna Wark of Erickson.

Ken was employed with the Man. Power Commission later called Man. Hydro working as a truck driver and machine operator.

Their first child Kenneth Blair was born on Jan. 18, 1962. Wanda Lynn arrived on October 18, 1963 followed by Kimberley June on May 3, 1965.

In the fall of that year Ken took flying lessons and obtained his Private Pilot's License. During the next few years he recieved his Commercial Pilot's License.

In the summer of 1969, they returned to Lake Audy and purchased the family farm N.½ of 9-20-20.

The following year Ken got his Instructors Rating at Dauphin Air Service and began instructing there.

In the fall of 1971 they purchased the air service and moved to Dauphin, where they spent the next four years running a pilot training school and charter service. Shirley obtained a Private Pilot's License at that time.

In 1975, they sold the air service and moved back to the farm.

Ken still flies for the Province of Manitoba and they raise registered Simmental cattle.

The children took an active part in this cattle operation while they were growing up.

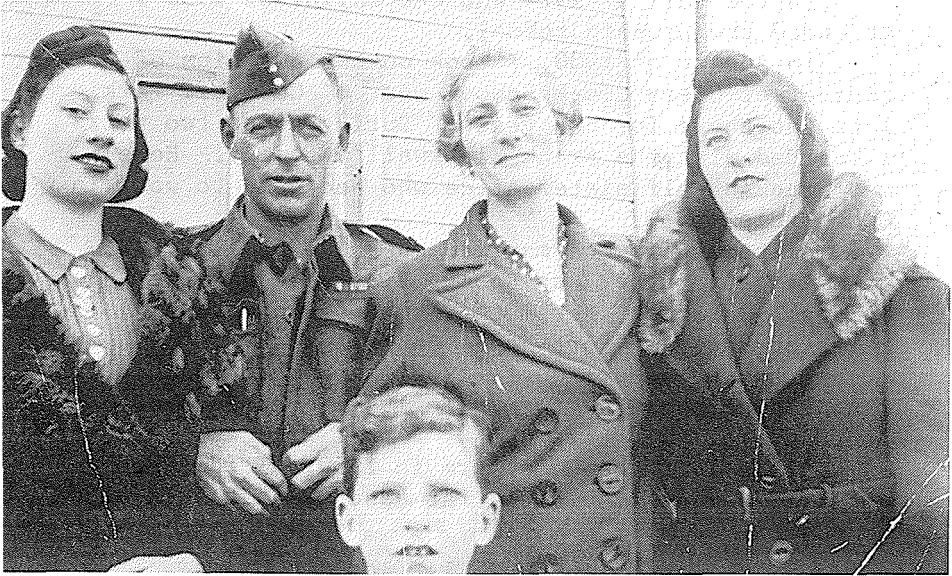
Having completed his schooling at Erickson Collegiate Blair was employed by the CNR in Edmonton, Alta. for a period of three years and is now a part of the cattle operation at home.

Wanda graduated from Erickson Collegiate and took a course in stenography at Assiniboine Community College. She was the first Manitoba Simmental Queen for the term 1981-82 and is now employed in Edmonton, Alta.

Kimberly spent some time fitting and showing cattle at the summer fairs in Man. and Sask. as well as

the Royal Winter Fair and Agricultural Exhibition in Brandon and Agriculture in Regina Sask. She graduated from Erickson Collegiate and is a first year General Arts student at Brandon University.

TOM and GRACE WHITE



Marge .Tom White, Mrs.White, Margaret and Billy

Tom White was a veteran of World War 1. He obtained his farm S.E. 34-19-20 through the Soldiers Settlement Board. The White family lived on the farm for a few years. Their children were two daughters, Marjorie and Margaret, and a son Billy.

During the depression Tom worked in one of the camp kitchens. He moved to Shoal Lake and then moved to B.C.

FRANK and ALICE WILSON

(Frank) my father, George Gilbert Wilson was born in New York, U.S.A. He later with his parents moved to Ontario around Pembroke.

My family next moved from Ontario to Manitoba and farmed around Stonewall.

My father married Mary Snowden Moad of Clanwilliam and purchased the S½ of 18-16-17. (My mother was Mrs. Harry Mayor's aunt).

I was born at Clanwilliam October 22, 1911. I attended Grey School at Clanwilliam through grades 1-11. Three years later I attended the Minnedosa Collegiate for grade 12.

In the fall of 1929 and the spring of 1930 I attended the Dauphin school.

In August of 1930, I took on the position of teacher of Clear Creek School west of Crawford Park. I taught there for two years. During those two years I boarded with the Frank Blackwell's family. Here I met Frank's half sister Alice who had come to work in Crawford's store.

Alice and I were married on July 26, 1932.

Alice's father was Robert Blackwell of Peterborough, Ontario. Her mother's maiden name was Margaret Haney of Port Hope, Ontario.

I taught school until 1946. My brother Alvin and I took over the home farm. In 1947 I returned to teaching for two years.

Alvin left the home farm in 1950. I remained until 1975 when I sold the farm and moved to Minnedosa.

WILLIAM and CECILIA WILSON

Mr. and Mrs. Wilson lived in Sandy Lake then moved to Newdale. Mrs. Wilson the former Cecilia DeWitt, was a music teacher, and an organist. In 1924 the family bought the saw mill from Jim Forsythe, it was situated by the creek on the east side of the George Kelly farm. In December 1926 the family moved from Newdale to Crawford Park. This mill site always flooded every spring so in the summer of 1927, Wilsons moved the saw mill to the west side of the same farm N.W.¼ 33-19-19, which is now along PR No: 359. Here they built a frame house, with a large room along the one side, that was used for a store. They operated that store for about four years from 1931-1935, when they sold the supplies to Mrs. Trim.

The Wilson's were great community workers. Mr. Wilson was often called upon to be foreman on the road building projects. In those days building roads, was done with horses and scrapers. Where there were

sloughs or low spots, that were not too big, they would corduroy them, which meant, hauling trees for a base for the road, then covering them with dirt, and if possible a bit of gravel. If the slough was too big then they built around it. Each farmer was allowed a few days work to help him pay his taxes.

Wilson's store was often used for community dances. Everything was moved to one side of the building to give room for dancing. Many a good time was had by all at the Wilson Mill.

The winter of 1934, they moved the saw mill to the south side of Alferd Fetterlys land, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 1-20-20. In 1937 the family moved to a new mill site, across the Riding Mountain near the north gate of the Park.



Two grandchildren of Fred
Wilson's

There were five children in the Wilson family. Mae the eldest, was married before the family came to Crawford Park, she lived in the States.

Fred worked in the mill, and was the victim of a painful accident. On March 2, 1927 Fred fell by the saw and his right arm was sawed off at the shoulder. Mrs. Baxter, the nurse was rushed to the mill, and she saved Fred's life. Mrs. Wilson tore up bed sheets and table clothes, for Mrs. Baxter to use to stop the bleeding. The quickest mode of travel was by horse

and tobaggan so one of the men and Mrs. Baxter started out for Erickson. Doctor Routledge met them, and he rushed Fred to the Neepawa Hospital.

On January 12, 1936 Fred married Margaret Lowe of Rackham and they raised two adopted children. Fred died on May 11, 1958.

Cecil married Sadie Galloway of Gladstone in 1932. He worked in the Gladstone Creamery until his death in February 1963.

Georgina enjoyed sports and excelled at basketball in those years there was a basketball ground, at the picnic grounds, and Crawford Park had a girls team. there was also a girls softball team. Georgina was married to Hjulmer Christianson in 1931. They had three children, Ava, Olie, and Rae.

William Jr. attended Clear Creek school, the first winter they were here. He drove the horse and toboggan for George Kelly, to give Margaret Kelly a ride to school. Margaret a grade one pupil could not walk the two and a half miles to school, in the winter time. Bill married Margaret Pasternack of Rackham on June 26, 1935, they had two children Ralph and Shirley. Bill passed away July 19, 1960. Margaret resided in Dauphin, Man.

Mr. Bill Wilson Senior passed away in 1945, and Mrs. Wilson in 1964. Both are buried in the Dauphin cemetery.

STANLEY WINDER

Gledhill Winder was born at Little Church, now part of Winnipeg. Following World War 1 he took up residence in the Clear Lake district, a soldier settlement area. Prior to the move to the Clear Lake district, Mr. Winder met and married Bessie Hazel Winder who was born and raised at Birtle, Manitoba. They had seven children and lived on their farm until their deaths.

Stanley, one of their sons, resides in Red Deer, Alberta during the winter months, and operates his farm section 10-20-20 WPM at Lake Audy during the summer months. He was educated at the Clear Lake and Onanole schools and left home at the age of eighteen, to join the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. He served with this organization for twenty-five and one half years. During February 1960 he married Doris D. Forbes of Red Deer, Doris was the owner of Mickey the Beaver the subject of many stories and books. Stanley and Doris have two daughters, Mardi and Cindi.

TOM and RUTH WINDER

Tom Winder came to Canada from England in 1923. He worked in Brandon and Minnedosa before he came to Onanole where he worked for Albin Gustafson and George Holmstrom at their saw mills.

We used to go to dances in the Clear Lake School in those days. That is where Tom and I (Ruth Brown) met each other. We were married in 1932 and lived on the George Griffiths farm NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 6-20-19. Tom worked at Skogs saw mill.

Our first child Myrna was born at Mrs. Bisco's in Erickson. She is married to Keith Baxter, they have four children and live Crawford Park.

Lloyd was born at home, Mrs. Lillian Baxter brought him into the world with no doctor. He married Molly Mason of Basswood, they have four children and live at Sandy Lake.

Alice was also born at home with Mrs. Baxter being both nurse and doctor. She married Ken Griffiths, they have seven children and live at Crawford Park.

Ila was born at Erickson while we were living at Kippan's mill. She married Brian Ross of Basswood, they have three children and live at Minnedosa.

Betty was born at Erickson also, while we were living at Kippan's mill. She is married to Warren Shewfelt of Basswood, they have two children and live at Quadra near Miniota.

Then it was time to put the children into school so Ruth came to Crawford Park, where the children went to Clear Creek School. Ruth stayed with her mother who was sick, Mrs. Brown passed away in 1944.

Ken, Vernon, and Eldon Brown who were living with Mrs. Brown came to live with us.

Wilma was born in Erickson, she married Gerald Koch of Shellmouth, they have three children and live at Shellmouth.

Henry was born at Erickson, he married Phyllis Chasko of Sandy Lake, they have four children and live at Newdale.

In 1946 we built a house on our farm which was given to us by Mr. A Kippan and we are still living here.

Tom ran the Goverment Grader from 1952-1969 until he retired.. Then he worked on diamond willow as a hobby for several years.

MICHAEL F. WOJNARSKI

Born in Poland in the year 1894, he came to Canada as a young lad of seventeen. He came by ship and train to Shoal Lake, Manitoba hoping to find a job. He lived with his Uncle and Aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Hustal on their farm at Horod. He did odd jobs and helped on the farm.

In 1918 he married Pauline Lukianchuk at Dolony Ukrainian Catholic Church, then moved in with the in-laws, Mr. and Mrs. Kost Lukianchuk at Horod, the farm now owned by Theodore Malchuk. That is where Pauline was born and raised. From there they moved and made their home on the NE of 7-20-20, the farm they bought from Jack Johnson around the year 1922. There they worked hard and farmed till 1953.

Mike was a Park Warden from 1922 to 1930. He also worked at Kippan's saw mill, and at the Prison Camp in 1943. He was trustee at Lake Audy School for many years. His children all attended Audy School- a $3\frac{1}{2}$ mile walk twice a day.



Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wojnarski

In the year 1956 they moved to the town of Elphinstone where they owned and operated the Hi--Way Motor Garage. In 1960 he sold the garage and retired in Elphinstone and lived there until his death in 1974. Mrs Wojnarski was in the Sandy Lake Nursing Home for a short time before she passed away on March 21, 1983.

They were blessed with eight children, five girls and three boys.

Pte. John Wojnarski joined the Royal Winnipeg Grenadiers April 28, 1941. died on Jan. 7, 1942 in Hong Kong.

Fred Wojnarski joined the Princess Pat Life Infantry in 1949, served in Korea. He married Olga Klushewski from Elphinstone. They live in Edmonton and have 5 children.

Joe Wojnarski farmed on the family farm for awhile, married Rose Storozinski from Rorketon, Man. now lives in Winnipeg.

Anne married Nick Todoruk, they live in Winnipeg and have 4 children.

Lena married Martin Mazur. They had 8 children.. Martin passed away in 1978. Lena is now re-married to John Walaschuk and living in Yorkton, Sask.

Mary married Charles Ogibowski. They farm near Erickson, Man. and have 2 children.

Janet married Peter Maduke. They live in the town of Elphinstone, Man.

Helen was killed in a car accident in 1952.

YAWORSKI JOHN and ANNIE
YAWORSKI FRANK

John was born July 17, 1890 in the village of Chocimnich, Galicia. The youngest and only member of this Polish family to emigrate to Canada. John bid farewell to his Father, Mother, Sisters, and Brothers on May 5, 1913. He arrived in Quebec May 23. From there he broaded a train which took him to Kenora, Ont. It was May 25, a Saturday morning. On Monday he went looking for work which he got within a few hours. That day he hadn't any breakfast or dinner, but was happy just to have a job. The work was road building, this project was completed by fall. He then took on work at a flour mill in Kenora, this job lasted only till

Christmas. He soon got work at a logging camp and was there till March. From there he went onto a job that took him to the Shoal Lake water reservoir project east of Winnipeg, where the city of Winnipeg was to get their water supply and still does to this day. This work finished up in the fall of 1914. He then returned to the logging camp for the winter. The following spring he got work with the CPR and worked there till harvest time. John had heard many stories told of the great farms out west, and soon was on a train along with some friends heading west. He got off at Souris, Man. where he got work stooking for farmers in the area. After a couple of weeks, he was hired on full a time basis by a Mr. Turner, a farmer who lived south of Brandon. His starting salary was \$15.00 per month. The year was 1915, he worked there for 4 years.

John then decided he would like to buy land and start farming on his own. He had a cousin living at Wisla, Manitoba. John came out to visit him. His cousin told him there was a farm for sale near Horod. John was eager to have his own farm and soon agreed to buy this land with a \$700.00 down payment and the balance to be paid off by crops.

On June 29th 1920 John and Annie Dziver were married at Wisla RC church. Annie was born on a farm in the Wisla district in 1905. The oldest child in her family, she was unable to attend school very long because her parents wanted her help at home. However, ANNIE was not to be held down by the lack of formal education. She learned to read English,



Annie, Granddaughter Patricia,
and John Yaworski

Polish, and Ukrainian. On several occasions because of ill health, she had to travel to Winnipeg to see a doctor. She would on arrival in the city make arrangements to stay at a hotel and get around to the places she needed to be, then make her way back home without relying on anyone to help her.

So John and Annie tried to farm this sandy piece of land at Horod. The lack of rain resulted in poor crops and the former owner demanding all the crops left John and Annie with nothing to sell for themselves nor feed for their livestock. By 1923 they gave up and therefore lost all they had put into that farm. This same year son Anthony (Tony) was born. John went out west to Brooks, Alberta to work on a farm during the harvest months. Meanwhile Annie and wee son went back to her parents farm home at Wisla.

With harvest completed, John went back east to Kenora, Ontario and found work with various Electric Power construction sites in western Ontario. He worked there for about 4 years. John rarely got back to see Annie and son Tony during this period. Finally having earned enough money to buy a farm out-right, they made arrangements to purchase a $\frac{1}{4}$ section SW 25-19-20 in the district of Crawford Park. This farm was formerly owned by Bill Girling, though it was Bill's brother Jim who lived there at the time.



School days: Frank & Tony

The Yaworski's moved here November 2 1929 with a team of horses, their only livestock at this point, and a few poss-

essions piled into the wagon. They lived in the log cabin where Jim had been living. There was also a barn with walls built of logs, and it had a sod roof. Soon they bought a cow with calf at side, now they had milk for the table and a new beginning. In this same log cabin another son is born, Frank arrives on one of the coldest days in January. A hip roof barn was being built in 1931, it had 8 large stalls. In later years it was extended to its present size. Building of a new log house began in 1933, this two story house is still being used with some renovations done in subsequent years. At this time there had already been about 20 acres of land broken. The task of clearing trees was ongoing, trees had to be grubbed out by hand and pulled out by a team of horses. Later plowing or breaking began with a 16 inch walking plough pulled by 4 or 5 horses. The clearing proceeded at about 5 to 10 acres per year depending on how heavy the trees were. During these years sickness struck the horses, first it was swamp fever, and then sleeping sickness (encephalitis). One spring taking 2 of the 4 work horses. Horses were much in demand during this period and were very expensive to replace. By now the cow herd had increased to about 5 cows. Annie milked them all, dairy type or not they were all milked. The milk was seperated by hand cranked cream seperator, the cream was kept fresh and sweet in creamers, these tall slim pails held about 3 gallons each and were lowered into the well on ropes to set in the cold water. The cream would keep for a week to 10 days when it was then shipped to the creamery to be made in to butter. The skimmed milk was fed to the young calves and young pigs. Some was used for making cottage cheese. The selling of cream provided a steady source of income for household use.

In the mid 30's just coming into harvest time, a hail storm struck and wiped out 90% of the crop. That winter straw was hauled from a distance of 10 miles by team to provide some feed for the livestock till spring. These were some of the set-backs, but life went on and by now the family includes a daughter, her name is Lena. 1936 was a difficult year for the family, an approximate 50 acres of crop was coming ripe and ready to be cut. John had made a few rounds with the old binder when it broke down. John had not been feeling well that day, so he came in to rest. The following



Mr. Yaworski, Tony, Mrs. Yaworski and Frank

day his condition worsened with high fever which was not letting up. Consequently John was taken to the Shoal Lake hospital where he spent three weeks gravely ill with pneumonia. In the meantime Annie had to see about getting the crop cut. With the old binder being much of a wreck, Annie decided she should try to buy a new one. She and Tony loaded up 7 bags of wheat and proceeded to Sandy Lake by team and wagon to Peter Koltusky's who managed the John Deere dealership. Arrangements were made to use the 7 bags of wheat as a down payment, with the balance to be paid off in the next 3 years. She then hired Mike Bain to do the work. Annie and Tony did the stooking.

There were several good neighbours that helped out during this time. One being Ernie Ashby, when Annie recieved a message from the hospital that she should come in as John was extremely ill, Ernie didn't hesitate to leave his work and drive Annie to Shoal Lake. He also made arrangements with his threshing gang to come and thresh as soon as they were done their own crops. It turned out that Annie herself became quite ill just as the threshing outfit moved in. Burly Ashby along with Viola Oberg came to prepare the dinners and suppers for the men. Of course there were other folks who came and helped out in many ways. John gradually regained his strength and things were once more going along quite well.

Yaworski's received their mail and bought groceries at the Crawford Park Post Office and store located on the west shore of Clear Lake. The Trim's: Patti and Florence as he was affectionately known, operated the business. In the early years during the busy season when all the horses were being used for field work, Tony or Frank walked the distance for mail and a few light supplies that they could carry. As time went on a small driving team was acquired for this purpose. Groceries, items like sugar, rice, spices, and candies were weighed out in required amounts, put into brown paper bags and tied with store cord. Coal oil and matches were important items on the list since it was the fuel for the lamps in the house, and the barn lanterns. Manufactured items and clothing were bought through the Eaton's mail order catalogues, there was practically no limit to the things you could buy from this source.

Sia Baxter operated the trucking service in the district, hauling freight and the mail, as well as picking up the cream weekly and delivering it to the creamery in Erickson. He did many other errands for folks along the route at no extra charge. The nearest medical care was Dr. Rutledge in Erickson, he also did tooth extractions when required. Grain was sold to the elevator in Sandy Lake a distance of 12 miles, hauled in by team and sleigh or wagon. The Obergs were the first to haul grain by truck from this farmstead. At this time cattle were also taken to Sandy Lake led behind a team and wagon to be loaded onto a train and taken to the Union Stockyards in St. Boniface to be sold there.

John and Annie were unable to attend church much during this period with the nearest RC church being 15 to 20 miles away. In the early 40's they helped with building of the Greek Catholic Church located in the Providence School District. They attended there for about ten years, upon buying a car were able to then travel the further distance to attend St. Anthony's RC church.

In 1937 they bought the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of 25-19-20 and another $\frac{1}{4}$ SE 26-19-20 which was then Hudson Bay Company land, this was purchased in 1940. Of course all the work was being done with horses at this time. There were now 4 horse outfits, plus one small team for use on the

buggy and cutter. John and Annie had hopes that Tony would be helping them farm this land, but instead Tony had a yearning for adventure. He was interested in carpentry and large machines, farming was not for him. Soon he enlisted into the army and in a short time was on his way overseas. However there was a young aspirant farmer who was yet in school that would in a few years be taking on a lot of the tasks. In the meantime John and Annie hired casual help as the need arose. Meanwhile Frank had always enjoyed working with the land, and during the latter part of his school years was a member of the garden club. He also took part in curling and participated in the sport as long as the curling rink was in existence at Crawford Park.

Frank was now working full time with his parents. In 1948 they bought the $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1-20-20 from Alfred Fetterly. The following year they bought their first tractor E3 Co-op. Mechanization was now taking place in the new generation. John never was interested in learning to operate the tractor, and continued to work with four legged horse-power for a few years. This tractor was soon traded in for a bigger one. So work for the horse was soon phased out, although a couple of teams were kept to be used in winter for hauling feed, manure, and the wood supply.

They bought there first automobile in 1950, a sparkling new Meteor. This was a great thrill for the family. By 1952 another luxury was to come. Manitoba Hydro was installing the power lines through out this district.

As time went on Frank was taking on most of the responsibility and decision making of the farm operation. Annie left the milking and shipping cream in 1967, after having done this continuously since the early 30's. John kept busy around the yard doing what he could. He passed away on June 22, 1973. Annie continues to live in their farm home, and even though she is badly crippled with arthritis, she manages to take care of the house, cook for Frank and herself, during the summer she also gardens and looks after chickens.

So together John, Annie, and Frank established a successful operation, with faith in God, a lot of hard work and determination this was accomplished.

YAWORSKI ANTHONY (TONY)

My first memory of the farm at Crawford Park was when I was 6 years old. We had come from Grandpa's where Mother and I had been living. It was in early winter, November and we were all bundled up in the sleigh box, arriving just as it was dark. Mother took me to the house, lit the coal oil lamp and a fire in the new tin stove, then went out to help Dad with the chores, leaving me inside. I looked around the strange spooky looking place but did not venture too far from the oil lamp. As the stove heated up and expanded there was a loud bang. I scurried under the bed, disregarding any spooks that may have been there. At that moment I was certain the whole roof had been blown down. It was only when I heard Dad and Mom at the door that I braved leaving my hiding place.

I began school at Clear Creek where there were 47 pupils, 1 room, and 1 teacher. (Mrs. Smith). The school was heated by a huge wood furnace in one corner which took 4 foot length wood. Mr. Bob Brown and later Mr. Fred Ashby were caretakers during the winter months only. The duty was to sweep the floor and light the fire in the morning, we the students kept the fire going during the day, taking time off from classes to pack in the wood.

The big event of the school year was always the Christmas concert for which we practised from about the middle of November. Then there was the plank stage set up at the front of the school room, and a Christmas tree that reached the ceiling. Ornaments were paper angels and glass balls, and a few little wax candles were clipped to the branches. A couple of gas lanterns were brought in to provide the lights. The concert lasted about two hours, with skits, recitations, and dialogues.

During spring time on our way home from school it was a "must" to follow the creek (Clear Creek) for a distance and fish for suckers with copper snare wire that we always carried in our overall pockets, along with string, nails, stones and black bird eggs.

The hungry thirties were not so significant to us, as we always had plenty to eat, Mother and Dad were good providers and improvisers. Dad had an old fur coat, and used to sew mitts for us out of its peices with the fur to the inside. They were so warm,

and the envy of my classmates. Our overalls were patched and then patched on the patches again, but they were always clean, and became warmer with the extra layers of patches.

A big highlight of 1933 was a purchase of a dry pack radio from MacLeod's by mail order. We were then in touch with the world and "John and Judy in the house on the hill". This entertainment was rationed as batteries were expensive to replace, so it was news and a favorite program or two, then it was turned off. But it was really something great and supplemented the "Free Press Prairie Farmer", which was read from cover to cover including the ads.

I enlisted into the army in 1942. After basic training in F.O.B. Winnipeg was sent to Chilliwack, B.C. for training with Royal Canadian Engineers. The following May I went overseas. I spent 2 months in Aldershot, U.K. then went on to France with 10th Field R.C.E. We moved up with the lines through Belgium, Holland, and into Germany. I was repatriated in the spring of 1946 on discharge from the service, spent some time on the farm.

After working for various companies operating road equipment, I bought and operated a shop known as "Tony's Service", in Sandy Lake, Man. I was married in 1952 to Sophie Michalchuk. The garage was lost in 1957 in a fire. We moved to Brandon the same year. I took a course in Carpentry, later moved to Minnedosa for a few years, then in 1968 we moved to Maple Ridge, B.C. We have 4 children, Carol, Raymond, and Timothy.

YOUNG DAVE and ALICE

David Fyfe Young was born August 16, 1892 at Braidestone Farm, Airlie, near Blairgowrie, Scotland, one of three sons of John Young. He came to Canada with his twin brother James Robert (Jim) in 1913 and settled initially in the Niagara Peninsula area of Ontario where he worked as a farm laborer.

Later, in 1915 Dave moved to the Strathclair area of Manitoba where he met and in 1917 married Alice Clack, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Clack of Strathclair.

Dave and Alice farmed in the Strathclair area



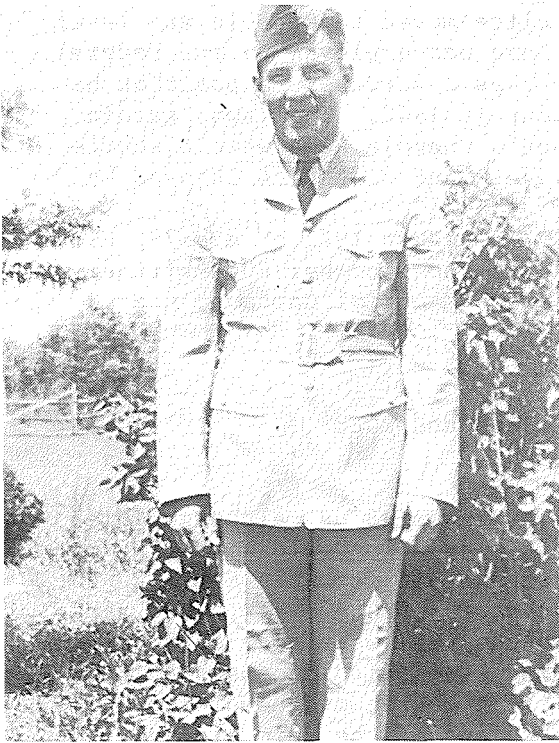
Jim and
Dave Young

Jack Young Memorial Service





Crowd at the Memorial Service for Jack Young



Jack Young

before moving to the Crawford Park district in 1942 where they homesteaded the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 2-20-20. They raised a family of three, two sons, Jack and Harvey, and a daughter Jean. The eldest son, Jack was killed in August 1944 while serving with the 4th Anti-tank regiment in Italy. Daughter Jean (Mrs. Adam Kulchyski) resides in Brandon. Adam, originally from Strathclair district, has been employed by Coca-Cola in Brandon for more than thirty years. Jean and Adam raised a family of three, a daughter Judy and a son Murray now of Calgary, and a son Marty of Brandon. Harvey attended high school in Stonewall, Manitoba and later obtained a B.Sc degree from Brandon College, a M.Sc from the University of Alberta, Edmonton and a Ph.D. degree from Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario. He married Margaret (Ginger) Baird of Melfort, Sask. and they have a family of three, Cameron, Scott and Susan. Harvey is currently a professor in the Department of Geology, Brandon University.

In 1951 Dave and Alice moved to Onanole and later in 1967 to Erickson. Dave was employed by the Federal Government at Clear Lake as a gardener, a position he held until his retirement in 1962. The lawn, garden and flowers of the Young's Onanole home were a source of great pride to them both and were also enjoyed by many other persons.

Dave died suddenly in August 1971 at age 79, Alice in August 1975, a few days short of her 80th birthday. Both are buried in Rosewood Memorial Gardens, near Brandon, Man.

YOUNG, JACK and RUBY

Jack Young as he was known to us, although some say his name was Francis served in World War 1 in the Field Artillery. He took as his farm the E $\frac{1}{2}$ 2-20-20, and built his home just south of the creek, that ran across his farm, and on the very west side of his farm. Although that was a blind line (middle of a section) the trail crossed the creek there, and a corduroy bridge was there. It was one of the main pioneer trails. His wives name was Ruby and she came from the Dauphin area. They had one daughter Francis, she received her education at Clear Creek School.

Jack Young played the violin, and they both enjoyed dances.

They moved off the farm and during the War lived in Winnipeg. Francis joined the Canadian Women's Army. She married, had a family, and died when her last child was born. Jack Young died Nov. 2, 1957.

Although they lived on the same section as Dave and Alice Young, they were no relation.

written by Harriet Hodges.

ZAHARIA, JIM and EILEEN

I was married in London, England in 1917 and came to Canada in 1918. We had settled in the town of Rivers, Man. where Jim my husband found work in the CNR shops. My husband's heart was set on farming, so one day he was quite excited over a piece in the newspaper, that they were opening some land near Clear Lake for returned soldiers, now know as Crawford-Park. He said if I can get a piece of land we will have our own farm.

So I pictured a farm like in England, a nice house with telephone in, horses, cows etc. and lovely white swan's on the lake. Hubby's right he says there's a lovely lake there.

When I arrived at Rivers, Man. on our way to my husband's parents we came on a row of shacks. I was used to brick houses in London, so I said to Jim, "look at all the cute little cow sheds," "be quiet, my mother lives in one of them". But I little knew the house fate had in store for me on Jim's farm.

So we left Rivers early in the spring of 1921 for our farm at Crawford Park. I had two little girls, Doreen 3 years, Helen 18 months. There stood our farm a large tent and a nearly finished house of 10 by 12, on it. We had a stove in the tent and cots for us all. We had to sleep there a few nights till the house was ready. There were not many mosquito's then, so I lay on my cot looking at the beautiful stars through the holes in the tent. The coyotes howling and wondering how I got in such a predicament. I was now living in a tent like my neighbours the Indians on the little fishing village at Clear Lake. I don't know how we would have made out without them good people.

Trading us lovely fresh fish and moccasins for us all in exchange for oats, butter, or cash. Our farm was a bit scary to me at first, nothing but level and slightly land as far as the eye could see. But it had a beauty of its own, the land was full of wild flowers of all colors and lovely spruce trees and the ground just red with wild strawberries. We had delicious strawberry pie every day while they lasted.

My husband had bought a team of horses from Rivers, Man. he had made a homeshift corral for them. Next morning they were gone. He had to hire a pony from the Indians to go and find them. He found them in Rivers, Man. they had gone home about 45 to 50 miles a long way in them days.

The summer and fall of 1921 the settlers started to arrive, a Mr. Griffiths came who's land joined ours. He was going to build a house for his new bride. I kind of felt sorry for her after my experience, but our men were real men not afraid of hard work. So the two men worked together building, digging wells, fencing, haying, etc. I could never get used to the coyotes howling and when the men were away haying and the coyotes howled too close I would grab my two girls one under each arm and run to Mrs. Griffiths. I did not think then that they could have got me in between the two houses. There were bears there and the Indians used to hunt timber wolves.

When I lived in my 10 by 12 house I made it so pretty, put curtains at the windows, fancy tablecloth, etc. One evening the mosquito's were real bad, Jim said, "we will have to have a smudge". I said, "what's that?" I soon found out. He put a large round tin with fire in and some flat brown stuff on top and the place was full of smoke, my pretty 10 by 12 house was a wreck. The curtains looked like dirty rags and everything was black and smelly. After this we built netting on the beds for we could not sleep without it.

The winter of 22 I used to sleep 7 or 8 people in my 10 by 12. Three or Four men would sleep on a mattress under my kitchen table, Jim myself and the two children, we had sheets dividing it off. These men were from other towns near by, on their way to a saw mill (Kippen's I think) at Lake Andy. They rested the horses for the night. These men gave us potatoes, oats and other things we did not have at the start, so it was a big help to us.

We had a grocery store come in there run by a Mr. and Mrs. Chas Crawford, I have heard my husband say that several people were over at the store one day they were thinking of a name to call the place, and someone said its like a beautiful park here you should call it Crawford Park.

In 1923 we had 7 acres of lovely no. 1 wheat, the best you could have found in the whole of Canada. My husband was so proud of it he was showing it off to Mr. and Mrs. Joe Tinkler, he said, "he should get a thousand dollars for it", by morning it was black, frost got it.

I had two sons born there, Fred in 1923 and David in 1925. What a day that was. It started so peaceful, then at noon I did not feel good so sent my Helen for Mrs. Griffiths. It was October 31st 1925 Halloween Day. Our men were away threshing and Dr. Rutledge was away from Erickson. In those days the Dr. was at the beck and call of everyone night and day. I remember Mr. Jim Coey, Thornton Baxter, Roy Kelly and others were out looking for a doctor while Mrs. Griffiths and Mrs. George Kelly Sr. delivered the baby. I'm sure Mrs. Griffiths will never forget that day. She had never done this before. The neighbours were all wonderful. On a clear still day we could hear the train whistle my that was a wonderful sound.

It just goes to show we get happiness from the simple things in life and where else can you find them but on a farm.

Eileen Zaharia

Jim Zaharia was born in Austria on Feb. 19, 1887, and came to Canada with his parents. During World War 1 he served overseas with the 242nd Battalion. About 1926 the family moved to Rackham where they farmed and operated the Rackham post office for many years. From there they moved to B.C.

Mr Zaharia passed away on July 23, 1969 and services were held in the Royal Oak Chapel, Burnaby, B.C. Interment in the Field of Hanover, Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

DIOCESE OF BRANDON



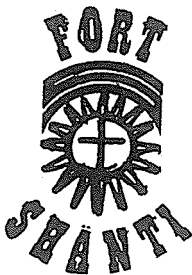
The Anglican Diocesan Memorial camp was formed in 1949, as a Memorial to those who gave their lives in the two World Wars, and to provide a camping facility for the boys and girls in the Diocese of Brandon. The prime motivator behind the camp project was, the Reverend Fred Ongley, rector of St. Matthew's Pro-Cathedral. In the early days of the camp the camp directors were Bishops

messengers, and very active parts were taken by Miss Francis Wilmot and Miss Geraldine Jay.

The first camp, in 1949 was held in rented facilities. In 1950 the first camp was held at the present site, with newly constructed dining hall and cabins, and an outdoor chapel. Later more buildings were added, a chapel, a recreation hall, and the original washrooms have been replaced with modern facilities. The original buildings have been well kept and upgraded over the years.

During the last few years, there has been a revived interest in camping, and the site is well used for a variety of camps, ranging from youth camps, and family camps, to camps for mental health patients and French language camps. The camping facilities are open not only to Anglicans but to all denominations.

BAPTIST CAMP - FORT SHANTI



For many years the Baptist young people of Man. held an annual "Summer Assembly" in the Brandon College. However valuable these assemblies in Brandon, the facilities in and around the college had their limitations. So in 1938, the scene of the assembly shifted to Camp Wasaga, at Clear Lake, which we rented from the United Church. This

camp was enjoyed by scores of young Baptist people. for eight consecutive years. What is remembered most about the glorious weeks at camp, is still starry

nights, when we could sit cross legged around a camp fire, while our songs accompanied by the crackle of the camp fire and the lapping of the waves on the lake were the only sounds that broke the stillness of the night.

Owing to expansion of the United Church, it became obvious to us that Camp Waaaga would not always be available to us. It was essential that the Baptists acquire a camp of their own.

For months a number of sites in Manitoba were considered, by a committee composed of Rev. Ralph Easter, Flora McCallum, Jim Greaves, Bill Ward, Arch Tingley and others. One site on the north west shore of Clear Lake was flown over and photographed, by a daring young airman, young Fred Pue. The site Fred had photographed was visited by the committee and selected. The site was leased from the federal authorities for 99 years, at a rental of \$10.00 per annum, in the name of the Baptist Union of Western Canada, since there are two separate associations in Manitoba.

During 1947 a large main building was erected, at a cost of \$6500.00. The building was 90 feet by 30 feet and comprised a dining room, assembly hall, kitchen and office. Part of the cost was provided by the Baptist church and the Baptist Union Fund. However it was necessary to negotiate a bank loan of \$4000.00 to pay the building contractor. In 1948 the first Baptist was held on the premises at Clear Lake. Over the years, organized camps for junior boys and girls, Baptist Hi Fellowship College and Careers and families were organized, in addition to the ongoing young peoples camping programme.

As time went on a number of additions were made, and changes took place. The Brandon Church built the first staff cabin, contributing the funds and the volunteer labour. The congregation of Strathclair built the second staff cabin, again contributing the funds and labour. The early "pit type" privies were modernized into an approved holding tank operation, and a new building was erected to house the new facilities. The St. Vital church erected new washrooms facilities which were added a few years later. Five 20x20 foot were erected in 1957-58.

The Park authorities forced the camp board directors to move the large main building back from the

shore. In the process it was decided to cut the building in half moving it to the location, it does now occupy. One part being chapel craft and the other part being kitchen-dinning hall. In 1957 we graduated from Kerosene lamps to generator produced electric power.

Perhaps the most significant change came when Able Barnabas Masilamani, the native Christian product of our Baptist Mission in India, visited Canada. It was "Masi" who named the camp "Shanti" which is a Telegu word for "Peaceful Haditation".

Early pioneers whose names should not be forgotten include: Rev. Ralph Easter, Rev. Norman Todd, Jim Greaves, Flora McCallum, Victor Dick, Bill Ward, Ed Poole, Mary Bridges, Charlie Whidden, Rev. Ken Knight, Rev. Herb Stovel, "Pop" Lake, Charlie Peirson, Rev. Elmer Anderson, and Jack Hunt.

Last year we had approximately 180 children ranging in age from 1 to 17. We had staff of nine there from the end of June to mid August. Adding the adults to the camp brings the total to about 225-250. This summer in May and June we will be installing new bathroom facilities as required by the Dept. of health, before and a new 5-10 year tenure will be approved.

We have purchased a new campsite, 80 acres of land at Pelican Lake. As soon as possible in the next five to ten years we will phase our camp at Clear Lake out. It has served us well over the past 40 years.

M.F.A. CAMP

The program got started in the early 1940's soon after the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture was organized. Leaders in the farm movement reconized the importance of providing a program for young people. The first rural camp was held at Clear Lake in rented facilities under the direction of Miss Helen Watson (Mrs. Herbert Gordon) Washington D.C. The camp programme grew rapidly in the following years, with camps being held at Birtle, Clear Lake, Killarney and Madge Lake. Much credit for the growth of the programs was

the capable direction provided by Miss Helen Matheson (Mrs. Ken Sissons) of Winnipeg.

It was in 1945, that the idea of a permanent camp site was first advanced. The objective set out by the M.F.A. annual meeting that year stated, "to establish and maintain a permanent camp site designed to promote the physical, social, and cultural development of children, youth and adult through providing the opportunity of sharing in and contributing to a fuller life." A committee set up by the M.F.A. provincial board was instructed to investigate sites and later claim some property on the north shores of Clear Lake.

The following year in 1946 a special week was set aside in Feb. for the purpose of raising funds, the sum of \$15,000.00 considered a minimum requirement for a permanent camp building. At the end of the fiscal year the sum of \$3,962.00 had been collected. During the following year generous support came from all parts of Manitoba, and the capital sum increased to \$6,300.00 mark.

Tag days in 48 communities netted a sum of \$13940.00 during 1948. During this same season private property adjacent to the Riding Mountain National Park, on the west shore of Clear Lake became available. The M.F.A. purchased four acres and the buildings, which were originally the Crawford Park store and Post Office. With some remodelling and renovating to fit the camps needs the site was in operation. During these early years, the campers have always operated their own "co-op tuck shop". This simple but practical example has done much to gain the understanding to the principle of co-operative business, as they had applied it to their own business at camp.

In 1951 additional property was bought bringing the total acreage to 9.4 acres. Four sleeping cabins were constructed to accommodate 48 campers. In 1952 the fund reached \$14,000.00 and Man. Pool Elevators agreed to contribute on a 2 to 1 basis, up to \$10,000.00 for the construction of a recreation hall. The following year the foundation for the hall was laid, using mostly volunteer help. Man. Pool Elevators made good their promise by giving \$10,000.00 even though campaign receipts were only \$4,303.00.

By 1953 the campaign fund was \$29,734.00 since the beginning and more than 6000 hours of volunteer labour helped with the construction. When the

adjoining quarter became available in 1954, the M.F.A. purchased it for the sum of \$3,000.00.

In 1958 the camp attendance was 282 in the seven camps. Since 1962 the attendance has been over 500. A master development plan has been in the making for the past four years. Under the scheme a new staff house was built in 1962, and another new cabin built in 1963. This cabin was the project of the Souris Valley Agricultural Business Association. A spacious modern dinning room was built in 1965, with the original lodge being maintained as a work shop, craft shop and caretakers residence. A major building project in 1972 saw the building of three new double unit cabins, a caretakers residence and a workshop and garage with the final demolition of the original buildings, the Crawford Park store and Post Office which had become structurally unsound.

Out of the concerns about the fluctuating fortunes of the farm policy organizations, a special act of the Provincial Legislature was sought creating the Wasagaming Foundation, a non profit educational foundation, charged with maintaining, operating, and maintaining the land, buildings, and other facilities of the M.F.A.C. The camp site to be used for meetings, lectures and other programs dedicated to the advancement of education and betterment of rural communities. The organizations named as trustee's of the Foundation were the Man. Farm Bureau, Man. Pool Elevators, Federated Co-operative Ltd. and the United Grain Growers.

With the establishment of the Wasagaming Foundation, the site was legally named "The Riding Mountain Conference Centre". Responsibility for the continuation of the camping program was assumed by the Man. Farm Bureau, which gave that program the new name of "Camp Wannakumbac". The farm bureau also assumed the responsibility for the administration of the Riding Mountain Conference Centre facility.

Over some 35 years, the M.F.A. camp, Camp Wannakumbac and Riding Mountain Conference Centre have provided Camping experiences and recreational activities for thousands of people throughout Man. and from around the world. They host schools and other diverse groups for out door education programs, retreats and conferences.

Throughout the years, the camp directors have not lost sight of the objectives set out at the begining. R.O. "Bob" Douglas present director suggests that the most **important aspect** is the developement of individual person participating in the programs, and not the new fancy facilities.

Many groups and individuals could be singled out for special recognition, for the contributions they have made to this worthwhile project. The progress to date and what will be achieved in the future, will be considered as a valuable contribution, from and to Rural Manitoba.

Seventh Day Adventist Camp

The Seventh Day Adventist Camp is located on the old Clear Creek picnic grounds, which is located on the N.E. 33-19-19, on the shores of Clear Lake. They have two large buildings on the grounds, one of which is a dining hall. When camps are being held, there are many tents for sleeping quarters.

The headquarters for this camp is in Saskatoon, Sask., thus the majority of their campers are from that province. July is a very busy month for this camp.

A Drivers Prayer

Dear Lord, before I take my place, behind this steering wheel, Please let me come with humble heart, before thy throne to kneel. Pray that I am fit to drive on a busy thorough fare, and that I keep a watchful eye, lest some small child be there. And keep me thinking constantly about the golden rule When driving past some playground zones, or past a busy school. Then when I stop to give someone, his right to cross the street. Let me ,my brothers keeper be, and spare a life thats sweet. Please make me feel this car I drive ,you gave me to enjoy. Its purpose is to serve mankind, but not to destroy.

HUNTING SEASON 59

They come walking, in trucks or in cars.
It looks to us like an invasion from mars.
Some dressed in undies and some just in sacks,
It's not an invasion, the hunters are back.
They wake you up at five in the morn,
By pounding the door, or sounding the Horn.
You climb out of bed feeling just fine,
Open the door, "Say where's the park line."
We'll were up now so we might as well milk.
Another bang on the door, "Say boy where are the elk?"

We've fed them, housed them, even lent them our shoes,
We'll soon be singing those elk hunting blues.
All being alike they have one thing in mind,
When the sun comes up we must be on the line.
Each one brags that he'll be a winner,
Give him a bead on it's eye, he'll have elk steak
for dinner.

But the sly old elk , they've gone back to the park
There they'll stay until it gets dark.
They quietly wait till the hunters go away,
Then back to the stooks to fill up for the next day.
If this elk season doesn't end soon,
I'll catch me a rocket to the moon.
And whether you work in store, in factory, or foundry,
Be glad you don't farm on the National Park Boundary.

By: Ruth McLaughlin

STORY OF A WAR BRIDE

Wrote by Mary Welford Griffith in 1968 for this book. I left Cuddington, England the third week of April and arrived in Winnipeg on May 4th, 1921.

A stranger in a strange land.

On May 9th George and I, George's sister and her fiancée (married the same day) walked from Norwood to Fort Rouge to a United Church ministers house, and were married in the ministers front room. His wife attended too and was very kind, telling me what to take to where I was going to live in the bush. Then we walked back to Mr. Griffiths Sr. No fuss, no show, no hand-outs, but married just the same.

O Mother and Dad, so far away.

Would, you were here on my wedding day.

But life was beautiful, life was sweet

Love and a lover, made life complete.

Three days later, George left for Erickson and the Homestead, to build a house for us. He found Mr. and Mrs. Zaharia already there, with little Doreen and Helen. Mr. Zaharia had a team of horses and a wagon, which George borrowed, to drive to Erickson for lumber. They decided to build the houses close to-gether for company. Our house was 10ft by 12ft, which served later as a granary, and I think is still on the farm to-day.

Three weeks later George wrote and said I could come to the farm, now the house was built. I bought a cook stove, a fry pan, a Toronto couch, (which made up into a bed), a wash boiler, wash tub, a wash board, and a bouble boiler and left for Erickson by train. George met me there and we left next morning, for what? I did not know.

We travelled all day, and I wandered whenever I would get to my new house, and how George found the way only the pressed down grass of his journey out, showed the way. We came at last through the bush, from what was later the Thornton Baxter farm. There it was, "my house". A door stood at the side, and two little holes in each side. George had bought hinges and two little windows for the holes, when he came to meet me. It was empty, clean, and new. Not even a nail on the wall on which to hang my lovely coat from Harrods, London.

We had supper that night, with the Zaharias. Fish from Clear Lake I remember so well. After many long years of friendship, Mrs. Zaharia and I still correspond.

our table was a trunk, our seats were logs with the ends of an apple box nailed on. It was June, the weather was beautiful, and we had work to do (but oh the mosquitoes)

I wrote and told my folks I was in a new house but didn't send them a snap shot.



Gordon,
6 months

Two or three weeks after I had been on the homestead, George said "when Sunday comes we'll walk through the bush. There are squatters there. We'll go see who they are." He had to explain what squatters were. So we did and found Mr. and Mrs. Hans Christianson there in a one room log house with a sod roof by the creek. Hans could speak some English but not Mrs. Hans. So we smiled and nodded, had lunch and made them understand that next Sunday they would visit us, which they did.

And there began another friendship that lasted all down through the years with exchange of recipes, crochet patterns and plant slips which helped to make life bright.

The end of January 1922 I went to Winnipeg. We left one bitter cold morning at 4:00 a.m. for Rackham and the train. Twice we missed the trail and landed at somebody's small straw stacks. George walked in front with a lantern until we found the right trail again. Gordon Welford Griffiths was born on February 17, 1922. (now lives at Hinton, Alberta).

And a Golden head nestled soft on my breast
The crown of my wedding day.

He was christened in the same room and by the same minister who married us. Two weeks later we went back to Erickson. Dad met us there and next morning we took that long cold journey back. We stopped at a house along the way so I could feed the baby and get warmed up ourselves. We met with great kindness from strangers for which I have always been thankful.

Our next stop was the little saw mill by the creek and Roy Kelly took the baby. I was so cold and stiff I couldn't hardly get out of the sleigh and walk. I couldn't unbutton my coat. After we had warmed up and fed the baby again (and oh that hot tea was ever so good) we finished the short journey home. We lived in our 10 x 12 house one and a half years until Dad cut logs and had them sawn.

Jim Zaharia and George Kelly helped build the house (no blue prints) We moved in the week before Christmas the next year. No partitions just studdings, but room to move and a big box stove to keep us warm.

In November 1924 another journey to Rackham and Winnipeg but this time in Thorton Baxter's van (luxury indeed). Young Clinton Crawford went with us back to medical school. Doris Mary Welford Griffiths was born December 6th, 1923. (now at Whitehorse, Yukon Terr.).

Another journey and Kenneth Welford Griffiths was born February 4, 1925. (still on the farm at Crawford Park).

Now our house had become home in a big way. Little Eleanor Eunice and George Alfred were born April 17, 1927 (passed away)

For in life's choicest pattern
some dark threads must appear
To make the rose threads fairer
The gold more bright and clear

Then came Mildred Ruth Welford Griffiths born September 6, 1929. (now at Moncton, New Brunswick).

Between times we had lined up the house built on an extra kitchen and bedroom (lean to) dug a well, built a log barn and chicken house. Acquired a team of horses a wagon, two cows, and some chickens. Our first crop was two rack loads of sheaves.

One of our great pleasures was our gardens and the wild fruits. A cause for thankfulness. My little flower garden was a joy and the mixed row of flowers I put between the carrots (beautiful). They helped make me feel at home and I began to think of myself as a Canadian.

The sun has dropped
A star comes out
The summer night enfolds me like a glove
Heaven is mine. I have a home
My daily bread and LOVE.

The winters frightened me and yet there was a feeling of comfort. Plenty of wood for the cutting but what a blessing when a saw came and we didn't have to cross cut or swede saw every day. A time to sit and mend and make over and read if we could get a book. I was frightened most when Dad would go to Sandy-Lake with a load to sell and later on a load of grain. I would look and listen long before he could possibly arrive.

The evening light grows dim
I shade my eyes and look for him
Along the drifted trail.
So I put the light where it will greet him.

Burning Bright
The supper too is spread
The milk is put away
The cattle fed their hay;

Listen: Was that a hail?
The dog is barking down the trail
How foolish were my fears.
I'll run and shut the gate
He'll be too cold to wait
"Those days were just like years".

One end of March Frank Blackwell and Dad left with sleighs for the Batho farm at Cameron for seed grain. The weather was fine and they hoped to make the journey before the snow went being easier with sleighs than wheels. That night it snowed and blowed a real blizzard. I had three small children then. I didn't go to bed. I keep the fire going and walked from room to room afraid. In the morning the snow was above the fence. The wind had dropped. I couldn't get to the barn. No shovel at

the house. I had hoped to take the children with me to the barn. I could n't leave them in the house. I had enough wood and water in and there was alway snow if the water ran out. I couldn't eat, but fed the children and tried not to scare them by my fears, and then I thought the animals are inside and were safe it wouldn't matter if they did get a little hungry. Just after noon I saw a horses head and then a mans head bobbing over the drifts. It was Authur Sims knowing I was alone had come to see if all was well. He brought in more wood and water, milked the cow, fed the animals, and told me to stay inside he would come back the next day. And he did and the next until Dad got home. But oh those days and nights were so long and Dad was worried about us too. But all was well.

Mr. Griffiths Sr. took over the McIntosh place in 1926 I think but didn't stay long and went back to Winnipeg. His daughter Eunice married and went to Vancouver where she still lives.

When Gorden was just little and ready for school the men moved the school building from the Indian Reserve to the Authur Sims farm and we fed teams and men as they rested in our yard. The neighbours bringing food and helping. I couldn't record all the kindness of our neighbours and the pleasure our visits were.

In one bad spell of weather we were fortunate enough to have a whole 100 lb. of flour in our house and we shared it with three other families until such times the men could break trail and get to town for supplies.

Those were the days my friend

We thought they'd never end

Those were the early days

I missed my Sundays and singing but learned that one could worship anywhere, espically out in the wilds and Sunday was still Sunday if we made it so.

Things got better, roads and cars came and this makes me think of an incident I will put in here. When in Winnipeg I went to a CNR office to get tickets which gave me a cheaper rate on somethings which I had bought to be shipped as settlers effects. When the clerk saw the address he said to me, The roads are one of the worst things you will have to put up with. But they will follow.

Well a few years later we took Kenneth to Erickson to have his tonsils out in Dr. Rutledges office (Remember it) (In the old house where Barnsys garage is now). A pot bellied stove and a kettle on top. We went in Mr. S. Baxters truck and Mrs. Baxter went with us to help the Dr. We brought Kenneth back the same day and as we got nearer to Crawford Park I noticed little stakes along the trail and I said "that man didn't tell me a lie after all", Mrs. Baxter said what man and what about" and I said "the man who said the roads would follow us, look there's the stakes.

The children grew up too fast and we loved the life. So many little things happened that perhaps would be of little interest to others. But to us was our very life. Radio came which was wonderful. Dad and I used to get up at 5 am to listen to a program called "Along the cinder trail", from a college in the States. We would make tea and were ready for the day. I think of how tired we were sometimes, too tired to rest properly.

The modern world is wonderful too but I doubt if it has the same things to offer as then.

Neighbours and Contentment.

Perhaps it has for I still have real neighbours and friends. Our young people live in a faster world. More temptations more opportunities too. I find many of them very kind and thoughtful, and I wish them all that is best. And I hope they will find their world as as we found ours. The world depends on them now.

Mary H. Griffiths

What you don't see with your eyes, don't
invent with your mouth.

They never taste who always drink;
They always talk who never think.

It is not alone what we do, but also what we
do not do, for which we are accountable.

MEMORIES by EDITH ARNOLD

One room of Percy Hydes home was used for school classes, where Mr. and Mrs. John Ewasiuk lived. They moved to Rivers and now Maurice and Helen live there.

Around 1933 the community got together and built a school in the center of the district.

East of Arnold's where Wark's live now were Mr. Edward Hodges and two children, Ted and Fred. Mrs. Hodges was living in Winnipeg.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Ferguson lived where John Spaller is, only North-west nearer the road going north and south. Fergusons moved out and Mr. and Mrs. Johnny McDonald moved in. Alan McDonald lived east of Steve and Annie Koroscils (now owned by Jim Irwin).

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Slater and 3 girls lived on the farm later bought by Frank Koltusky. Now this land is owned by Stan Winder. Mr. and Mrs. Rollings lived east of Koltusky's. Rollings came from Plumas.

On the hill east of Koroscils, Jim Griffiths lived. Then Veron and Rose Rollings. In 1942-43, Bill and Hazel Jury moved there. Jury's moved to Neepawa and Mike Danyluk's and Mrs. Kowel moved there.

Kuzmak and Sam Sapischuk families lived over the Montaque Hills, Gilbert Montaque who married Connie Rollings, lived where Steve and Annie Koroscil moved in later.

South of Arnolds, over Gunville Lake, was Tom Rozdeba, farther on were Mr. and Mrs. Pupyce, Nettie and Jean Yarnuk and Olive and Peter Ewasuik's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Ewasuik.

Mr. and Mrs. George Gregorash and Mr. and Mrs. Nick Todaruk lived where Rybacks live. George Hogg was a little farther on the south side of the road. Sandy Finnie lived where Peter and Gertie Ewasuik now live. South of the Lake Audy school were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rozdeba and their 2 children.

On Mike and Mary Fiarchuks place was Bill and Rose Sichewski.

Mike Maczemetz was where Keith and Janet Hay are now. Mike's first wife died after childbirth. Mike moved away and Roy and his wife took over. After, Roy moved to Dauphin.

Gorden Fetterly who was married to Alma Ward moved from B.C. to Edward Hodges place in 1928-29, and in the

spring of 1931 bought more land in Crawford Park from Jim Young, who was almost an identical twin to Dave Young. Alma's father died in B.C. so her mother came to live with them. The Fetterly children, seven boys and one girl went to school at Clear Creek. The second girl, Doreen, died at birth. After the Fetterly's left the Hodges place, Alex and Doris Hay and baby Pat moved in. Then they moved to Dave Crawford's place at Crawford Park.

For a few years, we got our mail from the Crawford Park store and Post Office owned by Ernie Ashby. In 1956 our oldest daughter Anne and her husband Morris Ingram built a store, garage, and post office in our district. It's near the Park boundary on one acre of land on 8-20-20. Ingram's moved to Cherry Grove, Alta. in 1960 and Steve and Dora Mymko bought the store. Mymko's retired to Onanole and Bob and Adeline Curle bought the business.

Fred Ewasuik had a sawmill by the river. His wife died leaving him with 2 sons to raise. Alex (Fred's father) lived near them. Fred's brother Dan married Cornellia Sichewski and also lived with them. This was a little west of the Percy Hyde place.

Lawrences and Berciers were north-west of where Rybacks now live. Both families were quite large.

Willard Fetterly married Anne Dunbar and lived where John Spaller lives. They built a house, barn and other buildings in 1940. They later sold out to Milton Spaller and moved to MacDonald, Manitoba. Carl Fetterly married Mary Cornick from Fork River and also lived in the Crawford Park area. They to moved later near MacDonald.

Mr. and Mrs. Krupa lived where Adam and Pat are. Fred and Lena Boyko were just east and south of Krupa's. Lorne Arnold bought the Choy property. Guglicks lived south-east of Boyko's.

Bill Moon made his home with Grandma and Grandpa Arnold around 1925 for a few years.

Veron Tully and his mother lived on the south 80 and Patryluk's on the other 80 of what is now Bill Arnold's land. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Wojnarski and eight children lived on the north $\frac{1}{2}$ of Arnold's land and Mr. and Mrs. Mike Marcischuk on the west side of the river from Wajnarski s. Bill and Gordon bought Marcischuks quarter in 1965, and Wajnarski's in 1956. Mr. Gertyby

lived south of Wojnarski's on the quarter now owned by Sichevski's. In May 1956, Nick and Grace Genik moved into the Wojnarski house and lived there until May 1959 then moved to Dauphin. Joe and Rose Wojnarski had lived on their fathers farm before.

Wedding Anniversaries

First-----Paper
Second-----Cotton
Third -----Leather
Fourth -----Fruit or flowers
Fifth -----Wood
Sixth -----Iron
Seventh -----Copper or wool
Eighth-----Bronze
Ninth -----Pottery
Tenth ----- Tin or aluminum
Eleventh -----Steel
Twelfth -----Linen or silk
Thirteenth -----Lace
Fourteenth -----Ivory
Fifteenth -----Crystal
Twentieth -----China
Twenty-fifth -----Silver
Thirtieth -----Pearl
Thirty-fifth -----Coral
Fourtieth -----Ruby
Forty-fifth -----Sapphire
Fiftieth -----Gold
Fifty-fifth -----Emerald
Sixtieth -----Diamond
Seventy-fifth -----Diamond.

The best way to lose weight, is to eat all you want of everything you do not like.

The road to success is filled with women
Pushing their husbands along.

Take heart, Believer,
The darker the night,
The nearer the dawn

THE FETTERLY CLAN

The plans for the clan are progressing well,
We can hardly wait , and won't it be swell?
Notes in the mail, are received with great joy,
The "Calgary Kid" sends a snap of his ploy.

With his acres so green and his buildings fine,
Would it not be better if it were all mine?
Advice on his farms was not at all sought,
But I really don't think that it matters a lot.

Jim has come through with the zest of a rocket,
A grin on his face and cash in his pocket,
His services best, all for a fee
The direction and council could have been free.

Inspection is called for in some parts of the land,
In her Majesty's name, the lady so grand.
The NDP are a tough lot of goats,
Since the "Lion opposition is feeling their oats,
For the present at least some are fed with a spoon,
A general election will be here come next June.

With the election around the corner and all,
The Inspectors produce in summer and fall,
For the civil service a raise is long over-due.
The leaders insist we're well off, more than a few
As the tax payer digs deep in his pocket,
His ancient songs heard, "I just don't got it."

Alf labours with metric to bolster his hopes,
Of a life of sunshine at the foot of the slopes.
His plans for a mansion are all going well,
But the union demands, ARRET may be swell.
They've all waded home, belly deep in the snow,
For opening the pass, they've put on quite a show.

Nearly all have beckoned the call of the west,
Out here on the prairies we are doing our best.
To keep the demand of the public to ease,
For no answer by mail, our apologies please.

If one can be spared by the men of the land
A memo to leave should soon be at hand,
With my wife and daughter, the beautiful pair,
Our son from the North, our hopes yet to dare.

The Ford and the Boler behind comes along,
We start out at first light, if this don't go wrong,
If someone will feed our cat and our hound
Near the end of July we will be Calgary bound.

There is perhaps just one more thing to say,
To "WHO" and "How much" and when do we pay?
A loan at the bank, or a note from a friend,
Must be explored, or we'll have grief to no end.

Many years will pass, more likely never,
Will a chance of this kind, be organized ever,
So lets do it up fine with thoughts from above
With Grace and Affection and no end of Love.

Those who are charged with the gathering soon,
I think without fail, we'll be there before noon,
The fourth and the fifth of the men of our bunch,
Arrangements and planning, sit this gang down to lunch.

But let us give credit, where credit is due,
The assets of all, my dear brothers two,
There's Ann, Ivy, Ethel, Peg, Flo, Lil and Pat
Great love and patience, where ever were at.

From pillar to post helping out where they can,
In good times and bad, putting up with a man,
In sickness and health, keep the home fires burning,
The mind wanders back to the first days of yearning.

Ann came along to help in a crunch,
Her congenial self, at \$4.00 a month,
Wil wore the wood box down thin as a blade,
He married the girl and she never got paid.

Those were tough times, for this young couple there,
Hungry mouths can't be fed from the seat of a chair.
As sure as can be after the dusk of the day,
The chores are completed now it's time to play,

Those bothersome young-uns, "a nuisance they are",
Should they go for a walk, or sit in the car?

Ivy was second of three in a clan,
In the spring of the year, she said "yes" to her man.
Earl in his youth, not a dollar to spend
Went away with his prize, to live to the end.

Flo to a dance with her big brother went,
A soldier appeared, as if heaven sent,
Cross the ocean he went to a land full of strife,
He returned to his homeland, to make Flo his wife.

Peg smiled one day, at a young farmer lad,
To drive off together, thoughts were not that bad,
From a team of black nags, to a pontiac car
Alf charmed this young lady for a trip to go far.
Minnedosa, a long distance to the altar they went,
They returned to the homestead, their honeymoon spent.

Ethel, little sister, searching out for a lad,
Ventured forth to unknown, for good or for bad,
Her brothers were careful, this girl not to spoil,
In Alberta she paused, I think looking for oil,
In Don surely found, it's the story of old,
True love without ending, his heart full of gold.

Lil longed for country and horses and things,
Clear Lake to go riding as though she had wings,
Hilt waited around, till the old sun had set,
He almost proposed, but Lil said "not yet"
But soon they were hitched, for life understood,
Choice never better try as he would.

This writer you know was a batchelor before,
A beauty he saw, as she opened the door,
The passenger coupe was parked away down the street,
Only one way to go there - ten blocks with the feet,
Excitement to see this pretty young lass,
Overcome by it all I'd run out of gas.
Twas'nt long after, on a bright sunny day,
The batching days over, Pat and I drove away.

Now many of the offspring have kids of their own,
Scattered far and wide O'er the country in search of a
home,

And if your as thankful and proud, as we are of our two
I'd say blessings a plenty, are bestowed upon you.

There's something I wonder, maybe it's thus
These girls found in marriage to each one of us,
It wasn't for riches, and it's not found in books,
We can only conclude, it must be the looks.

We've changed somewhat since those days out to seek,
A mate for ourselves, the one yet to meet,
The middle aged spread has caught up to us all,
The hairline receded like a new shiny ball.

Time passes by, the mind reminsces
For sure there are times, they wish they were "Miss"
It's the trend of the times, has been since way back
when,
I'll bet without doubt, they would do it again.

Amongst great occasions, lest we forget,
There is one who's not with us, we often think of yet,
Memories, Carl left, a tragic life ended.
He'll not be forgotten by those left descended,
It's great to have known this man is no jest,
He loved life and fun, now he is gone to his rest.

There is only one other a quality man,
So much can be said of his life - a short span,
Our daddy passed on many years ago now,
Remembered as though yesterday, he followed the plough.

It's not hard to think back, when we were in youth,
Always respected and cherished, as he sought for the
truth,
He loved the great land, and his family and friends,
Without any equal, this fact to no end
Let us not greive, for today we must live,
As we know he would want, great love, his to give.

Others we think of are not with us too,
I'm sure a great sadness is felt, and it's true
They are missed, and they've gone, some so young we are
sad,
But let us be thankful, for the time that we had.

Our mom living on, but shows the passage of time,
She kept fed and clothed, sometimes without a dime,
We always go back to when we were kids,
The fun that we had, and the things that we did.

Through fire, flood and war, bad times and good
She always was there, giving more than she should,
Back on the farm, in the place by the park,
The toil of the day, ending long after dark.

Never sat down to rest, mending long into the nite,
Sunday, all went to church and no such thing as might,
All combed and washed maybe, lest our Mother provoke,
The gang quieted down whenever she spoke.

We lived by the creek, on the old rusty farm,
There back in the bush, brother Jim, meant no harm,
He'd tease and provoke while doing dishes and cook,
When mom's back was turned he'd turn around and look.

The butcher dull, a switch must be cut,
For the spanking, he'd get for misbehaving and such,
Not a tear he would shed, but yell loud and clear,
An acre of bush he would be sent to clear.

The staples were scarce, most of the food very plain,
If it was I don't remember, our lot to complain,
Dark meat from the park, who asked how it was caught,
The tribe always hungry, over food never fought.

A million potatoes Alf peeled them all,
He would start in the spring, never end in the fall,
A dozen ways cooked tasty, all we could eat,
For most part we lived on cranberries, creek water and
meat.

Many fond memories of our life treasured deep,
The few things we had, to be shared not to keep,
In the old log house where we dined, played and slept,
Without any rehearsing we can still think of yet.

The clothes that we wore, made over from old,
Stitched fine by our mom, the tale, now long told,
We were pretty well dressed, I think after dark,
Always ready for summer, near the place Crawford Park.

The story is long, told here part in verse,
Our life as we knew it, no need to rehearse,
The "BEST" is the word, for the one growing old,
To our mom, give the credit will not be short sold.

Though it is nice to go back over decades of time,
A book could be wrote of prose or in rhyme,
The volume of memories, our thoughts do we gauge?
These times to remind, now turn over the page.

MEMORIES BY HARRIET HODGES

I have many memories, some good some bad, of my life at Crawford Park. The night before we left Bear Creek, Mother and we five children slept at Ford McLaughlin's farm. Our furniture and stock and machinery had all been loaded on the train. Dad had left with the horses some feed and sleigh. He went as far as Newtons at Neepawa that first day. Newtons (where the Union school is) were mothers aunt and uncle.

On March 26, 1924 we boarded the train for a new life at Clear Lake. We got off the train at Erickson and stayed at Henry Millers Hotel, until Dad arrived on March 28. The second night of his journey he stayed at the George Wilson farm at Clanwilliam, (another of mothers aunt and uncles). While at Millers Hotel I saw a radio for the first time. Rev. Olberg had bought it. It looked like a shoe box, and had two sets of ear phones.

On March 30 Dad loaded the sleigh with the stove table, food, and whatever else there was room for, and we left Erickson. I'll never forget that ride. The road came out through the hills past the Haralson farm. The horses were not accustomed to the hills, and neither was Dad, the driver. There was no breaching of martingales on the harness to help hold back the sleigh. The horses would start running from the top of the hill, and by the time we got to the bottom, they were galloping as fast as they could go. We children were terrified, how we got around some of the bends without upsetting I'll never know.

We arrived at the farm after dark, to a house without even a stove in it. As brother George was

only 6 months old, Dad had to get in somewhere for the night. We went to Jim Coeys farm, Jim was away to Sandy Lake, courting his future wife, Violet Chessum. A man staying there, took us in. We children had never seen a log shack, much less sleep in one. Next day we moved into the house on the farm, two rooms 16 x 18 downstairs and 16 x 18 upstairs.

Dad made several trips to Erickson with horses and sleigh hauling our belongings home. Dad had a very strong voice, and enjoyed singing hymns. Being raised in attending the Methodist Church he could sing entire hymns without a hymn book. Coming home at night, he would be singing hymns at the top of his voice. The neighbours soon had him nicknamed "The Hymn Singing Farmer".

Charlie Crawford had told Sam Bone about the new family that had moved in, and that he could trade wild meat for milk and bread and butter. He came about 10 one evening and I had never before seen a colored person, so when I opened the door I very nearly closed it again, right in his face. Many times over the years, Sam came to our house. If he needed food and didn't have any meat he would promise to bring it later, and he always kept his word. He was a very honest man that we liked and respected.

Life was rough in those days. Nearly all our neighbours were batchelors. Mother baked bread for them. She baked a 100 pounds of flour every week (about 90 loaves of bread) and for that she got paid \$1.00, of course she got to keep the flour bag, made of white cotton. Out of them she used to make bed clothes, towels, and clothes. Edgar and Wyman Miller were two of the batchelors and in appreciation for her work, and we children for delivering the bread and milk, they gave us the use of their cottage at Clear Lake for a week's holiday. There were nine cottages there then. We used to walk or ride horse back across the strip of land between Claer Lake and South Lake.

That year from Sept. till Christmas I stayed with the Tom Holder family (my aunt and uncle) in Minnedosa and attended school. Mr J.A. Bell, who had taught my mother was the principal.. My teacher was Miss Livingston. Among the 35 in the class, was Morley Sirrett, who was later to be our family doctor.

In January 1926 we moved to the McIntosh place.

That spring Dad was short of feed for the cattle, and half of the herd died.

In March 1926, the Ford McLaughlin family came to Crawford Park and as they had no where to go they stayed with us for nearly a month. They had eight children, which added to our family made four adults and thirteen children living in a house 24 x 24 with no upstairs or basement. They moved from our place into a little house owned by a soldier named Lamb.

Those were difficult years. Dad always milked cows, so we had all the milk and butter we needed. In the winter time he would cut a load of post or rails in the park one day and the next morning, before day light he would leave for Sandy Lake to sell them. He would get from one to two dollars a load, that had to be taken out in groceries. We always hoped he could sell to Mr. Didyk as Mr. Didyk always put in a bag of candy with the groceries. Mother would dole them out to us, one candy each, each day. In the summer time we dug senecca root. Ford McLaughlin made diggers for us in his blacksmith shop. He made two types. One was made with a bent end, that you swung into the ground, then lifted the plant out, the other type you pushed into the ground with your foot and pryed the root out. We sold the sennecca at Crawfords store. He paid 20¢ for green and 35¢ for washed and dried, per pound. We always washed ours. We picked wild fruit and sold it by the pail, to anyone that would buy it. Mother made butter and traded it at the store groceries. Mrs Griffiths would give ten cents to walk to the store to get grocerise for her. Often we would stop at Thornton Baxters for a drink of water and a rest. Sometimes Mrs. Baxter would have a cold drink and a cookie for us. Her cookies were delicious and in later years I got her recipe. They were called Soft Cream Cookies:

- 1 cup white sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup butter
- $\frac{1}{2}$ cup lard
- 2 eggs
- 2 tablespoons sweet cream
- 2 teaspoons baking powder

flour enough to roll.

Some times Mrs. Griffiths would have cake for us when we got there. She made a cake, we called it, Neverlasting. Although she willingly gave her recipe to anyone no one ever made it taste as good as she

did. Here is the recipe:

2 $\frac{1}{2}$ cups of flour
1 cup white sugar
pinch of salt
2 teaspoons baking powder

Mix together and add:

1 cup of butter
Mix as for pie crust.
Add: 2 or 3 eggs
1 cup sweet milk
1 teaspoon flavoring

She sometimes added raisins or currants. This cake taste best when it is a couple of days old.

The winters seemed more severe in those days. No one had basements, just cellars, a hole dug in the ground under the house. If the house wasn't properly banked the potatoes would get chilled and then they had a very unappetizing taste. Every one went to bed early, so as to save the coal oil we used in the lamp. We always attended the dances held in the houses, and later in the school. The ladies each brought some thing for lunch and Mother always took a chocolate cake, iced with seven minute icing. Here is the recipe

1 cup sugar
4 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons cocoa
1 large egg
 $\frac{1}{2}$ cup boiling water
 $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla pinch of cloves
1 teaspoon baking soda dissolved in

one cup sour milk

1 and one third cup flour

Bake 25 to 30 minutes @350

There was quite a variety of dances during the year, there would be one box social, one hard time, one masquerade and several concerts. When Bob Brown came to the district he always once each evening had one dance for school children only. The rest of the night they stayed off the floor, unless they were dancing with an adult. Sometimes some of the men would have a quart of home brew, and in those days the arguments were about the best bred of horses. Edgar Kelly was a great believer in the merits of the Percheon, while others upheld the merits of the Clydales and the Belgians.

In August 1926, the Clear Creek school opened so it was back to school for us. I was in grade five. The first winter we had to walk to school. and in those days girls wore dresses. I was very thin, in fact my name at school was "skinny" a name I hated. I often heard people say, I would never live to see my sixteenth birthday. I wondered how adults could say such cruel things in my presence. The next year Gordon Griffiths started school, so Dad gave us a horse and tobaggon so that we could take Gordon to school. Several families drove a horse to school, Christina and Dorothy Kelly had a horse and tobaggon, but were too small to hitch the horse to the tobaggon so I had to get their horse ready for them. We used to race to see who could hitch up the fastest, and often raced the horses going home, until each family went their own road.

In June 1928, I passed from grade 8 to grade 9. In those days grade 8 pupils had to write goverment exams, and they had to go to town to write them. I was twelve years old, and very timid, but Dad insisted I had to go, so I was sent to Erickson. It took a week to write all the examd. I stayed with Charlie Johnsons. The teacher over seeing the exams was Miss Viola Delgatty (Mrs. Viola Miller now). I passed and Albin Gustafson, a family friend insisted I go to high school. He found a place (Ben and Ida Swanson) where I could work for my board, and he brought my books. In June 1929 the Swansons moved to Vancouver. Then I worked for Brekkes where I helped in the phone office, and for a year with Anton Christianson. The last few months I went to school in Clanwilliam where I worked for Aunt Mary and Uncle George Wilson. I came out of this with a firm conviction that I appreciated what people did for me, also thankful for my education, but if I ever had children they would not work for their board while attending school.

By now the depression had hit, and getting work was almost impossible. Hired girls got \$9.00 a month, hired men \$18.00 a month. I was still very thin and so I wanted out door work. Anyway \$18.00 looked a lot better than \$9.00 so I took the job of driving an outfit of horses in the field for Edgar Kelly. As he had two young daughters, I also helped in the house. When there was stooking to be done, the girls always



Harriet ploughing, Weldon at the wheel
Horses are Charlie, Queen, Belle, Minnie

worked in the field to. Some times Bert Kelly or Robert Ballendine would help with the stooking. I worked there for three summers.

In the summer we had a student minister come to preach in the district. They always visited each family in the district. I remember the day Hartley Harland came to visit us. All we were having for supper was bread and butter and radishes. Mum was so embarrassed, but Mr. Harland said he enjoyed them. He said always he was given only two or three radishes because that was all there was, but he said for once in my life I can sit down and eat all the radishes I want.

I was working at Edgars the night they burned the Indians buildings on the reserve. We were sitting on the door step, when we saw a lot of smoke. Edgar, Christina, Dorothy and I went to the pasture and caught a horse each and rode over to the reserve. There is a gully just at the west side of the reserve, so we rode up just close enough that we could watch what they were doing, but all they could see of us, was the horses heads. It was just at dusk, and before too long they spotted us and came galloping towards us. We galloped away through the bush, they never did catch up to us. About a week later the gossip was

about the four young Indian braves, the wardens had to go after.

Although everyone was poor, those were happy years. Every half section had a family living on it. Although there were fueds everyone was one big family and each helped the other when it was necessary. At election time the arguments got pretty hot, but after the voting they cooled down. While the men argued politics the women exchanged recipes or quilt patterns. Mrs. Sina Christianson was a woman who could make a good meal out of practically nothing. Her candied potatoes were a real treat, but my favorite was her vinegar tarts. 1 cup white sugar

1 egg

3 tablespoons vinegar

If she had any she would put in a little bit of butter. Put in unbaked tart shells and bake. Some times she would put in some coconut if she had it.

In the fall of 1935 Ted and I were married. The ladies of the district gave a lovely shower at the home of Mrs Thornton Baxter. This was only the second shower held in the district. The first being for Ada Skog. I went to live in the Audy district. We lived along the park and our cows and horses run at large in the park. Dad Hodges didn't like riding horseback so he would baby sit while I went for the cows. I used to enjoy those rides. In 1937 Teds mother moved from Winnipeg to the farm, so Ted and I built a small house 18 x 18 in the same yard. In 1940 Dad Hodges joined the veterans guard and Ted joined the army, and I moved back to my parerts home. I lived for six months in Winnipeg, until Ted was sent overseas in 1941. In 1942 I hired Gordon Fetterley and Edgar Kelly to move our little house down onto four acres I had bought from Sia Baxter. It was located just north of the big slough north of the hall. They charged me \$3.00 for moving it. When we bought the Tinkler place in 1950, we traded that house to Steele's. They moved it down onto the corner of section 4 and from there to Erickson, Harold Stitt lives in it.

In 1939 the War years began, and a lot of us were one parent families, for the duration. The basic pay for a soldiers wife was \$55.00 a month, with an allowance of \$12.00 for each child. After Earl was

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born I got \$79.00 a month. Nearly all the wives on allowance were buying war bonds, with every cent they could save. We could buy them on the installment plan \$30.00 a month. The war also brought the rationing of tea, sugar, meat, and butter. By ordering through the tobacco companies, we could send 300 cigarettes to a soldier for one dollar. As there was a shortage of food overseas, most of us sent a parcel of food each month to our relatives in the army.

During the war my only mode of transportation was walking. In the winter I put a box on a hand sleigh, and pulled the children in it. In the summer time I had a small wagon, that I put a box on. Twice when I was walking home, after having cashed my cheque, the children threw my purse out on the road. Luckily for me, both times honest people found it, and brought it to me.

During the war I was care-taker of the hall. It was a real chore carrying water from home. When the rink was operating I could use water from there, as the water was fresh. I walked many miles making trips to that hall. We made the coffee in a copper boiler. In those days every household had a wash tub which was also used to bath in, and a wash boiler. There were two kinds of boilers, galvanized and copper. Of course the copper was the more expensive, but it was a much better boiler. The house wife used the boiler to boil the white clothes in, to keep them white. The hall had a good copper one, that was used for making coffee only. It was set on the heater, with the required amount of water in it. The coffee was dumped into it, and brought just to a boil. There was a dance every two weeks, sometimes every week. I was getting complaints that I made soapy coffee. It took some time to solve that one, but I found some one was getting into the hall, and taking the boiler out to boil their clothes in. No matter how much I scrubbed that boiler, it still exuded soap out of the seams.

Soap is a commodity that has changed over the years. A lot of women made their own soap. All winter they saved the scraps of fat and tallow. In the spring they rendered it down, and added Gillettes lye to it in the right proportions, poured it into a box lined with cloth. When it was set, they cut it into bars. It was real good for cleaning wood floors,

when they were scrubbed. At the stores, shelves had piles of bars of soap. The most expensive was Fels Naptha, a beige colored soap. A less expensive was Pearl soap, a white bar, that sold five bars for .25¢. The women who had washing machines were fortunate, every one else scrubbed their clothes on a wash board. I got my first washing machine in 1946. I used the last War Bond and bought a Maytag machine that we later converted to electricity.

During the war, a hail storm broke all my windows and when I went to the Griffiths half a mile to the north Gordon laughed, when I told them about it. They had no hail, but at noon the next day, there was still a lot of hail on the north bank of my house. Sia Baxter went to town the next day and got new window panes and helped me put them in.

One night in the spring Steve Katcher knocked on my door and warned me to stay in the house after dark. He had seen three black bears in my yard. In those days we were thankful, we had good neighbours. I think the worst experience I had, except when I got the news of Georges' death, was the night March 3, 1944, when we took Ada Skog to Erickson to have her baby. What a trip. When we finally got to Sia Baxter's (they were living in the Crawford cottage) Sia had trouble getting his truck started. He asked Ken and I to go with him, so Ken rode in the back of the truck. We had to go across Clear Lake and got stuck going onto the lake and again coming off the lake at camp ten (junction of number 10 and the Audy road). Many times I thought that poor soul would have the baby before we got to town. We got Mrs. Biczko out of bed, and just got Ada into bed when little Calvin was born. I was lucky my brother Albin was staying at my place, and was looking after my two children.

About the same year the war ended family allowance's were introduced. Supposed to be paid to the mothers, so that the children would benefit. In a good many cases this was right, but in many cases it just meant another case of beer.

Ted got the E₂¹ 29-19-19 as his farm from the V.L.A. In 1946 he got his first tractor, an International W 6 for the sum of \$1635.00, and in 1949 we bought a Mercury truck one ton for the sum of \$1943.82. The

Cascade Box (steele) cost \$125.00. The taxes on that $\frac{1}{2}$ section in 1949 were \$100.62.

The 14 years I took children to school, were an experience I enjoyed. The storms bothered me, but every snow bank was a challenge, and some mornings there were a lot of challenges on the road. Three years later I still miss the companionship of the children, I had to retire at age 65, and I think that is what every one should have to do. You might as well accept it gracefully to-day, instead of tomorrow.

I have many hobbies, but one that began as a hobby has become a headache. I decorate cakes, my first three tiered one in 1961. Since then I have decorated well over 600 wedding cakes, and scores of casual cakes, for birthdays, anniversaries, and special occasions. Now it has become a chore. Wedding cakes have been set up as far away as Vancouver, Edmonton, Calgary, Saskatoon, and Winnipeg.:

I some times think of the many things our children are missing out on, like watching the new born colts, nearly every farm had one each summer. Setting the clucking hens on eggs, and watching for the chicks to hatch. The horse and toboggan rides in the winter time.

Going out to the out house when it was forty below, and cussing because some one had left the Eaton catalogue laying on the floor, and it was covered with snow. Bathing in a tub by the stove, and backing up against the stove, when you bent over to dry your feet.

That endless job of carrying in wood and water. Spatulas have done away with the pleasure of licking out the bowl, when a cake is baked.

How we appreciated those first radishes and lettuce and rhubarb out of the garden, even the lambs quarters, that was actually a weed. We could not buy fresh vegetables at the store.

Seeing all the girls and women wearing dresses, even to curl in. Hearing the men arguing over who had the best team of horses in the district. Walking miles to church on Sunday, and to ball practices, or to the lake for a swim. Eating delicious home made ice cream at a picnic. Spending hours churning the cream, that just would not turn to butter.

Excerpts (some abbreviated) from newspapers Oct. 12/27-Neepawa Court last Tuesday was the scene, of the largest, and most representative gathering of the constituencies, of the municipalities of Manitoba, gathered there in the interests, of the proposed National Park sight, having for it's location, the Riding Mountain Reserve. Approximately 80 delegates were present, representing-Dauphin, Clanwilliam, Minnedosa, Odanah, Rivers, Forrest, Cypress, Russell, Shellmouth, Rosedale, McCreary, Glenella, Gladstone, Langford, Killarney, Neepawa Board of Trade, Minnedosa Board of Trade, Dauphin Rotary Club and the Dauphin Board of Trade.

The Hon. J. Alison Glen, M.P. presided as the Chairman, and Mr. J. R. McFadden of Dauphin was the secretary. Mr. McFadden outlined very concisely, the purpose of the Conference, placing before the gathering the benefits of the Riding Mountain's location, also their objections to the proposed eastern sight.

Riding Mountain covers an area of 800,000 acres. The value of it's products for the year 1926, totalled more than \$130,000. It's assets as a park, consisted of Clear Lake, a beautiful summer resort, high altitude, clear water, beaches etc. There was besides beautiful scenery in the mountain, the addition of 2000 elk, 500 moose, and an ideal spot on the Audy plains, to introduce a herd of buffaloe. That particular being very suitable for the rearing of these herds. There was also the valuable asset of timber. There is a sufficient white spruce to last, at the present rate of cutting for 25 years. Reforestation has been carried on since 1918, and this year 15,000 white spruce were set out at the nursery at Lake Audy.

The objection to the eastern sight was summarized briefly as follows: Not centrally located, tourist travel, would be through the poorest and most unrepresentative part of the province of Manitoba. Tourists from the east would not need to pass through the province of Manitoba, and the sight offered no attraction, of beautiful lakes, the grandeur of rock formation, beaches, or points of interest. More than

half of the land,consisted of muskeg, most of it inaccessible,except by canoe,and there is no special representations of game.

Considerable discussion followed,led by W. J.Ward of Dauphin,Robert Harrison of Minnedosa, F.E.Simpson,L.D.McDonald, and Mr. McComb of Dauphin.L.C.Murray and G.H.Kerr of Franklin, as to the proposed sight and the amount of territory required.The results of a committee composed of F.E.Simpson,W.J.Ward, F.L.Davis, and Robert Harrison ,to draw up a solution,which would be unanimously adopted by the conference.

The Resolution read as follows:This conference,of southern, western,central and northern, municipalities,records the conviction ,that the Manitoba National Park,be located in the Riding Mountain Forest Reserve.At the conference, it was suggested,that the area of said national park,should include the whole of the area.

On April 5,1928,-The selection of the sight of the National Park ,in Manitoba, is still up to the Federal Government.

Thursday,June 4/31- Announcement was made by the Hon. T.C.Murphy,Minister of the Interior,that the official opening of the Riding Mountain National Park,of which Clear Lake is the centre of attraction,has been postponed.It was expected that the formal opening of the park,would take place in August of this year.

Aug.13/31-On Tuesday evening,this week, some representatives from the town of Minnedosa,and the municipalities of Minto and Clanwilliam, with representatives from Newdale and Strathclair,drove to Brandon, and met the Brandon Board of Trade, to discuss the proposed road to the National Park at Clear Lake.Local representatives,advocated the building of the road, through Minnedosa, Clanwilliam and Erickson.The western representatives favored the road through Rapid City, Basswood, and north.Some of the Brandon representatives had never been over the road, and did not understand the situation.When it was fully explained,that the eastern route, would not only be a highway through the park ,

but would also go through a district of about 2300 residents, serving them as an all weather road, through out the whole year, whereas the western road, would go through a poorly settled district, north of the river, and could only be considered as a tourist road, used only for about three months of the year.

With this information on hand, the Brandon Board of Trade, could readily see the advantage of the eastern road, in the additional services it would give, in the district, through which it passed. There were not many of their members present, however, and so no definite action was taken. The decision being held over until a later meeting.

The feeling of the meeting, was that a decision could be arrived at, that would be satisfactory, to all the parties involved, and that the building of the road will be dealt with at an early date.

Dauphin Herald, June 5/41-At the moment we want to tell you about our first interview, with a baby buffalo. A little lady, whose outlook on life was prematurely soured, by the loss of her Mother. We called her "Buffie".

We first saw Buffie, at the end of a long rope, with Warden Dave Binkley, as her keeper and deliverer, at the other end of the rope. We say deliverer, because Buffie was found, after her mother had been dead for four days, and Buffie was only four days old. She had been kept in a stall and fed by hand, but her actions showed no sign of appreciation, for the care she had been given. In fact she was a balky little beast. Warden Binkley had erected an enclosure for her, an acre or two along the Jackfish creek, where he will look after her, until she is able to take care of herself.

Thought for the day: Nothing improves your personality, As much as the charm of a Cheerful temperament.

Good nature, and good sense. must ever join,
To err is human, to forgive divine.

Minnedosa Tribune/34AAsuccessful Red Cross Drive,was held at Erickson.Crawford-Park contributed \$39.35.

Nov.8/34-The C.G.I.T.held their concert and bazaar in the Clear Creek school on Friday night.

After the concert,lunch was served to the large crowd that attended.

Dec.6/34- Several people have been skating on the lake this past week.

Feb./35-The ladies of the community,met at the home of Mrs.StCyr,to complete the quilt, they are rafflig at the dance on Friday.The proceeds are in aid of the community hall.

Feb/35-The Carnival held at Mr.Ashbys rink last saturday evening was a success.The prize winners were:Ladies fancy-Mrs.Ida Mayor, dressed as an Indian lady. Ladies comic -Ted Hodges, dressed as a spinster .Mens fancy-George Simms dressed as a cowboy.Mens comic-Fred Ashby, dressed as a clown.

The winners of the races were:Ladies GGeorgina Christiansen.Mens -a gentleman from camp ten.Boys race winners were* Winchell Mayor,Kenneth Griffiths, and Bob Blackwell.The Doubles winners were-first-Pat StCyr and Georgina Christiansen,second Ted Hodges and Isla Boles.The proceeds were in aid of the Hockey Club.Mr.Ashby is commended on the fine entertainment,he is providing for the district.

Mar./35-Little Miss Velma Slater, had the misfortune,to fall down stairs, and ijure her self internally.

The "Golden Age "never was the present age.
In youth we learn,in age we understand.

Mar2I/35-The play the "Eighteen Carat Boob" put on,in the school,was enjoyed by every one. Those taking part in the play were:Kay Adams, John Mayor and Harriet Mayor ,and Fred Hodges,

Miss Pearl Smith, Harold Newton, Mrs Harry Mayor
Miss Ivy Blackwell, Edgar and Jack Kelly, Ernie
and Burly Ashby. It was directed by Mrs. J.A.
Baxter. Mrs. Blackwell and Mrs. Griffiths sang a
solo each and Mrs. StCyr contributed organ
selections , betwee the acts.

April 26/35- Mr. E.A. Hodges was called to
Winnipeg, because of the serious illness of his
son, Fred.

May/35- The ladies of the district, held a kit-
chen shower, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.A.
Baxter on Thursday evening, in honor of Mrs. Joe
Skog, nee Ada Spiers. The evening was spent with
games and contests. Mrs. Ida Mayor and Mrs.
Blackwell each sang a solo, and Mrs. StCyr
contributed an organ solo.

May 13/35 -Mr. and Mrs. Walter Brown of Basswood
visited relatives in this district last Wednes-
day.

Miss Kay Adams spent last week visiting at the
Ranger station.

Aug 22/35- Miss Dorothy Kelly spent last week
visiting with Mr. and Mrs. John Scribner of
Sandy Lake.

Nov 26/35- Mrs. Mary McDonald of Minnedosa spent
last week visiting with her parents, Mr. and
Mrs. Peter Skatch.

Sept 24/36- The dance on Friday , sponsored by
the Seed Club was well attended.

Oct 26/36- Despite the report of fourteen more
cases of Infantile Paralysis, in Manitoba, the
Dept. of Health , is of the opinion, that the
epidemic is on the wane.

Nov/36- The first news column from Onanole,
appeared in the Minnedosa Tribune this week.

Nov. 12/36- An appreciative crowd attended the

Play "Safety First", held in the Clear Creek Hall.

Dec/36-Afew people from Onanole attended the Minstrel Show ,held in the Clear Creek Hall. A dance was held after the show. The proceeds were in aid of the Christmas Tree fund.

April 29/37-Dr. E. Rutledge was guest speaker, at the regular meeting of the Womens Institute, and addressed a large audience. His topic was "The advantages of Birth Control."

Aug/37-The infantile paralysis epidemic , is alarming the health officers. While schools in eastern Canada, where the disease is taking a heavy toll, are closed, only one district in Manitoba is taking this precaution. Although there is nothing to established, proving that Infantile paralysis in humans and Encephalitis in horses, are co-related, health authorities are watching for the possibilities.

Sept/37-Encephalitis, the dread scourge of stockmen, continued its devastation in this district, during the past week. A large number of horses were stricken. The farm work is being hampered by the shortage of healthy animals.

Oct/37-Mrs. C. Crawford and Mrs. Trim, motored to Strathclair on Tuesday, from there they will travel to Toronto, Ont. by train, to visit freinds and relatives.

Nov/37-Effective immediately, there will be several changes in the postal rates. The rate for first class mail will be three cents for the first ounce.

Mar/39-Aload of hockey enthusiasts, including the Clear Creek Midgets, motored to Dauphin, to watch the game between Minnedosa and Dauphin, on Wednesday night.

Oct/39-Several of the young men have enlisted in the P.P.C.L.I., and find it a new experience.

A Fowl supper and dance held in the Clear Creek Hall on Nov. 11th was a very successful event. The proceeds were divided equally between the Hall and rink funds.

Feb 25/43-Roy Kelly was injured on Wednesday, when a bull he was leading turned on him.

Nov. 11/43-Eighteen rinks competed in the Bonspiel, held at Crawford-Park.

Mar. 18/43- Prices from the Safeway: 24 pounds of flour 73 cents. Shortening 19 cents a pound. Raisins 2 pounds for 25 cents. Prime rib beef 30 cents a pound. Minced beef 2 pounds for 35 cents. Tomatoes 25 cents a pound. Carrots 3 pounds for 12 cents and 40 pounds of apples for \$2.69.

Work done during 1942 by the Crawford-Park branch of the Red Cross, is reported as follows: 37 pair socks, 5 pair mitts, 7 callots, 8 ladies sweaters, 4 scarves, 2 childrens knitted suits, 3 childrens helmets, 1 hospital gown, 7 pair sea mens socks, 8 pair refugee mitts, 7 sleeveless sweaters, 1 turtleneck sweater, 1 sweater for a two year old, 3 boys shirts, 1 pair of boys pants 5 quilts, 1 crib quilt, 1 afghan, 1 baby set of bonnet and sweater and four dresses.

May 20/43- Canning sugar allowance is eleven pounds per person.

June 3/43-Seeding operations are progressing slowly, due to the wet weather. Our roads are becoming impassable for wagons, in some places.

June 24/43-Friday afternoon one of John Kolabinski's horses fell down an 8 foot dry well, at an old mill site. Unable to free the horse, word was sent to Albin Gustafsons for assistance. The engine and sawing stopped and 15 men, each with a shovel, piled into a truck. Upon arrival, it was decided, the only way to free the horse, was to dig a trench, leading from the well. Immediately 15 shovels were put into action. The trench dug, chains were attached to the horse, and 15 pairs

of hands hauled it from its uncomfortable position. In a few minutes the horse was eating grass. The men were back to work at the mill in a little over half an hour.

July 1/43-An animal tragedy in which thousands of buffalo perished in the bottom of a lake, called Round Lake, near the junction of the Clear Lake and Sandy Lake highway. There are thousands of buffaloe bones in the mud at the bottom. Several years ago, during a dry spell, the wind blew the silt and mud off, when the lake was dry. After a long blow the remains of the herd of buffalo were uncovered. The bones covered an area of about four acres. They were packed side by side like sardines. The supposition is, that a herd of buffalo had dropped through the ice and perished.

July 22/43-400 civilian prisoners of war, will shortly be engaged in cutting some 50,000 cords of wood in the Riding Mountain National Park. It was announced from Ottawa on Saturday. It is understood, that the camp will be in the Lake Audy area of the park.

July 29/43-Congratulations to Dr. Clinton Crawford, son of Mrs. C. Crawford, who has been promoted to the rank of Major. Major Crawford is at present with the Forestry Corps, and is stationed in Scotland.

Aug. 5/43- A weiner roast was held at the Clear Creek Hall, on Thursday night, sponsored by the local Red Cross. The sum of \$14.00 was realized.

Sept. 16/43-Crawford-Park soldiers safe and well in Sicily are Calvin Speirs, Jack Kelly, Hugh and Tom Barr, Robert Ballandi and Ted Hodges. They were in the forces, that captured the island.

Nov. 4/43-Less than 24 hours after their absence, was discovered, 19 Germans were back in camp, at Lake Audy, in the Riding Mountain National Park. After alarming the surrounding districts

a spokesman for the prisoners said, they had been lost during a blizzard, when they had been out for a walk, on the Sunday afternoon, and wandered beyond the boundaries of the camp. It was stated on Monday, that the 19 prisoners were being held in a hut, separated from the rest of prisoners, and were assigned an official guard. Up to 5 p.m. on Monday, six inches of fresh snow had fallen, making it difficult for the police to find them. The prisoners, all of them hungary, and thoroughly chilled, wandered back to the camp, in small groups. Prior, to have been sent to Lake Audy recently, the prisoners, had been stationed at Medicine Hat. They came here on a wood cutting project. There are 450 men in the camp.

Nov 25/43- The Clear Creek community, sponsored a dance in the Clear Creek Hall on Friday night, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Nick Rochelle, who are leaving the district to reside at Elphinstone.

Dec. 2/43- A very pleasant event took place in the Community Hall last Thursday afternoon, when Mrs. Melvin McLaughlin, a recent bride, was guest of honor, at a miscellaneous shower. She received many useful gifts, and a lovely lunch was served by ladies of the district.

Feb. 3/44- At the regular meeting of the Local Red Cross, plans were made to conduct a Home Nursing Course in this district. At present there is an enrollment of 18 for the course.

Feb. 10/44- Mrs. J. A. Baxter is conducting a series of lessons in Home Nursing. The first, held last Tuesday, was very well attended.

Mar. 2/44- The butter ration has been reduced. A temporary reduction in the Canadian butter ration, will be made in March. Each person's ration, will be reduced by 8 ounces, the War times Prices and Trade Board announced. The reduction is due to, reduced production

in the months of Nov., Dec. and January. It will mean a saving of 5,000,000 pounds of butter.

Local district motorists may secure their 1944 gas ration books, in Minnedosa, when they buy their new license.

Mar. II/44- Mrs. Harry Mayor met with a painful accident on Friday evening, when she was thrown from a sleigh, and fractured her leg, above the ankle. She is in the Neepawa Hospital.

The sum of \$194.44 was cleared for the Red Cross at the recent Bonspiel. The committee is grateful for the support of members of the community, who donated food and worked. Mrs. Hans Christiansen was the convener.

May 18/44- Mr. and Mrs. G. Kelly received word, that their nephew, Robert Ballendine, was wounded in action.

June 1/44- Pte. George Griffiths of the Veterans Guard, who has spent the past two weeks at home returned to duty on Monday.

W.R.E.N. Doris Griffiths received word, that she had received the highest marks in the Dominion of Canada, in her recent examinations.

Corporal E. Ashby, who has been recuperating at Harrison Hot Springs, after his operation, is now spending a leave at home.

June 22/44- We regret to report that Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayor, have received word that their son, Sgt. George Mayor, who was reported missing, on April 25, is now presumed dead. The sympathy of the district is extended to the bereaved family.

June 6/44- The Clear Creek school, with a total of 65 points, won the Canadian Legion Shield, at the Annual school field, held last Friday, in the Onanole school grounds. Three records were made in the jumping events, Glen Mayor won the boys high jump with a score of 4' 10". Vinetta

Skatch, won the girls high jump, with a jump of 4'2", and Billy Skatch set a record of 16' 5' in the broad jump. The highest score for the day, was won by Weldon Mayor for the boys and Vinetta Skatch for the girls.

July 13/44- George Simms took a car load of boys to Brandon on Thursday, it being a field day for the Junior Seed Growers.

July 20/44- Misses Jean Young and Ruby Ferguson, who are employed at the Brandon University, are spending two months holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young and Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson.

Miss Fern McLaughlin, who has been attending school, at Russell, is spending her holidays, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McLaughlin.

July 27/44- Crawford Park has an excellent Service Record. Our honor in the Hall, has 54 names on it, and all enlisted for overseas service, in the army, navy and air force.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Fetterly, have received word that their son, Lieut. James Fetterly, has been wounded in Normandy.

Aug. 3/44- Mr. and Mrs. George Griffiths, have received word, that their son, Pte. Gordon Griffiths, has been wounded in Normandy.

The sympathy of the district, is extended to Mr. and Mrs. G. Winder and family of the Clear Lake district, who received word on Monday, that their son, Sgt. Air Gunner Jack Winder, R.C.A.F., who was previously reported missing, is now presumed killed in action.

Aug. 10/44- Folks in this district are forecasting, and early winter, as a bear has already made his den on the Crawford farm, about 400 yards from the store and Post Office.

Aug 31/44- Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young, have received

word that their son Jack, has died of injuries received in action in Italy. The sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved family.

Sept. 7/44- Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baxter have received word, that their son Keith, has been wounded in Italy.

Sept. 14/44- Gunner John Fife Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young, of Crawford-Park, died from wounds suffered, while on active Service in Italy. A Memorial Service will be held in the Clear Creek Community Hall, on Sunday, Sept. 24th, and will be conducted by the Rev. Hartley Harland, of Strathclair, a former student minister for this area. Gunner Young was born on Sept. 16, 1922, and received his education at the Clear Creek school. He enlisted in the Anti Tank Regiment on Nov. 29th, 1942, and went overseas in July 1943. He has been in Italy since Dec. 1943. Besides his parents, there is a sister, Jean, and a brother Harvey.

Sept. 14/44- Lance Corporal Jack Kelly, of the P. P. C. L. I. who has been overseas for the past five years, and was wounded in Italy, has arrived home. He will spend a months holiday, before going into Deer Lodge Hospital, for treatments. Jack has been discharged from the army.

Sept. 28/44- The Clear Creek Hall was filled to capacity, for the Memorial Service, honoring the memory of John Young, who was killed in Italy. Rev. Harland of Strathclair conducted the service. Mrs. McTavish, also from Strathclair, sang a solo, "Some day we will Understand". The hall was suitably decorated with flags and flowers.

Oct. 19/44- There was an exciting time at Carl Fetterlys on Monday, when his straw stack caught fire. They managed to save the granaries, which contained 1138 bushels of grain.

Oct. 26/44- An auction sale was held at Roy Kellys on Friday, Nov. 3, at one p.m. The auctioneer sold

horses, cattle, poultry and furniture. The auctioneer was ,Mr.T.E.Londry.

Nov.2/44- A large crowd attended the fowl supper and dance, held in the Clear Creek Hall, and sponsored by the School Board and The Ladies Auxiliary to the Canadian Legion. The proceeds were for the Christmas Tree, and parcels for the boys overseas. The sum of \$158.30 was realized.

Nov.16/44-The bazaar and dance held in the hall on Friday, was a decided success. It was put on by the local Red Cross, to raise funds for the parcels for the boys overseas. The play which was entitled "New Wives for Old," was presented by the Red Cross members, was well received. In the baking contest, prize winners were: Bread-Mrs. Tom Buchanon. Buns-Mrs. Figgures and biscuits-Mrs. Hans Christiansen. Pies-Mrs. Florence Trim. Mr. Grace was chairman for the evening. The sum of \$115.00 was cleared.

Nov.23/44-A school Honor Roll containing the names of thirty three former students, now serving in the armed services, was unveiled at the Clear Creek school, last Friday afternoon. Two of the students, whose names are on the Honor Roll, have paid the Supreme Sacrifice. Following a few remarks by Mr. L.E. Grace, two pupils unveiled the Honor Roll. Two minutes of silence was observed, then the hymn "O God Our Help in Ages Past" and the National Anthem were sung. Parents and friends were invited to attend the unveiling.

Nov.30/44-Mr. and Mrs. Katcher and family, are leaving the district, and going to reside on a farm, they have purchased at Grandview.

Jan25/45- The weather apparently was not cold enough for Sia Baxter, so he took a dip in his well. Fortunately he was able to scramble out and suffered no ill effects.

Feb.8/45-The home of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelly was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday

morning. Fortunately ,no one was injured.

Mar.6/45-Mrs. Fred Cobb, and family, to spend the remainder of the winter in camp with her husband, who is cutting logs for Kippans Mill.

Mar29/45-Kenneth Griffiths returned home on Sunday, having been discharged from the army for Medical reasons.

April12/45-The members of the local Red Cross served lunch at Willard Fetterlys sale, on Apr. 3rd. The sum of \$24.00 was realized.

Apr.26/45- Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fetterly and Mr. Carl Fetterly have moved their stock and equipment to McDonald, where they will reside. Mrs. Earl Fetterly and Danny, left to spend some time with them at McDonald.

May10/45-Crawford-Park welcomed two service men home this week. They were Pte. Robert Ballendine, of the P.P.C.L.I. who arrived on Monday, after having served overseas since 1939. He served in the Italian campaign until he was wounded in 1944. He was in hospital in Italy, until his repatriation back to Canada. His wife is in England, awaiting passage to Canada.

Pte Mike Pupitz of the Winnipeg Rifles, is visiting freinds in the Crawford-Park district. He enlisted in 1944, going overseas in April of that year. Two months later, he was wounded in France and hospitalized for some time. Last October, he was wounded a second time, and has been in hospital, until he returned to Canada.

May17/45-Monday noon a motor convoy, passed through Minnedosa, on its way to Clear Lake. It was conveying 65 men from Camp Shilo to the National Park, for the purpose of building a Training Camp, for army and air cadets. This camp will house 500 cadets, and it is estimated, that 1500 boys will receive training, during a summer. Prisoners of War, from the Lake Audy camp will assist with the construction. This camp will be built near the junction of the Dauphin and

Lake Audy road.

May 31/45- The sympathy of this district to Mr. Alex Hay, in the loss of his Mother, at Spy Hill recently.

June 7/45- Mr. Mike Prokopchuk arrived home from overseas on Friday. Pte. Prokopchuk was serving in Italy, and was wounded there.

July 3/45- Harriet Hodges and Ida and Earl, left for Winnipeg, to meet Pte Ted Hodges who is to arrive home from overseas. While there she will attend the Aylmur Kelly wedding.

July 12/45- Meat rationing will be introduced, shortly, Donald Gordon, chairman of the Wartime prices and Trade Board, has announced. The announcement was made, following a statement by Prime Minister McKenzie King, announcing that the Government intended to re-introduce meat rationing, because of the necessity to increase the export of meat.

Aug. 9/45- ~~Corporal~~ Earl Fetterly landed in Halifax last week from overseas, and arrived at his home here on Monday. He had been overseas for five years.

Aug. 16/45- Gas rationing is out, says Howe. The motorists can throw away that ration book, as of right now.

Sept. 20/45- ~~Friends~~ Friends and neighbors of Mr. Bill Jury, have cut and stooked his crop. Bill is a patient in the Brandon General Hospital.

Nov 1/45- Ray Brown and Mike Skatch have arrived home from overseas.

Nov. 8/45- Sympathy of this district is extended to the Rollings family, on the death of their Mother, Mrs. E.C. Rollings, who passed away in the Brandon General Hospital on Oct. 29, at the age of 91 years. Mrs. Rollings was a good cook, and a knowledgeable gardener.

Dec.6/45- Winchell Mayor has returned home, after five years service overseas.Mr. and Mrs. A.Ferguson recieved word,that their son Thomas has arrived back in Canada, after four years overseas.

Dec.13/45- Cpl.Gordon Griffiths has arrived home from overseas.

Jan 17/45-Mrs Jim Brown was a passenger to Winnipeg,on Dec.30, where she met her husband Jim,on his return from overseas.

Feb.28/46-Cpl.Robert Blackwell and Cpl.Ken McLoed,from Camp Shilo, spent the week-end with the formers mother,Mrs.Frank Blackwell.

Feb.28/46-Winchell Mayor,of the Crawford-Park district,who is leaving to make his home in England,was honored by his freinds,at a dance held in the Clear Creek Hall on Thursday night, During the evening,Mrs.Sia Baxter , on behalf of the district, presented the guest of Honor, with a chest of silverware,and a purse of money. Good wishes for success and happiness in his new home are extended to Mr.Mayor.

Mar.7/46-Miss Kathleen Preistner,who recently received her discharge from the R.C.A.F.(W.D) is spending a holiday with her parents,Mr. and Mrs. Walter Preistner.

Mar.7/46- Bud Brown took a truck load of school children to Dauphin on saturday,where they attended the Ice Carnival.Mr. Arthur Simms was in charge of the party, and is commended ,on giving the children a nice outing.

Mar 28/46-Mr. and Mrs. John Yaworski received word, that their son Tony was arriving in Winnipeg on Friday, from overseas.

AprilII/46- Miss Ethel Fetterly,who has been employed as a ward maid at the Lady Minto Hospital in Minnedosa,returned to her home on Monday.

April 18/46-The Clear Creek Community held a farewell dance, in the Hall on Thursday in honor of Steve Skatch, who is leaving to make his home in England.

Mr. T.C. Baxter, who has spent the winter months in Montreal and Windsor, returned to his home, here on Monday.

Jan 30/47-Mr. Andrew Prokopchuk met with a very painful accident, last week. While hauling hay, his team bolted, throwing him from the sleigh, and fracturing his leg. He is a patient in the Minnedosa Hospital.

Feb. 27/47-The Ice Carnival held in the Clear Creek rink on Saturday was a big success, judging from the many and varied costumes, that were worn by the contestants. Lunch, which consisted of ice cream, coffee and sandwiches, was served by the committee. Following is a list of the winners in the various events: Ladies fancy-Edith Simms. Girls-first -Mildred Griffiths, and second to Eunice McLaughlin. Girls nine and under first-Florence Brown, second-Ruth Simms.

Men-Albin Mayor. Boys, first-Harvey Kelly, 2nd Ray Simms. Girls Comic, first -Ida Hodges, second-Alice Winder. Mens comic, first-Jim Brown, second-Howard Kelly. Boys comic, first-Lloyd Winder, and second- Keith Kelly.

In the races, the winners were: Men, first was George Simms, second -Weldon Mayor. Boys 16 and under, first Weldon Mayor, second Ray Simms. Boys 14 and under-first Ray Simms, second-Lloyd Winder. Boys 12 and under, Ray Simms, second -Leslie Kelly. Boys 9 and under, first -Roger McLaughlin, second-Gerald Brown.

Girls 15 and under, first-Myrna Winder, second-Evelyn Brown. Girls 12 and under, first-Evelyn Brown, second-Mildred Griffiths. Girls 9 and under, first-Alice Winder, second-Florence Brown.

Best skaters, Men-George Simms, second -Jim Brown. Ladies first-Mildred Griffiths, second-Edith Simms. Couples, first Glen Mayor and Myrna Winder, second Vernon Brown and Gwen McLaughlin. Mens Novelty race- first -George Simms, second

was won by Kenneth Griffiths.

Mar./47-Mrs.Steele won the main event in the Crawford-Park Ladies Bonspiel held recently. Mrs. Ashby took top honors in the second event.Rinks as follows.

Mrs.Steele,Myrna Winder,Marilyn Rollings,and Vinnetta Skatch.

Second- Ruth Winder, Fern McLaughlin, Eunice McLaughlin and Keith Kelly.

Third- Dorothy Brown,Gwen McLaughlin, Elsie Prokopchuk and Mrs.Doris Hay.

Fourth- Harriet Hodges, Mrs.Griffiths, Mrs. Blackwell and Olive Skatch.

Second event:

Burly Ashby, Mrs.H.Kelly,Lena Yaworski and Mrs. R.Brown.

Second- Christina Cobb, Marlin McLaughlin,R. Fetterly and J.Hay.

Third- Mrs.H.Mayor, Mrs.R.McLaughlin, Mildred Griffiths and Evelyn Brown.

The Mens Bonspiel winners were:

Winning the first event was the rink skipped by Bob McLaughlin,sr., other members of the rink were Gordon Griffiths, Keith Baxter and Mrs. Aggie McLaughlin.

Second-Jacob Rochelle, Mike Rochelle, Frank Blackwell and Dave Young.

Third- Ernie Ashby, Jim Brown, Burly Ashby and Dorothy Brown.

Fourth- C.Cobb, Alex Christiansen, Fred Cobb, and Bob McLaughlin Jr.

The second event was won by Tom Winders rink of Albin Mayor, Ruth Winder and Mrs.H.Mayor.

Second-Howard Kelly, Fred Skog, R.Brown, and Harvey Kelly.

Third-Fred Ashby, Harriet Hodges, Mrs.Griffiths and Myrna Winder.

Fourth-George Griffiths, Glen Mayor, Ted Hodges and Frank Yaworski.

The final winner was Kenneth Griffiths, Weldon Mayor and Ivan McLaughlin.

Aug.13/48- About 35 freinds and neighbors gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A.C.Trim

to bid farewell to Doris Griffiths, who leaves shortly to attend University in Vancouver, B. C. During the afternoon, Mr. A. C. Trim presented Doris with a three piece Vanity set, and wished her success and happiness.

Feb 17/49-Mr. Fred Skog went to Brandon on Monday for a medical check-up.

Mr. George Bales, who has been visiting his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Buchanan returned to his home on Friday.

Feb 24/49- Mr. Ford McLaughlin was taken suddenly ill on Tuesday morning, and was rushed to the Brandon General Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Figgures has spent the last month visiting her son Arthur at Minakie, Ont., and relatives in Winnipeg.

Mar. 2/49-Friends and neighbors gathered at the Community Hall on Friday evening, to say farewell to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Preistner, who are leaving the district, to reside at Onanole. They have sold their farm to Albin Mayor.

Mar 17/49-Mr. and Mrs. Bob Bercier of Dauphin, visited with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Bercier.

Six tables of Cribbage was enjoyed at the Clear Creek Hall, on Tuesday. It was sponsored by the Legion. Prize winners were: Ladies high- Mrs. K. Figgures, Ladies low-Tom Ferguson. Mens high to Lloyd Winder and mens low to Alex Christiansen. Lunch was served by- Thornton Baxter, Kenneth Brown and Ernie Ashby.

James and Ellwood Brown and Earl Hodges of the Clear Creek Calf Club, accompanied Mr. Ted Driscoll and David Halstead, of the Clear Lake Calf Club, and Mr. Art Dilworth to Winnipeg on Tuesday. While there they sold the calves that belonged, to the two calf clubs. For the three

Club members, it was an opportunity to see the St. Boniface stock yards, and the process of selling the calves.

The Grand Champion of the show was shown by Elster Gunnarson.

Dec. 14/50 - Gordon Griffiths and Ray Brown, went to Dryden, Ont. this week. They have secured employment there for the winter.

Seven tables of whist were sponsored in the Clear Creek Hall, by the Legion Ladies Aux. #67. Ladies high was won by Mrs. Kusick, ladies low by Florence Brown. Gents high was won by Tom Winder and Gents low by Jim Brown. Lunch was served by Mrs. Hans Christiansen and Mrs. J. Brown.

George Buchanon met with a painful accident, on his fathers farm, on Thursday. He was crushing grain, and he tripped, and his hand caught in the gears of the crusher. He was rushed to the hospital, where they had to remove two fingers.

Mr. Noble McCallum Sr. of Roland, Man. has been visiting with his brother-in-law and sister. Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Baxter. Noble McCallum Jr. and Gordon McCallum accompanied him.

Jan 4/51. Harvey Young, who is attending school in Selkirk, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young.

Billy Skatch is visiting with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Skatch.

Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baxter spent the week-end visiting their parents, the Baxter and Winder families.

Mrs. J. A. Baxter has returned home from the St. Boniface Hospital, and feels much better.

The New Years dance in the Clear Creek Hall was enjoyed by the large crowd that attended. It was sponsored by the Canadian Legion.

Jan/5I-Miss Edith Ferguson is holidaying at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson, had the misfortune of losing their home by fire on Sunday morning. He saved only some clothes and a few household articles.

Mrs. J. A. Baxter and Keith and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winder, motored to Winnipeg. Mrs. Baxter will remain in St Boniface hospital for further treatments for her arthritis.

Seven tables of cribbage were played in the Clear Creek Hall on Tuesday evening. Mens high score was by Mr. Harry Mayor. Ladies high score by Mrs. A. L. Mayor. Lunch was served by Thornton Baxter and Bud Brown.

Jan 18/5I-Laurence Mayor of Brandon spent a few days with his family.

Mr. Arthur Figgures who has been a patient in the Erickson, has went to Winnipeg for further treatment.

Jimmy Mayor, who has been a patient in the Brandon General, getting treatment for an ear infection, returned home on Saturday.

Mr. A. Ferguson is a patient in the Erickson Hospital. We are glad to say, his condition is improving.

Mrs. G. Griffiths is visiting with Mrs. Trim and Mrs. Crawford in Strathclair.

An Onanole Orchestra sponsored a Benefit dance in the Clear Creek Hall. The proceeds for the Ferguson family, whose home was destroyed by fire.

Feb 1/5I-Mr. K. Baxter and Mr. S. Steele were business visitors in Winnipeg, this week.

Eight tables of cribbage were played in the

Community Hall on Tuesday night, Mrs. Steele won the Ladies high score, and Thornton Baxter the mens high score. Lunch was served by George Griffiths and Ray Brown.

Messrs George Griffiths, Bud Brown, Don Fowler and Tom Ferguson, curled in the Elphinstone Legion Bonspiel, this week.

George Simms of Foxwarren, who has spent the past two weeks visiting in this district, returned to his home on Friday.

Glen Mayor had a painful accident on Thursday when he was hit by a falling tree. The cut above his eye required four stitches.

The Clear Lake community sponsored a Benefit dance in the Legion Hall on Friday night, the proceeds in aid of the Ferguson family.

Mr. Alex Hay and son Jim, and Raymond Fetterly returned home, from eastern Canada, where they were employed for the past month.

Feb. 15/51- George Griffiths, Bud Brown, Don Fowler and Tom Ferguson, took part in the Onanole Legion Bonspiel, and won the second prize.

Albin, Glen, and Weldon Mayor, and Tom Ferguson joined with the Onanole hockey team, to play in a hockey tournament at Kellwood. They did not win a prize, but had fun participating.

Feb 21/51- Six tables of whist were played in the Community Hall on Tuesday evening. Winners were: Ladies high- Mrs. Ashby, Ladies low- Mrs. A.L. Mayor. Mens high- Glen Mayor and mens low- Ernie Ashby. A very pleasant evening ended with the ladies serving pancakes and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nichol and Dyllis, spent Sunday, with Mr. and Mrs. Hans Christiansen and Alex.

Ken Griffiths, Albin Mayor and Tom Ferguson played hockey at Elphinstone on Saturday

Mrs.A.Ferguson returned home from Winnipeg last saturday.

Mr.L.Mack and Mr.A.Trimble of Winnipeg, spent Sunday with the Griffiths family.

Mrs.Dave Young visited with her son-in-law, and daughter Adam and Jean Kulchyski of Brandon. When she returned home this week, Jean came with her, and will spend two weeks with her mother.

Tom Ferguson was a business visitor to Strathclair on Tuesday. Alex Christiansen accompanied him.

March 22/51-Riding Mountain National Park Post office was opened, A.R.Henson, Postmaster.

Mrs.Ruth Winder has returned home from the Minnedosa Hospital.

-Jim Brown, Don Fowler, Edgar Kelly and Tony Yaworski are curling in the Sandy Lake Bonspiel.

Fred and Ed Skog, Mrs.H.Mayor and Alex Christiansen are curling in the Erickson Bonspiel.

Two daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Arnold, were married last week-end. Nellie to Mr. Paul Hrushoway, of Dauphin, and Annie to Mr. Morris Ingram of Elphinstone.

Juliana Danyk, who has been a patient in the Erickson, for the past week, has been transferred to Minnedosa Hospital.

George Buchanon, who has been in St Boniface Hospital for some time, has had another finger removed. Attempts to save the finger failed.

Mona Tinkler of Erickson is visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. Steele.

Bruce Johnstone of Winnipeg, spent the Easter holidays with the Griffiths family.

April 12/51-Mr. and Mrs. Steele and Allan are

visiting, with the formers parents, Mr. and Mrs. Matt. Steele of Cardale for the week-end.

Apr. 5I-Sympathy of this district is extended to the Buchanon family, on the death of Tom's sister Mrs. Alf. Laurence, the former May Buchanon.

Mrs. Congdell, widow of the late Dr. Congdell, who lived with Mr. Binkley and Miss Pearl Jamaga, for some years, passed away in the Brandon General Hospital. Mr. Binkley and Pearl attended her funeral on saturday.

Bruce Kirkby of Brandon is holidaying with his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. McLaughlin, sr.,

April 19/5I-Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young have moved from their farm to reside at Onanole.

Mr. Cecil McLaughlin is a patient in the Erickson Hospital.

April 26/5I- Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fetterly of Minnedosa and Hilton Fetterly of Calgary, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Earl Fetterly. Hilton remained for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Skatch of Moline, spent Sunday with Paul's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Pete Skatch.

Several ladies met at the Clear Creek Hall on Tuesday afternoon, and completed a quilt, for the Legion Auxiliary.

Mrs. Nellie Prokopchuk and family, and Mike and Paul Prokopchuk, visited in Dauphin on Monday.

Weldon Mayor went to Brandon, where he will be employed.

Mr. Mike Zink spent the week-end with his parents in Angusville.

A few of the members of the Clear Lake Legion Branch #67, attended a meeting at Birtle.

April 5I/Mr.and Mrs. Arthur Simms of Foxwarren visited relatives in this district on Sunday.

Mr.Fred Skog took Lena Yaworski and Morris Brown to the Batho farm at Cameron,on Friday, to compete in the Calf Judging competitions, being held there.

Mr. Alex Christiansen, who has been employed at the mill at Onanole, returned home on saturday.

Mr.and Mrs. Allan Brown,Aggie and Bobbie of Newdale spent Sunday,visiting relatives here.

We are pleased to welcome Miss Margaret Hanley to be our student minister, for the summer months.Church services will be held in the Clear Creek Hall,Sunday mornings at II A.M.

May24/5I-Mr.George Buchanon has returned to the St.Boniface Hospital for further treatments, on his hand.

Miss Hanley would like to have a Social evening,in order to meet as many people from the district as possible.

-May 3I/5I-Mrs J.Brown,Edgar Kelly and Fred Skog took the members of the Clear Creek Calf Club and the Poultry Club to Erickson,to attend a Rally.The Poultry Club took the 4th prize with their square dancing. The Calf Club took the 5th prize with their dialogue. The parents and freinds reported it was well worth attending.

The Clear Creek school ball team played a freindly game of ball against the Clear Lake school team. The winners were Clear Lake. A return game will be played at Clear Creek soon.

Mr.and Mrs.George Griffiths,Mr.T.C.Baxter and Mrs.Figures attended the Minty-Potter wedding in Minnedosa,on May 26th.They also attended the reception at the Potter residence.We wish the newly-weds many years of Happiness.

Church attendance the first Sunday was 17, the second Sunday 29 and last Sunday 34. We hope it continues to improve.

Mrs. Stella Pruett of Winnipeg is visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Ferguson.

Mr. and Mrs. Mike Rochelle and Joe Rochelle spent Friday in Dauphin .

June 14/51-About 400, 4-H Club members attended a 4-H Club Rally held at Neepawa, which was described as the most successful Rallys in the province of Manitoba. The Crawford-Park Clubs placed high in the totals. The Clear Creek Calf Club members won third in the square dancing. They also won first in the Beef Club displays. The poultry club won first in the poultry club display. Lloyd Price and John Vaughan of the Clear Lake Seed Club won 1st and 2nd in the Seed judging. Audrey and Marion Burnett of the Cnanole Garden were 1st and 2nd in the judging of vegetables.

June 24/51-The M.F.A.C. has completed setting the dates for the various groups at their camp on the west shore of Clear Lake.

June 28/51-The Clear Creek and Clear Lake Calf Clubs will hold a combined show at the Clear Lake Hall on June 29. Mr. Shaw of Newdale was the Judge. Mr. A. Dilworth assisted. Clear Creek club members placed as follows: Morris Brown, Lena Yaworski, Lloyd Winder, Gerald Brown and Earl Hodges. Showmanship-Lloyd Winder, Lena Yaworski. Best groomed-Lena Yaworski, Gerald Brown. Best halter broken-Morris Brown and Gerald Brown. Morris Brown's calf was the Grand Champion of the show.

Miss Edith Simms and Miss Marjorie Leacock, and Messrs Reg. Gadd and Ian Harland and Rodney Graham, conducted the church service in the Clear Creek Hall on Sunday. Mrs. Edna Simms accompanied them and visited with relatives in the district. A good crowd attended the Service.

July 5/51-Little Karen Kelly of Winnipeg, is visiting with her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ashby.

Mr. Bob Potter of Onanole, spent the week-end with Mr. T.C. Baxter.

A good number of people from this district, attended the Sports Day at Elphinstone, on July 1.

Vernon Brown of Newdale spent Sunday with his relatives in this district.

Morning Church Services were attended by several people from the M.F.A.C. Miss Keating and Mr. Les Wright each sang solo's, which were enjoyed by all. Camp will be closing, this week, and we hope to welcome them to our Services next year.

Allan McDonald of Winnipeg renewed acquaintances in this district, on Thursday.

Miss Mona Tinkler of Erickson is visiting with her brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. S. Steele.

Sept. 6/51-Jimmy, Harold and Linda Mayor are visiting their grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. Katchur of Grandveiw, Man.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kelly have moved to the farm they have purchased from Mr. A. Ferguson.

Miss Hanley, student minister held vocational school in the Clear Creek Hall this week. Fifteen children attended. On Sunday they had a display of their work, and during the church service, sang songs they had learned. Ida Hodges and Florence Brown read stories, and Darlene Brown read the scripture. Kenneth Kelly read a story about the twelve apostles. The service was very interesting, and Miss Hanley and the children are to be congratulated, on their accomplishments, in so short a time.

May/52-The Clear Creek Hall was not large enough to accomodate the crowd of freinds and

neighbors, who gathered to pay Tribute to the late George Griffiths, who passed away in the Minnedosa Hospital on May II, 1952, from injuries received on his farm, when he was gored by a bull. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. Hartley Harland of Strathclair, and interment was in the Danvers cemetery.

Feb. 26/53 - The Prof. T. J. Harrison Sheild which is awarded to the Manitoba Seed Club, having the highest standing, was presented to the Clear Lake Seed Club for the fourth time. About eighty Club members and parents and Leaders enjoyed the Banquet, which was served by the members of the Onanole W.I. Mr. Art Dilworth, the Agricultural Representative from Minnedosa, was chairman for the evening. Don Fraser, club president accepted the Sheild from Mr. Robertson.

Mar. 13/53 - The Legion members sponsored an evening of Cribbage, in the Clear Creek Hall, on Tuesday. Prize winners were: Ladies high, Stewart Steele, Ladies low - Weldon Mayor. Mens high - A. L. Mayor, Mens low - Earl Hodges. Lunch was served by Ernie Ashby and Don Fowler.

Fred Kowal is a patient in the hospital in Winnipeg. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Several ladies met at the Clear Creek Hall on Tuesday afternoon, and completed a quilt for the Flood Relief.

Mar. 15/53 - Mr. and Mrs. Hodges, Albin and Glen Mayor attended the Graduation Exercises of the Agricultural and Homemaking School in Brandon, Ida Hodges was a member of the graduating class.

Messrs. Ernie and Fred Ashby, Edgar Kelly and Ken Griffiths, motored to Dauphin, to attend a hockey game between Dauphin and Brandon. Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winder also attended the game.

Apr. 12/53 - One of the best exhibits at the Brandon Winter Fair, this week, is the one that is displayed by the Clear Lake Seed club. The

Display took top honors at the Seed Club Fair at Minnedosa, and is a model of the town site of Wasagaming, Man.

Aug.22/53-The T.B.Clinic will be held in the Clear Creek Hall on Friday, Sept.4th, 1 to 5 p.m.

Sept.3/53- On Tuesday, August 4th, following the Co-op picnic week-end, another group of juveniles came to spend a week at the camp. Camp Mother Mrs. Cliff of Boissevain, was there for the full camping programme. She provided such delicious meals, one young chap was heard to say, "It was such a wide and varied experience, he would like to write a book about it."

Sept.3/53-School opened on Tuesday, with Mr. W. Kiliwnik as teacher.

Sept.22/53-Mr. Frank Arkison, who just recently came home from Korea, renewed acquaintances, in this district on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Kuzik of Winnipeg, spent a few days with Nellie and Mike Prokopchuk.

Dec.3/53-Miss Alice Winder of Basswood spent a week-end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. Winder.

Miss Ida Hodges returned home from Strathclair on Friday, and will begin work in the Newdale Telephone Office on Tuesday.

Feb.21/54-The Clear Lake Seed Club won first place in the Province of Manitoba, and has been awarded the Harrison Shield, for the fifth time in seven years. There are 73 seed clubs in the province. Mr. Driscoll is now starting on his 28th year as a club leader. The members are from Clear Lake, Clear Creek and Onanole.

Feb.12/54-Two rinks from Crawford-Park took part in the Sandy Lake Legion Bonspiel. The rink of Ken Brown, Burly Ashby, Dorothy Brown and Doris Griffiths won second prize in the first Competition. The other rink was Jim Brown, Gordon

Griffiths, Don Fowler and M. Brown. The same two rinks, also attended the Elphinstone Legion Bonspiel.

Mrs. Don Fowler and son Louie spent a few days visiting relatives at Elphinstone.

Feb. 24/54 - Mrs. C. Crawford of Strathclair celebrated her 88th birthday on Feb. 23rd. Many Happy Returns of the Day.

July/54 - Harry Desmond, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hodges, was christened, at the Service held in the Onanole Hall on Sunday. Rev. Harland of Strathclair conducted the service.

Ellwood Brown had the misfortune to severely cut his leg, while brushing.

Joyce Mayor is holidaying with her grandmother, Mrs. Glowa of Endeavour, Sask.

Sept 2/54 - Mrs. Geo. Griffirhs spent a few days with Mrs. Dave Young at Onanole.

Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Mayor of Justice, spent Sunday visiting the Mayor families.

Miss Ruth Simms of Foxwarren spent last week, visiting her uncle and aunt, Ernie and Burly Ashby.

Sept 14/54 - Several from this district attended the Root-Ferguson wedding in Winnipeg.

Sept. 19/54 - Mrs. Burly Ashby and Fred, Mrs. Mary Griffiths and Kenneth, and Ted and Harriet Hodges are bowling in the Park league.

Oct. 14/54 - Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Hay who were married in Roblin on Saturday.

Oct. 28/54 - The Poultry Club held their Achievement Day in the Clear Creek Hall, on Oct. 23rd. Mr. Ross Cameron judged the poultry, assisted by Mr. Art. Dilworth. Prizes were awarded as follows :

Richard Brown, Kenneth Kelly, Isla Winder, Marlene Kelly, Bernice McLaughlin, Shirley Hay, Betty Winder and Wilma Winder. Shirley Hay won the Championship. The crates were judged by Mr. Ted Driscoll, and winners were as follows: Wilma Winder, Isla Winder and Shirley Hay. The afternoon with the showing of films, which every one enjoyed. Lunch was served by the club members.

NovII/54-Mr. Ted Driscoll has been named the most outstanding 4-H club leader in the Prov. of Manitoba. He will be the first winner of the W.S. Fraser trophy, and the official presentation will take place in Winnipeg on Nov. 29th. During his many years of leadership with the Clear Lake Seed Club, the club has acquired a record of unique distinction.

Nov. I8/54-Threshing in this district was completed, last week. Two machines finished up working in the same field on the Glen Mayor farm.

Nov. 26/54-The members of the congregation of the Ukrainian Catholic Church at Providence, often called the Crawford-Park church, sponsored a fowl supper and dance in the Clear Creek Hall on Friday evening. A good crowd attended, and the delicious supper was enjoyed by every-one.

Nov./54-A miscellaneous shower in honor of Miss Hazel Hay, a bride elect of Nov. 9, was held in the Clear Creek Hall, on Tuesday afternoon.

Dec. I4/54-When going to work on Tuesday morning, Vernon Rollings was hit by a falling tree.

Jan6/55-The Clear Creek rink opened this week, with a Knock out Bonspiel.

Feb. I7/55-The Clear Lake Seed club, has again won the Harrison Shield. The Banquet was attended by I30 people. Among the Head table guests were Gerald Brown and Earl Hodges, the President and the secretary of the club.

April 2I/55-Mr. Ed Skog had the misfortune of

injuring his hand so severely, that it had to be amputated. The mishap occurred at a saw mill in the Scandinavia district.

Frank Yaworski injured his foot, when the horse he was riding fell.

May 5/55- The local residents spent two days, filling the holes and graveling the road to Onanole. The road is now passable, and we would like to thank all those, who did the volunteer work.

May 26/55- Lake Audy in the Riding Mountain Nat. Park yielded the three largest fish, entered in the Minnedosa Fish Derby.

The combined Clear Creek Calf and Poultry clubs, attended the club Festival, held in the Ozerna Hall. They won second prize in the number two group. Congratulations to the singers.

June/55- Congratulations to Harvey Young, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young, who graduated from Brandon University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

July/55- Mrs. J. Arnold, Billy Arnold and Miss Edna Bird, motored to Portage-La-Prairie, on Sunday to spend a few days.

Congratulations to Earl Hodges, who won six firsts, one second and one third prizes, in the grasses and grains competitions, at the Minnedosa Fair. Earl had ten sheaves entered in the fair.

April 6/56- A Social was held in the Clear Creek school, sponsored by Mrs. Clark, and the pupils. The young people went for a sleigh ride. The rest of the evening was spent playing games.

Mar. 13/56- Mr. and Mrs. Lance Henry of Brandon, spent the week-end with the Prokopchuk families.

Mar/56* The saw mill at Skogs, operated by Mr. Bill Slasinsky, began sawing logs this week. There is a good supply of logs, to be sawn.

No more big hockey arguments, since the Dauphin Kings hung up their skates.

April 15/56-Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Hilton Fetterly, who were married this week.

We are happy to report, that Mrs. Steve Skatch has returned home from the hospital.

June 23/56- The Clear Lake Legion Branch #67, and the Ladies Auxiliary, held their regular meeting in the hall on Thursday evening. Two new members were initiated, Mrs. Alice Griffiths and Mrs. Kay Mayor. Gordon Griffiths, who is leaving the district, was presented with a travelling bag. Two members Mr. Ernie Ashby and Mr. Dave Binkley were presented with 25 year pins.

Aug. 30/56-The Clear Creek Poultry Club held a "Bingo" in the hall on Friday evening. Following the Bingo, lunch was served by the members.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Young of Winnipeg, formerly of this district, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Ashby.

Mr. J. E. Johnstone of Minnedosa, has nearly completed building the new school.

Sept/56-Lashia, Iris and Orville Prokopchuk, are staying with their grand-parents, and attending school in Sandy Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayor have moved to reside in Erickson. Good luck in your new residence.

Feb. 21/57-Mr Earl Fetterly attended the M.F.A.C. convention, held in Winnipeg, last week. Earl is the M.F.A.C. director in this district.

April 4/57-The new dial phones were installed in this district, last week.

April 11/57-Advertisements in this week's paper: Massey Harris 44 Diesel, 1950 with hydraulics, new batteries Regular \$1895, on sale for \$1495.

Other advertisements: Heinz Tomatoe soup 3 tins for 40¢ and Purex toilet tissue 6 rolls for 69 ¢

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Skatch on Sunday were Mr. and Mrs. Steve Skatch of Minnedosa, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Skatch of Rapid City and Mr. and Mrs. Anderson of Winnipeg.

May 9/57-Mr. Jim Arnold, who passed his 94th birthday on March 4th, is enjoying the spring weather, splitting a bit of wood.

Jan. 23/58-Two buildings were moved out of our district. The Gordon Fetterly house, now owned by Prokopchuks was moved to Onanole. The barn on the T.C. Baxter farm was moved to the Mike Jawa farm, in Clear Lake district.

June 26/58-On Monday June 29, the Clear Creek Calf Club held their show. Prizes were as follows; Grand Champion-Ellwood Brown. Reserve Champion-Richard Brown. Other prize winners were: Showmanship, first-Richard Brown, second-Ellwood Brown, third-Peter Miko. Best halter broken, first-Kenneth Hay, second-Bernice McLaughlin, third-Ellwood Brown. Best groomed, first-Richard Brown, second-Peter Miko, third-Ellwood Brown. Judging, first-Ellwood Brown, second-Richard Brown, third-Peter Miko.

Junior Showmanship, first-Almira Hodges, second-Bruce McLaughlin, third-George Hodges. Halter broken, first-Almira Hodges, second-Bruce McLaughlin, third-George Hodges. Best groomed, first-Henry Winder, second-Almira Hodges, third-Bruce McLaughlin. Judging, first-Bruce McLaughlin, second-George Hodges and third-Henry Winder.

Oct. 14/58-The Minnedosa Ambulance rushed Mrs. Howard Kelly to the Minnedosa Hospital on Sunday, suffering from a broken hip and pelvis, the result of a freak accident. Mr. Kelly was adding an addition to their house. The addition was in sections. He had put up the four walls and secured them. The wind blew one section of

the wall down. Mrs. Kelly, trying to run from the falling wall, caught her foot on something and fell, the wall falling on her. Dr. Morley Sirrett was called to the scene of the accident. Her condition is reported as good.

Oct. 28/58-Bears in the Crawford-Park have changed from their usual diet, to one of meat. A bear mauled a cow on the Alex Hay farm, so badly, she had to be killed. The bear had broken the cows back. For some weeks now there have been numerous reports, of bears injuring cattle. Four have been shot this past week, as well as a bear and two cubs shot on the Hodges farm.

June 14/59-We have the first column of Lake Audy news in the Minnedosa Tribune.

The people of the Lake Audy district, extend their sympathy to the Ewasiuk, in the loss of their brother Bill.

A disastrous under ground fire, burned the entire sawmill belonging to Mr. Mike Krupa. The estimated loss is approximately \$ 2500.00.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Ingram and family, visited their grandmother, Mrs. Kinney of Ochre River on Tuesday.

July/59-Mrs. John Ewasiuk, Mary and Adam of Vancouver, are visiting at the Mike Maximitch.

Aug. 4/59- Earl of Rivers spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex Hay.

Mr. Bill Sichewski returned home to Winnipeg, after spending a few days, with his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Fiarchuk.

Aug. 8/59-Mr. and Mrs. Willard Fetterlys Auction sale was held.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brown, who were married in Winnipeg, on Saturday, Aug. 29th. We wish them Health and Happiness.

School re-opened on Tuesday morning, with an enrollment of 17 pupils. Mr. Joe Kustiak is the teacher.

April 17/60- Congratulations to Earl, Almira and George Hodges, who the fifth, sixth and seventh prizes in the oats competition, at the Brandon Winter Fair.

Mesdames Ruth Winder, Dorothy Brown and Harriet Hodges attended the Onanole Ladies Curling Club supper, at Onanole on Friday evening.

July/60-Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mayor and family held a family re-union at Lake Audy on Sunday. Present were the seven children, 17 grand children, and two great grand children. This was the first time, since 1939, that Mr. and Mrs. Mayor had been together. Mr. and Mrs. Winchell Mayor of Brighton, England, are spending two months with the Mayor families.

Mar. 17/62- Congratulations to Peter Miko, Almira Hodges, Ellwood Price and Don McLaughlin, on winning the 4-H Bonspiel at Erickson.

Dec. 62- Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hay had the misfortune of having their house burn down, on Monday evening, Dec 18th. Being away from home, they lost everything in the fire.

Mrs. Don Fraser and children, left for Richmond, B.C., to visit with Don's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Brown and family of Winnipeg, spent a few days with Jim and Dorothy Brown.

June 14/62-The Clear Creek Calf Club held their Show at the Clear Creek Hall. There were seven calves in the competitions. The Grand Champion of the show, and winner of the Gunnerson trophy was Kenneth Hay. The Reserve Champion was shown by Peter Miko. Other placings were as follows: George Hodges, Venetta Miko, Henry Winder and Don McLaughlin. Showmanship prize winners were first-

First-Peter Miko, second-Henry Winder, third-Almira Hodges and fourth-Kenneth Hay. For the best halter broken, first-Don McLaughlin, second George Hodges, third-Almira Hodges and fourth Peter Miko. For the best groomed calf, first-Henry Winder, second-George Hodges, third-Ken. Hay, and fourth Vænetta Miko. The judging was won by Peter Miko, second-Ken Hay, third-Henry Winder and fourth Vænetta Miko.

May/62-Forty-nine people received their polio shots at the Clear Creek school, on Thursday. Eighty-three people attended at the Lake Audy school.

Dec/62- Several friends gathered at the Clear Creek Hall, on Monday evening, Dec. 10, to honor Mrs Lillian Baxter on her seventy-first birthday. Mr. Arthur Simms, on behalf of the crowd presented her with a purse of money. The large Birthday cake was decorated by Harriet Hodges.

Mar/63-Mrs. Tom Winder and daughters, Betty, Wilma, and Alice Griffiths, participated in the Sandy Lake Ladies Bonspiel. They won second in first event.

Mar. 21/63-Mr. Alex Hay is a patient in the Shoal Lake Hospital.

Mr. Fred Skog is a patient in the Erickson Hospital.

April 12/63-George Hodges has been notified by the Canadian Hail Underwriters Association, that he has been awarded a pen and pencil set suitably engraved, for his achievements in 4-H work.

Apr. 4/63 -George Hodges won the Reserve Champion, at the Brandon Fair, with his sample of Pembina wheat.

May 14/63-Mr. and Mrs. Tom Winder attended the Annual spring party, sponsored by the Department of Highways, held at Birtle, Man.

Nov./63-Congratulations to Mr.and Mrs.E. Morris,(nee Joyce Mayor)who were married in Erickson on Nov.9th

Mrs.Howard Kelly and Margaret left for South Burnaby,B.C.to visit with Mrs.Marlene Grant and family.

Dec/63-Gordon McLaughlin,the youngest son of Melvin and Ruth McLaughlin,had the misfortune to break his leg.

Dec/63-Congratulations to Bruce McLaughlin and George Hodges,along with Ron Saranchuk and Les Livingdosky,curled in the Boys High school Bonspiel in Winnipeg.They won the Standard Broom event.

Mar13/64-Little Darline Brown of Winnipeg, is spending two weeks with her grand-parents,Mr. and Mrs.Jim Brown.

Parents day was held at the Clear Creek school on Friday.After the programme ,a lovely lunch was provided by Mrs.Curwen.

Jan/65-Curling is keeping every one busy.Those curling in the winter schedule at Onanole are Tom and Ruth Winder,Jim and Dorothy Brown,Ted and Harriet Hodges,Bruce McLaughlin and George Hodges.

Jan23/65-The Almy Rosy Bloom crabapple has been chosen,as the centennial tree for Canada.It has a weather hardy root stock, and will survive in the colder areas of Canada.

Feb.4/65-Don,Allan and Calvin attended a special course in the militia,in Neepawa,this past week.

Feb.25/65-The younger generation have now taken up curling.Mr.and Mrs. Curwen flooded a rink for them on the school grounds.They have a complete set of jam can rocks,and can now give their parents a few points on the game of curling.

Mar.18/65-The Clear Lake Seed club held their

meeting in the Clear Creek school. George and Almira Hodges, were the only competitors in the public speaking, which was judged by Mrs. Curwen and Mr. Dave Hay. Mr. Hay presented Almira Hodges with an engraved pen and pencil set, for her work in the 4-H.

April/65-For the first time since it was discovered, Sabin, the oral vaccine for polio, has been made available to physicians, for use on their patients, in Manitoba. It was announced by the Hon. C. A. Whitney.

June 1/65- Use of the new Canadian flag in the schools will become mandatory on July 1st.

Bob Ross and Harriet Hodges attended a 4-H leaders Banquet in Minnedosa on Wednesday,

Many people from Crawford-Park attended the Farewell party for the Friths, that was held in the Onanole Hall.

Congratulations to Miss Margaret Kelly, who graduated on Friday, from the Manitoba Institute of Technology, as a licensed Practical nurse.

On Friday Mrs. Curwen, her pupils and their parents went on a tour of the museum at Austin. They had a basket lunch, and after dinner, went and toured the Stramit factory and the seed plant at Carberry. To bring the tour to a close, Mrs. Curwen's mother, Mrs. Graham treated every one 27 people, to a lovely buffet supper, at her farm home at Wellwood.

July/65-Mr. and Mrs. Allan Burnett of Calgary, are holidaying with the latter's parents, Mr and Mrs. Bill Gregorash.

If you want a place in the sun, expect a few burns.

Aug/65-Calvin McLaughlin went to Winnipeg on Sunday, to begin his trip to the Lakehead. He is one of the 4-H members that will go to repre-

sent the Minnedosa Agricultural district.

The Clear Creek Calf Club held their show at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Ken Griffiths. Due to the rain, they had to have the show in a barn. There were six calves in the show. Although their calves were there, Almira and Harry Hodges were unable to attend the show. Grand Champion of the show was won by Peter Miko. Reserve Champion- Vinetta Miko. third- Harry Hodges, fourth- Bruce McLaughlin, fifth- George and sixth- Almira Hodges. In judging the winners were Bruce McLaughlin and Vinetta Miko. Showmanship- George Hodges and Bruce McLaughlin and Vinetta Miko. Best halter broken- Vinetta Miko, Bruce McLaughlin and George Hodges. Best groomed- Bruce McLaughlin, Peter Miko and Vinetta Miko.

The above was the last Show put on by the Clear Creek Calf Club.

Aug. 18/65- Mr. Walter Kiliwnik, who is attending summer school in Winnipeg, spent the week-end with Mrs. Kiliwnik and the children.

The sympathy of the district is extended to Mrs. Skatch and family, in the loss of their husband and father, Mr. Peter Skatch.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ron Baraniuk, (nee Vinetta Miko) who were married at Sandy Lake on Saturday, Oct 9th.

A miscellaneous shower was held in the Clear Creek Hall on Sunday evening in honor of Miss Vinetta Miko. A large crowd attended.

Nov 4/65- Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Metro Miko (nee Joyce Dudych) who were married in Winnipeg on Oct. 23rd.

Miss Margaret Sayer, the teacher at the Clear Creek school, spent the week-end, with her parents at Stonewall.

At the Election poll at the Lake Audy school 79% of the electorate voted.

Nov.23/65-The Annual Seed Club Fair was held in the Clear Creek Hall on saturday .Three clubs,namely-Clear Lake,Sandy Lake and Clanwilliam competed.A Clanwilliam club member won the Grand Championhonors,While the Reserve Champion was won by a Sandy Lake member.In the Clear Lake Club competitions,the first prize was won by Leonard and the second prize by his brother ,Melvin Bialas.

Hunting season is here again ,with it's perils. Frank Yaworski has one steer in the barn,that survived two shots.Another steer was killed and dressed right in the pasture,leaving the remains, where it was butchered.

The Winnipeg Free Press JJan30/66-The Manitoba Secondary Schools Athletic Association girls curling championships,for the province of Man. were held in the Selkirk Curling Rink on saturday.This year the Manitoba Honors were won by the rink from Virden,when they defeated the Sandy Lake rink.The Sandy Lake rink skipped by Almira Hodges,third-Sharon Livingdosky,second-Elsie Melcosky,lead-Shirley Broney,had a 5 to 1 lead in the seventh end.A game clinching steal of 6 in the ninth end,lost the Provincial Championship for Sandy Lake.Almira Hodges is a student from Crawford-Park,as is Shirley Broney.

Feb/66-The severe weather is hampering the attendance at the Bonspiels.

It is an ever lasting struggle for Mrs.Donald Oberg of Nichol Ave.of Winnipeg.She is married to Donald Oberg ,formerly of Crawford-Park,and Donald and three of their nine children suffer from Cystic Fibrosis.Three sons developed the disease in infancy,in fact baby Wray required a tracheotomy,shotly after his birth.Son Timmy only attended school for two weeks this past year.Son Don contacted the disease at age five months,but due to the administration of the missing digestive enzymes,he can now lead a relatively normal life.

Mr.Oberg,a truck and tractor,has now developed

the disease, but can still work. Their doctor has recommended, that the family move to B.C. where the climate is warmer, and the humidity greater.

Winnipeg Free Press Mar 14/66-The Sandy Lake Collegiate sponsored a week of sports, known as "Collegiate Capers". One event was a three day bonspiel. Coming through without a defeat, to claim the trophy was George Hodges, who comes from a family of curlers from Crawford-Park. He is a grade twelve student, attending Sandy Lake school, and won the same trophy last year. His rink mates were; Carl Homeniuk, and first year curlers, Tim Maluk and Audrey Krukewich.

Mdsa. Tribune, Mar 14/66-Congratulations to Mr. W. Preistner, who celebrated his 84th birthday on Sunday.

Miss Alice Krushelniski was the Queen at the Onanole Carnival.

April 24/66-There was a severe snow storm on Saturday.

The Rolling River School Division discusses the single Board system.

The sympathy of the district is extended to the family of the late Mrs. Jim Coey.

Winnipeg Free Press-Fire destroyed the largest wooden Cathedral in western Canada, on Aug. 19th. Lightning and fire totally destroyed the church.

Mdsa. Tribune, Oct/66-Congratulations to Henry Winder and Phylis Chastko who were married at Jackfish on Saturday.

Oct./66-Miss May Horwood, the teacher at the Clear Creek school, was rushed to St. Boniface Hospital, and will undergo surgery.

Nov. 11/66-Mr. Barry Boch, the teacher at the

Clear Creek school, invited the parents and the neighbors, to a Memorial Service at the school on Nov. II. The well conducted service was appreciated by the parents.

Nov. 26/66- The district was shocked, on Saturday morning, when the news of Barry Boch's death was announced on the radio. He had gone home to Minnedosa, to spend the week-end with his relatives. He died of self inflicted wounds.

Dec. 4/66- The Clear Lake school, that was built in 1926, was burned to the ground.

Dec/66- Almira Hodges taught the children at the Clear Creek school, on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday morning, Mrs. Germaine Miko, began her duties as a permit teacher.

Feb./67- Mr. Lang, the Minister of Indian Affairs, and Northern Development, has given the following information: 1264 head of cattle have been permitted to graze in the park, there were 22 hay permits. About 1000 head of cattle were grazing, without permits, but due to tighter regulations, this number was reduced to 100. He stated that in 1967 there would definitely, no grazing or hay permits for the farmers.

April 16/67- About thirty relatives and friends gathered at the home of Ted and Harriet Hodges, to honor John and Kay Mayor, on their 25th wedding anniversary.

April 26/67- The Ladies Auxiliary sponsored a card party in the Clear Creek Hall, on Tuesday evening. The winners were: Ladies high- Marion Mayor, Ladies low- Mrs. Ruth McLaughlin. Men's high- Earl Burnett, of Onanole, and mens low- Freddie Flintstone (Christina Cobb).

It is definite a second referendum will be on Dec. 15, to decide about the single board in a school Division. At press time 85% of the school boards had not given their approval, but it is understood, a referendum will be held anyway.

Visitors with the Tom Winder family on Sunday were: Mr. and Mrs. Brian Ross of Lac du Bonnet, Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Winder and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Winder of Russell, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Shewfelt of Peirson, and Mr. and Mrs. Keith Baxter of Brandon.

Mrs Harriet Hodges attended a meeting of the Minnedosa Agricultural Advisory Council on Thursday in Minnedosa.

Jan 18/68-The sympathy of this district is extended to the family of Mrs, Sina Christiansen. A pioneer of Crawford-Park.

Thursday, June 12/69-Tom Bertram opened a branch of the Royal Bank at Wasagamung.

June 6/69-Congratulations to Almira Hodges ,who graduated from the Manitoba Institute of Technology, as a Practical Nurse.

Ted and Harriet Hodges attended the Graduation Exercises.

Aug./69- Mr. Myrle Clark combined barley that yielded 45 bushels an acre. It was sowed on the 30th of April.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Richard are visiting the John Yaworski family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cobb motored to Lloydminster, Alta., to attend the funeral of their brother-in-law.

Funeral services were held at the Cnanole United Church on Oct. 23, for the late Norman Rollings, formerly of Crawford-Park.

The sympathy of the district is extended to the relatives and friends, of the late Gordon Arnold. The Arnold family were pioneers in the Lake Audy district.

Mr. Matt Lilley a very talented musician, was accidentally killed in accident in Saskatchewan. ✓

The car he was riding in broke down. Matt went to walk for help, and was hit by another car. Matt played for many dances in our area. We extend our sympathy to the relatives.

Feb/70-Happy Birthday to Mrs. Mary Griffiths, who celebrated her 70th birthday on Feb. 24 th.

Winnipeg Free Press, Aug/79-A birthday party to celebrate Mrs. Lizzie Kelly's eightieth birthday, was held in the Charleswood Curling Club, on Aug. 4th. All eight children of Lizzie and the late George Kelly were present. Namely Mrs. Margaret Ward of Neepawa, Mrs. Doris Dunlop of Winnipeg, Aylmur Kelly of Brooks, Alta., Mrs. Irene Haldorson, of Crayton Valley, Alta., Mrs. Lois Steele and Mrs. Joan Faedol of Winnipeg, Mrs. Shirley Archambault of Regina, and Ronald Kelly of Victoria B.C.

Present to help celebrate the birthday, her brother-in-law Jack Kelly and Mrs. Kelly from Brighton, Eng. and sister-in-law, Mrs. Edna Simms of Foxwarren.

Brandon Sun, /79-Last week the Manitoba Pool Elevator Managers, Field Service staff, and the Elevator managers, gathered to honor Slim Mayor, (Laurence) after 26 years of faithful service to the Manitoba Pool Elevators. Family members present were Harold and Karen Mayor of Portage La-Prairie, Lynda and Richard Houlahan of Winnipeg and Diane and Bruce Chapman of Brandon.

Mdsa. Tribune/80-Holy Ghost Ukrainian Catholic church in Sandy Lake was the scene, for a double ring ceremony at 5 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 1st, when Doreen Anne daughter of Fred and Lena Boyko, was united in marriage to Clarence Russell, eldest son of Russell and Elsie McLaughlin of Onanole.

1981-At the Sandy Lake Science Fair, Valerie Miko won the Lane trophy, for her project on Ducks Unlimited.

Kenora/81 "Moe's on the Go" is the slogan of Mayors Mobile Mechanical Service. This unique

new business, is a mechanics shop on wheels. Owned by Maurice Mayor, a licensed mechanic, the back of the truck is equipped with tools and machinery, so that he make repairs of all sorts. Instead of the vehicle being towed to a garage, the mobile unit travels to the site of the problem, and Maurice does the repair on the spot. Maurice grew up in the Crawford-Park district.

May 22/82-About 138 friends and neighbors gathered at the Crawford-Park Hall, to honor Ernie and Burleigh Ashby of Brandon, on the occasion of their sixtieth wedding Anniversary.

Present were the brothers and sisters, namely, Mrs Edna Simms of Foxwarren, who had been the bridesmaid sixty years ago. Brothers Howard from Onanole, and Jack from Brighton, England.

Aug/82-Seventy, of a possible ninety members of the descendants of the late Harry and Ida Mayor, held a family re-union at Camp Manitou, on the shore of Clear Lake. As some members had never met before, there was some time spent, just getting acquainted. Following a turkey supper, Saturday night, they danced to the music of Wally Yanchycki and the Serenaders from Oakburn.

Brandon Sun, Nov/8 Hjulmar and Georgina of II40-I9th St. in Brandon, celebrated their fiftieth wedding Anniversary on Nov. 7th, An afternoon tea was held in their honor, at their home. It was hosted by their daughter and son-in-law, Ava and Ken Harris, of Minnedosa.

Margaret Miller of Brandon, who was the bridesmaid, 50 years ago, was a guest at the tea. Messages were received from son Olie and family of Portland, Oregon, U.S.A, and Rae and family of Kamloops B.C.

Mds. Tribune July 24/83. A 50th wedding anniversary Tea to honor Allan and Margaret Brown, was held on Saturday July 24th, at Harrison House in Newdale. About 200 friends and relatives signed the guest book. Allan lived at Crawford-Park, and Maggie taught school here.

Winnipeg Free Press May 1941: Funeral Services were held for the late Sophie Papiernik, whose body was found recently. She went missing on Aug. 27, 1940, when with a party from the Brandon Mental, she was spending the day at Wasagaming, Man. Sophie and another woman got away from the authorities. The other woman was picked up that night, but Sophie was never found. She had crossed on the strip of land between Clear Lake and South Lake, and came into the Crawford-Park area. She was seen walking on the main road and later past Bob McLaughlins. For some days she stole vegetables out of Ford McLaughlins, Lottie Fosters and Later out of Pat Fergusons gardens., for food. coming into the gardens during the night. Finally she just disappeared.

✓ In May 1941, Fred Lilley was on his way home from Crawford's store, and decided to take up his trap lines. He found her body just at the edge of the bush, across from where the Crawford*Park cemetery is now situated. The body was identified by the stamp on the bottom of her shoes.

Sophie was a graduate from St. Josephs academy She taught school in Strathcona for eighteen years, and for nine years, was the organist in the Holy Ghost Church.

C.K.N.D. April, 27, 1984-A severe storm has hit the central North American Continent. In Nevada, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and the Dakotas, there are places the storm dumped five feet of snow., and the wind has blown snow banks to a depth of twenty feet. In Oklahoma a tornado destroyed a complete town killing 20 people and injuring many. In the province of Manitoba, the winds gusted up to seventy miles an hour. In some areas the moisture was in the form of sleet, and many hydro lines are down. leaving areas without power. Towns affected are Carman, Winkler, Morden, Darlingford, Elie, Stony Mountain, and Elm Creek. In Wawanesa and Neepawa the school children

out in town, as they could not get home.

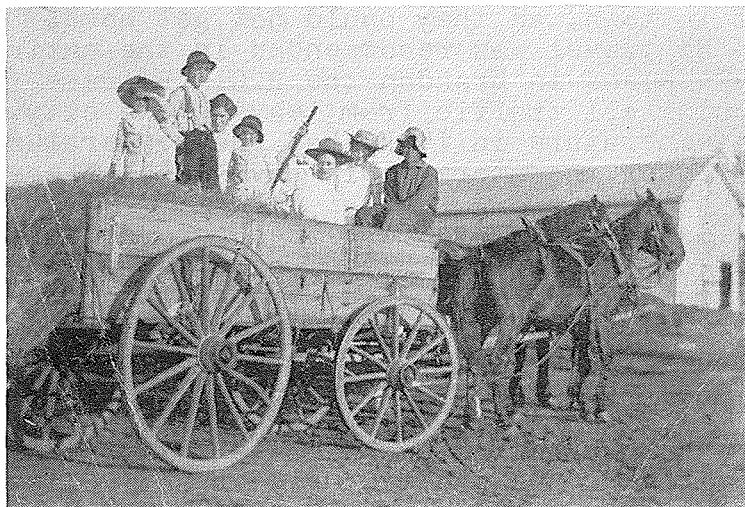
No travel was recommended in the entire province, and in Brandon the R.C.M.P. were stopping all traffic from leaving the city. The temperature is 14 F. Had the temperature been lower, the storm would have been classed as a blizzard.

In the Crawford-Park area, roads were blocked, and several houses have damage to the roofs, where shingles were blown off.

Minnedosa Tribune Wanted- Some one to work, to replace some one who didn't.

An excerpt from an essay wrote by Myrtle Griffiths, when she attended Erickson Collegiate.

Living at Crawford-Park, was like being part of a large family. The old and the young all played ball to-gether, attended dances to-gether, curled to-gether, and attended church to-gether. I still appreciate all the hard work, as well as the fun, that went into making Crawford-Park and Lake Audy a great place to live.



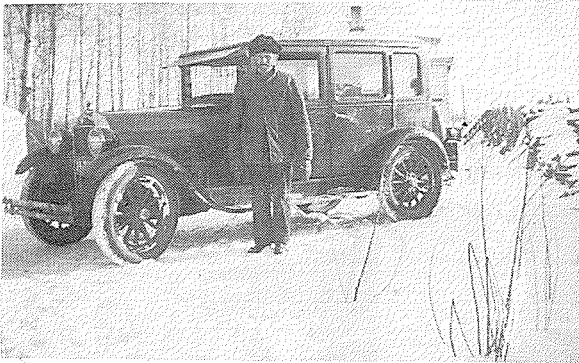
Transportation in the 1920's



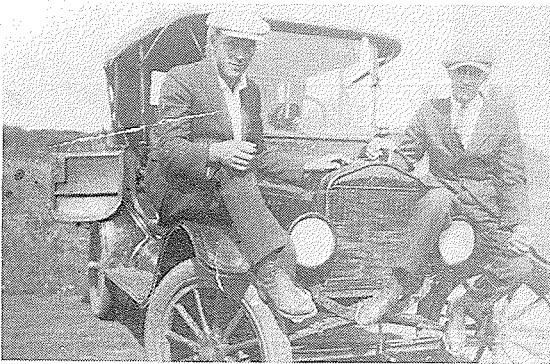
L to R. Charlie Crawford, Gentleman unknown,
Dave Crawford



Above
Mr. Crawford,
taken in
1921



Centre left
Mr. Jim Arnold
with his Essex
car



Left
Mr. Alex Hay
and friend



Dave Crawford and his
niece Mrs. Mary Basler



Gwen McLaughlin
Eunice McLaughlin



Gordon and Hazel Arnold
in fur coats made by
their mother Mrs. Arnold.



Milton Spaller and
twins Jim and John



Upper left,
Florence Trim
Mrs. Crawford
Mr. Crawford
Paddy Trim

Upper right
Alec and Mrs.
Christiansen

Right
Mrs. Jury sr.
Mrs. J. Arnold
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The Crawford-Park Store 1933



The Crawford-Park store
after the first renovation

Above
Mr. C. Crawford, and
his nurse Miss Bene
Place.



Gordon Arnolds House



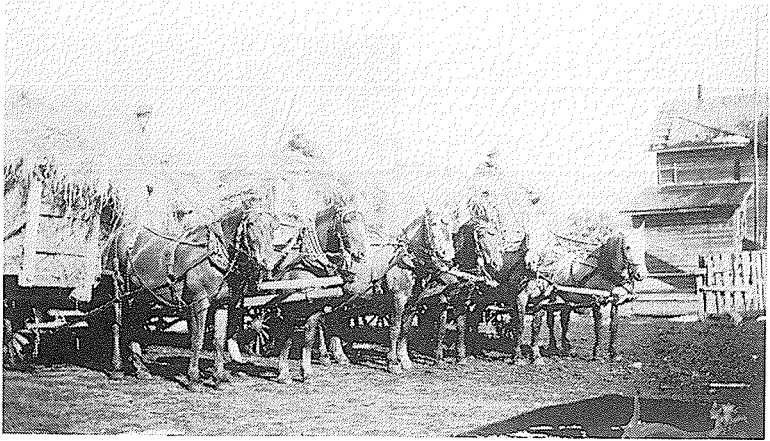
Jim Arnolds House



First pier at Crawford-Park



Pier at Crawford-Park

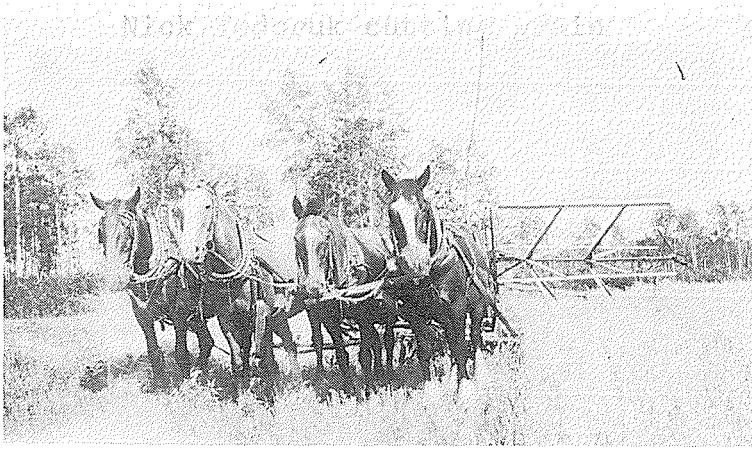


Hauling hay from little Shoal Lake
Albin Mayor, Russell McLaughlin Glen Mayor

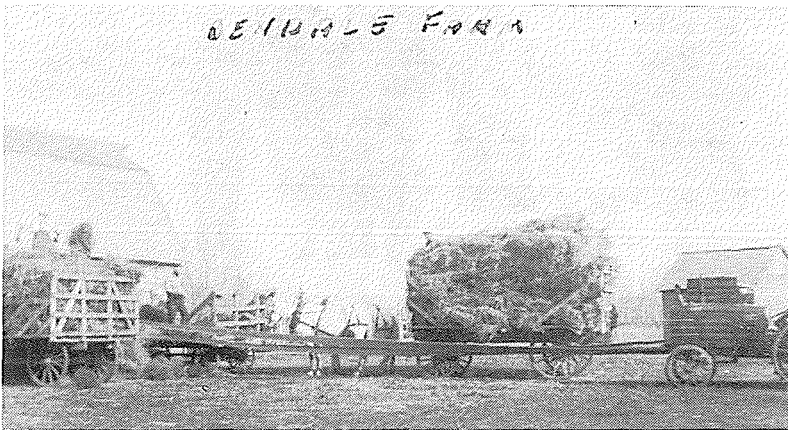


George Griffiths stacking sheaves

1923



Gordon
Fetterly
ploughing



Thrashing straw into the loft on the Tinkler
farm



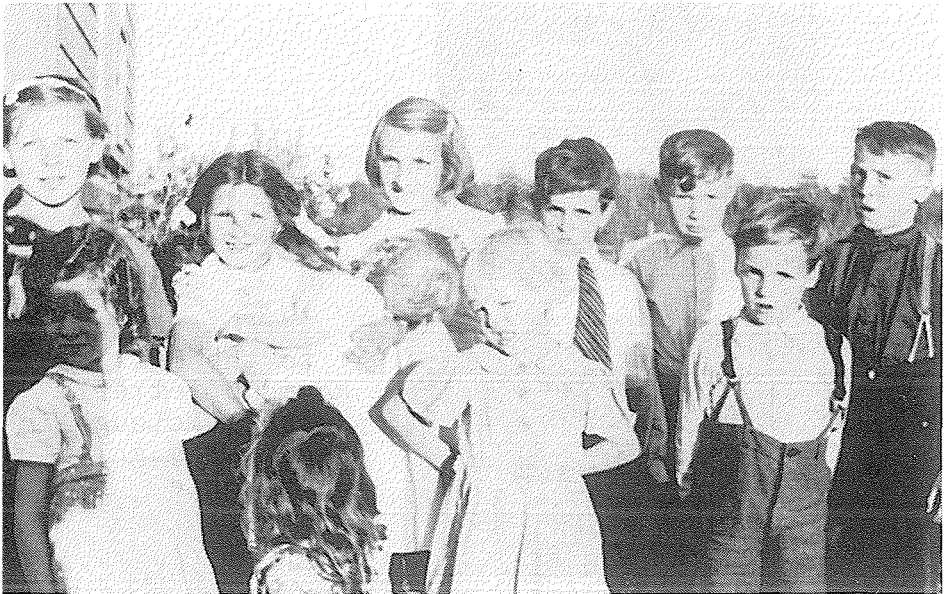
Mrs. Alma Fetterly.



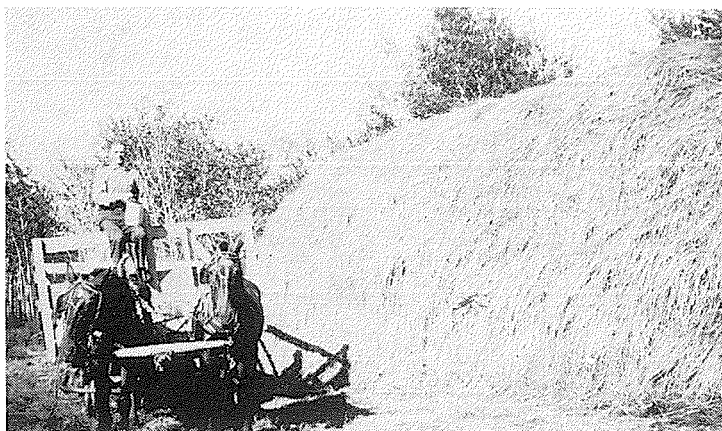
L to R. Mrs. J. Young, Hazel Arnold, Mrs. Verl Slater, Mrs. Jim Arnold, and Mrs Rollings and Mr. Francis Rollings



Christina Kelly Harriet Mayor
Mrs. Bob Brown, Dorothy Kelly, Alice Brown



ie Katchur, Mildred Griffiths, Edith Simms, Ray Simms
vey Young and Maurice Mayor. Front row-Ida Hodges,
y Earl Hodges, Geraldine Skog, Lyall Simms.



above
Nick Todoruk
stacking hay



to the left
Sharon & Alvin
Todoruk



to the left
Raymond Fetterly
Russell McLaughlin
Cecil McLaughlin
Glen Noble



Mr..and Mrs.Bob Brown



Burly Ashby, Lizzie Kelly, Edna
Simms and Doris Kelly



Vernon & Madeline
Brown



Joe Skog
Geraldine & Dennis
Donald



Georgina Christiansen, Lorna McClay,
Mrs. Backwell, and the Christiansen
and McClay children



Gordon
Arnold
ploughing
with a
Gang plough



John
Ewasiuk
cutting
grain.
1944

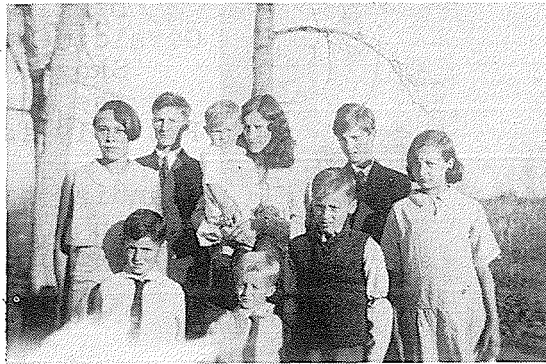


Dennis,
Geraldine & Donald
Skog .
at the Gordon
Fetterly farm.

standing at the
barn door
Hilton & Danny
Fetterly



The Arnold, Hay, Fetterly, Dave Young and Jury families picnicing at Lake Audy



Christina Kelly, Laurence, Harriet, John Mayor
George, Albin and Winchell Mayor, Dorothy Kelly
The baby is Glen Mayor



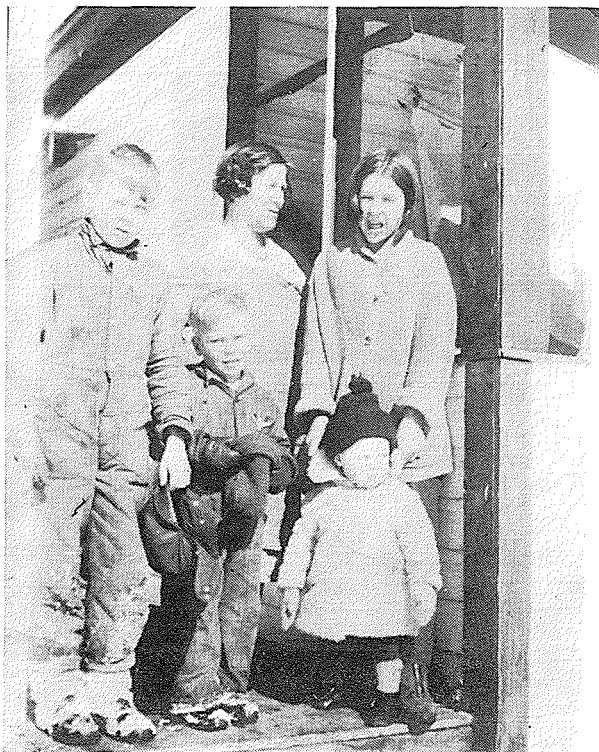
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Mrs. Trim

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Mrs. Fred Ashby sr.
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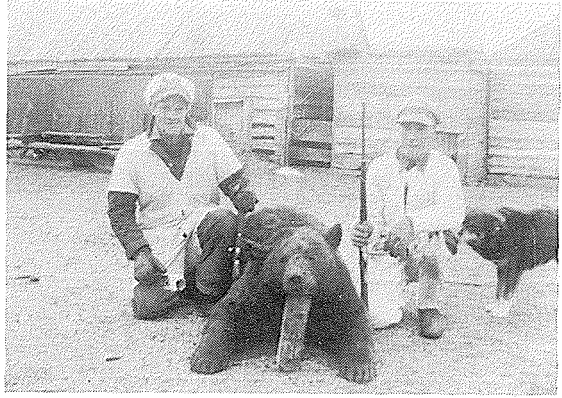


Kenneth Brown, Mrs. Brown, Alice Brown
Vernon and Eldon Brown

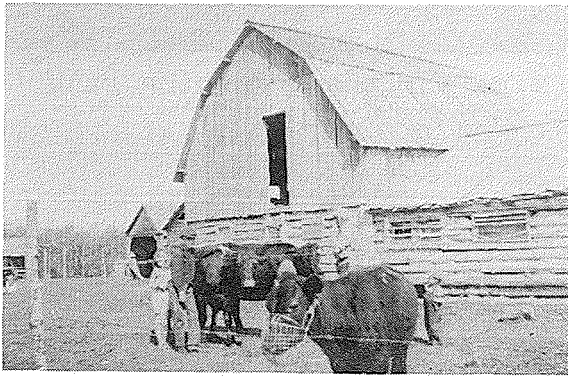


John and Harry Ewasiuk (1938)

Gordon
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and
Bob
McLaughlin, sr.



Gordon
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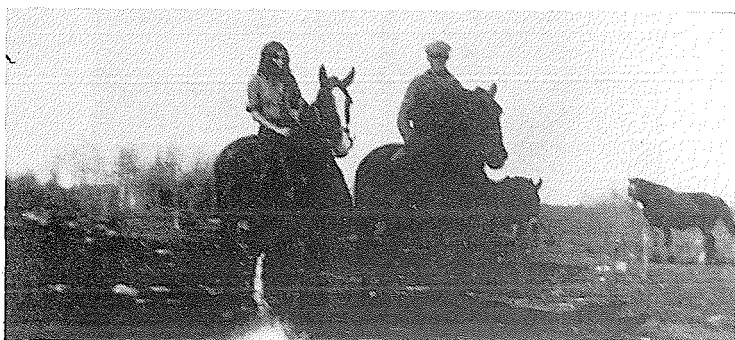
Tbarn on the Blackwell farm. Florence, Morris, Ray
and Harvey Brown, and their cattle.



Thrashing at the Griffiths farm 1931



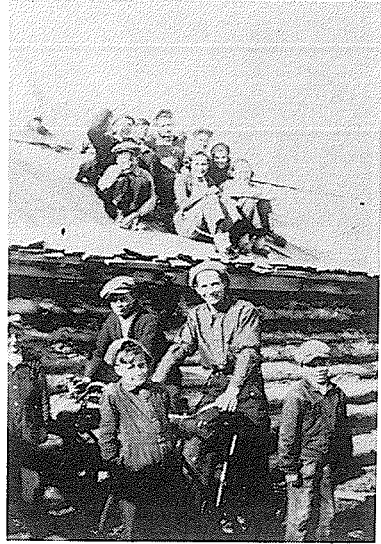
Lunch time for the thrashing gang 1931



Harriet Mayor & Edgar Kelly riding Darkey
ad Minnie



James Fetterly and
nephew Danny Fetterly



A group of children
playing on the roof
of Blackwells barn.



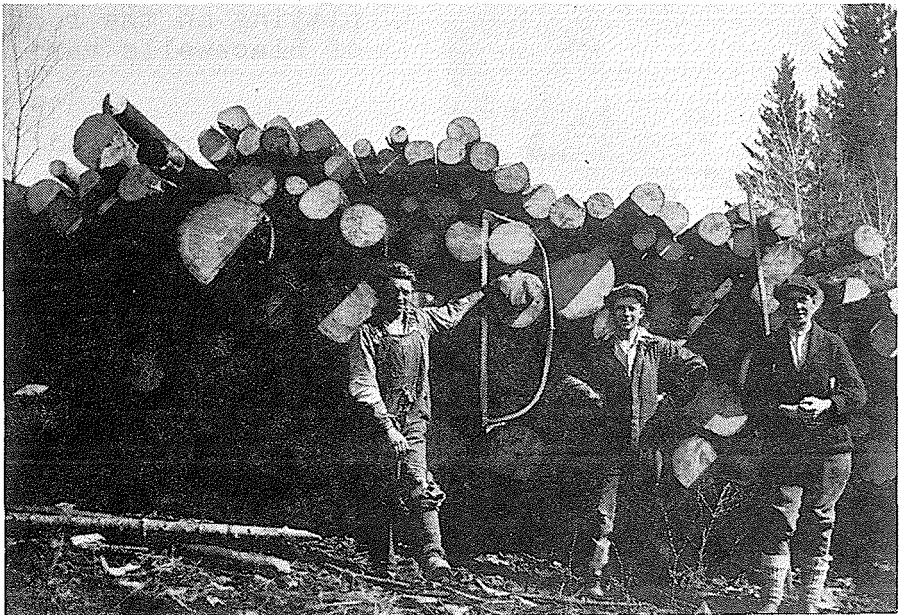
Mrs Bob Brown and
Sina Christiansen.
Mrs. Brown just
realized ,she sat
on a thistle.



Annie, Nellie
Grace and
billy Arnold.
The horse
drawn van. was
made out of an
old car, and
the heater out
of a barrel



Sid Smith, Irwin, Joe Skog, Ed Skog, John Pupitz, Tom Winder, Bill Smith, at Skogs saw Mill on Bob McLaughlins farm.



John Pupitz, Mike Pupitz and Tom Winder, at Skogs mill.



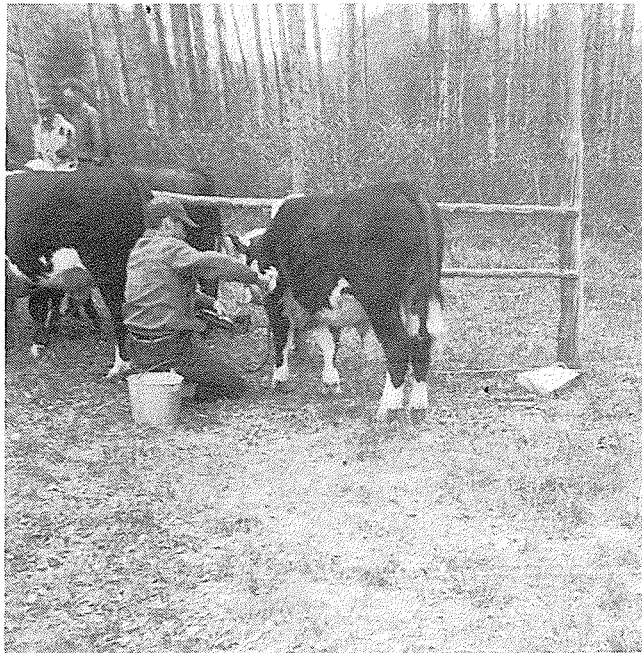
Mr. and Mrs. Bob Brown some of their
Children and grand children



This picture was taken at Myrna Baxters shower



Calf Club Show 1962



Henry Winder Grooming his calf.



Ernie & Burly Ashby, Etta & Joe Tinkler



Mr. and Mrs. Dave Young in their yard at Erickson



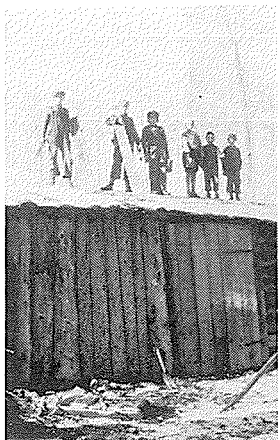
Back row
Bruce Johnston
Mildred Griffiths
Ida Anne Hodges

second row
Lloyd Winder
Alice Winder
Geraldine Skog

front row
Earl Hodges
Maurice Mayor



Back-Pearl Posternack, Doris Kelly, Mrs. Ashby
Mrs. Young, Mrs. Griffiths, Earl and Harriet Hodges.
Front-Harry Hatcher, Harvey Young, Rose Katcher,
Mildred Griffiths, Edith Simms, Ida Hodges, Ray
Simms, Geraldine Skog, Lyall Simms, and in front
Ruth Simms



Melvin, George,
Bob, Jean, Russell
& Cecil fixing holes
in the barn roof.



Mr. and Mrs. G. Griffiths
Doris, Kenneth & Gordon



Richard Gawiuk, Rob Griffiths
on log pile Jack Coulson 1982
Edna Beare in foreground



Fiarchuk, Sichewskis & Arnolds at a picnic



Annie & Morris Ingram, Grace & Nick Genick, Nellie
& Paul Hrushowy, Bill & Edna Arnold
Edith & Gordon Arnold



George Griffiths, Frank Blackwell, Mr. Lean, Matt
Simms.



Ted Hodges
Weldon Mayor,
Fred Hodges
Ken Griffiths
Ida Hodges
Mildred Grif.
Alice Winder
Geraldine Skog
Bruce Johnstone
Earl Hodges
Baby George H.
Dennis Skog
Maurice Mayor

Quilting at
the home of
Harriet
Hodges

Mrs.Griffiths
Mrs.D.Young
Mrs.I.Mayor
Doris Griffiths



Mrs.Tinkler
Mrs.Mayor
Mrs.F.Trim
Mrs.Griffiths
Mrs. Danyk



Helpers at the
Ashby party.
1982
Myrna Baxter
Ann Kiliwnik
Lena Richard
Kay Mayor
Harriet Hodges
Alice Griffiths





Ted
Hodges and
Darren Shewchuk
after a
snow storm on
Apr. 14, 1975

School bus
8
Driver
Harriet Hodges



Tom Winders truck on the
road in 1956



Ruth Baxter, Alice Brown
Lottie Foster, Emma
Bercier



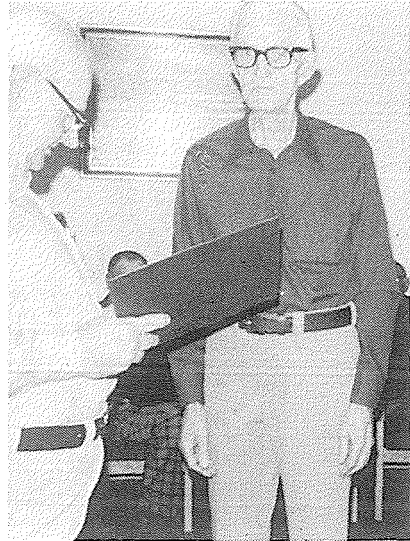
Harry Brewer, Harry & Ida Mayor, Pearl & Jack Myers, taken in 1965 at the Mayors Anniversary



Almira, Ida Ann, Ted ,George ,Harry and Harriet Earl Hodges is missing from the picture.



Verna Johnstone, Tom, George and Lil Buchanan
Harriet Hodges & Alice Griffiths. 1979



Tom Buchanan Joe Skog
receiving "Life Memberships" from the Legion



Edna Simms, Jack Kelly, Howard Kelly Burly Ashby, taken at the Ashby Anniversary 1982



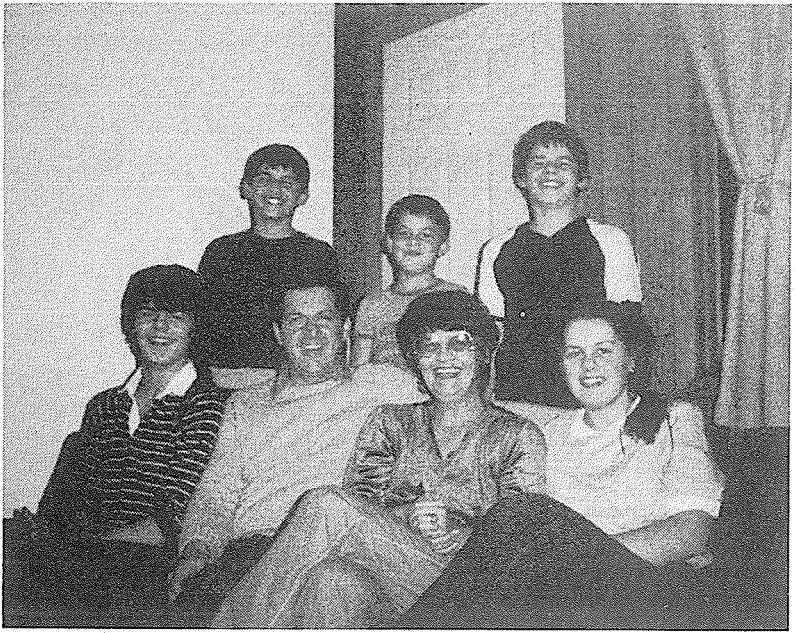
Ken Griffiths, Fred Ashby, Gordon Griffiths Thornton Baxter, Mrs. Figgures, Alice Winder, Burly Ashby, Mrs. Griffiths, Mrs. F. Ashby and Ernie Ashby



Myrna, Lloyd, Alice, Isla, Betty, Wilma and Henry
Tom and Ruth Winder 1982



Gordon Beare, Ruth Winder, Edna Beare, Tom Winder



Clair, Steven, Allan,
Michael, Dave and Evelyn Cooley , Cathy.



Rob, George, Richard Gawiuk, Wayne,
Gregory, Mrs. Louise Griffiths, Myrtle, Eleanor,
Kenneth, Koreen, and Alice Griffiths.



Dave, Brenda (nee Baxter) Abbie Lynn & Scott Rilett.



The Cochrane's
Marilyn

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Clay.



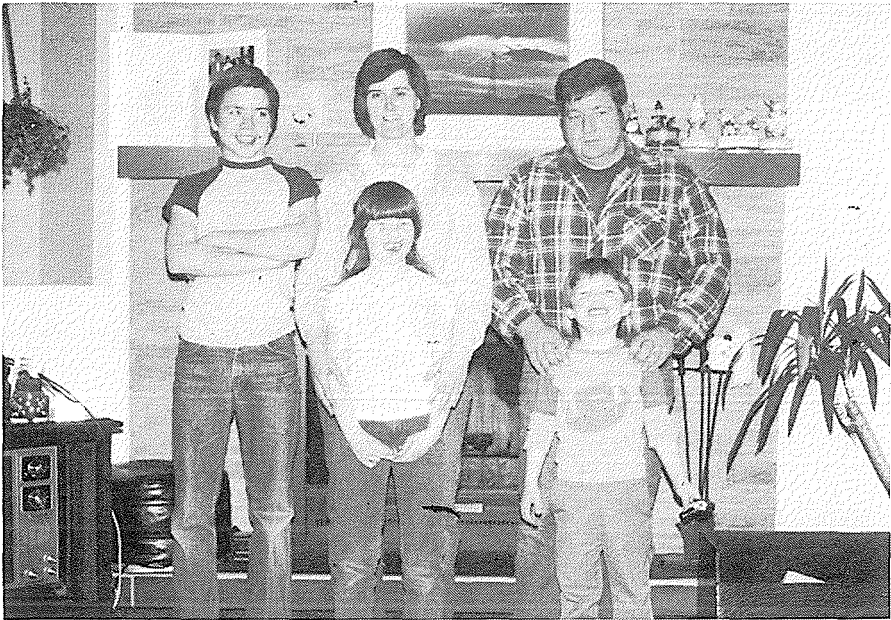
Top left
Some of Mr. and
Mrs. Browns
grandchildren

Top right
Olive Skatch

To the left
Jack Kelly



Myrna and Keith Baxter and some of their family



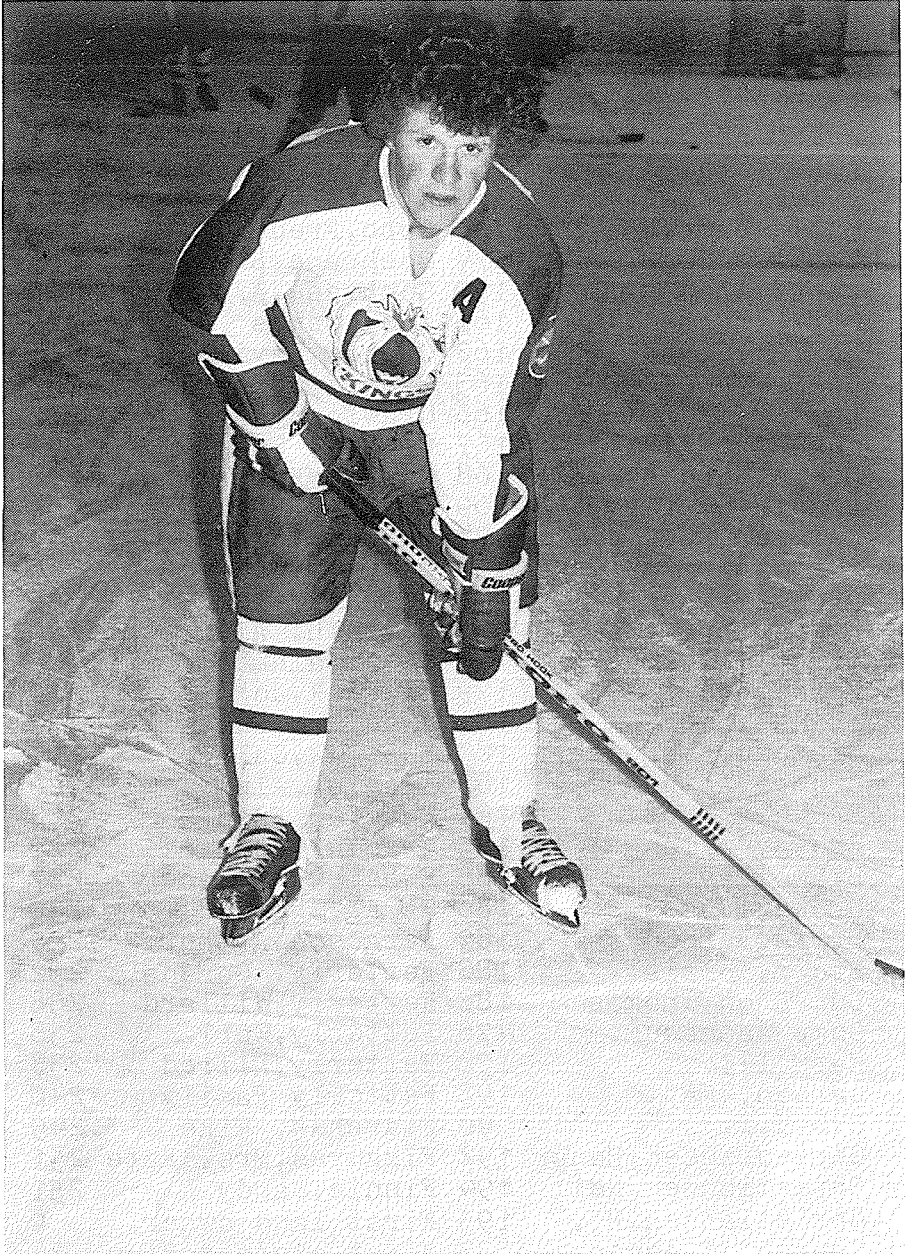
Jeff, Donna, Brian, Becky and Greg



George Mayor, Don and Leslie Oberg, Ken Griffiths



George Griffiths in the Dauphin Kings team



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