

Caragana Trees: Sunlight School yard was surrounded by them. One year, all the pupils pitched in and picked bushels of ripe pods for seed to sell to the Government Tree Nurseries. The proceeds went towards the Christmas concert.

Silent Movies: Shown in the basement of the Bruno Church on Sunday evenings for a few years were '20's vintage, but they were still great entertainment.

School Dances: These dances were a "no no" during seeding and harvesting, but other than that there was usually one every couple of weeks at some schoolhouse or other within seven or eight miles.

Barn Dances: These were the summer dance halls. People came from 15 miles around. They were swinging evenings with music from a large band of six or seven members, and a free lunch at midnight.

Sports Days: Usually softball tournaments, were common in the '30's. Both women's and men's teams gathered for an all-day play-off. These started right after seeding and carried on until the end of July.

Farm Boys Club: This was the forerunner of the 4-H Club. The main activity then was growing a plot of registered grain which would be inspected by a judge from the university. The main event was a visit to the Saskatoon Exhibition in July where cattle, chickens and grain were judged. We visited a flour mill and had our first swim in a pool.

Girl Friends and Sunday: Besides meeting the favourite girl friend at house parties, dances, ball games, meetings, school, Saturday in Bruno, or at church, Sunday afternoon was the time a boy made a visit to that somebody special. Dressed in his newest, he went courting on horseback, bicycle, shoe leather, skis, sleigh, caboose or car. He often stayed for supper and late into the night. Many such a friendship ended in a big wedding dance -- everybody welcome!

RONELLENFITCH, CONRAD AND MARY

Conrad Ronellenfitch was born on Jan. 25, 1883 at Balzfeld Badon, Germany. His parents and five children immigrated to Buckmann, Minnesota when Conrad was one year old. All of Conrad's education was taken in Buckmann, after which he became a bartender. In 1905 he came to Saskatchewan and worked for Father Meinrad at Leofeld for some time. During this time, he also worked on the railroad and helped to build the track from Totzke to Young.

In 1907 Conrad took up a homestead in St. Benedict, where the Catholic church south of town now stands. His



Conrad and Mary Ronellenfitch

land was cleared using oxen until horses became more common. Later on, he purchased two more quarters of land.

On Jan. 19, 1909 he married Mary Yungwirth who was born on Nov. 27, 1892 at Appleton, Wisconsin. Mary came to Saskatchewan with her parents in 1904 where they homesteaded three miles south of Cudworth. Until her marriage to Conrad, she worked as a housekeeper in Rosthern, Sask.

From their homestead, Conrad had to haul his grain 20 miles by horse to the elevators. In 1920, they sold out and bought a half section in the Thiel-Krentz district. The land they purchased was raw covered with plenty of bush and not a building in sight. For three years, they lived northeast of Leofeld until coming back to their new farm in 1923.

In 1941, Conrad sold his farm to Peter Trieschchuk which is now known as the Elmer Borstmayer farm. After selling the farm, they moved to Creston, B.C. and then retired to Calgary, Alta. Conrad passed away on May 24, 1951 and his wife, Mary on July 27, 1977. They are both buried in Calgary.

Conrad and Mary raised nine children: Conrad Jr., born on Mar. 20, 1910, now deceased; Johanna, born Apr. 1, 1911, married William Felix; Herman, born Dec. 3, 1912

(now deceased) married Blanche Koenig; Mary, born Sept. 4, 1914 (now deceased) married Joseph Peichel; Charles (known as Carl), born on Sept. 29, 1916 married Doris Baron; Cecilia, born Oct. 15, 1918, married to Joseph Wilson; Ellanore, born Dec. 14, 1920, married to Frank Revelle; Bernard, born Mar. 22, 1922 married Claire Becker; and Albert, born on Feb. 12, 1925, married Grace Cunningham.

ROTH, JOHN AND CHRISTINA

written by Catherine Krentz and Rosie Weiman

John and Christina (nee Streitenberger) Roth emigrated from Kaminka, Russia to Argentina, South America, where they farmed. They had five children born to them while in Argentina: Marie (Joe Roth), Magdalene (John Honish), Rosie (Joe Weiman), Pauline (Tony Honish), (Pauline died during the birth of her fifth child) and Catherine (Peter Krentz).

After a few years, John and Christina moved back to Russia. While in Russia, one son was born to them, Joe (Mary Herman). Joe passed away at Goodsoil, Sask. in December of 1980.

Our father came to Canada in 1913 and then sent money for his wife and children to come. His family came in 1914 and they settled in Winnipeg, Man. Dad worked at the slaughterhouse in Winnipeg for two and one-half years. John and his family then moved to Scott, Sask. While in Scott, Dad worked at the experimental farm for one and one-half years. In 1918, we moved to a farm eight miles north and one mile west of Bruno.



Roth family. L to R: Rosie, Christina holding Catherine, Mary, John, Pauline, Joe and Magdalene.

Dad sold the farm in 1928 and then took a homestead at Goodsoil, Sask. He resided there until his death in 1956 at the age of 89 years. Mom passed away in 1960, at the age of 94 years.



John and Christina Roth on the occasion of their 60th anniversary.

SALEWICH, ILKO

by Bernard Salewich

In 1907, Mr. and Mrs. Ilko Salewich came to Bruno from a little village of Pidvervets, district of Harasym, Western Ukraine. The newcomers spent their first year in Canada on the farm at Mrs. Salewich's brother's place, Mr. George Chomoway, who at that time was settled on a homestead six miles south of Bruno, two miles south of the present No. 5 Highway. They then purchased their own quarter section of land located in the southeast corner of 21-37-25.

Mr. and Mrs. Ilko Salewich were blessed with three children, Michael, Anne and Catherine.

Michael Salewich married Emma (nee Mykitiuk) in 1934. They had five children: Bernard, Elaine, Edward, Rita and Dennis. Bernard married Olgo (nee Kostyniuk) and they have two children. The family resides in Saskatoon. Elaine Tenning has two children and one grandchild. They all reside in Saskatoon, except for one daughter who lives in Calgary. Edward is living in Alber-



Ilko and Anastasia Salewich

ta. Rita and her husband, Albert Kolb, live in Melfort. Dennis married Viki (nee Servetnyk) and they have three boys and are presently living in Grande Prairie, Alta.

Anne Salwich married John Huber in 1932 and has six children: Irene, Helena, Joan, Lorraine, Marguerite and Linda. Mary Lou, their seventh child, passed away at the age of ten. John and Anne reside in Creston, B.C.

Catherine Salewich was married in 1941 to Charles Dennis and they reside in Oakville, Ont. They have four children: Connie, Cheryl, Neil and Bryce.

In 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Ilko Salewich moved from the farm into Bruno and purchased a house from a shoemaker, A. Jones. The house was located south of the C.N.R. tracks.

Both played an important role in the Greek Catholic community. Anastasia Salewich lost one limb in a farming accident just prior to moving into town. A few years later, in 1949, Ilko passed away. Their son, Michael, kept on farming until 1952 at which time the family moved to Saskatoon. Michael was employed at Intercontinental Packers until his death on May 3, 1964.

Anastasia was a very energetic, patient and enduring person; she lived by herself until her death on Mar. 8, 1968. She is ever remembered and loved.

Mrs. Emma Salewich is presently residing in Saskatoon.



Home of Ilko and Anastasia Salewich



L to R: George Chomoway, Ilko Salewich, Anne Salewich, Anastasia Salewich and Mrs. George Chomoway.



L to R: John Huber, Kay Dennis, Emma Salewich, Mike Salewich, Anastasia Salewich and Anne Huber



Michael and Emma Salewich, 1934



Bernie, Olga, Debbie and Theresa Salewich



Elaine (nee Salewich) Tenning and family



Albert and Rita (nee Salewich) Kolb



Dennis and Vicki Salewich and sons, Christopher and Curtis.

SAMOREY, JOSEPH

by Alfred Koob

Joe, as he was commonly known by all his friends, was born on Nov. 7, 1900 in Beiswalde, Germany (now East Germany). After being trained as a blacksmith in Germany, Joe, as most young immigrants came to Canada seeking a future.



Joe Samorey

In July of 1927, Joe arrived in Bruno and came to the Kildrum district to meet a German friend by the name of August Knoblauch who was employed on the Jacob Backes farm, now occupied by Tony Koob.

The Backes family notified my dad, Rudolph Koob, of Joe's eagerness to find employment. My dad was rather hesitant about hiring an untrained farm labourer, but my mother convinced him to give Joe a try for at least a month. So, on our way home from Bruno, we stopped at the Backes farm to pick up Joe and for the next ten years, Joe made his home with our family. Within these ten years, Joe did spend some time working on the James Welsh farm and also spent a short period of time in the Prince Albert district working on the railroad.

In the spring of 1937, Joe took up farming in the Viscount district. His farming career took up the next eight years of his life. In the fall of 1945 Joe sold his horses and farming equipment and moved to Humboldt. There he took a refresher course in blacksmithing until the spring of 1946. He then moved to Bruno and started a blacksmith business in a shop which he rented from Otto Scheidl. One winter, Joe and I were employed as blacksmith and blacksmith assistant, respectively at Clarkton, Ont. Joe also spent another winter employed as a blacksmith in another bush camp in Ontario.

Joe was well known by many of his friends for the liver sausage which he made and also the pig feet and sauerkraut dinners.

Joe is missed by the Rudolph Koob family at their yearly Christmas celebration as Joe was always a guest with us. I am sure he is also missed by the many friends Joe had, as his door was always open to them.

Joe suffered a severe stroke on Jan. 5, 1974 and passed away peacefully on Jan. 15, 1974. He was laid to rest in the Bruno Roman Catholic cemetery on Jan. 18, 1974.

SAND, PAUL AND LIZZIE

Paul Sand came to Canada from North Dakota in 1904. He took up a homestead ten miles northwest of Bruno; there he built a log house and batched until 1906 when he married Lizzie Linneman from Fulda.

Lizzie came to Canada in 1905 from Kentucky, with her parents and brothers and sisters. They settled on a homestead in Fulda. Paul and Lizzie raised 12 children. Their children attended Willing School which was three miles away. Three of their sons served in the last war -- Edwin, Joe and Arnold. Edwin went overseas and was there until the war ended.

Paul and Lizzie's first neighbours were Ben Dust, Henry Dust, John Paydli, John Lohman, Joe Doetzel and Bill Schegell. Later, most of the neighbours moved away and new ones came. They were Ted Doetzel, Andrew Nett, Martin Schriml, Jacob Schriml, Carl Eckl, Lizzie Mette and Mary Lang.



Sand family. L to R: Evelyn, Paul, Nicky, Angeline, Elizabeth, Roman and Pauline.



Paul's log house

In 1948, Paul and Lizzie moved to Osoyoos, B.C. Lizzie was so sick that she travelled to Rochester, Minnesota for an operation, but died there in May of 1949.

After Lizzie's death, Paul sold his house in British Columbia and came back to Bruno. He stayed at Frank Weiman's place as well as at his son, Theodore's home, which was the original farm.

Paul passed away in 1952. Paul and Lizzie are both buried in Willmont.

SAND, THEODORE AND MARY

Theodore Sand took over his father's farm in 1952 when his dad passed away. He married Mary Ilg in 1952. They raised a family of eight children, two boys and six girls. One baby boy died at birth. Their children all went to Bruno School.

Ted and Mary had bad luck in 1970, when their barn burned down; the fire truck came out but could not save the barn. They built another barn. Tragedy struck again when in 1975, they were in Bruno attending their two girls, Diana and Adeline's, graduation supper. Their barn burned down again, this time they lost all of their cows, calves and pigs. They built a third barn in the fall.

In 1974, their son, Alvin was killed in a car accident.

Their son, Jerry married Connie Exner in 1978. Jerry and Connie worked in Saskatoon for one year and in 1979 took over his dad's farm. In 1980, Jerry received the Heritage Award.

Theodore and Mary moved to Prince Albert in 1979, where they still presently reside.

SCHARF, FRANK

Frank Scharf was born in Austria in 1869. As a young man, he served three years in the German army under Kaiser Wilhelm II. He married Gisella Moises who was born in Budapest, Hungary. They were married in Budapest. Their daughter, Theresa was born there in 1900.

In 1902, Frank immigrated to the United States. He worked there for five years, practising his trade as a carpenter. Mrs. Scharf stayed in Budapest and worked in a shoe factory. She lived with her grandmother, who helped with the care of Theresa.

Frank came to Canada from the United States in 1907 and took a homestead one and one-half miles northwest of Bruno in 1909. Mrs. Scharf and her daughter, Theresa came to Canada in 1912. In 1915, another daughter, Agnes was born to them.

Mrs. Scharf was always very busy helping others while her husband farmed and also did carpenter work. He helped to build some of the elevators as well as some of the churches.

Mr. Scharf died in 1937 at the age of 68 and Mrs. Scharf died in 1951.

Theresa married Tony Oswald of Fort Erie, Ont. They had no children. After the death of her husband, Theresa retired to the Sunset Haven in Welland, Ont.

Agnes married Joe Lummerding in 1933. He farmed west of Bruno and also worked at the Bruno Clayworks for 20 years. Later they retired and lived in Bruno. They have two sons, Kenneth and Danny. Kenneth married Laurine Strome and lives in Humboldt. They have five children, Janice, Kevin, Gail, Donna and Tammy. Ken and Laurine also have one grandson, Robert.

Danny lives in Saskatoon. He married Donna Amerud. They have one son, Christopher.

Joe Lummerding passed away in 1979.

SCHEIDL, OTTO J.

I was born in Vienna, Austria on Oct. 8, 1902 and lived there for three years until my family moved to Berlin, Germany in 1905. We stayed in Berlin for two years. My father immigrated to Canada in September of 1907 and my mother, my brothers, Karl and Josef and I returned to Vienna in December of 1907.

My father arrived in Winnipeg from Berlin. He paid \$59.00 for his fare. He started work as a carpenter the same day he arrived and worked until freeze up. He and four others rented a room and they batched over the winter. In May of 1908, the C.P.R. hired men for their extra gang. They had to pay \$1.00 each to come out west; they did not even know their destination. The cars arrived in Lanigan and from there they walked to Humboldt where they got work on the C.N.R. extra gang. They worked until fall and then my father came to Bruno as this was a German settlement.

He filed for a homestead, N.E. 18-38-25 W2, and as he had not yet received his pay cheque from the C.N.R. he borrowed \$10.00 from Alex Pulvermacher. He walked back to Humboldt to the land office to file his claim. Over the winter he worked for Anton Koenig and received his room and board instead of wages. He also did some carpenter work. In the spring of 1909, he rented Anton Koenig's land and machinery for a half share to be received after harvest. His share was \$117.00.

With this money, he bought tickets for my mother, my brother, Josef and myself. As my brother, Karl wanted to come to Canada as well, he borrowed money from my sister for his fare. We arrived in Bruno on Sunday, Nov.



Scheidl family, 1975. Golden anniversary. L to R: Otto, Mary, Anton, Josephine, Leo, Angela, Edward and Bernard.

22, 1909. We bought some winter clothes at A. J. Schwinghamer's store and proceeded to walk out to the homestead.

On Apr. 1, 1910 I started school and on that same day, as my mother was writing a letter by the window, she looked out and saw a fire by the house. My mother and brother, Josef went out to kill the fire but could not stop it and it burned down the barn.

In 1913 I was hired out to herd 65 cattle for Peter Kramer Sr. for three months at \$11.00 per month. In those years, there was not too much to earn. At the age of 17, I was repairing Ford cars and overhauling tractors. In the fall of 1916, 1917 and 1918, I hauled bundles by threshing machine and became interested in steam engines. In 1919 we bought a 15-30 Rumley oil pull tractor and a 28x40 Rumley separator from Mr. Peter Meyer, so we had our own threshing machine. I still have the machine.

In 1929 I started a machine shop in Bruno and specialized in valve grinding and repairing machinery. I also carried a good line of hardware as well as fixing radios and electrical appliances. I also do saw sharpening, and general gas and electric welding, or in short, anything that comes along.

When the blacksmith died, I bought Frank Fisher's blacksmith shop and the machine shop from William Kellerman. I still service the Bruno district with hardware, gas, electric welding, saw, skates, scissors and knife sharpening, and all general service.

In 1928 I bought eight lots in Bruno from William Kellerman at a cost of \$20.00 a lot. In 1929 I bought a car shed and some old lumber from Math Manderscheid to build my first house. The house had two rooms and cost

\$109.00. In 1936 I built our present house, 24x26 ft. at a cost of \$1,300.00 and in 1983 I built an 8x16 ft. addition at the cost of \$3,000.00.

I was one of the first members of the Credit Union and served on the Credit Committee for about 25 years.

I married Mary Schulzke on Oct. 12, 1925. We have four sons, Anton (Calgary), Leo (Calgary), Bernard (Fort Saskatchewan) and Edward (Saskatoon), and two daughters, Josephine (Handwerk, Lillooer, B.C.) and Angela (Nimmo, Vancouver). Mary and I also have 17 grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Before going into business for myself, I held various jobs: farmed for ten years before 1928; worked for Alex Pulvermacher in 1920 in the butcher and slaughter shop; and in 1924, from November 1 to April, 1925 I worked for Joseph Felix in Peterson as a clerk for \$15.00 per month and board. During that winter, I overhauled two elevator engines and built a one tube radio on which I could get Chicago stations loud and clear.



Josef Scheidl Sr. homestead house, 1910

FRIEDLUND, ROSINA (Schick)

(Family of Joseph and Mary Schick)
by Rosina

I was born to Mary and Joseph Schick in Marshfield, Wisconsin in 1901. My mother and five of us girls came to Canada in the summer of 1906 as my father had come ahead of us early in the spring. We arrived in Humboldt and were met by my father and uncle, Henry Kaltoff. Our first home was a tent where we lived until our new log house was finished. Dad, Uncle Henry and his sons started building early in the spring. Mother did all the plastering on the two storey log building. It was a well-built home.

Our meat was rabbit in the winter, and duck in the summer. Mother walked two miles to Joe Ilg's to buy some eggs for setting under a wild duck. Mrs. Ilg gave her a cluck and enough eggs to set the hen and two wild



Joe Schick family. Back, L to R: Tillie, Joe, Mary, Veronica, Anthony. Front: Ozzie Loxterkamp, Rosina, Leo, Cecilia, Mary and Bernard.

ducks. That is how we got started in chickens. People were very kind to us.

Dad bought two oxen to work his land. They had to drive 12 miles to Bruno for groceries and other shopping. We seldom saw cake or pie or even sugar. Our school was open seven months of the year. We had one dress for Sunday, one for school and one for around the house.

Dad dug a hole and lined it with a 3x3 ft. box and that is where we got our drinking water. Prairie fire caught Mother twice when my dad was not at home. Once, she fought to save the tent and wood for winter. She saved the tent, but not the wood. Later, she fought to save four



Mother Mary Schick and her spinning wheel

grain stacks. Each stack had eight loads of bundles to thresh. She saved the grain, too.

In 1910, two of my sisters died at ages three and five, two weeks apart, of scarlet fever. Our sisters were buried in homemade coffins which our kind neighbour, Mr. Ludwig, made and gave to my parents. There just simply was no money. I was in bed with scarlet fever and dropsy for two weeks and did not realize that my sisters had died. In 1914, my oldest sister died of a ruptured appendix, she was 16 years old. In those days, a case of ruptured appendix was always fatal. My brother was born the same day that she died. There were no funeral homes then and when they brought my dead sister home from the hospital, the coffin was in the bedroom and my mother and baby were in a bed in the kitchen and dining room. We had a curtain separating the bedroom from the other rooms. What hardships! Mr. Rauw paid for the coffin.



Mary and her lye soap

Mr. Rauw raised sheep and his wife gave my mother wool. Mother spun the wool and then they shared the wool half and half. This homespun wool made warm mitts and stockings for us. It didn't take too long until my dad also had sheep.

We girls trapped muskrats and weasels, and in the summertime, we dug seneca roots for spending money and to buy some of our clothes.

I made my living by housekeeping all my life. I now live in Saskatoon in my own home. I still look after a garden in the summertime.

DUERR, MARIE (Schick)

by Marie

I was born in 1903 to Joseph and Mary Schick of Marshfield, Wisconsin. My family moved to Saskatch-

ewan and homesteaded in the Willmont district where I received my schooling at St. John's School.

Our first church served the community both as a church and a school. On school days there was a large curtain separating the altar from the school room. We also used the same benches for school, as one bench seated four pupils. There was a large 1x12 inch board attached to the top bench by hinges and when it was in use, this top was propped up on each end, otherwise it would slant down and hide and protect our school books and slates. Every pupil owned a slate as they were cheaper than paper.

In 1916 a new church was built. Then we had the old church entirely for our school. Later on, all Catholic schools were made into public schools. That is when a new school was built one mile north of Willmont; it was called Stearns.

The first eight of our family were all girls, so we did a lot of farm work. We hauled all the bundles, sometimes as many as eight or ten stacks. As soon as a rainy day came along and the field stooks were too wet to thresh, the machine would come and thresh our stacks that were dry.

My mother suffered a stroke and spent seven months in bed. I was home on Christmas holidays when she died. As there were no funeral homes, I prepared and dressed my mother for the coffin. She died in 1939.

At the age of 21, I left home and had a job as a pastry cook in a bakery. Another job I had was housekeeper and cook for Father O'Leary at St. Paul's Parish in Saskatoon.

I married John Duerr on Feb. 25, 1930. We operated a store in Leofnard for some time, then moved to Saskatoon. We did not have any children. John died at the age of 76 in 1944 and then I worked at Intercontinental Packers for 25 years and retired at the age of 65 in 1968. I presently live in my own home in Saskatoon.

PITZEL, MATILDA (Tillie) (Schick)

by Tillie

My parents, Joseph and Mary (Teube) Schick came from Marshfield, Wisconsin to Fulda in 1906. Joseph was born about 1870 and died in December of 1952. Mary was born about 1876 and died on Dec. 26, 1939. When they came to Canada they had five daughters, the oldest eight years old. They brought no machinery, no cattle or horses. They had \$700.00 in cash. They had 12 children born to them; Theresa, the oldest, died at the age of 16; Veronica married Ed Helmink; Rosina married Axel Friedlund; Mary married John Duerr; Gertrude died at age four; Regina died at age three; Matilda married Michael Pitzel; Leo married Helen Vittitio; Cecilia mar-

ried Joseph Alberding; Anthony married Marie Wehage; Ambrose died at eight months and Bernard married Caroline Wehage.

My father had two sisters living in the Fulda district, Mrs. Henry Kalthoff (nee Mary Schick) and Mrs. Joseph Roettger (nee Lena Schick). Lena Loxterkamp, daughter of Henry Kalthoff, died after an appendix operation. Her appendix had ruptured and in those days, a case like that was always fatal. They had four boys, the baby, Ozzie was only two weeks old and my parents cared for him as one of their own for 14 years.

Our first priest was Father Ildephonse, followed by Father Lorenz Steinkogler. At first, we had mass only once a month and then later on, every two weeks. Sunday is the Lord's day, so on Sundays when there was no mass, people would go to church and say the rosary and other prayers. I think now we would call this a prayer meeting. No one would do field work or any other unnecessary work on Sundays. Our first church also served as a school and was never locked. It was never vandalized nor were any of our school supplies tampered with.

I was born on Nov. 3, 1908 and married Michael J. Pitzel in June of 1929. He was born on Dec. 17, 1890 in New Munich, Minnesota. He and his parents came to Canada in 1908. Michael was a school teacher and first taught at St. Bruno School in 1911, then St. Matthew, Fulda, Berton Lake School in Humboldt, St. John School, Willmont, Keller School, Carmel and then Pleasant Grove in 1929. We attended church in Bruno then. They had a beautiful male quartet choir of which Mike was a member. He was also a member of the Bruno band. Mike and his pupils always had entertaining Christmas plays. The school room would be just packed that night.

The first year at Pleasant Grove, Mike's salary was \$1,200.00 per year which was considered quite good then. When we came to the mid 1930's the depression hit the teacher's salaries and in 1935, salaries dropped to



Mike Pitzel family. Back, L to R: Gerry, Joe, Greg, Bob, M.J., Michael, Bert, Al, Claude. Front: Marjorie, Charlotte, Rose, Valerie, Mary, Tillie Sr., Madeleine, Tillie, Colette and Lucille.

\$600.00 per year. By that time, the teacherage at Pleasant Grove School became too small for us. In 1936, we had a house built on Mike's homestead in the Pilger district and we moved there. He taught Lucien Lake School for seven years while our children attended Colorado School in town. He then taught Canvassback School for two years where nine of our children attended the last year.

From there we moved to Merle, Sask. where we kept the post office. Mike remained teaching for another four years and then we retired. His first pension cheque was \$75.00 per month in 1959. At Merle, we again settled down on a farm where the sons tried to farm after school. It didn't work out.

We had a family of nine daughters and eight sons.

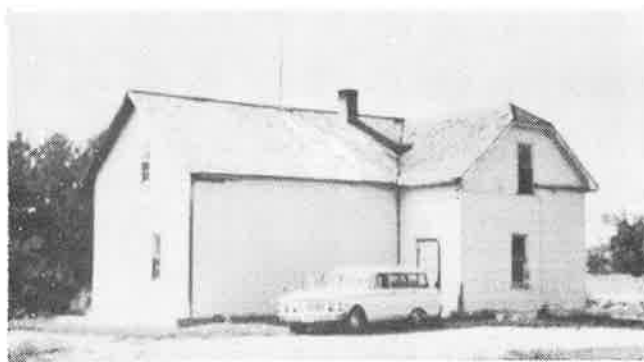
Mary Pitzel was born at Bruno on Mar. 28, 1930. She married Fred Frey. They have three sons, Colin, Kevin and Christopher. They farm at Kronau, Sask.

Gerald Pitzel was born at Bruno on Apr. 13, 1931 and married Lois Luyben from Rose Valley. They have four children, Vern, Barry, Jerrilee and Alan. Gerry works for the Federal Department of Indian and Northern Affairs and Lois is employed by the Saskatchewan Archives in Regina.

Claude Pitzel was born at Bruno on May 25, 1932. He married Elaine Pernitzki from Lebret. Claude is an instructor at the Saskatchewan Technical Institute while Elaine teaches school. They live in Regina. Claude and Elaine have four children, Karen, Luanne, Lyle and Neil. Karen married Murray Walton and they have one daughter, Stephanie, who is three years old.

Joe Pitzel was born on Nov. 18, 1933 and married Simone Trudeau from Ottawa. Joe retired from the Canadian Forces in 1982 and is now working as a civilian in Halifax. Simone works as a test administrator for the federal government. They have three children, Michelle, Colette and Bradley.

Lucille Pitzel was born on Dec. 27, 1934 at Bruno and married Ralph Bradatsch. They have one son, Ralph Jr. Lucille is the accountant for the Saskatchewan Legislative Assembly Office and lives in Regina.



The Mike Pitzel residence near Merle, Sask.

Al Pitzel was born on Feb. 3, 1936 at Bruno and married Julia Cummings. Al works for Bomac Construction and Julia is studying to be a teacher. They have four children, Ross, Sandra, Michael and Lisa. They make their home in Prince Albert.

Rose Pitzel was born on July 2, 1937 at Pilger and married Richard Neumann from Regina. Rose was a laboratory technician before marriage and Richard is a chartered accountant working for the provincial government. Rose and Richard have five children, Robert, Monica, Elizabeth, Kathy and Ricki. They live in Regina.

Robert Pitzel was born Sept. 25, 1938 at Pilger and married Sharon Morrow of Regina. Bob is a lawyer in Whitehorse and his wife, Sharon, is his secretary. They have four children, Carla, Paul, Robert and Trish.

Matilda (Tillie) was born on Mar. 16, 1940 at Pilger and married Alex Osachoff of Kuroki. Tillie taught school for several years and is now the office manager in the Sexual Assault Center in Saskatoon. Alex is self-employed as a consulting engineer. They have two children, Alexander and Tammy.

Madeleine Pitzel was born on July 22, 1941 and married Dennis Ell of Regina. Madeleine works for an accounting firm in Quesnell, B.C. They had four sons, Duncan, Dean, Carey and Quinn. Duncan was killed in a truck accident at the age of 19 on Dec. 19, 1982.

Colette Pitzel was born on Sept. 14, 1942 at Pilger and married Myron Holder from Barbados. They have two sons, Scott and Brandon. Colette and Myron both teach in Coquitlam, B.C. where they live.

Lambert (Bert) Pitzel was born on Feb. 14, 1944 at Pilger and married Leona Zerff from Carmel. They have three daughters, Deana, Tanis and Mandy. Stephanie died at birth. Bert teaches in Weyburn and Leona is a hairdresser.

Michael Pitzel was born on May 8, 1945 at Pilger and married Gloria Cooper from Melfort. They have two children, Bobbie Jean and a son, Jason. Mike and Gloria both teach in Moose Jaw.

Charlotte Pitzel, born Sept. 28, 1946 at Pilger, married John Campbell from Nova Scotia. They have two children, Alexander and Jill. Charlotte had been a stenographer and John works on a drilling rig in the Arctic during the summer months. They live in Cape North, Nova Scotia.

Valerie Pitzel, born Feb. 19, 1948 at Merle, married Dave Morrell from Regina. They have two children, Ryan and Derek. Dave is a salesman for Hauser Chev Olds and Valerie is an analyst with the Saskatchewan Power Corporation. They live in Regina.

S. Marjorie Pitzel, born Oct. 6, 1949 at Merle, married Garry Goodenough from Craik. They have two children, Benjamin and Rebecca. Marjorie is a legal stenographer and Garry was a salesman for G.W.G. for several years

and is now studying computer science. They live in Calgary.

W. Gregory Pitzel, born Nov. 17, 1950 at Merle, married Peggy Lee from Regina. They have two children, Greg Jr. and Joe. Greg works as a heavy duty equipment mechanic in a coal mine in Logan Lake, B.C.

Bringing up our family was hard, especially during the 1930's and '40's. There were hardships, disappointments and illnesses. I am sure if it had not been for our deep faith in God that our burden often would have been too hard to bear. But I will say that our blessings outweighed our hardships. One child needed special medical attention in Regina to correct a cleft palate and a heart defect. When she was a little child of three years, she left home to be in the care of hospital staff. She had two operations and months of speech therapy. At the age of five, she had corrective heart surgery. Then, in her early teens, she wore a body cast to correct a back problem. Since then, she has lived a normal life.

The Merle post office closed in 1966 and we sold the farm and moved to Regina. Mike died on Sept. 30, 1976. I have lived in Embury Heights Senior Citizen Apartment since June of 1980.

SCHICK, LEO

written by his daughter, Carol Dauvin

Leo was born to Joseph and Mary Schick on Sept. 1, 1910. They homesteaded in the Bruno-Fulda district after coming from Marshfield, Wisconsin in 1906. Twelve children were born to them, one of them being my father. When Dad's parents died, he stayed on the farm where he married my mother, Helen Vittitoe. They raised five children, Carol (myself), Theresa, Anna, Ronnie and Dorothy.

Times were hard then and hungry days were not uncommon. But there were always good days in between. My father's sister, Marie Duerr, was like a second mother to us. Her tireless hands and her strong faith in God brought joy to our lives time and time again. Our father and mother had a much harder life than we children ever had. We owe so much to these people who put God and family above all else.

My father passed away on Oct. 26, 1982. We miss him dearly and as his grandchildren grow, we will pass on stories told by him, and though that farm is a thing of the past for us, the memories go on forever.

SCHICK, ANTHONY

Anthony was born on July 6, 1914 to Joseph and Mary Schick of Willmont. Tony received his schooling at St.

John's School in that same district. In 1941, he enlisted in the army and served as a cook during the war years.

In February of 1942, Tony married Marie Wehage of the Pilger district. They had three children, Richard, Gladys and Louise.

After the war, Tony farmed in the Pilger district until he sold the farm in 1958 and bought a butcher shop which he stayed with until 1964. In 1964, he sold the shop and moved to Saskatoon where he was employed as a butcher until his death in January of 1971.

Marie managed the lunch counters at Woolworth's for a number of years and is presently employed at the Army and Navy store in Saskatoon.

Richard, the eldest child, married Annette Washkosky from Muenster. They have three children, Grant, Denita and Monte. They live in Martinsville, Sask.

Gladys married Lenard Kaiser of Middle Lake. They have one child, Cleva. They make their home in Prince Albert.

Louise married Wilfred Markwart of Rosthern. They have two children, Terry and Shannon. They reside in Saskatoon.

SCHICK, BERNARD

by Rosemarie Jautz

Ben Schick was born at Willmont on Oct. 24, 1918, the youngest of 12 children born to Joseph and Mary Schick. Joseph was born on Jan. 5, 1870 in Westphalia, Germany. Mary Teuber was born on Dec. 13, 1874. Joseph and Mary were married on July 6, 1897 at St. Martin, Stearns County, Minnesota. Mary passed away on Dec. 27, 1939 at Willmont and Joseph died on Dec. 27, 1939 at Humboldt. Ben was raised on the family farm at Willmont and attended school there as well.

On Nov. 28, 1941, Ben married Caroline Wehage who was born on Feb. 5, 1925 at Fulda, the daughter of Joseph Wehage and Rose Bittman. They were married in Prince Albert. Ben and Carol lived at Port Henry, B.C. where Ben worked at a sawmill and then farmed for nine years on a small farm in the Willmont district. Three children were born while they lived at Willmont: George on June 9, 1942 at Humboldt and died on Dec. 22, 1943 of bronchial pneumonia; Rosemarie, born in Bruno on Dec. 12, 1943 and attended grade 1 at Keller School and received the rest of her education in Humboldt; and Dianne, born on Sept. 15, 1950 at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Humboldt.

After a run of bad luck with weather, the family moved to Humboldt in the fall of 1951. They worked for the Mike Pitzel family west of Humboldt for a short time after which Ben worked for a year and a half delivering coal and drinking water to Humboldt homes. He then became a clerk at Macleod's Hardware where he worked until

1965. He then worked at Scharf's Funeral Home until his unfortunate death on Feb. 15, 1966.

Caroline is remarried to Bob Morphy of the Burr district. Bob is the caretaker of the Humboldt Uniplex and Carol is his helper.

Rosemarie is married to Joseph Jautz of the Burr district. They have one son, Larry. Rosemarie and Bob own and operate Jautz Enterprises, Grocery and Confectionery in Humboldt.

Dianne is married to Dale Westvelt of the Lintlaw district. They have three children, Jason, Melissa and Kimberley. Dale is the manager of the Sask. Wheat Pool Farm Service Center in Humboldt.

SCHLOSSER, ANTON AND MARIE

by Marie (nee Krentz)

I was born in the Bruno district in 1908 and lived there until I married Anton Schlosser in October of 1925. Anton and I first lived in the Bremen area and farmed there for 26 years. We then moved to the town of Bruno in 1951 and Anton worked at Schlosser's Garage for 25 years. Anton also helped out on the farm when he was needed.

We celebrated our 25th anniversary in 1950 and our golden wedding anniversary in 1975. We have three children.

Lorna married Joe Renneberg and lives in Cudworth. They have one daughter, Beverly. Bev married Don Buckle and is farming in the Bruno district. They have four children, Robert, Bonnie, Cory and Dawn. Robert is married to Patty Borstmeyer and they have one daughter, Brandy.

Kenneth married Marie Young in 1951. They live in Cudworth and still farm in the Bremen area. They have one daughter, Debbie. Debbie is married to Roland Phoenix. They have three sons, Jody, Jan and Brian.



Anton and Marie Schlosser, 25th wedding anniversary, 1950.

Eugene married Mona Haselback in 1961 and is farming on the homeplace in the Bremen area. They have four children, Glenda, Grant, Shelly and Trevor.



L to R: Eugene and Mona Schlosser, Anton and Marie Schlosser, Joe and Lorna Renneberg, and Kenneth and Marie Schlosser.



The Tony Schlosser family, 1981



Five generations. Back, L to R: Marie Schlosser, Lorna Renneberg, Beverley Buckle. Seated: Robert Buckle and his daughter, Brandy.

SCHLOSSER, WILLIAM AND MARGARET

William Schlosser was born in 1900, on September 28 in Springfield, Illinois, U.S.A. He came to Canada with his parents, Joseph and Margaretha Schlosser when he was three years old. They homesteaded on a quarter section of land in the Leofeld district.

William married Margaret Schriml on Aug. 3, 1926 and they homesteaded in the Bremen-Leofeld district. Margaret was born on June 14, 1906 in the United States.

William and Margaret raised seven children: Andrew (married Anne Noll, 1953), Wilfred (married Ruth Baker, now deceased and remarried Irene Pilon in 1982), Alphonse (married Margaret Merkosky, 1957), Phyllis, Murray (married Lorraine Eckl, 1960), Dennis (married Evelyn Hoge, 1965), and Reginald (married Eleanor Stanjek, 1967).

William passed away in 1953. Margaret moved into Bruno in 1975 and is now residing in the Cudworth Nursing Home.



William and Margaret Schlosser

SCHLOSSER, MURRAY AND LORRAINE

Murray was raised in the Bremen area and was the son of William and Margaret Schlosser. Murray attended school at St. Boniface.

Murray married Lorraine Eckl, daughter of Joseph Eckl and Agnes (nee Theissing) in 1960. They are farming on Murray's uncle Joseph Schlosser's homestead. Murray does carpenter work in his spare time.

Murray and Lorraine have three sons. Earl took his education in Bruno, both elementary and high school. When he completed his grade 12, he took a Wheat Pool agent's course as well as a computer course. He is an



Murray and Lorraine Schlosser and family, 1972



Schlosser family, 1981. L to R: Murray, Earl, Darren, Darcy and Lorraine.

assistant agent at the Sask. Wheat Pool at Baldwinton, Sask. Earl married Monique Fiolleau in June of 1982. Monique is a nurse at Neilburg, Sask.

Darcy also took his education in Bruno. He also took the elevator agent's course and is presently working for the Sask. Wheat Pool at Siemens, Sask.

Darren also completed his education in Bruno and is presently working in Saskatoon.



Earl and Monique Schlosser

SCHLOSSER, MARGARET (Schwark)

I was born in Rib Lake, Wisconsin in 1899. I came to Canada with my parents and four brothers and one sister in 1903. My dad filed a homestead, about two miles northwest of Bruno. At that time, there was no town of Bruno or a railway. The nearest town was Rosthern, and that is where we did our shopping. Our nearest neighbour was Peter Hoffman and family, two miles away.

In 1909, in the fall, a school opened and they named it Hoffman School and our first teacher was Joseph Strause. I was ten years old on my first day of school. I could only speak German. The school closed up just before Christmas for the winter and in the spring we got a new teacher, James Gaynor. I quit school in 1912 and stayed at home to help with the work. I also helped the neighbours whenever they needed it.

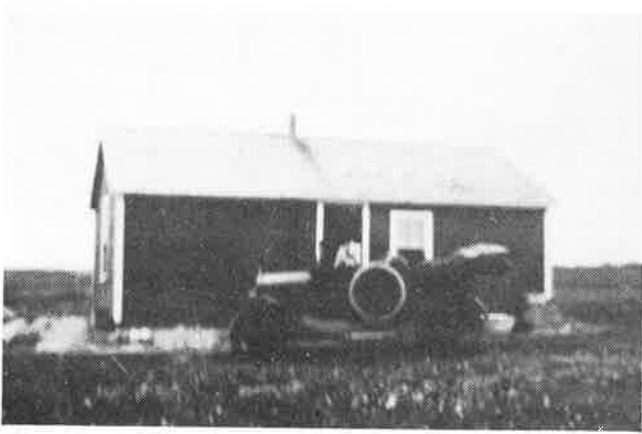


Joe Schlosser family. Back, L to R: Rita, Ella, Benjamin. Center: J.B., Clifford, Herbert, Edmund. Front: Angela, Joe and Margaret Schlosser, Ray.

On Nov. 12, 1918 I married Joseph Schlosser in St. Bruno Church. We lived six miles north of Bruno in a two-room shack for the first couple of years and then Joe built a little kitchen on to the house. The house was very cold during the winter, having only a single floor. Our heat was an air-tight heater and the kitchen stove. You had to melt snow for water and a coal oil lamp was used for lighting purposes. We had no radio, but we were happy.

On July 1, 1920 our first baby was born -- a boy! He was born at home and we named him Joseph. Dr. Saucier delivered him. We farmed two quarters of land and we worked the land with horses and a gangplow, disc and harrow. It was all hard work. When it was hay time, I took my three boys and girl along and helped to stack the hay that was used to feed the horses and cattle during the winter. My husband could not milk, so I did the milking, as many as six cows. We shipped cream to the creamery and only got \$2.00 for a can of cream. We had chickens and sold the eggs for 10-12 cents a dozen. We also had pigs.

In the fall of 1924, our barn burned down. The casualties were four horses and some hay. Every fall when threshing time came, Joe went to work at the threshing machine to make some money so that we could live during the winter. There were no baby bonuses then! In



First home of Joe Schlosser.

winter, we went to church and to town with one horse on a cutter or with a sled and two horses. We were kept busy with the chores and visits with the neighbours. We also helped each other out.

In 1926, we sold the farm and moved into Bruno. Late in the fall of 1927 or 1928, Joe went into partnership with Henry Tegenkamp in the garage and Ford car business. In 1937, our last baby girl was born. We had a family of nine children, six sons and three daughters. All were born at home. They are Joseph B., Ray, Herbert, Marguerite, Angela, Cliff, Edmund, Benjamin and Ella. They all had their schooling in Bruno. Herb, Cliff, Benjamin and Ella all live in Humboldt, Ray in Bruno, Marguerite in Edmonton, Angela in Peterboro, Ont. and Joseph B. was at Fort St. John, B.C. until his death in September of 1978. I now have 35 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren. My husband, Joe, passed away in 1960.

I remarried in 1965 to Otto Schwark of Bruno.

SCHLOSSER, RAY

I was born on Feb. 22, 1922 on a farm home seven miles north of Bruno (N.E. 8-39-25 W2 in the R.M. of Bayne), the second child of Joseph and Margaret Schlosser. At the age of four, I moved with my parents and family to the village of Bruno. Our first home was the Gasmu residence (631 Kirby St.) where I spent most of my boyhood days.

During the summer, after school or whenever enough neighbourhood boys got together we played ball on the grounds west of the Lutheran Church. At that time, the lots were empty but now are filled with homes.

I attended the two storey brick school just east of the Catholic Rectory from grade 1 through grade 12. My first teacher (grade 1) was Sister Dolores and other teachers were Sister Rita, Sister Benedicta, Sister Perpetua, Miss LaBrash, Principal Costello and Giesinger.

The rink was the center of attraction during the winter. When I was about eight years old, I got a pair of skates for Christmas. They were two or three sizes too big but we grew into them as we could not afford to have a new pair each year. I spent almost all my spare time at the rink for the next ten years. I played hockey with the local team. Those first years, the Eaton's catalogue was used for shin pads and throw away sticks from the senior team were repaired and used at practices. I played with the Pee Wee team one year longer than was allowable because of my size. I played with the seniors and we usually travelled by caboose to Carmel and Peterson, and by train to Prud'homme, Cudworth and Humboldt.

I graduated from grade 12 in 1941. I had started that grade at St. Peter's College, but at Christmas break did not return, so I completed in Bruno.

In March of 1942, I left home to work in British Columbia, getting a job with McMillan Lumber Co. in Port Alberni. The work was heavy and I got homesick, so in May of 1942 I went back home. In June of 1942, I got a job as a timekeeper on highway construction of the No. 2 from Meacham to Junction 27. Roadbuilding was done by horses pulling scrapers, dump wagons, plows by farmers adjacent to the highway. In late August, work shut down so farmers could do their harvesting. It was then that I received my military call to report for training in Regina. I decided to join the army and enlisted active service on Sept. 9, 1942. For the next three and one-half years, I was in the armed forces until my discharge on Dec. 13, 1945.

On Mar. 4, 1946 I married Vaughn Dillabough. Vaughn came to Bruno from Coleville to work as a telephone operator at the Bruno telephone office in 1945. Our marriage lasted 25 ½ years during which time we had five children, four boys and one girl. They are, from oldest to youngest, Daniel, Kathryn, Rodney, Terrance and Larry. All of the children attended and graduated from grade 12 in Bruno. Presently they are: Daniel married Sandra (Pitzel of Humboldt). They have two children. Dan and Sandra live in Toronto where Dan is employed by the Bay as a central buyer.

Kathy married Paul Hartlaub. They have three boys. Kathy and Paul live in Humboldt where Paul is self-employed -- Humboldt Insulators Ltd.

Rodney, after graduating from the University of Saskatchewan with a Bachelor of Science degree, is employed by the Department of Northern Services in LaRonge, Sask. He is single.

Terry married Cindy Weiman (Bruno). They have two children, a girl and a boy. Terry and Cindy make their home in Bruno where Terry works at Schlosser's Garage with his dad.

Larry is attending Kelsey Institute for his second year of recreation technology. He is not married.

After my discharge from the army in 1945, I worked with my brothers in the family garage business that my father ran.

On Sept. 1, 1950 I became the postmaster in Bruno (a starting salary of \$2,280.00 per annum). I held that position until September of 1966, when I took over the business of Schlosser's Garage from my brothers; a business that I am still operating today.

My community involvement during the years included: trustee of the Bruno School Board (holding the position of secretary for 20 years and the position of chairman for a few more), charter member of the Bruno Lions Club (held the positions of treasurer, director and president), charter member of the Knights of Columbus (I served as the Charter Grand Knight), secretary-treasurer of the Bruno curling club for a few years, served one three-year term on Town Council, six years on the Bruno Housing Authority Board, a position on the executive of the Bruno Five Pin Bowling Ass'n., and a member of the golf club (a club that I helped to organize and become operational). I still am a member of the Bruno Lions Club as well as the Knights of Columbus.

I hope to retire shortly and enjoy the relaxation available in the community that I was born and raised in.

SCHLOSSER, CLIFF AND MARY

submitted by Mary Schlosser

Clifford, son of Joseph Schlosser and Margaret Lummerding, was born in Bruno on Mar. 19, 1930. He received his education in Bruno and worked for his father in the family business, J. Schlosser and Sons. In 1955, Cliff, in association with his brothers Herbert and Edmund, purchased the business from their father.

On July 20, 1955, Cliff married Mary Weiman. Mary was born on a farm north of Bruno on Nov. 5, 1934, the daughter of Andrew Weiman and Josephine Roettger. After the death of her father, when she was quite young, her family moved into the village of Bruno where she attended the Bruno public school and St. Ursula's Academy. In 1955 she graduated from Teacher's College in Saskatoon and taught at Ironside School for almost a year. Mary worked in the Bruno drug store during her high school years and again from 1956 to 1962.

In 1960, the Schlosser Bros. purchased Humboldt Motors Ltd. in Humboldt, the Ford dealership from Len Kommes. A further expansion occurred with the purchase of Loyal Motors, the Mercury dealership from Alf Butterley, in March of 1964. This expansion necessitated Cliff, Mary and family to move to Humboldt in the fall of 1964.



L to R: Mary, Gary, Lori and Cliff Schlosser

Mary has been teaching special education at St. Dominic's School since 1969. She furthered her education by attending night classes and summer school sessions at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, and convoked in 1982 with a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan.

Cliff and Mary have two children, Gary and Lori, both born in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt.

Gary, born on Apr. 28, 1956, attended school in Bruno and graduated from Humboldt Collegiate in 1974. After being out of school for a year, he enrolled in a two year business administration program and graduated from Moose Jaw Technical Institute. For the past eight years, he has been employed with Nelson Lumber in Lloydminster, Alta. On July 2, 1983 Gary married Diana Wright of Humboldt; they live in Lloydminster where they are both employed.

Lori, born on Sept. 5, 1962 attended school in Humboldt, and graduated from Humboldt Collegiate Institute in 1980. She is working in Humboldt and lives at home with her parents.

SCHMEISER FAMILY

compiled by Charles A. Schmeiser

My father, Karl Schmeiser, was born in Triebitz, German Bohemia, Austria on Feb. 24, 1859. My mother, Anna Muller, was born in the same town on May 16, 1861. They were married on June 17, 1884. Two children, Mathilda and Rudolph, were born on May 1, 1885 and Jan. 11, 1891.

In May of 1892, my father immigrated to St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota. He worked at the college until 1896, receiving the magnificent salary of \$5.00 per

month. A close friendship developed with Father Bruno Dorfler who later became the first Abbot of St. Peter's, Muenster.

My mother followed him on Mar. 12, 1893. Finding living conditions filled with hardship and loneliness, she returned with the children to her parents in Austria. Influenced by them, that wife and children belong with their husband and father, and with financial assistance from them, she bought 40 acres with a comfortable house, adjacent to Albany, Minnesota for \$750.00.

In 1896, my mother packed her trunks again and for the third time she crossed the Atlantic. However, this time disaster befell them. The ship encountered a severe storm and was blown off course. It took weeks to reach New York. Conditions aboard the ship became dreadful with shortages of water and food that became rancid. A number of passengers in steerage became ill and died. It was a miracle that her two small children survived.

They found happiness in their new home, meeting friends, some of whom came from the same part of their homeland, and new friends such as A. J. Schwinghamer and family. Mr. Schwinghamer was a photographer in Albany. They, and a number of others, settled in Bruno later.

March 27, 1900, Carly (yours truly) arrived on the scene and was baptized in the beautiful church of Seven Dolors. This summer (1983), I had the privilege to once again pass through the portals of this grandiose edifice.

Years passed; in 1904 rumors were prevalent that there was an opportunity to acquire free land in western Canada -- land ideal for agriculture and where "Milk and Honey" flowed. My father became interested with the encouragement of his friend, Father Bruno, and a brochure in German being circulated at the time.

Influenced by these exaggerated reports, many people left the security and amenities of their homes to endure the hardships of an unknown wilderness, to a land of no return. In the late summer of 1904, my father decided to see what the prospects were really like. He did not find the grandiose conditions he had been led to believe. However, the thought of 160 acres free land and the encouragement of his friends, he filed on the S.W. 6-39-23 W2, about 14 miles northeast of Bruno.

My mother was shocked when he returned and told her what his intentions were, especially when he related some of the stories of the "Wild and Wooly West". Such a story was the one where 24 Doukhobor women were pulling a plow to break the sod for new gardens. At another time, a number of them were hitched to a wagon coming to a town. Finally, he persuaded her to once again leave her home and friends. Preparations began! I remember the tears in my mother's eyes when her home was sold and she had to leave everything that was near and dear to her. The \$1,950.00 received was very little compensation then, but later she found that it made our

existence bearable. My sister was heartbroken to leave her sweetheart. My brother, Rudy was sad to part with his school friends; in fact, it was the end of his schooling. Personally, I was not too concerned as long as I could take Tootsie, my little Dachshund along.

Swiftly the days passed; time to leave had arrived. Our belongings were loaded into a special settler's box car with two sections, one for our livestock consisting of three horses, one cow, some chickens and feed, and the other was for furniture, personal belongings, a few implements which proved useless, and a cot for my father. I may say that he was more comfortable with the animals than we were in the coach attached to the rear of the freight train. The coach was hot and smelly and equipped with wooden benches; the toilet left much to be desired. At stops, my father would bring us fresh milk and eggs which we heated and fried on a make-shift stove.



May, 1905, as we left Albany. L to R: Rudy, Father, Carly, Mother and Tillie.

It was the last part of May when the wheels began to turn and the sight of "home, sweet home" faded into the distance, and new adventures and experiences awaited us. We were surprised when a few days later, as we passed through Winnipeg, there was frost on the windows.

It was on the memorable day of June 5, 1905 that we arrived at our destination: Humboldt, North West Territories. Our car was shunted on a side track with clouds of mosquitoes to welcome us. After the long and rough trip where food and rest had been mediocre, we were hungry and very tired. Searching among the roughly constructed buildings, we found one where the people were willing to accommodate us with food and shelter for the night. The food was nourishing and for 25 cents, we couldn't be too fastidious. Sleeping accommodation for 50 cents left much to be desired; the blanket-covered rough floor was extremely hard by morning. The tarpapered walls kept the mosquitoes away, but those pesky little crawling insects made our skin look like the hills near Carmel.



1908, Fulda School and church, Father Ildephons, Pastor and John Malnzer, teacher. Charles Schmeiser is the sixth boy in the second row from the front.

The following morning, we loaded our belongings, and with the help of a dray team, we started on our winding trail of 16 miles to find our homestead. Fortunately, we had hired this man who was acquainted in the area, otherwise, we would have become hopelessly lost.

Space does not permit me to go fully into details of the privations and hardships of those early pioneer days. Here we were with our worldly possessions dumped on an open space. By now, it was getting late in the evening without shelter of any kind. While the others proceeded to erect a protection with poles and blankets, I had a great time chasing gophers with Tootsie. We were delighted to see a doe with her fawns watching us trustingly from the edge of a nearby bluff. Our first meal consisted of wild ducks which my father shot. These, together with prairie chickens and rabbits, were our source of meat for many a day. We were fortunate to have milk and eggs, and occasionally some butter by shaking cream in a syrup pail.

As shadows gathered, feather beds were unpacked. Looking forward to a well-earned rest, little did we dream what was in store for us. Hardly had we retired when the most blood-curdling sound filled the air, sending chills up and down our spine, as we wondered what ferocious beasts were lurking in the dark to devour us. Never had we heard the nightly serenading of a pack of coyotes, but gradually their howling subsided. Again, our slumber was short-lived when squawking broke the silence. Father grabbed the lantern and the shotgun to see what was bothering the chickens. He came back, saying that he couldn't shoot that little striped animal without killing chickens, but a club would dispose of it. Although our abode was well-ventilated, he had to spend the rest of the night under the stars! Finally, the hooting of an owl ended the night's excitement.

In the morning, a garter snake glided in to see who had invaded its domain. Naturally, we thought it was deadly poisonous. Rudy went to get a pail of water from a pit he had dug beside the slough, as the algae-covered and tadpole-infested slough water wasn't very appetizing but he found that bullfrogs and a muskrat had taken possession.

A temporary shelter of poplar poles, shiplap and tarpaper was erected. Work began for our new home. A cellar was dug with pick and shovel, and stones were gathered to build a foundation with lime from the "fired" limestone. It was a tedious job to haul the lumber from Humboldt without any roads. I tried to dig snake roots, but found the trapping of muskrats for 10 cents a pelt in trade more profitable.

As we were kept busy during the summer, time passed quickly into gloomy contrast to those long dark lonely winter months. No telephone! No radio! Sometimes, not even the "Wanderer" arrived for weeks. The Christmas season was especially depressing, thinking about the festivities, both social and spiritual, of the old home



Charles Schmeiser - first communion

among friends. As there were no evergreens around here, my father brought in a small poplar tree and Mother tied pieces of ribbon in it and she cut strips of coloured tissue paper to make chains. She told me about Krist Kind and St. Nicholas, but gradually I began to have my doubts. One Christmas Eve, I filled a bucket of oats and put it beside the house for hungry reindeer. This put them on the spot, but during the night they got a calf from the barn to leave prints, upset and scatter the oats, and my faith was strong again.

Years passed; new friendships were formed. The hardship of pioneer life was gradually taken into stride with the knowledge that we were contributing to the development of a new country.

One hot dry day in May, when I was eight years old, we saw a pillar of flames and billowing clouds of smoke driven by a strong wind, approaching our farmstead. Ahead of the fire came rabbits and coyotes trying to escape from the inferno. This was our first experience with the prairie fire and we had not been prepared for it by having adequate fire guards. While the family fought the fire with wet gunny sacks, I busied myself carrying items from the house to a place I thought was safe. Stacks of feed were on fire and all seemed hopeless when, as an answer to prayer, the wind changed direction and a neighbour arrived with a plow and horse. Our home and worldly possessions were saved.

Worshipping our Heavenly Father in a structure of logs which also served as a school could be just as devotional as in the most beautiful church. Father Ildephons, very pious and dedicated to our new land, was the first parish priest at St. Joseph's Fulda and St. John's Willmont. On the Sundays when there was no mass, the rosary was recited, and people came from miles around, winter or summer. My father was the leader for many years. Our next priest was Father Lawrence, a most kind-hearted man, always ready to give a

helping hand to discouraged settlers. Ever dear to my heart will remain the memory of the many years I served mass for him.

My school days will always be remembered. Enforced by a strap in the teacher's desk, studies consisted of the four R's, 'Riting, Reading, 'Rithmetic and Religion. I was six in March and in May my schooling began. Home was three miles from school, a long distance to walk for a little boy who was eager to learn. A must was to be in time for mass at 8:30. Our teacher, occasionally was one from Minnesota, and Father was the school board. Grades and exams were unknown. Your progress was judged by your reader; if you reached the fourth reader you were going places; if you could do division you were a mathematical genius. School began when the crocuses were blooming and ended with the first snow because then it was too cold to go barefoot.

The most modern schools of today cannot compare with our sophisticated building! Gradually, the cracks between the logs widened, permitting gophers to come in. It was not learning they were after, but the pieces of syrup-soaked bread from our lunch. They didn't cause too much disturbance, but when a garter snake came up through the floor, bedlam broke loose with the boys snickering, the girls screaming, and the teacher yelling. Sanitation was first rate! A galvanized pail with a dipper hung above it was the source of fresh drinking water for 40 pupils. As sponges cost money, some pupils spit on their slates and wiped them clean with their sleeves.

For my last year I went to Keller School of the newly-formed Keller Public School District with Miss Mary O'Neil of Kingston, Ont. our qualified teacher. Little did I dream that 60 years later, I would meet her brother, Archbishop O'Neil, at a pilgrimage on Mount Carmel, the same place where we had come for picnics those many years ago. Miss O'Neil had taken a small piece of the decaying poplar cross at the assumed grave of the legendary Christian Indian Maiden.

On Jan. 12, 1909, my sister Mathilda and Bernard Kalthoff were married. It was 40 degrees below. A few days later, they left on their honeymoon, a five mile trip with a team of oxen to a one room log cabin, eventually replaced with a comfortable lumber house. A family of nine children blessed their marriage.

Farming and living conditions improved as the years passed. Huge lumbering steam engines and stack threshing were replaced by internal combustion kerosene tractors and stook (shock) threshing. Automobiles began chugging along the dusty roads, scaring teams of horses on their way.

One activity to which I had a strong aversion was the hauling of grain. The reason we hauled to Humboldt although Bruno was closer was because the hilly terrain made it difficult for the horses to pull the heavy loads. The fall was utilized for clearing brush and hauling feed.



The old home, built in 1905. Mary Bachel and Mother standing in front of the house.

Consequently, disposing of the crop was left until winter. The loads, consisting of 45 or 50 bushels of wheat, were loaded the previous day. Before daylight, we generally left on the 16 mile trip which took four hours. Reaching the elevator, we found, at times, ten to 15 teams ahead of us. The sleighs had to be unloaded by hand, and waiting an hour or more in the cold was extremely uncomfortable. Finally pocketing our \$20.00 or \$25.00 cheque, we stabled the horses and fed them. Then we went to Pitzel's butcher shop, bought a few rings of bologna, threw them into his boiling cauldron, and this, together with a few loaves of rye bread and a bottle of beer, provided us with a sumptuous lunch. While the horses rested, we had a game of pool, and then we were homeward bound. The return trip only took us three hours.

One trip I shall never forget my mother sent along a 30 dozen crate of eggs and a mantel clock which had stopped ticking. Towards spring, the roads became treacherous. As we neared Humboldt, over went the sleigh. The wheat spilled, the eggs rolled over the snowbank, but the clock began to chime. Sad to say, we couldn't bring Mother her \$4.50 for her eggs.

Coming home one night, a neighbour had his team tied behind my sleigh. It was good to have someone to talk to on those long lonesome trips. A coyote scared his horses. They tore loose and sped away. It was useless to try to catch them; in all likelihood, they would find their own way home. But in the morning there was no sign of them. We went to search; the track led to Dead Moose Lake where about 30 feet out, they broke through the ice and perished.

There were also occasional grain thefts. One day, Tom went to check his granary some distance from home. As he came out of the bush, there was someone loading wheat from his granary. Not wanting to have a confrontation with his neighbour, he came up out of sight, crawled underneath the granary, pulled out the kingpin of the doubletree, went back to the bush and discharged his gun. The perpetrator jumped on his sleigh, but the horses left without it, and the culprit disappeared. The sleigh was never claimed, but the neighbourly feeling was a little strained.

A few words about the eventful year of 1918. Spring came early and by April 8, we had 40 acres seeded with our eight foot pony drill. Prospects for a crop were good. We took the financial risk of buying our first car, a Model T Ford with 18 h.p. engine for \$650.00. But on the morning of July 25, we found a sheet of ice on the water trough. The wheat, being in bloom, was ruined as were our hopes for a bountiful reward for our sweat and toil, especially since 1917 had been a poor crop. The loss was felt even more deeply because the price of wheat reached an unprecedented high of over \$2.00 per bushel.

In the afternoon of Nov. 11, 1918, we cranked our shiny new car and left for a trip to town. As we came into

Humboldt, we thought everyone had gone mad, people were shouting, singing and dancing in the street, and at the main intersection there was a blazing bonfire, burning an effigy of "Kaiser Bill". There were no radios, so we had been unaware that Armistice had been declared.

In June of 1920, my brother Rudy married Mary (Mae) Flory and to this union four children were born.

1920 also proved to be a disappointing year when, on October 8, a blizzard and heavy frost stopped all threshing operations. This was the earliest on record, before and after this date. Especially hard hit were the potato and root crops; the early freeze-up made it impossible to dig them up.

Not able to do much farm work, I decided to find a job for the winter months. I was fortunate to obtain one at the Arlington Hotel in Humboldt as night clerk for the handsome wage of \$50.00 per month plus room and board. On October 20th, I packed a satchel with my few worldly possessions, a few dollars, and with my mediocre education, I left home. With the exception of visits, I never returned to the farm again. Not only was I fortunate to get a job, but I had the great fortune to meet the most wonderful girl, Elsie Haselwanter, who later became my dear wife.

Elsie was born in White Lake, South Dakota on July 25, 1901. She arrived in the Hoodoo district via Rosthern in 1903 with her mother, Mathilda, her brothers Frank and William, and sisters Margaret (who later married Peter Kramer) and Rosie (later married Albert Breit). They joined their father, Alois Haselwanter, who preceded them so he could build a log house which was their home for years. It was a great tragedy for the family when her father died in 1906. In 1907, her mother married Michael Borstmayer of Leofeld, and they had three sons, Mike, Alfred and Leo. Another tragedy struck when her mother died in 1913. Shortly after this sad event, she went to Humboldt in search of work. She got a job with an elderly lady and had to work hard and long hours for \$6.00 a month. Later she found employment in the



Courting in style, 1921. Elsie Haselwanter and Charles Schmeiser. Mr. and Mrs.-to-be.

Arlington Hotel where she remained until her marriage.

I had intended to return to the farm in the spring, but I enjoyed my work, my new friends, and I had an opportunity to study at night, taking correspondence courses, and I had joined the rink band, playing two nights a week for which I earned \$3.00 plus free skating and hockey games which was a real bonanza.

Two years passed; Elsie and I became engaged and began planning to establish a place of our own. While in Saskatoon, I again met Nelson (Percy) Newbigging; we had worked together at the Arlington Hotel. After looking over a few places, we found that the Great West Hotel in Davidson was for sale. It was in excellent condition and had 34 well furnished rooms. We decided to become partners and on Nov. 15, 1922 we took possession.

On June 12, 1923 dear Father Lawrence married Elsie and I in St. Joseph's Church, Fulda. We were very happy to have a home and place of business. My partner and I made an agreement that all the profits would be applied on the mortgage payments. Money was scarce, but we had our meals and a comfortable suite in the hotel. I joined the Davidson band, the church choir, and golf and curling clubs. Elsie became a member of the Ladies Altar Society and became involved in church work.

As my 25th birthday drew near, my dear wife was at a loss for a present. Resourceful as she always was, she had an idea. On March 27, she presented me with a bundle wrapped in a pink blanket, containing our first born, a lovely baby girl. Doreen was my birthday present. Years later, Louise, a daughter-in-law, made me very happy by presenting me with a granddaughter, Anna Marie, on my 66th birthday.

Business was good and in three years we burned the mortgage. Everything was progressing favourably. On Oct. 28, 1929, without any indication or reason, the economy collapsed. The stock market was swamped with frantic speculators trying to unload but there was no one to buy. The bottom dropped out of grain and all agricultural products. Mortgages were foreclosed on farms, businesses went broke, and millionaires became penniless. Unemployment became rampant. Young men with university degrees were riding the rails; they were jobless, hungry and had no place to go.

Hopes prevailed that this situation would be of short duration, but the recession developed into an unprecedented depression. Augmented by disastrous weather conditions, the dirty thirties were approaching. Business in the hotel was decreasing and there was not enough income to sustain two families. My partner was willing to buy my share, a move he was to regret later. But this was advantageous to me as it gave me an opportunity to relocate in Bruno. Conditions never became as serious in the south.

During the winter of 1931-32, I was working in Regina. Previously, I had made a deal with August Blaseg for two

acres south of the track, then in the R.M. of Bayne. In the spring of 1932, I opened up a service station here. A few years later, I obtained the J.I. Case contract. It was very difficult to become established in business. Competition was keen. The purchasing power of farmers was practically nil. On Dec. 20, 1932 a customer of mine sold a load of wheat at the Bremen elevator for 18 cents a bushel. I even tried to burn barley in my Booker heater. In 1935, a customer needed a mower, the cost of which was \$45.00, but he only had \$15.00 cash. I offered to take the \$15.00 and the balance on a note. He refused to give a note, but said I should come to the farm and pick the three best cows in the pasture. I made the deal, but what was I going to do with three cows? I managed to sell one for \$10.00, but I haven't been paid for it yet. Winter had arrived and feed was scarce. In the spring, I made a deal with Mr. Borstmayer who put the critters in his pasture; in the fall he butchered one for me and kept the other. As there were no deep freezes, we were eating canned beef till it came out of our ears!

When we arrived in Bruno, I rented a house for \$15.00 per month. It so happened that at the beginning of the month, I was in Regina for a few days. I came home on the train, and as I walked past his blacksmith's shop which was located where Mrs. Otto Pulvermacher's residence now is, he accosted me with, "The rent is due on the first of the month, not the third or fourth." I had to pay on the spot and fortunately had the required amount available.

At that time, I began to build our new home, a home where we found great happiness, filled with the laughter, song and music of a happy family. Eventually there were five children, 19 grandchildren and now there are eight great grandchildren, some of whom reside in far-away Australia.

The winter of 1937 nearly brought calamity into our lives when I became seriously ill with double pneumo-



June 12, 1973, 50 golden years, Elsie and Charles.

nia. There was little hope for recovery; one night the doctor told my dear wife, who was filled with anxiety, that she should be prepared for the worst. It was a terrible shock and affected her health both then and later in life. Through the prayers and efforts of Father Bernard and Dr. Longeault, my life was spared. William Smith, who contracted the same illness at that time, passed away in the hospital in Humboldt.

In 1939, I became involved in farming again, renting a quarter west of Dana from Nick Klassen. Gradually, I acquired a section of my own; it is still a great pleasure to help, especially at harvest time. I tried my hand at raising mink and as sugar was rationed during the war, I organized a beekeeper's club. Tom Meyer was employed as our caretaker.



1950. L to R: Douglas, Percy, Doreen, Kenneth, James and Charles and Elsie Schmeiser.

1942 brought sadness to us when my brother, Rudy suddenly passed away at the age of 51, followed by my father in 1944 and then my mother in 1946. Both Mother and Father died at the age of 85 in St. Elizabeth's Hospital and were laid to rest in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Fulda.

1950 was to bring, for my dear wife and me, the most wonderful experience, a dream come true, when we left on July 5 for a six week Holy Year Tour. Because a Canadian priest studying in Rome met us on arrival, we had the unexpected privilege of a private audience with Pope Pius XII in Castle Gondolpha, with a personal greeting and blessing by the Holy Father. Our tour included pilgrimages to the shrines of St. Therese at Lisieux and St. Bernadette at Lourdes, and we also attended the Passion Play at Oberammergau. We visited the Kolner Dome in Cologne, Venice, the world famous casino at Monte Carlo and many more interesting places, leaving London on a most enjoyable voyage back to New York.

In 1952, we celebrated two weddings. Doreen, who returned from New Guinea where she had spent two years as a missionary, was married by Father Bernard on July 16 to Keith Wiggins, an Australian, whom she met in

the mission field. On October 2, Percy and Louise Weyland were married by Father Matthew in the Church of the Holy Family.

In 1970, we bade a sad farewell to Doreen, Keith and our eight grandchildren as they left Canada to begin a new life in Sydney, Australia. It was a happy reunion when we spent the winter of 1972-73 with them. When we left on December 11, it was minus 30 and a few days later, we were basking on the sunny beaches in a balmy 85 degrees. Kenneth missed shovelling snow!

June 12, 1973 was the most memorable day of our lives when surrounded by family, relatives and friends (Doreen and Keith's mother came from Australia) we celebrated our golden wedding anniversary -- 50 golden years of love and companionship. As we began our journey of wedded life together, our worldly possessions were few and meagre. However, we had the great treasures of our trust in Divine Providence and our love and faith in each other.

There were times of hardship and sadness, but the love for each other, the respect of our family and the guidance of a merciful Heavenly Father made those 50 years days of joy and happiness. Our hope and prayers were that the Good Lord would grant us another ten years together to celebrate our diamond jubilee, but it was not to be. We were blessed to be together on our 59th anniversary, spending it in St. Mary's Villa where my beloved wife was confined due to a stroke. She was improving and our hearts were filled with hope, but suddenly on June 25, 1982, our merciful Father ended her suffering and called her to her Eternal reward.

She devoted her life to the loving care of her family and her home. Her deep love, faith and trust in God were an inspiration to those around her. She derived great pleasure in the appreciation of God's creation, tending her beautiful flowers and garden. She enjoyed the many beauties of nature encountered on her trips, especially those times spent in the grandeur of our northern lakes and forests.

My activities in the Bruno community included: 1932 - became a member of the St. Bruno church choir under the directorship of John Bourauel, then John Kellerman, then Jacob Sartor, then Mildred Lemke and now, Rosalie Kainer. In 1932, I also joined the Bruno Band under the leadership of Father Bernard, having previously been a member of the Fulda, Humboldt and Davidson bands. In 1935, Messrs. Peter Meyer, George Gerling, Frank Zettl, Carl Krieg, Herb Clarke and I met in Krieg's Barber Shop to discuss the formation of the Bruno Social Club, an organization for married people. We received our charter and I served as president for many years. Many happy gatherings were enjoyed: dances, parties, pinochle sessions, and family picnics. Excellent music was provided by Fritz Haller on the clarinet and Billy Breit on the accordion, each earning \$1.50.

Father Bernard, in 1937-38, conducted a study group about the developing Credit Union movement. In June we received our charter, the 13th in Saskatchewan. I was one of the charter members and spent 42 continuous years as a member of the Board of Directors, many as president and chairman of the Credit committee. I recall the first loan of \$35.00 we made with a cow as security. Unfortunately, the cow died! Two members traded horses; the one whose horse died first considered that he had made the best deal.

In 1942 I was elected trustee for the Parish of St. Bruno where I served for 38 consecutive years and on Apr. 19, 1942, I was instrumental in forming Council No. 5411 of the Knights of Columbus. I served a term as Grand Knight and am now an honorary life member of the 3rd and 4th degrees.

I was an active member of the Board of Trade. We held our meetings in the waiting room of the C.N.R. station. I also spent many years as president with Alphonse Schwinghamer as the secretary for the Bruno Curling Club. In those days, there were no matched rocks. Most curlers owned their own rocks. Curling used to consist of three scheduled games a week. One year, the play-down for the MacDonald Brier for this district was held here. In the final games by defeating C. A. Thompson of Humboldt, my rink represented Bruno at the finals which were held in Saskatoon.

As well, in conjunction with my business, I acted for many years as the secretary-treasurer of the Bruno, Willmont and Kildrum Rural Telephone companies which later amalgamated into the Bruno Central Telephone Company. I was also agent for the Saskatchewan Government Telephone Company for Bruno.

My favourite sports were curling, golf and baseball. Pitching for the Fulda Gophers against Willmont and Dead Moose Lake teams proved exciting at times. Joe Suer was known as the "home run king".

Hunting and trapping in early days was a must. The only spending money a boy had was derived from muskrat, weasel and the odd coyote pelt. My first gun was a ten gauge muzzle-loader; if I was too generous with the powder, I would land on my back.

Photography was, and still is, my greatest weakness. Seventy-two years ago, I bought a second hand camera which I still have. It required glass plates instead of film. For flash pictures, a sheet of pressed flash powder was used, and after taking a picture, the room was filled with smoke.

Elsie and I have five children. Doreen was born on Mar. 27, 1925 at Davidson, Sask. where she attended kindergarten. She received her elementary education at Bruno under the Ursuline Sisters, attending St. Ursula's Academy for her high school years. Upon receiving her certificate at Saskatoon Teacher's College (Normal School as it was called then), she began her teaching

career at a country school near Bruno, Cranich Lake, where she had approximately 50 students from grade 1 to 10.

This was followed by a few years at Highgate, then in Alberta and Middle Lake. In 1950 she left as a lay-missionary for Alexishafen, Madang, Territory of New Guinea, where she worked in the Divine Word Missions. While here, she met her future husband, Keith Wiggins, from Sydney, Australia. In June of 1952 they came to Bruno where they were married.

Doreen resumed teaching near Bruno at Pleasant Grove School and then at St. Brieux until 1960, when she, her husband and children moved to Saskatoon. There she continued to teach until 1970 when they moved to Sydney where she is still in the classroom.

All of her eight children, Mary Anne, Robert, David, Kathleen, Gwen, Keith Jr., James and Charles were born in Saskatchewan, the first five in St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt. Doreen and her husband and their eight children and five grandchildren reside in Sydney, but Doreen returns regularly to visit Bruno, her home town, and relatives and friends here.

Kenneth was born on Feb. 12, 1928 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital and received his elementary education at Bruno. Still living at home, Kenneth has always been very kind and generous and a great help to his mother and father both in the house and garden. He is a great lover of nature and animals.

Percy was born on Jan. 5, 1931 at Bruno, where he took his elementary and high school education. He married Louise Weyland on Oct. 20, 1952 and they have five children, Mary Lou, Daniel, Mary Jane, John and Anna Marie. He succeeded his father in the farming and business operation in Bruno.

Douglas was born on May 22, 1934 at Bruno. Douglas is a Professor of Law, University of Saskatchewan; chairman, Law Reform Commission of Saskatchewan; Counsel on Constitutional and other legal matters to various governments, organizations and law firms; and author of various books and articles on human rights and criminal law. He was recently appointed Queen's Counsel.

He received his elementary and high school education at Bruno; B.A. with Distinction, 1954; LL.B. with Great Distinction; 1956, University of Saskatchewan; LL.M. 1958, S.J.D. 1963, University of Michigan.

He is married to Irene Ositis. He has six children, Mary Ellen, Douglas, Robert, James, Gary and Peggy.

Douglas was former Dean of Law, University of Saskatchewan; president, Canadian Association of Law Teachers; president Saskatoon Bar Association; president, Saskatoon United Appeal; trustee, Saskatoon Catholic School Board.

James was born on Dec. 20, 1938 at Bruno. James is Professor of Religious Studies, King's College, University of Western Ontario, London, Ont.; chairman of the Cana-

dian Liturgical Society; and author and editor of books and articles on marriage, sacramental theology and liturgy.

He received his elementary and high school education at Bruno; B.A. University of Saskatchewan, 1960; B.Th., University of Ottawa, 1962; L.Th. and M.Th., University of Ottawa, 1964; M.A., University of Ottawa, 1965; Dipl. Liturgics, Trier, West Germany, 1969; Ph.D., University of Ottawa, 1971; St. Paul University, 1973.

He is married to Joanne Miller.

James was the former rector of St. Pius X Seminary of Philosophy in Saskatoon.

SCHMEISER, PERCY AND LOUISE

Percy was born in Bruno, and took his education in Bruno and Toronto, where he received a diploma in radio and television technology.

Percy married Louise (nee Weyland) on Oct. 2, 1952 at Holy Family Church, north of Bruno. They lived in Bruno while Percy worked at C. A. Schmeiser & Son's Garage, besides doing some grain farming.

Louise is the daughter of John and Annie Weyland whose farm was located ten miles north of Bruno. Louise went to Willing School for her education.

Their children were born in the following order: 1955, Mary Lou; 1958, Daniel; 1960, Mary Jane; 1963, John; and 1966, Anna Marie.

In 1960, Percy took over the garage business from his father, and the name was changed to P.A. Schmeiser Garage.



Percy Schmeiser family. Back, L to R: John, Louise, Percy and Daniel. Front: Mary Jane, Anna Marie and Mary Lou.

In 1962, Percy was elected to the Town Council and in 1967, he became Mayor of Bruno, the position he still holds. In 1967, Percy was elected as Liberal M.L.A. for the Watrous Constituency and held that position until 1971. In 1970, Percy's business was incorporated and the name was changed to what it is today, Schmeiser's Garage Ltd.

Percy and Louise enjoy travelling and have spent many winters visiting different countries.

Their children have branched off into many areas. Mary Lou is married to Eric Schechtel, and they own and operate a Shop-Rite store in Denzil, Sask. They live in Denzil with their two daughters, Erin Lou and Mara Lee.

Daniel is married to Mary Anne Chronik from Prince Albert, and presently live in Regina with their son, Maximillian. Daniel is working at the Sask. Wheat Pool as a research analyst.

Mary Jane is married to Paul Revering from Lake Lenore, and are presently living in Bruno, both working at the garage.

John is enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan in the College of Arts and Science.

Anna Marie is presently at home, finishing her high school education.

SCHMIDT, LEOPOLD AND HILDA

as told by Hilda Schmidt



Francis Schmidt,
Leopold's mother

Leopold (Poldy) and I moved to Bruno from the Viscount area in 1973. We sold our farm to Harold Krentz and then purchased Mrs. Beckas' house on 3rd Street East. Poldy's mother lived with us until her death in 1978. Poldy was born in Winnipeg on Apr. 6, 1909. He has one sister, Marie (who now lives next door to me) and one brother, Joe (who lives in Nipawin). Poldy lived on his dad's farm for 60 years. When Poldy and I were married in 1933, we both helped out until his dad died, then we took over the farm.

Poldy was very active all of his life. He played in many bands when he was young. He was very good with the banjo and the violin. Poldy, Marie and Joe formed a trio and played for many weddings. They did not make much money but they had a lot of fun. One evening it snowed so much that they could not take the horses out, but Poldy and Gerhard Schultz had to play at a dance in Bruno. So Poldy put on a pair of skis and strapped his



Leopold and Hilda Schmidt, 1975

banjo on his back. Gerhard was also wearing skis and pulled his bass guitar on another pair of skis. They both then skied 14 miles to Bruno in a snow storm. I guess that is what you would call determination!

Besides his music, Poldy loved to play baseball. He was a pitcher for the Lucasville team and they won quite a few tournaments. Hunting was also a big part of our lives. When we were first married, Poldy would hunt for rabbits and deer to supply meat for our table. He also trapped and sold furs. Later on, we enjoyed going out on a Saturday afternoon to shoot rabbits or gophers.

Poldy was very active in the community. He had a little shop set up in the basement and he sharpened skates for everyone in town. This kept him very busy during the winter. He also could fix just about anything that was broken. People would bring guns to him with broken stocks or pieces missing and he could restore it so that it would look like new again. He also could make better butcher knives than what we could buy. He always kept himself busy even until his death on May 23, 1982.

I, Hilda Besenski, was born on Jan. 9, 1915 on a farm in the Viscount area. I have one brother and five sisters. I was five years old when my mother passed away, so I was pretty well raised by my sisters. I still live in Bruno and enjoy making quilts, which keeps me busy during the winter. I also crochet for a pastime.

SCHNEIDER, FATHER ROMAN

The Parish of St. Bruno, Bruno, Sask. and I were destined for each other from the day I left my mother's

womb, Feb. 27, 1921 to take a look around this beautiful world of ours. On that very day, the parishioners of St. Bruno's Parish stayed after the Sunday mass in the basement of the present church and decided to build a hall above it. This was to be used temporarily for worship until a more elaborate church could be built. However, the "more elaborate church" was never built, and so 52 years later the church, which was originally meant to be a hall, and I joined hands, and we have remained together ever since.

When my parents arrived from New Ulm, Minnesota, Father in 1907 and Mother in 1910, to take up residence 25 miles north of Bruno. Bruno became their shopping center. That was the family home until Dad retired to Humboldt in 1958.

As the most important part of one's life is childhood, it may be well to say a few words about mine. Having been born prematurely in the farm home, there was some danger of death, in those primitive conditions, and so the pastor of St. Benedict Church, Father Rudolph Palm was asked to the home on the day of my birth to baptize and name me Roman. Instead, he named me Rudolph. I'm told that he would occasionally name babies after himself.

Four older brothers and one older sister were not too happy to have another boy in the family; another girl would have been more welcome. However, before that desired little sister was born to Mother when she was 47 ½ years old, three more brothers followed me. The one just younger than myself died at the age of seven or eight months, and so I benefitted by being the baby twice.

Childhood naturally centered around home, school and church. Those three institutions covered a radius of perhaps ten miles. By present standards of extended travel and the media of newspapers, radio and T.V., this small world may appear to have been a rather confining handicap. Maybe so, but it surely offered a depth dimension that so many children miss in today's shallow world of scatter-brain distraction of "Trivial Pursuits", to name a popular word game.

The hardships, the chores, the poor crops and the financial depression of farm life in the dusty '30's, and the gloomy outlook of many neighbouring farmers at the time, surely helped me to seek an escape from being enslaved to that kind of existence. Much as I disliked studying at the time, higher education seemed to be the answer. Because high school was not taught in our one-room country school, Rocky Valley, three miles south and one mile west of St. Benedict, I enrolled in St. Peter's College, Muenster. There the Christian faith that my parents and community taught by example deepened and blossomed into a desire to offer my life to God as a Benedictine priest, and so in the summer of 1941 I began my studies towards that goal at St. John's Monastery and

Seminary, Collegeville, Minnesota. There I stayed without ever returning to Canada until after my ordination, June 15, 1947.

I spent the next nine years at St. Peter's Monastery, Muenster, teaching in the boys' boarding school and helping out as weekend pastor's assistant at St. Augustine's Parish, Humboldt. In 1956, I was appointed pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, Watson, with Holy Rosary Parish, LeRoy as a mission. In 1960 I gave up LeRoy mission in favour of St. Oswald's Parish, Romance. In 1967 I took up residence in Carmel as the pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carmel and St. Joseph's Parish, Fulda and St. John's Parish, Wilmont. That church was totally destroyed by fire on Nov. 26, 1971.

One of the most significant years of my life was that spent at Divine Word School of Theology, London, Ont. in the year of 1972-73. It was like a second spring or a rebirth that opened up a new vision of the church and of the world. Upon my return from London, I was asked to minister to St. Bruno's Parish and the Bruno Ursuline Convent and Academy. Ever since Father Albert Ruetz has been my faithful and responsible co-worker in the Lord's vineyard. In 1979, St. Agnes Parish, Peterson, was added to my ministry, and in 1982, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Carmel and St. Maurus Parish, Dana rounded out our region.

Whether my stay from now on in this area will be long or short, I shall forever be grateful to all the people of Bruno and the surrounding parishes for the deep and meaningful relationships formed here.

SCHODERBECK, STEPHEN

by Leo Schoderbeck

Stephen Joseph Schoderbeck was born in Hercegfelva, Fejer Megye, Hungary in November of 1875 and his wife, Mary (nee Schneider) on August, 1880. Mary is the daughter of Martin Schneider and Eva (nee Tremel). Her father, Martin, was born to the union of Schneider and Zimmer in 1851 and was raised in the village of Hercegfelva, district of Fejer Megye. Martin and Eva had a family of 12, six sons and six daughters: Adam (Elizabeth Kaiser), Martin (Annie Siba), Steve (Mary Wurst), John (Annie Kapeller), Joe (Amie Fassett), Frank (Eva Kraus), Mary (Stephen Schoderbeck), Ann (Mike Berkner), Eva (Steve Gobolos), Kay (Joe Kurja), Julia (Tony Hepp) and Veronica (Mike Kraus).

Martin and Eva came to Canada in 1902 and homesteaded in Saskatchewan on the S.W. 14-42-25 W2. Their 12 children came to Canada. Of the 12, only Annie (Kapeller) Schneider, is still living. Eva died around 1920 and Martin in 1932. Both are buried at Bonne Madonne.

Stephen Schoderbeck and Mary Schneider were married in February of 1899. Stephen was the only Schoderbeck to come to Canada. Stephen and Mary sailed for Canada in 1908, via Hamburg, Germany, on the ship Carpathia; and landed at Halifax on July 6, 1908. They travelled by train to Howell, Sask. (now known as Prud'homme).

They stayed for a while with the Schneiders. They then homesteaded on the N.W. 10-37-25 W2, south of Bruno.

They endured the hardship of the pioneer's poverty, hard work, isolation, loneliness, prairie fires that were the order of the day. When the prairie turned into a dust bowl, they moved to Steen by horses, buggy and wagon. The family settled on S.W. 32-42-11 W2, soldier settlement land let go by a Mr. Hough, a veteran of World War I. Here, the land was all heavy bush and the struggle to clear land, cut wood for sale or trade to the store for groceries, was the way to survival.

Things that I find myself thinking about at times; as a little boy was watching the gophers in spring. There was a patch of snow and the gophers coming through the snow and the scolding I got when I came home for my family had been looking all over for me and then returning to the same spot a few days later and it was blue with crocuses -- acres of them. Riding a calf and being bucked off in the middle of the slough. Later, when we came to Steen, riding after a steer in the spring when the snow was soft and path high, the horses landed on top of the steer, me ten feet out in front, after a few fancy words, in high English I got the steer home. I remember working in the bush and the trees popping like rifle shots from frost, returning to camp to find the temperature minus 55 degrees F.

I remember oxen pulling my dad into a slough on a hot summer day and it took two and one-half hours of spicey language before they would come out. I recall a sod shack just to the east of us on Grandpa and Grandma Hepp's.

The first year threshing, driving a stook team, I came home with \$32.00. I remember threshing with a steam powered threshing machine.

My brother, John, came home from logging camp one spring with \$13.00 for his work from the middle of November to the end of February.

The oldest members of my family walked seven miles to Sunlight School and when the Cranich Lake School was built, we all went there, until we left in 1930.

Stephen and Mary Schoderbeck had 11 children, two died in infancy and seven are living. Mary, Kathleen, Elizabeth and Veronica are living in Kelowna and Westbank, B.C. Roman married Peggy Wothespoon (Webster). Peggy's first husband was killed in action during the Second World War. She had one son, Alex Wothespoon. Roman and Peggy have two daughters, Sylvia and Marilyn. The family lives in Victoria, B.C.

SCHRIML, ANDREW AND JULIA

Andrew (known as Jacob) was born on July 14, 1919 in the Willmont district on the original Andrew Schriml Sr. homestead, which is now the Casper Thiessing farm. Jacob is the seventh son in a family of eight boys and two girls. Jacob and his family moved to various farms in the district, finally settling on what is now the John Weiman farm. While living here, Jacob attended Hoffman School.

Jacob and his family lived on that farm for approximately 11 years until the death of his parents, Andrew Sr. and Katherine Schriml in 1938.

After completing school, Jacob worked out on various farms in the district until 1940 when he was drafted into the army.

Jacob met Julia Paydli while he was working out on farms in the Willmont district, just before the war. Julia is the daughter of John and Julia Paydli Sr. She was born on Oct. 18, 1919 in the Willmont district. Julia, like Jacob, was raised on her father's homestead and attended school in the Willmont district.

Jacob and Julia were married on Jan. 27, 1942 in Willmont Church while he was on leave from the army. After the war was over, Jacob and Julia took up farming on Julia's parents homestead.

Jacob and Julia have four children. Their eldest daughter, Joyce, is married to Wilfrid Freriks and they farm near Pilger, Sask. They have three children, Wendy, Randal and Leanne.

Donna is married to George Meyer. They live in Edmonton, Alta. and have two children, Laura and Jeffrey.

Brian is married to Cathy Meyer. They live in Bruno and have two children, Melissa and Chad.



The Jacob Schriml family. Back, L to R: Myles, Donna, Joyce and Brian. Jacob and Julia Schriml (in front).

Myles is married to Roberta Parsons. They live in Edmonton, Alta. and have two children, Jonathon and Mathew.

Jacob is a member of the Knights of Columbus and enjoys hockey and curling. They both enjoy bowling. Jacob has driven the school bus for the last 21 years, but is planning to retire after the 1983-84 school year. Presently, Jacob and Julia are still living on the farm.

SCHRIML, BRIAN AND CATHY

Brian was born on May 25, 1953 and was raised on his parents farm north of Bruno. He first attended Willing School and then later, when his father, Jacob began driving school bus, he attended the Bruno school. After graduating in 1951, Brian worked at Bruno Motors and attended Kelsey Institute obtaining his Interprovincial Journeyman papers as a motor vehicle mechanic. Brian still works at Bruno Motors.

Cathy was born on Jan. 11, 1955 and was also raised on her parents farm which was located two and one-half miles north of Bruno. Cathy attended school in Bruno and graduated in 1973.

Brian and Cathy were married on Oct. 27, 1973 in Bruno. They have two children, Melissa and Chad.

Brian and Cathy are actively involved in the community. Brian is a member of the Lions Club and, at present (1984), is president of the club. Cathy is the secretary of the Bruno and District Hall Committee. The whole family are avid bowlers and have, for the past two seasons, managed the bowling alley for the Town of Bruno. They are also members of the golf club and enjoy curling.



Melissa, Cathy, Chad and Brian Schriml

I, Leo, the writer of this, in November of 1983, live with my brother, John on the farm, S.W. 8-43-11 W2, in semi-retirement. We were the original owners of this land as we purchased this from H.B.C.

Stephen Schoderbeck passed away in Saskatoon on May 10, 1960 and is buried in Bjorkdale Cemetery. Mary Schoderbeck stayed some years with her daughters in Kelowna and passed away there on Nov. 11, 1967. Interment was in Kelowna.

SCHRIML, ANDREW Sr. AND KATHERINE

Andrew Sr. was born on Feb. 14, 1881 in the United States. His wife, Katherine Ebnet, was born on Aug. 16, 1882 in Bavaria, Germany and came to the United States when she was 11 years of age.

Andrew Sr. and Katherine were married in the United States in 1904. Their first daughter, Margaret was born on June 14, 1906 in the United States. They came to Canada in 1907, and homesteaded in the Willmont dis-



Andrew and Katherine Schriml Sr., 1904 and their wedding attendants Lena Ebnet (sister of the bride) and John Schriml (brother of the groom).



Schriml brothers, 1924. L to R: John, Henry, Alois, Anthony, Martin, Herman, Jacob and Joseph.

trict. While living here, they had nine more children: John, Henry, Alois, Veronica, Anthony, Martin, Herman, Andrew and Joseph.

In 1922, they moved to what is presently known as the Reynold Niebrugge farm. In 1925, the family made a second move to a homestead, now the John Weiman farm. Katherine died on Nov. 2, 1928 and one month later, on Dec. 10, 1938, Andrew Sr. died.

Only five of Andrew and Katherine's children are still living. Alois passed away in 1952; Henry in 1963 (his wife, Helen, still lives in North Battleford); Joseph in 1966 (his wife, Ramona, is now married to Elmer Weyland); John in 1980 (his wife, Annie, lives in Calgary); and Margaret in 1984. The other children are: Veronica (Mrs. John Seidel) presently lives in Bruno; Tony and his wife, Bertha, live in Sudbury, Ont.; Herman and his wife, Isabelle, live in Prince Albet; Martin and his wife, Mary, live in Humboldt; and Jacob and his wife, Julia, still farm north of Bruno.



The Schriml family. L to R: Alois, Martin, Margerat, Joseph, Henry, Tony, Veronica, Andrew, Herman and John.

SCHRIML, MARTIN AND MARY

Martin, the fifth son of a family of eight boys and two girls, was born on Aug. 11, 1915 in the St. John-Willmont area, where his parents, Katherine Ebnet and Andrew Schriml, had made their homes as pioneers. Because of his illness, his dad finally was confined to a sanitorium, when Martin was around six. The whole family had to pull together to carry the load of existence, there being no welfare in those days. Martin was 14 when he began working away from home. For the next 13 years, he made his home with the Ted Doetzel's in the Willmont district. Barbara and Ted were like his second parents. He remembers working for \$155.00 per year, and giving most of that to his mom.

In 1942, he married Mary Viczko. Mary was born in Saxby (colony near Meacham), also into a large family of ten. Her parents, Gregory Viczko and Regina Kota, later moved into the Prud'homme area, and here is where Mary received her education, first by the Sisters of Providence, then later at Normal School. She began her teaching career in Benson and then onto Willing School in the Bruno area.

When she married Martin in 1942, she combined a teaching career with farming. In 1946, when Ronald was born, she stayed at home to raise a family of three, Ron, Maureen and Connie. When Connie was five, she again returned to teaching at Willing School and when it closed, because of the existence of the large school units, she taught at Bruno Elementary.

Teaching, farming and raising a family needed co-operation and team work from the entire family. Teaching, as a career, wasn't as profitable as it is now. Martin, in fact, made more logging and sawing wood. Farming took a lot of courage, hard work, and good luck, when you began with 18 acres of open land and a few red pennies. There was a closeness and neighbourliness in the area. Martin remembers borrowing a thousand dollars from Carl Eckl to build his first home in 1943. No note and no interest charged.

Our three children were raised on the farm. Ron was born in 1946, Maureen in 1950 and Constance in 1953. Ron attended St. Peter's College, going on to get his Masters in social work. Today, he is a professor in the Human Program. Ron married Michelle Turner from North Battleford in 1966 and they have two boys, Jason and Ryan. Michelle is also a social worker and they are living in Prince Albert.

Maureen originally decided on a teaching career but after a year in Halbrite, found that teaching wasn't for her, so she chose to be a teller working in banks in Regina, Saskatoon and presently in Prince Albert. Maureen makes her home in Prince Albert with her three children, Megan, Jessalina and little Benjamin.

Both girls spent their high school days at St. Ursula's Academy. Connie went on to university and acquired her B.A. She worked for five years at the main branch of the Credit Union in Saskatoon. On Sept. 4, 1981 she married John McConnell. They live in Makewa among the pines. Connie works as a teacher's aide while John is a carpenter working for Indian Affairs. They have a little daughter, Chelsea.

Mary and Martin retired to Humboldt in November of 1979, finding themselves quite involved with their church, St. Augustine's, the senior citizens centre, the Good Neighbour Organization, bowling, curling, C.W.L. and the Knights of Columbus.

Everyone is welcome at 48 King Crescent!

SCHRIML, JOHN AND ANNE

by Walter Chantler

John married Anne Just of Bruno on Apr. 25, 1933. They settled on their farm located on S.E. 8-39-25 W2. In 1947 they moved onto the town of Bruno. John was later employed with the Bruno Clayworks until it eventually closed down. He then worked for a few years doing construction and building repair.

In 1964 after selling their land, John, Anne and their two youngest children moved to Calgary, Alta. where they purchased a new home. They chose an area in the northwest of Calgary, close to church and a school. John had little trouble finding employment, so they lived very comfortably in their new home, surrounded by their many new friends. John took sick in December, 1979 and after a short illness, he passed away on Mar. 2, 1980. Interment took place in St. Joseph's Cemetery in Calgary.

Anne carries on with help of her friends and her three daughters and their families, who also live in Calgary. She has a nice sized yard complete with a garden which she is able to take care of by herself. Anne enjoys playing cards with her friends and also playing bingo a few evenings a week. She gets quite lucky at times.

John and Anne raised a family of six girls. They are as follows, eldest to youngest.

Bernice married Walter Chantler and they live on the farm near Peterson, Sask. They have four boys: Owen, Barry, Dale and Lyle.

Elaine married Michael Marshak of Bruno. They raised a family of five children: Joan (Mrs. Douglas Harold), Ester, Myles, Brenda and Audrey (Mrs. Harvey Skwark).

Michael passed away on May 17, 1974, a victim of a boating accident. Elaine continues to work and live in Melfort, Sask.

Verna married Jerome Witt from the Carmel area. They have made their home in Calgary and have a family

of three: Laura (Mrs. Gregor Benetton), Charlene and Darren.

Arlene married Werner (Skip) Tarnowski of Bruno and now resides in Calgary. Their three children are: Bonnie, Cindy and Michael.

Linda married Dale Howse of Calgary, where they still live. They have two boys: Bradley and Jason, and a girl: Shelly.

Collene married Tom Finkbeiner from Calgary. They now live in Hinton, Alta. Tom and Collene have two boys: Tommy and Clinton.



Mike and Elaine Marshak, Verna and Jerome Witt



Standing, L to R: Verna, Elaine, Bernice. Sitting: Collene, Linda, Arlene. January, 1963.



Werner and Arlene Tarnowski



Bernice (five years) and Elaine (one and one-half years) with Tiny. Taken on the farm in the summer of 1940, S.E. 8-39-25 W2.



Linda and Dale Howse



Tom and Collene Finkbeiner with son, Tommy



L to R: John Schriml, Bernice and Walter Chantler, Tommy Finkbeiner and Anne Schriml.



Four generations: Grandmother Bernice Chantler holding granddaughter Leah, great grandmother Anne Schriml, son Owen Chantler holding his son, Derek.



John Schriml (Bruno) with his uncle John Schriml (St. Cloud, Minnesota).

SCHROEPFER, GEORGE SR.

George Schroepfer Sr. was born in Austria in 1869, his wife, Katherina (Urban) in 1876, the oldest of their four children, Kate was born on Oct. 6, 1900.

They immigrated to St. Paul, Minnesota where George Jr. was born in April of 1903, and Joseph in April of 1908. They moved to their homestead three miles northeast of Bruno in 1909. Marie was born in April of 1911.

During the early years, George farmed and worked in the Clayworks making bricks, a trade he had learned in Austria. For Katherina, it was a scary, forlorn country, she was afraid of Indians, the ever-present threat of prairie fires, and the thought that the coyotes howling at night were wolves until the neighbours told her differently.

George enjoyed walking (had done quite a lot of it as a soldier in Kaiser Franz Joseph's army in Austria). He thought nothing of walking to Humboldt and back for a dental appointment or a bottle of brandy.

The Schroepfer children all went to school in Bruno in the old log church. The family lost Joey in 1925 in a tragic shooting accident.

In spite of hardships, Katherina maintained a good home for her own family and anyone else needing help.

On Jan. 12, 1926, Kate, after working as a hired girl for several families, married George Deibert. They moved to the town of Bruno where two of their three daughters were born.

George Sr., finding conditions too settled for his liking, bought land in the Arborfield area. Katherina exclaimed, "He's got wanderlust" (in German, of course). George Jr., his wife Mary (Hogan) and family moved to Arborfield where the last two of their six children were born. George Jr. passed away in 1961 at the age of 58.

Mari worked in Humboldt, Saskatoon and Ontario until she returned to Bruno to take care of her aged parents for a time.

George Sr. passed away in 1950. Katherina died in 1955.

In October of 1960, Mari married Bill Ross and moved to Arborfield. Bill passed away in April of 1965 and she returned to Bruno in 1967 where she lived a quiet life, enjoying her home and flowers until her death in 1976.

Kate and her husband, George Deibert, still make their home in Bruno.



Mari Schroeffer, 1938

SCHULTE, LEO

Leo Schulte was born in Marysburg on Oct. 12, 1937, the seventh child in a family of ten, nine boys and one girl. His parents were Mathias Schulte and Mary Therres. His mother died in April of 1943 and his father in July of 1977.

On Nov. 19, 1966 Leo married Viola Felix of Bruno, daughter of Anton Felix and Maria Steffens. Leo and Viola spent two years in St. Brieux. Bernard and Anne Marie were born in Melfort in September of 1967 and October of 1968, respectively.



Leo Schulte family. L to R: Mary Lou, Leo, Andrew, Viola, Anne Marie and Bernard.

We then moved to Clearwater, B.C. and lived there for six years. Mary Lou and Andrew were born in Kamloops; Mary Lou in November of 1969 and Andrew in December of 1972.

The Schulte family moved to Bruno in November of 1974 to a farm one mile south of Bruno. This is still their home.

SCHULTE, LAWRENCE AND ELAINE

by Lawrence

I was born in Engelfeld on Sept. 23, 1927, the seventh child of the village blacksmith. I have six brothers and six sisters. I received my education in Engelfeld and took grade 12 at the Humboldt Collegiate Institute. After graduation I enrolled in the College of Pharmacy at the University of Saskatchewan and graduated in 1951. I then worked for Pinders Drug Store in Saskatoon until I purchased the drug store from Fred McNeil in June of 1953.

I married Elaine Schwingamer, the only daughter of Roman and Helen Schwingamer, on June 2, 1954 and raised a family of three sons and one daughter.

Our oldest son, David, is a drug representative for the Upjohn Company and married Claudette Gerlinski on June 2, 1979. They have one son, Christopher.

Our second son, Blair, is single, lives at home and works as a mechanic at Schmeiser's Garage.

Our third son, Laurie, is a Saskatoon city policeman and was married to Rochelle Boeckler on June 27, 1981. They have one daughter, Chantal, born on June 5, 1983.

Our only daughter, Sharon, works in the medical records department at the University Hospital in Saskatoon. She married Lyle Manderscheid on June 2, 1984.



The Schulte family. L to R: Blair, Sharon, Elaine, Lawrence, David Blair. Front: Rochelle, Chantal, Christopher, Claudette.

In 1957, I purchased the drug store in Wakaw from Mr. Sutherland and moved to Wakaw commuting back to Bruno twice a week. In 1959 I purchased the Peter Schwingamer home in Bruno and sold the drug store to Al Freisen in Wakaw. In 1965, I was the first drug store in the province of Saskatchewan to receive a special liquor license and held the license until December of 1972 when a change in government resulted in a withdrawal of the license. The controversy of closing the drug store was taken up by newspapers, radio and television. The drug store was closed in 1973 and I began working as a pharmacist for St. Elizabeth Hospital in Humboldt. At that time, the hospital was one of four hospitals selected in Canada to develop a "Unit Dose System" which is now used in many hospitals.

The drug store was reopened in 1975 as a "Lock and Leave Pharmacy" after numerous requests. I fill prescriptions each day after I return from the hospital.

I am a member of the Bruno Lions Club and the Knights of Columbus. I have been a member of the Town Council and have served on the local school board as well as a church trustee.

SCHULZKE, AUGUST Sr.

August Schulzke Sr. was born on Apr. 2, 1870 in Prossiten, Ost Pressen, Germany. He was a cabinet maker by trade where until 1902, when he travelled to the U.S.A. However, he soon returned to Germany, where he married Anna Demut. Then in 1903 he and Anna immigrated to Canada. August Sr. homesteaded in the Leofeld district. He also ran the mail route from Leofeld to Rosthern, delivering the mail once a week all year long with a team of mules. August Sr. later retired from the mail route and returned to his former trade of cabinet making to complement farming.

He and Anna had six children:

Anne, born on Jan. 31, 1904, married Martin Tetzlaff. Martha, born on May 3, 1905, married Ignace Breit. Mary, born on May 6, 1907, married Otto Scheidl. Haddie, born on Aug. 9, 1908, married John Lummerding. Bertha, born on Jan. 17, 1910, married Victor Smolkoski. August Jr., born on Jan. 15, 1911, married Clara Smolkoski.

The six children had to walk a distance of five miles to attend school in Leofeld. All the children, except Anne, are still living. Their mother, Anna, passed away Apr. 15, 1929 at the age of 53. Their father, August Sr., passed away on Aug. 3, 1943 at the age of 73.

August Schulzke Jr. and his wife took over the family farm on Feb. 11, 1934. During 1939, August Jr. began working as a mechanic for F. R. Zimmer and by the year 1942, received his journeyman's papers in automotive



Schulzke family. Back, L to R: August Jr., Clara, Dolores. Front: Wilbert and Annette.

mechanics. From then on, he did mechanical work for the surrounding area in his shop on the farm. For ten years (1945-54), he served as chairman on the Thiel-Krentz school board. During 1955, he began to work for the R.M. of Bayne on road construction as an operator and a repairman. Later, he went on to work with private road construction firms, namely, Phillips in Nipawin and Lux in Humboldt. Yet another job August Jr. performed was working with the installation of water and sewer systems in Cudworth, Lestock and Kellihar during 1963.

August Jr. and Clara had three children, namely, Dolores, born on Jan. 15, 1935; Wilbert, born on Feb. 28, 1938; and Annette, born on Oct. 18, 1940. August Jr. continued the family farm until 1981, when he sold it to his son, Wilbert. August Jr. and his wife Clara now reside in Bruno.

Dolores married Walter Sopatyk on June 20, 1959. They had three children, Sharon, Wayne and Lisa. Dolores passed away Aug. 30, 1977 after a long illness. Walter still resides in Prud'homme. Sharon married Robert Mantyka on Aug. 14, 1980. They are farming in the Prud'homme area and have one child. Wayne married Barb Rankin on June 6, 1981 and they also farm in Prud'homme and have one child. Lisa is currently attending school in Saskatoon.

Wilbert married Myra Dufort on Apr. 22, 1959. They also had three children, Alain, Yvonne and Ken. Wilbert is a successful businessman in Cudworth. He owns and operates a farm machinery dealership, auto body shop, insurance agency and the family farm. Wilbert has been very active in his civil duties. He served as town councillor for six years (1968-73) and presently is the Mayor of the Town of Cudworth since 1975. Wilbert is a charter

member of the Cudworth Lions Club with a 17 year perfect attendance record.

Their eldest son, Alain, married Carmen Dziendzielowski on Aug. 14, 1982. They now reside in Saskatoon where Alain is employed by Gates Canada as the Saskatchewan District Sales Manager and Carmen is a registered nurse.

Their daughter, Yvonne, also resides in Saskatoon, working as a parts lady for a farm machinery dealer, L & S Equipment. She has one child, Ryan Schulzke.

Ken is currently attending the University of Saskatchewan and plans to receive his Bachelor of Commerce degree in 1985.

Annette Schulzke moved to Saskatoon and for six years was employed as a special care attendant to a middle-aged handicapped lady. Then, in 1968, she moved to Penticton, B.C. where she had various jobs relating to the fruit growing industry. Annette still resides in Penticton, B.C.

SCHULZKE, BERTHA

Bertha came to help Mrs. Rose Breit and stayed with the family for 14 years until she married Victor Smolkoski of Peterson on Oct. 17, 1934. They lived in the Peterson district until 1952 when Victor, Bertha and family moved to Meath Park.



Victor and Bertha Smolkoski and three foster children.

In 1975, they retired and moved to Prince Albert. They raised a family of four: Gerald, Alvin, Darlene and Wilbur.

Gerald and his wife, Doreen, are living in Regina where he is a principal. They have three children.

Alvin and his wife, Maureen, of Oregon have a family of five. He is a trophy manufacturer.

Darlene married Ray Child and they are living near Meath Park on a farm. They have a family of four.

Wilbur, the youngest, is a salesman in Prince Albert. Bertha also shared her love with four foster children.

SCHWARK, OTTO LEO



Otto Schwark

I was born on Aug. 8, 1897 in Polkhiem, East Prussia. There were ten boys and three girls in our family. After eight years of schooling, I worked for my father on the farm.

At the age of 17, I was called into the army and served three years in Germany and in France. We were all happy to go home when the war was over. I

worked for my father again, until I was 30, trimming fruit trees and doing all kinds of farm work.

After the war, inflation came. Things became very difficult. A package of cigarettes cost 1,000 marks. We couldn't buy clothes so we seeded flax. When it was ripe, we pulled it out by hand and the seed was made into oil, which was used for cooking and baking. The straw was prepared for spinning and weaving and from the cloth, my sister made clothes for us all. I still have one of the shirts.

Land prices were also high and we couldn't afford to buy. At this time, I made up my mind to leave Germany and go to Canada. I chose Breman, Sask. because a friend from my home village lived there. I said, "Goodbye Germany, I'm going to leave," which I did on Feb. 2, 1927.

I arrived in Bremen in March and I got work on a farm right away and worked there for three months. Then I bought a farm, S.E. 6-40. There was an old lumber house on it that had been built in 1907.

In 1928, I was married to Ida Thimm, also from Germany.

The 1930's brought the dirty thirties, and with it the depression and hardships. Prices went down, wheat sold for 18 cents per bushel, a two hundred pound pig sold for \$2.00 and a 1,000 pound steer for \$10.00. I sold 30 dozen eggs for a can of tobacco which was worth 75 cents and eight gallons of cream sold for \$2.00.



Schwark family. Back, L to R: Ken, Alfred, Hubert, Helmuth. Center: Paula, Hilda, Rita, Irma, Bruno. Front: Ida, Otto.

But we had meat, potatoes, vegetables and eggs to eat. I worked the horses and my implements were a plow, disc and harrows. Ida and I had nine children, five boys and four girls. In Germany, I went to a nice big church, here we went to a small church at Leofeld.

In 1933 I applied for my Canadian citizenship and two weeks later, a policeman came to see me. I was afraid, I thought he would put me in jail, but it wasn't so. He asked, "What country are you from?" and I answered, "East Prussia, Germany." "From which port did you leave?" I said, "Bremen." "What was the name of the ship you sailed on?" I answered, "Breman and I came to live in Bremen, Sask." The policeman thought it was very funny.

We left the farm in 1959 and moved to Cudworth. Ida passed away in April of 1961. I lived by myself until 1965 when I married Mrs. Margaret Schlosser and moved to Bruno. We built a new house on Main Street.

This history was written by Otto Schwark months before his death on Sunday, Mar. 11, 1984.

SCHWINGHAMER FAMILY

by Billie Schwinghamer

The name, Schwinghamer, has been associated with the settlement in Bruno almost since it was organized. The following excerpt taken from a newspaper published in Stearns County, Minnesota outlines the early North American history of the family from the time John Schwinghamer Sr. came to Watertown, Wisconsin in 1856.

"What great longings and mighty urges brought the pioneers to this area of America? Hope and courage took root when John Schwinghamer Sr. came in 1862 to this

heavily wooded and unoccupied Indian Bush, also the haunt of wolves. He then established a few claims, returning to Wisconsin, and the following year, 1863, brought the entire family. Two other families came along at that time, the Isidor Obermiller family from lower Bavaria and John Platz, from German Bohemia. The Paul Obermiller family followed later that same year.

The Schwinghamer family consisted of Johann Sr., born in Aying, Bavaria in 1813; his wife, Katherine (Gruber), sons Joseph, John Jr., Peter and daughters Barbara, Mary and Catherine. They had emigrated from Munich, Bavaria, in July, 1856, settling in Watertown, Wisconsin, moving three and one-half years later to a farm near Appleton, Wisconsin".

The journey to Stearns County was made by foot, taking 24 days. A clearing was made, a cabin erected and the claim acquired, in section 22, taken by John Sr. Son, John Jr. established a claim in section 23 and son, Joseph in section 24.

In 1866, a more "commodious" log house was built in section 23. In 1886, a frame home was built, this being replaced in 1892 by a larger frame structure, the present (remodelled) home of the Andrew Schwinghamer family.

Johann was a carpenter by trade; he built all the furniture with his lathe and tools he brought from Germany. He also had an artistic talent, and some relatives still own several of his sketches. His wife was a trained nurse who delivered many of the babies in the new locality.

All of the territory was then part of Brockway township. When Avon was organized in 1866, it included the Schwinghamer settlement, with John Jr. as assessor.

In 1868 it became known as the Two River settlement, until 1872 when the present site and name of Albany was established. At its first meeting, John Schwinghamer was elected chairman of the Board of Supervisors and brother Joseph, Justice of the Peace.

Two of the sons, Joseph and John, were married in 1866; Joseph to Anna Danzel from St. Joseph and John to Anna Pfau of New Munich. John's daughter, Catherine, was the first birth and baptism in 1867. She also became the first nun from the Albany parish, known as Sister Sancia, a Benedictine for 63 years. She taught in parochial schools, more than 25 years at Eden Valley alone.

Of the other members of the family, Peter was married to Louise Pfau, Barbara to Urban Weitzel, Catherine to Henry Nierengarten and Mary to Isidor Obermiller.

Peter settled west of Albany. Their children were Mary, John, Alphonse, Anna, Anton, Joseph, Frank, Peter Jr., Katherine, Clara, Eleanor and Rose. Katherine and Eleanor became nuns. Later, Peter moved to North Dakota and spent his retirement years in St. Cloud.

Barbara had five children, Joe, Carl, Katie, Hanna and Minnie (Meyer) still living. Catherine's family also num-

bered five, John, Henry, Joe, Martha and Anna. In the family of Mary, the children were Mary (Kulzer), Louis, Ambrose and Emma. John's family numbered eight, Catherine (Sister Sancia), Aloys (married to Blenker), Peter (married Diedrich), Gregor (married Emmel and Pallansch), John (married Biensfeld) and Mary.

Peter, John, Aloys and Mary were teachers. Aloys was also a photographer and owned a hardware and furniture store. His wife was a seamstress and taught dress-making. Mary served the U.S. government in Washington, D.C. for many years. Henry and Gregor continued their lifetime as notable farmers at Albany, the other sons moved to Saskatchewan.

In 1875, Joseph's wife, Anna, died in childbirth with one twin; the other lived for six months. The four remaining children had a new mother when he married Anna Hartmann from Carrolltown, Penn., who was visiting her sister in Albany, Mrs. Sebastian Wimmer.

The diphtheria epidemic struck in 1881, and six of the seven children died; three of them in two days, the six in three weeks. The only one to survive was baby Joseph Jr. (died in Albany in 1971). Deep snow prevented burial, so the bodies were kept in one of the farm buildings until the weather allowed them to be taken to the cemetery. The funeral procession was met by another coming from the west with the bodies of three children of the Peter Schwinghamer family, also dead from diphtheria.

What a time of sorrow! To lessen the grief and to fill the void, Joseph and Anna adopted Mary Blenkush, 13 years old, who later married Frank Obermiller. In the following years, eight more children were born, five reaching adulthood: Joseph Jr., Isidor, Ambrose, Ottilia and Johanna (the last two are living in California).

Many hardships were borne by the pioneers, besides the diphtheria plague, the grasshopper devastated the crops and cattle were lost to the black leg disease.

Strength and faith sustained our pioneers. It produced religious vocations among the new generations. The nearest churches were at St. Joseph and New Munich. Joseph and his wife walked the 12 miles to St. Joseph, leaving Saturday and staying overnight with his sister, Mrs. Nierengarten; dry bread was taken along as food for Sunday's return trip. Later, mass was celebrated once a month in the home of one of the pioneers. The first mass in 1866 was in the log home of John Schwinghamer Sr. In 1868 a temporary chapel, 30 by 20 ft., was built on section 22 (between the present Carl Obermiller and Delmar Klug farms). The chapel also served as the first school, organized as District 59, with Joseph Schwinghamer as clerk, Isidor Obermiller director and Paul Obermiller, treasurer.

The school was moved to the crossroads, one-quarter mile east in section 23 in 1878. In 1902 the building was moved two miles south and later known as the Heinen School.

The first cemetery was also at the chapel site, later the loved ones bodies were moved to town to the new cemetery and again, were moved by their families when the new parochial school was built. Several graves contained as many as five bodies (as noted on documents of the Joseph Schwinghamer Sr. family).

There were joys for our ancestors! Having their own homesteads and citizenship papers was pride and possession. Joseph Sr.'s citizenship paper bears President Grant's signature, dated 1868.

He told his family of his first earnings of 50 cents a week in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He learned the language of the Indians, making friends with them. He traded tobacco, salt and supplies for fish, venison and bear meat. One day, when he was gone, his second wife looked outside and saw the Indians sharpening their knives on the grindstone. When they entered the kitchen, they pointed to the top of the cupboard, where the tobacco was kept. She couldn't understand them, so they squatted against the kitchen wall, until Joseph came home. They were happy to see him and made their trades. Then she prepared food for them. The remaining bread and biscuits they speared onto their knives, believing that whatever food was on the table was theirs. They were faithful, gentle people to anyone that trusted them.

Joseph's faith was deep and true. The new day always included 15 minutes of Bible reading. At Angelus, time was taken for prayer. His love for music was great. He had brought his violin from Germany and taught his sons, Isidor and Ambrose, to play on violins ordered from Montgomery Ward. Joseph learned to play a cornet. The family provided music for square dances held in their home and for other social gatherings and weddings. Isidor and Ambrose helped to organize the city band and orchestra and played their violins in church on Christmas and special occasions.

The family worked together in things such as sheep shearing. The wool was sent to the woolen mills for blankets and material for shirts, coats and dresses. Stockings were knitted from their own wool.

Ice cutting was also a family affair. The ice was cut on Schwinghamer lake and stored in ice houses for summer use. The noon meal was carried to the men in a laundry basket, lined with newspapers and blankets to keep the food warm. Many times the men came home with stiffly frozen clothes. Later the Joe Jr. family assumed the ice cutting business to supply the town.

When Isidor and Ambrose were young, they earned their money by catching fish in their lake and selling them in town. Isidor also raised bees, caring for as many as 100 hives. Some of his "git up and go" was by way of a bicycle, a one wheeler and later a motorcycle. Among the family pets was a pony, which would thump against the kitchen window with its nose. Mother would open the window and the colt would reach in and drink a dish

of milk from the sink. At times, it got a treat of a carrot or a lump of sugar. A proud peacock was also a remembered pet around the farm.

The land clearing had been done by hand with rustic grubbing tools. Grain was harvested by cutting with a "crade" with someone following and tying the bundles with straw twisted for strength. This was then hauled home, stacked and threshed by flailing it.

Grain and corn would be taken to the mill to be ground into flour. The family remembers Joseph Sr. walking to St. Joseph leaving early in the morning and returning late at night often carrying a sack of flour, or other provisions. Surplus butter and eggs were traded at the stores for groceries and supplies. The present generation remembers the molasses made by the Gregor Schwinghamer's from sorghum raised by the families.

John Sr. and family soon acquired a team of oxen after they built their log home. The oxen were used for draft and transportation. They were used on the historic Red River Trail which passed through the Schwinghamer settlement, before the time of the railroad. The trail passed by the present Carl Oberiller home, which in those days was used as a hotel for those on the trail. His barn is built "smack dab" on that old road. Traces of the Red River Trail can still be seen going through Spur, New Munich, then Melrose and on through Fergus Falls to Fort Abercrombie, North Dakota.

The squeaks of the dry axles of the two-wheel carts driven by mules or oxen, could be heard for over a mile as the caravans loaded with provisions travelled to the west.

The first road was laid out and petitioned in 1870, with many travellers, gypsies, peddlars and even the Hamm's Beer Wagon travelling through; stopping at the halfway house or at the homes of the pioneers.

What excitement when, in 1871, the Great Northern Railway was built as far as Melrose. One year there was a train accident at Schwinghamer Lake; the grading settled, and the train slipped into the lake. Before the train completely submerged into the mud bottom, Isidor Schwinghamer (as a boy), managed to save the bell from the engine. That bell was later used as the dinner bell to call the men home from the fields.

Reminiscences of our pioneers could provide tales for everyday of the year. What a heritage they gave us -- past, present and future is phrased on the monuments: "Herr gib ihr die ewige Ruhe, Und das ewige light Leuschte ihr" (eternal rest grant them, Oh Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them).

Johann Schwinghamer's hope and vision continued on, in the journeys of sons, Aloys, Simon, Peter and John. Aloys, Simon and Peter began their new life in Bruno.

Simon constructed one of the first hotels in Bruno (the site of the present hotel). The ownership of the hotel changed hands several times after 1906 and was, at one

time, owned by my grandfather, Alber Kluhe. Simon left Bruno shortly after selling the hotel.

SCHWINGHAMER, PETER

by Alphonse Schwinghamer

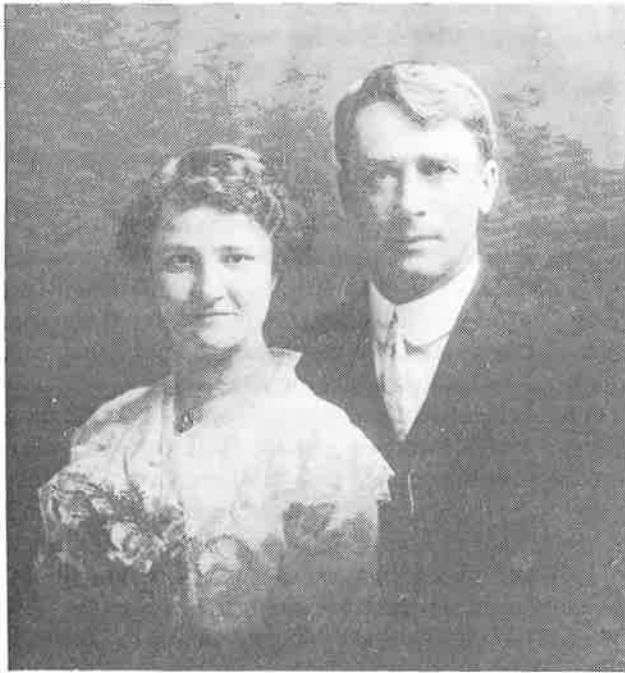
Peter Schwinghamer was born in Albany, Minnesota, U.S.A. on Oct. 16, 1874 on farmland his grandfather had settled on in 1863. His family was the first to settle in that area. The farm is still in the Schwinghamer family and has been designated a historic site.

Peter Schwinghamer came to Canada in 1902 as a driver for Mr. Hoeschen and Mr. Haskamp, who were looking over the country to establish a Catholic settlement, with the assistance of the monks of St. John's Abbey of Stearns County, Minnesota, U.S.A. He returned in 1903 and took a homestead in what is now the St. Benedict area. At the time, there was a Hoodoo Post Office. There was a great influx of American Catholics during those early years. The first settlement in the area was at Leofeld which became a stopover for many pioneers. Peter and his lifelong friend, John Bourauel, supplied many of them with venison the first winter. He was the first school teacher of the St. Peter's Colony, as this area was named. At this time, the nearest town on the railroad was Rosthern, a distance of about 35 miles. All supplies had to be obtained there, and for the first few years, all grain had to be hauled there by horse or oxen.

In 1905, Peter married Agnes Diederichs, eldest daughter of Hubert Diederichs, another pioneer of the St. Benedict area. He moved to Bruno as the railway was built and the townsite surveyed. His two brothers, Simon and Aloys, had already settled there; Simon having built the hotel, which is still in operation, and Aloys a general store. Peter and his brother, Simon started the Bruno Lumber Co. in 1906. This business remained in Peter's family until 1971 when it was sold by his son, Alphonse to Mat Tarnowski.

Peter Schwinghamer was a civic minded hard worker for all aspects of the village of Bruno. He became the first mayor (overseer) when it was incorporated in 1907, and continued to be elected to that position until 1938, with the exception of 1920-22. He was instrumental in the establishment of the first town owned electric light plant which was operated for many years by Paul Honatzis. He was a Justice of the Peace for 40 years. He promoted sports for the young people and was responsible for the construction of a closed skating rink in 1928, which was unique for small towns in that area.

Peter is, perhaps, best remembered by baseball enthusiasts. He became manager of the Bruno baseball team in 1922 and continued until 1934. During this time, the Bruno team was recognized as one of the best in



Peter and Laura Schwinghamer, 1916

northern Saskatchewan, winning the Saskatoon Exhibition Tournament several times, also the Prince Albert Tournament and bringing home prize money from many sports events in the province. He was also an avid curler and continued in this sport until his death. He was a church trustee, a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus and a lifelong member of the Bruno choir.

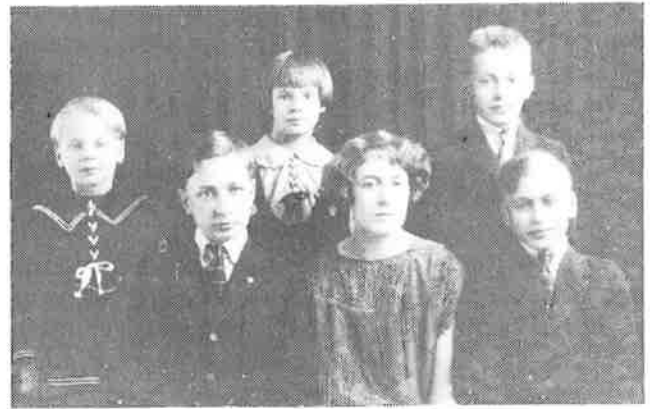
Peter Schwinghamer's first wife, Agnes died in 1914, the mother of five children. In 1915, a daughter, Mildred died during a diphtheria epidemic.

He married a second time, Laura Pallansch of Port Washington, Wisconsin. Laura was born in 1881 at Melrose, Minnesota and moved with her parents at an early age to Waubeka, Wisconsin. She taught school for 15 years in Wisconsin until coming to Bruno after her marriage. She was a charter member of the C.W.L. in Bruno and one of its first presidents. She resided there until shortly after the death of her husband Peter, when she moved to Saskatoon. She died in St. Paul's Hospital, in Saskatoon, on Sept. 8, 1968. Peter Schwinghamer died Oct. 16, 1950 on his 76th birthday. They are buried in the St. Bruno cemetery.

Peter Schwinghamer Family

Susan taught school in Bruno, Englefeld and Meadow Lake, and was also church organist in these places. She married Alphonse Weber in 1932. They had seven children. She continues to reside in Meadow Lake, since the death of her husband in 1963.

Father Norbet was ordained to the priesthood in the order of St. Benedict in St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota in 1935. He was a teacher at St. Peter's College for many years and assisted in parishes in the St. Peter's



Schwinghamer family, 1925. Back, L to R: Rollin, Mildred, Frances. Front: Norbert, Susan, Alphonse.

Colony. He resides at St. Peter's Abbey in Muenster, Sask.

Alphonse received his secondary education at St. Peter's College in Muenster. He worked in the Bruno lumber yard from 1930 to 1936. He took over management from 1937 to 1951 and again from 1965 to 1971. He was active in community affairs, was on the school board, on the board of the Co-op, was organist for the Bruno choir from 1930 to 1951. He enjoyed and participated in sports, baseball, hockey and curling. In 1936 he married Adela Weber. They have five children and now are making their home in Calgary.

Francis attended St. Peter's College and Notre Dame in Wilcox. He played hockey there and in Krefeld, Germany with a Canadian team. He married Annalise Kamper in Germany in 1939. They have three children and now live in Westbank, B.C.

Mildred attended St. Ursula's Academy in Bruno, and Sion Academy in Saskatoon. She graduated from St. Paul's Hospital, Saskatoon as a registered nurse and practiced her profession in St. Paul's Hospital and in the Sanitarium in Saskatoon. She now lives in Saskatoon.



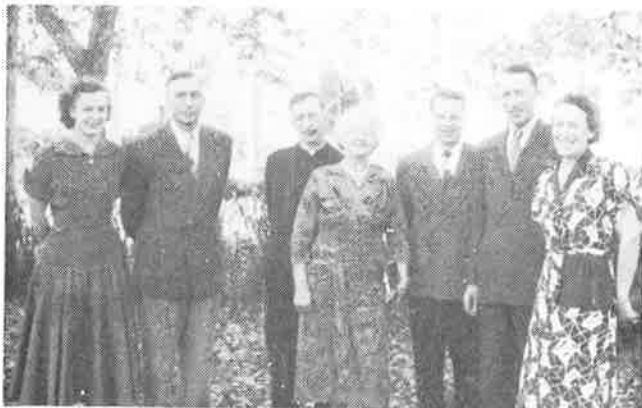
Peter Schwinghamer family at celebration of Father Norbert's first mass, 1935. Rollin, Mildred, Alphonse, Francis, Laura, Father Norbert, Susan and Peter. Attendants are cousins and granddaughter, Lauren Weber.



Peter and Laura Schwinghamer - 25th anniversary, 1941.

After attending St. Peter's College, Rollin received his degree in chemical engineering from the University of Saskatchewan. He was associated with Abitibi Paper for some time and is now with a consulting engineering firm in Montreal. He and his wife, Carmen (Duguay) have six children and have their home in Montreal.

The story of the Schwinghamer family in Bruno is typical of the history of many small Saskatchewan towns. They were an active part of the town from its founding until 1960. No adequate history has been writ-



Schwinghamer's, 1951. L to R: Mildred, Alphonse, Father Norbert, Laura Schwinghamer, Rollin, Frances and Susan.

ten about the vibrant years of 1905 to 1925 during which time the prairie was transformed from an empty wilderness to a prosperous and productive farming country. The social structure was a direct transplant of U.S. Midwest as up to 1910 a large percentage of immigrants to the St. Peter's Colony were Catholics from the United States. What a wonderful time it was -- until the tragedy of the thirties. The town of Bruno has survived and prospered in the post war era, in spite of governments and economics. It is a pleasure to return for the occasional visit, walk down the streets and feel the presence of pleasant ghosts of the past.

SCHWINGHAMER, ALOYSIUS JOSEPH (A.J.)

by Billie Schwinghamer

John Schwinghamer Jr. had eight children and of the eight children, Aloys, Simon, Peter and John came to Canada. The early history of the family indicates that Peter, John, Aloys and Mary were school teachers in Albany. Aloys was also a photographer and owned a hardware and furniture store. Being born in 1869 made



The Schwinghamer family. L to R: Anna, Roman, Vic. Seated: Aloys and Emmalinda.

him 34 years old when he first looked to Canada as a place to live.

It would appear he first came up to Bruno in 1904 or 1905, as he purchased a store from a fellow named Ermintroude in 1906. Shortly after the initial purchase, he built a new building which is still standing on the south end of Main Street across from the hotel.

He also homesteaded some land south and east of Bruno, near the old Ebner farm. According to my dad (Roman), he and A.J. had to walk to the property every day and spend the night there to prove up the homestead. When the new general store was built, the limestone was burned and stacked on the homestead quarter. I believe the foundation of the present hardware is still in good shape -- made from rock and homemade cement.

Aloys married Anne Blenker in Albany. The Blenkers came from a city in northern Germany on the Holland border.



Schwinghamer family's first home

Aloys and Anne had five children: Veronica (Mrs. J. Kelly, Pilger), Anne (Mrs. J. J. Felix, Peterson), Roman (R.M.), Aloys (A.P.) and Emmalinda (Sister Mary Herman, St. Mary's Academy, Winnipeg). The only surviving member of A.J.'s family is Sister Mary Herman.

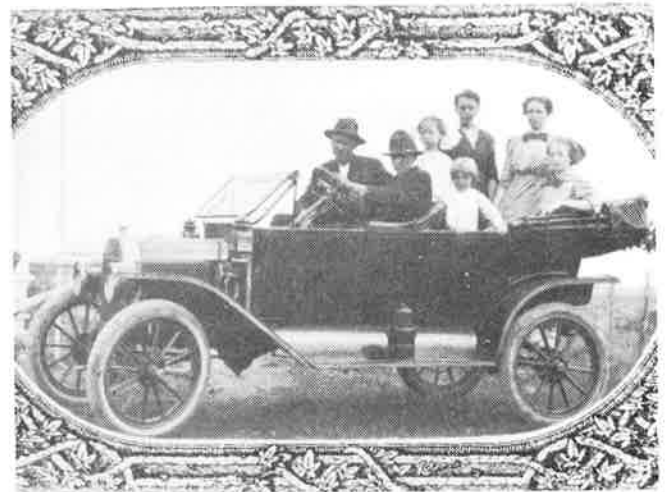
A.J.'s general store grew very rapidly after the new building was established in 1906. He acted as an undertaker in the early years and established businesses in Peterson, St. Benedict, Watson and Pilger. The supplies for these stores were distributed from Bruno. He, with Leonard Gerlinski, bought and sold cattle in Bruno on a weekly basis. Cattle were shipped to Winnipeg for sale. Along the way, A.J. accumulated 15 to 20 quarters of land which he rented to share croppers. Being interested in photography, he established the first movie theatre in Bruno. He was also instrumental in the beginnings of a harness shop and operated a pool room for some time.

I remember my grandfather as quite a stern man complete with mustache and a full head of reddish hair. Early recollections indicate he had a good sense of humour and thereby hangs a tale. He used to ship in McIntosh



L to R: Roman (R.J.), Aloys (A.J.), and Aloys (A.P.)

apples from British Columbia and sell them in the railway yard by the sacks. After school, the kids used to hang around the railway car and Grandpa would throw out the odd apple. Being kind of greedy (according to Grandpa), I had cut holes in my "Wooper" pants pockets, placed bicycle pant clips on each ankle and began filling each leg full of apples. When no more apples would go in, I began the tedious task of trying to walk home with my bicycle. A.J., recognizing what was happening, decided to walk me over to the store to demonstrate what a nine year old child looked like wearing a pair of "wooper" pants full of apples. He never let on to me that he knew



Out for a drive -- from left: A.J., R.J., Emmalinda, A.P., Anna, Anna, Vic.

what was going on. The girls at the store had a good laugh about it afterwards. You can imagine the anguish suffered by the thought of being discovered. He never told me about it until a few years later.

A.J. became very well known in the community and elsewhere. His many trips to Winnipeg and Minneapolis in the early years made him a familiar figure to wholesalers in those cities.

A.J. died in St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon on Sunday, Jan. 13, 1935. The church was packed. The weather was bitterly cold when we laid him to rest.



A.J. and Leonard Gerlinski

SCHWINGHAMER, ROMAN JOHN

by Billie Schwinghamer

Roman (R.J.) Schwinghamer, oldest son of Aloysius Joseph Schwinghamer, was born on Sept. 30, 1900 in Albany, Minnesota. He probably came to Bruno in 1906 as is evidenced by the picture of an early trading post A.J. had established. The picture shows A.J., his wife Anne and the four children, one of whom was R.J.

R.J. grew up in Bruno, although I believe he went back to Albany periodically for his education. After his elementary schooling, he went to St. Boniface College for high school and a course in business administration.

He took over the operation of the hardware portion of his father's general store in the early '20's. His entire business career was spent in Bruno. Among his business pursuits were an early General Motor and Imperial Oil operation, which later gave way to Home Oil, North Star Oil and a Studebaker dealership. He also operated a movie theatre and a pool room in Bruno. Sidelines of his included being the undertaker, operating a harness shop and farming. In the early days, the hardware included the sale of furniture. In 1939, R.J. became the International Harvester dealer for Bruno. This dealership was moved to the warehouse behind the hardware and grocery store. Roman operated this dealership until his death in 1972.



Roman and Helen (nee Kluhe) Schwinghamer, January 10, 1922.

Roman was very active in sports in Bruno. This included hockey, tennis and baseball. He played third base on the famous team of 1928, 1929 and 1930. During these years, the Bruno baseball team came away with the top prize at the Saskatoon Exhibition.

R.J. married Helen Kluhe on Jan. 10, 1922. Helen's father, Albert owned the hotel in Bruno at that time. They had five children: Donald (Phoenix, Arizona), William (Saskatoon), Dennis (Prince Rupert), and Elaine (Mrs. Lawrence Schulte, Bruno). Another son, Bernard, is now deceased.

Roman took part in many aspects of his life in Bruno. He was the village overseer for some 30 years and played the tuba in Father Bernard's band. He was a well known curler and played in the large bonspiels in Saskatoon for years.

R.J. always had a few cronies around him and the history would not be complete without mention of them. They included "Sharkey", whose real name was Albert



Donnie

Fonz. Albert was an export from Germany in the '20's and worked for many people north of Bruno for years. When R.J. ceased to rent his land, Albert was brought in to help with the farming. Sharkey did things and there was a continuous battle which ended up with Sharkey leaving for other employment. However, as he always came back and when R.J. died, old Sharkey died with him.

Another of R.J.'s cronies was August Mahlmeyer who was known as "Pophdiek". August was an upholsterer by trade and was also a capable harness maker and carpenter. He worked for many people north of Bruno. August enjoyed his drinks and used to love to break out into an old German song when he was mellow and we used to love to sing them with him. He operated the harness shop for R.J. and helped with the farming operations.

Joe Somery was another pal of Roman's. Joe was known as "Schteps onse gas" Somery. Joe operated a blacksmith shop in Bruno for many years and I believe he was a "Tail Twister" for the Lions Club when it was started in town. Joe and R.J. during their recreational periods, were famous for making "pig's feet" in Joe's house, which was located beside the blacksmith shop. I attended one of these feats when I was at college. After a few drinks, the stuff was delicious. Joe was famous for his lack of generosity with cigarettes. He was absolutely tight-fisted with his smokes. No one, but no one, was ever able to get Joe to give him a cigarette and, of course,



Vic and Helen

everybody teased him about it. My wife and I really loved Old Joe.

Another friend of my dad's included Alphonse Wunderlich or "boobalse" as he was called. He provided great entertainment at sessions held in the International Shop.

I digress, however, from the R.J. story. In his later years, R.J. spent his time between the International Harvester dealership and Wakaw Lake. The Schwinghamer's have been great fans of Wakaw Lake since A.J. first visited the lake in 1910. He worked with his son,



Albert and Julia Kluhe - Helen's parents

Bernie in the shop and spent time with his grandchildren, the Schulte children, who were growing up in Bruno at the time.

Many stories could be told about Roman and his pals and I hope some day to put them on paper. Roman died in the University Hospital in Saskatoon on Feb. 4, 1972.

SCHWINGHAMER, DON AND RITA

Don and Rita were both born and raised in the Bruno area. Don is the first of five children of Roman and Helen (Kluhe) Schwinghamer. He was born on Oct. 13, 1922 and attended grade school in Bruno and high school in both Bruno and St. Peter's College in Muenster.

In the fall of 1942, he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force. On May 3, 1943 he married Rita Hering, the first of two children of Rudolph and Helen Hering. Rita was born on May 21, 1924 and attended grade school at Hoffman School and Bruno Public School and high school at St. Ursula's Academy in Bruno.

Don and Rita returned to Bruno in 1945 after spending air force days in Yorkton, Souris, Manitoba and Regina. Don took over his father's hardware store. On June 21, 1946, Don and Rita's only son, Brian was born.

On Feb. 1, 1956, Marie Dyer and Rita began operating Marita's Style Shop in Bruno. They enjoyed operating the shop together and did so until the fall of 1960 when Don, Rita and Brian moved to Phoenix, Arizona to make their home there.

In 1961, Don started a plumbing business and Rita worked in accounting. Brian attended St. Mary's High School, Arcadia High School and Arizona State University.



Don and Rita Schwinghamer

In 1964, Don sold the plumbing business and purchased a manufacturer's representative business with offices in Phoenix and Tucson, Arizona.

In 1967, Brian married and blessed Don and Rita with two grandsons.

In 1980, they sold the representative business to take care of their investment properties. At this time, they are semi-retired and living in Paradise Valley, Arizona and loving every minute of it.



Schwinghamer family. Sitting: Jackie, Scott, Don and David. Standing: Brian and Rita.

SCHWINGHAMER, BRIAN AND JACKIE

Brian is the only child of Don and Rita (Hering) Schwinghamer and was born on June 21, 1946 in Bruno. He attended grade school in Bruno and, at the age of 14, moved to Phoenix, Arizona with his parents. He attended St. Mary's and Arcadia High School and the Arizona State University in Phoenix. While attending A.S.U., he worked part-time with his parents in their manufacturer's representative business and later joined them full time.

On Jan. 7, 1967 he married Georgia Bouse, a Phoenix girl. They have two sons, David, born on Apr. 18, 1968 and Scott, born on May 11, 1969. David attends Arcadia High School in Phoenix and Scott attends Flagstaff High School in Flagstaff, Arizona.

In 1973, Brian and Georgia were divorced. In 1980, Brian moved to Flagstaff, Arizona and works with the Gore Corporation, a national and international manufacturing firm. Brian is the firm's construction supervisor for their new factory facilities.

On July 9, 1983 he married Jackie Lee Golladay. Jackie was born in Phoenix, Arizona on Nov. 15, 1959. She is a

physical education teacher. They enjoy their home in Flagstaff and love winter skiing at nearby Snow Bowl.



Jackie and Brian Schwinghamer, 1983

SCHWINGHAMER, BERNARD AND IRENE

Bernie and Irene, daughter of Albert and Mary Kramer, were married in 1951. In 1953, they had a son, Mark and after 11 years, had another son, Tom.



Albert and Mary Kramer

Mark is presently employed in Calgary and Tom is attending the University of Saskatchewan.

Bernie worked with his father, R.J. Schwinghamer at the I.H.C. until his passing in 1974.

Irene still works for the Royal Bank here in Bruno.

SCHWINGHAMER, ALOYS PETER

by Mary Schwinghamer

Aloys (A.P.) was born on Sept. 23, 1909 in Bruno and was the youngest of five children born to A.J. and Anna (Blenker) Schwinghamer. He took all his elementary school in Bruno, four years of high school at St. Peter's College, followed by a business course in Saskatoon. He went into business with his father in the general store in Bruno in 1928 and after his father's death in 1935, inherited the store.

In 1937, he married Mary Weber, who had been on staff for eight years. They had six children: Aloys Jr., Annette, James, Margaret, Kathleen and Helen.

Aloys Jr. married Joan McCrae. They live in Moose Jaw where Al is the city engineer and Joan is a registered nurse working at one of the hospitals. They have three children. Holly is presently taking her third year commerce at the University of Saskatchewan; Michael is in first year engineering at the U. of S.; and Patricia is at home taking grade 10.

Annette married Albert Huber of Bruno. They have three boys. John is at the University of Saskatchewan taking education; James is going to the technical school in Saskatoon; and Paul, who recently graduated, is helping his father on the farm.



Mary Schwinghamer family. Back, L to R: Annette Huber, Al Schwinghamer. Front: Kathleen Choulnard, Mary Schwinghamer, Helen Jule.



Three generations. L to R: A.P. Schwinghamer, Aloys Michael Schwinghamer and Aloys Schwinghamer.

James married Yvonne Feist of Saskatoon. They have two children, James Jr. and Marie. James Jr. graduated from high school in 1982 and is now playing drums in a band, and Marie is completing her high school education. James Sr. died at the age of 28. Yvonne has since remarried to Rod Butler of Saskatoon. Rod is a social worker at the McNeil Clinic. Yvonne and Rod have one child from this marriage; Tod who is seven years old and in grade 2.

Margaret married Dale Ebert of St. Benedict and they had four children: Kevin, 17 years old; Ria, 15 years old; Jodi, 13 years old; and Mark, 11 years old. Margaret died at the age of 37. Dale and his family are living in Wakaw where he is the principal at the Wakaw High School.



A big catch for A.P. at Wakaw.

Kathleen married Ted Chouinard of Saskatoon. They are living in Edmonton with their three daughters. Denise, 19, is working in Edmonton as a vet assistant, Cindy, 15 years old and in grade 10 and Nicole, one and one-half years old.

Helen married Rene Jule of Peterson. They live in Bruno and have three children: Rene Jr., grade 11, Charmaine, grade 9 and Dean, grade 4.

Al was very fond of music and in the early 1930's he formed an orchestra called "The Melody Five". The members of this orchestra were Ted Holmes on drums, Pole Schmidt on banjo, A.P. Schwinghamer on saxophone, Ted Tierney on sax, Billy Briet on the accordion and Mary Weber on piano. This orchestra played at most of the dances in the area and were also hired each summer to play at the Wakaw Lake Pavillion. They were paid to play in Wakaw once a week, \$30.00 per night.



Back, L to R: Albert Huber, Jim Schwinghamer, Mary Schwinghamer, Aloys Schwinghamer, Aloys Jr. Front: Helen, Kathleen, Annette, and Margaret Schwinghamer and the first grandchild, John Huber.

During the 1940's, he started up a midget hockey club. Three local teams, the Black Hawks, the Maple Leafs and the Red Wings belonged to the club. The kids all had uniforms and played interlocking games. His love for hockey extended to senior teams. An avid supporter -- until his death.

When the Lions Club was formed in Bruno in 1952, Al was a charter member. He, with Peter Bourauel, took over the formation of the Lions Junior Band, under the direction of Dr. Bob Patchell. This band was a marching band and was invited to the fairs in Prince Albert, Saskatoon, Meadow Lake, Humboldt, and gave favourable performances wherever they played. A.P. also served as president of the Lions Club.

When Aloys decided to retire he asked his daughter, Helen and her husband, Rene to join the business. They

came to Bruno in 1968 and took over the business officially in 1972. The retirement was short-lived. Aloys died suddenly on Dec. 30, 1973 at the age of 64.



L to R: Michael Aloys, Holly, Alloys, Patricia and Joan Schwinghamer.



Jim, Yvonne, Jim Jr., and Marie Schwinghamer



L to R: Marie, Tod, Yvonne, Rod and Jim Butler



L to R: Kevin, Ria, Jodi, Dale and Margaret Ebert



L to R: Denise, Kathleen holding Nicole, Ted and Cindy Chouinard

MEDERNACH, IRMA

Irma (nee Schwark) was born on Mar. 10, 1931. Irma has four children: Chris in Calgary, Gordon in Kelowna,



Irma and Walter Urbanowski

Connie in Bruno and Brent in Regina. Irma also has four grandsons and two granddaughters.

Irma made Bruno her home for about 17 years; years that were very active. She was a member of the Catholic Women's League, cooked Chinese meals for the Lions Club, worked at the convent as well as working for two of her brothers, one here in Bruno and one in Cudworth. Irma also cooked for a working crew in Bremen. She took care of Mrs. Elizabeth Urban for two years.

In April of 1983, Irma married Walter Urbanowski. They now make their home in Wadena, Sask.

SEIDEL, JOHN AND VERONICA

John Paul Seidel was born on May 21, 1904 in Rib Lake, Wisconsin. His parents were Paul John Seidel and Gertrude Noeth. Paul John was two years old when he came with his parents to the United States from Shleisen, Germany. They lived in many different states until they settled in Rib Lake, Wisconsin.

Paul grew up and met his wife, Gertrude Noeth in Chicago, where she was working in a shoe store. Gertrude Noeth also had come from Bavaria, Germany.

Paul and Gertrude were married on Sept. 4, 1901. They farmed Paul's father's land (Charles Seidel) until they moved to Canada by railroad in 1911. They followed Gertrude's father, Peter Noeth, who had moved to Canada in 1906. Paul settled in Bruno and raised ten children.

The second oldest of these children was John Paul Seidel, there are four of his brothers and sisters still living, Katherine (Mrs. John Hamm) of The Pas, Man.; Ursula (Mrs. Francis Hamm) of Bruno; Clara (Mrs. Leo Fisher) of Saskatoon; and Robert Seidel of The Pas, Man.

Paul was among the first dairy farmers in the Bruno district and this carried on for three generations. The Ursuline Academy was supplied with milk for 30 years by the Seidel family.

On Nov. 10, 1931, John married Veronica Schriml. They have five sons:

Benedict Paul married Annavon Meyer of Bruno. They have four children, Michele, Jody, Chris and Peggy. Ben is a farmer and the Imperial Esso agent in Bruno.

Gilbert Andrew married Marjory West of Creston, B.C. They have three daughters, Karen, Jean and Linda. Gilbert is a construction foreman for a firm in Calgary, Alta.

Raymond John was a dairy farmer for many years. He lived on his dad's homestead with his mother until his unfortunate accident on Aug. 29, 1980 which left him a quadraplegic. He now resides in the Frank Eliason Center in Saskatoon.

Henry William married Donna Bentley of Delisle. They have three children, Kevin, Tracey and Bryan. Henry is a



John and Veronica Seidel

shipper for Boychuk Lumber where he has worked for many years. They live in Saskatoon.

Mark John married Mary Ellen LaBrash. They have four daughters, Kelly, Cathy, Joy and Rhonda. They reside in Humboldt, where Mark is the mayor and holds many important positions. He has his own accounting firm in Humboldt.

John Paul was a man full of civic pride and community spirit. He played the trombone in the Bruno band and he played the violin. He was a church trustee and a Third



Seidel family, 1962. Back, L to R: Gilbert, John, Veronica, Ray, Ben. Front: Henry and Mark.

Degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus, of which he was a member for 31 years. He was one of the founding members of the Bruno Credit Union and the eleventh on the list of members. John was a choir member for 40 years. He was a school trustee for many years, on the rural telephone board and held many other positions as well. John loved a good game of cards, his favourites being kaiser and smear. He was hard to beat! His wife, Veronica, sometimes only saw the back of him. On Oct. 8, 1976, John passed away.

SEIDEL, BEN AND ANNAVON

Ben is the eldest son of John Seidel and Veronica Schriml. He was born in Bruno on Nov. 12, 1932 and received all his schooling in Bruno. He helped his dad on the farm, as well as working in the post office for a number of years.

On Aug. 21, 1963 he married Annavon Meyer, the eldest daughter of Francis Meyer and Frances Arbeider. They have four children, Michele, born on June 25, 1964; Jody on Apr. 17, 1967; Chris on July 23, 1968; and Peggy on Dec. 21, 1969.

Ben worked for the Bruno Rural Telephones for ten years as a lineman and has worked for Imperial Oil for 18 years. Ben has been the agent for the last ten years. Ben also farms.

Ben is involved in many community organizations.



Seidel family. Back, L to R: Jody, Chris, Michele. Front: Annavon, Ben and Peggy.

SEIDEL, MARK

by Mark

Mark, son of John and Veronica Seidel of Bruno, was born on Aug. 1, 1942. Raised on a farm, he was educated at Bruno and at St. Peter's College, Muenster. He then attended Allan Business College in Saskatoon and also took commerce classes at the University of Saskatchewan. During the next few years, Mark was employed as an accountant in Saskatoon.

In 1962, Mark married Mary Ellen LaBrash who was born in Humboldt in 1943. Mary Ellen received her education at Pilger, Carmel and Bruno. Later she worked in the credit department of The Bay in Saskatoon.

Mark and Mary Ellen have four daughters. Kelly, born in 1963, is enrolled in her first year of university at St. Peter's College. Cathy, born in 1965, and Joy, born in 1967 are attending Humboldt Collegiate. Rhonda, born in 1971, is a student at St. Dominic School.

On Aug. 1, 1969, Mark entered a public accounting practice in association with Jerome Hergott in Humboldt. The family moved here a month later.

For four years, Mary Ellen was associated with Marina's Style Shoppe and in 1979 established Small World of Fashion which was later sold to Shirley Lins. Mary Ellen is involved in the organizations sponsoring the girl's activities, mainly figure skating and dance.

Mark has been president of the Jaycees, the Humboldt Provincial Progressive Conservative Association and the Humboldt and District Swimming Pool Organization at its inception. From 1976-80 he served on Town Council and was responsible for organizing and setting up road ambulance service.

In 1980, Mark became mayor of the Town of Humboldt.

Currently, he is president of the Humboldt Legion Speed Swim Club, on the board of directors for the Home Care Program, chairman of Road Ambulance and a member of the Jaycees, Chamber of Commerce and the Canadian Federation of Tax Consultants. Mark is also a director of Sask Tel.



Mark Seidel family. L to R: Kelly, Joy, Mark, Mary Ellen, Rhonda and Cathy.

SEIDEL, PAUL AND GERTRUDE

by Ursula Hamm

Paul Seidel was born in Lippo Schlesien, Germany, while Gertrude (nee Noeth) was born in Oberthal Bayern, Germany. They both immigrated to the United States. Paul and Gertrude were married at Rib Lake, Wisconsin in 1900. They farmed in Rib Lake until 1912, when they came to Canada and settled in the Bruno district, farming three miles east of town. In 1906, they bought my grandparent's homestead (Mr. and Mrs. Peter Noeth) and my grandparents moved their house into town (house now owned by Ann Dushenko). Bud Fisher now farms the land. Paul Seidel's homestead was six miles southeast of Bruno. They retired to Bruno in 1947.

Paul and Gertrude raised a family of ten children: Kay, John, Mayme, Ursula, Frank, Martin, Robert, Emilie, Clara and Benedict.

Kay married John Hamm and they live at The Pas, Man. They have three children: Delores, Verna and Orville.

John married Veronica Schriml. They made their home in the Bruno district. John and Veronica had five boys: Ben, Gilbert, Ray, Henry and Mark. John passed away in 1976 and Veronica currently resides in Bruno.

Mayme married Ralph Gardewine. They had a family of four children: Ed, Cecil, Phylis and Renee. Mayme passed away in 1980 and Ralph in 1949.

Ursula married Francis Hamm. They had a family of four children: Delmar, Eileen, Diana and Susan. Ursula still makes her home in Bruno, after Francis' death in 1978.

Frank married Helen Besenski. Frank passed away in 1976. Helen and their son, Darren reside at Choiceland.

Martin died in 1940 as a result of drowning at Embry Lake.

Robert married Dorothy Pulvermacher and they live at The Pas, Man. with their five children: Roberta, Pat, Paul, Roddy and Sylvia.



Paul Seidel family. Martin, Bob, Kay, John, Frank, Emilie, Mayme, Ursula, Clara and Gertrude and Paul Seidel, 1922. (Ben missing)

Clara married Leo Fisher. They now make their home in Saskatoon, Clara and Leo have eight children: Carol, Bud, Marvin, Allen, Ruth, Gwen, Gail and Juanita.

Emilie died in 1934 and Benedict in 1925. Both were single.

Paul Seidel passed away in 1950, while his wife, Gertrude, died in 1969.



Ralph and Mayme Gardewine (nee Seidel)

SERBLOWSKI, POLIKARP

written by Leonard Joseph Serblowski

My father was the son of Thomas Serblowski and Agnes Lokomski. He married Emilia Weiss in September, 1900. They emigrated from Poland in 1901. The places they mentioned were Vilno, Lodz, Breslaw, and the port they sailed from was Novograd. After a long ship voyage, they arrived in the city of Baltimore, U.S.A.

They made their home at Bisby, North Dakota where my mother's parents, Joseph Weiss, and her brothers and sisters came earlier. In the spring of 1906, they came to Canada. My grandparents, the Weiss', took their homestead three and one-half miles north of Carmel, Sask. My parents, Polikarp and Emilia Serblowski, came to their homestead about six miles northeast of Bruno. The farm is now run by the third generation Serblowski.

We lived in a log house with a sod roof. The only wooden floor was in the bedroom and dining room. Plain dirt floor was in the kitchen. Later, a big two storey log house was built. The first house was used for many years as a blacksmith and repair shop. In 1929, my dad opened a blacksmith shop in Pilger, Sask. then in about 1940 moved to Carmel, Sask.

When the Alaska highway was built, many Canadians went to work as carpenters, etc. Dad went in 1943 and worked for Harvey Construction at Fort Nelson, B.C. Eight months later in August, he came back. Our parents



Polikarp and Emilla Serblowski with oldest son, Sydmund -- 1904.

had many hardships and setbacks during the years. One was when hauling wheat to the elevator, the train killed a team of horses, leaving Dad sitting on the seat with empty hands where the lines were moments before. Mother passed away in March, 1951, after being bedridden for about five years. Dad passed away in December, 1960.

There were 12 children in the family, six girls and six boys. My older brother, Sygmund, was born in January, 1904; myself in August, 1905 at Bisby, North Dakota. The rest of the children were born in Bruno, Sask. Two of my sisters died when they were small, Helen and Mary are both buried in Bruno, Sask.

Sygmund married Mary Didur of Peterson, Sask. They had five children. The oldest, Bernard Alfonse, died in infancy and is buried at Bruno. The others are Lorraine, Edward, Leona and Anita. Sig passed away in Saskatoon in January, 1978. Mary still lives in Saskatoon, Sask.

Roman was born in December, 1910. He did blacksmithing in Carmel, Sask. He married Katherine Rieneke, also from the Carmel district. They have three children, Ralph, Larry and Debbie. They live in Toronto, Ont.

Emily was born in 1911. She is widowed and lives in Ontario.

Arthur was born in 1913. He passed away in July, 1978.

Agnes was born in 1914. She married Herman Christl. They lived north of Bruno on the land where the Holy Family Church was situated. They have eight children.

Herman passed away and Agnes lives on the farm near her family in the Oshawa, Ont. area.

Anne was born in 1915. She married Joe Cherneski. They have two children, Shirley and Gordon. They live in Toronto during the summer and Florida during the winter.

Josephine was born in 1917. She married Bill Graham. She is widowed and lives in Windsor, Ont.

Louis was born in 1918. He has three children, David, Beverly and Robert. He lives in Vancouver, B.C.

Vincent was born in 1920. He was a cook for the C.P.R. and he lived in southern British Columbia. He passed away in March, 1967.

Our school was Pleasant Grove, three miles to walk from home. The teachers were about grade 7 or 8 level. The school was open in the summer months, about one to four months, per year, in my time. In the early '20's, I went to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. I worked there for 35 cents an hour at jobs like steelworker, to digging tunnels, to roofing.

In 1923, I joined the army for one and one-half years. In 1930 there was no work to be found. In October I came back to Canada. It was the dirty thirties then and work was even harder to find. I did farm work such as stooking sheaves, hauling sheaves to the thresher, and running the threshing machine. I sold tailor made suits, worked for a farmer in Hoey, Sask. cutting cordwood for \$5.00 a month paid by the government, but I was happy because I had three meals a day and a bed to sleep in. People got vouchers that you took to the store and got the food that was marked on the voucher, there was no fancy stuff. People had no money to buy gas to drive the cars, who had them, so they took the motor out, put a pole on, and hitched the horses to it. The vehicles were promptly named Bennett Buggy or wagon, in honor of the prime minister at that time.



Lenard Serblowski family: Robert, Brian, Greg, Roxann, Len, Rose, Morris and Libby.

Later, I worked building grain elevators in Meath Park, St. Walburg and other towns. Then, I came to Kuroki, Sask. where I worked building barns and granaries. I also painted in Wadena, Sask. When I stayed at Kuroki, I met my wife's parents, Mike Frankow; he was a section man with the C.N.R. Their home was in Muenster, Sask. Rose and I got married in October, 1940. That winter, I worked at Prince Albert, Sask. The following year, we went to Edmonton, Alta. I worked at different jobs there, carpenter, truck driver, worked on a dairy farm, and hauled mine props to the coal mines.

In 1944, we left Alberta and came to Toronto, Ont. I found a job at Addison Industries but that did not last long because the war was over. In 1946, we bought a rooming house and had a restaurant business, and at the same time, I was working with a roofing firm. In 1947, I started my own roofing business. We worked hard and long hours. Within eight months, we made a trip back home to Saskatchewan and had money in the bank.

We have four sons: Robert, Morris, Gregory and Brian. At the present time, we have four grandchildren.

Robert has his own business, an employment agency. Morris is a travel agent.

Greg is working with Ottawa City Hall, sketching and planning; also he is a freelance writer.

Brian is working for the Dominion store.

My wife, Rose is a consultant at a barber and beauty supply company.

GRAHAM, JOSEPHINE (nee Serblowski)

My life on the farm was a lot of hard work. As children, we all had a job to do. I remember the lean years so well. Breakfast consisted of oatmeal, cream of wheat or cornmeal. Many times we had brown gravy over a slice of bread. Our meals during the week were soups which Mom made from scratch. Her beef soup was the best anyone could make. We also had potatoes made into pancakes and in other ways. Also perogies and home-made noodles. The bread, either whole grain or white, set overnight then made into large loaves which were baked in a clay oven, with fresh home-made butter and jam. Nothing like that now! Sundays, Mom would prepare a lovely dinner of roast chicken, or turkey, goose, duck or beef or pork. Mother was an excellent cook -- the strudel she would make! We had so little, but Mom managed to keep us well fed. I love my mom and dad, they made sure we were warmly dressed, even though the clothes were handed down from one child to the next. Mom sewed most of our things.



The first house built on Serblowski homestead in 1906.

Before the big house was finished, we all slept in one big room. You would often end up with three to a bed and with ten children, that can create quite a havoc. The house was kept warm by the kitchen stove and a built-in fireplace. You put long pieces of wood in one end, then the heat wound up in the passages then up the chimney. This was built into the centre wall. When it was heated, the wall was heated -- warm for hours. During the night, the water froze in the pail in the kitchen, when the fire died down. Just the big room was kept warm in the night with big chunks of wood in the heater. The winters in the '20's and '30's were terribly cold and some awful blizzards and a lot of snow. After the storms, the winter had its own beauty with the snow sculptured every which way. In the '30's, the dust storms were awesome. The dust was so bad that it turned the light of day, dark.

During the outbreak of the flu, my mom and dad were very busy helping neighbours that came down with the illness. When we came down with diphtheria, the whole family was immobilized. Our neighbour, Mr. Hryciw, used to come over and do the chores. In those days, people would help one another. With my mom and dad,



The big house built in 1912

there was team work. She would help him with the chores and he would help her in the house. When I was very young, I remember Mom sitting in her rocking chair and us sitting on the floor. She would tell us stories or sing to us.

Christmas and Easter were very special to us. We never had a Christmas or Easter like that since I left home. I don't think people in this area know what it is like to have a good old fashioned Christmas or Easter, or the real meaning of it. If we had a good crop year, they would buy us each a new toy. After the holidays, the toys were put away in a box in the attic for the next year. The rest of the year, we used our imagination. Many times we got carried away and got into trouble, for which we were soundly spanked.



Third house on the homestead, built in 1965.

I have fond memories of Mom and Dad. Mom was a very warm, understanding, compassionate person. Life, for my parents, was facing the grimness of poverty each and every day, and making the best of it. Dad read the Bible each day and taught us the prayers. When I think back, I get very angry that life was so hard for my parents.

During the summer, we walked three miles barefoot to school.

In the depression, we roasted wheat and ground it for coffee and mixed it with chicory that we bought from the store. Harvest was another lovely season. Dad cut the grain with the binder drawn by horses. Ann, Louis and myself did most of the stooking. Mom worked hard canning, making jams, jellies and preserves. The dill pickles were made in a large barrel and so was the sauerkraut. During the winter, we would take the sour cabbage leaves and make rice and buckwheat cabbage rolls.

After a rain, there would always appear a beautiful rainbow. We would run barefoot through the clean wet grass and pick flowers. Everything was so shiny and

fresh. Give me the country any day with the trees, clean water and flowers. Watching the millions of stars at night, the moonlight, and the dancing northern lights. The stillness and beauty of nature, that's how I would like life to be now. I always was a dreamer in the family. In the spring, I loved to listen to the meadowlarks, the robins, blackbirds and the killdeer chirping away. Since I've been in Windsor, I think in all the years I've seen two robins and a crow. All you have here is cars and trucks. Everything is so polluted and all the wildlife is becoming extinct. I hate to see what they are doing to this beautiful world of ours.

When we look back to the simple life how much better people used to get along. I remember my dad helping people in need. During the depression, men looking for jobs were given a meal and a place to rest before going on, and I'm sure a wise word from Dad.

Now that we are older, we think back at the things parents did and said and we think, "Oh, how wise they were".

SERBLOWSKI, ARTHUR

Arthur Serblowski was born in October, 1913. He passed away in July, 1978. Arthur lived all his life in the Bruno area. Arthur farmed the land that his father had. Both parents lived with Arthur, his wife and children.

Arthur married Wallis Laskowski, the oldest daughter of Stanley Laskowski and Helena Slashynski in November, 1943 at St. Bruno Church with Father William Gehlen officiating.

There were 11 children in the family:

Sylvester was born in December, 1944. He went to Pleasant Grove School and completed high school in Bruno. He then went to Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon to take nursing. Since graduating, he worked in hospitals and nursing homes, in Saskatoon for the past 12 years. He married Judy Geisler. They have twin daughters, Cindy and Carol and two boys, Eric and Eugene. They live in Martensville, Sask.

Bernard was born in November, 1946 and died at the age of 21 in July, 1968.

Philip was born in March, 1949. He attended Pleasant Grove and then Bruno High School. After graduating, he went to Saskatoon to take mechanical technology at Kelsey Institute. Since graduating, he has been employed at I.P.S.C.O., a steel plant in Regina. Philip married Evelyn Hakes. They have three daughters, Wanita, Tanya and Leila. They live in the city of Regina.

Doreen was born in May, 1951. She also went to Pleasant Grove and then graduated from Bruno High School. She went to Kelsey Institute to take nursing. She married Thomas Belair. They have two sons, Jason and



Art and Wallis on their wedding day, November 17, 1943

Chad. Doreen stayed home when the boys were small. Now that they are in school, Doreen has joined the labor force as a customer service supervisor in a department store in West Edmonton Mall. Tom is a journeyman tile setter. They make their home in Meadow Lake Village in Edmonton.

Margaret was born in January, 1953. She went to Pleasant Grove School and then to Bruno High. She married Dwayne Hebig and lives on the farm that was the Hebig homestead in the Willmont area. They have a daughter, Tracy and a son, Donavan.

Gerald was born in June, 1955. He attended both Pleasant Grove and Bruno School. Gerald married Evelyn Rejc of Leask, Sask. They have two daughters,



Cindy, Judy, Eric, Sylvester, Eugene and Carol Serblowski



Wanita, Phillip, Tanya, velyn and Leila Serblowski

Carrie and Danielle. They live in Saskatoon where he works in construction.

Kenneth was born in September, 1956. Ken went for one year to Pleasant Grove School. When country school was closed, the bus picked the children up to take them to school in town. Ken continued to go to Bruno and then went to Kelsey where he took a course in auto mechanics. Since then he is working in a garage in Bruno. He married Vicky Strasser and they live on the farm where his father and grandfather farmed.

Alois was born in October, 1958. Alois went to Bruno for all of his schooling. He married Cheryl Herman and they have a daughter, Dawn Lyn. They live in Saskatoon where Alois is a heavy duty mechanic.



Margaret, Tracy, Donavan and Dwayne Hebig



Gerald, Evelyn, Carrie and Danielle Serblowski

Elaine was born in April, 1960. She went to Bruno School. She married Glenn Urban. They have a son, Trevor and a daughter, Lindsay. They reside in Bruno and farm with his parents.

Janet was born in February, 1962. She went to Bruno School and after graduating, worked in Muenster at a lumber yard and at a store in Bruno. She married Delmar Hering. They have a daughter, Rochelle. They make their home on the farm north of Bruno.

Donna was born in April, 1967. She goes to Bruno School and lives with her mother in town.

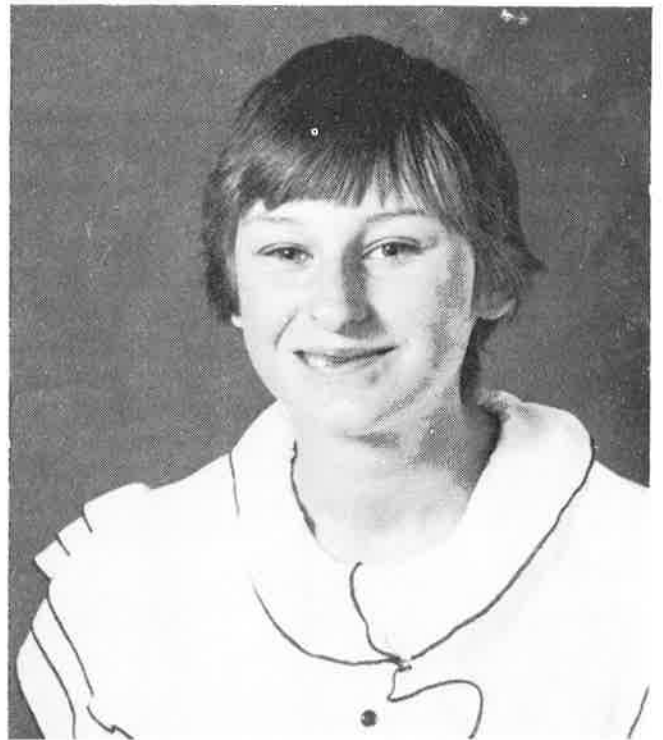
Besides farming, Arthur did custom sawing of firewood. First with a stationary engine that had water in the square cast block for cooling, and large heavy cast fly wheels. The big round saw blade with the big teeth looked dangerous. Arthur usually fed the logs to the saw while one man would throw the pieces away on a pile, while three or four men lifted the log and held it steady while it was being fed into the machine. Later on, he bought an air cooled engine that was easier to start! He also dug wells in the Bruno, Peterson area. The machine was run by one horse going round and round. Their grey horse, Slim, obeyed on command to go or to stop. Art also cut numerous willow posts and wood for sale. When his dad got sick, Art and the boys would take him to the doctor or hospital. He would end up shovelling "tons" of



Dawn Lynn, Cheryl and Alois Serblowski

snow where the road was drifted in. No matter if going east the road was impassible with snow, or going west to Bruno, sometimes it took hours to get through.

Arthur used to help out anyone that needed help, also had time to stop and talk a while. During the '40's, the horses were being replaced by tractors which was a new experience for many. The sad part was that all those surplus unwanted horses were shipped off to a packing plant at Swift Current for pennies a pound. What a way to end up after serving man so faithfully!



Donna Serblowski

SERBLOWSKI, WALLIS

Pioneering in the '30's

I was born in October, 1925 in the village of Czarne in the province of Bialystok, Poland, the oldest in the Laszkowski family. I was given the name Waclawa. We lived on a mixed farm. Horses were used in the field and for transportation.

In the early spring of 1937, my parents, Stanley and Helena, sold the land and everything to go to Canada. By then, there was a sister, Scholastyka, a brother, Steve and the baby, Mary who was five months old. The fare was paid from the sale of the land. The money that was left was kept in trust in Winnipeg, to buy things needed to start farming here. The exchange then was five Zloty to one Canadian dollar.

The bedding, blankets and the clothes were all that we took along. A lot of these things were homespun and woven from flax fibre and wool. Leaving friends and familiar surroundings was sad. We were taken to the town of Suwalki with the horses and wagon that was recently sold. We rode to the capital city, Warsaw and after final processing, to the port city of Gdynia. We boarded the ship called Baltrover to England.

While in London, we saw matching horses on parade for the forthcoming coronation of King George VI. While in London, Mary broke out in measles so Mom and Mary stayed behind. They followed us two weeks later on the ship Montcalm. We boarded the ship Montclare from the port of Southampton for Canada. The voyage was fun and carefree. We had our meals served in a large dining room. Girls our age would get up early and go for a bath, then play until called for breakfast. There was a large



Arthur Serblowski and neighbours sawing wood

playroom with a piano and sandbox, etc. At around 4 o'clock, we were served lunch. We seldom went -- too busy playing or napping in our room.

One evening, we went to a live variety show in the theatre. Some of the performers were the passengers, singing and dancing in their natives costumes and language. One morning, we were surprised to see party novelties at our breakfast table. It was May 12, 1937, the day of King George the VI Coronation.

Our ocean journey came to an end. The train ride going west was so long. Seeing all those rocks, water and trees!

Our uncle met us at the station in Middle Lake at six in the morning, after riding the train north from Regina. When we left Poland, the lilacs were already in bloom, here the trees were bare and snow still covered the ground. We lived at our uncle's in a granary. In June, we moved to the C.N. quarter, S.W. 27-40-24 W2. We lived in a tent made with the blankets and bedding that we brought along. In about two weeks, the bush around was cut down and a log house was built. It had a roof and floor made out of lumber, later a leanto was built to house a cook stove.

My youngest sister, Hermina was born in that house in July, 1939.

The second house was started in 1938. We moved into it in the fall of 1939. In the meantime, a barn was also built. The plastering was done with clay. We helped our parents with all the things that were being done at that time.

Learning English at Lucien Lake School was very difficult, but in time, things began to make sense. Our summers were spent clearing brush by hand, picking roots and stones, working in the field with horses, stooking sheaves, raking and hauling hay, making fences, milking cows and digging seneca roots. It takes a lot of them when dried to make a pound! In the winter time, there was cutting down trees, hauling, then sawing them into stove length pieces to use or sell in town. When cut into four foot lengths, the wood was sold by the cord or loaded into rail box car to be shipped.

Spinning wool from our sheep that were sheared by hand, knitting mitts which were made from home spun yarn and eggs and butter were traded for the necessary things.

In August, 1942 I went to work for the Serblowski family at Bruno, whom my parents knew. In September I went back home for my confirmation and then back to work. In November, 1943 Arthur and I were married.

Washing clothes was done by hand, with the water carried or hauled from the well. In the winter, the snow was melted in a big barrel beside the wood stove. The first washing machine was bought in the winter of 1946. It was gas powered, with the exhaust vented to the outside. The lamp was coal oil with silk mantles. In 1965,



Arthur Serblowski and Slim with well digging outfit

a new house was built with power and gas heat installed. We moved in just before Christmas. Such a change from the big log house! No more lamps or wood to bother with.

Arthur passed away July 11, 1978. In June, 1982 my youngest daughter, Donna and I moved into the town of Bruno.

SERBLOWSKI, KEN

Ken Serblowski was born on Sept. 19, 1956. He is the son of Wallis Laskowski and Arthur Serblowski. For his first year of school he walked three miles to Pleasant



Ken and Vicky Serblowski

Grove. After that, the bus took him to the Bruno public school. During the winter, Ken, as well as the rest of his brothers and sisters, missed many days of school due to the poor roads.

Ken started working at Schlosser's Garage in Bruno when he was 17. As well, he helped his father on the farm. In 1978, when his father died, Ken took over the farm and is still farming northeast of Bruno. Over the years, Ken attended Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon and has received his journeyman certificate in auto-mechanics.

In 1982 he married Vicky Strasser, daughter of Jane Blaseg and Melvin Strasser. Vicky was born June 25, 1963. She attended school in Bruno and after grade 12, took an accounting and business law course. She worked for a couple of years in Saskatoon over the summer holidays and on weekends while going to school. Vicky is presently employed at the Ursuline Convent.

SIERMACHESKY, MICHAEL AND TEKLA

Michael Siermachesky was born in 1853 at Borshiw, Poland. Michael married Tekla Stefanov in April of 1881.

Michael and Tekla had six children: John, Nick, Fred, Tony, Maria and Katrina.

SIERMACHESKY, JOHN

John is the son of Michael and Tekla Siermachesky.

John immigrated to Canada in 1904, arriving in Halifax. He then proceeded to Winnipeg, which at that time was the Central Immigration Office. From Winnipeg he went to Rosthern, Sask. which was the sub-immigration depot from where the immigrants were assisted and directed to the various homesteads that were available. Another reason for coming out to Rosthern, was that he had some friends (Turchanek's), from the same village in Poland, living in Fish Creek, as well as an auntie (Mrs. Stadnyk) living in Bruno. Two good reasons for claiming a homestead in that area. He claimed the homestead in 1906.

John married Paranka Wasylyk in 1908. They had two children, Tony and Mike. Tony married Laura and now resides in Winnipeg, while Mike married Bertha and made their home in Kelowna. John's wife, Paranka, died in 1914.

John remarried in 1915 to Annie Kalika from Bruno. They had 11 children. Roman died as an infant.



John and Annie Siermachesky Sr.

Nick married Neddia Krevinsky. They had two children, Theodore (Ted) and Maurice (John). Nick died in 1983. The family resides in Port Alberni, B.C.

Roman married Annie Fay. They had four children, Gordon, Murray, Timothy and Deborah. They reside in Drumheller, Alta.

Mary married Peter Ewasiuk. They had two children, Terrence and David. They make their home in Kelowna, B.C.

Harry married Annie Sawicki. They had five children, David, Marcella, Ellery, Sharon and Randy. Harry and Annie reside in Humboldt, Sask.



John Siermachesky's homestead

Peter married Sally Smood. They have five children, Leslie, Kelly, Robert, Peter and Tracy. They presently reside in Port Alberni, B.C.

Olga died as an infant.

Joe married Annie Kocha. They do not have any children. Joe and Annie make their home in Vancouver, B.C.

Gregory married Sonia Kozel. They have three children, Mark, Tamara and Melanie. They presently reside in Kaslo, B.C.

John married Irene Code. They have five children, Patrick (now deceased), Catherine, Joanne, John G. and Barbara. They live in Chilliwack, B.C.

Steve has remained single and makes his home in Vancouver, B.C.

John passed away in 1948. Annie died in 1983.



Harry Siermachesky and family

SIERMACHESKY, HARRY AND ANNE

by Harry

I was born in 1922 to John and Annie (Kalika) Siermachesky. Anne Sawicki was born in 1931 to Joseph and Rose (Stadnyk) Sawicki.

We both attended school in Mount Carmel and were married in 1950. We farmed for four years between Carmel and Bruno and 27 years in Burr. I moved to Burr in 1951.

Pilot Grove S.D. was built on my land. I served as secretary and janitor of this school for ten years. They closed the school in 1963. I then drove school bus for the Lanigan School Unit for 14 years.

In 1977, we semi-retired and moved to Humboldt. I then drove the school bus in Humboldt for two years. I

retired in 1983. Anne is presently working as a dietary aid at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt.

We have five children. David is married to Gwen Stoll. They live with their two children in Saskatoon where David works for the City of Saskatoon.

Marcella is married to Reg Meyers of Humboldt. They also have two children.

Ellery is married to Yvette Shorlatowski. They have two boys and live in Saskatoon where Ellery works for Redi-Mix.

Sharon graduated from Humboldt Collegiate Institute in 1981. She is presently working for the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Humboldt.

Randy is 14 years old and is presently in grade 9 at the Humboldt Collegiate Institute.

SIERMACHESKY, NICK

Nick was born on Dec. 15, 1894 at Borszczow, Poland. He married Magdaline Duss in 1909 at Vonda, Sask. They had four children.

Cassie married Mike Hladiuk. They have two children, Mike and Peter. They make their home in Saskatoon. Mike passed away in 1974.

Annee married Nick Gruza. They have three children, Ken, Ron and Jim. They reside in Saskatoon.

Mike still remains single. He makes his home in Saskatoon.

John married Olga Stadnyk. They have three children, Gary, Evelyn and Orient. Gary resides in Melfort, Evelyn in Saskatoon and Orient in Humboldt.

Nick passed away on May 29, 1939. Magdaline died on Dec. 4, 1964.

SIERMACHESKY, TONY

Tony was born on Mar. 3, 1892 in Borszczow, Poland. He married Ksenka Tichacz. They got married on May 29, 1915 in Bruno, Sask. Ksenka was born on Feb. 4, 1892.

Tony and Ksenka had seven children: Steve, Annie, Fred, John (deceased), Mary, Helen and Frances.

Steve married Olga Stadnyk on Aug. 2, 1940. They had four children, Katie (deceased), Roger, Albin and Freda. They presently reside in Saskatoon. Steve passed away on July 12, 1979.

Annie married Peter Gruza on May 16, 1950. They had one child, Murray. They live in Saskatoon.

Fred married Annie Remenda on Nov. 17, 1956. They have two children, Jim and Allen. They live in Carmel. Fred passed away on Dec. 21, 1975.

John died as an infant as a result of fire burns.

Mary married Peter Tarnowski on July 17, 1954. They have five children: Marcian, Marilyn, Morris, Alvin and Dennis. They presently make their home in Bruno.

Helen married Bill Senko on June 12, 1948. They have 12 children: Mervin, Kenneth, Ronald, Ralph, Peter, Leonard, Allen, Jerry, Larry and Wayne. Two boys, Walter and Glen, died at birth. The family resides in Lanigan. Bill passed away on Nov. 19, 1972.

Frances married George Danyliw. They had three children: George, Andrew and Adrian. They reside in Toronto, Ont.

Tony Siermachesky passed away on July 11, 1938 and his wife, Ksenka, on Jan. 5, 1977.

SIERMACHESKY, FRED

Fred was born on Feb. 2, 1890. He married Annie Zajac on Sept. 2, 1920. Annie was born on Mar. 10, 1899. Fred and Annie had three children, Mary, Helen and Mike.

Mary married Tony Indzeoski on Nov. 18, 1939. They have four children: John (who died at the age of two months), Sheila, Jerome and Gladys. Tony and Mary reside at Carmel.

Helen married Ray Stadnyk on July 26, 1949. They had three children: Linda, Goldie, Anne and Murray. They presently reside on a farm west of Humboldt.

Mike married Antonia Ewanishin on July 20, 1963. They have one child, Wayne. They reside at Carmel.

SKARRA, EDWARD AND RITA

Edward and Rita Skarra were married in 1974 and have made their home in Bruno since that time. Ed is employed at Bruno Motors as a mechanic and Rita is employed by Jule's Shop Rite.

Edward is the son of Walter and Mary Skarra of Dana. He was born in Humboldt in 1949 and spent his childhood on a small farm located midway between Dana and Peterson. In 1962, the farm was sold and the family moved to Dana. Walter passed away in 1975 and Mary still makes her home in Dana. Ed took his schooling in Dana up to grade 10, and then completed his high school in Bruno. Following his graduation, he took a job at Bruno Motors, where he is still employed. Ed enjoyed playing broomball during the winter and softball in the

summer with the Bruno Selects. He has one sister, Lorraine Sorokoski, who resides in Dana.

Rita, the daughter of William and Gizella Prieger, who was born in Hungary in 1956 and came to Canada with her mother and older sister in the same year, following the Hungarian Revolution. She lived on a small farm approximately half way between Bruno and Bremen. She attended Ironside School until grade 3. Grade 4 was taken in Regina after her family moved off the farm and her dad took employment in Regina. After returning to Bruno, her time was divided between going to school and helping her parents in their new venture — The Dine-A-Mite Inn. Since her marriage, she has been employed at Jule's Shop Rite. She has also been the head librarian of the local Wheatland Regional Library since January of 1982, and is presently also working as the manager for the Bruno Housing Authority. Rita has two sisters, Edith Hatzel, who lives on a farm just north of Bruno, and Natalie Kadach, who lives in Bruno, and a brother, William living in Portland, Oregon.



Ed and Rita Skarra, 1982

SLUCHINSKI, ANTON AND MARY

by Mary

I was born in the Willmont district, the daughter of Adam and Anna Hebig. I have six brothers and two sisters.

I married Anton Sluchinski of Bruno. We have three sons, Werner, Roy and Gary. Werner was born in December of 1935. He married Marge Klutah of Regina. Werner and Marge have three children and make their home in Edson, Alta. Debbie married Leonard Armstrong. They have one daughter, Amber. Their sons, Doug and Gordon, live in Edson.

Roy was born in 1946. He is employed by the O.K. Economy Store in Humboldt, since 1961. Roy has remained single.

Gary was born in 1952. He played hockey for the Humboldt Bronco team during the 1971-72 season; the same season that they won the championship. Gary was also selected as the Most Valuable Player for the season. He went on to the University of Saskatchewan and received his B.A. in physical education. He taught for one year in Calgary and then moved to Edmonton, where he is employed by the Rily Printing Company. Gary is single.

We first lived at Hoffman School and did the janitorial work. During this time, Tony worked for Joe Schlosser as a mechanic. In 1939, I started working for A. Battel as a clerk and an egg candler. In 1944, we moved to Peterson, Tony and I bought the Peterson Garage and we operated the garage and a confectionery until 1957 when we sold out and moved to Humboldt.

Once in Humboldt, Tony started to work for Elastin Motors. He spent a couple of years there and then went to work for Herb Schlosser at Humboldt Motors. Tony worked for Humboldt Motors until his death in 1967.



L to R: Werner and Marge Sluchinski, Mary, Roy and Gary Sluchinski, 1982.

I worked for one year at the bus depot and then went to work for Mr. Anneth at the Arlington Hotel. Eventually, I went to work at St. Elizabeth Hospital and stayed there until 1977 when I retired.

Now I am busy going to ball games and hockey games (I try not to miss any) and playing bingo and smear at the Senior Citizens Centre.

SMITH, WILLIAM AND MARY

William Smith was born in Germany and came with his parents and family when they first immigrated to the United States. Since life was not all that good in the States, they came to Canada.

William, along with his mother, had the first building in Bruno, which served as a home, store and post office.

In 1919, William married Mary Rauw (Lohman) who was born in Effingham, Illinois in September of 1891. They raised a family of seven boys and one girl. Joseph lives in Penticton, B.C.; Ralph in Dawson Creek, B.C.; Marie in Bruno; Anton died in infancy; Bernard is in Bruno; Wilfred is in Fort St. John, B.C.; Paul is in Surrey, B.C.; and Louis lived in Bruno until his death in 1976.

William Smith passed away in April of 1937 and his wife, Mary in November of 1967.



William Smith family. Back, L to R: Joseph, Mary, Bart Rauw, Marie and Ralph. Front: Bernard, Louis, Paul and Wilfred.

SMOOD, ANTON

Anton Smood was born in Fish Creek, on Aug. 7, 1904. He moved to the Bruno district with his parents, Mike and Ann Smood.

Anton lived and worked together with his family until he married and moved on his own farm, which was

located three miles east of Bruno. He married Jenny Indzeoski in 1927 and they had 12 children: Anne, Mary, Lena, Frank, Ollie, Sally, Verna, Peter, Ernie, Larry, Diane and Lorna.

Anne married Mike Fay and they are now farming in the Carmel area. Mary married John Rothwell and resides in Calgary. Lena married Greg Symak and they are farming in the Cudworth area. Frank married Audrey Thompson and now resides in Saskatoon. Ollie married Joe Krieg and lives in Saskatoon. Sally married Peter Siermacheski and makes their home in Port Alberni, B.C. Verna married Walter Kuemper and also lives in Port Alberni. Peter married Julie Kaminecki and lives in Saskatoon. Ernie married Verda Bergerman. Larry married Sharon Wiers. Diane married Gordon Meyer; they all make their home in Port Alberni. Lorna married Wayne Miskolczi and they make their home in Saskatoon.

Jenny died in November of 1952. Anton retired from farming in 1972 and moved to Saskatoon. He passed away in May of 1976. There are 48 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

SOBUSH, JOHN

John Sobush was born in Greenwich, North Dakota in 1902 and arrived in Canada with his parents at the age of three. They settled on a homestead southwest of Dana. John had three sisters and five brothers as well as two stepsisters and three stepbrothers.

John married Marie Felix, daughter of Joseph Felix and Alma Schmierler in 1925. They eventually settled on a farm west of Bruno. John and Marie had four children: Ed, Hazel, Albert and Sylvester.



L to R: John and Marie Sobush, Hazel and Albert Sobush and their daughter, Connie.

Ed is now living in Weyburn and has three children, Rodger, Mary Lou and Linda. Rodger and Mary Lou are in Edson, Alta. while Linda is in Edmonton.

Hazel (Neglovitch) is in Saskatoon. She has three children, Larry of Regina, Sharon of Calgary and Carol of Saskatoon.

Albert makes his home in Bruno. They have three children, Constance of Bruno and Tamara and Arden at home.

Sylvester lives in Kindersley. He has two children at home, Grant and Gwenda.

John was an active hunter and also was involved in harness racing. This came to an end when he suffered a stroke in 1959. John passed away in 1965.

Marie continued to live in Bruno until her death in December of 1975.

SOBUSH, ALBERT

Albert, son of John Sobush and Marie Felix, married Hazel Latoski in 1961. They lived on the home farm until 1965 when they moved to Bruno. Albert is employed at Hillcrest Farms while Hazel is employed by the Royal Bank in Bruno.

Albert and Hazel have three children, Constance, Tamara and Arden.

Constance married Danny Engele and they have two children, Angela and Carla. Danny is employed at Central Canada Potash while Connie owns and operates an insurance agency.

Tamara attends the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

Arden is presently apprenticing in carpentry.



Albert Sobush family. L to R: Arden, Tammy, Connie and Albert and Hazel.

SOLAR, SYL AND MARLENE

Prior to moving to Kindersley, where Syl was employed as an agricultural representative, Syl and Marlene resided in Birch Hills where Syl taught Vocational Agriculture at the Birch Hills high school and Marlene was employed as a lab technician at the Birch Hills Union Hospital.

In 1972, Syl and Marlene purchased the Solar farm from Syl's uncle, Mike Solar and proceeded to establish a dairy farm which is now known as Sol's Serene Ayrshires. This land was originally homesteaded by Syl's grandparents, Ignatius and Anastasia Solar and has been farmed by the Solar family ever since.

Since 1975, Syl has taught industrial arts and agriculture in the Bruno high school and Marlene has looked after milking the dairy herd.

Syl and Marlene have two daughters, Cheryl and Lisa, and one son, Philip. Cheryl has graduated from the Bruno high school and has married. Cheryl and her husband, Norman Njaa, reside in Melfort where Cheryl is employed by an insurance firm and Norman works for Sask. Tel. Lisa and Philip are both attending Bruno Central School.



Solar family. L to R: Phillip, Lisa, Cheryl, Syl and Marlene.

SPARTZ, NICK AND ANGELA

submitted by Mary Egger (nee Spartz)

Nick Spartz was born in Trier Preisen, near Lupenburg. He came to America at the age of 17 and worked as a farm labourer. He married Angela Kockelman on Sept. 10, 1902. Angela was born at St. Leo, Minnesota on Mar. 29, 1882.



Nick and Angela Spartz, 1902

Nick and Angela farmed in North Dakota until March of 1906 when they came to Canada and homesteaded southwest of the town of Bruno. When they came to Bruno, Nick and Angela already had a family of two. Their children, Mary and Jake, were born at Velva, North Dakota. After coming to Bruno, they had two more children, Gertrude and Bernice (Rosella).

The first thing that Dad did on our new homestead, was to build a barn and during that first summer, we lived in half of it while the horses stayed in the other half. Dad also built a two storey house and had a well dug on our new homestead.

A short time later, Dad got sick and when he found out that there wasn't any cure available for him, he bought a lot in the town of Bruno and built a house and a small barn. He then held an auction and sold all of the machinery, horses and cattle.

The first summers in Canada were full of memories. One day we were going to Koob's for a picnic. Jake and I were put on the democrat seat and left alone. As luck would have it, the ponies started to run away. Dad and Uncle Christ (Kockelman) tried to head off the horses but they kept running in a circle and Jake fell off the seat. I don't remember how they managed to stop the horses!

Dad passed away on Aug. 24, 1908. He was buried in Bruno cemetery. His was the second grave in the cemetery. On the day that Dad passed away, Mrs. J. Young and Marie Young were at our place and Father Bernard read a mass and gave the last sacrament. Dad was 35 years old when he died.

We did not have many neighbours; William Leisen to the south, Nap Duford and Tommy and John Young to the west and Walter Paver to the north. Mother took a homestead after Dad died. She had to put in homestead duties. We lived in town during the winter and on the farm in the summer. After she proved up the homestead, we lived in town year round.

I started school by Winnie Kramer, who was married to John Fischer. I drove to school with Madeline, Wilbert and Gene Leisen as they had to come through our yard to go to town. I also had Mike Pitzel, James Adams and several Sisters for teachers, Sister Antonia, Agatha, Clara, Benedicta and many more whose names I have forgotten. Our main playground was a big sand pit where Frank Wirtz later built a house. We had lots of bird and snake funerals in that pit. We also sang in the school choir so we all knew the requiem and sang that at all the funerals we held. We also played in Mr. Koenig's yard and barn loft. These were all close to our home.

On Sundays, we went to Honish's. Mrs. Honish was always good to us. Mary and I were very close friends.

A man in Bruno got the smallpox and everybody had to be vaccinated. My vaccination did not take and so I had to be re-vaccinated two weeks later. A lot of children had very swollen and big sores on their arms and could not go to school. I was going to be sure that with this re-vaccination, I too was going to have a sore arm so I wouldn't be able to go to school. So I picked and scratched but it didn't help, the vaccination just did not take and to my disgust, I never missed a day of school. The doctor told me that I was immune to smallpox and would never get it.

The Whitney family came to Canada and settled one-half mile from our farm. The Whitney children and us became good friends. Chrystal and I still write even though we haven't seen each other for 60 years. The Gerlinski's and Merkosky's came later. The Gerlinski's stayed with us on the farm until their house was ready for them to live in. We all walked to school together most of the time. At the age of 13 ½, I had to quit school, as I was needed at home. I also worked for Mrs. Waldbillig at Leofeld for two months.

I had to help with the housework, work in the field, drive four oxen, harrow, disk, plow, cut hay, and rake it as well as stack it. I guess it didn't hurt me, even though I complained a lot. I'm still here and still complaining. Ha! Ha!

The first dance I attended was held in Art Duford's barn. All the dances then were held in barns, school houses or in pool rooms as there weren't any halls.

One of my memories is of the Bruno train wreck. A train coming from the east on the main track and one was coming from the west collided. The crash broke the caboose and the floor and the wheels were on top of the engine. One of the locomotives ran off the track and smashed several cars. The building beside the station where the cream was kept was also pushed off of its foundation.

In 1922, I got housemaid's knee and was taken to St. Paul's Hospital. I was operated on by Dr. Lynch on February 9 and came home on Mar. 9, 1922.

During the fall of 1923, Isabel Dickhoff and I cooked for threshers at Tommy Young's farm. We had as many as 34 men to feed. I also helped Barbara Duford cook for threshers every year until I got married. Barbara was a wonderful person. The whole family treated me as if I was one of the family. Thank you all.

In August of 1923, I met Fritz Egger on a blind date. On Oct. 22, 1924, Fritz and I were married in St. Bruno's Church.

SPENRATH, FRANZ AND MARIA

Franz Spenrath was born on Oct. 7, 1896 in Trier, the oldest city of West Germany. Maria Spenrath (Weber) was born Feb. 9, 1902 in Altrich, West Germany.

World War I took the 17 year old Franz, along with two older brothers, to the western battlefront. One brother died a few days before armistice. After the war, Franz returned to Trier to take over his father's distillery and wine trade. The other brother, Josef, took over the Spenrath grocery store. Marie worked there as clerk after her commerce training.

On Oct. 10, 1923 Franz and Maria were married. That day the German paper mark was substituted by a new mark, four mark equalling one dollar. That day, one billion paper mark was the value of one new mark. The priest who was present for the wedding, the choir, organist and the sisters who prepared the wedding meal were paid in brandy. The photographer had been paid before this economic upheaval. The bride's bouquet cost five billion mark!

The Treaty of Versailles cut off the Sahrebuht from Germany -- and this was the main market for the Spenrath wines and whiskeys. Consequently, the business shrank and came to a halt. Franz tried other employment, but nothing suitable was found. In a country smaller than Saskatchewan but with a population 60 times that of our province, there wasn't much chance. The family decided to go to Canada.

The Benedictine Abbot of St. Matthias told Franz where to go in Canada -- to St. Peter's Colony served by German American Benedictine monks.

So, Franz landed in Canada on the 25th of April, 1930 and was followed a year later by Maria and their three oldest sons.

In Canada, there was already a big change. The wheat price went down to 19 cents a bushel during that year. The first thing for the young family to have was a cow. The price of this animal, along with a week old calf, was \$15.00. Several calves were given free because the farmers did better making butter from the milk than having a calf to feed.



Franz Spenrath family. Back, L to R: Bruno, John, Frank, Al. Front: Henry, Josef, Mirlam and Rudy. (Paul is missing.)

In 1935 Franz became janitor of the Bruno schools and at the same time was employed at the Bruno Clayworks which operated only two months of the year from 1935-41.

"In 1943 I worked on the Alaska Highway construction as a carpenter. And, for first time I saw wages, real wages -- a dollar an hour! Before, on the farms, we made hardly a hundred dollars in a year. In my first 12 years in Canada, I didn't reach \$300.00 in any one year.

In 1943 I was able to build a couple of chicken barns and began raising chickens besides continuing carpentry with Albert Gerding, with whom I worked till 1948.

In 1948 the Bruno Clayworks had new ownership and it began year-round employment. I took the chance for full-time employment and my income rose to \$3,000.00. Finally things were looking up. I did painting and carpentry on the side, working on places such as the Bruno and Willmont churches.

During all these years, Maria did her share as well. She had boarders at the Bruno Clayworks, prepared meals, did laundry and worked hard raising the family. Later on, she was employed at the Ursuline Convent as well."

In February of 1961, an accident prevented further employment at the Clayworks as a fireman. That meant retirement from the labour force at the age of 65 and the move to the village of Bruno.

"Our family consists of nine children, the three oldest sons born in Germany. All took their elementary education in Bruno. One went directly to S.T.I. in Moose Jaw, some continued high school in Bruno, some went to St. Joseph's College in Yorkton or St. Peter's at Muenster, and Marie, the only daughter, attended the Ursuline Academy in Bruno.

John married Mary Rommings of Great Deer, Sask. They moved on to Edmonton, their present home. They have nine children. John has retired from a long career as educator, spending most of his years as principal.

Mary is a lab assistant with the Edmonton Separate system.

Paul lives in Regina. After an eight year teaching career, he began work for Rothmans and now holds the position of provincial sales manager. He is active in Big Brothers in the city of Regina.

Josef is married to Gwladys Dixon of Clandonald, Alta. Josef is a builder-contractor in the city of Edmonton and Gwladys is secretary-treasurer and continues home-making. They have seven children.

Frank, married to Olga Haras of Foam Lake, Sask., has resided in Lloydminster for the last number of years. They have three sons. Frank is a supervisor for the Department of Employment and Immigration of Canada and Oli works as a C.N.A. in a Lloydminster clinic.

Henry is married to Nora Oltmann of Neilburg. They have a family of three and both Henry and Nora have careers in education, he primarily in the field of administration, having spent many years as principal in the Edmonton Separate System and Nora presently a resource room teacher.

Bruno and Silja Jaakkola, also living in Edmonton, have three children as well. Silja came from Vihanti Kuusirati, Finland and is employed as Loans Clerk III. Bruno is an electrician for the city of Edmonton.

Rudy, married to Dora Sieben, originally of Macklin, is yet another in the field of education. He is Superintendent of Schools for the Taber, Alta. region. Dora and Rudy live in Taber where Dora is fully employed as homemaker. They have five children.

Miriam, Ursuline Sister, has spent the last dozen years in Muenster where she is principal of the St. Peter's Pre-Vocational work-training program. She's also quite occupied with the youth of the area in her job as Diocesan Youth Co-ordinator.

Alphonse married Frances Bobrownik of Tomahawk, Alta. They have two children. Fran is an operational auditor and Al a chartered accountant. They live in St. Albert, Alta.

So, that totals 32 grandchildren and to date, 18 great grandchildren for Franz and Maria Spenrath.

And, for a few other details of interest: Franz is a charter member of the Bruno Credit Union. He spent one term as Bruno School Trustee. In 1977-78 he completed a very detailed family history which dates back to the year 1580.

Maria Spenrath died in June of 1979, her passing made according to order. She hoped never to have a lingering illness or a prolonged dying. With cabbage plants set out the night before and the yeast ready on the counter to make the week's bread, she died in her early morning sleep.

Franz, at nearly 88 years of age, is in good health, does his own cooking and baking, and keeps the family coming back to Bruno for frequent visits.

STAHL, JOHN AND SOPHIE

by their children, Sophie, Charlie,
Helen, August and Madeline

Our father, John Stahl, was born in the United States in 1866. Our mother, Sophie (Egle) Stahl was born in Switzerland in 1875 and she immigrated to the United States in 1888. John and Sophie were married in Wasaw, Wisconsin in 1898.

Dad immigrated to Canada in 1904 where he filed for a homestead. This homestead was nine miles north of Bruno, S.W. 12-38-25 W2. He had to clear and break land to prove up his homestead rights. He also built a house for his family to live in when they came from the United States in 1905.



Mr. and Mrs. John Stahl, 1937

We remember the stories Dad told us about having to go to Rosthern for groceries and clothing. These trips took a week or more, depending on the weather; usually two or three neighbours went together. These burdensome trips were eliminated when the C.N.R. passed through Bruno, Humboldt and Dana. Our parents witnessed many hardships during the early pioneer days, crop failure, depression, illness and sorrows. With a lot of hard work and determination, they managed to survive and raise a family of nine children. Their strength was obtained through their faith. They farmed in the Bruno area until 1937 when they moved to town.

John and Sophie had nine children: Amanda died in 1906 in a prairie fire.

Caroline died in 1918 as an infant.

Ervin married Katie Bourauel in 1922 and they had five children, Clothilda, Eugene, Aurelia, Leon and Catherine. Ervin died in 1978.

Arnold married Eva Zimmer in 1928 and they have four children, Clifford, Raymond, Delores and Lloyd. Arnold died in 1934.

Sophie married Fred Turner in 1930. They had seven children, Vernon, Verna, Douglas, Rosalie and Jack. Gregor and Carol are now deceased.

Charlie married Rosie Bourauel in 1930 and they had seven children, Josephine, Geraldine, Louise, Rodger, Richard, John and Kevin are deceased.

Helen married Andrew Sobus in 1930 and they had six children, Elaine, Lavern, Vivian, Shirley, Glen and Arnold (now deceased). Helen remarried Joe Sabol in 1952. Joe passed away in 1980.

August married Mary Pitka in 1942 and they had two children, Marie and Jane. Mary died in 1982.

Madeline married Jack Kolinsky in 1939 and they have two children, Merle and Myra. Jack died in 1951.

Mom died in 1945 and Dad in 1957.



Ervin and Katie's 50th wedding anniversary. L to R: Catherine, Aurelia, Eugene, Clothilda and Leon. Katie and Ervin - center.

to play cards or house parties where we danced. The club dances and club picnics were our other outings. Sometimes, the club picnics were held at Mr. Peter Meyer's and the dancing in the hall was enjoyed by all.

Retirement took some adjusting to after an active life; however playing pinochle or smear with friends and neighbours filled a void. Ervin entered St. Elizabeth Hospital in Humboldt in December of 1977 and passed away on Jan. 21, 1978.

I still reside in my home and enjoy playing cards with a group of six ladies, a pastime we have enjoyed for the past ten years. I still also enjoy my flowers and also needlework and crocheting.

We were blessed with five children. Clothilda (Abe Hassen) retired in Saskatoon; Eugene (Alice) retired in Tisdale; Aurelia (Pete Nett), Leon (Clementine) and Catherine (Kelly Callele) live in Bruno. I also have 18 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. Visits from my children, grandchildren or great grandchildren adds to a full and happy life.



Charles, August, Ervin and John Stahl.



Celebrating John Stahl's 84th birthday

STAHL, ERVIN AND KATIE

by Katie

Ervin came to Saskatchewan with his parents, John and Sophie Stahl, somewhere around 1906. They homesteaded on section 12-39. Katie's father, John Bourauel, came to Saskatchewan in 1903 to the Leofeld district. In 1910, John Bourauel moved to Bruno where he farmed. Ervin and Katie were married on Oct. 24, 1922 in St. Bruno's Church. They farmed three and one-half miles north of Bruno until they retired and moved to town in the spring of 1960.

Farming was very hard during the hungry thirties. Ervin trapped fur bearing animals to bring in extra income. I raised chickens and turkeys, which provided a bit of extra money and also for table fare. We sold eggs for six cents a dozen, butter at ten cents per pound, while a five gallon can of cream brought \$1.95. However, we also had our share of fun going to neighbours and friends

STAHL, LEON AND FAMILY

I was born in September, 1929, second son of Ervin and Katie Stahl. I attended Hoffman School for my elementary education and Dana and Bruno for grades 9 to 12. The one room school at Hoffman had one teacher (Mr. Leonard LaBrash) with anywhere from 30 to 40 odd pupils in grades 1 to 9 or 10. Lunch was carried to school in the old ten pound Rogers syrup pails and usually froze in winter or pretty well cooked in summer. On really cold windy days, the few that braved the storms would huddle around the big wood burning heater. Punishment for misbehavior often times netted "X" number of arm loads of wood carried into school. God, could that monster devour wood! In later years, wood was supplemented by coal. Sports consisted of whatever the imagination came up with. During and right after the depression, sports equipment was almost nil.

I stayed on the farm with Dad and Mom until I married. Farming never appealed to me. Everything was done manually, not like today. Buckets and buckets of chop (ground grain) were carried to feed the hungry hogs or cattle. Milking numerous cows by hand always brought a switched tail into the face or eyes. Sometimes those tails were not too dry. Crops were stooked, then threshed. Again, by hand, bundle for bundle. Every bushel of grain shovelled by the old scoop. Yet, even with all the manual application, it seems there was more leisure time and neighbourliness than now. In winter there were card games of pinochle, smear, or penny ante alternated two or three times a week among neighbours. Summer picnics were quite frequent and always well attended.

From Dad I learned the love of the outdoors and fishing and hunting. Even in the lean years there was always money obtained some way to buy shells for the various guns. This went to further supplement the in-



Stahl family. Top, L to R: Dwight, Colleen, Jocelyn, Grant. Bottom: Clementine, Nicole and Leon.



Dwight, Cindy and their daughter, Chelsea

come as a coyote pelt or weasel skin always brought a few dollars. Incidentally, I saw my first red fox in the late '40's and muskrat sometime in the early '50's. Reflecting back on my formative years, although work was hard and money not every easily obtained, there are no regrets, only fond memories.

I married Clementine Hebig, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hebig, at St. John, Fulda, Sask. in October, 1951. I began employment as timekeeper with a Sask. Power construction crew and stayed two years. Our eldest son, Dwight, was born in 1953 and as we were living in a mobile home and moving continuously, we decided to try something more stable. Consequently, together with my brother-in-law and his wife (Abe Hassen), we opened Ace Cafe and Billiards in Bruno. To me, this venture was not suitable as there was no time for home life or family. I'm sure we kept that place open 16 to 18 hours every day. Enrolment in a barbering course at Saskatoon gave me my certificate and I opened a shop in 1956. Clementine received her beautician's status in the city also and together we have operated Stahl's Barber & Beauty Shop since our graduations.

Being involved in community sports as coach for fast-ball, baseball, and hockey, our house was often the gathering place for many young folk. We also enjoy curling and bowling. Reflecting back on sports brings to mind the hundreds of miles driven (thank God gas was cheap); the highs and the lows, also the lasting

friendships. What a thrill it was to have the midget baseball boys win the tourney at Lake Lenore on Leslie Dust's no hitter! How unreal it was to have RCMP standing by after the senior hockey team defeated St. Louis in a play-off game! The pride of being part of the Bruno Bantams when they won the Northern Provincial C Division in 1965-66, and the sorrow and tears shared when they lost the provincial final by 20 seconds to Redvers. How nice it is to remember being on a team with Leo Urban, Jack McClellan, and Ed Donahue and winning the first open bonspiel as Dana Radar.

Dwight, our eldest son, married Cindy Wolfe in 1981, and together with our only granddaughter, Chelsea, live in Saskatoon. Dwight is employed with Sask. Power.

Colleen, our eldest daughter, married Daniel Elash in 1982. They also live in Saskatoon and are expecting their first child early in 1984. Colleen is a secretary for North American Life, while Dan has his own business, namely D. W. Elash Enterprises Inc., doing gradebeams in Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Jocelyn, our second daughter, had an early wanderlust, living at various places, trying different climates and jobs. However, close to home was still best. Two years ago, Jocelyn moved back to Saskatoon and is employed by Sask Tel.

Grant, our youngest son, is presently attending the U. of S. in his second year of commerce. Grant has always been very active and very apt in all sport. Hockey was his first love, however, last year he was a member of the broomball team that represented Saskatchewan at the national finals in Newfoundland.

Nicole, the baby, is still home with us attending elementary school. Her delights are to have all the brothers and sisters at home, together with her little niece. That, in essence, is what family and community is all about. Togetherness.



Dan and Colleen (Stahl) Elash

TURNER, SOPHIE AND FRED

by Sophie

I was born in Marathon, Wisconsin on Nov. 20, 1905 and moved to Canada in 1905 with my mother, who came to be united with my father; he had come to Canada earlier to claim a homestead and build a house. I lived on a farm until I was 13 years old and then I took on a full time job. I worked at Battel's Grocery Store in the daytime and for Dr. Kennedy in the evening.

I married Fred Turner on May 19, 1930. Fred, at that time, was employed by the Bruno Clayworks. We then took over the Bruno Telephone Office until 1942. In the meantime, our family began: Vernon and Verna were born in 1930, Douglas in 1933, Gregor in 1934 and Rosalie in 1938. We then moved to Prince Albert in 1942 where Fred was employed at the M and C Aviation until 1949. While in Prince Albert, Jack was born in 1945 and Carol Ann in 1948.

We moved back to Bruno in 1949 where we took over the telephone office again until 1957 when we moved to Nokomis. Fred farmed west of Nokomis until 1973 when a farming accident caused him to retire. I worked as a cook at the Nokomis Union Hospital until Fred's accident forced my retirement in 1973.

With the passing of time, our children married and are now living at various points. Vernon married Doreen Delorme and lives in Lake Lenore; Verna married Norman Speerbrecker and lives in Viscount; Douglas married Adrianna Ooms and lives in Kelowna, B.C.; Rosalie married Dennis Krentz and lives in Bruno and Jack married Sylvia Perry and lives in Nokomis. Gregor and Carol Anne passed away in 1935 and in 1949, respectively.



Turner family. L to R: Jack, Rosalie, Douglas, Vernon, Verna, Fred and Sophie Turner (center).

STAHL, AUGUST

I was born on Oct. 28, 1911 on our farm north of Bruno, the eighth of nine children born to John and Sophie Stahl. I took my elementary education at Hoffman School. In 1924, we moved into Bruno for a year and then back out to the farm.

I began working for the Bruno Clayworks. In August of 1942, I married Mary Pitka of Englefield. We lived in Prince Albert for one year where I worked for Burns Meat and then in 1943, we moved back to Bruno where we took over the telephone office. I then worked for a number of years for the Bruno Hotel. In 1957 I purchased a farm and moved to Nokomis with my family. Mary went back to her nursing career and was employed at the Nokomis Union Hospital for a number of years. In 1974, we sold the farm and retired.

Our marriage was blessed with two daughters. Marie, born in 1948, married Ron Ediger and they have two sons, Jason and Trent. They reside in Nokomis where Ron has his own business.

Jane, born in 1949, married Dale Campbell and they have two children, Lawrence and Paula. They reside in Kelvington.

We enjoyed our retirement, together, until Mary's death in January of 1982. I now keep busy with my fishing in the summer and my hunting in the fall. I also enjoy my grandchildren being near.

STAHL, CHARLES JOSEPH

by Charles

I was born the fifth child of John and Sophie (nee Eagle) Stahl, on Jan. 8, 1908 on S.E. 12-38 near Bruno. My education was started at Pleasant Grove School and completed at Hoffman School when my parents moved to the S.E. 30-35.

Like most young folk of the era, when one finished your eight years of schooling, you joined the labour force. There was no guarantee of social security or welfare for the unemployed. The first job I obtained was herding cattle at the local cattle buyer's pasture followed by jobs as a hired man on various farms in the district. My interest in livestock and horses was kindled and was to remain for the remainder of my farming years. My red pony was my pal and we were out to meet the world. Wages usually amounted to \$10.00 a month including room and board. The jobs did not pay well, but they did teach all aspects of farming from field work to delivering the household mistress and the cream can to town, daily.

A young lad's dreams came true when he became a member of a threshing crew where a man could earn



Charles Stahl with his six-horse hitch, 1939

\$3.00 a day even though the grub left something to be desired at times. Biscuits served for lunch sometimes went through the threshing machine to be softened up a bit before they could be digested.

The most memorable harvest as a member of a threshing crew was during the fall of 1925. I recall stopping to disentangle a horse's line and ended up with an untangled leg where the bones were protruding. I was in no shape to kick back at the old steed, nor to walk away. Help arrived and I was rescued and put on an old door for the next 24 hours before boarding the caboose of a freight train for the trip to Humboldt hospital. Hospital was home for the next eight months.

I always had a love for horses and cowboy expeditions thrilled me. In 1927 I had my chance to be a cowboy when I was employed to drive a herd of horses from Brooks, Alta. to Bruno. We crossed about 26 miles of bald prairie a day and arrived at Bruno about four weeks later.

On the sunny wintry day of Feb. 25, 1930 I married Rosie Bourauel of the Bruno district. Rosie Josephine was born on July 11, 1908. She had been raised on her



Charles Stahl family. Back, L to R: Josephine, Geraldine, Louise. Front: Charles, Rosie, Rodger.

dad's farm located northeast of Bruno. Our wedding day began with a trip to St. Bruno's Church by caboose. Our honeymoon was spent relaxing in front of the warmth of the bake oven door in our shack located at N.E. 14-38, eleven miles north of Bruno. Our life was begun and happiness was a pocket full of dreams and \$2.48 to start our future together. This shack and land was to be our home and farm for eight years until we moved to the John Bourauel farm and then this was our home until we retired to Bruno.

Much hard work was in store for those who started to make their living off the land. Days were spent cutting wood which was sold anywhere from \$1.50 to \$3.00 a load, depending upon the whims of the purchaser. Willow fence posts brought five to ten cents a piece. Chores had to be done and livestock tended to. Young wives had equally as much work to accomplish. Butter was made and sold for 25 cents a pound to help pay the costs of the short grocery list.



Charles with his prized chuckwagon hitch

Christmas meant special preparations. We did not purchase "butter ball" turkeys for Christmas, but raised the gobblers on the farm. Some of those turkeys had their own story to tell.

Of special significance was the fall at the shack when I was sent to bleed the turkeys and then dry pluck them. Upon completing the task, I delivered the birds to the kitchen table where Rosie and her help were busy dressing and drawing the birds. Suddenly screams were heard. A bird got up, stepped off the table and onto the kitchen floor and proceeded to walk about stark naked and certainly not dead. After much excitement, I was sent to kill the bird, again!

They say things such as the above incident only happens once in a lifetime, but 50 years later, I was once again to hear these death curdling screams of astonishment while helping my daughter-in-law, Judy do her fall butchering. This time, a semi-alive chicken was put in a scalding pot. The look on a woman's face at times like these does not change in 50 years, nor does their empha-



Charlie and Rose in the backyard of their home in Bruno amid the flowers and the rock gardens.

tic insistence when they explain "make sure those darn birds are dead".

Farming and field work along with the odd job off the farm for extra cash, kept one's time well occupied. This held true for Rosie as well for when she was not busy helping me haul hay, stones or stooking sheaves, she tended to the livestock, poultry and milking. She was also an avid gardener and plant expert. Her skills provided many a delightful jar of preserves, beautiful fresh flowers or crisp starched dresses for children, grandchildren and neighbours.

Income from the farm was not only supplemented with cash from extra jobs, cream cheques and pails of berries or eggs but also by my love of trapping and hunting. A great thrill for me was to raise a good set of coyote hounds and then spend the winter hunting coyotes with the hounds and a good saddle horse. Muskrats and weasel trapping also provided income and sporting relaxation.

Evenings were often spent stoking up the stove and setting up jigsaw puzzles together, sewing, making popcorn or playing pinochle to the light of the coal oil lamp before the advent of electricity and television. I also enjoyed curling, playing smear, and kaiser while Rosie spent endless hours quilting or doing needlework.

During the course of the years, we had time to become involved with organization and activities with the children. There was the ball team, glee club, 4-H club, Knights of Columbus, Lions club, square dancing club, fishing, moose hunt, Catholic Women's League and the Christian Mothers. While I was out getting the children to and from one activity or the other, Rosie faithfully carried out the duties on the home front and gave support to everyone when they needed it.

After going into semi-retirement, I became more active with the horses and got into the swinging activity of pony chariot and chuckwagon racing. Summers have been spent following the racing circuit and meeting new friends and acquaintances. It has also provided some special occasions for Mom and I to spend with the children and grandchildren.

To share our life and activities, our marriage was blessed by the arrival of seven children: Richard, John, Josephine, Kevin, Geraldine, Louise and Rodger. Three sons, Richard, John and Kevin, were called to eternity as young children. Our eldest daughter, Josephine, attended Pleasant Grove School and Bruno School to complete her elementary education and completed her high school years at the Ursuline Academy. After completing high school, she enrolled at St. Elizabeth's School of Nursing in Humboldt and graduated as a registered nurse. Several years later, she completed her studies and received her diploma in business administration. In 1957, she married Albert Hassen of Dana. The Hassen's have one son, Trevor. Trevor married Glendine Muller and has two daughters, Sara and Nicole. The Hassen's are presently residing in Bruno while Trevor is farming at Dana.

Our second daughter, Geraldine, also completed her education at the Bruno school and the Ursuline Academy. She is presently active as a ceramics and crafts teacher in Saskatoon. Geraldine married Donald Paydli of Bruno in 1957. They have five children: Ronald, Carla, Lionel, Lorelei, and Kalmen. Carla married Donald Hamel of Saskatoon and has three children, David, Christine and Raeanne. Ronald, Lionel and Kalmen are employed in Saskatoon and Lorelei is attending the University of Saskatchewan for her third year in the College of Physical Education. The Paydli family reside in Saskatoon where their home is often the center of great activity when children and grandchildren drop by to enjoy Mother's delicious cooking, baking and warm hospitality.

Our youngest daughter, Louise, followed the two older girls' paths of education through the Bruno school and the Ursuline Academy. Upon completion of high school, she enrolled at the Saskatoon Teacher's College and went on to the University of Saskatchewan to complete her Bachelor of Arts and Science and Bachelor of Education degrees. Louise married Norbert Tetzlaff in 1964. They have one daughter, Celene-Rose, who is presently attending the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. The Tetzlaff's are residing in Prince Albert and are still both involved in the field of education.

Our son, Rodger, also attended the Bruno school for his elementary and high school education. Upon leaving school, Rodger started farming with me and presently resides with his family on the home farm. Rodger married Judith Kainer, a registered nurse of the Kildrum

district, in 1969. Rodger and Judy are the proud parents of an infant son, Michael Charles.

1984 marked the 54th year of wedded life for Rosie and I, marked by occasions of sorrow, happiness and thankfulness!

STAHL, RODGER AND JUDITH

Rodger Charles Stahl was born on Feb. 24, 1946 to Charles and Rose (nee Bourauel) Stahl. He attended school in Bruno and claims that it took him ten minutes to get to school on horseback. Rodger was especially active in the 4-H and curling and farmed with his dad.

Judith Catherine, born on June 2, 1947, is the youngest daughter of Michael and Helen (nee Einsiedler) Kainer. She attended Kildrum School and St. Ursula's Academy.

Rodger and Judy were married on Oct. 11, 1969 and have one son, Michael Charles, born on Nov. 21, 1983.

Rodger and Judy make their home on what was the old John Bourauel farm, S.E. 27-35-25 W2. They do mixed farming and are busy with racing on the pony chariot and chuckwagon circuit since 1973. Rodger's love for horses has expanded to include raising Percherons and training them for harness use.

Judy, a registered nurse, is employed at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Humboldt.



Rodger and Judy Stahl and their son, Michael

STILBORN, WILLIAM AND FAMILY

by Beatrice Demoline and Beth Froess

The William Stilborn family immigrated to Manitoba and later to the North West Territories in 1882 to the Prince Albert and Battleford areas from Darlington area

in England. They arrived with their two daughters, Bell and Nellie, and their son, William (Bill) Jr.

The family was harassed a bit by the Indians during the Riel Rebellion. After the Rebellion was settled, the Stilborn family moved to what is now known as the Wolseley area. Bill worked on freighting over the Carlton and Prince Albert trails, bringing in supplies for the northern settlements from the railroad that had been built across the south. After Bill Sr. passed away, Bill Jr. started farming and ranching in the Lemberg area, some of Bill's cousins had also located here.

Bill married Elsie Middleton on Jan. 22, 1901. Her folks had immigrated from Durham, Ont. and homesteaded in what was later Lestock, Sask. district. Bill's mother and two sisters made their way to Humboldt after the railway came through in 1905. It was in Humboldt that Bill married Len Davies who worked in the Federal Land Titles Office. Bill and Len farmed for awhile in the Golden Acre district where their two sons, Glen and Max started school in the early 1920's. They left the district and moved to the Isle of Pines. A tropical storm here wiped out their business and the family moved back to Ontario.

Nellie married a Mr. Charlerton, but was soon left a widow. Later, she married Louis Wolfe who was an engineer on the railroad. Nellie had one daughter who presently lives in Winnipeg.

Mrs. Stilborn Sr. passed away Apr. 10, 1921 and is buried in the Humboldt Public Cemetery.

Bill Jr. later moved his family to the Melville area and farmed there until 1915 when they moved to the Hillsley School District south of Carmel on S.W. 22-36-24 W2. They later bought section 29-36-24 W2 in the Cranich Lake School District. Their neighbours here were the Kosokowsky's, Kobelsky's, Froess, Fortosky's and the Witts who had homesteaded in Cranich Lake and Valley View school districts.

Bill Jr.'s children, Ernie, Beth and Beatrice, had some schooling at the Golden Acre school and now continued their schooling at Cranich Lake School. In June of 1933, the Stilborn family moved to the Bellsite, Man. area where Fen Stilborn and his family and Beth and Alex Froess and family had moved in 1932. Later, they farmed in the Bowsman, Man. area where Bill Stilborn passed away in May of 1945. Mrs. Stilborn later moved to Swan River with her widowed sister. She passed away Dec. 28, 1969 in Swan River, Man.

Dora married Fred Aldridge at Bowsman. They later moved to Wayne and then to Calgary, Alta. Their daughter is married and resides in Calgary. Dora was born on Dec. 15, 1902 and passed away on Dec. 1, 1964.

Fennie was born on Oct. 25, 1905. He married Katherine Anderson of the Manor Park district in 1929. They had two sons. Fennie served in World War II and after his return, he started farming near Swan River. He farmed

until his health gave out. Fennie passed away on Jan. 27, 1982 at Swan River, Man.

Ernest, born on Apr. 6, 1910, married Florence Bowsman on Oct. 13, 1932. Florence was from the Golden Acre district. They lived in the Bowsman - Swan River area where their three children, two daughters and a son, were born. In the early 1950's, they moved to East Conlee and Calgary, Alta. They later retired in High River, Alta. where Ernie passed away on July 6, 1977. Florence passed away on Sept. 29, 1979.

Elsie (Beth), born on Dec. 26, 1912, married Alex Froess of the Cranich Lake district in October of 1929. Alex was accidentally killed while working on the highway in 1961. Beth lives in a senior citizens home in Red Deer, Alta. They had three daughters and two sons.

Beatrice, born on Sept. 16, 1914, married at Bowsman, Man. She had two sons. She later married Frank Demoline and they spent some years at Lynn Lake where Frank was employed in the mine. Their daughter was raised in Lynn Lake. When Frank retired they moved to Kimberley, B.C. where they still reside.

Leslie, born on Dec. 18, 1916 in the Hillsley district, had his schooling at Cranich Lake and later moved with his family to Manitoba. He served in World War II and after the war he started to farm in the Swan River district. Leslie married Melba Beatty of Swan River. Their family is now all grown up, but they still live on their farm.

John, born Mar. 21, 1920, also received his education at Cranich Lake. He married Dillie Mitchell of Swan River. He is now retired and lives in Swan River. They had a family of five.

STRASSER, JOSEPH Sr.

Joe Strasser was born in Munich, Germany on Feb. 15, 1908. He immigrated to Canada in August, 1927. He vividly recalled how very many of the passengers on the ship suffered from seasickness. Also, many of the immigrants suffered from very sore eyes because they were not used to the amount of wind in our climate.

He came to Bruno by train and immediately found work on the George Schroeffer farm stooking and threshing. Joe worked for the Schroeffer family until the 1930 depression hit.

During the 1930's, Joe and his brother John, who had come to Canada in 1928, went by train to Fort St. John, B.C. If my memory serves me correctly, I think they had a friend from Germany at Fort St. John.

Upon their return to Saskatchewan and the lessening of the depression, Joe worked again for the Schroeffer family. He recalled taking a noon lunch with him and going to chop brush for the entire day. During that time,



After the hunt: adults, L to R: John Urban, George Schroeffer and Joe Strasser.

a farmer who kept a hired man would be paid \$5.00 a month. In this way, a farmer could afford to keep a man and a lot of land was cleared.

In the fall of 1946, Joe bought one and one-half quarters of land from George Schroeffer (originally belonged to Joe Hutmacher) and set up a farm of his own.

Even though he had a farm of his own, Joe continued to work for George Schroeffer helping them move to Arborfield in 1946. They continued to farm in Bruno as well as in Arborfield and many times machinery would have to be driven the 160 mile trip -- and certainly not in today's air conditioned comfort.

Joe married Mildred Honish from Goodsoil. They raised two sons and one daughter. Joe and Mildred moved into the town of Bruno in 1976 when ill health forced him into retirement. Mildred continued working at the Ursuline Convent where she is still employed today. Their children are as follows:

Jerome Strasser married Lucille Weiman. They are raising two sons and one daughter. Jerome has taken over the family farm since Joe's death in 1978. Jerome, Lucille and family reside in Bruno.

Joseph Strasser married Marion Coleman and they have four children, two sons and two daughters. They reside in Camrose, Alta.

Debora Strasser married Alois Kramer. They currently have one daughter and reside in Bruno.



A winter day

STRASSER, JEROME AND LUCILLE

by Jerome

I was born on Jan. 21, 1946. I was raised on a farm northeast of Bruno by my parents, Joseph and Mildred Strasser.

I married Lucille Weiman on June 24, 1967, Centennial year. We lived in Bruno for one year and then moved to Saskatoon for three years where I worked as a mechanic for Wells Construction and attend Tech. studying to be an industrial mechanic. We then moved back to Bruno and I started to work for Central Canada Potash, as an underground mechanic. I have been a foreman for Central Canada for 12 years. I also farm my father's land, as well as a quarter of my own, which is located near the Dana Radar Base.

Lucille and I have three children, Trent age 14, Terry age 13 and Tanya age eight.



Strasser family. L to R: Jerome, Trent, Terry, Lucille and Tanya.



Strasser children: Trent, Terry and Tanya, 1981.

STRASSER, JOHN

John was born Sept. 24, 1906 in Munich, Germany. In 1927, at the age of 21, he came to Canada. He landed in Nova Scotia and slowly crossed Canada until he came to Bruno, a small German community then. He went to Mr. Gantefoer. Mr. Gantefoer, at that time, used to board newcomers and help them find work.

In 1941 John married Pauline Weiman, daughter of Annie Maier and John Weiman. Pauline came from a large family consisting of 14 children.

After Pauline and John were married, they rented a house and two quarters of land from Mrs. Hedwig Theil. John bought a few pigs, cows and chickens and started mixed farming as well as working out and doing various jobs. In 1943 they bought the land and as they could afford it, they bought the machinery.

Pauline and John had two children, Melvin, born Oct. 14, 1943 and Audrey, born Feb. 8, 1947.

Melvin married Jane Blaseg in 1962. They have five children: Vicky, Sherry, Dean, Tracy and Blair.

Audrey married George LaBrash on Nov. 12, 1966. They have two children: Audra Lynne, born Aug. 13, 1969 and Jason George, born Mar. 29, 1971. George and Audrey presently live in Saskatoon with George owning a plumbing and heating business and Audrey is a full time employee at the Bank of Montreal. Audra and Jason both attend school in Saskatoon.

In 1969, John and Pauline bought a house in Bruno. After so many years of living on a farm, it was hard for them to adjust at first. Melvin then took over the farm and is presently farming it now. It makes a person feel good to see an offspring taking over the land that they worked so hard to achieve.

On Mar. 4, 1974 John passed away. Pauline continues to live in town, where she keeps herself busy gardening and doing all kinds of fancy work.



John, Pauline, Melvin and Audrey Strasser



George, Audrey, Audra and Jason LaBrash

STRASSER, MELVIN

Melvin was born Oct. 14, 1943. He is the son of Pauline Weiman and John Strasser. Melvin attended Thiel Krentz School. It was a five mile hike there and back. After



Melvin Strasser family. Standing, L to R: Sherry, Melvin, Jane, Dean and Blair. Seated: Tracy and Vicky.

school, Melvin worked out in various places doing different jobs.

In 1962, he married Jane Blaseg, daughter of Margaret Hoffman and Ed Blaseg, also from the Bruno area.

Jane was born June 21, 1945. She attended Hoffman School for the first eight years and then attended the Ursuline Academy.

Since then, they have had five children. Vicky, born June 25, 1963, married Ken Serblowski in 1982. Sherry, born Feb. 4, 1965, is presently taking a nursing course at Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon. Dean, born July 24, 1968; Tracy, born Oct. 16, 1969 and Blair, born Jan. 16, 1972 are all presently attending Bruno High School.

Melvin still continues to mix grain farm and Jane is presently employed at the Ursuline Convent.

STREITENBERGER, KEN AND TILLIE

by Ken

I was born in the Willmont area in 1931. I was raised on my parent's farm, along with three brothers and four sisters. In 1949, I went to Sudbury and worked in a nickel mine for two years. In 1951, I returned to Bruno and worked in the Bruno Hardware Store for two years.

I married Tillie Gerding in 1956. In March of 1957, we took over my father's farm, which is located five and one-half miles north of Bruno.

My wife and I raised five children: Judy (Mrs. Rick Vetter, Bruno) has two sons; Carrie (Mrs. Carrie Honatzis) has two daughters and one son; Glenda (Mrs. Joey Marchant) lives in Saskatoon; Cindy is employed in Wadena and Chris lives in Bruno.



Ken and Tillie Streltenberger and their family. L to R: Judy, Carrie, Glenda, Cindy and Chris.

STROKLUND, CHARLES EDWARD

Charles was born in Cheppewa County, Minnesota, U.S.A. on Oct. 3, 1897 of Swedish parents. His father immigrated to Canada on July 27, 1910, settling in the Birch Hills area. In 1919, after his discharge from the army in World War I, Charles came to Bruno to thresh for Tony Ludwig, returning for the years 1920 and 1921.

In 1923, Charles took up residence in Bruno and for 13 or 14 years, operated the steam engine during threshing time. He spent most of his life doing carpenter work in Bruno and the surrounding districts. Charles has resided in Bruno all of his life, with the exception of five and one-half years during World War II, when he again enlisted.

For the past ten years, he has quit the climbing and building and spends his time making cedar chests, sewing cabinets and other smaller jobs.

In September of 1983, he was quite ill and was hospitalized for three months. Upon his release, he was no longer able to return to Bruno. His daughter, Dorothy resides in Kelowna and he has a granddaughter, Penny and a great grandson, Michael in Regina with whom he is currently residing at 62 Church Drive.

STUMBORG, HARRY

Harry Stumborg came from Teutopolis, Illinois in 1913. He was born there, the oldest son of Henry Stumborg and Philomena Nuxoll, on Oct. 3, 1895. His father died of a ruptured appendix when Harry was only one year old and Joe, his only brother, was not yet born.

Their mother later married John Hardiek. Harry came to Canada with little but the clothes on his back. He worked for farmers in the district. On May 28, 1917 he married Mary Kramer, daughter of Peter Kramer and Catherine Albert.

For about one year, he operated a livery barn at St. Gregor and then they bought land in the area about three miles northeast of Bruno where they lived until 1947. From 1924 to 1947 they lived in Mary's family home where Roman and Mary Urban now live. Then they moved to Bruno and later to Edmonton where they are now.

Harry was one of the organizers of the Saskatoon Dairy Pool in 1927. Milk prices were very low and the farmers bound together to form their own outlet to sell their milk products. Two hundred dairymen each donated \$10.00 to start the Pool. Harry was elected director of the Dairy Pool for 21 years. There was a train going to and coming from Saskatoon six days a week so delivery was no problem. There were quite a few shipping milk from Bruno in the 1930's and later.

Harry was a telephone director for 37 years. At one time, Willmont, Bruno Central and Kildrum each had their own telephone company and he helped organize them into a more efficient Bruno Central.

Education was important to Harry and Mary. Harry was elected to the school board for 28 years and he remembers that Father Bernard always had good advice to give.

Every year at Christmas time, people would be very generous with donations of food and clothing for the Prince Albert Orphanage. They would bring their donations to the church grounds and it would be loaded on a truck or trucks. Harry remembers that they sometimes had a truckload of meat alone. It was usually supper time when they got to Prince Albert and the priest there would give them supper. The older children and others would unload the trucks. Everyone at the orphanage was so excited and thankful for these generous donations.

They brought back Christmas trees from Prince Albert, which usually sold for 25 cents each. They always cut several really tall trees to give to the church and Father Bernard would have hundreds of lights put on these trees. They made a spectacular sight at Midnight Mass. Often the fuses in church blew about that time. Mother Josepha was in charge of the sacristy. Mary's sister, Maggie, made many of the flowers for the altar as well as the gowns for the altar boys. She also did a lot of baking for the priests when they didn't have a housekeeper.

Mary was a very efficient housekeeper. She sewed most of the clothes for the six girls. They remember that every winter, around January, their mother would order enough material to make them each three dresses, one for Sunday and two for school. She would also get the latest patterns.

There was always a big garden and everyone worked together to can hundreds of jars of fruit and vegetables -- one of the worst jobs the children remember was picking currants from the 44 bushes. But the jam and jelly was delicious.

On a dairy farm there was no shortage of work, but Florence and Julie found time to play on the softball team. In those years, the sports days were usually held on Wednesdays and they would go to Carmel, Prud'homme, Dana, Peterson, Viscount, Middle Lake and Colonsay. The team colours were red and white -- red slacks and white blouses.

The family remembers several different types of homes located near Bruno in the early years. Peter Hofels brother had built sort of a cave in a hill with only a door made from wood. He later returned to the United States.

On the way to Bruno stood a well-built stone house and barn built by people called Ihrmentrout. They were fair sized stones and they were held together with clay.



Harry Stumborg family. L to R: Rose, Eleanore, Jerome, Bernard, Clarence, Agnes, Eileen and Alvin. Seated: Florence, Mary, Harry, Julie.

The roof was made of smaller logs with sod over that. The floor was dirt. It had spaces for windows but we don't know if glass was used.

Several homes were built partly into a hill with the kitchen and living room in front. The windows faced to the south. The roofs were shingled. Those houses were very comfortable both in winter and summer.

The farm home Peter Kramer built (later the Harry Stumborg home) was very well built. It was made of logs, plastered inside and wood siding outside. It had three large rooms, upstairs and downstairs.

The Stumborg children drove to school by caboose, cart or Bennett buggy. They and Ben Dust's children put their horses in a barn in Grandpa Kramer's back yard (later Aunt Maggie's and now Louis Dust) on main street. All the grandchildren felt free to make Aunt Maggie's place their home. She was like a mother to all of us.

Harry and Mary had ten children.

Clarence was born on Dec. 8, 1918. He married Loraine Hackl, daughter of John Hackl and Sophie Frie on July 14, 1940. They had two children, Muriel and Florian. Muriel died of cancer and left two children, Collin and Carey.



Harry Stumborg, 1921

Clarence and Lorraine have adopted them and are raising them in Edmonton. Florian is married and lives in Edmonton as well.

Florence was born on Sept. 6, 1920. She married Julius Pulvermacher in January of 1944 and make their home in Bruno. (History listed under Pulvermacher.)

Jerome married Margaret Wexel in 1945. They have three daughters and one son. All are married and live in Edmonton.

Julie married Bill Gibb on July 12, 1944 (history under Gibb). Bill died on Mar. 16, 1978 and Julie now lives in Saskatoon.

Bernard married Elvira Engele, daughter of Henry Engele of Carmel. They have ten children and farm at Naicam.

Agnes married Wilfred Kirzinger, son of Mike Kirzinger. They have seven children and are now living in Victoria.

Eleanor married Henry Scheper, son of Henry Scheper Sr. They have five daughters, their eldest being twins. Eleanor and Henry live on a farm near Annaheim.

Alvin married Agnes Hessdorfer, daughter of John B. Hessdorfer and Mary Kampmou of St. Benedict. They have seven children, most of them are living in Humboldt.

Rose married Richard Berry and they make their home in Edmonton. They have six boys.

Eileen married Walter Orysuik on Jan. 27, 1959. They live in Edmonton. Eileen and Walter have three daughters and one son.

Harry and Mary celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary in 1982. They have over 100 grandchildren and great grandchildren, many of whom were there for the occasion.

STUMBORG, BERNARD

by Bernard

I was born on June 15, 1925 at the home of my mother's dad, Peter Kramer with a doctor and Maggie Kramer in attendance. I was educated at Bruno from grade 1 through 8 by teachers, Sister Rita, Sister Dolores, Sister Martina, and Sister Ambrosia. I worked on my folk's farm and did land clearing, etc. in the district.

I married Elvira Engele of Carmel, daughter of Henry Engele on Apr. 17, 1951. We lived in the Nick Hofbauer house until October 15, at which time we moved to a farm at Naicam. Elvira and I moved to Edmonton in the fall of 1954 where I did landscaping. In the spring of 1955, we found ourselves back at the farm only to leave again for Clinton, B.C. in July to work in a sawmill and logging camp. We moved to Williams Lake in the fall of 1955

where I contract logged for a large company. During the summer of 1957, I built roads for the British Columbia government in the Chilkotin district and moved back to the farm at Naicam in October of 1957. This time to stay. In June of 1958, we lost our house with all the contents as we were away to British Columbia with the family.

We built a new house in 1960 and have lived here at Naicam ever since. Elvira and I raised a family of five boys and five girls, three children are still at home.

In March of 1972, they found I had cancer of the thyroid, which was successfully removed.

STUMBORG, JOSEPH HENRY AND ANN

told by Joe in 1980

I was born on Mar. 10, 1897 in Illinois, U.S.A. My father died in December of 1896, so I never knew my father. My mother remarried when I was four years old.

I remember receiving my first Holy Communion on May 10, 1909. On Mar. 10, 1910 I left home and got a job for the summer at \$8.00 per month. I stayed with my grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Nuxall, while I attended school during the winter. The next summer, I got a job at Luchterfeld's place for \$10.00 per month and managed to work there for two years. In 1914, on March 19, I managed to catch a ride in a box car with John Greuel, who was going to Canada. We landed in Bruno on Mar. 28, 1914.

I stayed with Ben Dust for several days, on his farm north of Carmel. My first job was with Tommy Young for one year at the rate of \$35.00 per month. After working for Tommy, I started to work with A. J. Schwingamer for \$45.00 per month. I heard about a quarter of land that a



Joe Stumborg family



Joe Stumborg homestead, 1915

homesteader had let go in 1915, so I filed on it. The land was two miles west of Bruno and one-half mile south of the Bruno Clayworks, N.E. 12-38-26 W2. After proving up this homestead, I sold it and bought land one mile north and two and one-half miles east of Bruno. In 1923, I bought the pool room in Carmel and later the lumber yard. After selling out in Carmel, I went into the Wheeler Wholesale business from 1946 to 1964, when I sold out to retire.

In August of 1925, I married Ann Langhorst, daughter of Joe and Ida Langhorst. Ann was born in Effingham, Illinois in 1900, and came to Canada in 1905 with her parents, who homesteaded in the Willmont district north of Carmel. She attended the Willmont school.

Ann and I have five children: Adeline, Roman, Albert, Salom and Edward. We celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary in August of 1975.

Joe passed away suddenly on Sept. 17, 1980.

TARNOWSKI, FRANK AND EVELYN

Frank was born on Nov. 20, 1932, the youngest son of Lena and Mike Tarnowski. He was raised on the farm with the rest of his brothers and sisters, a family of 11. His brother, John and mother still reside on the home place.

Frank attended Pleasant Grove School for his elementary years. He took three years of college at Redeemerist College in Roblin, Man. The Pleasant Grove school is presently in Frank's yard being used as a tractor shed. After college, Frank returned home to take up farming with his brother, John.

After a few winter jobs, he decided farming was for him. He purchased his first two quarters of land in 1958 from Robert Bourauel. This is where Frank and Evelyn made their home.



Frank Tarnowski family. L to R: Cheryl, Brian, Allan, Denyse, Frank and Evelyn Tarnowski.

In the spring of 1955, Evelyn Petersen entered the Bruno district. She was born in Annaheim on May 18, 1937 and went to school in Arros. Evelyn was raised with a family of four brothers and four sisters.

After working in the Annaheim area for some time, Evelyn had been offered a nanny and housekeeper's position with Keith and Doreen Wiggins from the Pleasant Grove school. This turned out to be quite an experience. First to get to the school was a challenge in itself. A total stranger to everyone and this type of country was another thing, bush, hills and sloughs. Not at all like the Annaheim flat land. First the car ride from the C.N.R. station at Bruno. They went as far as they could by car and then Evelyn transferred to a flat rack drawn by a



Frank and Evelyn's first cow barn, 1959.

team of horses. After driving for some time, finally the teacherage appeared. What a relief! Home never seemed so far away as then.

But spring came and Frank entered the picture. He was working in the field next to the teacherage, when he ran out of drinking water. What a convenient place to go for a refill. This is where he met Evelyn.

Evelyn worked for a year at the teacherage and then moved to Saskatoon for two years, taking up employment at the Hotel Bessborough.

In the summer of 1958, Frank and Evelyn were married by Father Paul in St. Anne's Church, Annaheim. Frank and Evelyn have four children, two sons and two daughters, Alan, Brian, Cheryl and Denyse.

Alan was born on Aug. 14, 1959 and is presently employed by Canadian Pacific Railways.

Brian was born on Aug. 15, 1962 and is employed by the C.P.R. as well.

Cheryl, born on Sept. 10, 1963 is presently employed by the Humboldt Pharmacy.

Denyse, born on June 1, 1967 is attending high school and is in grade 11.

Evelyn is presently employed at St. Elizabeth Convent in Humboldt. She is also a member of the Bruno C.W.L.

Frank still enjoys mixed farming. During the winter, he operates the snow plow for the Pleasant Grove Snow Club, which he has done for 20 years. He also coached hockey from 1966 to 1978. He was president for ten years of the Bruno Minor Hockey League. Frank is also a member of the Lions Club.

TARNOWSKI, JOHN

by Peter Tarnowski

It was early in 1903 that Grandfather John Tarnowski emigrated from the Ukraine to Canada. Being one of thousands of poor people or working class, he had to work for the rich. His wealth amounted to a piece of land about an acre in size.

His two brothers had moved to Canada before that time and had advised him to do the same. So in 1903, leaving his wife and two children in the Ukraine, he and his oldest son, Mike, then nine years old, left for Canada. Their destination was Rosthern.

They arrived in Rosthern with only a dollar to their name. Soon after they arrived, a severe snow storm



John Tarnowski

blocked many places on the railway. He soon got a job on the railway and was taken to Davidson where a train had been snowbound. It took three weeks to get it out of the drift. The snow was so deep that the workers were putting their lunch pails on top of the telegraph poles.

In the summer of 1904, John started out with three other companions to look for homesteads. The four men set out on foot from Rosthern in the general direction of Humboldt. One of the four had a brother already east of Bruno. After looking around, they settled on some land northeast of Bruno. Then, a walk to Humboldt to register their claims. Three of the four homesteads are still owned by their family. The remaining part of the summer they went back to work on the railroad.

In the spring of 1905, they came back to Bruno with a team of oxen and a plow. At that time, it must have been a trying trip, for the South Saskatchewan River had to be forded. For then, they knew of no bridge or ferry to cross the river.



Michael Tarnowski family. L to R: Mike, John, Dad, Peter, Mom, Roman, Caroline, Mary, Josephine, Tony, Frank, Veronica and Pauline. 1939.

That spring, John broke some land and put a crop in. He also put up a sod shack on the farm. The rest of the summer, John worked for the C.N.R. that was being built to Bruno.

It was in 1906 that John's wife and two daughters came over to Canada. The sod shack wasn't big enough so by next summer, John had a log house built with a thatch roof. A few years later, that thatched house was set ablaze from a chimney fire. It was replaced with a house of lumber, which withstood good or bad weather for over 65 years. It was torn down by John's grandson only a couple of years ago.

Farming with oxen did not appeal to John very much. For plowing on a hot day would make the oxen head to the nearest slough, plow and all. They would stay there till the weather would cool down some.

A trip to Rosthern for flour used to take a week for the round trip. Their other supply of food was mostly wild game year round.

After a couple of years, John got rid of the oxen and bought a team of half-broke broncos. He had to have