



John Krueger family. Standing, L to R: Laura, Linda, Steven, Beverly, and Sarah. Seated: John, Dianne and Josephine, Aug. 13, 1983.

marriage, she nursed throughout north central Saskatchewan and Alberta. On Feb. 20, 1957, Josephine married John Krueger of Goodsoil, Sask.

Josephine and John lived at Marengo where John worked on road construction and Josephine worked as assistant secretary for the Municipal Office.

In 1959, they started a business in Leroy with Rudy and Joe Krueger selling Cockshutt Machinery. In 1961, the business was expanded to include a Cockshutt dealership in Humboldt and in 1964, the Leroy business was sold and the John Krueger family took up residence in Humboldt. In June of 1965, the business name was changed to Krueger Implements and was owned and managed by John and Josephine. The business continued as such until 1980 when it was sold to Dennis Biblow and Larry Roettger.

Through the years, John has also been engaged in a farming operation located southwest of Humboldt. Presently he is involved full-time with Krueger Farms Ltd.

John and Josephine have a family of six. Laura, born in 1958, is a teacher and is married to Kim Jurgens. They have a son, Kyle, and reside on a farm north of Carmel.

Linda, born in 1960, married Ron Kloschinsky and live in Swift Current where Ron is an electrician. They have two boys, Chad and Jason.

Dianne, born in 1961, married James Schwark and live in Saskatoon where James is a loans manager and Dianne is a Commerce graduate.

Steven, born in 1964, works for Simpsons Sears in Saskatoon.

Beverly, born in 1965, is attending the Moose Jaw Technical Institute and is taking business accounting.

Sarah, born in 1969, is attending Humboldt Collegiate.

John is a member of the Knights of Columbus and served as president of the Humboldt Curling Club for many years. Josephine and her girls are active curlers. Steven and the girls have played for provincial titles many times. Josephine was involved with the Girl Guides Association for a number of years.

While attending school in Bruno, Josephine played ball with the Bruno Aces.

KUN, ARTHUR AND MARY

as told by Arthur

I was born at Cudworth, Sask. on July 29, 1945. I was raised on my father's farm, Andrew Kun, and went to



Arthur and Mary Kun

school at Ironside until 1960. I completed my grade 8 and then worked on my father's farm until 1965, when I married Mary Toles from Prince Albert. We were married at a small church at St. Louis, Sask.

Mary and I bought a farm from John Prieger in 1965 and picked up other land and we farmed up to five quarters. We raised cattle and hogs. We raised five children.

Tina was born on Aug. 8, 1966, Shelley born on July 19, 1967, Stacey was born on Oct. 28, 1968, Sherry born on Mar. 29, 1970, and Darrell born on June 10, 1971.

I worked for the R.M. of Bayne from 1969 to 1970 operating a road grader. I also worked part-time at C.F.B. Dana as a carpenter from 1978 to December of 1980.

In 1978, I lost two quarters of land that we had been renting. We were left with three quarters, one of which was rented, so we decided to sell our farm. We did that in March of 1981.

Mary and I bought a farm southwest of Prince Albert, near Macdowell and moved there. We still live on this farm.

LAMPING, HUGO AND MARLENE

Marlene (nee Weiman) was born in Bruno at the home of Mrs. Louis. She lived on a farm with her parents and attended Hoffman School. When she was through school, she was employed at the Bruno Hotel from 1965 until she married Hugo Lamping.

Hugo was born at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Humboldt and was raised on a farm with his parents in the Lake Lenore district. He attended the Lenore Valley School and when he finished, he worked in the Lake Lenore Garage as a mechanic.

Hugo and Marlene were married in 1965 and lived and farmed in the Pilger district for eight years. They have four children, all born at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Humboldt. Lois was born in 1966 and started her schooling in Pilger and will graduate from Bruno High School in 1984. Wendy was born in 1968 and is presently in grade 11. Terry was also born in 1968 and is in grade 10. Randy was born in 1971 and is in grade 7.

Hugo, Marlene and their family moved to Bruno in 1973, where Hugo is employed at the Colonsay Potash Mine as a welder.

LANG, WILLIAM AND MARY

William Lang was born in Iowa, United States and Mary (nee Eckl) was born in Bavaria, Germany. They both moved to Canada with their parents.

William and Mary were married in Old Fulda in 1915 and lived for a time in the Fulda district. They later moved to the Willmont area.

William and Mary had a family of six children.

Mary, years later, moved to Humboldt as a widow.



Mary Lang.

LAUER, MARION

Marion (nee Beuker) Lauer, daughter of Martin and Mary (nee Doetzel) Beuker, was born on May 29, 1932 at Fulda, Sask. I attended school at Gertrude School, three miles east of Mount Carmel. Some of my memories are of our exciting caboose rides to school and church at St. Joseph in Fulda.

I married Nick Lauer on June 30, 1953, and moved to Bruno in August of 1953. I worked at the convent for six years, until Debbie was born on Jan. 8, 1959. I also worked for the R.C.A.F. Dana, PBX operator for two years, then for the extension division of the University of Saskatchewan until I went into the Fabric Business in 1967. I think that I have probably held a few hundred sewing classes up to now and I also worked part-time at the post office on my days off. In 1977, I started a school bus run and sold my material and started a Ceramic and Hobby Shop.



Marion Lauer and her daughter, Debbie (Dust).

I also have a farm in the Fulda area which was my mother's home when she came to Canada in 1919. I love the outdoors, the summer sun and in the winter I still do not too bad a job of curling.

LEISEN, WILLIAM

William Leisen was born in Wiederstedem, Germany, on Aug. 9, 1897, and died in St. Walburg on Feb. 19, 1939. At the age of 19 he left home and family and came to New Ulm, Minnesota where an uncle of his had moved from Germany. He did various jobs there and when able to speak the English language sold and repaired Singer sewing machines around New Ulm and Sauk Center. Later he moved to Minneapolis and with the help of a few friends started a grocery store at Broadway and Logan in North Minneapolis.

Soon after William married Madeline Seyler. Both of them worked in the store. In the mornings, Dad went to the market in the city center driving a horse and delivery wagon to get vegetables and groceries for the store. In the afternoons, he made deliveries to customers. They really worked hard and did well in addition to raising four children - Madeline, Wilbert, Eugene and John. They were able to build a fine house and seemed settled for years.

But Dad got restless around 1903 and got some literature about Saskatchewan and a fine homestead for \$10.00. He went to Humboldt, Sask. to investigate. This was as far as the old Canadian Northern Railway was built at that time. He came home after spending three weeks in the old Humboldt Hotel. There were no trains for over two weeks due to snow storms and the railroad could not be kept open. He finally got back to Minneapolis and cursed Canada as a place not fit to live in and vowed to never leave Minneapolis. But a year later, he sold the store and we moved to Bruno, Sask. at the end of March, 1908. We landed at 3 a.m. in a blizzard. Not a soul was in sight. We had a struggle to get a half block to the hotel which had just opened. There was only a tin stove to heat the upstairs.

No one was on duty at the hotel, but Dad finally found a kerosene lamp and lit it, and two empty rooms, so we moved in. We were half frozen and he lit a fire in the air-tight heater and thawed us out. I remember Mother crying. She wanted to go back on the next train but Dad would not hear of it. The next day was warm and the snow started to melt so we all felt better.

At that time there were only about three buildings in Bruno, but that summer settlers arrived by the train-load from Minnesota and North Dakota and it became a really lively pioneer town. One general store had opened

the year before and all wholesale houses were in Winnipeg. A week later, Dad went there to arrange to open a grocery store, but the wholesalers talked him into building a fairly large general store. In those days, getting credit was no problem. Farmers had no cash so got everything on time and paid up after crops were threshed which was once a year. Then merchants paid their wholesaler's accounts. If crops were poor, they all waited another year.

Roads were almost impossible in the winter. In the fall, farmers would buy a ton of flour and four or five barrels of apples shipped in by car-load from Ontario. When the apples arrived we had an "apple-day" and the load was sold in no time. There were as many oxen as horses and those with oxen often had a two day trip to get their winter supplies. The nearest doctor was in Humboldt and as there were no cars, you had to keep healthy.

A few years later, a dentist from Humboldt would come to Bruno once a month. He had no office and did his work upstairs in the hotel hallway. The patient sat on an ordinary kitchen chair. If you ever had a tooth pulled nothing was used to kill the pain. I remember going to have my teeth examined when a fellow was having a tooth pulled. When the dentist got hold of a tooth he never let go until it came out. The fellow was hanging onto the chair, and on the smooth floor the chair slid about 15 feet before the tooth came out.

Dad got busy after the store opened and filed on a homestead about four miles south of Bruno. One was supposed to live on it at least six months of the year for three years and if ten acres were broken and ten dollars had been paid on filing, the land was yours. Dad bought a horse and buggy and drove to the store every day from the homestead. He hired a neighbour, Mr. Meacham, who had a team of big oxen to open up the ten acres, but never got it planted. In those days all you had to do to pay taxes was to break two furrows on each side of the road allowance on two sides of your quarter. This was your tax. This was done to try and prevent prairie fires which were a thing to dread. At night in the spring-time, when the grass was dry, the sky seemed to be lit up in every direction. When a fire reached a neighbour's, everyone would bring a pail and a gunny sack, run to a slough for water, soak the sack and try to stamp out the fire. There was a fire-guard broken around buildings, but with a strong wind blowing and the heavy growth of grass called prairie wool, fires were almost impossible to put out. Many horses and cattle were lost in big fires as they played themselves out trying to keep ahead of the flames. After a few years when tractors were made, the country was opened up in a hurry and fires were a thing of the past.

I was asked to write about Dad who was a pioneer in the dairy business in Saskatchewan, but thought the

preceding might remind people of the old days before dairying was of much importance.

When Dad had the general store in Bruno about 1914, the cows in the district kept increasing until the stores were swamped with dairy butter. This came to the store in various ways - prints, jars, or in big chunks. Farmers were given credit for it on what they purchased. My first experience with butter was packing it in tubs with a big wooden packer with about a three-foot handle. It made no difference what the butter was like, as good, bad and indifferent were all together and shipped to Winnipeg. By the time it got there it must have been a mess and I often wondered what it was used for. I imagine soap and axle grease.

Dad went to Humboldt and talked with O. W. Andreasen about this and was advised to start a creamery. So he started his first creamery in Saskatchewan in about 1914. As I was only 16 years old, I do not remember much about this. Of course, there were no pasteurizers. Cans were washed by hand. When cream was brought in, it was held in vats. Ice was cut on a lake and stored in an ice house with sawdust or shavings to keep it from melting. Ice was put in the at and also dumped into the churn to hold the temperature. I had to wash cream cans during holidays and on Saturdays, and got all the jobs no one else wanted such as scrubbing floors, cleaning flues, and getting ice out of the ice house. This was my introduction to the creamery business.

Dad got restless again, and in 1916, sold everything he owned - store, creamery, and homestead and moved to the state of Virginia. He bought what was considered a large farm close to a city called Farmville. On this farm, we milked 145 cows and retailed the milk by horses and wagons. We started milking at 3 a.m. and deliveries started at 5 a.m. because of the heat. We had about five families of Negroes on the farm who raised tobacco on shares. There was an orchard of apples and peaches and a lovely home built when the old plantation had burned down several years before we bought it. The man we purchased from had agreed to stay one year as foreman and give us an idea of how to farm. We had all Negro help and very primitive machinery. Land work was usually done with a mule and walking plow. The barn was an awful wreck, and while we were milking, we would often see a rattlesnake or an adder running along the floor. Dad could not see this method so bought a tractor and a full set of modern machinery which was a novelty in that country at that time. I remember plowing down an old alfalfa piece with a disc plow and a sub tile attachment to a depth of 18 inches. We raised the most wonderful crop of corn you ever saw. People from all over the district came to see in including the staff from the Agricultural College in Virginia. There was a large lot of pine trees on the land, so Dad bought an old sawmill which we ran

with the tractor and cut enough lumber to build a modern barn with stanchions and a silo - another curiosity that people wondered at. So I consider Dad was even a pioneer in the old state of Virginia.

However, when the First World War broke out all of our best Negro help left and got good jobs helping in the city. Our own help left, and we could not hire anyone. Also, Mother's health was very poor, and she was taken to a hospital in Richmond. Mom and Dad stayed there all the time and I was left to run the farm. Getting up at 3 a.m. every day and working continuously was too much for me and when Mother came home we had a discussion. She asked me what I felt we should do. I told them that I hated the work and the country and wanted to go back to Canada. There was still a bad feeling in the south for northerners and it was very lonesome for all of us. They agreed to move, we held an auction and left for Canada.

Dad liked to pioneer, so he decided to move into a new district and start a creamery. We went to Mervin, Sask., decided that that would be a good place to build, moved there in the spring of 1919 and started a small creamery. It really took hold and we had wonderful assistance from everyone. I remember when we raised the smoke stand on the building, and it was like laying a cornerstone as everyone from the town and countryside seemed to be there. There was no crane available, so we built a boom on the roof of the building and with the help of the crowd, put the stack on the roof. As the boiler room was a lean-to shed on the creamery proper, we thought we had a good start, as we had a group to hang onto wires and guide it. Then like a chump, I wired it to the back axle of a Model T Ford and started to raise it up. It worked for about four feet, but when the weight got too heavy, it started to lift up the rear end of the Ford and with no front wheel brakes we had no control. The stack pulled the car backwards and crashed back on the roof. So not to be licked, I turned the Ford around and fastened a wire to the front axle and backed it up, and with a lot of tugging by the crowd. So Dad got the Mervin branch operating in about 1919.

We lived in Mervin for about a year, then moved to St. Walburg and bought three quarters of land, part of which was the town site. The creamery was built the following year, one year before the CNR was there. The butter was trucked to Mervin which was a difficult job considering the condition of the roads at that time. He gave me the home in Mervin and built a very nice house and a modern barn in St. Walburg. A few years later, Dad took Mr. Reeves from Spruce Lake down to a place called Howick in Quebec, and brought back carloads of Ayrshire cows and two pure-bred bulls. As he said, he was tired of running creameries on what the ranch calves left.

We then started trucking cream and sent a truck across the Saskatchewan River to pick up cream in the Paynton, Maidstone and Waseca district. It really was a success - so much so that Dad built his third creamery at Maidstone. At that time, water was a problem in the town. When a man told him there was a spring a half mile south of town he investigated and had a well bored there. It was a huge success, and that winter water was hauled into town and Maidstone had plenty. Early next spring they built a creamery there and I went down and installed the machinery and started the pump. After half an hour the water stopped coming and the well was dry. My brother Eugene went down to operate the plant, but never had enough water, which was a blow to Dad, so we had to close down and move the equipment to Medstead. That is the history of Dad's creameries in Saskatchewan. Brother Eugene never cared much for the creamery business and Dad started him in a garage in St. Walburg.

In 1939, Dad went to a Dairy Convention in Calgary. He sold all the creameries to Burns. I stayed on with Burns for a few years in Mervin, then was moved to Camrose, Alta., in 1941. My family and I had really enjoyed living in Mervin as it was such a friendly place. However, with three children to raise, I thought it best to move to a place with a high school.

After Mother and Dad died, my brother Jack came to live with us. He had by then started a pioneer bus route from North Battleford to Meadow Lake. His experiences on the poor roads were a nightmare. When the roads were bad he always got through and the travellers loved him for it.

I loved the creamery business and met some wonderful people. Jim Adair and Bob Carleton came to Mervin for years to grade butter. We would pick them up at Lloydminster and go to Maidstone. After my wife gave them a good dinner we drove them to North Battleford. What trips we sometimes had crossing the Saskatchewan River on the ferries!

However, the creamery business was not all roses. Imagine how small the money on the over-run became when special cream was down to seven cents a pound and no subsidy for butter. New Zealand butter flooded the country and if I hadn't "forgotten" to mail the cream cheques for over a week, Dad would have been broke. Messrs. Nellis, Nothstein and Coyle saved us by finding a buyer for butter. There was finally a chance to sell in Glasgow, Scotland. We quickly sent two carloads over to be sold at once but by then the market there was

flooded, so it was put in storage. By spring the market in Canada had improved enough that we bought the carload back via the Panama Canal and sold it in Vancouver breaking even on it.

My dad loved to talk and would spend all night if he had anyone to talk to. He had a good sense of humor. Mother had very bad arthritis for years and died in February, 1939. When my brother, Eugene, died a few weeks later, he was really a lost man. He still lived in his house in St. Walburg. He developed a bad case of diabetes. Every evening he would go to the hotel and play rummy with his friends. One night on walking home from the hotel, a distance of a few blocks, he collapsed on the road. A passer-by saw him, helped him into the house, but he died within a few minutes. This was the third death in the family in a month, which sure hit hard.

It is really amazing how the country has changed in the last half century. When it was first opened up the crop acreage was very small, and it took a long time to increase this with horses and oxen. Crops were often very poor and frosts in the fall were frequent, so the cream cheques were looked forward to for food and clothing. I remember the first year in Mervin, we sold 72 DeLaval cream separators and hundreds of cream cans. There was no electricity, telephone or modern farm home. Many homesteads were settled by people living in log or sod houses. Mervin and St. Walburg creameries used cord-wood and many acres of poplar wood were cleared for this purpose. The Smith Brothers sold hundreds of cords of wood in Camrose at 75 cents a cord. So, with low operation costs and a good quality of cream we usually got a bonus on the price as we could always guarantee a high percentage of 40 score butter and usually had no trouble selling.

Other Interesting Items

Around 1916 and 1917, a monstrous man named Boncho Jack, who owned a big white horse used to come to Bruno with a big number of wild horses which he caught in the foothills around Calgary and sold them to farmers in the district. He would drive them into the stock yards and when sold would rope them and harness them to a wagon and run them across the prairies until they played themselves out and came back thoroughly broke. It was always an interesting day for the kids. At night, when Jack was through, he always got tight and tried to take his big horse to bed with him, much to the disgust of the hotel keeper. One evening, he came to Dad's store next to the hotel, and grabbed a bed chamber off the shelf, and asked for a dozen eggs which he broke into it, to win a bet that he could drink them mixed with beer. Of course he won the bet, although he had to have his stomach pumped to survive.

LEMKE, JACOB AND ANNA

submitted by Mildred Lemke

Jacob Lemke and Anna (nee Selevski) Lemke of Danzig immigrated to Canada in 1924. They farmed southwest of Bruno until 1953 when they retired and moved into the town of Bruno due to Jacob's illness. Jacob was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Bruno, where he served as secretary for eight years. Jacob passed away in 1955.

Anna was a member of the St. Bruno's Roman Catholic Church, the C.M. Society and the C.W.L. and was employed at St. Ursula's Convent for ten years. In 1970, Anna moved to St. Bethany's Pioneer Village at Middle Lake. She died in 1973.

Jacob and Anna had a family of four children, William, Frederick, Lottie and Henry.



Jacob Lemke, 1940.



Anna Lemke, 1950.

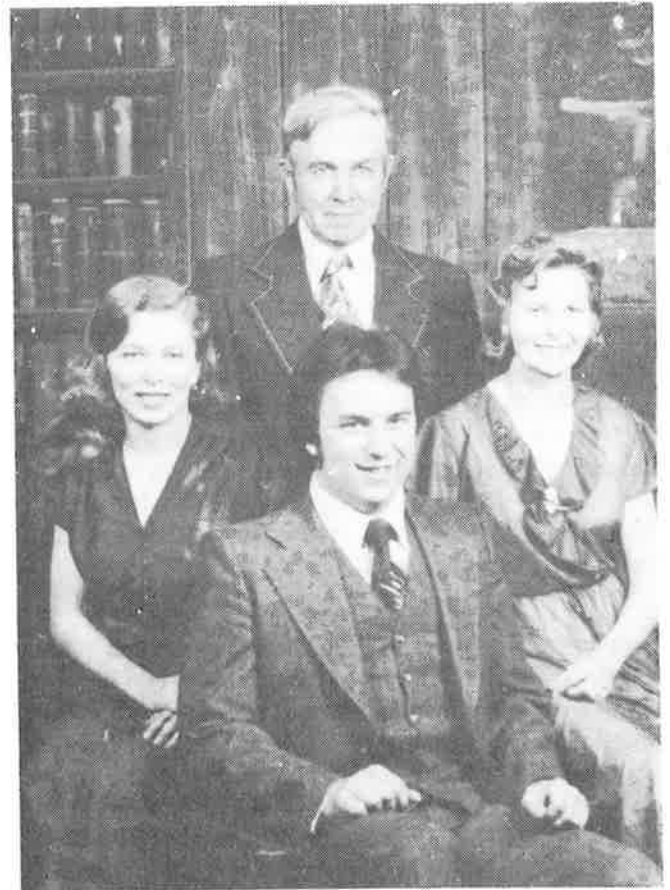
LEMKE, WILLIAM

William was born to Jacob and Anna Lemke and was educated at Bruno. He married Mildred Ludwig and purchased a farm west of Bruno in 1950, the former homestead of the Whitney family from England. William held the position of engineer at the Bruno Clayworks for five years, also operated a school bus for several years, was a board director and Vice-president for the Bruno Co-op for eight years and in 1967 accepted the position of general manager of the Co-op which he has held for 15 years, to date.

William and Mildred have a family of two children, Janis and Reynald.

Janis was educated at Bruno High School and St. Ursula's Academy, as well as 12 years music study in piano, theory and voice. She furthered her music training, including Pedagogy at the renowned Gustin Studios in Saskatoon. Janis has been the recipient of numerous awards, and entered the Conservatory of Music in Regina on a University of Saskatchewan scholarship in 1970.

Janis travelled with the Hewette Singers as accompanist and vocalist. They sang in England, Wales, Scotland and Ireland, taking five cups in the World Competitions at Llangollen, Wales, with 32 countries competing. Janis



William, Mildred, Janis and Reynald Lemke.

also met Queen Elizabeth personally, doing a command performance for her at Buckingham Palace, after having tea with her.

Janis married Norbert Lummering and in 1975 moved to a farm two miles west of Bruno. Janis has been teaching piano for a total of 12 years to date, has sung with the St. Peter's Chamber singers, who besides touring the province went on concert tour to Europe this summer.

Our son, Reynald, was educated at Bruno. He received music training at St. Ursula's Academy and did advanced study with the renowned Lyle Gustin (specialist and Doctor of Music) in Saskatoon. He has received many awards and acquired a diploma with Trinity College in England in 1981. Reynald has been teaching piano at Humboldt, Lake Lenore, Annaheim, Marysburg and Guernsey during the past eight years, sang with St. Peter's Chorus for four years and is currently singing with the select St. Peter's Chamber Singers (touring group) with whom he travelled to five European countries on concert tour, during the summer of 1983.

The Director of St. Peter's Chamber Singers is D. Schaefer and members are drawn from the Diocese of St. Peter.

LEMKE, FREDERICK

Frederick, the second son of Jacob and Anna Lemke came to Canada with his parents and brother, William, in 1924, as an infant. He was educated in Bruno and enlisted in the army, early in World War II, for active service. He was shipped overseas some ten months later. Late in 1944, the Lemke family was informed that Frederick was wounded at the battle front and returned to England for hospitalization. After his recovery, he was again sent into battle in the North Sea near the Netherlands. Frederick was seriously injured this second time and taken inland to Holland for medical care. Word came a few days later that Frederick had passed away on Apr. 9, 1945. He was buried in Holland, grave plot D/W 10.4.45 amongst the other soldiers who had given their lives for their country.

On behalf of the Government of Canada with sincere appreciation of services rendered, the Lemke's were presented with several medals awarded gratefully and issued in respect of Frederick Martin, who fought for our freedom. The Lemke's were also presented with a plaque honouring Frederick in commemoration of his services in World War II, by the Bruno community. He was the only soldier from Bruno killed in action. A Requiem Mass was held at the St. Bruno Roman Catholic Church following the notification.

LEMKE, LOTTIE

Lottie, the only daughter of Jacob and Anna Lemke, was educated at Bruno and married Ben Hutmacher in 1946. They farmed a few miles north of Bruno for a number of years and are presently living in the town of Bruno.

Ben and Lottie had three children, Robert, Karen, and Allan, all of whom left Bruno upon completion of their high school education.

LEMKE, HENRY

Henry was educated at Bruno and was the fourth child of Jacob and Anna Lemke. He married Lorraine Just in 1948 and they farmed southwest of Bruno for a number of years. They are presently living at Osoyoos, B.C. where Henry is employed as a bus driver.

Henry and Lorraine have two children, Murray and Gerald. Murray is married and has a family of two. They are living at Sardis, B.C. Gerald is an electrician and a farmer, is also married and lives in Saskatoon.

LEPAGE, LAURENT AND THERESE

told by Therese

My grandparents, Alain and Jeanne Marie Tremel, came to Canada in 1903 from Camlez, France. They lived two years in Grand Clairiere, Man., two years in Wauchope, Sask. and in 1908, they moved to a homestead where the hamlet of Peterson was later started.

They had a family of seven children: Alain, Yves, Jean Baptiste, Angelique, Margurite (Basset), Paul and Andre.

My father, Jean Baptiste, married Louisa Bruyr from Prud'homme in January of 1927. Louisa was originally from Belgium. As a young girl she came to Canada with her parents, Louis and Alice Bruyr, and her sister and settled on a farm southeast of Prud'homme in 1913. Jean Baptiste and Louisa farmed three miles east of Peterson until they returned to the town of Peterson in 1955. They had three children: myself, Therese, Alain, and Alice (Detillieux). As of October, 1983, they retired to the Sherbrooke Community Center in Saskatoon.

My brother, Alain, and I started school in Prud'homme in 1936. We lived with our grandparents because we were too young to drive ourselves to school. In 1939, I was 11 years old, Alain was ten and Alice nine, and we started school in Medomsley. In summer, we went to school with a horse and cart and during the winter with a caboose.



The Lepage family. Standing, L to R: Lucien, David, Marie Jeanne, Phillipe, Yves. Sitting: Estelle, Therese and Laurent. In front: Dianne and Monique, December, 1980.

In 1953, I married Laurent Lepage from Vonda, son of Delphis and Antoinette (Belanger) Lepage, originally from the Trojan School area. We started a farm on the S.W. 26-37-26 W2, formerly owned by my late uncle Yves Tremel. We have five children: Lucien, Marie Jeanne, Yves, Phillippe and Monique. All except Monique started school in the one room school of Medomsley (where I attended) and finished at Bruno.

Lucien finished school in 1972 and drove a school bus for two years while farming with us. In 1980, he married Estelle Ferre from Zenon Park and are established on the N.W. 14-37-27 W2. Estelle is teaching in the Bruno Elementary School.

Marie Jeanne finished school in 1974 and worked at home for one year. She then graduated as a C.N.A. from Kelsey in 1976 and worked at the Lanigan Hospital for one year, then at Pinders Drug Store and St. Joseph Nursing Home in Saskaton. In 1978, she took a course as a Travel Agent and worked for P. Lawson in Saskatoon, then in Calgary and then was employed with Holiday Travel in Calgary. In 1981, she married David Aucoin, originally from Halifax, N.S. David works for Westburn Electric in Calgary. He will be transferred to Saskatoon in December of 1983. They have one son, Michael, born in December of 1982.

Yves finished school in 1975, worked at Flex-Coil and Smith Roles in Saskatoon for a couple of winters, at the Potash Mine in Colonsay, farmed in Langbank for one year and is now farming at home.

Phillipe finished school in 1976 and worked at the Potash Mine in Colonsay for two years. He then took a welding course at Moose Jaw at the Saskatchewan Technical Institute, then worked at Rock O Matic in Vonda and drove a gravel truck for Kirsh Construction. In 1980, he married Dianne Graf from Fulda. They are established on the S.W. 35-37-26 W2. Dianne is a secretary at the Prairie Agricultural Machinery Institute in Humboldt.

Monique is in grade 11 and attending school in Bruno. She enjoys working on the farm.

LEPAGE, LAURIER

We arrived in Bruno in the fall of 1965, after an invitation from the local school board to become a member of the Bruno Staff. After an arrangement was made with Mrs. Alfred Borstmayer, they moved a house from the farm, added more rooms and rented it to us and it was ready for occupation on October 9. Because we liked the area and because there seemed to be a good future for both boys, we decided to build a house, in which I still reside.

Estelle, my wife, started working at the pharmacy and we all participated in the various sports and organizations in the community. Estelle passed away on Oct. 17, 1980, and was buried in St. Bruno's Cemetery.

Ronnie, the elder son, went to school to grade 9 and then went to Muenster College for his grade 10 and a portion of his grade 11 and then returned to Bruno in the spring to complete his grade 11. He was elected president of the Student Council, finished his grade 12 and went on to Saskatoon to attend university where he graduated with a Bachelor of Commerce. At present, he is in Australia where he is working as a chartered accountant and should be returning during the summer of 1984. He married Marci Mesenchuk and as yet have no children.

Robert, the younger, graduated from Bruno School and then decided to take up banking. He spent six months in Naicam, was transferred to Uranium City and then decided to leave banking to other people. He is now employed by the Department of Highways and is stationed in Outlook. Bob married Cindy Brasseur and last March 25th, they suddenly found themselves as parents of a baby boy who was named Derrick.

In all fairness to a town that we adopted, the four of us enjoyed ourselves. I enjoyed my relationship with the school, both as a vice-principal and a principal, my work with the Lions, my hours of curling, and now my work with the Senior Citizens. Estelle really enjoyed her curling, liked her work at the pharmacy, her painting classes and whatever came along. Both boys curled, played floor hockey, were army cadets, played both hard ball and fastball and were always ready to help out in whatever they were doing.

LUCZAK, NICK AND MAIRE

Maire was born on June 11, 1908, to Philip and Tatiana Evanishen on the homestead with the aid of Mrs. Remenda. Maire attended Mount Carmel School four miles from the farm until she was 15 years old. At the age of 15 ½ she married Nick Luczak of Bruno on Oct. 28, 1924. After

their wedding, they lived with Nick's parents on their farm.

On Jan. 18, 1926, Carl, their first son, was born. In 1927, Nick's parents moved a half mile from the original home place and Nick and Maire took over the homestead. On Apr. 10, 1929, Jennie was born; on Mar. 27, 1936, Julian was born; and on July 4, 1941, Pauline was born. Carl, Jennie and Julian all started school at Cranich Lake.

In the fall of 1944, the family moved to Spalding and took a homestead on N.W. 31-38-16 W2, ten miles east of Spalding. They purchased four quarters of land with one hundred acres broken. A small four room house was their home. In 1945, the crop was hauled out and they managed to live by cutting wood and hauling two loads every week to town for sale.

On Oct. 30, 1945, their fifth child, Amelia, was born and on Feb. 15, 1947, Evangeline, their last child was born.

By the time the family had moved to Spalding, Carl and Jennie had quit school. Julian, Pauline, Amelia and Evangeline took their schooling at Kingscourt School, two and a half miles from the farm. Nick was a school trustee for about five years for Kingscourt School Board.

All of Nick and Maire's children are married now. Carl married Pauline Kovak and they have a family of three and one grandchild. They make their home in Edmonton, Alta.

Jennie is married to Bill Glovea and they have a family of four and three grandchildren. Jennie and Bill make their home in Choiceland.

Julian married Betty Blair and they have one child. They live in Spalding.

Pauline is married to William Kovak and they have a family of six and two grandchildren. They make their home in Rose Valley.



Nick Luczak family. Standing, L to R: Amelia, Carl, Pauline, Julian and Jennie. Seated: Nick and Maire. Evangeline is missing.

Amelia is married to Marcel Lecombe and they have a family of five. They reside in Bjorkdale, Sask.

Evangeline married Morris Lozinski. She has a family of five and lives in Nipawin.

In 1977, Maire suffered a stroke which left her confined to a wheelchair. Nick passed away on Oct. 28, 1982, their 58th wedding anniversary. Maire is now a resident of the Quill Plains Centennial Lodge in Watson.

LEUSCHEN, FRANK AND ROSE

Frank Leuschen was born on Apr. 9, 1883, in Westphalia, Iowa. He was the fifth child of the family of Benedict and Anna Mary Leuschen. They raised eight children of which six stayed in Iowa. Frank and his sister, Mary (Mrs. W. F. Hargarten) immigrated to the Bruno area. Frank came to Bruno in August of 1907 and worked with Mike Renneberg threshing stacks of grain with a steam outfit. He homesteaded on the S.W. 4-38-25 W2.

On Jan. 31, 1911, he married Rose Pulvermacher. Rose had immigrated to the Leofeld-Cudworth area with her father Math Pulvermacher and family from Roxbury, Wisconsin. Their mother had died in Wisconsin on Dec. 28, 1887, one week after the youngest child, Otto, was born. The family members were: Alex, Ida, Pauline, Leo, Rose, Hugo, Alma and Otto. In 1908, Math moved to Bruno to the Joe Scanlon homestead N.E. 32-38-25 W2.

Rose and Frank lived on the homestead until March of 1919, when Frank was badly burned during an accidental explosion. While he was laid up he had an auction sale and moved to Bruno where he took over a hardware store on the site of the present Tegenkamp Electric. In May of 1924, he sold his store to Emile Hauser and moved back to the three room shanty on his homestead until 1927 when the shanty became too small for seven children. They built a new tile brick house that is presently occupied by their son, Herbert and his family. Gus Knauer contracted the building job and the tile work was done by Kurt Hempel and Son of Bruno.

In 1929, they also built a new barn and acquired a dairy herd to keep the family busy. They also raised Buff Orpington chickens and sold hatching eggs. Frank and Rose farmed until 1949 when they moved to Bruno in 1951.

Frank passed away in March of 1959 and Rose continues to live alone after his passing. At 92 years of age, she cares for herself and goes to church daily. She also enjoys playing cards with her friends at her home or at the Friendship Center. She still bakes cookies and has a Sunday (after mass) tradition of cookies, juice and coffee for her family. She is better known as the "Cookie Grandma" to a lot of little friends and great grandchildren.



Rose and Frank Leuschen and three of their children.

The first of Frank and Rose's children was Loretta. She was born on Nov. 21, 1911, and attended Bruno School until she completed her grade 8. She stayed at home until Jan. 18, 1940, when she married Valentine Bendig. Their first child died in infancy. The next children were: Florian, Bernie, Eugene, Marilyn, Rosalie, Rita and Judy. Valentine passed away accidentally in August of 1959. In 1975, Loretta married Fred Pauli.

Wilfrid was born on Aug. 11, 1913. He also went to school in Bruno. After he left school, he worked at home and in the Bruno district. Wilfrid spent many winters baling straw for the government with a horse powered baler. He married Anne Gyoerick in April of 1939. They have six sons, Leon, Marcel, Lyle, Brian, Edgar, Glenn and one daughter, Dianne. One child died in infancy.

Roland was born in March of 1915 and also took his elementary education in Bruno and completed his schooling at St. Peter's College. He married Edith Bowlby R.N. on June 11, 1945. They had four children, Allen, the twins, Brian and Bernie, and Lynn. Brian was brutally murdered and finally found after a long search.

Edwin was born on Sept. 21, 1917. He died in infancy.

Martin was born on June 20, 1919, and went to school until he completed his grade 8. He stayed at home and worked there until the age of 18. After working on the farm, he spent some time working in the district, until he was drafted in March of 1941. He served in the army until December of 1944. Martin married Loretta Knoke on June 12, 1945 and they have 12 children: Adrian, Linda, JoAnn, David, Ruth, Leslie, Joe, Perry, Anita, Norma, Jeff and Gordon.

Herbert was born on Feb. 1, 1922 and went to Bruno School until grade 9, after which he worked at home and in the district. He went to Sudbury and worked there for almost two years. He married Caroline Knoke on June 9, 1948. Herb and Caroline had twin sons, Robert and Richard, Theresa, Marvin, Mary, Janice and Adele.

Edwin was born on Dec. 31, 1924, and also went to Bruno School for eight years. After school he stayed at

home and worked in the neighbourhood. He left to Sudbury to find work and has been there ever since. He married Monica Keast in 1949. Edwin and Monica have nine children, Rosemarie, Leonard, Joann, Louise, Hugh, Timothy, Ben, Martin and Janet.

Hugo was born on June 15, 1926, and went to Bruno School to grade 9. After he left school, he worked for his brother-in-law, Valentine Bendig for two years. He also left for Sudbury to work with his brothers. He married Hilda Hytannein in July of 1949. Hugo and Hilda have four children, Brenda, Donald, Susan and Allan. Hugo passed away on Mar. 20, 1975, from complications after surgery.

Nickolas was born on Dec. 6, 1928, and after nine years at the school in Bruno, he stayed at home to help on the farm. He too went to Sudbury, where he met and married Cecile Jennings in September of 1949. They have four children, Lillian, Gerry, Dennis and Elaine.

Rosemary was born on Aug. 4, 1931, and also spent eight years at the school in Bruno. After grade 8 she stayed home for a few years and later worked at Pulvermacher's store. Rosemary married Joe Kirzinger on Oct. 30, 1951. They have two sons, Gary and Murray. Joe and Rosemary still farm west of Bruno on the family farm.

Corinne was born on Aug. 27, 1933. She took her grade 12 at the Academy and was a supervisor at Willing School for a short time. She returned to university to obtain her degree in Education. She met and married Clem Feldhaus on Dec. 28, 1964. They have two children, Cathy and Paul.

Duane, the youngest member of the family, was born on May 20, 1935. He took his early schooling in Bruno and finished his education at St. Peter's College in Muenster. Duane worked in several locations as a bank teller. He met and married Jackie Beingessner in Lacombe, Alta. and they had three children, Helen, Karen and Nick. On Apr. 10th, after an Easter visit to Bruno, both Duane and Jackie were in a car accident and were killed instantly. The three children suffered bruises



The Leuschen family.

and were left orphans. Their uncle Max and his wife, Jessie, have raised the three children, along with two of their own. They reside in Calgary.

With their 12 children, Rose and Frank have 66 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren. A tribute was given to Rose Leuschen when the Pulvermacher family held their family reunion in the summer of 1981.



Rose Leuschen.

LEUSCHEN, ROLAND AND EDITH

written by Roland

I, the third in the family of Frank and Rose Leuschen, was born on Mar. 2, 1915, in a small settler's cottage, two miles south of Bruno. I can still remember one cold morning, when I was about four years old, getting dressed as near the small stove as possible, and how the wash basin was frozen solid ... also that Christmas when Santa delivered our new Maytag engine washer ... and when that stormy winter morning, Dad approached the house in a sheet of flame ... then his moaning and groaning when the doctor attended his wounds.

In 1919, we moved to Bruno where Dad opened a hardware store. I started school two years earlier and continued until the end of grade 10, then on to St. Peter's College for another four years.

In the meantime, we moved back to the farm, built a new brick house and a big barn, and now the dirty thirties were upon us. I put my education to good use; teaching the chickens to sing, and gathering the eggs. Indeed, we developed what I have reason to believe, was the best flock of Buff Orphington chickens in Canada, by trap nesting and continuous records, a good number of birds achieved R.O.P. production.

Success attained attention, and in 1940, I answered an opportunity to attend a large flock outside of Regina. Once there, city work was appealing, and gradually I worked up in the Co-operative movement. Being a charter member of the Bruno Credit Union, membership in the Sherwood Credit Union was a natural. Working as a desk clerk at the Co-op Refinery, a training program for Co-op managers opened up and I was off to Coddette, Sask., for some on the job training, then back to the

Co-op Wholesale in Regina, and answering a call for a manager in Lampman, Sask., in 1943. Following an operation on the spine in Rochester, Minnesota, I was advised to find lighter work. After some months in Saskatoon, I was sent as part of a team to open an office in Winnipeg in 1945.

That June, Miss Edith Bowlby of Lampman, and I were married at the Holy Cross Church in Winnipeg by Reverend Father Arthur Benoit. I left the Co-op movement to develop a trade paper from an eight page newsprint to a 32 page magazine ... its full potential. Seeking further improvement, and feeling that, no matter where I worked, I would have to pay my keep, I decided to go on a straight commission and keep what I earned. I never did get rich but I enjoyed an ever changing work scene and did see much of western Canada and the central United States before retiring.

While at Regina, I was fortunate to join a Catholic Youth Group, the C.Y.C. at Blessed Sacrament Church, and served as president from 1941 until I left. In Winnipeg, again, I was very fortunate in being accepted into the Junior Chamber of Commerce in which I was very active for six years, and which helped me to no end. In 1947, I joined the Norwood Council of the Knights of Columbus No. 3538, and in 1966, the new South Winnipeg Council No. 5808. I was also a member of the Winnipeg Sales and Ad Club for seven years, and a member of the Winnipeg Sales Executive Club for five years. I was a member of Holy Cross Church from 1945-61, a member of St. Ignatius Church from 1961-79 and a member of St. Pius X, all of Winnipeg, since that time.

Our marriage was blessed with four children, Allan in 1946, Brian and Bernard in 1947, and Lynn in 1949. Allen is still with us and is employed with the Canada Post Office. Brian met with foul play in 1975 and was unaccounted for until late 1981, when Charles Delorey of New Brunswick confessed doing him in near Thunder Bay. In November of 1983, he was finally sentenced to life imprisonment. Bernie is employed with the Canadian Grain Commission in Winnipeg. In 1974, he married Marlene Hudzick of Transcona. They are the proud parents of two girls, Tricia eight, and Amanda four. Lynn has taken up residence in Toronto and is employed at St. Joseph's Hospital as a ward clerk.

Winnipeg Sun, November 8, 1983 Dad Won't Hate Son's Killer

Stories by B. J. Del Conte
Sun Staff Writer

Roland Leuschen doesn't hate the man who was convicted yesterday of the 1975 murder of his son, Brian.

It's an emotion he won't allow himself to feel. "Hate destroys the person who does the hating," said Leuschen.

"The man is a creature of God and God will take care of him."

"He's the ultimate judge."

Yesterday, in a court in Thunder Bay, Ont., the man who cold-bloodedly fired a .22 cal. slug into Brian Leuschen's head pleaded guilty to a charge of second degree murder.

Charles Delorey, 35, was given an automatic life sentence by Judge Gregory Evans. Delorey will be eligible for parole 12 years from now, in 1995.

Brian's father wasn't surprised by yesterday's decision.

"I feel in general, the justice system is geared more to the criminal than the public," he said.

"No matter what happens, we can't do anything about it."

As for the terms of parole, he said, "If the man had a plan to kill people and plans to do it again, he shouldn't be released."

"But if he's truly repentant and mends his life, 12 years is plenty of payment."

"I think he might carry on his nefarious work," he added.

"He seems to be a completely amoral creature," said Leuschen, who had attended the preliminary hearing.

"It's like he was killing a fly."

According to Crown attorney Benedict Devlin, who assisted in the prosecution, there was no actual trial as Delorey's plea was a pre-arranged formality.

Delorey had originally been charged with first degree murder, but the charge was reduced to second degree in the absence of witnesses, according to Devlin.

Delorey's attorney, A. A. Petrone, said the man would likely do his time at Stony Mountain Penitentiary.



Murder victim: Brian Leuschen: 'like killing a fly'

Murder returned driver's kindness

A bizarre confession brought convicted killer Charles Delorey to justice, according to one of the Crown attorneys who prosecuted him.

Benedict Devlin says the man told doctors about the crime in 1981, while doing time in a New Brunswick mental hospital for the attempted murder of two women.

Devlin said Delorey confessed to Brian Leuschen's murder because he didn't like being in the hospital and wanted to do his time elsewhere.

Delorey told police he murdered the 27-year-old Winnipeg man in July, 1975, on the Trans Canada Highway about 40 miles west of Thunder Bay.

Leuschen, an economist with the Manitoba government, was driving back to Winnipeg after a holiday in Quebec.

Leuschen's parents launched a desperate search for him when he failed to show up. They posted a \$1,000 reward for information leading to their son's whereabouts.

They also offered a reward for information leading to Leuschen's red 1969 Volkswagen station wagon, which has never been recovered.

Delorey was picked up by Leuschen while hitchhiking along the Trans Canada. Leuschen's kindness was returned with a .22 cal. slug in the head.

Delorey stole his car and credit cards, and then callously dumped the man's body at the side of the road.

When he confessed in 1981, Delorey was brought to Thunder Bay, Ont. where he led investigators to the murder site.

A thorough search of the area turned up bones and teeth that were positively identified by medical records as remains of Leuschen.

Leuschen's parents buried his remains at Winnipeg's Memorial Gardens in June, 1982.

LEUSCHEN, MARTIN AND LORETTA

by Martin

I am the fifth child of Rose and Frank Leuschen and was born in St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Humboldt, on June 20, 1919. The first four years of my life were spent in the town of Bruno. All the memories I have of living in town was being scolded by my aunt for having such a noisy wagon to play with on her street. I was also razzed by the Academy girls when they walked by. I spent a lot of time visiting at the C.N.R., with our maid, Julia Hysler, who also performed odd jobs for Charles Ohm, the station agent.



Martin and Loretta Leuschen.

Dad sold hardware from what is now Tegenkamp Electric, but after a time moved back to his farm (1924). I was happier on the farm having learned to trap gophers for a penny a tail. I caught my fingers several times before I figured out how to handle a gopher trap.

I started Bruno School at the age of six and had older brothers and sisters to take care of me. We walked during the summer and had horses and a bobsleigh during the winter. Our gravel road was hard on the horse's feet so they always had to be shod properly. After grade 8, I stayed at home to help Dad (from 1933-fall of 1938). During my years of growing up, I learned to run fast because I was so small other guys would pick on me, but they had to catch me first.

After the fall of 1938, I went to work at Bruno Thimm's in the Hoffman School District. I earned \$20.00 during the summer and in the winter \$5.00 per month (dirty thirty wages). I learned to enjoy singing and dancing and had lots of fun at school dances where I got to know the Knoke sisters. I worked at their farm for two summers and worked in lumber camps all winter at Carragana and Weeks (Saskatchewan).

In 1940, I was drafted into the Canadian Army along with a lot of Bruno's 21 year old boys. We didn't like the army much; clothes came in two sizes - too big and too small. The next summer I worked for my sister, Loretta, and her husband, Valentine Bendig. During the winter I worked at Johnny Seidel's dairy farm. I had always filed my farm deferment papers, but they were resting on our M.L.A.'s desk unfiled. I was declared A.W.O.L. and got a full escort to the Regina Army Barracks. They gave me an army uniform and I was shipped off to Portage La Prairie for training. I was sent to Halifax for advanced training in H.A.A. Gunnery. Then I operated wireless and telephone



JoAnn, Franklin, Mark and Michael Roettger.

at the Morriss Lake Camp. A medical examination put me in a lower category so I received my discharge in December of 1944.

Since I had been home at different intervals during the war, I had the opportunity to become engaged to Loretta Knoke. We had been writing daily communiques for three years, so when I was discharged we set our wedding for June.

I got a good job at the brickyard and boarded with my cousin, Amy and Joe Krenns. They lived on a farm west of Bruno.

Loretta and I were married in June of 1945 and lived in the empty Knoke farmhouse. After my marriage, I worked another year at the brickyard and one day after our first anniversary, our first child was born. I had bought a quarter of land, on the north line of Bayne, earlier, and we moved to a rented home near to our land in the October of 1946. We owned a 101 Jr. Tractor and a Model T Ford, a six foot oneway, 10 foot cultivator and a six section harrow. All of our machinery was purchased through the V.L.A.

We bought the land we lived on within the year and have bought six more quarters since. A lot of our land only had a few acres open so we spent years breaking bush and hauling stones and stumps before seeding.

In 1977, I took pilots training and have my licence. I have a partnership in a 150 Cessna at the Cudworth airstrip. The pilot's licence has come in very handy to check cows and calves and once saved my herd from being poisoned because I was able to spot Blue Algae in my dugout. Walking through my crops has become very difficult for me and now I use the plane for crop inspection. Sometimes we fly over Bruno and see how beautiful the community really is.

I have served my share of executive jobs in our community including, school trustee, 4-H Leader, Co-op director, on the Pool Committee, Credit Union Director and President of the Credit Union. I also served as a Credit Union delegate to Central.

History of Martin's family as told by Loretta: I am the second girl in the Knoke family. During our younger years, my sister, Caroline, and I did a lot of men's work because we did not have any brothers. When I married Martin at the age of 22, I went from being a farm girl to a farmer's wife.

Our first son, Adrian, arrived a day after our first anniversary, and was the first of 12 children in 25 years. We had moved to our home in the R.M. of Hoodoo in 1946 and started farming full time. We always milked cows, kept chickens and raised a few litters of pigs. Cream cheques and egg money was our weekly source of income, but our grocery bill was very small. We always had meat, milk and eggs.

In 1953, we fixed our house; we put in a new foundation, electricity, a good furnace and a homebuilt freezer. Martin did a lot of work to help bring electricity to the community.

When the Thiel-Krentz school closed in 1966, our family became the first bus stop on the route. You don't get to sleep in very often when the school bus stops at 7:30 a.m. Martin and I both drove school buses from 1968 to 1972.

In 1972, we took a month long tour of Europe with a C.C.I.L. group. We found this experience changed our ideas of what the old country was like.

All of our children have left home now, except for our two youngest sons, who are presently attending school in Bruno. Adrian attended the University of Saskatchewan majoring in engineering. This education took him to Iraq on an engineering job. His wife, Donna, and their two sons, Anthony and Martin accompanied him. They now make their home on a farm near Pilger.

Linda is a registered nurse and is nursing at Sylvan Lake, Alta. She married Don Chan and lived in Dauphin and Brandon where he taught home economics at a



Ruth and Peter White and their children, Russel, Laura, Jason and Shannon.



Leuschen family, L to R: David, Joe, Leslie, Jeff, Gord, Anita, Norma, Martin, Perry, Sitting: Ruth, JoAnne and Loretta.

Technical Institute. They have two children, Lori aged 14 and Barry who is eight.

Joann worked at Weyburn and Moose Jaw Institutes and later in Cudworth Hospital. She met and married Franklin Roettger, a farmer in the Pilger district. They have twin boys, Mark and Michael, who are five years old.

David entered the RCMP and was a rookie in 1971. He was stationed at Prince Rupert where he met his wife, Elizabeth (nee Thornton). He was also stationed at Ocean Falls and for four years in Surrey. David left the force and ran an Esso Gas Station for two years, when he came back home with his family. At present, he is Town Constable (Part-time) in Cudworth, while farming full time. He and his wife have three children, Jason, Amber and Trevor.

Ruth is married to Peter White from Meacham and together they ran the Economy Textile Store in Meacham. They have five children, Russell ten, Laura eight, Jason four, Shannon two, and infant Danny.

Leslie is married to Cheryl Bird of Kyle. She is a registered nurse and specializes in obstetrics. They have recently moved from Saskatoon to Melfort where they both work. Les is now sales Manager for the Case dealership in Melfort. They have two daughters, Tanya five and one-half years, and Jennifer three.

Joseph married Julie Zimmer from Lanigan. They have three daughters, Crystal five, Denise three, and Ericka one. Joe has a crane and does custom work all over the country digging ditches and dugouts.

Perry is married to Janine Vogelgesang from Saskatoon. Janine is a dental nurse who travels through the schools. Perry is going to Kelsey and working at his engineering. They were married in June of 1983.

Anita married Richard Renneberg from St. Benedict. Anita works at the Credit Union in St. Benedict. They live in St. Benedict and Richard is a partner and carpenter for the Dan Hoffman Lumber Company.



The Martin Leuschen family.

Norma is in Saskatoon working and is single. At present, she is working a night shift in a food outlet.

Jeffrey and Gordon are both in high school. Jeff is busy being a youth representative on the Church Council and the Muenster Diocesan Youth Organization. Gordon is our caboose. He could read at the age of three and is still a bookworm. With all the nieces and nephews he is always in demand as Riot Director.

Our family is stretching every year as another little person joins us. There are a lot of hugs and kisses to go around and always a handy hand to restore peace.

We have a house in town now, but still enjoy going out to the farm to do work there. We both do a lot of community work, sing in the choir, are on the D.P.C., Church Council and Co-op Board of Directors. We hope to be able to enjoy being grandparents for a good long while yet, otherwise who would spoil the grandchildren! Meanwhile, we are still farming and enjoying our families.

LEUSCHEN, ADRIAN AND DONNA

Adrian Leuschen was born in June of 1946, the oldest of a big family. He went to school at Thiel-Krentz until it was closed and then took his high school in Bruno, from where he graduated. He then attended the University of Saskatchewan and received his Bachelor of Sciences and his degree in Geo Engineering.

He met and married Donna Kalbfliesh, of Cabri, who was taking her pre med in Veterinary Medicine at the university. Adrian stayed on at the university to do post graduate work. His thesis was Rock Music and he had a book published on his work that is now in the University Library. Donna worked in the Vet Clinic during these three years; she always had a love for animals.



Adrian at two years, 1948.

Adrian then worked as a mine engineer at Vanscoy and then as a mine captain in Colonsay Mine. He had a severe car accident while commuting to work. He recuperated at home and built a piggery as a hobby. His children, Anthony and Martin, were born in 1972 and 1973. Adrian was then employed at PAMI for a one year term.

After this, he got his wish to work in a faraway country. Torchinski and Co. hired him to go to Iraq for a five year contract. He took his family along and they had some very unique experiences while living in Iraq. When hostilities between Iran and Iraq became too dangerous, Donna and the two boys came home, but Adrian was detained for a week as the Iraqi government wanted him to stay.

Since coming home, Adrian and Donna have started farming again. The two boys go to Pilger School and are choreboys after school hours at their piggery. Adrian was the engineer of both Wakaw and Cudworth's airstrips. At present, he is teaching physics at Moose Jaw for part of a term.



Martin, Donna, Adrian, Anthony

LEUSCHEN, DAVID AND ELIZABETH

David Martin Leuschen, son of Martin and Loretta (nee Knoke) Leuschen, was born in 1950. He attended



David and Liz Leuschen.

and graduated from Bruno High School. In 1971, after his graduation he joined the RCMP.

David married Elizabeth (Liz) Francine Thornton on July 5, 1975. Liz was formerly from Terrace, B.C. While David and Liz made their home in British Columbia, they had two children, Jason Tyler born on Oct. 7, 1977, and Amber Adeline born on Aug. 31, 1979.

In the spring of 1981, David, Liz and their family moved to Bruno and on Oct. 21, 1981, their second son, Trevor James, was born.



Trevor Leuschen.

Presently, they are farming eight quarters of land north of Bruno. David is also employed by the Cudworth Police Department.

LEUSCHEN, LESLIE AND CHERYL

Leslie, son of Martin and Loretta Leuschen, was raised on a farm north of Bruno. He took the school bus to school each day and received all of his education in Bruno. He enjoyed sports and his schoolmates.

Les thought going to Co-op College in the summer of 1971 would be a nice holiday from the farm work. Little did he know that he would meet his future wife there! During the winter of 1971-72, he made various weekend trips to a farm in Kyle only to be told eventually to get lost! Saddened and a bit angry, he took off to British Columbia to visit his brother, David, a member of the RCMP detachment in Ocean Falls. There, Les worked in a woodmill for a few months and then with a few dollars in his pocket he flew out of Ocean Falls and drove back to Saskatoon to attend the Engineering classes at the University of Saskatchewan. He had driven day and night to return and the first person he met in the parking lot where he stopped was the very person who had told him to get lost so many months before. Guess that is what one calls fate!



Jason and Amber Leuschen.

Anyway, after a few months, Leslie was engaged. Between playing football with the U of S Huskies and Cheryl, he didn't have much time for studies so didn't make high enough marks to complete his engineering year. Undaunted, he married Cheryl in August of 1974 and transferred his football playing to the Saskatoon Hilltops. He worked with Dominion Bridge until the snow flew. Meanwhile, Cheryl completed her second year of Diploma Nursing at Kelsey Institute.



Les's football days.



Les and Jennifer.

Les then took a job selling farm equipment with Co-op Implements. He sold with the Outlook dealership and then transferred to the Regina Dealership. There he stayed until the Real Estate market caught his eye and he decided to be a salesman with Koyle Real Estate. Then he tried Block Bros. Realty. Real Estate did well, so Les decided to try his hand at being a father. In October of 1977, he and Cheryl had a beautiful baby girl, Tanya Michelle. After two years of being a salesman, Les thought he would try being a manager and took the job of managing the Block Bros. office in Humboldt. There he made many new acquaintances and played broomball like a pro until a freak accident with a broomhandle benched him for a while.

After a year of hair pulling management, Les decided to try university again. So off to Saskatoon, Les to uni-



Les and Cheryl Leuschen.



Les and Tanya.

versity and Cheryl to University Hospital as a nurse on the maternity ward. Les did well in university but not well enough to make up for his bad year six years ago. So off he went to look for a job and got one with Western Caissons. There he ran a drilling rig for pilings in construction. During this time, Les and Cheryl had a second daughter, Jennifer Rose, in April of 1981. But, in the job, Les couldn't talk to anyone, which was a real hardship because that is what Les does best.

So off again to find a job doing what he does best - talk. He became a salesman for industrial equipment with Blackwood Hodge. Sorry to say, economic conditions took hold and Les was laid off. Fortunately, Les found a niche created just for him as sales manager in a farm equipment dealership. Now he is employed by Hunt Farm Equipment in Melfort, Sask. Cheryl works part-time in Melfort Union Hospital.

Tanya is in grade 1 and Jennifer is three years old and looking forward to going to school someday.

LEUSCHEN, JOSEPH AND JULIE

Joe is the son of Martin and Loretta (Knoke) Leuschen and was born on Feb. 25, 1956, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt. Joe was raised on his parent's farm S.E. 6-40-25 W2. He received all of his schooling in Bruno and



Joe and Julie Leuschen and their daughters, L to R: Denise, Erica and Crystal.

graduated from the high school in 1974. Joe has farmed since he left school, holding other jobs at the same time. In 1983, Joe started his own business which he owns and operates under the name of Leuschen Crane Service.

Julie is the daughter of John and Dorothy (Hinz) Zimmer of Lanigan and was born on May 6, 1958, in Kelvington. Julie was raised in various communities including Lintlaw, Humboldt, and Lanigan. She took her schooling at St. Dominic's in Humboldt and graduated from Lanigan Central High in 1977. Julie held two jobs before marrying Joe; a cashier at Lanigan Dodge and the same position at Eastview Texaco in Saskatoon.

Joe and Julie were married on Apr. 8, 1978, at St. Gertrude's Church in Muenster.

They lived on Herb Hering's original yard for one year and then moved to Martin Leuschen's farm where they lived until the spring of 1982. That spring, they moved to Roddy Blaseg's farm and have made that their home since.

Joe and Julie started a dragline business in the summer of 1982 with an ancient machine and developed it into a full-time business during the summer of 1983. Leuschen Crane Service has done business throughout Saskatchewan digging dugouts and reclaiming gravel.

Joe and Julie have three daughters, Crystal Lea, born on Apr. 1, 1979, Denise Michelle, born on Dec. 11, 1980, and Erica Marie, born on Aug. 17, 1982. Their first two daughters were born at St. Michael's Hospital in Cudworth, while Erica was born at City Hospital in Saskatoon.

Joe enjoys broomball in his spare time, while Julie enjoys sewing, crocheting, ceramics, and chasing her children.

LEUSCHEN, HERBERT AND CAROLINE

Herbert is the son of Frank and Rose Leuschen and Caroline the daughter of Joseph and Mary (Schlosser) Knoke. Herb and Caroline were married on June 9, 1947.

Herb and Caroline lived on Joseph Knoke's farm, two and a half miles north of Bruno for the first four years of their married life. This same farm had been homesteaded by Joseph Knoke's father, Herman, with his wife, Ludwina.

In 1948, identical twin boys were born to Herb and Caroline. They were named Richard and Robert. In 1951, the four of them, plus dog and livestock made the long journey to Herbert's father's homestead two and one-half miles south of Bruno, where the family has lived ever since.

More children followed in the years to come: Theresa, Marvin, Mary, Janice and Adele. In 1967, Robert, the

eldest of the twins, was drowned in a swimming accident. His 19 years with the family will always be remembered.

Today the children are all away from home, and most are married.

Richard married Mary Bourauel, the youngest daughter of Peter Bourauel and Susan Kisling, in 1970. They now have five children of their own, Robert, Helen, Carol, Kevin, and Marie.

Theresa (Terry) is now married to Lloyd Myers. They have one daughter, Trista.

Marvin married Debbie Jensen, and their two children are named Carla and Curtis.

Mary wed David Weiman, son of Lawrence and Corrine Weiman, also of Bruno.

Janice is married to Glen Dobmeier.

To date, Adele still claims the Leuschen name as her own.

The house that has been home to our family through so many treasured memories was built here on Frank Leuschen's homestead in 1927, out of tile manufactured at Bruno's own clayworks.

LEUSCHEN, RICHARD AND MARY (Bourauel)

submitted by Mary

I was born and raised in Bruno, the youngest girl of Peter and Susan Bourauel. Richard and his twin brother, Robert, were the oldest children of Herbert and Caroline Leuschen. Robert died at age 19 while swimming in the Lloydminster area where they worked for a construction crew.

Richard and I both attended grades 1-12 in Bruno. Grade 1 was in the Ursuline Sisters Music House and grades 2 and 3 were in the brick school that has been demolished. Grades 4-8 were in the new elementary school and I went to St. Ursula's Academy for grades 9-12 while Richard graduated from the new high school.

I attended Robertson Secretarial School in Saskatoon and we both went on to university and attended the College of Arts and Science and Education. Richard completed both degrees while teaching at Muenster.

Throughout the years, Richard was always active in softball and played on such teams as Kildrum, Bruno Braves, Sears, Bata Mohawks, Muenster Saints and Windsor Royals. He won the Most Valuable Player Award while playing with the Muenster Saints. Richard also played broomball and was on the Bruno Braves team



Richard Leuschen family. Standing, L to R: Helen, Robert, and Carol. Seated: Mary, Richard, Kevin and Marie.

when they were Saskatoon champions. We both enjoyed being part of the KC Bowling League in Humboldt.

I taught for three years at E. D. Feehan High School in Saskatoon. During this time, Richard worked for Simpsons Sears as delivery man and salesclerk. Richard and I were married in 1970. That fall, Richard went back full time to university and then on to start his teaching career at Crystal Springs. From there we moved to Humboldt and Richard teaches at Muenster.

We have five children: Robert, Helen, Carol, Kevin, and Marie, all living at home and actively involved in piano, singing, band, girl guides and scouts.

Richard belongs to the K of C's and has taken part on Parish Council, Diocesan Parish Council, STF Link Committee and together we served as newsletter editors for the National Marriage Encounter team and presently we are part of the Baptism Preparation Team.

I belong to the CWL and was newsletter editor for the Carlton Trail Pro Life Group for two years. I taught our children piano and singing and am currently completing my own piano certification. I did much typing while living in the city and still keep it up. I also enjoy selling Creative Needlecraft Kits. I started playing organ in grade 8 on the pump organ at Bruno Church and am now playing for the St. Dominic Parish in Humboldt. I have been a Brownie Leader to girls aged 6-9 for three years and thoroughly enjoy it.

During the summer, Richard takes the family on many camping trips. We took one summer off to build our two storey house and are now busy finishing the basement.

LEUSCHEN, EDWIN AND MONICA

Edwin Leuschen was born on Dec. 31, 1924, in Bruno, the son of Frank and Rose (nee Pulvermacher) Leuschen. He spent most of his youth on his parent's farm just south of Bruno and received his education in Bruno. He did farm work in the area, worked at the Clay Works and worked in a lumber camp in northern Saskatchewan. In 1946, Edwin moved to Sudbury, Ont. where he was employed by The International Nickel Company. He has been working there for 37 years, 34 of those years as an electrician. Edwin has been a Credit Union member for 44 years. He held executive positions, including three years as president, for 25 of those years.

He married Monica Keast, daughter of Harold and Gertrude (nee Shannon) Keast in July of 1949. Monica was born on May 13, 1923, in Creighton Mines, Ont. and received most of her schooling in Copper Cliff, Ont. She was a stenographer with INCO before her marriage to Edwin. Edwin and Monica met at a Catholic Youth Organization wiener roast.

Edwin and Monica have nine children. Rosemarie, born on July 6, 1950, is married to Thomas Tammi. They have two children, Sarah, nine and Shaun, six. Rosemarie is a computer programmer with INCO and Tom is a civil engineer with the same company. They live in Sudbury.

Leonard was born on Sept. 27, 1952, and is a heavy equipment mechanic with Northern Transportation Co. Ltd., in the North West Territories.

Louise, born on Mar. 22, 1954, is married to Henri Aubin and they have two children, Amanda, three and Jessica, two. Henri is a heavy equipment operator with Denison Mines, Elliot Lake, Ont. and they live there.

Joanne, born on Mar. 21, 1955, works for Shell Oil and lives in Toronto, Ont.

Hugh, born Mar. 21, 1957, is a security guard with the Great West Life Insurance Co. in Winnipeg, Man. He is currently working towards his Masters Degree in architecture.

Timothy, born on June 26, 1958, is married to Dorothy Aultman and they live in Kitchener. Tim is a potter and has his own studio in Kitchener. He also works as a salesman for a lumber company. Dorothy is a cook for Highway Market in Kitchener.

Benedict was born on Feb. 8, 1960, and lives in Ottawa, Ont. He is a cook at the new Westin Hotel.

Martin, born on May 30, 1962, lives at home and is a student at Cambrian College, Sudbury. He will have his diploma in data processing in May of 1984.

Janet, the youngest, was born on Aug. 27, 1963 and is a student at Windsor University, Windsor, Ont. She is in her second year of Honors Commerce on an INCO scholarship.

Edwin will be retiring soon and plans on spending quite a bit of time travelling.

LEWICKI, PETER AND MARY (Dushenko)

Peter, a Ukrainian-Pole, was born in 1894 in Jezierzany Galicia, Poland and came to Canada in 1923. After working around such places as Todar Sluchinski's farm, he got a small two acre homestead. On the homestead he build a house which burnt down in 1977. Peter worked very hard on the C.N.R. under retirement age.

Mary Dushenko, a Ukrainian-Pole, was born in Totzke in 1915 on her parent's farm below the historic Totzke bridge. Mary's parents were Nick Dushenko and Sophia (nee Bodnar). Peter and Mary had a daughter, Annie, born to them in Totzke in March of 1947. Peter was the "birth doctor". With no electricity, except for a wind charger, no running water, no cars for transportation, they pulled through the pioneer years. Lots of wood and coal had to be on hand for winter survival.



Mary Dushenko, 1981.

Mary, Annie and Grandma Sophia lived for one year in Bruno. Then in 1959, they and Peter moved into the house on the hill in Totzke which had previously been the post office and store run by Bert Tucker. They used their feet for transportation and took the passenger train at times. Mary and Peter holidayed to Winnipeg by train in 1963.

Grandma Sophia went with the Lord in 1977. In the fall of 1977, the rest of the family moved into Bruno to take advantage of all the conveniences of town life. Peter had eye cataracts as well as lung trouble and in March of



Nickolas, Sophia and Mary Dushenko.

1980 went with the Lord to his eternal home. He is buried in Bruno R. C. Cemetery.

Mary enjoyed walking uptown, almost daily, to pick up the mail and get groceries. She also went to Mass daily being only a block away from the church and even got involved in a Bible Study at St. Ursula's Convent which she really seemed to enjoy a lot. Mary took sick suddenly in the early months of 1983 and is living with her only daughter, Annie Moritz and her family on the Moritz homestead. In the summer, Mary enjoys being outdoors with Annie and taking walks to enjoy the country views.



L to R: Mary and Sophia Dushenko and Annie and Peter Lewicki.



Michael and Anne Linde, 1914.

LINDE, MICHAEL J.

Michael Linde was born in 1887 to John and Elizabeth Linde in Crimea, Germany. At the early age of 15 months, his parents and other members of the family emigrated from Germany to the United States, settling in Hoven, South Dakota. In 1905, they moved to Canada and settled on a homestead near Bremen, where they stayed until 1920, when they retired to the town of Bruno.

In 1907, Michael bought one quarter section, north of Bruno and started farming himself. He cleared the land and built himself a log house that stood until 1960, when it was torn down. The shelter for his livestock was made from rocks and clay. Michael trapped and hunted, tanned the deerskins and mounted a lot of the big trophies for himself and others, as a hobby. He was a man of many interests.

In 1914, Michael married Anne Bourauel. Their first born was a son (1915), but died within five days of birth. In 1917, a daughter was born, but tragedy struck three weeks after the birth, with the passing of his wife, Anne. Michael was left with an infant daughter to raise. Their daughter, Emma, lived with her grandparents for 15 years and then returned to live and keep house for her father.

In 1925, Michael started the business of making caskets and tombstones. He worked at this trade until 1955 when he had to quit his business for health reasons.

Michael passed away on Nov. 11, 1960, survived by his daughter, Emma, her husband, Peter Meyer, and three grandsons. Emma and Peter's children are: Richard Meyer, a hospital administrator at Campbell River, B.C.; Harold Meyer, a farmer at Delia, Alta.; and Rudy Meyer, a truck driver who makes his home in Bruno.

Peter Meyer passed away in 1978.



Michael Linde's farm yard and his new Model T, 1918.

LINGL, ALBERT AND THELMA

Thelma Dagenais was born on Dec. 22, 1908, in Princeton, Minnesota. Albert Lingl was born on Sept. 21, 1896, in Foley, Minnesota. Thelma and Albert were married on June 19, 1928. Albert moved from Foley, Minnesota, to Leofeld in 1903. The first year he worked for the Town of Bruno. He then moved to Saskatoon where he worked for Robin Hood Flour Mills for two years. After working in Saskatoon, he moved to St. Benedict where he worked for the Town for almost six years. From St. Benedict, they moved to Thelma's mother's homestead north of Bruno. They lived there until 1961, when they retired to Bruno. Albert passed away in November of 1962. Thelma still resides in the Town of Bruno. Albert and Thelma had six children.

Zotique Joseph Lingl was born on June 7, 1930, in Saskatoon. He married Muriel Cymbolisty from Midkado in 1952. They had one son, Glen.

Richard Robert Lingl was born on March 31, 1932 in St. Benedict. He married Margaret Hemmelgain from Pilger in 1951. They had one daughter, Jenny, and one son, Gerald.

Corrine Delia Lingl was born on Nov. 29, 1935 in St. Benedict. She married Lawrence Weiman from Bruno in



Albert and Thelma Lingl



L-R: Richard, Corrine holding Bernice, Gordon and Zotique Lingl.

November of 1954. They have three children, David, Brian and Joan.

Gordon Otto Lingl was born on Dec. 19, 1938, in Bruno. He married Irene Schmidt in November of 1962. They have two sons, Darcy and Terry.

Marie Lingl was born on Aug. 4, 1940. Marie died three days later on Aug. 7, 1940.

Bernice Margaret Lingl was born on Jan. 13, 1942, in Bruno. She married Frank Schmidt of Pilger in November of 1962. They have no children. Frank was killed in a tractor accident in September of 1979 and Bernice remarried to his brother, Anton, of Preeceville in October of 1980. They have no children.

LOHMAN, HENRY SR. AND ANNA

by Lena (nee Neibrugge) Theissing

Henry Lohman was born on May 21, 1857, and his wife, Anna (nee Aulenbrock) on Jan. 10, 1862, both in Effingham, Illinois. They married on Apr. 10, 1883 in Effingham, where they farmed and raised a family of eight children. They came to Willmont in the spring of 1907, with seven of the children. Their oldest daughter, Katherine, was then married to Ben Niebrugge and decided to stay behind and live on the Lohman farm. In years previous to 1907, Henry's sons, Joe and John, had gone ahead and filed for homesteads. By this time, the North West Territories of Canada had been reshaped into the provinces of Saskatchewan and Alberta.

Henry was in his fifties when he came to Canada. Several reasons led to his decision: one was the lure of land at a cheap price as land around Effingham was scarce and secondly, other settlers from Effingham including the Dusts, Mettes, and Tegenkamps, had come to



Back Row, L to R: Lena, Henry Jr., Mary, John, Elizabeth, William. Front: Katherine, Anna, Henry Sr., Joseph.



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohman Jr. celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary.

the Willmont area. In the spring of 1913, Katherine and her husband, Ben Niebrugge, and three daughters also came to the Willmont area to join the rest of her family. The Niebrugge's homestead was five miles west of Fulda while the Lohman's homestead was situated five miles west and one and a half miles north of Fulda. They lived only one mile north and a half mile east of St. John's Roman Catholic Parish, which burnt on Nov. 20, 1971.

Henry and Anna were both community minded. Henry served on the parish committees, Anna being good-natured and always ready to help people in need, kept a good garden and did a lot of sewing and knitting. Henry also helped along when they started to build St. John's Church in 1916.

Henry and Anna retired to Bruno in the fall of 1917 and lived where Sylvester Meyer now resides. They were able to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in April of 1933.

Henry and Anna had eight children: Katherine married Ben Niebrugge. They had 12 children.

Joseph did not marry and lived with his parents. He was employed by Joe Schlosser Sr.

Elizabeth married Henry Mette. They had seven children and one died in infancy.

John married Christina Schauwecker and had five children.

Mary married Barth Rauw. They had three sons, one died in infancy and another at the age of nine. Barth died in March of 1916 and Mary married William Smith. They had seven children, but one died in infancy.

William married Clara Doetzel and had three children. Clara still resides in the Harry Ford Home in Humboldt.

Henry Jr. married Anna Bernauer and they have six children. They are still both living and make their home

in Exshaw, Alta. Henry and Anna celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary on Feb. 25, 1982. They are still able to do their own housework.

Lena married Mike Melckhart and had seven children, two of which died in infancy. Lena has been a widow for ten years and now lives in the Lion's Home in Prince Albert.

Henry Sr. passed away on Apr. 27, 1937, and Anna on June 12, 1945. Both are resting in the Roman Catholic Cemetery in Bruno.

LOHMAN, JOHN

John Lohman, his wife, Christina (nee Schauwecker), and a family of three children, Lucy, Irene, and Lawrence, moved to Bruno from the farm in the Willmont district in 1924.

They lived just outside Bruno where the turkey farm is now located. While in Bruno, John was employed at the



John and Christina Lohman.

Pulvermacher Butcher Shop. However, this residence in Bruno was short lived as John was troubled with rheumatism during the severe Saskatchewan winters. After spending a year in Bruno he moved his family to the warmer climate of Effingham, Illinois, where he originally came from as a young man with his parents, Henry and Anna Lohman Sr.

In 1929, with two more children added to the family, Sylvia and Maryanne, he moved back to Canada and settled in British Columbia.

A granddaughter, Lois (nee Scheck) of Fort St. John, B.C., married Lawrence Theissing and they reside on a farm in the Fulda district.

LOUIS, AUGUST AND ANNA

August Louis was born on Feb. 4, 1861, at Otterberg, Bavaria, Germany. There he got his schooling, as well as two years training as a locksmith. At the age of 18, he entered the Cavalry in the German Army and when he got out at the age of 21, he decided to visit different parts of Germany. August travelled around for a while and then decided to immigrate to the United States. He worked in a locksmith factory in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and then later moved to Rib Lake, Wisconsin. There he met and married Anna Koenig, who had emigrated from Austria several years earlier.

They had seven children born to them and in 1910, they moved to Bruno, Sask., with their family, a boxcar full of their household effects, two horses and two cows. They soon built a home and broke the land. They sold the two horses, and with the money bought four oxen. August and his oldest son, Adolph, worked with a threshing gang for \$5.00 a day.

August built a blacksmith shop, where he sharpened many a plow share and fixed iron chains for himself, as well as many of the neighbours. He also shod horses when it came time to haul wood out of the bush.

As August and Anna got older, they decided to move to Armstrong, B.C., where the weather was warmer. But they soon returned to Bruno because they missed their family and friends. Upon their return, they built a home in Bruno and retired there.

Anna passed away on Dec. 18, 1932. After Anna's death, August went back to his former home on the farm, living with his son and daughter-in-law, Gust and Freda. While on the farm, he went back to working in his blacksmith shop and enjoyed gardening until he was taken sick. As a result, he lost control of his legs and was bedridden for the remainder of his life, almost seven years. The last four years of his life he spent with his daughter and son-in-law, Rudolph and Clara Koob. He



August and Anna Louis.

died of a heart attack on Oct. 15, 1945. August and Anna now lie at rest in the Bruno Lutheran Cemetery. The graves are surrounded by an iron railing which August himself made in his blacksmith shop during his retirement years.

August and Anna's children are: Adolph (married Mary Welter), August Jr. (married Freda Lange), Anna (married Joe Koffing), Mary (married Adolph Ebner), Clara (married Rudolph Koob), Margaret (married George Krentz), and Carl (married Marie Schultz).

LOUIS, CARL AND MARIE

Carl came to Bruno with his parents, August and Anna Louis, in 1910, from Rib Lake, Wisconsin. He attended the Kildrum School and then worked on the farm with his father. At a very young age he was interested in machines and worked on different ways to make them more automatic. When he grew up he worked at Kellerman's Garage in Bruno and also repaired both his own and his brothers cars and machinery.

In 1930, he married Marie Schultz, who was working in Bruno as a telephone operator. They moved to Pilger and later to Middle Lake, where Carl owned and oper-



Carl and Marie Louis.

ated an electric light plant. This plant was later sold to the Sask. Power Corporation.

Carl and Marie had three sons: Dennis, Clifford, and Delmar. In 1951, they moved to La Ronge, Sask. There they also had a light plant and then built Riverside Motel in 1958. They bought a farm near Christopher Lake and were semi-retired when illness struck. Carl passed away on Oct. 31, 1973. Marie lived there alone and enjoyed her home and garden until her death in 1982.

LOWE, JESSE AND LORETTA

by Jesse

Although my wife and I are not pioneers of the town of Bruno (moved to Bruno in 1975) we are by no means strangers. We lived all of our lives in Peterson, except for three years, where I bought grain for over 30 years. Bruno being the closest, larger town, we were always in close contact with the people of the community, including the oldtimers of the surrounding district. We also participated in sports in Bruno, especially hockey and ball. We had a lot of good games! A lot of Peterson boys played for Bruno and vice versa. So as you see, we were far from strangers when we moved to Bruno.

All of our children took their grade 12 in Bruno School or at the Convent. Loretta and I have one boy and three girls. The eldest, Lorraine, married Marvin Dobler, who is a salesman for Snap-On Tools. Lorraine works for St. Mary's Credit Union in Saskatoon.

Herbert married Lynn Edwards of Biggar and they now make their home in Prince Albert, where Herb gives nurses their psychiatric training at the Victoria Hospital. Lynn is also a nurse. Herb and Lynn own the Fabricland in Prince Albert.



Jesse Lowe family. Standing, L to R: Lorraine, Jesse, Herb. Seated: Donna, Loretta, and Lana.

Donna married Rodney Blaseg and they live in Saskatoon where Donna teaches commercial cooking at Mount Royal Collegiate and Rodney works for his brother-in-law, Bill Chilak, in a food catering business.

Lana married Larry Neudorf and live at Osler where Larry is a carpenter. Lana has a beauty shop in Warman, which is close by.

Loretta (nee Wurm) and I were both born in the Peterson district and our parents were among the first that settled there, so they knew practically all of the older settlers in the area. My dad worked on the railroad when it was being built through Bruno to Warman. He lived on his homestead at the time and would drive seven miles to Dana every days with a horse and buggy or go on horseback.

LUDWIG, ANTON AND ANNE

Anton and his wife, Anna, came to the United States from Germany with their eldest daughter, Anne, in 1906. They came to Canada in 1910 and homesteaded eight miles south of Bruno.

Between the 1920's and 1930's, Anton was very active in the community. He was one of the first members and organizers of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, the Farmer's Union and the Farm Labour Party.

Many barn dances were held at the farm for different clubs and organizations. Anton retired from the farm in 1941 and moved to Bruno. His spouse, Anne, passed away in 1937.



Anton and Anne Ludwig family.

Anton and his wife, Anne, had six children, Anna (Mrs. Petrie) residing in Tuscon, Arizona, Theresa (Mrs. Leo Ebner) residing in Edmonton, Elizabeth (Mrs. Eler Wikstrom) deceased, Margaret (Mrs. Garth Heath) residing in Vancouver, Clara (Mrs. Valmore Desmarais) residing in Bruno, Pauline (Mrs. Alvin Meyer) from Bruno. Clara and Pauline, the youngest of Anton and Anne's children, are twins.

LUDWIG, JOHN PETER

John was born in Berlin, Germany, in 1858 and Catherine Anna (Miller) Ludwig was born in 1863 at Koln, Germany. They immigrated to the United States in 1878 and in 1903 they moved by train with farm equipment, machinery and household goods to Canada. They went from Rosthern to Willmont with horsedrawn wagons, as one of the first families to settle in that area.



John and Catherine Ludwig family, 1910. Back Row, L to R: Edward, William, Mary, John Jr. and Charles. Front: Louls, John Sr., Hubert, Catherine and Frank.

Living between Muenster and Rosthern, their home became a Christian stopping place for travellers and mainly missionaries before the railroad came through. Their oldest sons later took up homesteads of their own in the area, as well as in the Bruno district.

In 1914, John and Catherine sold the homestead and bought a section of land just west of the town of Bruno; a homestead formerly owned by Roy Mervin. A new two story home was built, which after their retirement from the farm, became the home of their second son William; upon whose retirement after 38 years of farming in 1966 became the home of William's fourth son, Benedict; a three generation family home now 70 years old.

John and Catherine moved into the village of Bruno in 1918, where John built a new two story home on Mayer Street. This house was occupied until 1982, when the 50 year old structure was torn down. John and Catherine were active church members, where John distinguished himself by being chosen delegate for the V.D.C.K. on several occasions.

John and Catherine had a family of eight children, John Jr., Mary, William, Charles, Edward, Louis, Frank and Hubert.



John Sr. and Catherine Ludwig with daughter, Mary (Sr. Hilberta O.S.B.), 1916.

LUDWIG, JOHN JR.

John Jr. is the oldest child of John and Catherine Ludwig. He married Frances Melchart. John Jr. operated a butcher shop and grocery store on Main Street in Bruno around 1926. In 1933, he moved to Lake Lenore to continue the business and some years later moved with his wife and his family of 12 children to Saskatoon.

LUDWIG, MARY

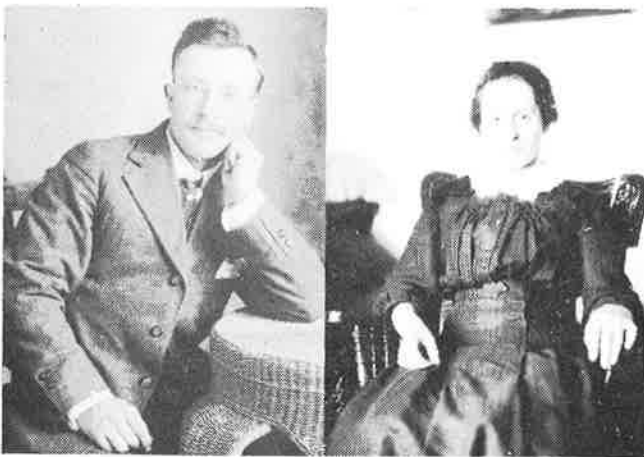
Mary is the second child of John and Catherine Ludwig. Mary returned to the United States to join the Benedictine Nuns at St. Benedict's Convent, St. Joseph, Minnesota, on Dec. 27, 1912. Mary (Sister Hilberta) spent most of her 65 years in the religious life as a seamstress for the St. Joseph's Orphanage.

Mary passed away in 1979 at the age of 90.

LUDWIG, WILLIAM

William was the third child of John and Catherine Ludwig. After spending his childhood years with his parents on their homestead, he took up a homestead of his own in the neighbouring area. Other fields of endeavour included employment in his earlier years with the logging companies in Saskatchewan's northern forest region, working during the winters as an excellent tree-topper and he also trained at the Saskatoon Barber College and at the Saskatoon School of Taxidermy during the winter.

In 1916, he took up farming and carpentering in the Bruno district, purchasing land south of Bruno.



William Ludwig, 1920.

Emilie (Hergott) Ludwig, 1920.

In 1920, William married Emilie Hergott who came to Saskatchewan from Moltke, Ont. (near Walkerton) with her parents, Albert Hergott, whose forefathers originated in Alsace-Lorraine (France) and Mary (nee Lobsinger) Hergott whose ancestry was also of Alsace-Lorraine. In 1928, William and Emilie took up the John Ludwig farm west of Bruno, where they lived for 38 years. William loved fishing, hunting and trapping and became very skilled during his pioneering years when it became a matter of survival.

Other achievements included participation as a musician in the St. Bruno's Brass Band on cornet, in the 1930's and singing in the tenor section of St. Bruno's Male Choir directed by Father Bernard Schaefer. Fellow members at this time were his brother Charles Ludwig, John Bourauel, William Hargarten, Constantine Honisch, Moritz Kellerman, Peter Schwinghamer, Pete Reiferscheid, Pete Handwerk, Hutmacher and Hinz. Organists were Susan Schwinghamer and Sister Agatha O.S.U. Both groups received awards in Saskatoon competitions.



The William Ludwig family, late 1930's. Front Row, L to R: Leander, Gilbert, Benny, Paul. Back: Marcella, Catherine, Wilfred, and Mildred.

In 1960, he retired from carpentry having built numerous houses, barns, etc., many of which still stand today. One example is the Roman Catholic Church at Carmel where he was in charge of construction in 1946. A carpenter for 44 years, he also taught the trade to his sons, two of whom remained in the occupation. William was recognized as an honoured citizen for his contribution to the development of the province, as a pioneer in opening the land, experiencing the many hardships those first settlers endured. Having written his memoirs in detail, they were published years later. It appeared first in the Colony Post in 1977 and also in the Chelsea Journal in 1978. He was awarded for having served as director and vice-president for the Bruno Co-operative Association for 23 years and received an engraved gold shield for his 50 years support to the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool of which he was an original member.

William and Emilie retired into the town of Bruno in 1966 where he built a new home on St. Anne Street. Emilie passed away on Sept. 27, 1980, and William, two years later, on Dec. 28, 1982. Both are buried in St. Bruno's Cemetery.

William and Emilie had a family of eight children, five sons and three daughters, Wilfred, Catherine, Mildred, Marcella, Paul, Leander, Benedict and Gilbert.

LUDWIG, WILFRED AND LEONA

Wilfred is the eldest son of William and Emilie (nee Hergott) Ludwig. He was born and educated in Bruno. Wilfred served with the armed forces overseas during World War II with the Canadian Armoured Corps as a radio operator in a Sherman tank. He enlisted for another year after the war ended and played the accordion in an orchestra that entertained the village of Weener, Germany, as well as the troops. The instruments were supplied by the Salvation Army.

On his return home, Wilfred did carpentry work with his dad and played accordion at dances with the Bill Breit orchestra.

In 1952, Wilfred married Leona Herman, daughter of Alois and Mary Herman. Wilfred bought some land west of Peterson and he farmed and did sheet-metal work until 1982.



Wilfred and Leona Ludwig.

LUDWIG, CATHERINE

Catherine was educated at Bruno and studied commercial business and music at the Ursuline Academy. She left Bruno in 1943 to take up secretarial work in Saskatoon and to further her studies in music and vocal training; directing choirs at various churches in the city, concert touring with the Don Forbes Chorale, as one of their main soloists, and also did recital work such as a year of her own weekly radio shows with C.F.Q.C., T.V. appearances, etc.

Catherine married Frank Thurmeier, a chartered accountant, in 1949. They moved to Tuscon, Arizona, in 1969 with their three children. In 1974, they moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The eldest son, Alphonse, returned to Canada in 1980 to St. Peter's Abbey, Muenster, where he joined the Benedictine Monks, as Brother William. Their daughter, Denise, married Cptn. Ernest Thebo and moved to Richmond, Virginia, in 1983. Their youngest son, Raymond, is presently employed at San Diego, California.

LUDWIG, MILDRED

Mildred was educated at Bruno and studied commercial and music at the Ursuline Academy, advanced courses from the Paramount Conservatory of Music in British Columbia and further business training in Saskatoon, preparatory to becoming operator of the Canada Packers Produce and Grading Station in Bruno, a new building located on Kirby Street at which site the Bruno and District Community Complex now stands. The 30' by 30' building was moved some years later, around the mid-fifties, to a roadside filling station of No. 5 Highway to be used as office and restaurant.

Mildred was a musician in orchestral work in the area for ten years and also sang with the Children of Mary Chorus for several years which was directed by Sister Mary Herman O.S.U. (now Sister Grace) partaking in the Humboldt Music Festivals, etc.

She married William Lemke, engineer at the Bruno Clayworks. They purchased land southwest of Bruno in 1950, where they presently continue to farm but spend the winter months in town at their Bruno residence, since 1968. In 1968, after being a seamstress for 15 years, Mildred accepted a position as office assistant for five years with the Bruno Co-op. Mildred also spent ten years as music instructor, both classical and modern guitar, during the winter months. Mildred was the Senior Choir Director at St. Bruno's R.C. Church for ten years and to date has sung with the St. Peter's Chorus of St. Peter's College for twelve years and is in her third year with the St. Peter's Chamber singers. The St. Peter's Chamber



Canada Packers Produce and Grading Station while Mildred Ludwig (Lemke) was in their employ.

singers have won many distinguished awards and have reached the National Finals of the CBC Choir competitions twice. The group who tour the province on weekends, went on concert tour to Europe in July and August of 1983, visiting five countries, Germany, France, Luxemburg, Austria and Switzerland, singing in seven cities. Mildred's daughter, Janis, and son, Reynald, also sing in the group.

LUDWIG, MARCELLA

Marcella was educated at Bruno and married Wilfred Lang and moved to British Columbia in 1949. They returned to Saskatchewan a few years later and settled in Middle Lake where Wilfred went into the road construction business. Wilfred also served as the Mayor of Middle Lake for many years.

Marcella was an excellent seamstress for many years, but also found time to conduct the Roman Catholic Church Choir for some time, besides giving 30 years of service singing.

Marcella and Wilfred had three children. Arnold, the oldest, married Julie Britz and is a chartered accountant at the Melfort Civic Center. Ronald is employed in Middle Lake and their daughter, Karen, died in 1971 at the age of 18.

LUDWIG, PAUL AND DELORES

Paul Ludwig is the second son of Bill Ludwig and Emilie Hergott of Bruno, Sask. Paul was born in Bruno on May 15, 1928 and received his education at the Bruno Public School. On June 28, 1949, he married Delores Stahl, daughter of Arnold Stahl and Eva Zimmer of Bru-



Paul and Delores Ludwig.

no. Delores was born in Bruno on Apr. 26, 1931, and received her education in Bruno.

Paul and Delores had one daughter, Connie, born in Humboldt on May 1, 1951. Connie received her education in Bruno and completed her high school at St. Ursula's Academy. In 1969, Connie went to Moose Jaw to continue her education and, while there, met and married Ramesh JottanSingh on Apr. 25, 1970. They have three daughters, Jody, Darla, and Trisha.

Paul started to do carpenter work with his dad at the age of 15. He worked with him until the later 1950's except for a short period when he worked for Wade Construction of Calgary in 1949. He then went on his own except for the two years he worked for Wells Construction, while the Radar Base at Dana was being built in 1961-62. He has built and remodelled many homes and buildings in the surrounding area.

Delores worked at the telephone office from 1959 until 1962 when she started to work for the Ursuline Sisters, where she is still employed.



Jody, Darla, Ramesh, Trisha and Connie JottanSingh.

LUDWIG, LEANDER



Leander B. Ludwig, 1955.

Leander was educated at Bruno and received secondary business training at Humboldt Collegiate Institute. He was employed at the Bank of Nova Scotia in Humboldt and then returned to Bruno in 1950 to take a position with the Royal Bank. In 1951, Leander was transferred to a Saskatoon branch, and later that same year he became accountant for Royalite Refineries. The company later became Gulf Oil.

Leander was a musician in the local dance bands both in Bruno and as well as Saskatoon. He was also active in curling and golf. He enjoyed his travels to the United States and the European countries as he spoke five languages fluently, English, German, French, Russian and Spanish. He was honoured by Gulf Oil with five, ten, fifteen and twenty year pins presented to him at various points of promotions.

In 1970, he was transferred to Edmonton, Alta., where he died suddenly two years later in May of 1972. He had been with the company for 21 years. Leander was 41 years of age at the time of his death. He is buried in his home town of Bruno.

LUDWIG, BENEDICT

Benedict was born in 1933, educated at Bruno, after which he became involved in operating the family farm with his father. He married Lois Strome of Humboldt in 1962. Lois was born in 1941, educated in Humboldt.

Ben was employed in maintenance at the C.F.S. Dana from 1963 to 1968 when he took position as Water Treatment Plant Operator. In 1982, he was appointed supervisor of the Water and Sewage Treatment Plant at C.F.S. Dana.

Lois and Ben have four children. Jacqueline, the oldest daughter, is presently living in Humboldt; Roxanne, second daughter, is also in Humboldt employed at the Sincere Restaurant; Allan, the oldest son, is furthering his education at the Saskatchewan Technical Institute at Moose Jaw, and Richard is attending high school in Bruno.

LUDWIG, CHARLES

Charles is the third son of John and Catherine Ludwig. He returned to the United States to farm at Cornland, Illinois.

Charles died in the mid 1970's and is survived by his wife and his family.

LUDWIG, EDWARD

Edward is the fourth son of John and Catherine Ludwig. He returned to the United States to carpenter at Hartford, Wisconsin.

Ed married Phyllis Remarke. They had no children. Edward died in the late '70's and Phyllis in 1981.

LUDWIG, LOUIS AND MARY

Louis was born on Nov. 22, 1899, in Beloit, Kansas, to John and Anna Catherine (nee Miller) Ludwig. Louis had six brothers and one sister, John, Mary, William, Charles, Edward, Frank and Hubert. Mary joined the Benedictine order in the United States (Sister Hilberta) and Hubert joined the order of St. Benedict at Muenster (Rev. Father Alphonse).

Louis immigrated with his parents to Canada in 1903. His father took up a homestead in the Willmont area. Louis took his high school education at St. Peter's College in Muenster and at St. John's College in Minnesota. He was active in music and sports while in college. He played the trombone and trumpet. Louis taught school for a time because there was a shortage of teachers and anyone with grade 12 was eligible to teach.



Louis Ludwig in college.

On July 30, 1929 at Bruno, Louis married Mary Purkart. Mary was born on Nov. 26, 1909, in Vienna, Austria. She came to Canada with her mother and step-father in 1927. Mary had two sisters, Helen and Lena, and one step-sister. Her sister, Lena Cadek still lives in Austria.

When they were first married, Louis worked for the Red and White Store in Watrous. They moved back to Bruno and Louis managed the local Red and White. He then worked in the local hardware store for many years.



Louis and Mary on the day they became engaged.

Louis and Mary bought a cafe in Bruno in 1946 and managed it themselves for three years. After this, Louis built a new home in Bruno and went back to carpentry work which he always enjoyed and was very adept. He was very good at making wooden rocking horses and doll furniture, especially for his daughters and granddaughters.

Louis and Mary had two daughters, Lillian, born on June 15, 1930, and Vera, born on Dec. 23, 1936. In 1951, Louis, Mary and Vera moved to Saskatoon; Lillian was married to Ken Meyer in 1950. Vera married Ed Yorke of Glace Bay, N.S. on May 2, 1959. Ed and Vera now reside in Santa Barbara, California, and Ken and Lil live in Saskatoon. Louis and Mary have four granddaughters, Karen (Meyer) Macdonald, Lois (Meyer) Mierau, Kelley Yorke and Jody Yorke. They also have two great-grandsons, Ryan and Lee Mierau.

In 1970, Louis built a cabin at Wakaw Lake and they spend many enjoyable hours there. In 1979, they celebrated their golden wedding anniversary and there to help them celebrate were Mary's sister, Lena, and her husband, Frank, from Austria.

Mary Ludwig passed away in Saskatoon on Mar. 13, 1983. Louis now resides at the Sherbrooke Community Centre in Saskatoon.



Louis and Mary - 50th wedding anniversary.



L to R: Lil and Ken Meyer, Louis and Mary Ludwig, and seated: Wes and Lois Mierau, and their sons, Ryan and Lee.

LUDWIG, FRANK

Frank returned to the United States to carpenter at San Francisco, California, where he and his wife, Vera, still live.

Frank and Vera had three children, two girls and one boy.

LUDWIG, HUBERT

Hubert was educated at Bruno and at St. Peter's College. He joined the Benedictine Monks there and was ordained in 1932, as Father Alphonse O.S.B. He was appointed Pastor at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in 1939, as well as the Conception Church. In 1946, he undertook to build a new church there, and although his brother, William, was in charge of construction he did much of the actual work himself.

He was transferred to the church at St. Benedict as pastor in 1948 where again he was instrumental in the building of a new church. He was then moved to Holy Guardian Angels Church as pastor where he was key man in the building of a new rectory. At the completion of this he celebrated his silver anniversary of 25 years in the priesthood.

In 1970, he was appointed pastor at the St. George Church in Naicam, where he did extensive work on the church in the way of renovations and building an addition across the entire front.

In 1982, he celebrated his golden anniversary in the priesthood and is now retired and living in Carmel, with Eleanor Engel, his housekeeper for many years. He stays at the former Sister's house. Father Alphonse is the youngest member of the original Ludwig family.

LUEKE, ART AND THERESA

Art Lueke was born in the Willmont district in 1947 with brother, Herman, they took over Lueke's General Store in Fulda. He married Theresa Kosakowsky from Carmel in 1948. Paulette and Eric were born while we lived in Fulda. In the fall of 1951, Art attended Muskeer Engineering Institute obtaining a mechanic's certificate.

Our family moved to Humboldt where he worked for Hergott Bros. In 1951, he and H. Hergott bought Cockshutt Farm Equipment and the family moved to Bruno. While in Bruno, Roderick, Terry, Karen and Mark were born. In 1962, the business became Lueke's Garage. In 1969, it was sold to Henry Honatzis.



Art Lueke family. Back Row, L to R: Mark, Paulette, Eric, Rod. Front: Theresa, Mr. and Mrs. Art Lueke, and Karen, 1979.

While in Bruno, Art belonged to the Lions, Knights of Columbus, sang in the Church Choir, was a director of the Credit Union and a member of the Town Council.

Theresa belonged to the C.W.L., served as Brown Owl for Girl Guides. In 1970, the Lueke family moved to Saskatoon. Art worked for Noranda Mines at Colonsay. Theresa attended Kelsey Institute and trained at St. Paul's Hospital where she obtained her nursing assistant diploma.

In 1973, the family moved to Princeton, B.C. Art worked for Similkameen open pit mine - automotive division and Theresa for the Princeton General Hospital as a licenced practical nurse.

Paulette married Bob McCully. They live in Mill Valley, California. Eric and Nancy Bickerton are living in Calgary. Rod is living in Saskatoon. Terry is attending the University of British Columbia taking zoology. Karen married Douglas Kelly and is attending the University of B.C. studying forestry. Mark is at Langarra College in Vancouver taking Arts and Science.

LUMMERDING, THEODORE

by Margaret Lummerding Schlosser Schwark

Theodore Lummerding was born on June 19, 1860, at Sheboygan, Wisconsin. In 1876, when only 16 years of age, he left home to find work and a piece of land he could call his own. It was in his late 20's that he finally settled down in Rib Lake, Wisconsin (which is close to the highest point in Wisconsin). He worked as a logger



Theo Lummerding, 1890.

pushing logs down the Rib River to the Lumber Mill. With many hours and days of hard work he eventually saved enough money to purchase 80 acres of land (called a script).

It was in Rib Lake, Wisconsin, that he met and married a young Austrian girl of 20 named Karolina Koenig. Theodore and Karoline were married on Feb. 7, 1895, at Rib Lake, Wisconsin.

Karolina Koenig was born on Sept. 25, 1874, in Griedsdorf Shanwald, Austria. In 1889, at the age of 15, she immigrated to the United States from Austria.

After their marriage, Theodore and Karoline settled down in their new two-story home (complete with hardwood floors), that Theodore had built on his land. The following year, on Jan. 18, 1896, their first child, a son, Anthony, was born and in the same year on Dec. 15, 1896, their second son, John, was born. By 1902, several years after their marriage they had a family of six children, four boys and two girls. It became increasingly hard for Theodore to make a good living for his family on only 80 acres of bushland. Theodore and Karolina knew that they

would have to move farther north in order to obtain more land for their growing family.

After reading a Catholic newspaper from Canada advertising homesteads of 160 acres were available to Roman Catholic settlers, they were eager to go to a new land. The Catholic newspaper was from the Order of St. Benedict, which at that time, was the agency of settlement having obtained the colonization rights covering about 50 townships in order to establish a colony of St. Peter's by settling people of their religious faith as far as possible on the new land. The head of this order and founder of the colony was the Right Reverend Abbot Bruno O.S.B.

Theodore and Karoline would move to Canada as they could purchase a homestead of 160 acres in the Colony of St. Peter's for only \$10.00. In the fall of 1902, Theodore travelled by train to Canada to what was called the Northwest Territories of Assiniboia, Saskatchewan and Alberta. He went to the Colony of St. Peter's to file a claim for a homestead. The first claim he filed was near Dead Moose Lake (five miles north of Humboldt) but on returning to Rosthern, he saw a place with a load of logs on



Karoline (Koenig) Lummerding on her 18th birthday.

it and being a logger inquired about it and found that it was not claimed, so he claimed it for himself and gave up his first claim. The homestead he filed was two miles west from what is now called Bruno.

Theodore returned to Wisconsin and in the spring of 1903, he sold his 80 acres, and he, Karolina and six children made preparations to move to their new homestead. They did not know of the hardships they would have to endure as pioneers to a new land.

The following has been compiled and submitted by Ella Bobinski, granddaughter of Theodore and Karoline Lummerding. My grandparents, Theodore and Karolina Lummerding, came to Saskatchewan with six small children, Anthony (1896), John (1896), Theodore (1898), Margaret (1899 - my mother), and Anna (1900) and Joseph (1902) in August of 1903. They arrived in Rosthern, and Gramma stayed with the children while Grampa went on to the homestead (two miles west of Bruno) to build a home for his family. It took him two months to build a two-storey home with two rooms downstairs and one large room upstairs. The house was built of one-ply lumber covered with tar paper. In November, a neighbour, Pete Hoffman, went with Grampa to Rosthern to help bring the family to their new home.

It was a bitter cold first winter in Canada, one of many more that they would endure in the early pioneer days. On Mar. 4, 1904, the night of a terrible snow storm, Catherine was born. The first Canadian for Grandma and Grandpa. Over the years, Grandma and Grandpa had five more children, William (1906), Gertrude (1907), Mary (1909), Hedwig (1916), and Sophie (1917), making a family of 12 children. Grandma had all 12 children without the aid of a doctor and on several occasions with only Grandpa to assist.

During the summer of 1904, Grandpa built a sod barn for his oxen and one cow. Since his land had many limestones on it he built a limestone kiln, it was very hard work as the limestones had to burn at a high heat for three days and nights and it was difficult for Grandpa to keep the kiln filled and hot. He also started to break his land, breaking a small patch each year with his oxen.

Grandpa had to snare rabbits and prairie chickens and hunt deer for meat, as it was the only meat they had to eat for years. In fall and winter, he trapped muskrats in order to buy seed for planting his crops.

My grandfather farmed with oxen until 1907, and then in that year he went to Humboldt and purchased a team of black horses. In 1905, a rail line was built through Humboldt and in 1907, a carload of horses was shipped to Humboldt for the pioneers to buy.

In 1909, Grandpa built a new barn for his horses and oxen. He built the foundation with stones off his land and the top from lumber. The barn is still in use to this day.

In 1915, he built an addition to the house, three more rooms were added on, making it into a five bedroom,

kitchen, living and dining room home which also is still in use to this day.

A tribute to my grandparents, the Pioneers to Saskatchewan, for paving the way for us, we are benefitting from the fruits of their labour and their hardships.



Theo Lummerding family, 1918. Front Row, L to R: Margaret, Gert, Karollna holding Sophie, Hedwig, Mary, Theo and Ann. Back: Ted, Tony, John, Joe, Katie and Bill.

LUMMERDING FAMILY

by Agnes S. Lummerding

Theodore Lummerding was born in Rib Lake, Wisconsin, in February of 1898. He came with his parents, three brothers and two sisters to the Bruno district in November of 1903. They settled on a homestead three miles northwest of Bruno. He had seven sisters and four brothers. Theodore attended the old Bruno School which was a log building where the library now stands, but due to teacher shortages it was only open a few months during the year.

As he grew up he worked on the farm and later was part owner of the Bruno Livery Stable which was eventually destroyed by fire. Theodore then bought his parent's farm and settled down.

I, Agnes Backman, had finally, after trying for three years, convinced my parents to let me attend the Ursuline Academy for high school. After graduation, I went to Normal School now called Teacher's College and acquired a teacher's certificate. The next year I married Ted and settled down to "teach" my own family.

I always called my husband Ted to distinguish him from his father whose name was also Theodore.

After our marriage in 1931, we moved to the homeplace which Ted had bought from his parents, but as they could find no other place to live, we each occupied



Agnes holding son, Eric, age five months.

half of the house. In 1932, our first baby was born. Bernice was a beautiful dark-haired little girl, but late in the fall she died, a result of crib death. She left the house so terribly empty.

In 1936, we left the home place and moved to a farm west of Hoffman School which our children later attended. In 1945, we moved two miles west of Bruno, the St. Quentin School district, where our son, Norbert, is now living. We had five children by then.

We went through hard times during the "dirty thirties". One time we sold nine market weight hogs for a total of \$18.00 or \$2.00 a piece. Later on, we had four crop failures in succession starting with a 100 per cent hailout without insurance in 1946, followed by grasshoppers, drought and frost. This was very frustrating, but we managed to survive. We usually milked ten or twelve cows, sold cream and planted a large garden. We bought our first washing machine (they were not available during the war) two months before our seventh and last baby was born. Up until then, I used the washboard.

I inherited the love of gardening and outside work from my father. As my husband was busy with the farm work, the children and I planted most of the pine trees and maples which are still growing where Norbert lives. I often helped with the field work as I enjoyed working with the horses and later on driving the tractor.



Clara Lummerding.

Ted was very interested in community affairs. He was school trustee for the Hoffman School for several years and later on, after we moved, for the St. Quentin School District for ten years. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus and director on the board of the local Co-op for 18 years. He also saw to it that our children joined in community projects. Jerome, our oldest son, was a member of the Boy Scouts at its beginning, while Delmar played in the local band and attended a band festival at Meadow Lake. Clara and Delmar were also members of the Bruno 4-H. Ted was never too busy to take the children, or me, to a meeting.

I was active in the C.W.L. and the Home and School Association. I was the secretary for St. Ursula's Alumnae Association for years and still am their treasurer and have also been secretary for the local Co-op for the past 19 years.

We have seven living children. Jerome was a teacher. He married Eva Siba and they have four children. They make their home in Edmonton.

Marcella, a teacher, married Ben Pomedli of Pilger. They have 11 children.



Ted and Agnes Lummerding - 40th wedding anniversary.

Clara, a registered nurse, is married to Oliver Larrivee of Moose Jaw. They have six children.

Delmar, a civil engineer, is married to Donna Cornell and live at Saskatoon. They have two children.

Maxine, a C.N.A., married Peter Pomedli and live in Moose Jaw with their three children.

Norbert married Janis Lemke, a music teacher. They make their home on a farm near Bruno. Norbert is a mechanic at the Lanigan Potash Mine besides farming the home place. Eric married Anne Schmidt of Pincher Creek, Alta. They have two children. Eric works at Sun-cor Oilfields in Fort McMurray, Alta.

Our daughters all took their high school at St. Ursula's Academy, as did six of my granddaughters. Three of the boys graduated at the Bruno High School.

We now have 28 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Ted and I moved to Bruno in 1967 when he had to retire due to his health. He loved to go places, but as he was not allowed to drive it was up to me to drive, which I thoroughly enjoyed then and still do now. Three weeks after moving into town we went to Dixonville, north of Peace River, Alta. to visit our oldest son who was teaching there. Two years later, we went there again. In 1973, we toured Montana, the first time that Ted was back across the border in 70 years. We went with Norbert and Janis to the Black Hills and the Passion Play in June of 1974 and with Maxine and Peter to Victoria, B.C. also in 1974. As Ted's health was failing, we took one last trip, this time to Rib Lake, Wisconsin, where he had been born and had never been back since coming to Canada in 1903. We had a lovely trip and he enjoyed it very much.

My husband passed away in March of 1976 at the age of 78 after a lengthy illness, leaving me behind with many happy memories and gratitude to God for the good years we had together.

"Always look toward the sun and the shadows will fall behind you."



Lummerding children.

LUMMERDING, ANTHONY AND ALICE

told by Tony



Tony Lummerding.

I was born on Jan. 8, 1896, in Rib Lake, Wisconsin, Talor County. We came to Canada in 1903, after I had two years of schooling. We crossed the United States-Canada border at Moose Jaw on Oct. 18, 1903. At that time, there was a railroad from Moose Jaw to Prince Albert, but our family got out at Rosthern.

My brother, John, and I went to school at Rosthern. On December 15, we moved out to our homestead on a sleigh team of horses.

Imagine, six children and our mom and dad in one sleigh. A man, by the name of Mr. Pete Hoffman, helped us move out to our new home. Dad had the house built during the last part of October and November; the winter was very cold.

In the spring of 1905, I went to school at Bruno. It was a very small building. There were only eight or ten children attending and the teacher was only teaching German and one hour of English.

My dad, Theodore Lummerding and Pete Hoffman hauled lumber from Humboldt to build the Hoffman School in 1909. There were 12 children in the Lummerding family, and at times, six of us were going to school at the same time. I just don't remember exactly, but it was probably 1911 or 1912 that Mr. Joe Strauss was the teacher at Hoffman.

After I left school, I worked at home and in 1913, I worked at the Clayworks for 10 cents an hour. We worked ten hour days. In 1914, I filed a homestead at Basin Lake. It was all bush, mostly poplar and birch. I managed to cut a narrow road with an axe, so I was able to get to my homestead. On May 5, 1917, I was called into the army.

After the war was over, I left for Armstrong, B.C. to work in the logging camp at Enderby, B.C. I moved back to Bruno in 1924 and worked for my dad for a year and then in 1925, my brother, Ted, and I bought a steam threshing machine. We did some custom threshing around the neighbourhood.

On Aug. 25, 1926, I married Miss Alice Dunne from Dublin, Ireland. A short me after we were married we moved to Battle Lake, Alta. where I worked for Snell Brothers Sawmill for a year and a half. My first son was



Tony and Alice Lummerding.

born right on the shore of Battle Lake, on June 13, 1927, as it was 30 miles to the nearest town, which was Wetaskiwin, Alta. Alice and I named our first son, Theodore.

We left Battle Lake and moved to Armstrong, B.C. where my wife and I worked on a strawberry farm. We later moved to Lumby, B.C. to a place called Trinity Valley, where I worked in a poll camp, Siglets Cedar Poll Co. On Aug. 21, 1931, twin sons were born to us. We called one twin, James Anthony, and the other, Frank Ernest. After eight days had passed Frank passed away. On Aug. 21, 1932, my son James was one year old, and we were on the road again, moving back to Bruno.

During the winter of 1933, my wife and I worked for George Gebauer. We did not receive any pay, just room and board. In 1934, I started working for Arnold Stahl on a well machine, a merry go round, boring for water. In 1935, I bought my own merry go round and I was in the water well business. I bored a lot of wells around Bruno, including the well at the skating rink. One winter, I also took care of the curling rink, while we were living on the Pulvermacher Turkey Farm.

In 1936, we moved to Cudworth where I operated my water well business. My youngest son, Donald Ferries Lummerding, was born in Cudworth on Sept. 7, 1937. All three of our children were born in different places.

Some of the things I remember about the early days include digging the basement for the Catholic Church, hauling stones for the basement, the day my grandfather donated five or ten acres of land for the church, breaking prairie land with oxen, and the time my father built a lime kiln. We had a lot of limestones on our homestead, as did our neighbours, so Dad burned the lime and the farmers used it in their barns.

I could write a lot more about the early days, but I hurt my arm and it is hard for me to write, so I will finish now by wishing everyone the best of luck.

LUMMERDING, WILLIAM (Bill) AND THERESE

told to Jane Huszar by Cliff Lummerding

Dad and Mom (Therese Einsiedler) were married in Bruno by Father Bernard on Oct. 22, 1929. They lived for about a month in a shack about 100 yards west of the corner house built by Jim Foss. They moved to a quarter section owned by Pete Schwingamer, some six and one half miles south. I believe the quarter was later bought by Ebner. We lived there until about 1938, with four of their seven children born on the farm. Clifford in August 1930, Lucille August 1931, Sheila October 1932, and Ronald in April 1936. In 1938, we moved in with Grandpa and Grandma (Theodore and Karolina (Koenig) Lummerding) on the homestead about three miles west and north of Bruno.

Grandpa died in November of 1939. In March of 1940, we moved to Bruno in a little two storey house south of the tracks. While we lived here, Grandpa Einsiedler was run over by his wagon while returning from town in the summer of 1940. I believe we moved in about 1941 to Pete Schwingamer's old paint shop which was a block



Working on the Alaska Highway between Athabasca and Smith - William Lummerding far right.



William and Therese Lummerding family.

west of the old skating rink. The house was on the west side of the back alley, east of Joe Ring's livery stable.

It was here that Dad started his business known as the General Blacksmith. In the summer of 1942, he worked on the Alaska Highway driving cat and truck. I don't remember how long he worked there but for several years in a row. I also remember Dad being gone from home while working in logging camps in northern Ontario and then one year being in Hamilton where he worked in a factory as a welder. In the summer of 1948, we bought the land south of Jim Foss and built a house and blacksmith shop there. The family was growing; Jane in June of 1944, Gerald in June of 1947 and the last child, Therese was born in October of 1955.

Life was not all work for Dad. He was an avid sportsman and enjoyed playing baseball during the late 1920's and early 1930's. The team entered a Saskatoon tournament in the early 1930's and won first place three years in a row. His position on the team was pitcher. They won their share of ball tournaments in the district. He also loved hunting and fishing. During the winter he was a member of the curling club in the early years and was also the caretaker of the curling rink.

Somewhere in the 1940's, Dad was the town policeman for several years.

Dad owned and operated his blacksmith and welding business serving the local community and surrounding farmers until his retirement in 1976. He died from a heart attack on Feb. 1, 1978. He was predeceased by Mom who suffered from cancer until Nov. 10, 1969.

LUMMERDING, CLIFFORD

I am the son of Bill Lummerding and Therese Einsiedler and was born in August of 1930. I started grade 1 in 1937 at Cranich Lake School; I couldn't speak English,

just German - in a Ukrainian School. I went to Hoffman School for grade 2 and then grades 3 and 4 were taken in a school that later became the high school and then later torn down to make room for an elementary school. Grades 5 through 8 were in the brick school north of the Convent, and grades 9 through 12 were in the high school which was the one room school of grade 3 and 4. I took correspondence courses until November after which I started grade 12 by myself with J. J. Hollicky as principal.

I got a government grant of \$550.00 in 1949 and went to the Saskatoon Normal School for a year on that money to become a teacher. My first year teaching was at Spruce Creek some 45 miles north and west of Spiritwood (west side of Chitek Lake). My second year was in Ironside School, some eight to ten miles west and north of Bruno and my third year was spent six or seven miles south of Mistatim. During the summer of 1953, I was at Edgewood, B.C. on the Snowshoe Ranch.

In January of 1954, I joined the R.C.A.F. regular as a radio-radar technician for a three year course. On Aug. 15, 1955, I married Ida Jean Anderson of Chitek Lake and we lived in Winnipeg.

From January to March, 1957, I taught at Notre Dame Separate School in North Battleford. On April 1, 1957, I started as dispatcher for the British Columbia Forestry at Squamish, B.C. (forty miles north of Vancouver). We spent the winter of 1957-1958 at Williams Lake and in the spring of 1958 we were in Victoria, where I drove bus. In August of 1958, I went back to teaching at Franklin River (30 miles in bush from Port Alberni).

MANDERSCHIED, MYLES AND CONNIE

by Connie

Myles Henry Mancerscheid was the first born of Loretta and Andrew Manderscheid. He was born Aug. 2, 1955, in St. Elizabeth's Hospital at Humboldt, Sask. He grew up on a farm 12 miles northeast of Bruno with five younger brothers. He attended Keller country school for grades 1-3, then finished his grade school at Fulda, Sask. (4-8). He then attended Bruno High until 1972. He then worked on seismic rigs in northern Alberta, British Columbia and the North West Territories for three years. Myles attended Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Science in Saskatoon where he took a welding course. He is presently a journeyman welder working underground at Central Canada Potash at Colonsay, Sask.

Connie Denise was the first born of Diana and Elmer Weiman. I was born Feb. 2, 1958 at Humboldt, Sask. I grew up on a farm five and one half miles north of Bruno

with three brothers and twin sisters. I attended school at Bruno for grades 1-9 and then graduated from the Ursuline Academy in 1976. I then started work at Central Canada Potash where I am still presently employed.

I married Myles on July 22, 1978, and we took up residence in Bruno. We have two daughters, Melissa, who was born June 27, 1980, and Lindsay, who was born Feb. 18, 1983.



Myles and Connie Manderscheid.



Melissa holding baby, Lindsay.



Four Generations: Great-Grandma Ursula Hamm, Grandma Diana Weiman, Mother Connie Manderscheid, Baby Manderscheid.

MARIENFELD, JULIUS AND HEDWIG

submitted by Eva Graf

My father, Julius Marienfeld, was born in East Prussia, Germany on Oct. 20, 1874 and died in Bruno on Oct. 1, 1952. My mother, Hedwig (nee Packmohr) was also born in East Prussia, Germany, on Nov. 25, 1887, and died in Bruno on June 22, 1955. They are both buried in the Catholic Cemetery in Bruno.

They were married on Aug. 1, 1921. I was their only child born on Dec. 7, 1923. Somehow, they had lost all of their property in Germany, and then a good friend told them about Canada - the land of milk and honey. In the fall of 1929, my father set sail for Canada, and since he knew of a friend in Cudworth, Sask., that is where he immigrated to. My mother and I followed in the spring of 1930. We found no milk and no honey - only no work and no money. Eventually, my mother found some jobs helping with housework, but really nobody wanted my dad and me. Somehow we managed to stay together. Money was scarce and often times Mom didn't get paid.

In 1932, my dad rented one quarter section of land north of Bruno, where we farmed for a few years. There were never any crops and the house wasn't much warmer than the outside. We lived in the kitchen to keep



Julius and Hedwig Marienfeld with their daughter, Eva, three years.



John Graf family. Back Row, L to R: Mary Anne, Viola, Rita, Betty, Rose Mary. Front: Annette, John, Eva, and Jeanette.

warm. For one month, my mother left to take care of a sick friend, mostly to get a bit of money. We soon ran out of bread so my dad baked bread but it baked about three hours and he didn't know that the damper had to be shut in order for the oven to get hot. It was as hard as rock...but delicious.

We moved around four or five times still renting land. We finally retired to Bruno when my father was 70 and able to receive Old Age Pension in 1944. He received \$40.00 per month. I started working at the Rectory helping at \$20.00 per month, where I remained until I got married on Sept. 1, 1953, to John Graf. We moved to the home place and farmed until 1974 when we retired to Humboldt. We had a family of seven girls.

MARITS, JACOB

by Laura Justice

Jacob was born in Kappelle-Beislinger, Holland, in 1896, and came to Canada in 1925. He arrived in Bruno in 1926. Jacob operated the dray wagon and livery stable which was located behind the home in which his family resided.

Jacob married Helen Purkhart. Helen Sophia Purkhart came to Canada in 1927 from Vienna, Austria, with her mother Helene Purkhart Ulbrect, her step-father and one sister, Marie Purkhart Ludwig. Her mother, Helene, was a nurse. One child was born to Helen Ulbrect in Bruno in 1928; her name was Felicitas Ulbrect. Helene passed away in Bruno in 1929 and her daughter and husband moved to Ontario shortly after.



Jacob Marits, 1925.

Helen Marits, 1927.

Four daughters were born to Jacob and Helen Marits, Katie in 1928 (now Mrs. G. McNally of Vancouver), Elfrieda in 1930 (now Mrs. G. Taylor of Nelson), Anita, who was born in 1930 and passed away in Bruno, and Laura in 1932 (now Mrs. T. Justice of Fort St. John).

Jacob Marits and his family left Bruno in 1938 moving to Ontario where he was employed by the Ford Motor Co. The family separated and Helen remarried E. Clarkson; three sons were born to this marriage, Tyrone, Donald, and William.

Jack and his three daughters moved to British Columbia in 1941 where he started a market garden in Cloverdale. He retired in 1976 to a new home in Langley where he passed away in 1983. He had one grandson and nine granddaughters and ten great-grandchildren.



Helene Ulbrecht, Helen Marit's mother. Laura Marits, 1935.



Katie, Elfrieda, and Laura Marits, 1937 or 1938.



L to R: Laura, Katie and Elfrieda with their father, Jacob, 1975.

MARONIUK, GEORGE AND BELLA

by Peter Maroniuk

George Maroniuk was born on May 5, 1903, in the village of Horodenka in the Ukraine. In 1910, at the age of seven, he immigrated to Canada with his parents, Matwij and Kathyryna Maroniuk. The voyage began by boarding the steamship and arriving in the harbour of Halifax. The next portion of their journey entailed boarding a train in Halifax and travelling across a strange and desolate land to Rosthern. The last portion of this voyage was the trek from Rosthern to the Peterson district, where George's parents filed for a homestead and settled. In 1912, his brother Michael was born, followed by his sister Mary in 1915, and his youngest brother, John in 1919. George stayed on the farm to help his father break the land and was later assisted by his two brothers and sister.

On Feb. 23, 1932, George married Bella Hawryschuk in Peterson. Bella was born in a part of the Ukraine which was later conquered by Poland. At the age of 13 in 1926, she immigrated from Poland with her mother. The voyage also involved a long uncomfortable trip by steamship to the harbour of Halifax and a journey by train to Dana. After their marriage, George and Bella remained on the farm with George's parents and toiled with the farmwork.

In 1936, George and Bella purchased their own farmstead from the Hudson's Bay Company, which was located adjacent and west of George's father's farm. They built their own home from shaped logs, mud and some dimensioned lumber. Their only stock on the new farm was two cows and a few chickens. The depression by this time was taking its toll and the least amount of luxuries were nonexistent. As the years went by their persever-



George and Bella Maroniuk - 50th wedding anniversary.

ance did not diminish. George and Bella remained on the farm until 1957 when they moved to Peterson. They continued to farm from Peterson until their retirement in 1971.

With the decline of population in Peterson, George and Bella decided to relocate to Bruno in 1971. George enjoyed visiting the Friendship Center where a card game was usually in progress. When he got involved in the game or a discussion of days gone by, time was of no essence, and Bella had to keep dinner warm until his late arrival.



George Maroniuk family.

In 1978, George and Bella decided to move to Humboldt to be near medical services. Bella passed away in January of 1984. George still resides in Humboldt.

George and Bella raised four children: Verna, the eldest, is married to Roman Ewanishin. They reside in Bruno where Roman is a carpentry contractor and operated a farm to the east of Bruno. Verna is employed by the Ursuline Sisters. They have two children, Allan and Lyle. Allan is married to Marianne Hilderman.

The second eldest, Peter, is married to Bernice Kos. They reside in Saskatoon where Peter is employed by the City of Saskatoon as a planner and Bernice is employed by Action Drugs Pharmacy. They have two children, Cheryl and Brent.

The third eldest, Bernice, is married to Peter Driedger. They reside in Sardis, B.C. where they own and manage a Lucky Dollar Grocery Store.

The youngest, Georgina, is married to Roger Schlosser. They reside in Coquitlam, B.C. where they own and manage a land development company. They have two children, Curtis and Corinne.

MARONIUK, MICHAEL AND PAULINE

by Pauline

I was born on Feb. 4, 1929, on my parents, Philip and Tatiana Ewanishen's farm, east of Bruno. Mount Carmel was the school I attended with my brothers and sisters. I remained on the farm, helping my parents, until my marriage to Michael Maroniuk. Michael and I were married on June 17, 1948, at Holy Trinity Church at Mount Carmel. We moved to Peterson, where we farm and have



Mike Maroniuk family. Standing, L to R: David, Wesley, Brian, and Darren. Seated: Janet, Mike and Pauline.



Roger, Janet, Nicole, Carlotta, and Shauna Loiselle.

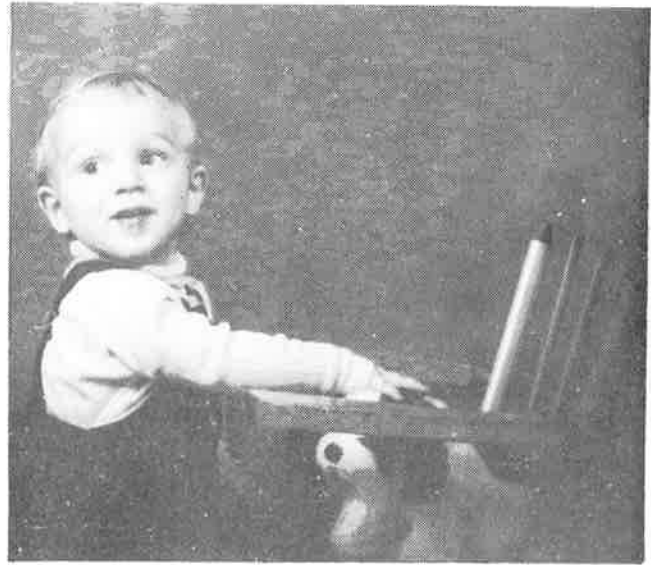
raised our five children, Janet, David, Brian, Wesley, and Darren.

Our first child, Janet, was born on June 20, 1949. She attended school in Peterson, Dana and at the Convent in Bruno. She worked in Saskatoon until she married Roger Loiselle of Prud'homme. Roger is the manager of the Credit Union at Gravelbourg. They have four children, Nicole, Carlotta, Shauna and Marc.

Our second child, David, was born on Aug. 18, 1950. David attended school in Peterson, Dana, Bruno and St. Peter's College in Muenster. David later graduated as a registered nurse from Kelsey Institute. He also attended the University of Saskatchewan in Health Care Administration and Commerce to obtain his degree. David is married to Dorie Rann of Biggar, who is a registered nurse at the University Hospital. David farms actively with his father and works at St. Paul's Hospital in Saskatoon.

Brian, our third child, was born on Dec. 18, 1957. He attended school in Dana and Bruno. Brian is an avid athlete and enjoys broomball, travelling to Ontario, Quebec and Newfoundland in championship competition. Brian is presently living in Arizona.

Wesley, our third son, was born on Feb. 8, 1960. He also attended school in Dana and Bruno. He married Rosella Schneider of Saskatoon. Wesley and Rosella



Marc Loiselle, fourth child of Roger and Janet.

both work and live in Saskatoon. Wesley is active on the farm helping with the many farming duties.

Darren, our fifth child, was born on Feb. 17, 1966. He attended school in Bruno and is now completing his high school studies in Gravelbourg. Darren is involved in many sports including volleyball, basketball and curling.

Michael and I enjoy our friends and neighbours. We especially enjoy spending our time with our grandchildren and relatives. Our activities have varied throughout the years. My interests now include crocheting, quilting, and gardening. I am presently employed with the Department of Defense at Sage Hill, Dana.



David and Dori Marontuk, 1981.



Wesley and Rosella Maroniuk.

MARSHAK, NICK AND MARY

Nick, youngest child of Peter and Pearl Marshak, was born in Werchmikowsky, Poland in 1905. In 1922, after his mother died and his father and brother were killed in the war, Nick and his sister, Anne, came to Canada. They came to Rosthern where Nick's maternal grandmother, Anne Kurmey, was living. Anne went to work in the Prince Albert Hotel and Nick worked on the C.P.R. section with his uncle.

In 1928, Nick began farming his grandmother's homestead (between Carmel and Bruno) and later purchased the farm from her. In 1929, he bought land from Joseph Ring, where he and Mary are still living and farming at the present. Besides farming, Nick remained working on the section part-time until the late 1950's.

Mary, oldest daughter of John Bidulka and Anne Hyska, was born on a farm near Bruno. She attended Sunlight School and worked hard on her parent's farm. Mary had five sisters and four brothers, Joe, Mike, Frank, and Peter Bidulka, Kay Stecich, Anne Picouye, Helen Senick, Pauline Hepp and Emily Harris. Joe died in 1929, Kay 1973, and Mike in 1981. Frank farms near Bruno. Peter (Olga), Helen (Fred), and Pauline (Frank) all reside in Saskatoon. Anne (Steve) lives in Carmel and Emily in Toronto.



Mary and Nick's 50th wedding anniversary, L to R: Mervin, David and Peter.

On May 28, 1929, Nick and Mary were married in the Little Mount Carmel Church. Thus far they have lived a full and busy life filled with hard work, good times and also their share of sorrow.

Nick and Mary were blessed with seven children, Annette, Mike, Peter, Sally, Elizabeth, David and Mervin. Of the seven children, only Peter, David and Mervin are surviving.

Annette died in 1952 at the age of 22 from spinal meningitis. She was a C.N.A. and had worked in hospitals in both Prince Albert and Saskatoon.

Mike drowned in a boating accident in 1974 at the age of 40. He had his elementary schooling at Sunlight School and his high school at college in Yorkton. He then went on to become a teacher, majoring in Industrial Arts. Mike taught in schools in Meacham, Buffalo Narrows, Hudson Bay and Melfort where he was living at the time of his death. Mike was married to Elaine Schriml, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Schriml. He and Elaine had five children, Joan (Doug), Harold, who works for Sask. Power and lives in Melfort, Esther nursing in Prince Albert, Myles, an industrial arts teacher in Vibank, Brenda works for a bank in Prince Albert and Audrey (Harvey) Skwark lives on a farm near Melfort. Elaine is still living in Melfort where she works for the Royal Bank of Canada.

Peter is married to Shirley Jasonson of Foam Lake and is residing in Prince George where he works in a Regional Branch of the Royal Bank of Canada. Peter has worked in branches at Shaunavon, Prince Albert and Saskatoon and has been the manager at Moose Jaw, Kamloops, and at Williams Lake. They have two children, Patrick and Heather. Patrick is now 23 years old and is presently attending college. Heather is 21 years old and is attend-

ing the University in Victoria. Peter's job keeps him busy travelling and in his spare time is an ardent curler.

Sally and Elizabeth both died in infancy.

David married Donna Breit, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Breit of Bruno. They reside in Lake Lenore. David is the principal of Lake Lenore School and has been teaching there for almost 15 years. Donna is a registered nurse and works part-time at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Humboldt. They have four children, Grant 14, Paula 11, Jody six and Jason five. Dave also enjoys curling, and likes to hunt and fish in his spare time.

Mervin married Lita Duford, daughter of Leo and Veronica Duford of Bruno. They reside in Bruno. Merve and Lita have two children, Shawn 14 and Jeff 11.

MARSHAK, MERVIN AND LITA

Merve, youngest child of Nick and Mary Marshak, was born in Bruno. He grew up on the farm which is about six miles east of Bruno. Merve attended Sunlight School from grade 1 to 8 and his high school years were spent at Bruno High.

After graduation, he attended the University of Saskatchewan for two years, working during the summers for a construction company. He then worked for Beneficial Finance Co. in Prince Albert for one year and then it was back to school to attend Teacher's College.

Merve began teaching in Bruno in 1968, and also farmed besides teaching. In June of 1982, after being a half-time teacher for three years, he decided to resign and become a full-time farmer.

Lita, youngest child of Leo and Veronica (Zimmer) Duford, also grew up on a farm which was six miles north



Merve and Lita Marshak, Feb. 14, 1969.

and three miles west of Bruno. She attended Ironside School from grade 1 to 6, grades 7 and 8 were taken at Bruno Elementary and her high school years were spent at St. Ursuline's Academy.

After graduation, Lita was employed by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce in Cudworth for almost three years.

On Feb. 14, 1969, Merve and Lita were married in Bruno, where they presently reside. They have two children, Shawn is 14 and in grade 9. Her time is spent attending Bruno High and taking part in most sports the school has to offer. Jeffery is ten and in grade 5. His favourite pastime is playing hockey during the winter and going to ballgames with his dad in the summer.

Merve and Lita enjoy bowling during the winter. Merve also plays hockey and curls. Summers are quite busy with farming, but Merve still finds some time to play ball with the Bruno Concrete Fastball team.

MARSHALL, BERT AND EMILY

by Esther LaBuick (daughter)

My father, Bert, was born in Lincoln, England, Jan. 31, 1882. He left England in early 1902, came to Toronto where he worked caring for riding horses for some time.

My mother, Emily, was born in Cornwall, England, Feb. 14, 1872. She grew up in the village of Stratton. She left England January, 1902, and came to Toronto where she met my father. She worked for members of the Massey family for two years. Hon. Vincent Massey was a young lad at that time. They moved to Winnipeg and both worked there, were married in Winnipeg in 1906, and moved to Bruno, Sask. that winter.

Dad filed on a homestead south of Bruno, Section 26-37-37-26 W2 and they moved out there the spring of 1907. Bruno was a predominately German community with only a few English families there. It was a hard life for them on the homestead. Dad used to haul wood to the village and sell it for \$1.50 a cord. It was a long cold trip in winter with oxen. He broke up some land, fenced it and built a barn to "prove up" to claim the land.

Four children were born to them while on the homestead. Sydney in 1907, Reginald in 1908 and twin girls, Esther and Ethel, in 1910, so with four small children and just one room to live in it was pretty hard for Mother.

Ethel died at seven and a half months. This was a hard blow to them and Mother disliked her life out there more than ever after that. They nearly lost Reg that same summer, while playing with Sydney he slipped down a badger hole. Luckily, Dad was able to reach his hair and pull him out.

They sold the homestead and moved near the village of Bruno, where Dad worked for the local store keeper. Harold, another son, was born there in 1913.

They were among the first members of the little Anglican Church. Sydney and Reginald were among the first to be baptized there. It was a large gathering as there were several children to be baptized. Among others were the Tolley family. One of their girls, Grace, became Reg's wife in January, 1930.

They left Bruno in July, 1917, to go to Shellbrook, where they farmed until their retirement in 1957. They then moved to Prince Albert.

Mother passed away in June, 1962, at the age of 90. Dad passed away in September, 1966, at 84 years of age.

We are all retired now. Syd and wife, Ethel, live in Canwood, Sask. Reg and Grace in Victoria, B.C. Harold and wife, Violet, in Mont Nebo, and myself and husband, Mike, at Candle Lake, Sask.

MARTINKA, A. E.

Although I've never been a permanent resident of Bruno, I have had the good fortune to have spent quite a number of years in and around the area. During the early 1920's, I was a member of the first high school class at the Ursuline Academy, graduating in 1926.

Later, after marriage, and with a family of three girls, my teaching career led me back to the Bruno area. Needless to say only schools with teacherages could be considered.

At that time, the mid 1940's and following the depression of the 1930's, little or no improvements had been made to school buildings. There was no indoor plumbing, no power and only limited supplies of water. Neither were any of the buildings insulated.

I found myself first at Thiel-Krentz and then at Pleasant Grove School but I can't recall the years or the duration in each. In both instances, we had very good, close neighbours who supplies us with milk and eggs and in winter took me along to Bruno to get my own supplies. To these friends, I shall be forever grateful.

During the 1950's, when the larger school units came into being and as more classroom space was provided in the towns and villages and more all-weather roads were built, the rural schools gradually closed. One of the last of these in the Wakaw Unit was Kildrum where I had been teaching. Never having taught in a centralized system before, I took a class in Bruno but by that time I guess I was too set in my old ways of being my own boss and this new set-up was not very satisfying. With the exception of a few substitution jobs that ended my teaching career.

To all the former pupils and parents of the area, I wish to say a hearty thank you for your gracious cooperation and support, without which I certainly could not have continued. And for all the mistakes made and the impatience shown, I wish to say, "I'm sorry."

THE MATIESHEN FAMILY

Emil Matieshen was born to John and Annie Matieshen on Sept. 28, 1914. Emil's dad, John, was born on July 7, 1893, in Poland. He came from a family of nine children, six of which were step-brothers. They were James (Saskatoon), Joe (Saskatoon), Mike (United States), Steve (Saskatoon), Casey (Toronto), Tom (Toronto). His other two brothers were Tony who is living in Prud'homme and Peter who is now deceased. John married Annie Pokoyoway, who was born in the Ukraine on Dec. 18, 1896. John and Annie had six children, Walter (killed in a car accident in 1937), Leo (deceased), Isadore (living in Vancouver), Tina (living in Vancouver), Emil (living in Bruno) and one child died at birth.

John and Annie moved to the farm at Peterson in 1955. Their son, Emil, worked on the farm until it was sold in 1969. John died on Feb. 6, 1972, and Annie on Sept. 21, 1972.

Joyce was born to John and Olga Matieshen on Jan. 20, 1943. Joyce's mom, Olga, was born in Lancaster, Minnesota, on Aug. 16, 1919, to Nick and Florence Welenski. Olga's father, Nick, was born on Apr. 22, 1888 in Lancaster while Florence was born in 1896 in Onuth Bukovina, Austria. She passed away on Nov. 10, 1964. Nick and Florence raised a family of twelve.

Joyce's father, John, was born in Vonda, Sask. on Mar. 28, 1905. He had two brothers, Henry and Nick, and one



Matieshen family, L to R: Joyce, Morris, Emil, Jimmy, Rose.



John and Olga Matieshen.

sister who died at birth. John and Olga Matieshen had five children. Peter, born in 1926, died in 1962, was a son from John's first marriage. He and his wife, Eliza, had three children, Jeffery, John, and Jackie. Joyce was born in 1943. Joe, born on Nov. 12, 1945, is presently living on his father's farm near Smeaton, Sask., where he raises bees. Walter was born on Jan. 16, 1950. Walter married Kathy Schuetz. They have two boys, Cory and Jeffrey. Walter's twin died at birth.



Emil and Joyce with Emil's parents, John and Annie.

Emil and Joyce were married on June 24, 1961. Emil attended Curwood School from 1925 to 1930. Emil's first job was pitching bundles and helping out on the farm. In 1935, Emil worked for Joe Felix. In 1942, Emil worked in a bush camp and in 1961 he was working for Jerome Felix in the Peterson Store.

Joyce started school in 1950 where her first year was the most difficult as she could not speak a word of English. In 1958, eczema stopped Joyce from going to school. She helped her parents on the family farm and then went to work for Mrs. Ray Louse and for John Servenski until 1961 when she was married.

On Jan. 6, 1964, Rose was born to Emil and Joyce. Rose is now married to Leonard Gesiorowski. Rose and Leonard are farming near Guernsey.

On Jan. 31, 1966, Jimmy was born to Emil and Joyce and on Aug. 26, 1969, their second son, Morris, was born. The two boys are attending special education classes at Bruno. Jimmy does some carpentry and yard work and is most helpful in other ways. Morris is very interested in both school and sports.

Emil and Joyce are presently living in Bruno. Emil enjoys fishing, sports and travelling.



Emil and Joyce, June 24, 1961.

McCLELLAND, JACK

The J. McClellands purchased Bruno Hardware from Donald Schwinghammer on Jan. 1, 1960. The family, Jack, Jessie, Gary and Gail moved to Bruno on Jan. 10th from the Matador Co-op Farm at Kyle where they had been since its inception in April, 1946. They took up residence in the D. Schwinghammer home which they had bought.

The business was operated as a family business. Ken, the eldest son, came to Bruno from Saskatoon where he had been working to assist. In 1961, Ken started working for Sask Tel where he was employed until 1968 when he accepted a position with B.C. Tel.

Jack was active in the Lions Club, he was a town councillor and a member of the board of directors for the Credit Union. Both Jack and Jessie participated in curling and golf. Gary and Gail attended public and high school in Bruno and then furthered their education in Saskatoon.

Bruno Hardware was sold to the Gilbert Ludwigs in January, 1974. In July of that year, the McClellands moved to Saskatoon where Jack was employed as a commissionaire. Now retired, they continue to reside in Saskatoon.

Ken is living at Nelson, B.C. and has one son and one daughter.

Gary and Norma live in Saskatoon. They have three daughters.

Gail and her husband, Ken Stupnikoff, live in Prince Albert. They have two daughters.

McFAULL, BARRY AND PAT

The McFaull family members include husband, Barry, born on Oct. 20, 1946, wife, Patricia (nee Schwark) born on June 29, 1956, son, Marcus, born Mar. 11, 1979, and daughter, Laura, born on July 27, 1983.

Barry was raised in the community of Zealandia and attended elementary school in the town. He attended high school in Rosetown at Rosetown Composite. Pat was raised in Bruno and attended both public school and the Ursuline Academy. In 1972, she moved to Burnaby, B.C. and attended Burnaby Central Secondary School. Barry was also a resident of Vancouver at this time and he and Pat met while working for competing optical dispensaries in 1975. They were married in November of 1976 and continued working for their respective companies until 1978, when they moved to Oyama, B.C. Barry worked for an optical dispensary in Kelowna until October of 1978, when they decided to move to Bruno. Barry started working for Hillcrest

Farms (feedmill division) in February of 1979, attended a Mechanical Engineering Technology Program at Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon for the school years 1980-1982 and is presently back at work for Hillcrest Farms.

The McFaull family is currently building a house and is looking forward to being permanent members of the thriving community of Bruno.

MELCHKART, MICHAEL AND HELEN

Michael Melchkart was born on Dec. 1, 1894, in Burlington, Wisconsin, while his wife, Helen, was born Helen Lohman on Feb. 8, 1898, in Green Creek, Illinois.

Michael and Helen were married in St. Bruno's Church, Bruno, on Oct. 26, 1920. They farmed for two and a half years in the Bruno district and then moved to Humboldt where he operated a livery stable for 17 years.

They had seven children, four sons and three daughters; two sons died in infancy. The names of the living children are Gertrude, Verne, Michael, Ralph and Helen.

In 1943, Michael and Helen moved to Prince Albert where he worked at various jobs like aircraft maintenance and later on, construction, until his retirement in 1970. Michael passed away on May 18, 1973. Helen remained in her home until the fall of 1980. She is now a resident of the Basseth Nursing Home.



Michael and Helen Melchkart.

MERVIN, ERNEST AND ANGELA

by Mary (Spartz) Egger

Ernie Mervin was born on a farm at Abbotsford, Wisconsin. He came to Canada in the fall of 1911 to visit his brother Ray Mervin in Bruno. On Feb. 4, 1913, he married my mother, Angela Spartz, who had four children with her. They were married on a very cold and stormy day at St. Bruno's Roman Catholic Church. The dinner and reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Karls. Pete was the barber in Bruno at that time.

About 1915, we moved to the farm to stay and the house in town was sold to Ray Mervin. In 1929, the Mervin family moved to Carmaria, later to Pleasantdale where they farmed until 1946 when they moved to Middle Lake. In Middle Lake, Ernie did carpenter work. By this time, the boys that had enlisted in the army for World War II were back and living in Fort St. John, B.C. Seven of the boys were in the army at the same time, Roman, Jake, Joe, Wilfred, Edmund, Conrad and Edwin. Roman got very sick with polio and meningitis so he received an honourable discharge and was never sent overseas. The rest of the boys were all overseas at the same time. None of them were wounded, although Wil-



Ernest and Angela Mervin, Feb. 4, 1913.

fred came back with a heart condition. Joe and Wilfred had both been married before going overseas.

In 1948, Mom and Dad moved to Fort St. John where the boys were living. Dad worked as a carpenter and repair man at the airport until he retired. They bought a house in Fort St. John and lived there until the time of their deaths. Dad passed away on Feb. 21, 1965 and Mother on July 21, 1972. They are both buried in the R. C. Cemetery at Fort St. John. Wilfred is buried in the soldier's plot of the same cemetery.

The following is a list of the Spartz and Mervin family: Jake Spartz (Gene deceased) was born on Feb. 20, 1905, in Velva, North Dakota. He resides in Langley, B.C. They had one child.

Mary Egger (Fritz) was born on June 29, 1903, in Velva, North Dakota. They are living at Middle Lake. Mary and Fritz had three children.

Gertrude (Larry Schauwecker - now deceased) was born on Dec. 8, 1906 in Bruno. She makes her home in Winfield, B.C. Gertrude and Larry had seven children, one deceased.

Bernie (Rosella) was born on July 12, 1908, in Bruno. They make their home in New Westminster, B.C. Bernie and Rosella have one child.

Joe (Dorothy) was born on Oct. 4, 1913, in Bruno. They had one child and made their home in Windsor, Ont. Joe and Dorothy are now both deceased.

Wilfred (Violet) was born on Mar. 29, 1916, in Bruno. Wilfred is now deceased and Violet makes her home in Fort St. John, B.C. They had one child.



Wilfred Mervin, aged 5 - crying because he thought he wasn't going to get his picture taken!

Roman (Mary) was born on June 28, 1917, in Bruno. They live in Osoyoos, B.C. Roman and Mary had eight children.

Edmund (Nan) was born on Nov. 20, 1918, in Bruno. They live in Port Alberni, B.C. Edmund and Nan have three children.

Conrad (Violet) was born on Apr. 2, 1920, in Bruno. They live in Fort St. John, B.C. Conrad and Violet have four children.

Edwin (Vera) was born on Feb. 26, 1922, in Bruno. They make their home in Fort St. John. Edwin and Vera have five children.

Viola (Arnie) was born on June 24, 1923, in Bruno. Arnie is now deceased and Viola makes her home in Alexandria, Minnesota. They had two children.

Omer (Bernice) was born on Sept. 16, 1924, in Bruno. They have three children and make their home in Delta, B.C.

Jerome (June) was born on Apr. 7, 1926, in Bruno. They are living at Drayton Valley, Alta. Jerome and June had eight children.

Dolores (Wallie) was born on Aug. 15, 1928, in Bruno. Wallie is now deceased and Dolores makes her home in Fort St. John, B.C. Dolores and Wallie had five children.



Mervin family. Standing, L to R: Dolores, Jerome, Omer, Viola, Edwin, Bernice, Gertrude and Jake. Seated: Conrad, Edmund, Roman and Joe (Mary missing) taken 1972.

MESENCUK, JOHN AND ROSE

Rose and John moved from Young, Sask. to Bruno with their family in 1961.

John was employed as the manager of the Bruno Co-op Association. We really enjoyed the ten years we spent in Bruno. In October of 1971, we moved to Saska-

toon and are really enjoying city life. After coming to Saskatoon, John spent six years with the Department of Highways, first as a Hot Line Operator and later in the Sutherland office in charge of inventory, payroll, etc., until his retirement in September of 1979.

Rose has been employed as a ward clerk at University Hospital for the last 12 years.

We have four children. Our oldest, Arlene, is married to Clifford Kraft. They live in Kelowna, B.C. where Clifford is an accountant with the City.

Herb and his wife, Linda, live in Aldergrove, B.C. Herb is employed with OverWaitia Food Warehouse and Linda is a nurse at Langley Hospital. They have one daughter, Melanie.

Donna is married to Lorne Haberman and they farm in the Peterson district. They have three sons, Cory, Kevin, and Kim.

Marci is married to Ron Lepage from Bruno. They are presently living in Sydney, Australia where Ron is an accountant and Marci is a secretary for retail food stores. We were able to make a trip to Australia in November of 1982 which we thoroughly enjoyed.

Life has been good to us. We have good health, a lovely family and grandchildren to enjoy. What more could one ask for?

METTE, HENRY AND ELIZABETH

submitted by Barbara Wigbers

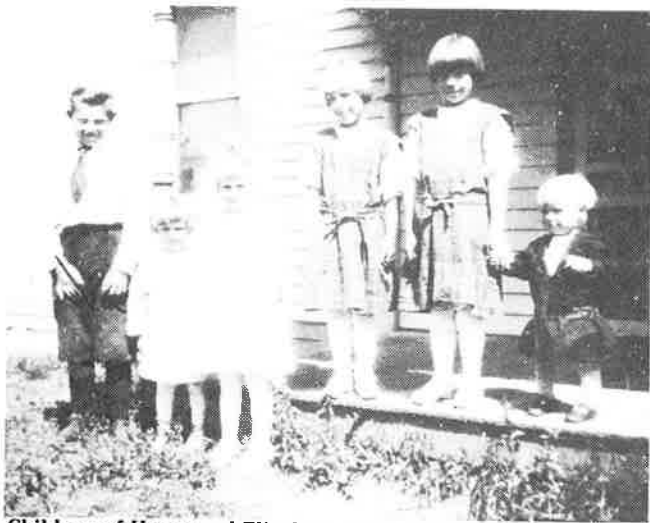
The story of the Mette family of Bruno and the surrounding district begins in Effingham, Illinois, where Elizabeth Lohman and Henry Mette were neighbours.

Elizabeth came to Canada with her parents Henry Lohman and Anna Aulenbrock in 1907 where the Lohman's took a homestead in the Willmont area.

Elizabeth worked in the rectory at St. Joseph's Parish at Fulda. Father Ildephonse Molitor, O.S.B. was the first resident priest in the Fulda Parish at that time.

Henry Mette came from Illinois to Canada and took a homestead in the Willmont area on May 11, 1908.

Elizabeth and Henry were married in April of 1910. During the first year of their marriage, Henry suffered a severe accident. Henry often took his gun along when he went for a drive with the buggy and the one day in particular, Henry stepped out of the buggy and his foot accidentally struck the gun. A shot rang out and struck Henry in the leg, breaking the bone. He was taken to Henry and Anna Lohmann's Sr. farm. A doctor was called out to the farm from Humboldt. The doctor decided that an amputation was necessary. The leg was amputated right on the kitchen table. Henry and Elizabeth stayed at her parent's place for quite some time after that operation.



Children of Henry and Elizabeth Mette, L to R: Casper, Albina, Bertha, Anne, Barbara, and Valentine. Missing is Cecelia, the youngest.

For several years, they continued to farm, but farming became more difficult, so Henry built a house in Bruno. That house has now been moved several miles out of Bruno, but the family often drives by it, so as to have another look.

Henry and Elizabeth had an auction sale on Oct. 25, 1916, on the farm. They sold the machinery and livestock. The terms at that time were: All sums under \$10.00 cash. On sums over that amount - time will be given until Nov. 1, 1917, on approved notes, bearing 8 per cent interest if paid when due, 10 per cent after due date until paid. A 5 per cent discount will be allowed for cash. J. G. Bourauel was the auctioneer.

Henry and Elizabeth then moved to Bruno with their three children. A son, Mauritius, had died as an infant.

H. H. Tegenkamp and Henry opened up an International Harvester dealership in Bruno. They sold machinery and trucks.

Henry died on Jan. 1, 1925, leaving Elizabeth with six children. Then another girl, Cecelia was born ten days after her father's death. The following year, Elizabeth took the family out to the farm. They farmed three quarters of land using horses. The entire family helped with the chores around the yard and also with the field work.

Later, when Casper married, he took over the farm and Elizabeth moved to Humboldt. Elizabeth kept boarders and went out to work. Some of her children lived in Ontario and in March of 1941, Elizabeth and Cecelia moved there, too. Elizabeth first worked at Comber, Ont. Later, she moved to the Oshawa and Whitby area where she first worked at a boarding house and later at an upholstery shop.

After a few years, Elizabeth moved to British Columbia and worked in the rectory at Our Lady of Mercy parish in Burnaby until her retirement. After retiring, she visited her children in Saskatchewan, Ontario and British Col-

umbia. Elizabeth suffered a heart attack while at her daughter Albina's. She died on Mar. 12, 1963, at Leamington, Ont. and is buried at Staples, Ont.

Elizabeth and Henry had eight children: Casper (deceased), Barbara (Mrs. Joe Wigbers), Mauritius (died in infancy), Anne (Mrs. Rex Arsenault - now deceased), Bertha (Mrs. Steve Babich), Albina (Mrs. Sylvester Fisher), Valentine (now deceased) and Cecelia (Mrs. Clifford Lucas).



Henry and Elizabeth (Lohman) Mette on their wedding day with their attendants Joseph Lohman and Anna Rauw (standing).

MEYER, PETER J. AND THERESA

Peter J. Meyer was born in April of 1885. His wife, Theresa, was born in April of 1890. They were both born in Wisconsin.

Peter came to the Bruno area in the year 1903 with his brother Joseph. In the fall of 1903, he went back to the United States only to come back to Bruno in the spring of 1904. At that time, he took up a homestead 22 ½ miles north of Bruno.

In October of 1908, he married Theresa Knoke. They were one of the first pioneering families in the area. The majority of the land was broken with a Rumley oil pull tractor, the first one in the district. They also built the first frame home in the area and in the 1930's bought the first pull type combine.

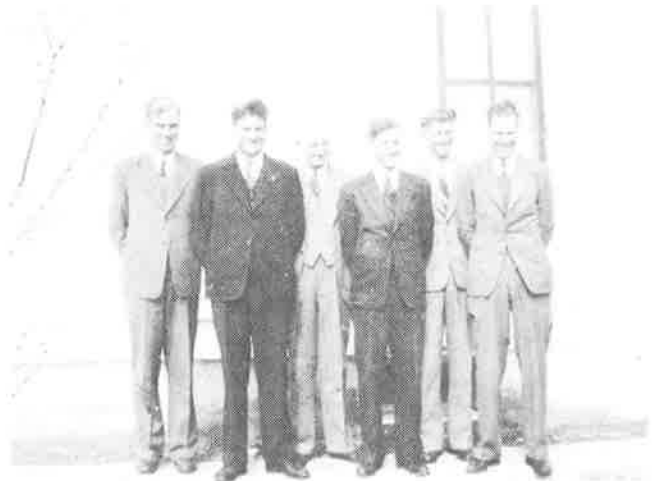
They raised a family of five sons: Herman, Francis, Sylvester, Alvin and Kenneth.

While still living on the farm, Peter was one of the organizers of the local co-op. After moving into town, he managed the store for several years. He was also on the organizing committee of the local Credit Union and was a church trustee for many years. Mrs. Meyer was active in the Catholic Women's League.

In October of 1958, Peter and Theresa celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. In December of 1959, Theresa passed away. Peter remained by himself until 1977, when he went to live at St. Mary's Villa in Humboldt. He stayed at the Villa until his death in January of 1981 at the age of 95.



Peter and Theresa Meyer.



L to R: Sylvester, Herman, Peter (father), Ken, Francis and Alvin Meyer.

MEYER, HERMAN

Herman Meyer, oldest son of Peter Meyer was born on Oct. 5, 1909, on the farm which was located two and one-half miles north of Bruno and is now living in Hamilton, Ont., a retired C.N.R. pensioner. I was raised on the farm and went to school in my first year to Hoffman, which was two miles west of the farm. Our teacher was Dr. Fleming. He boarded with us on the farm and when he rode his bicycle to school each day I would be able to ride on the handlebars. After that first year, I attended school in Bruno until grade 7 after which I stayed on the farm to help.

In 1924, Dad had an auction sale and sold everything except four horses and a bit of machinery. Our land was then rented to George Gerling. Between 1924-29, we used to travel to California during the winter and come back to Bruno in the spring. Dad wanted to sell his land in Bruno and move to California to a ten acre parcel of land he had bought but the depression set in and we had to go back to the farm as the man who had intended to buy it backed out. In 1929, Dad bought more machinery including a new Model L tractor, combine and 21 foot disc drill.

In 1934, on November 12, I married Tillie Twordik. We were married in Bruno by Father Bernard. We stayed on the farm for one year and then we moved into Bruno. Our wages for the year's work we did on the farm amounted to \$365.00 for the two of us. We took that money and bought furniture in Saskatoon so as to start on our own.

In September of 1935, we had our first child, Marcel Peter, and in 1936, our daughter, Marjorie Anne, was born on August 13. During the winter of 1936-1937, I got a job working for Harry Stumborg in Pilger in the imple-



Herman, Tillie, Marcel and Marjorie Meyer. Picture taken in 1940 in Peter Meyer's front yard.

ment business. In 1938, we moved the business to Middle Lake and in the spring of 1940, we moved back to Bruno. I was the town policeman from 1940-1941. My dad then bought the Co-op store, so I ran the store until he moved into Bruno, after which I was job hunting again. I got a job in the North Battleford Saskatchewan Hospital which paid \$75.00 a month for a guard. This being a boring job, got myself a part-time job and when the hospital found out, I either had to quit my part-time job or my steady job at the hospital. So I quit my job at the hospital and got two more part-time jobs. Now I had three jobs, one for the C.N.R., one for a lumberyard, and one for the Interna-



Four generations: L to R: Marcel Peter (grandson), Herman Meyer (son), Peter Meyer Sr., and Larry Meyer (great-grandson).

tional Harvester Co. In 1947, I transferred my C.N.R. job from North Battleford to Hamilton, Ont., and there I stayed until my retirement.

My son, Marcel Peter, got married in Hamilton and has a family of four boys, three of whom are now married and the fourth going to school. The boys are Larry, Billie, Jimmie and Peter. Billie is a National Water Polo Player and does a lot of travelling. Already he has been the world over two or three times. Marcel works for Shell Oil Co. in Hamilton driving the big tractor trailer oil tankers.

My daughter, Marjorie Ann, also got married in Hamilton and is a private secretary for a criminal lawyer.

In 1976, I lost my wife Tillie. In 1977, I married again to Mildred Hamilton Krentz, who had lost her husband four years earlier. Mildred is the daughter of George Krentz, who lived four miles southeast of Bruno.

MEYER, SYLVESTER AND MARIE

Sylvester Meyer married Marie Smith in October of 1945. They were both born in Bruno.

Syl and Marie have a family of five children: Peter born in July of 1946. Peter married Verna Raab in August of 1968. They have two sons and are living in Calgary, Alta.

Maryann was born in December of 1948. She married Ted Kowalsky in July of 1970. They have a daughter and a son and are living in Kamloops, B.C.

Victor was born in December of 1952. He married Jennifer Gillen in November of 1974. They have two daughters and one son and are living in Bruno.

Robert was born in December of 1955. He married Juanita Weiman in May of 1979. They have one daughter and are living in Saskatoon.

Cyril was born in November of 1957. He married Wendy Sand in June of 1983. They also live in Saskatoon.



Sylvester Meyer family, L to R: Victor, Sylvester, Robert, Peter. Front: Marie, Maryann and Cyril.

Sylvester and Marie are living in Bruno in the house which was built for her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lohman, in 1916.

Sylvester farmed while living in town and started working for the town of Bruno in 1963, when water and sewer was put in. The position with the town was held until his retirement in 1983. Sylvester has also been the fire chief in Bruno for 18 of those years.

Marie has been active within the community.

MEYER, FRANCIS (Fritz) AND FRANCES

Francis (known as Fritz) was born on Nov. 18, 1911. He was born and raised on the family homestead of Peter and Theresa Meyer. As a boy, Fritz went to Hoffman School which was just northwest of the farm. Fritz was a dedicated farmer, spending his whole life on the farm.

In 1942, he married Frances Arbeider and they farmed the original Meyer homestead for 30 years.

Fritz and Frances had four children. Annavon married Ben Seidel of Bruno. They have four children, Michele, Jody, Chris and Peggy. They reside on a farm just on the outskirts of Bruno.

Duane married Eileen Hagerty of Humboldt. They have one son, James. Duane and Eileen make their home in Edmonton, Alta.

Cathy married Brian Schriml of Bruno. They have two children, Melissa and Chad. Brian and Cathy reside in Bruno.

Colleen married Guylaine Mercier of Mont St. Pierre, Que. They live in Kamloops, B.C.

As a young man, Fritz lived to play ball and hockey. Later on, he was active in the Bruno Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus, the Golf Club and the Figure Skating Club.

In 1972, Fritz and Frances moved to Bruno and farmed their land while living in town. In 1974, they sold the farm



Fritz helping his father, Peter, combine, 1929.

and retired. After a lengthy illness, Fritz passed away at the age of 64 on Mar. 8, 1976. Frances presently resides in Bruno.

MEYER, ALVIN (Lefty) AND PAULINE

Alvin (Lefty) was born on Apr. 18, 1918, in Bruno, Sask. He was the third son of five boys of Peter and Theresa Meyer. His boyhood home was located two and a half miles north of Bruno. He completed his grade 12 in Bruno and attended St. Peter's College for one year. In 1941, he joined the air force in Vancouver. It was in Vancouver where he married Pauline Ludwig. Pauline was the daughter of Anton and Anna Ludwig. Pauline and her twin sister, Clara, were born on May 15, 1916. They are the youngest of a family of six girls. Pauline grew up on a farm eight miles south of Bruno in the Kildrum school district.

Pauline first met Lefty in Bruno but in the meantime, she had moved to Vancouver to be with her sisters. It did not take long for Lefty to follow her! Pauline and Lefty were married on May 2, 1942 in Vancouver. They moved back to Bruno in 1945. Their first son, Arden, was born on Feb. 13, 1946. Arden married Christine Young in Whitehorse, Yukon in 1975 and presently resides there with his wife and their three children, April, Julie, and James.

Lefty and Pauline's second son, Myles, was born on Apr. 4, 1948. He was killed in a tragic car accident at Fort McMurray, Alta. on Apr. 6, 1972.

Lefty became Bruno's Town Administrator in 1953. He was an active member of the community. As town administrator he helped to bring Bruno's population of 600 in 1953 to the present population of 850.



Alvin Meyer family - Myles, Arden, Pauline and Alvin (Lefty).



Lefty accepting a plaque for 30 years of service to the Town of Bruno from Mayor Percy Schmeiser. The plaque was presented during a Come and Go Tea held in Lefty's honour.

One of Lefty's major projects was the installation of water and sewer over 20 years ago. Because of Bruno's growth he helped work on an expansion project to the water system two years ago.

Other projects that came into being under Lefty's direction were the construction of the new town office, as a centennial project in 1967, the new skating rink in 1975, and the new community hall and bowling alley in 1980.

Lefty was also very involved with many local organizations such as the Bruno Lions Club, the Knights of Columbus and the Bruno Golf Club and the Bowling Association.

During his involvement with the Lions Club, he helped to establish a major recreation complex in town which included a nine acre recreation site with a nine hole golf course, ball diamonds, racetrack and tractor pull track.

For the past 25 years, Lefty sold insurance as a sideline and Pauline sold Avon products. After his retirement from the position of Town Administrator he expanded his insurance business to full-time.

Lefty officially retired as the administrator on May 31, 1983. The Town of Bruno held a Come and Go Tea in his honour, where he was presented a plaque for his services and a plaque from the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association (S.U.M.A.).

Lefty passed away suddenly on Sept. 29, 1983. His wife, Pauline, presently resides in Bruno.

MEYER, KEN AND LIL

Ken Meyer was born at Bruno on Jan. 22, 1929, to Peter and Theresa (nee Knoke) Meyer. Ken had four brothers, Herman, Francis (Fritz), Alvin (Lefty), and Sylvester. Ken received all of his education in Bruno.



L to R: Wes holding son, Ryan, and Lois Mierau, Ken and Lil Meyer, and Karen and Stu Macdonald.

In 1950, Ken married Lillian Ludwig. Lil received her education in Bruno; She attended the Ursuline Academy for high school. Ken and Lil have two daughters, Karen, born on Sept. 23, 1952, and Lois, born on June 6, 1956.

Karen married Stu Macdonald on Nov. 20, 1976, at Saskatoon.

Lois married Wes Mierau on May 31, 1975. They have two sons, Ryan and Lee.

Ken worked for the United Grain Growers from 1948 to 1950. He then managed the Co-op Bulk Station for ten years. Lil worked at the Bruno Post Office for about four years. Ken was an active member of the Bruno Curling Club, the Lion's Club and the Knights of Columbus. He played hockey, softball, and was also a hockey referee.

In 1963, Ken, Lil and the family moved to Saskatoon where Ken worked for the B.F. Goodrich store for nine years and for the past 11 years has worked for Rust Craft Ltd. Ken is still very active with the Knights of Columbus and both he and Lil are still active in curling.

MITCHELL, JIM AND IRENE

Jim and Irene Mitchell were both born in Peterboro, Ont. Jim moved to Picton, Ont. and went to public school and his first year of collegiate there. The family then moved to Peterboro again where Jim finished his high school. He worked with the Canadian General Electric Co. before joining the R.C.A.F. in 1941. He trained as a wireless air-gunner and flew on coastal patrol attached to the RAF during the war.

Upon his return to civilian life, he went into the automotive business with his father-in-law, Thomas Dobson, who owned an automotive machine workshop. Later he



Irene and Jim Mitchell (1946).

sold the business and went to work for an aero-engine plant, Lucas Rotax. Jim then decided in 1957 to go back to the forces again, and was stationed in Quebec, Ontario and Alberta. He retired from the forces while in Cold Lake, Alta. and moved to Bruno, where he is now employed at CFS Dana as a power-plant operator.

Irene moved to Toronto at an early age, where she attended school as well as Shaw's Business School. There she studied bookkeeping and typing. Jim and Irene were married on Dec. 22, 1942, at St. Barnabas Anglican Church in Toronto.

Jim and Irene's first daughter, Donna, was born in Toronto in 1946. She is now married to Paul Lampier. They have one son, Ronald, and reside in the armed forces Base in Edmonton.

Cheryl was born in 1948, also in Toronto. She married Clifton Ellis from Prince Edward Island. They reside in Bruno with their daughter, Candice.

Joanne, born in 1950, is married to Art Woodman from Newfoundland. They have one daughter, Christine. They make their home in Cold Lake, Alta. with the armed forces.



Jim and Irene Mitchell 40th wedding anniversary (1982).

James Jr., born in Toronto in 1957, is married to Carol Chester of Prince Albert. They have one son, Sheldon, and a daughter, Cheryl. Jim received his education in Bruno and then went on to Kelsey in Saskatoon. Jim is a Power Engineer and is employed by Holy Family Church in Prince Albert.

Tammy was born in 1959 in Barrie, Ont. Tammy received her grade 6 through 12 education in Bruno and then attended one year at the University of Saskatchewan. Tammy is married to Morris Helgert of Bruno. They have one daughter, Laura. Tammy is presently working at the Bank of Nova Scotia (West Gate Plaza Branch) in Saskatoon.

John Mitchell was born in 1964, at Arvida, Que. John is at home and has completed his grade 12 as well as a computer programming course.

We moved to Bruno on Mar. 30, 1971, in a terrible blizzard. We have enjoyed living in Bruno as it is where we chose to live. At first, we rented the Bendig house for two years and then built our own home on St. Joseph Street.

Irene is active in TOPS and is the co-ordinator for Area 2 in Saskatchewan. She is also a director for the Saskatchewan Chamber of Commerce. Jim is the treasurer of the Zion Lutheran Church and is also on the board of the Bethany Pioneer Villa.



The Mitchell family.



"Hallowe'en"



James and Carol Mitchell with children, Sheldon and Cheryl.

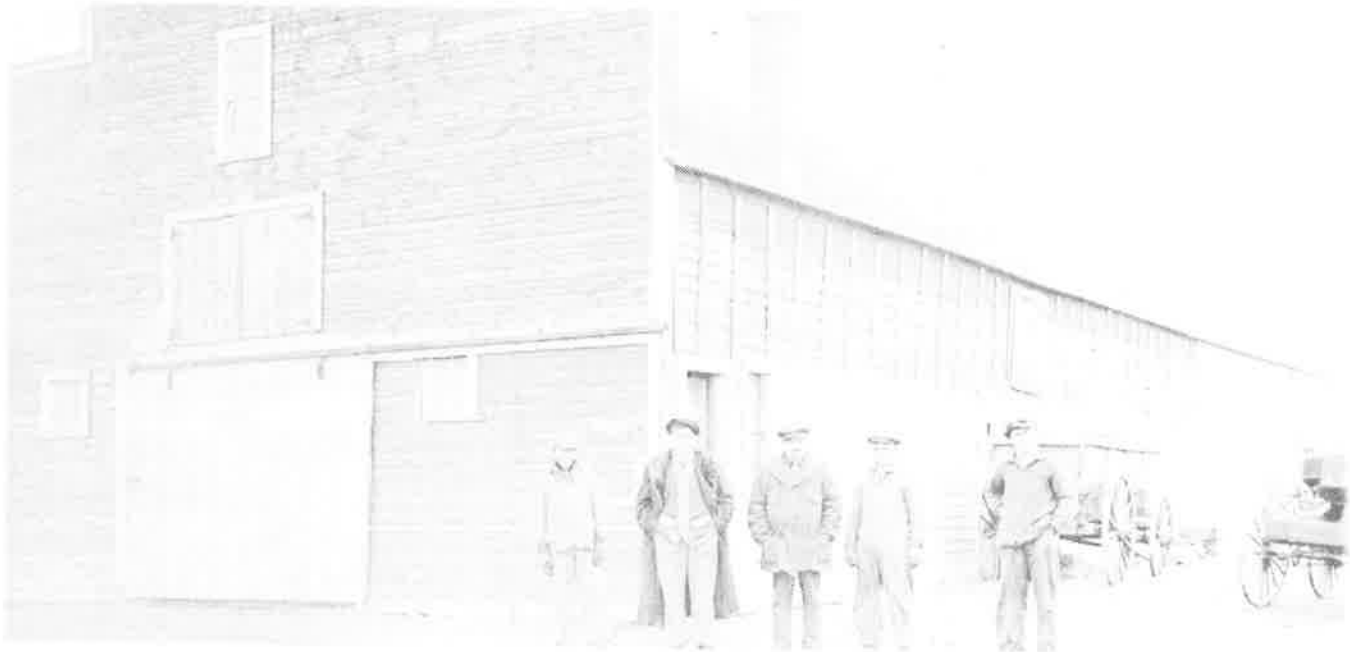
MOLL, ALFRED

Alfred Moll came to Canada from Grasbeuren, Germany while he was in his late teens. He became a citizen in 1913. Alfred worked for farmers in the district and eventually bought some land of his own.

In 1923, while visiting in Germany, he married Theresa Schmid. He went into the livery stable business after they came back to Bruno. Two daughters were born to them, Loretta and Charlotte.

In the late 1920's, Alfred sold the business and set up a meat market in Saskatoon. After the crash of '29, the family moved to St. Benedict. In later years, Alfred worked in a pulp and paper mill in New Westminster where he died in 1969. Mrs. Moll died in Regina in 1972.

Loretta (Schroepf) and Charlotte (Gaffney) live in Calgary.



L to R: John Backmann, Joe Weiman, George Graf, Fritz Lobsinger, and Alfred Moll (owner) - Bruno Livery Stable.

MONZ, FRED AND OLGA

Fred Monz was born in 1908 in U.S.A. Olga was born in 1910 in Winnipeg, Man. We were married in 1932. We had a family of 13 children and we lived in a mud shack for ten years.

Our children went to Golden Acre School. Then we moved to our own farm and started our home from scrap in 1942. We lived ten miles from Bruno. The rest of the family went to Cranich Lake School until it was closed. Then they went to Bruno School.

We have two girls and a boy now residing in British Columbia. We have three sons in Humboldt, who are in the building business. One son is in Lestock. One son works in Bruno at the garage. Two girls are in Bruno and one girl in Viscount.

We retired to Bruno where we have our own home and we have 43 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.



The Fred Monz family.

MONZ, MATTHEW AND MARIE

In 1916, Matthew Monz was born on a farm south of Bruno. In 1954, he married Marie Howard from Mildred, Sask., where she had been born in 1934.

Matthew and Marie lived on Matthew's home place until September of 1955, when they built a house on No. 5 highway, five and a half miles from Bruno.

They had six children, Elaine, David, Charlene, Gerry, Marlene and Belinda. Elaine, born in 1955, married Wilfred Beckman in 1972 and they make their home in Dana. David, born in 1956, married Judy Kohle of Cudworth in 1975. They make their home in Humboldt. Charlene was born in 1957 and died at the age of three as a result of drowning. Gerry was born in 1959 and is now living in Saskatoon. Marlene, born in 1963, married Lyle Beckman in 1979. They live in Dana. Belinda was born in 1967 and is living at home.

Matthew died in a tractor accident north of Bruno on Oct. 11, 1980. After Matthew's death, Marie and Belinda moved into Bruno where they lived in a Senior Citizen Unit for three and a half years. In April of 1984, Marie and Belinda moved into their own home.



The Monz family - 25th Anniversary Celebration - L to R: Mat, Marie, Elaine, David, Gerry, Marlene and Belinda.

MORITZ, JOSEPH AND HERMINE

as told by Erna Glaser

My grandparents, Joseph (born 1888) and Hermine (born 1890) Moritz, and their son, Frank (my dad), came to Canada from Czechoslovakia in 1927. They came across by ship (The Melborne). It took 14 days to make the crossing. This was the last time that The Melborne



Joseph and Hermine Moritz, 1957.



Joseph and Hermine Moritz.



Joseph Moritz, 94 years of age, Apr. 28, 1982.

crossed the ocean. After that, it was only used for short trips made near the shore.

The Moritz family came across Canada by train to Bruno. When they first arrived they worked on the Knoke farm a little north of Bruno. In a few months, they bought land ten miles north and one mile east of Bruno and settled there. There were no buildings, so they built a small log shack, which burned down a short while later and they had to build again. They worked hard breaking the land. Around 1930, they bought a threshing machine.

Joseph enjoyed playing music. He used to play in a band for dances. He had to walk to and from practices.

Hermine was a very hard working woman. She was a midwife to some of the neighbour women who could not get to a doctor.

They had cattles, pigs, chickens and about 30 horses.

Joseph also did blacksmithing and was a good brick layer, a profession he held while in the old country. They farmed until 1959 when they moved to Bruno. They built onto the house they owned in town. They always had a big garden.

When Hermine became ill, Joseph took care of her until her passing on Apr. 6, 1968. Joseph live alone after her death. In 1977, he moved to the Bethany Pioneer Village in Middle Lake. He spent eight years there until his passing on Feb. 16, 1983. Joseph was 94 years old.

MORITZ, FRANK AND ELIZABETH

by Erna Glaser

Frank, (my dad), came from Czechoslovakia in 1927 at the age of 15 years with his parents. He went to Willing School for a while to learn English, but when the snow



Frank Moritz, 1935.



Frank Moritz, 1955.

got too deep to go across the fields he had to stay at home.

He worked hard helping chop bush to clear the land, because breaking and everything that comes with it had to be done. Later, Frank and his family had about thirty horses, cattle, pigs and chickens. There was always a lot to do.

Frank married Elizabeth Gyoerick on June 14, 1938. She had lived on a farm near Leofeld and went to St. Boniface School. Elizabeth worked for some of her neighbours until she and Frank were married.



Frank and Elizabeth Moritz.

They farmed ten miles north and one mile east of Bruno. Frank and Elizabeth had eight children, Erna (Glaser), Rosemarie (Enright), Hilda (died at six weeks of age), Ernest, Rudy, and Francis, all of Bruno. Rita (Leefe) and Linda (Pickering) both of Saskatoon.

The older children all went to Willing School until it was closed. The family later bought Willing School. After the school was closed, Rita, Francis, and Linda went to school by bus to Bruno.

Frank and Elizabeth enjoy fishing, so they built a cabin at Candle Lake in 1973 and spend most of their summers there. They also have a very nice garden at their cabin. Frank and Elizabeth retired from farming in 1975 and moved to Bruno. Frank keeps busy working in the garden and fixing things around the house. They also enjoy playing cards.

Even after their retirement from farming, both Frank and Elizabeth still come out to the farm to help with the butchering or anything else where they can be of some help.



The Frank Moritz family.

MORITZ, RUDOLPH AND ANNIE

told by Annie

Rudy Moritz, of German nationality, was born in May of 1944 to Frank Moritz and Elizabeth (nee Goeyrick) at Helen Herings' in Bruno, as she was the mid-wife. Rudy's name was chosen after Helen's husband's name.

Rudy grew up on the farm and went to Willing School with caboose, horses, or walking. He had a favorite horse named Duke which he trained to do many tricks, like standing on his hind feet or kneeling on his front legs. Rudy worked at home and later got a job on the "high



Rudy Moritz family - L to R: Carlyle, Annie, Carmichael, and Rudy, 1981.

line" putting high power towers from Prince Albert to Saskatoon, and from Regina down to Estevan.

In October of 1965, he married a Ukrainian girl, Annie (nee Lewicki) daughter of Peter Lewicki and Mary Dushenko of Totzke, Sask. We had our wedding at the Holy Family Church and our dance at the Dana Hall. We lived on the farm, then in Prince Albert, and then back on the homestead. The Willing School building had been moved out to Frank Moritz's farm yard and that became our home. Rudy liked driving euclids, caterpillars and also worked at Schwinghamer's Garage as a mechanic.

I took my schooling mainly at Dana and was a high school boarder of St. Ursuline's Academy for several years. My feet and my bike were the main sources of transportation for music lessons at S.U.A., for church, and for school or catechism. In the spring of 1965, I won a piano scholarship at S.U.A. and in 1966, I took the Boris Berlin Music Teacher's Workshop at Regina. I taught music in Prince Albert and also many towns around here. Music is still a big part of my life both at home and for praise worship.

In January of 1969, Carmichael, our eldest son, was born and in December of 1974, Carlyle, our youngest son was born. It was a "thrill of a lifetime" to get through

snow banks in a severe blizzard for the birth of our eldest boy in the Humboldt Hospital.

Later, we moved into Frank Moritz's house which was located in the same yard. They had retired to Bruno.

Our boys attend Bruno schools and we farm the homestead.

I received my (B.A.) Born Again Experience in 1976 through Charismatic Renewal which has carried me through many trials of my life. Jesus is still molding me gently. My confidence for our high cost inflationary times is Philippians 4:19 "My God in turn will supply your needs fully, in a way worthy of His magnificent riches in Christ Jesus." We are taking care of my mom, Mary Dushenko. Praise the Lord.

MORITZ, FRANCIS AND CHERYL

told by Cheryl

Francis was born at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Humboldt on May 9, 1952. He is the youngest son of Frank and Elizabeth Moritz. He has two brothers and four sisters. The first four years of school were taken at Willing and then they began running the bus to Bruno.

Francis was farming with his dad and brothers when he and I married in 1971. We have three children, two boys and a girl. Jason is 12 and in grade 7. Jamie is ten years old and in grade 5. The last of our children is Brett, who is one year old.

Francis is employed at C.F.S. Dana and has been for ten years. He works as a driver and has won several safety awards for not having any accidents at work. He also farms with his brother, Rudy, so this keeps him



Fran Moritz family - L to R: Jason, Fran holding Brett, Cheryl and Jamie.

quite busy. Fran loves to hunt and fish and does both as often as possible.

I lived in Bremen before my marriage to Francis. I was born at St. Michael's Hospital in Cudworth to Charlie and Olga Megyesi. I attended the first five years of my schooling at St. Hilaire in Bremen and then we were transferred to Cudworth.

I am presently employed at the Bruno Hotel and have been selling Tupperware for nine years. I also play softball during the summer with the Bruno Blazers. During the winter, Fran and I both enjoy bowling.

NETT, ANDREW AND ELIZABETH

by Rose (nee Nett) Koob

A history and a tribute to our parents.

Andrew Nett was born at St. Martin, Minnesota, Stearns County, in 1884, to Peter and Elizabeth (nee Thoenness) Nett. He was a farm lad and grew up in the St. Martin area.

In 1905, at the age of 21, adventure and rumours of acquiring land at \$10.00 a quarter section, sent him to Alberta in search of a homestead. While waiting for a period to prove up his homestead at Strome, Alta., he took a job in the winter months working at the High Level Bridge at Edmonton, hauling gravel by team and sleigh. He was back to Minnesota on several occasions while proving up his homestead. In order to prove up a homestead the owner had to live on the land part of the time, and also break 30 acres in three years.

On Mar. 31, 1913, Andrew and Elizabeth were married at St. Martin, Minnesota. They left Minnesota shortly, and set out by train to Strome, Alta., to start their life together. By this time, much of the land had been settled with people coming from many areas and different backgrounds. Later another quarter section of land was bought to be farmed.

Andrew and his two brothers-in-law owned a steam threshing outfit, and did custom threshing for neighbours. Andrew, being the junior of the three, was the waterman.

In 1916, a new Model T car was purchased for \$650.00, which was in use until 1929.

The year 1920 brought a change to their lives when Andrew travelled to Saskatchewan to see what land was available there. He bought three quarters sections from Ben Dust northeast of Bruno in the Willmont area.

In 1921, he loaded several box cars with household effects, as well as horses, cattle, and machinery and moved with his wife and family northeast of Bruno to S.W. 16-39-24 W2. At the time their family consisted of six children, Ben, Hilda, Henry, Peter, Mary (twins), and

Catherine. The rest of the children were born in the Willmont district.

There was a total of 214 acres broken when the land was purchased. In 1926, a raw quarter section, almost all bush was bought from the Hudson's Bay Company. Later, with help, about 98 acres were broken. 28 acres were broken with horses and the rest with a tractor, McCormick Deering 22-36 on steel which was bought in 1930 for \$1,360.00. A four bottom plow was used for this breaking.

Ben, the oldest, reports starting school in 1921, and as the years went by two were driving to school in a democat buggy to Willmont which was three miles away.

When Andrew started farming in Saskatchewan, he used a gang plow with five horses hitched to it, a 20 run single disc drill with four horses to pull, and a seven foot disc with four horses as power, a binder cut the crop with four horses pulling it.

An older threshing machine was bought in the early 1930's, this machine retired in 1942.

For a few years, during the 1930's, it was not feasible to use the tractor as money was scarce, so eight horses were hitched to a plow to work the field.

As times advanced and prices began to increase for farm products a 22 inch Soarer Massey threshing machine was bought in 1943, to be sold in 1945 to buy a combine.

In 1923, a hip roofed barn about 30 by 50 was built with Joe Erman as the main carpenter and of course more men helping. The barn was built of fir lumber. A carload of lumber was shipped in from British Columbia. When the lumber arrived in Bruno, the neighbours and friends lent a helping hand to haul the lumber home. After the barn raising a free dance was held for all the people that helped haul the lumber and everyone was welcome.

The barn was later equipped with a track in the hayloft and hay slings were used to pull feed in the hayloft that was used for winter feeding. Half of the load could be pulled up at a time by team, or later a tractor. I remember often in the summertime when the hayloft had been cleaned, we would make a large swing almost the full width of the barn with ropes from the hayslings. What fun!

The barn was divided half for horses and half for milk cows, with sliding doors in the center. The Nett's often milked 12-15 cows by hand. Milk was separated and cream was hauled to town in cans. Later a cream truck came about twice weekly to the farms, usually from spring to fall.

Later a leanto was built to the barn which sheltered the young livestock and at times was used for the ewes that had lambs in spring. About 30 ewes were kept on a pasture that was quite stoney. Later, with improved machinery for breaking and working land, this pasture was broken to use for crop farming.

Money was scarce in those years and the boys report hauling loads of wood for 11 miles to town, by sleigh for the sum of \$2.00 per load. To supplement the family's food produce a hive of bees were kept, and yearly one of these hives was set in the garden, and in fall, usually after the first killing frost, the honey would be extracted.

In the early years, clothes were scrubbed by hand on a washboard. Soap was cooked outdoors on a summer day, in a large cooker by combining tallow, lard, lye and water.

Later for some years to make jobs less difficult and have more room in the house, a shed attached to a tool shed was set aside for various projects such as washing clothes, churning butter, separating milk and sharpening tools and knives. These were all run by a stationary water cooled engine which all could operate at the same time, if wanted, and later by an electric washer.

Andrew and Elizabeth had many happy times here with their family as well as hard times especially in the 1930's, the time of the depression. The price of wheat was 20-24 cents per bushel; eggs were 6 cents a dozen; a five gallon can of cream would net about \$2.00. People tried to borrow money but often there was none available. There were many foreclosures, taxes could not be paid and sometimes machinery was repossessed. The Debt Adjustment Board was set up to adjust the principal and interest, and also the terms of repayment. In many cases, it was too late because farmers had lost everything.

The war torn years of World War II, 1939-1945, brought much anxiety and many hardships. Before the war ended, several of the family had married and made homes of their own, so help was scarce.

We remember the years of the ration coupons for gas, coffee, tea, sugar, and other items. Fortunately people on farms had their own basic food and produce from the gardens. Restrictions were put on many things. Rubber tires for automobiles and implements were one of the things that were rationed. New machinery and auto-

mobiles were impossible to get. There were not any automobiles made from 1942-1945. While the war continued on, prices rose and farmers were given a good price for their products because they were in great demand.

Our dad (Andrew), was the chief disciplinarian at home; not many defied his advice and wishes. With such a large family and a farm to run, as well as difficult times, the economy down, and money scarce, it was a great worry and concern for both our parents to try to raise their children to become good citizens of our country. Andrew used to love to sing ballads and biblical songs to the younger children. He believed and was interested in education and in many ways educated himself, as his formal education was quite limited as was the case for many of our pioneers. He served on the school board as secretary for many years and was instrumental in selecting the name "Stearn" for the new school that was built.

Sundays was usually a special day; after mass and dinner we went over to the neighbours to visit or we would have people drop by for a visit. A favourite card game was Solo; it helped to pass many a long winter evening.

The Nett farm has passed on to the third generation. Peter took over the home farm in 1949 and has now passed it on to his son, Brian.

Elizabeth (nee Kalthoff) Nett was born to Bernard and Catherine (nee Schick) Kalthoff in the year 1888 at St. Martin, Minnesota. Being the eldest of nine children, she was often called on to do some outside tasks.

Elizabeth took her formal education in a country school which was near her home. I remember her explaining to us that grades in school were not like they are now. They had a small history for primary grades, big history for the higher class and the same was for reading, writing and bible study. After finishing school, Elizabeth was often called on by friends and neighbours who needed help. She took sewing classes before her marriage and became a good seamstress, cook, gardener, and a tireless worker. With the help of her older daughters she had a large garden for vegetables as well as a separate garden for small fruit trees such as raspberries, currants, plums and gooseberries. In the baking department, lemon pies and angel food cakes were her specialty. Often coming home from school the house would be filled with the aroma of freshly baked bread, cookies, or buns.

The first school the family attended was Willmont, which was three miles away. I remember Mother being up early preparing lunches for us to take to school and to prepare a hot breakfast for us, especially during the winter. There was always something to do, perhaps dry some mitts, do a little stitching or mending before we left for school. In the early years, Willmont had a post office, school, church and rectory.



Andrew Nett family. Standing, L to R: Joe, Catherine, Lena, Ben, Rose, Annie, Hilda, Henry, Viola. Front: Arnold, Andrew, Peter, Mary, Elizabeth.

In 1937, a new school, a mile north of Willmont, named Stearn, was opened. The remainder of the family attended the new school. A horse and cart were used during the summer, while a caboose or a sleigh was used during the winter. Often to break the monotony of the long trip, we would ride on the sled tied behind the caboose or even run behind a ways.

Elizabeth's friends and neighbours remember her as a very kind and gentle person. Religion played a great part in their lives. Sunday mass was an important time to remember.

Andrew and Elizabeth's family consisted of five sons, Ben, Henry, Peter, Joe and Arnold, as well as seven daughters, Hilda (Doetzel), Mary (Dust) deceased, Catherine (Greensill), Lena (Bender), Annie (Weiman), Viola (Bender), and Rose (Koob). Twins named Andrew and Elizabeth were born in 1932 but died as infants.

After raising their family, Andrew and Elizabeth retired to Bruno in 1949. Here, Andrew worked for some years with Ben Dust at St. Bruno's Cemetery. He also carved many names and dates on the tombstones to update them.

In 1952, the family was saddened with the passing of their daughter, Mary. She left six children to the care of her husband, Charles Dust.

In 1955, Elizabeth passed away after a lengthy illness, on July 30.

In 1958, Andrew married a second time. He married Aria Blumpone, lived in Bruno for one year and then moved to Chatham, Ont. In 1968, he returned to Bruno and then took up residence at the Bethany Pioneer Village at Middle Lake. He stayed in Middle Lake for some years and then moved in with his daughter, Lena and her husband, Leo Bender, until his death on Mar. 12, 1978.

Andrew and Elizabeth are at rest at the Bruno Catholic Cemetery.

NETT, PETER AND AURELIA

Peter, son of Andrew and Elizabeth Nett, was born in Strome, Alta. At the age of two, he and his family moved to the Willmont district where they farmed. Peter received his education at Pleasant Grove and at Willmont School. He served in the army from 1942-45. When he came home from the army, he farmed and worked in Hamilton in a steel factory for the winter months.

Aurelia, daughter of Ervin and Katie Stahl, was born in Bruno. She received her education at Hoffman School.

Peter and I were married in 1949, and at that time we took over the farm when his parents retired to Bruno. We had no power for the first eight years. Peter trapped muskrats and chopped wood to supplement our income.



Peter Nett family. Brian, Gary, Harold and Debbie (Nett) Weiman, Aurelia and Peter.

We have three children, Brian, Deborah and Gary. Brian is farming as well as being employed by Redhead Equipment in Saskatoon where he has been for the past nine years. Deborah is a registered nurse at St. Elizabeth Hospital where she has been employed for the past eight years. She is married to Harold Weiman and they have two children, Lori and Amy. Harold is farming and hauling livestock. Gary is also farming and is employed by Zurcher Enterprises.

Peter and I retired to Bruno in 1977.

NETT, JOE AND PHYLLIS

by Joe Nett

I am the son of the late Andrew and Elizabeth Nett. I was born in the Willmont district and raised on the family farm. I received my education at Willmont School and after I continued to help on the family farm, until I was 26 years old. I then started farming on my own and worked at various farms in the Middle Lake and the Bruno area.

In 1951, I married Phyllis (nee Doetzel), daughter of Theodore F. and Barbara Doetzel. She was born in Bruno on May 11, 1931 and was raised on their family farm. She received her education at Stearns School.

We have one daughter, Sandra, born on June 19, 1952. She is now married to Phillip Pantella.

We lived on the farm until 1953, when we moved into Bruno. I worked at various jobs and continued to farm. In 1954, I worked for R. J. Schwingamer and continued to do so for a few years.



Joe and Phyllis Nett and their daughter, Sandra

On Apr. 1, 1957 I went into the livestock trucking business, but sold the business in March of 1966 because of ill health. I continued to farm until 1979. I now have all of my land leased out.

My favourite pastime during the winter is playing cards in the Friendship Center and travelling. During the summer, we live in our summer home at Poplar Beach at Wakaw Lake.

Phyllis worked at the Convent for 13 years and helped me on the farm. Her favourite hobbies are ceramics, bowling and cross country skiing during the winter. We both enjoy fishing and golfing.

GREENSILL, ARTHUR AND KATHERINE (nee Nett)

Katherine was born Oct. 9, 1919 at Strome, Alta. She is the third daughter of Andrew and Elizabeth Nett. In 1921, her parents moved to the Bruno district. She attended school at Willmont and then worked on farms in the area for two years. Katherine moved west and worked for C.N.R. Co. until she was injured in an accident in 1951. She then went back to school and took commercial and secretarial courses. She then became employed by W. H.



Back Row, L to R: Judy, Arthur, Katherine (nee Nett), Linda (Johnson). Front: Gary Greensill and Gordon Johnson.

Malkin Co. in Prince George, B.C. In 1955, Katherine married Arthur Greensill, another Malkin's employee. They have three children:

Gary, a sanitary engineer for the Sacred Heart Parish.

Judy, a certified dental assistant working in Toronto.

Linda, also a certified dental assistant, working with the Lakewood Dental Clinic in Prince George. In July, 1980, Linda married Gordon Johnson and they have one daughter, Elisa Marie, who is one and a half years of age.

Katherine has been employed by the Prince George Regional Hospital for 18 years, while her husband Arthur is now retired after having been with the Malkin Co. for 28 years.

NOTSCHKE, WILLIAM

by Berta Christianson

William (Bill) Notschke was born on Aug. 5, 1881 in Neukirch, Germany. At the age of 22, he immigrated to North Dakota; his uncle paid for his passage. It took him three years to work off the cost of his passage. He then moved to Winkler, Man. where he worked in the construction of a new railroad. He worked for \$2.00 per day, for three years. He paid for his parents, Peter and Rosalie and four sisters passage from Germany to Winkler, Man.

Bill heard that the government was giving away 160 free acres of land in Saskatchewan, so he came to Bruno, picked a number and then travelled to Humboldt to register his land at the land title office. He paid \$10.00 for 160 acres and settled four and one-half miles southwest of Bruno.

In 1909, William was ready to move to Bruno with his family. He bought two oxen, a tent, nails, hammer, 15 chickens, feed for two days, clothing and bedding. This was all loaded into a railroad car on June 7, 1909. One



Peter Notschke with his great, great grandchildren -- twin girls, Sharon and Carol.

man was allowed to ride free with the animals, as they had to be fed, so Bill rode with the livestock, his mother and four sisters rode in the passenger section and his dad hid in the feed box, as he did not have enough money for his fare. It was a two day trip to Bruno. At one of the stations along the way, something went wrong with the rail car that his dad was in. The station master had a repair crew work on the car and they talked and hammered under the feed box and William was afraid they would unload the car. Finally, the repair crew let it pass. They arrived in Bruno on the 10th of June. When the rail car was unloaded, they all stood quietly around as William opened the box. Peter arose from the box and exclaimed, "I'm hungry!"

In January of 1912, Bill journeyed back to Winkler to marry Elisabeth Schulz. They were married on Jan. 7, 1912. They returned to Bruno to their homestead. Elisabeth was born in Russia in 1891 and immigrated to North Dakota with her parents at the age of nine months. She was born while her parents were waiting to board the ship. From North Dakota she journeyed to Winkler, Man.

William was one of the original founders of the Zion Lutheran Church in Bruno in 1914. He was a charter member all of his life and held many offices in the church. In 1914 he was also instrumental in the organization of Medomsley School. His two youngest sisters were among the first to attend Medomsley.

William's oldest sister, Rosella married William Gutthart in Germany and after coming to Canada, homesteaded five miles southwest of Bruno. They retired to Bruno. William Gutthart passed away while they were living in Bruno. Rosella then married Kurt Hempel.



Peter Notschke

Anna Notschke married Jerry Duford. They lived on a farm near Peterson and then moved to Nipawin.

Lena Notschke married John Mirasch and lived in Nanaimo, B.C.

Emely and Marie married Fred and John Eggerbrecht (brothers). Marie and John lived around Peterson on a farm before moving to Wausau, Wisconsin.

William and Elisabeth had eight children, three boys and five girls, Henry, Mary, John, Don, Ann, Bertha, Ella and Hilda. Henry is married to Veronica Bendig. Mary is single and lives in Saskatoon. John married Bernice Simmons and is living in Coquitlam, B.C. Don (Willie) married Leta Featherstenhaugh and is living in Burnaby, B.C. Ann married Frank Pfeil and is living in Hope, B.C. Bertha married Glen Christianson and is living in Saskatoon. Ella married Jack Hunt and lived in Burnaby. Hilda married Bob Settle and is living in Hope.

William and Elisabeth retired from the farm in 1940 and moved to Bruno. They were still farming with horses. Their oldest son, Henry took over the farm.

William passed away on Aug. 28, 1960. They had been married 48 ½ years. Elisabeth passed away on Sept. 30, 1962. Henry passed away on Sept. 11, 1965 and Ella on May 2, 1970.

Thanks to our parents, the children have all had happy lives.



William and Ellsabeth Notschke



William's first house. Lived in this house until 1919. Bill and Henry in front of the house.



William with his three sons, Henry, Don and John



This house on the farm was built in 1919 by Gus Knauer.



The Notschke family



Henry and Veronica with the turkey for Glen and Bertha's honeymoon dinner!

NOTSCHKE, HENRY AND VERONICA

Henry and Veronica (nee Bendig) were married June 21, 1940. That fall, Henry's dad retired to Bruno, and Henry and Veronica started farming the family farm. After just a couple of years, the big change came about -- horse farming to tractor, combining instead of a threshing outfit; hired help was hard to come by because of the war. Young men were in for training or were already overseas, as were two of Henry's brothers. So the turn-over from the horse to the tractor came suddenly. It was hard for Dad to see his good hard-working horses sold either to a mink farm north of Bruno, which was operated by Ray Hauer or sold at the stock yard to be slaughtered.

In 1946 the crop hailed out 100%, it was the very first time hail had ever hit this farm. After trying out the new combine that year and after Dad sitting in the hopper, giving his O.K., Henry went out custom combining. He went to farmers that were not hit by hail. The farmers were also interested in seeing if the combine was the machine to buy. He did Fred Poppenfaus crop, Martin Aldorfer's and Peter Bourauel's flax just when the snow flurries started to come.

Anton Wurm had a grain cleaning machine and if you were lucky enough to get your name down on the list in time, he would come out and clean your spring wheat.

In 1946 a son, Dennis was born and in 1947, another son, Kenneth was born.

Dennis married Gloria Kowalsky. They have three girls, Wendy, Carrie and Shayna. They live in Perdue, Sask. where they have a Shop-Rite store.

Kenneth married Fern Johnson, and they have two girls, Shari and Paula. They live at Young, Sask. where Ken is an electrician employed with Central Canada Potash ever since it was built.

Henry passed away Sept. 11, 1965. The farm, at present, is being rented out. Veronica is retired and lives in Saskatoon.



Henry and Veronica Notschke with their sons, Dennis and Kenneth.

OLCHOWSKY, MICHAEL AND EVA

by Stella Wawryk and Bernadette White

Michael and Eva (nee Galgan) were born in Russia of Polish descent. Before World War I, Michael came to work in Canada while Eva and the children farmed the land in Russia. When war broke out, Michael returned to Europe.

In 1925, Michael and his son, Bruce, returned to work at various jobs in Saskatchewan. Eva, with three children, Frank, Stella and Rose, followed in March of 1926. They lived north of Dana for a few months until they purchased land southwest of Dana. In 1927, Michael Jr., after release from the Russian army, also came to Canada.

Eva and Michael worked hard farming until they retired to Saskatoon in 1944. Michael died in March of 1951 and Eva in December of 1961.

Bruce married Emily Galus in 1946 in Saskatoon. They had two children. They were living in Edmonton when Bruce died in October of 1968.

Frank married Mary Knoke in 1944. They farmed the Olchowsky land in Dana for a few years before settling at Bruno. They had nine children. Frank passed away in Bruno on Nov. 1, 1975.

Stella married John J. Wawryk in 1946 and had three children. They still reside near Peterson.

Rose has worked and lived in Saskatoon since 1944.

Michael Jr. worked and lived in and near Saskatoon until his death in January of 1982.

OLCHOWSKI, FRANK AND MARY

Frank Olchowski came to Canada as a young boy with his parents, Mike and Eva Olchowski. They lived on a farm in Dana. Frank married Mary Knoke, daughter of Joseph and Mary Knoke, in 1944. In 1946, Frank sold the farm in Dana and bought a half section of land northwest of Bruno. They lived there until 1953 when they moved the house to Bruno, sold the cattle and grain farmed. Frank was also a carpenter and did quite a lot of carpenter work in the Bruno district.

Frank and Mary had nine children. Diane married Bryan Wright. They lived in Saskatoon, where Diane worked for Sask. Tel. She passed away in 1975, at the age of 30 from cancer.

Carol is a lawyer. She makes her home in Toronto.

Elaine married Dick DuWors. They make their home in Ottawa where Dick teaches at Carleton University.

Ron married Gloria Sanjenko of Regina. Ron is a mechanical engineer.



Frank Olchowski family. Back Row, L to R: Ron, Patrick, Elaine, Colette, Carol and Gary. Front: Diane, Frank, Dan, Brent and Mary.

Pat married Mary Bourne. They have one son, Michael. Pat and Mary make their home in Saskatoon, where Pat works as an electronic technician.

Gary married Dianne Tarnowski. They make their home in Bruno where Gary is employed by Bruno Lumber and Dianne by The Other Half.

Colette married Larry Schwark of Cudworth. They have two children, Darryl and Brianne. They make their home in Golden Prairie where Larry teaches school.

Danny married Donna Tarnowski. They make their home in Bruno. Dan works at the Colonsay Potash Mine and Donna works in their store (The Other Half) with her sister, Dianne.

Frank passed away on Nov. 1, 1975.

Mary remarried two years later to Roman Urban. Roman, the fourth child in a family of 13 children, was born to John and Elizabeth Urban (nee Holfels). Roman was born on Nov. 22, 1919 on a farm three miles east of Bruno. He went to school in Bruno until he was 15 years old, and then went to work for John Schreiner as a hired hand. In 1941, he was called to the army. He spent five

and one-half years in the army, after which he worked for farmers around Bruno during the summer and worked as a pulp cutter in Arden, Ont. and Levack, Ont. underground during the winter. Roman started farming in 1950 and continues to do so at the present time.

Roman, Mary and her son, Brent, live on the farm, two and one-half miles northeast of Bruno.



Diane, oldest daughter, at their farm home in Dana.



Roman and Mary Urban



Cordwood that Frank chopped by hand on his farm in Dana, 1945.

OLCHOWSKI, GARY AND DIANNE

written by Dianne

Gary is the third son of Frank and Mary Olchowski and was born in St. Elizabeth Hospital on Oct. 9, 1955. Gary was raised and received all of his education in Bruno. In 1973, after graduation he worked for the Saskatchewan



Gary and Dianne Olchowski, 1976

Wheat Pool, C.F.S. Dana and in 1975 moved to Saskatoon where he worked for Ens Toyota for the next four years.

I am the oldest daughter of Mat and Frances Tarnowski and was born on July 5, 1956. We lived in a teacherage, known as Keller School, in the Fulda district until 1961, when we moved to Bruno where Dad took a position with the staff of the Bruno high school. I received all of my education in Bruno and graduated in 1974. In September I moved to Saskatoon and successfully completed an accounting course at the Saskatoon Business College. After receiving my diploma, I was employed by the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Main Branch, where I worked until May of 1979 holding the position of head of the Securities Department.

Gary and I were married on July 24, 1976 in St. Bruno Catholic Church and continued to reside in Saskatoon until 1979 when we moved back home to Bruno.

Gary is presently employed by Bruno Lumber Supply Ltd. and takes interest in bowling, is a member of the Bruno and District Volunteer Fire Department and holds a position on the executive of the Bruno Chamber of Commerce.

My sister, Donna and I, run The Other Half, a clothing store, and enjoy it immensely as we started the store from the ground up and have been able to watch it grow since its inception. I also enjoy bowling, gardening, and am a member of the Bruno Chamber of Commerce, the Recreation Board, the Council of the Town of Bruno and the committee that compiled the history for this book.

Both Gary and I are very happy with our decision to return to our home town. We try to be as active in the community as we possibly can and derive a great deal of satisfaction from our efforts. Bruno, I think, will be the only place that we will ever really call "home".

OLCHOWSKI, DAN AND DONNA

written by Donna

Danny was born on Apr. 12, 1958 to Frank and Mary (nee Knoke) Olchowski and is the second youngest in a family of nine children. Danny attended the old brick school in Bruno for one and one-half years until his class was shifted to the present elementary school. He graduated from Bruno High in 1976.

Danny obtained a certificate in farm machinery mechanics from the Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon and after his mechanical schooling, he worked as a mechanic for one year before going to work as an underground miner at Central Canada Potash, Colonsay, where he is presently employed.

I was born on June 5, 1959 to Mat and Frances (nee Sielski) Tarnowski at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Humboldt. At that time, Mom and Dad made their home west of Fulda in a pine grove surrounded school yard known as Keller School. Dad taught school in the one room schoolhouse for a number of years until he obtained a teaching position in Prud'homme. In 1961, Dad obtained a teaching position in Bruno where he taught until 1977, the same year I graduated from high school.

During my school years, I was very active in athletics, drama and in team sports in which I was the co-recipient of the Athletic Award in grade 12. I received many awards for acting in school drama productions.

I attended Kelsey Institute in Saskatoon and obtained my diploma in technology in recreation in 1979. While attending Kelsey, I did some volunteer work at the Spadina Child Care Co-operative. I am presently co-managing



Dan and Donna Olchowski

The Other Half, a ready to wear clothing store, a small business which our family opened in 1979.

Danny and I were married on May 31, 1980 and make our home in Bruno in what was Danny's home as a boy. The farmer in Danny started to take hold in 1982 and he now farms some of his mother's land just a few miles north of Bruno.

Danny and I enjoy participating in many sports and recreational activities.

OTT, JOHANNA

by Tillie Bendig (niece)

Johanna came to Canada in 1904 with her sister, Anna Thiel and family, to a homestead eight miles north of Bruno. Johanna kept house for Father Leo for 11 years. She originally came from Colorado where she was a cook for a wealthy family. She sure could roast a nice turkey and always made celery dressing with it. I first met her in 1915; she was my baptism sponsor with Uncle Jim Thiel, Dad's brother.

They lived on the farm until Grandpa died and then the two sisters, Anna and Johanna moved to Bruno to a house which still stands (now Mrs. Joe Weiman). They lived for many years in Bruno with their grandma until her death on December 25 at the age of 80 years. Johanna continued to live in the house alone. In 1935, I took up hair dressing and opened the Fashion Beauty Parlour in her house on July 13. My first customer was Mrs. John Frantz.

The '30's were hard times and since there was no pension, Aunt Johanna started to work for Father Bernard for \$15.00 a month. It sure helped even though veal chops were five cents a cut,

milk was ten cents a pail and we grew vegetables in a garden. I tried to help, but perms only cost \$2.00 each and some ladies could not afford to pay that.

In 1942, I bought a place on Main Street which used to belong to Hargartens. It was right beside the drug store. I was there for 12 years, which I really enjoyed. Things got better and I had a lot more work.

Johanna Ott died on a very cold winter night in 1946. She must have got up to put wood in the heater and either fell or had a stroke. Uncle Robert and my sister, Elvira, found her half frozen. She only lived a few hours after she was found. Johanna was buried in St. Bruno's cemetery.



Tillie (Thiel) Bendig --
hairdresser at Johanna
Ott's house.



L to R: Tillie Bendig, Rosella Hamm, Miss Johanna Ott, Mrs. Irmen, Mrs. E. Stahl, Mrs. Rose Hamm and Mrs. Alex Pulvermacher.



Johanna Ott - second from left

PANTELLA, MICHAEL AND PETRUNELLA

by P. R. Pantella

Michael, my husband, was born on Aug. 26, 1915 to Fred and Mary Pantella on the farm north of the Dana hamlet. He attended the Dana school to grade 10, then completed his grades 11 and 12 in City Park Collegiate in Saskatoon. He received his teacher training at the Saskatoon Normal School during 1934-35. He taught in a country school for one and a half years, then in the Dana two-roomed school as principal for 32 years. When the enrolment dropped drastically, Dana School was closed and Michael was transferred to the Bruno Central High School as teacher of Social Studies and English in Junior High Division. After six years, he retired from teaching in 1973.

I was born on May 30, 1915 to Anthony and Maria Symak on my grandmother's farm west of Cudworth. When I was eight years old, my parents moved the family to the village of Cudworth, where my dad was employed as clerk and mechanic for C. E. Reid. I attended the Cudworth school until I graduated from grade 12. I attended the University of Saskatchewan on a scholarship in 1933-34. The next year, I obtained my teacher training at the Saskatoon Normal School. I spent three years teaching in country schools, 24 years as junior room teacher in the Dana school and six years in the Bruno elementary school. I retired from teaching in 1975.

Mike and I were married in June of 1938. We have four children, one daughter and three sons. We spent more



Pat and Mike Pantella and their children, Madaline and Morris Sluchinski, Eugene, Phillip and Daniel Pantella, Christmas, 1965.

than half our lives in teacherages. In 1963, we built ourselves a house in Dana marking our 25th anniversary. We had our house moved to Bruno in the summer of 1973, and it is located in a very special and convenient place. We have only to walk through the back lane to reach Main Street and such good shopping places do we have in our town of Bruno! There are two ladies shops with an excellent variety of styles to suit all ages; the men's and boy's store, a lumber yard, a hotel, a cafe, a bank and a credit union, a post office, a hardware, three grocery stores, and a drug store, two hair stylists and a barber shop and even a ceramic shop where some ladies can idle their hours away at creating beautiful hand-work. Our senior citizens building is always busy with various games and get-togethers to satisfy the retired people. There is also a library that offers books and tapes for rent, and the supervisor has weekly story hour and movies for the children. The church is within walking distance, so life for the retirees is full of contentment and peace.

Our front window faces the elementary school, so we see children at play during recess and noon hour during the summer and in winter. We can almost tell what season approaches by the kind of games the pupils play outdoors. We see the school buses arrive in the morning and in the afternoon we hear the joyous shouts and laughter of the boys and girls as they come and leave the school. So after years in the classroom, we are still not separated from the eager and happy youngsters that fill the classrooms across the road.

And while I am writing this, I think of what our book "Up To Now" is supposed to be about. We are enjoying cosy and warm homes with our electrical appliances and lights and running water only to push buttons or plug in to get our work done, be it cooking, house cleaning or clothes washing. Then my mind wanders to 50 or so years ago when our basic necessities were obtained with difficulty and hard work. Despite the fact that wells supplied our water, sometime they were very deep and the water was not too fit for consumption. That is when we had to catch every drop of rain for the water supply in summer; and fit a good sized barrel in the kitchen for snow melting in winter. The clothes washing was done for hours over the wash tub on a washboard and the lady of the house tried to have the clothes hanging out before noon. When they were dry the ironing had to be done with sad irons heated on the wood stove in the kitchen. That chore was rather unpleasantly hot during the summer months. During the winter months, clothes hanging outdoors was quite an achievement as the garments usually stiffened before they were properly pinned down. After a blizzard, what fun it was to go searching for the frozen clothes elsewhere in the yard or the neighbours! But they were easily spied, as they looked like sails of a ship at sea.

Nevertheless, winters were really great! There seemed to be an endless chore of bringing in wood for fuel and then carrying out the ashes from the stove. What a big deal it was getting the wood supply for the school and teacherage! The ratepayers hauled into the yard load after load of cut down trees from their bushes until there seemed to be no room for the children's games outdoors. Then a day was set aside to saw up the wood; it usually took five or six men to run the saw and the motor. After several hours, there stood a mountain of wood, some dry and some raw to be seasoned. The children enjoyed digging the snow away to get at the woodpile after a good winter storm. We had to have an ample supply indoors to keep the fire burning, because the teacherages were not insulated and windows and doors were not well fitted. Sometimes there was plenty of cold fresh air blowing in. Then, of course, one mustn't forget the chimney cleaning several times a year to avoid any unnecessary chimney blazes.



Pat and Mike on their 45th wedding anniversary

Without T.V. or radio to entertain us, strange as it may seem, none of us were bored. There was always a task to be done. We had several hours of checking workbooks and planning lessons since our two classrooms held 11 grades and an average of 60 pupils yearly.

Also, life in a small community meant being involved with church affairs, Christmas concerts, fall bazaars, summer sport days, bingos and dances.

Most of the children enjoyed going to school, then, because they loved getting together with their friends and because they could rest from the numerous chores they had to fulfill at home on the farm. They even appreciated books and studying and many winter noon hours and recesses were spent by an older pupil reading stories to the younger ones. Now, our own grandchildren think we tell them stories when we relate incidents of our life in the past.



The Pantella family

Our daughter, Madaline married Morris Sluchinski, and they live in Saskatoon. Morris is a consulting engineer for Underwood McLellan Ltd. Madaline teaches in the Separate School system. They have two children, Michelle who is attending the University of Saskatchewan and Michael who is an avid swimmer and is a pupil of Mr. Lyle Hassen, who once was our pupil in Dana School.

Our son, Eugene married Carol Pollock of Preeceville. He is employed with Intercomp as manager production services. They have four children, Marc in senior high, Andrea in junior high, Carmen in elementary and little Janna at home. They live in Calgary.

Our son, Philip married Sandra Nett of Bruno and they have two daughters, Danielle and Nicole. They live in Calgary where Phil is president of Petresim Engineering, a consulting company in the oil industry.

Daniel married Myrna Mueller of Humboldt and they live in Regina. Dan is with Deloitte, Haskins and Sells Associates as a management consultant. Myrna is employed as a secretary in the Land Titles Department.

In conclusion, we salute the pioneers of this community for possessing the courage to make this a place for us to enjoy.

PANTELLA, PHIL AND SANDRA

told by Sandra

I am the only child of Joe and Phyllis Nett and was born on June 19, 1952 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Humboldt, Sask.

I attended the elementary school in Bruno and St. Ursula's Academy, Bruno, for my high school years. I then moved to Saskatoon and attended Robertson's Secretarial School.

In September of 1971, I married Phil Pantella and we resided in Saskatoon for more than a year while Phil

finished his university classes. From Saskatoon, we moved to Edmonton, then to Calgary and then overseas to the Netherlands for over three years. Between holidays and business trips, Phil and I were always digging out the travel brochures to plan the upcoming trips. We covered Europe, including the East Block and Scandinavian countries plus had ventures to India, Africa and Greece.

After moving back to Calgary, we had our little girl, Danielle, born in December of 1978 and now our most recent addition is Nicole, born in November of 1983. Phil says he now has two nail pounders to help him finish our cabin in the mountains, where we enjoy skiing, swimming and skating. Danielle already enjoys doing all these things with us.

Phil and a co-worker formed their own Engineering Consulting Firm in 1980 and are doing well and enjoying the challenge of it all.

PAYDLI, MIKE AND MARY

Mike Paydli, born Sept. 9, 1906, was the second son of John Paydli and Julia Yanocki, who came from Hungary to Canada by ship in 1903. They settled in the Rosthern area where John worked on the railway until homestead rights were taken out on land north of Bruno, where they resided and raised a family of ten.

In 1927 Mike moved nine miles south of Bruno, where for six years, he farmed his grandfather Yanocki's land. A bumper crop of 2000 bushels of wheat was harvested from 80 acres in 1928. This grain he sold for 80 cents a bushel.

In 1932 he married Mary Babich, daughter of Steve Babich and Mary Kaitzu, who resided in the Middle Lake area. Mary came to Bruno in 1931 to find work as a domestic. Mike and Mary resided north of Bruno where they farmed until 1960.

1945 was a memorable year for them; they began to prosper so were able to build their first frame house and barn. A John Deere tractor was purchased to replace the horses which had been used to carry out the work of the mixed farming operation. Earlier tractors such as the Titan were used mainly for land clearing.

After moving to Bruno in 1960 for semi-retirement, Mike and Mary both worked at the Dana Radar Base for two years. The summers spent at Wakaw Lake, where they own a cabin, gives them opportunity to enjoy their favourite pastime -- fishing.

Mary and Mike have five sons who received their education at Willing School and Bruno.

Donald, born Sept. 29, 1933, married Geraldine Stahl, daughter of Charles Stahl and Rosie Bourauel of Bruno in

1957. Don worked on highway and railway construction before he began farming north of Bruno in 1953. While farming, he also worked for the municipality of Bayne and in the community with bulk fuel sales and delivery. They moved to Saskatoon in 1968 when Don accepted employment with the Department of Veterans Affairs. He is presently employed with Cominco Potash Mines where he worked for the past ten years. Although he no longer farms in the Bruno district, farming, with the assistance of his three sons, is still his main occupation in the Lost River district. Don became very actively involved with young people; coached boys and girls fastball and hockey for many years. He was awarded the Certificate of Merit for Service and Dedication to Youth by the Knights of Columbus. Geraldine pursued ceramics as a hobby, career and instructs classes for the City of Saskatoon Parks and Recreation.

Don and Gerry's family consists of three sons and two daughters. Ronald and Lionel are following their father's footsteps and working as mill operators for Cominco Potash. Kalmen went in the industrial field also, working for Krammer Tractor. Carla, graduate of Robertson Secretarial School, married Don Hamel, a switchman with Saskatchewan Telecommunications. They have three children: David, Christine and RaeAnn. Lorelei is pre-



Loran and Myrtle Paydli and their children, Maureen and Glen

sently attending University of Saskatchewan working towards her physical education degree specializing in administration.

Loran, born Sept. 7, 1936, combines farming and business investments for a livelihood. After receiving his education, he left Bruno to work in various areas of Alberta. Upon returning to Saskatchewan in 1957, he worked in Saskatoon until he took over the family farm when his parents retired. On June 6, 1959, he married Myrtle Cody, daughter of Edward and Rosella Cody of Pilger. They have two children: Glen, who is presently attending high school in Bruno; and Maureen, a university Fine Arts student, married Gerard Tetzlaff who is pursuing journalism and farming. They are residing in Saskatoon.

Loran, an avid sports enthusiast, enjoys hunting, trapping, curling and bowling. He also enjoys entertaining with his piano accordion at parties. Myrtle shares in Loran's endeavours to keep the ice clean when they curl and she also enjoys bowling.

Francis, born Mar. 9, 1938, left Bruno to work in the bank at Watrous and continue his education in accounting. He is presently employed with the Federal Department of Indian Affairs as a financial advisor audit officer. He married Maxine Moore in 1961. They have three children: Rodney, studying engineering at the University of Saskatchewan; Sharon married to Ernest Fuchs; and Kim, attending school.

Joseph, born June 8, 1945, received his T.V. and radio technician training in Toronto. He worked several years for the Department of Northern Affairs before taking his present position in Yorkton with the RCMP Radio Communications. He married Maxine Cottingham. They have four children: Mona, David, Steven and Karen.

Allan, born Dec. 6, 1948, has made mining his career. He worked in the Thompson Silver Mines before returning to Saskatchewan to work in the potash mine at Allan where he is presently employed. He has two daughters: Sue-Ann and Sherry. Allan enjoys playing broomball during the winter and throwing a mean fastball in the summer.

PAYDLI, JOHN AND JULIA

John and Julia (nee Yanocki) immigrated from Parakate, Hungary in 1903. They first resided in Rosthern where John worked on the railroad.

In 1905 they homesteaded to the Bruno district on S.E. 30-39-24. John and Julia had a family of ten children.

They later retired to the town of Bruno.



John Paydli Sr. family. Back, L to R: Frank, Liz, John, Annie, Mike. Middle: John Sr., Theresa, Julia, Joe. Front: Peter and Julia.

PAYDLI, JOSEPH AND ISABELLE

Joe was born in 1908 on his parent's farm and Isabelle was born in 1916. They were married in 1937 and made their home in the Bruno district on S.W. 39-24-39. Joe and Isabelle (nee Lang) grain farmed and raised livestock.

Joe and Isabelle had six children.

Fabian, born in 1938, married Marcella (nee Frank) and now lives and farms in the Fulda district. They have three children: Barry, Kevin and Nicole.

Marcel, born in 1939, married Erna (nee Schwengenschagel) and they now farm the home place. They have two children: Gary and Wayne.

Yvette, born in 1942, married Henry Hauber and live and farm in the Cudworth district. They have four children: James, Russel (married Sherry Kosmyka), Allan and Lisa.

Dorian, born in 1948, married Bernadette Albers. They live in Melfort where Dorian works for the Unemployment Insurance Commission. Dorian and Bernadette have two children, Adine and Ian.

Glenda, born in 1952, married Ronald Solway (now deceased). Glenda works as a beautician in Humboldt. She has one child, Terry-Lyn.

Linda, born in 1954, married Clinton Thacker. Clint drives a semi-trailer. Linda and Clint make their home in St. Gregor. They have one child, Natashaia.

Isabelle Paydli died on Sept. 3, 1960. Joe retired from farming in 1962 and moved to Humboldt where he worked for the Co-operative Creamery until his retirement. In 1973, Joe married Laurina (Miller) (nee Duerr), widow and mother of five children.

Joe and Laurina reside in Humboldt.



Joe and Laurina Paydli



Joe Paydli family. Back, L to R: Marcel, Dorian, Fabian, Joe. Center: Linda, Eyvette. Front: Glenda. Inset: Isabelle.



Paydli home was originally built in 1902 by Math and Otto Mickh who moved back to North Dakota during 1920's. The house was remodelled in 1955 and is now the Leo Schulte home.

PERRY, E. J.

Ernest Jess Perry, a locksmith, was born on May 24, 1892. He came to Napanee, Ont. in 1910 from Wolverhampton, England with his uncle Henry Turner, to start farming. He married Ella May Matthews, born on Dec. 27, 1894 in Fredricksburg, Ont. on Mar. 18, 1916.

Ernest brought his family to Bruno in October of 1919 and settled on Aaron Boak's land, the S.E. 12-37-26 W2 in the Kildrum district. Ella and the children hauled water for drinking and cooking in an eight gallon cream can on their little red wagon from a well a quarter of a mile away. Ella got washwater from a nearby slough.

Mushrooms were plentiful in season and there was an abundance of wild fruit, especially wild strawberries. As a pastime, the children would hunt gophers and chase garter snakes.

I, Florence, the oldest of the family, and Elsie, my sister, were born in Ontario, while Margaret, Lillian and Douglas were born in Saskatchewan.

I remember the grand time we had at the Kildrum school picnics. I went for swing rides with the Thomson girls and played with Cathleen, Donald and Walter Harvey and Hazel and Jamie Robinson. We also enjoyed the cart rides pulled by a Shetland pony owned by Ernie and Elsie S.

A major attraction to brighten our Christmas was the school concert. They were really a blessing and an eye saver. As the days grew shorter and the intensity of the light in the classroom became less, more practise on the program replaced the routine of text book learning.

The big snow storm in the early 1920's blocked the door of the house. We had to gradually work the storm door open and carve a set of stairs out of the snow in order to get out. In the same manner, a set of stairs was made to get down into the barn to feed the cattle, the pig and the chickens.

Ernest and Ella Perry moved from Bruno to Paddockwood and then to Prince Albert. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in 1966.

Ernest died in 1974. Ella, who is going to be 90 years old soon, still resides in Prince Albert. The Perry's have 49 direct descendants.

We shall never forget all of the happy days and the fine neighbours in Bruno.

The Perry children: Florence, born on Jan. 6, 1914, married Ezra Dean of Meath Park on July 9, 1930. Ernest and Ella were blessed with seven grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. Our children: Stewart, Robert, Ruby, Bonnie, Zerah, Ellis and Elva. Stewart, born on Sept. 18, 1931, married Iris Nakonechny. They have two children, Shelley, born on Oct. 25, 1966 and Michael, born on Dec. 14, 1968. Both children are attending high school. Stewart farms in Meath Park.

Robert Dean, born on Dec. 18, 1935, worked on a farm at Ridgedale. He died of cancer in 1955.

Ruby Dean, born on Sept. 19, 1937, married Lawrence Hrischuk who was employed by Nipawin Concrete Plant. They had two children, Linda, born Jan. 13, 1960 and Rodney, born on Aug. 31, 1961. Linda works in Calgary for the Alberta Telephone Company while Rodney is also employed in Calgary. After Lawrence's death, Ruby married Welton Stewart. They have two daughters, Darcy, born on Apr. 26, 1971 and Rosetta, born on July 17, 1972. Welton works at C.S.P. Foods of Nipawin and Ruby worked at the P.A. sanitorium and the Nipawin hospital.

Bonnie, born on Jan. 1, 1946, married George Hess. They have three children, Robert, born Apr. 23, 1963; Henrietta, born Nov. 20, 1964; and Marguerite, born on Mar. 28, 1969. Robert is now working for Sask Tel and Henrietta is the proprietress of Codette Acme Signs. George is the principal of the Codette school and Bonnie taught kindergarten in Codette for six years.

Zerah Dean, born Jan. 20, 1948, now works in Saskatoon.

Ellis Dean, born on May 3, 1953, married Melody Dawes, a nurse at the Nipawin hospital. They have two boys, Wade, born Mar. 12, 1981 and Layne, born Jan. 23, 1982. Ellis is an electrician for C.S.P. Foods in Nipawin.

Elva Dean, born on June 21, 1954, married Ken Skiftun. They have two children, Curtis, born on Aug. 14, 1979 and Kendra, born on Feb. 12, 1981. Ken is employed by Skiftun Construction and Elva is a hair stylist in Prince Albert.

Ezra Dean died on May 19, 1973 and I married Conrad Wilkes on Aug. 8, 1975.

Elsie Perry, second child of Ernest and Ella, was born on Nov. 5, 1918. She married John McKenzie who is employed at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. They have two children, Audrey and James. Audrey married Allan Jamison. They have one daughter, Amanda, born on Aug. 11, 1980. Audrey worked at the university as well. James works in Saskatoon.

Margaret Perry, third child of Ernest and Ella, was born on Jan. 1, 1927 and married Bernard Sarginson. Bernard worked at the power plant at the Prince Albert penitentiary. They have five children: Linda, Kathleen, Wayne, Brian and Beverley. Linda, born on Sept. 11, 1947, married Fred Smith, who is the manager of three furniture stores. Linda and Fred have three children: Sheila, born Jan. 28, 1971; Sharon, born on July 31, 1974 and Linda.

Kathleen Sarginson, born on Aug. 21, 1949, married Ben Medernock, a potash miner. They have four children: Trudy, born on Feb. 27, 1970; Carrie, born on Mar. 20, 1971; Leslie, born Mar. 13, 1975; and Melisa, born on Sept. 13, 1980. Kathleen is a registered nurse.

Wayne Sarginson, born Oct. 5, 1952, married Sandra Higgins. They have one daughter, Tanys, born on Aug. 7, 1983. Wayne and his family make their home in British Columbia.

Brian Sarginson was born on May 11, 1954. He and his wife, Theresa, have two daughters, Tracy, born on Sept. 1, 1974 and Sheri, born on July 15, 1976. Brian works in a bakery.

Beverley Sarginson, born on Sept. 14, 1957, married Edward Allen of Prince Albert. They have two children, Camille, born on June 13, 1981 and Stacie, born on Sept. 5, 1983. Ed drove taxi in Prince Albert.

Lillian Perry, fourth child of Ernest and Ella, was born on Jan. 1, 1935 and married James Johnston who worked for the Vancouver police force. They have two children, Marlene and Rodney.

Marlene Johnston, born on Oct. 30, 1953, married Ken Graham. They have three children: Bradi, born on Jan. 7, 1976; Stacie, born on May 17, 1980; and Ashley, born on July 22, 1983.

Rodney (Jimmie), born on Feb. 14, 1955, married Terri Liepe. They have one son, Jason, born on Sept. 9, 1974. Rodney is in the navy.



L to R: Ernest Perry, Ella Perry, Mrs. Robinson. Front Row: Hazel Robinson, Elsie Perry, Jamie Robinson and Florence Perry.

Douglas Perry, fifth child of Ernest and Ella, was born on Aug. 29, 1935. He married Helen Massie and has two children, Jennifer, born on Nov. 21, 1967 and Ian, born on Nov. 29, 1971. Douglas is the editor of the Prince George Citizen.

PFEIL, ALOIS

by Lorrence Pfeil

Alois was born Aug. 24, 1882 in Hungary. At the age of 19, he left his homeland and set sail for Winnipeg, Canada. He worked for the C.N.R. for several years and also in a hog slaughtering plant.

On June 29, 1907, he married Anna Koffing. She was born Sept. 28, 1890 in Austria, Hungary (now Poland). Anna, her parents and her family came to Winnipeg in 1906.

In April of 1910 Alois and Anna, with his father, moved to a farm in the Carmel district. In the year 1911, Dad and Mom bought their own farm ten miles south of Bruno in the Kildrum district. The children all attended school in Kildrum, three and one-half miles away -- in the summer on foot, in the later years with cart and horse, and in the winter by team and sleigh.

There were no buildings on the land they bought. They built a two-room house framed with poplar poles and filled with sod, plastered with a layer of clay and straw which stuck to the walls and weathered quite well. The roof was made of poles and straw. One windy day the wind blew the roof away. It was then replaced with lumber and shingles. Two more rooms were added on to the house later. These walls were also made of poplar poles and sod and plastered as were the original walls but with a lumber roof. This house stood and was used until the late 1950's.

Chickens, geese, hogs, cattle and grain were raised. In the '30's, farming became very difficult with hot weather, strong winds, lack of moisture and poor prices received for the products that were grown and produced. Due to the lack of moisture, weeds became a big problem. Russian thistle and sow thistle thrived in dry conditions taking the little moisture away from the crop that was received. 1937 was the worst year with dust storms and lack of moisture. The little crop that was grown had to be kept for feed for the stock. There was just enough threshed for seed for the next year. In 1938 crop production picked up quite favourably.

Dad lived on the farm until his death June 4, 1951. Mom lived on the farm until 1963. She bought a house in Bruno and lived there until her death Apr. 9, 1975.

Dad and Mom had 12 children -- nine boys and three girls. The oldest, Joseph, was born Mar. 20, 1908. He



Back Row, L to R: Mike, Luy, Joe, Frank, Roman, Jack and Lorrence. Front Row: Annie, Wilbert. Seated are Alois and Anna (parents), Marie and Eva.

married Ida Schultz. He farmed and is presently retired in Bruno.

Eva was born Jan. 24, 1910. She married Hans Stumpf. They farmed at Fairview, Alta. until Hans' death Oct. 31, 1958. Eva is presently retired in Leduc, Alta.

Michael was born Dec. 9, 1911. He married Eva Taylor. Mike became a barber. He is presently retired in Chilliwack, B.C.

Luy (Alois) was born Dec. 19, 1914. He married Dorothy Thomas. He worked for the C.N.R. and is presently retired in Saskatoon.

Frank was born Mar. 28, 1916. He married Annie Notschke. He worked at Seagram's Distillery in Vancouver. He is presently retired in Hope, B.C.

Annie was born May 29, 1918. She married Mike Strilchuk. They lived, worked and are presently retired in Richmond (a suburb of Vancouver).

Jacob was born June 1, 1920. He married Agnes Bultowa. He served in World War II. Jacob passed away July 27, 1947.

Roman was born Nov. 4, 1922. He married Elizabeth Becker. He also served in World War II. After the war, he became a carpenter. He retired in Saskatoon. Roman passed away Aug. 3, 1983.



Alois Pfeil farm yard, 1950's.

Lorrence was born Aug. 6, 1925. I married Rose Monz. I originally started farming on the home farm. We moved to the Hastie farm in the Plunkett district where we are presently farming.

Wilbert was born Oct. 25, 1927. He married Patricia Bourauel. They farmed on the home farm until 1981 and then moved to the Louis Bentley farm in the Viscount area. He passed away Nov. 9, 1982.

Leonard was born Nov. 20, 1929. He passed away as an infant on Mar. 12, 1930.

Marie was born Oct. 12, 1933. She married David Bowman and is presently farming in the Golden Acre (Carmel) district.

PFEIL, FRANK

written by Frank Pfeil

I was born in 1916 in Bruno, Sask. I went to Kildrum School and lived at home to help on the farm. In 1940, I married Ann Notschke, also from the Bruno area. We moved to British Columbia where I worked at different jobs. In 1946 I started working for the B.C. Distillery. I worked there for 27 years. In 1974 we moved to Hope, B.C. We have four children, Sharon and Carel, the twins, were born in 1941. Wayne was born in 1946 and Gordon in 1948.

Sharon worked as a hairdresser and married Robert Pfeifer. They had four children, Shelly, Jody, Tammy and Jeffery. Sharon had a divorce and married Barry Weber in 1974. Sharon is living in Comox, B.C.

Carel was an X-ray technician. She married Gordon Hendricks. They live in Surrey, B.C. and have two children, Lori and Gary.



Frank Pfeil, his daughter, Sharon and her family, Shelly, Jody, Tammy and Jeffery.

Wayne has worked for Safeway Stores. He married Linda McKinnly in 1967. They live in Delta, B.C. and have one son, Christopher.

Gordon passed away in 1952 at the age of three and one-half.



Gordon and Carel (Pfeil) Kendricks and their children, Lori and Gary.



Wayne and Linda Pfeil and their son, Christopher.

PFEIL, WILBERT AND PATRICIA

Wilbert was born in a home in the Kildrum district where he also went to school. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Alois Pfeil who farmed in the Kildrum area. As a young man, Wilbert was very active in sports and played softball with the Kildrum team. Later he coached the Kildrum softball team. Wilbert also coached Bruno minor hockey teams for four years.

When Wilbert took over his parent's farm, he built and operated a pig farm until 1981 when the farm was sold. He was a municipal councillor for the R.M. of Viscount for ten years as well as being a member of the Knights of Columbus. Wilbert died suddenly in Rochester, Minnesota on Nov. 9, 1982.

Patricia (nee Bourauel) was born on Jan. 6, 1939 in Bruno and received her elementary education at the Bruno public school. After her graduation from the Ursuline Academy, she attended Robertson's Secretary School in Saskatoon. She worked for a year at the Humboldt Town Office. Patricia married Wilbert Pfeil on Apr. 21, 1960 and they farmed in the Kildrum and Viscount area. Patricia was a member of the Bruno Lions Junior Band and was the organist in St. Bruno's Church. Patricia is carrying on the farming with her boys.

Wilbert and Patricia had eight children: Patrick, born Mar. 11, 1961 is farming at home; Michael, born Feb. 8, 1962 is attending university in Saskatoon; Joseph, born June 19, 1963 is working at the Lanigan Swine Barns; Norman, born Apr. 22, 1965 is attending Kelsey in Saskatoon; Mark, born May 29, 1967 is attending high school in Viscount; Anna born on July 15, 1969, is attending high school in Viscount; Dennis, born on Mar. 18, 1971 is attending St. Alphonse Separate School in Viscount; and Donna, born on Nov. 2, 1973, is attending St. Alphonse Separate School, as well.



Wilbert Pfeil family. Standing, l to r: Mark, Joseph, Peter, Norman, Anna, Michael and Dennis. Front: Patricia, Donna and Wilbert.

PODJAN, JIM AND DIANE

by Diane

Jim Podjan was the manager at the Royal Bank in Bruno from October of 1975 to January of 1979.

Jim, Diane, Jeff and Greg enjoyed their friends and activities they shared while in Bruno. Jeff was seven years of age when he came to Bruno and Greg was four. Greg started school in Bruno.

Our family still recalls the warmth we received while living in Bruno.

POLANIK, DANIEL AND KSENIA

Daniel and Ksenia (nee Shule) took up a homestead in 1911, five miles south of Bruno and settled on N.E. 17-37-25 W2. They were both born and raised in the village of Starn Solo, Olyshych near Jarestaw, located on the border of Poland and the Ukraine.

Before coming to the Bruno district, Dan had immigrated to his sister's place near Winnipeg, Man. Dan also worked near Winnipeg with the railway for a few years and then worked in Prince Rupert, B.C. at a lumber camp.

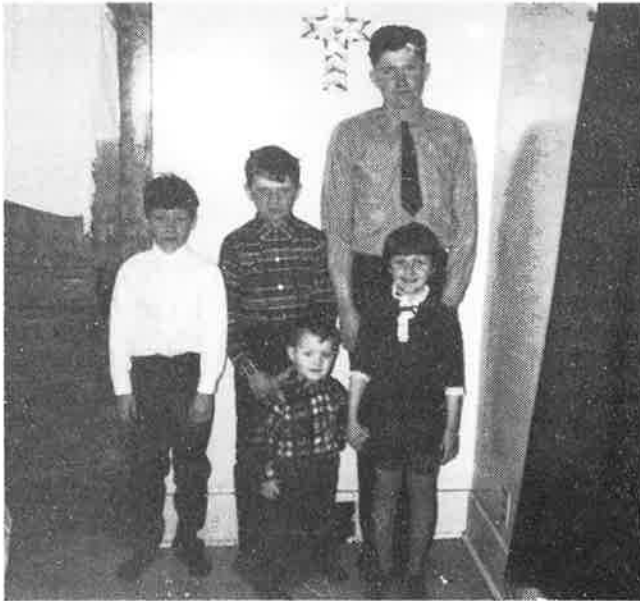
Ksenia first arrived in the city of New York, U.S.A. with a few friends. In New York, she worked for a few years as a maid and in factories. From there, she came to the Bruno district and stayed with her sister, Mrs. Anne Stadnyk.

Dan and Ksenia had known one another from the old country and then met again in the Bruno district where they married in 1911. They built a small house on the homestead. They used logs plastered with clay. Dan bought a pair of oxen, a few farm implements that were available at that time and it was, for them, a dream come true.

Dan and Ksenia were married in St. Bruno Roman Catholic Church and that is where they baptized their first three children as there was no Ukrainian Catholic Church. Around that time, the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Catholic Church was started; Dan served on that committee. He was also a school trustee for the Sunlight school which all of his children attended.

In 1918, together with their first four children, Harry, Mary, Anne and Kay, they moved seven miles southeast of Bruno where they purchased a half section from Joe Ring, N.W. 30-37-24 and N.E. 25-37-25 W2. Here they lived on a farmyard that had good lumber buildings, including a four room house and this is where the rest of the family were born and raised, Stephen, Helen, Susan, John and Olga.

Now, most of the family lives outside the district. Harry (deceased 1979) married Anne (nee Bunko) and they lived and farmed near the home place until they



Polanik family. L to R: Gregory, Richard, Donald, Mitchell, and Elaine.

Richard is farming with me on the farm and Gregory is also at home.

Elaine is presently employed at the Bruno Credit Union and Mitchell is attending Bruno High School.

I was a church trustee for the Holy Trinity Church for a number of years, where we still are active members. At present, I am on the Carmel Wheat Pool Committee, a member of the board of directors for the Bruno Credit Union and the Bruno Co-op and a member of the Bruno Knights of Columbus.

I must say living in this district has been a challenge and a good experience. We have many friends and neighbours who are part of our lives and hope that this excerpt of our history will be a remembrance.

POMEDLI, LOUIS

Louis was born in 1908 in the Willmont district. My parents, Stephan and Elizabeth Pomedli, emigrated from Hungary in 1903 to Rosthern and homesteaded in the Willmont district, N.W. 34-39-24 W2. I had seven brothers and one sister, three brothers and one sister are still living. I attended Willing School for two winters as in our own Parochial School at St. John's Church we did not have school in the winter as the school was too hard to heat.

In 1936 I married Elizabeth Paydli. She attended Willing School for all her education. We had four children, Gladys Freriks is living in Englefeld, Sask. Michael and Joan live in Saskatoon, Sask. Valentine and Lorraine live

in Pilger, Sask. Lester and Beryl live in Edmonton, Alta. My wife died in 1960.

We farmed all our lives in the Pilger district. In 1935 we started growing rapeseed, wheat and Registered Polled Herefords. In 1976 I semi-retired to Humboldt, but during seeding and harvest I still go out to help on the farm. My son, Valentine took over the farm and he also raises Registered Polled Herefords. There are only a few cattle breeders left in the district. It is much easier today to straight grain farm, as the cattle are a lot of work, even with today's modern haying equipment.

I have been active in community affairs: I was secretary for Stearns School for 20 years; a church trustee for 20 years; rural telephone director and was on the Wheat Pool committee for 26 years. I was instrumental in arranging rural mail routes and bringing Saskatchewan Power to our farms.

During the past ten years, I have travelled extensively having visited 34 countries. I bowl, play cards and read. I am a member of St. Augustine Church and Knights of Columbus in Humboldt.

POPOVITCH, LAWRENCE AND URSULA

by Ursula (nee Wollmann)

I was born in Bruno and lived in the Bruno district all my life. I received my elementary education, grades 1 through 9, at Pleasant Grove, a rural school about eight miles northeast of Bruno. I boarded at St. Ursula's Academy while taking grade 10, after which my family moved to town so the remaining two years I spent at the Academy were as a day student. I graduated in 1962, and then worked as a clerk in Pulvermacher's store for nearly a year.

In 1964, Lawrence and I were married at Dana and made our home there for eight years. Lawrence is a steam engineer at the Dana Radar Base. He has worked at the Base since it was built, as well as farming in the Dana district.

A few years after we were married, I decided that I would like to further my education. I enrolled at the University of Saskatchewan and became a teacher. I am presently teaching a division 1 class in Bruno.

We have three children: Lyndon, Daryl and Gaylene. Our children attended school in Bruno and both of our sons have graduated from the high school. The boys have been very active in the Army Cadet Corps in Humboldt during their teen years. Both Lyndon and Daryl have been awarded trips and awards as a result of their achievements in the corps.



Daniel and Ksenia Polanik

retired and moved to Humboldt. They had seven children: Roman, Peter, Nick (deceased 1978), Andrew (deceased 1978), Ted, Josephine and Martin (deceased 1956).

Mary married John Shelak and retired in Cudworth after farming in the Prud'homme district. They had two girls, Antonia and Gloria.

Anne married Tom Ewanishen (deceased 1980). They farmed in the Bruno district and retired to Bruno. Tom and Anne had five children: Roman, Anton, Antonia, Mike and Lary (deceased).

Kay married Adolph Novak and resides in Winnipeg with their two sons: Edward and Kenneth.

Stephan passed away in 1943.

Helen and her husband, Frank Hepp, now live in Saskatoon. They had five children: Irene (deceased 1952), Bernadette, Stephan, Bernard and Dennis.

Susan married Mike Luchyshyn and now make their home in Dryden, Ont. They have two girls: Eleanor and Judy.

John married Helen (nee Korol) and now lives on the home place. They have five children: Donald, Richard, Gregory, Elaine and Mitchell.



Polanik family. Upper corner: Harry. Back Row, L to R: Kay, Susan, Anne, Mary, Helen, Stephen. Front: Olga and John. The car is a 1926 Star.

Olga married Pete Weselowski and lives in Saskatoon. They have five children: Mervin, Danny, the twins Marian and Marietta (deceased 1962) and Patrick.

Although the hardships were many in the new land, Donald and Ksenia took great pride in speaking about their experiences and events enroute to the district, as well as living in the area, experiences that the new generation never knew.

Daniel Polanik passed away on June 11, 1950. His wife, Ksenia, retired to Saskatoon in 1952 and passed away on Dec. 11, 1974.

POLANIK, JOHN AND HELEN

by John

I am the son of Daniel and Ksenia Polanik and received my education until grade 8 at Sunlight School, which was two miles from where I lived. I worked on my father's farm and eventually took over the farm in 1950.

On Nov. 2, 1952 I married Helen (nee Korol) from the Meacham district. We have four sons and one daughter: Donald, Richard, Gregory, Elaine and Mitchell. The four eldest children completed grade 12 and the youngest son, Mitchell is still a student presently enrolled at Bruno Central High School.

Donald is married to Alice (nee Dubreuil) and has a daughter named Constance. They are living in Naicam.



John and Helen Polanik

Lyndon is presently taking a computer operating and programming course and is also an Officer Cadet in the militia in Saskatoon.

Daryl is helping out as a volunteer in the cadet corps in Humboldt.

Gaylene is attending school in Bruno.

Lawrence and I and our family make our home in Bruno.



Lawrence Popovitch family. Back, L to R: Lyndon, Daryl, Gaylene. Front: Lawrence and Ursula.



Chief Warrant Officer, Daryl Popovitch

PORTNER, ANTON AND DOROTHY

by Marie Crapele

Anton Portner came to Canada from Oberelsbach, Germany in July of 1929. He took up residence in Bruno on Aug. 6, 1929 and worked as a farmhand, carpenter and contractor. In 1935 he married Dorothy Ann Koob, daughter of Joseph and Christina Koob. Dorothy took her schooling at Bruno Public and Lucasville. She also worked at the Ursuline Academy for several years.

Anton and Dorothy had four daughters; the first baby died in infancy and still living are Marie, Antonette and Linda.

When Dorothy and Anton separated and eventually divorced, Dorothy and the girls took up residence in Ontario. Dorothy went back to high school and upgrading. After many odd jobs, she was employed by the federal government as supervisor in Indian Residential Schools at Kenora, Moose Factory, Fort Albany and Sioux Lookout, Ont. In 1976, Dorothy was transferred to the North West Territories as senior supervisor in residence, with Inuit (Eskimo) and Indian high school



Dorothy Portner



Officer Cadet Lyndon Popovitch



Kara, Cristal, Jack and Marie (Portner) Craplewe

students. Dorothy resides in Frobisher Bay. She retired this year (January, 1984) in Frobisher Bay because of investments she has in real estate there for the time being.

Marie Portner was born, raised and took her schooling at Bruno Public and the Ursuline Academy. She moved on to Saskatoon, Ontario, Alberta and the North West Territories and then returned to Manitoba. After her marriage to Jack Craplewe of Libau, Man. they settled in Selkirk, where they still reside. Marie and Jack have two daughters, Kara and Cristal. Kara was christened by Reverend Father Martin Brodner at the Bruno church in 1971.

Antonette Portner was born, raised and took her public schooling at Bruno. She spent her high school years at Dryden, Ont. Antonette married Calvin Peterson from Dryden and they made their home there. Antonette and Calvin have three boys: Guy, James and Peter. Antonette worked for Bell Telephone for a number of years, and then went into their own business. After selling the store, Antonette worked as an auditor for Best Western Motels in Dryden. Antonette and the three boys moved to Frobisher Bay, N.W.T. this past year.

Linda Portner was born in Bruno. Her school years were spent in Winnipeg, Man. and Dryden and Kenora,

Ont. Linda married Allan Thompson and they lived in Keewatin, Ont. Linda and Allan have two children, Lonnie and Mandy. Linda and her children have lived in Frobisher Bay, N.S.T. for the past few years. Linda was employed by Nunatsiak News, paper as assistant manager. Now she is part-time, holding the position of book-keeper.



Antonette (Portner) Peterson, Peter, Guy and James.

PRAY, MICHAEL AND MARIA

by Mrs. Steve Pray

Mike and his family came to Canada on the vessel, The Lake Ontario, in 1903. Mike was 37 years of age, his wife Maria was 28 and their family, Mike Jr., nine; Sarah, seven; and Steve, two when they made the trip to Canada. They landed at Port Saint John on Apr. 10, 1903.

Mike and his family homesteaded in the Wakaw district. During the three years they spent in the Wakaw district, Mike also worked on the railway and on bridge construction.

In 1905, the Pray family moved to a homestead south of Bruno (the present Felix place). While they lived on this homestead, their daughter, Lizzie, was born and their oldest son, Mike Jr. took up a homestead of his own one mile south. He also worked at the Prince Albert sawmill.

Later, they moved one mile east, where John still has the farm. On this homestead, Julia and John were born.

Steve bought the next quarter from the C.N.R. and farmed here until 1970. Steve Pray married Hilda Monz. They had three children: Henry, Sylvia and Lucy.

Henry married Elvina Bartzen in 1962 and worked at the Gardiner Dam and in Saskatoon as a mechanic. They then bought land in the Golden Acre district and the home place in the Cranich Lake district, where they are

still farming. They have four children: Shauna, Dayna, Andrea and Darren.

Sylvia married Walter Hoppe and farms in the Bruno-Fulda district. They have two children: Wayne and Stanley.

Lucy married Ed Gamola, manager of the Lumber Mart. They live in Humboldt and have one girl, Corienne. **John Pray is the only surviving member of the Mike Pray family.**

PULVERMACHER, ALEXANDER M. AND SUSAN

Alexander came to Canada with his father, Math Pulvermacher, and his brothers and sisters, from Wisconsin in 1906. They took up a homestead, 16-38-25 W2, the quarter where Julius and Florence Pulvermacher now have the Hillcrest Turkey Farm.

Alexander started a meat market soon after and was in business until after the war. In 1946, his boys took over the meat market.

Alexander and his wife, Susan Kastelan, had eight children, four boys and four girls. They were Alex, Helen, Francis, Claudia (Sister Jerome), William, Dorothy, Julius, Cordelia and Joseph, who died when he was just 18 months of age.

Alex Jr., as well as William, have since died.



Alex Pulvermacher family. L to R: Rose, Sister Paullne, Leo, Ida, Alex, Mrs. Kellerman, Otto Pulvermacher.

PULVERMACHER, FRANCIS AND THEKLA

as told by Francis Pulvermacher

I am the third child and the second son of Alexander M. Pulvermacher. I was born on Dec. 29, 1911 and went to school in Bruno. After my school years, I helped my



Francis Pulvermacher family. Back, L to R: Michael, Joanne, Enid, Edna, Jerome and Peter. Francis and Thekla Pulvermacher center.

father in his meat market until I was called to the army in July of 1942. I was in the army for four years, 14 months of which I spent overseas.

I was married to Thekla Rieland on Mar. 11, 1943. In 1946 I was discharged from the army and then started in business with my three brothers, Alex, Bill and Julius. The business was called Pulvermacher Brothers. In later years, Alex went into business for himself, as did Julius who started Hillcrest Farms. Bill and I continued in business until his death in 1979. At that time, my boys took over the family business and I retired. I am presently the secretary of the Bruno Senior Citizens Friendship Center and still ride my motorcycle at 72 years of age.

Thekla and I have six children: Jerome, Joanne, Peter, Mike, Enid and Edna.

Jerome married Gaetane Belanger from La Redemption, Que. They have two children, Patrick and Michelle. The family resides in Bruno.

Joanne is married to Peter Story and lives in Brockville, Ont. They have two children, Christopher and Patricia.

Peter married Judy Sayer of Guelph, Ont. and they have two daughters, Dawn and Tracey. They reside in Bruno.

Mike lives in Saskatoon and is attending the University of Saskatchewan.

Enid married Joe Kurysh and they live in Saskatoon.

Edna, our youngest daughter, is living in Cudworth, where she is the recreation director.

PULVERMACHER, PETER

Peter, son of Francis and Thekla (Rieland) Pulvermacher, was born on Oct. 12, 1949 in Humboldt. I started

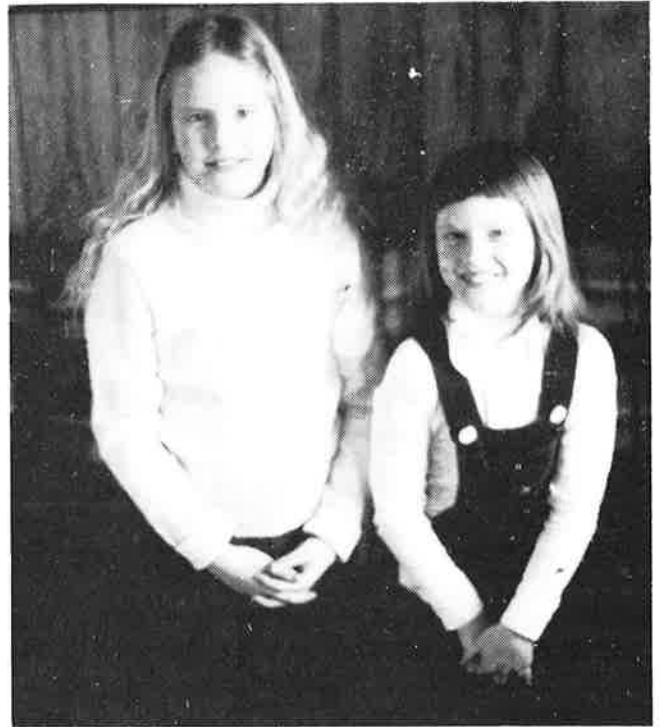
school in 1955 and took grade 1 in the Ursuline Sister's music house and grades 2 and 3 in the old brick school. In 1967, I was elected president of the student's council and graduated from Bruno Central High.

In October of 1968, I left for Cornwallis, N.S. for recruit training in the Canadian Armed Forces (air element) after which I was stationed to Clinton, Ont. for basic electronic training, then to Borden, Ont. for applied training in communications. It was at this time that I met my wife, Judy Sayer. In September of 1969, I was stationed to Cold Lake, Alta. where I worked in electronics, specifically communications.

On Aug. 7, 1971, Judy and I were married in the Church of Our Lady in Guelph, Ont. We took up residence in Cold Lake until 1975, during which time our two daughters, Dawn and Tracey, were born.

Our next transfer was to Penhold, Alta. There I was selected for a computer specialty course which I took for eight months in Kingston, Ont. My job became the maintenance of an elaborate computer system, dealing with message switching.

In September of 1979, I left the Canadian Armed Forces for a job with a seismic company in Calgary as an instrument technician. In June of 1980, we returned to Bruno and shortly thereafter, I went to work at Pulvermacher Bros.



Dawn and Tracey Pulvermacher



Peter and Judy Pulvermacher

PULVERMACHER, JEROME AND GAETANE

by Jerome

I was born on Mar. 11, 1945 in Bruno at Mrs. Irman's nursing home. Dad was away in England at the time and I didn't get to see him until I was about a year old. When I did meet him for the first time, I'm told that I cried. Mom and I stayed at Dad's parents until he was discharged from the army. We lived in a house purchased from Suzy Wunderlich and as things worked out, I was the oldest of six children, three girls and three boys.

My childhood memories are many. We used to pass the summer months roaming around the countryside of Bruno and during the spring we used to catch or drown out gophers, or look for crow and magpie nests. We had a gravel pit beside town in which a water hole was created by removing large amounts of gravel for the construction of the four miles into Bruno. The water hole was a great place for skinny dipping until some of the girls found out. After that, it was a public swimming hole. The fire department even put bluestone in the water in later years to keep it free of the bug that caused the 'itch'. It was in this area that we first experimented with smoking. The cigarettes were made of poplar leaves and the paper of cardboard. Export A or Players Plain were mild compared to that stuff!

I had two pet crows, one of which I had for more than a year. I remember the Bruno Banner and the Daigle family. I enjoyed hunting and generally, anything that related to the outdoors. For a number of years, I did some trapping for spending money. Murray Pulvermacher and I did a lot of walking around with B.B. guns and then later .22's. I would walk to Alex Dust's, John Huber's and Joe Krenn's on the weekends to visit.



Pulvermacher family: Jerome and Gaetane with their children, Michelle and Patrick.

The first school I attended was a two storey, four-roomed building next to Parish House. The old fire escape from the top floor was a favourite place to climb from the bottom up and then slide back down again. I served mass at the convent until grade 12. The sisters, especially Sister Bernadette, treated us very well and we had the opportunity to meet the girls, sometimes.

In the spring of 1959, when I was in grade 8, we moved to a new school, which is now the elementary school. The old high school was a single roomed structure in that same location until that time. Mr. Hollicky was the principal. I attended St. Peter's College for grade 9, but was back in Bruno for grade 10. By this time, there were many more students in school, as the rural schools were closing systematically. I'm sure there were many sad

and hurt people in the district when they saw their schools closing and the students bussed to Bruno. The closings did away with the field days and the competition between all the rural schools. The field days had been an annual event in the spring. I remember all the trucks coming into town loaded with kids who were cheering and chanting. The field days started with a parade through town and each school proudly carried their banner.

By this time, we were playing fastball in a league in our area. I enjoyed it, even though I was never really good at it. During the winter, we had a good broomball team and later played in the Saskatoon league.

We never owned a car until I was out of high school but I could usually get my Uncle Bill's car once every five or six weeks. The rest of the guys could get wheels every several weeks. As it turned out, almost every weekend we managed to go out.

After school and during the holidays, I would work at the store. After finishing high school, I worked at Thompson, Man. for a period of time. After Thompson, I worked in Bruno for about half a year and then went to Alberta to work on the oil rigs. During that time, I travelled from the new area of Rainbow Lake, Alta. to northern British Columbia, throughout Alberta, western Saskatchewan, southern Ontario, offshore and the eastern townships of Quebec. I was doing alright in Alberta, but after several requests by the company to go to Quebec, I couldn't refuse any longer. I assumed that I would be employed way out in the middle of nowhere as had been the case in the west.

I was in Quebec only a couple of days when I met my future wife, Gaetane. Gaetane was teaching school at the time. I realized after being there a day or two, that I would have to learn to speak French if I wanted to be a part of the area and be able to mix in. When I was in high school, I took a number of years of German as I couldn't see any use for taking French. Was I sorry now! Sometimes Gaetane's sisters would laugh. They would say they weren't laughing at me, but I was never really convinced of that. What the heck!

Gaetane is the youngest of 11 children born to Albert Belanger and Antoinette Caron. We were married in 1969 and our first residence was in Port Colborne, Ont. near the offshore rig on which I was working. From our second storey waterfront suite, we were less than 100 yards from the lakers and great ocean going ships which passed through the Seaway System. From Port Colborne, we moved to La Redemption, Que., Gaetane's home town. We stayed for five months while we were working on another exploratory hole. At the end of this time, we were to move to Israel, but several days before we were to leave from Edmonton, there were a couple of holes blown in the superstructure of the rig in the port of Gharra, Africa. So much for Israel!

We remained in Alberta until 1973 when we moved to Bruno with our two children, Patrick and Michelle. The people had changed in those eight years. The youngsters I had known earlier had all grown up. There was a new group of people full of the devil, but were we any different?

Our children are bilingual, leaning towards English because of environment. It is quite a job to keep them from speaking French in the house, but it does work. We were very fortunate to travel around for some years, and I would like to think we were able to see a large part of Canada and obtain a feeling for its people.

The store keeps me busy. Gaetane works at the school as a teacher's aide. Besides everything that I am involved with, I like to spend some time fishing, taking pictures, hunting and scuba diving.

PULVERMACHER, JULIUS HILLCREST FARMS

by Julius and Florence Pulvermacher

Julius and I were both born and raised in Bruno. He is the son of Alex Pulvermacher and Susan Kastelan, born Jan. 24, 1922. I was born on Sept. 6, 1920, daughter of Harry Stumborg and Mary Kramer.

Julius was raised in the butcher business until 1941, after which he spent four years in the armed forces. He spent one year of that time in the Aleutian Islands, after which he returned home for a few months. During this time, we were married, Jan. 19, 1944. Six months later, he was transferred to Europe. He remained there until peace was declared, spending the greater amount of time in Holland and England. During this time, I was employed as a secretary in Humboldt working for the law firm of Sutherland and Saddlemeier and later at the local post office.

I, Julius, arrived home after World War II, satisfied my future lay in buying my father's grocery and meat business. I would be in partnership with my three brothers. My father's original homestead, 160 acres, was also included in the sale. No one particularly cared to live on the farm, but Florence and I decided it had possibilities for us. Our choice as a sideline was turkeys, and after the completion of our new store, the house on the farm took shape. Nov. 20, 1946 was moving day, no power or running water, but great just the same!

The following spring, a new 10 by 12 ft. brooder house was built with money borrowed at four percent interest. Profits were reasonable in the ensuing years and facilities were expanded and utilized to maximum we felt with two placements per year.



Julius and Florence Pulvermacher

In 1953 we kept a hatchery supply flock consisting of 320 hens. Laying nests were outside, but regardless, hatchability was high, returns good and the price per poult paid almost as high as they are today. In the following eight years, we expanded both growing and breeder flocks. We kept 2,400 breeders. Hatchability of eggs shipped to various hatcheries varied widely, plus our major hatchery wanted us to grow out 50 percent of all poults hatched. In 1964, we knew if we were to remain in the egg business, our own hatchery was necessary. Nichlos Breeding Farms of California consented to supply us with foundation stock and a 30 by 60 ft. building was erected. With no hatching experience that first year was a real learning experience. Today, it is managed by our son-in-law, Dennis Billo, who joined our company in 1972. It is now the only turkey hatchery in Saskatchewan.

In 1965-67 I spent a great deal of time assisting in the organization of the Saskatchewan Turkey Marketing Board, which was formed in 1967. After its inception, more time was spent discussing and trying to find solutions to the many industry problems. From 1973-77 I served as a national delegate. Canada's cheap food policy continues to plague us, but it appears the industry does enjoy some stability.

In the intervening years, the "sideline" became mainline, therefore in 1961 I sold my interest in the store. Our

family had grown to seven children. They were a great help those busy years, washing waterers, feeding poults, gathering eggs, etc. With the Marketing Board taking a great deal of time, the day to day decisions were Florence's responsibility.

In 1970, again of necessity, as feed quality was often unpredictable, we decided to build our own feed mill. Our Federal Research Station and Dr. Dunkelgod gave us the needed help. Matt Renneberg, our farm manager, helped me with the design and fabrication. After completion, our oldest son, Murray, with his degree in agriculture, took over the managing aspect. It worked smoothly, but three years later it burnt to the ground. This caused problems, but after 18 months, we were again operational. This time, the mill was constructed of steel and concrete. Guy, our second son, also an agriculture graduate, manages the sales aspect.

Today, Hillcrest produces 100,000 market turkeys, keeps 3,400 breeders and supplies poults and feed throughout Saskatchewan and Alberta. Our staff has grown to 30 people and their loyalty and help has been a contributing factor towards our success.

Matt Renneberg's death in July of 1982 was a sad time for all at Hillcrest and our family. His contribution to building Hillcrest was substantial.

Our hopes for the future growth of Hillcrest Farms will come from our children. Our daughters all attended the Ursuline Academy here in Bruno, after which they attended the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon. Murray and Guy have their degrees in agriculture, specializing in poultry and animal science. Kevin's plans are in the same field.

Linda, B.A., B.Ed. married Dennis Billo. They live nearby and have two children, Janelle and Deanna.

Murray married Louise Leblanc. They also live near us.



Pulvermacher family. L to R: Susan (Dodd), Guy, Kevin, Murray, Sharon (Laplante). Front: Florence, Julius, Brenda (Mathias), Linda (Billo).

Brenda, B.Sc., married Jim Mathias. They live in Quathiaski Cove, B.C. They have two children, Sarah and Marianne.

Sharon, B.F.A., married Bernard Laplante. They live in Saskatoon with their two children, Chantal and Stefan.

Susan, B.A., married Paul Dodd in Australia. They moved to Canada two years ago and now make their home in Wynyard. They have one child, Josh.

Guy married Monique Laforge. They live in Bruno and have one daughter, Nicole.

People in the surrounding area have given us good support, and we have tried to give them the quality and service we looked for in previous years. We hope we are meeting their needs. By working together, we have all benefited. God's blessings, hard work and a little bit of luck has made it all possible.

MATHIAS, BRENDA (Pulvermacher)

My husband, Jim Mathias, formerly of Luseland, Sask. and I, live on the south end of Quadra Island, B.C. We have two children, Sarah (five) and Marianne (three).

I took all my education in Bruno and after which I attended the University of Saskatchewan with a B.Sc. degree majoring in biology.

After university, I travelled extensively throughout Europe and Asia. One incident particularly stands out in my mind. I remember crouching on a bamboo bridge arched over the Dudhosi River in Nepal. As I stepped onto it, I had noticed that it was in poor repair, but I wasn't prepared for the shock to find only two of the 20 poles were lashed together. With a 30 pound pack on my back, a misstep would surely have sent me falling on to the rocks below!

Our lives together are full at times, reminiscent of that incident in Nepal. We live in a community of 12 adults, with the help of neighbours we have been occupied building a "Waldorf" school based on Rudolf Steiner's method of education. Another project is constructing Quadra Island Community Hall. Jim has been involved in the co-operative running of a food store on the island. I have been primarily occupied mothering our two children. My current interests are bio dynamics, gardening, group dynamics, folk dancing. We welcome relatives and old friends at Quathiaski Cove. Box 365, B.C. V0P 1N0.

LAPLANTE, SHARON (Pulvermacher)

Growing up on an ever-expanding turkey farm gave ample opportunity for us seven children to learn the fine



Bernard, Sharon, Chantal and Stefan

art of good, honest work. Opening nest boxes at 6 a.m.; closing them each evening at 7 p.m.; washing water jars used by the baby poults; before school. We were concerned when egg production fell and shared the satisfaction when the "broilers" graded almost all "A".

In a family such as ours, 18 loaves of bread a week was a weekly task. When this project fell on a Saturday, we were involved. Oatmeal cookies as large as pancakes was another task. Leisure activities included sharp-shooting sparrows with the pellet gun. Dancing to the radio or record player on Saturday nights with the hired girl or helping the German immigrant hired man to learn to speak English.

After an education in Bruno, I studied Fine Arts at the University of Saskatchewan at Saskatoon. During this time, I learned to speak French, took up cross country skiing in competition and worked summers as an exploration camp cook in the North West Territories and northern Quebec.

In 1974, I married my "red haired freckled Frenchman", Bernard Laplante, a Montreal born geologist. On completion of my Bachelor of Fine Arts, I established myself as a potter in Saskatoon, frequenting the craft fairs and selling out of a co-operative run pottery shop on Broadway.

Bernard went on to teaching in French with the Saskatoon French School. He received his B. of Education in 1983 and now works for the Saskatoon Public School Board.

With the arrival of our daughter, Chantal in 1980, Bernard and I became very involved in teaching prenatal classes for couples in Saskatoon. Our son, Stefan, was born in 1984. We continued to live in Saskatoon, caring for our rabbits (Bernie's Bunnies Inc.), our gardens, at least two in any given year and our golden Retriever, Vicki.

PULVERMACHER, OTTO AND JOSEPHINE

by Josephine

Otto Pulvermacher was born in the United States to Mathias and Ida Pulvermacher. His mother, Ida, passed away when Otto was one week old. The Mathias Pulvermacher family moved to Canada in 1906 when Otto was six years old.

Josephine Sirup was born in North Dakota into a family of 11 children. After her two eldest daughters got married in the United States, Grandma Smith and the rest of her family moved to Canada. They had the first house in Bruno located on main street. The family oper-



Otto and Josephine Pulvermacher and family

ated a store and post office. The priest would come every Sunday and have mass at their house until they built a church or found another place to have mass. Whenever Grandma Smith was sick, Mom would send her older girls to Canada to help Grandma. Being the second youngest of the family, I came to help Grandma since I was 17.

Otto married Josephine Sirup on the last Thursday of November (United States Thanksgiving) in 1937. Father Bernard married us in Bruno. We lived in Bremen for a few years. The year we got married was so dry that all the crops were very short and we couldn't get feed for the cow or the horses. So, shortly after we got married, the cow dried up, the chickens quit laying and the one horse died from eating the old straw from the year before. Since we only had one horse left, Otto had to walk to Bremen to get groceries and the mail. We couldn't get a new horse so Otto hooked up a team of oxen to plow the field and the garden.



The first winter we had our girls

We wanted a family very badly, but couldn't have one. A year later, we were asked to take care of three girls or they would be sent to an orphanage, as their parents had had an accident and couldn't take care of the little ones while the older ones went to school. So, we took the girls and raised them. The little girls were six, four and one and one-half years old.

After a few years, we moved to a farm near Bruno so that the girls would have it easier to go to school and to church. We raised the girls until they got married. They were very grateful and helped a lot. Later, I was asked to take care of a boy, who wanted to live on the farm. I brought him up from the age of 12 until he was 21. He then went back to help his mother.



One of the first years the Pulvermacher's started to raise turkeys.

Times were hard when we got married so we started raising chickens for hatching eggs. We sent the eggs to Early's in Saskatoon. We made a good living, but not enough to build new buildings. Since we made so good on the chickens, Early's talked us into raising turkeys for hatching eggs. A good way for us to make more money. The first year, they set us up with 1,000 turkeys and all the feed that was necessary. After the flock was approved, they bought the eggs. When Early's discovered that they couldn't hatch a turkey egg in a chicken incubator, they sent the eggs to Winnipeg for us until they got a turkey incubator. We got a nice award for hatching the first turkey egg in Saskatoon. We received 50 cents for every turkey egg that hatched. Now we could finish our house and all the building that we needed. We also got awards for hatching chicken and turkey eggs all the years we were on the farm and having no sickness in our flock during all that time!

In 1958, we moved into Bruno because Otto wasn't feeling well. He passed away on May 15, 1973.

Our girls were all married by Father Bernard. Josephine is married to Kenneth Tegenkamp and lives in Mayersthorpe, Alta.

Joyce is married to Lawrence Meyer and lives in Alberni, B.C.

Bernice married Arnold Meyer and lives in Port Alberni, B.C.

Today, I have 13 grandchildren (six boys and seven girls) and four great grandchildren.

PULVERMACHER, SISTER PAULINE

by R. W. Leuschen, Winnipeg

Sister Pauline Pulvermacher was born in Roxbury, Wisconsin, a village near Mazomanie, on Mar. 11, 1888, the third of eight children of Mathias Pulvermacher and his wife, Cecelia.



Sister Pauline Pulvermacher standing on the steps of the former Provincial House of the Winnipeg Grey Nuns where she first met the nuns in 1909. The building is now a museum.

A widower for nearly ten years, Mathias brought his family to Canada in June of 1905. They arrived in Dana, Sask. by rail. There he bought a team of horses and proceeded by wagon to Leofeld, some 20 miles north of Bruno where he had purchased some land.

In 1909, the family moved to a farm two miles south of Bruno and in December of the same year, Pauline ventured forth alone by rail to enter the Novitiate of the Grey Nuns in St. Boniface, quite to the displeasure of her father.

With the propitious help of a kind lady, she took a horse-drawn taxi to St. Boniface from the Winnipeg depot, and after first stopping at the Oblate Sister's House, finally arrived at the Grey Nuns on Tache Avenue and entered on her novitiate on December 8. She made her final vows in 1917. Among her many assignments, 1912 found her as a school teacher in Fort Francis, Ont. where she stayed for three years. In 1917, she started a ten year term at St. Joseph's Orphanage in Winnipeg, then ten years as librarian in St. Boniface Hospital. In 1938, she started a six year term as Superior of the Industrial School at Lebret, Sask. In 1944, a six year term as Superior of the Old Folks Home in St. Boniface; in 1950, a three year term as Superior of an Indian School in Berens River, Man.; then a four year term at Cambridge, Mass., near Boston; followed in 1957 by a three year term as assistant Provincial Superior in St. Boniface; and in 1960 she was appointed librarian in St. Boniface Hospital where she remained until her retirement at age 85 in 1973.

During the next ten years, she remained surprisingly active visiting the sick and day care patients at the Tache Nursing Center, knitting many layettes for infants, etc. In July of 1983, she had the misfortune of falling and breaking her hip, and now is busy learning to walk again with the help of a cane. She will be 97 years of age in March of 1984.

READ, RODERICK

written by Emily

In the school year of 1945-46, I taught at St. Quentin School. I am not even certain of the year, it has been so long ago. They had a neat little teacherage, and I moved into it with our four little children: Erma, Teddy, Donny and little Bernard, who was just four and one-half years old.

For those who teach today and for school janitors, this would be of interest. The teacherage rental was \$50 for the school year; the school janitor would also get that amount for the school year. So I took on the janitor job. It was not too bad, but making coal fires in the old furnace in the cold mornings and taking out the ashes and "clinkers" was a man-sized job!

Having no car, I depended on the generosity and kindness of the people and the neighbours of the district. They were lovely people and I got to town with my gang of four as often as I needed.

I baked my own bread and one family supplied us the milk. Nearly every Sunday some family would take us to church.

School, in those days, were not like the schools of today. The children walked or were brought by their parents and some even drove by themselves or came on horseback. There was a barn on the school lot for these



Roderick Read. Back, L to R: Don, Bernard and Ted. Front: Erma, Rodger, Emily. The lady sitting beside Emily is one of her original bridesmaids.

horses. There was a well in the school yard, too. In the spring, we started baseball and with the glorious encouragement of my school board, we had inter-school competitions.

There was one accident. The brakes of the truck carrying my team failed, and the truck rolled down a steep incline, and was stopped by an embankment. The boys were shaken up and one little lad was thrown out of the truck. He said he was fine, but I insisted he be taken to the doctor, and it was a good thing I did, as he had internal injuries. That put a damper on our sportive enthusiasm.

I had a room full of pupils. I forget the number, but think there were 50. They ranged in age from grades 1 to grade 10. There were four in grade 10, supplementing their studies with correspondence courses supplied by the Department of Education.

I remember you all, dear people, although the names may be gone.

As for my gang of four: Erma is married to Donald Bick, a pharmacist, and they live here in Kerrobert. They have three grown children: Laureen, and the twins, Geoffrey and Gregory. Ted lives at Parkside and has a restaurant in Leask, Sask. Donny lives in Los Angeles and has five children, some grown and working: Tracey, Karen, Alison, Cathy and Donny Jr. is in the import-export meats business and divides his time between Vancouver and Los Angeles. Bernard, the five-year-old favourite of every pupil in St. Quentin, grew up to become the assistant manager in the meats division of Loblaw's. He is married and he and Jane live in Kenora, Ont. They have three children, Ronald, Rachel and Roslyn.

Occasionally I see in the Humboldt Journal the name of one of my pupils, and I get a sentimental and nostalgic feeling. I have beautiful memories of you all. God bless every one.

RENNEBERG, MATHIAS AND DIANE

Mathias Renneberg was born in Leofeld in 1938, the son of Ted Renneberg and Lucy Lopinski. Matt was raised in the Leofeld and Bruno districts. He received his education at St. Quentin School, after which he farmed in the Bruno area and worked on the oil rigs in Alberta during the winter months.

In October of 1964, Matt married Diane Krentz, born in Bruno in 1946, the daughter of Peter Krentz and Catherine Roth. Diane received her education at Thiel-Krentz School, Bruno School and St. Ursula's Academy. After their marriage, Matt and Diane resided in Bruno. They had three sons.



Matt Renneberg family. L to R: Matt, Ross, Dean, Diane and Randy.

Ross, born in 1965, is now attending Kelsey Technical Institute in Saskatoon. Randy was born in 1967 and is presently attending grade 11 at the Bruno high school. Dean, born in 1971, is now attending grade 7 at Bruno Central.

After his marriage, Matt became employed at Hillcrest Farms of Bruno and also did some farming. A few years later, he was employed at Central Canada Potash for a period of two and one-half years and then returned to Hillcrest Farms as a shareholder and foreman, where he remained until the time of his accidental death on July 4, 1982.

Diane and the boys still live in Bruno, where Diane is a part-time employee of Hillcrest Farms.

RENNEBERG, NORBERT AND ELIZABETH

Norbert and Elizabeth Renneberg farmed in the Cudworth area since their marriage in 1941. In August of 1958, Norbert, Elizabeth and their ten children took up residence on the Otto and Josephine Pulvermacher farm. Annella continued with her education at the Ursu-

line Academy, and the other children that were in school went to the Bruno school.

Some time later, Norbert bought the dray business from Joe Breit.

Norbert and Elizabeth's last child, Daryl, was born in November of 1961.

Our family was quite musical and we spent quite a lot of time entertaining the other school children as well as playing and singing at the local amateur hours. Some of the older children were also active in the Bruno 4-H Dairy Club.

Norbert and Elizabeth moved to Saskatoon in October of 1966. They have since retired in Saskatoon.

Annella married Bernard Krentz in October of 1960 and are presently residing in Bruno.

Richard married Jeanette Mann in June of 1969. They are residing in Stony Plain, Alta. where "Red" has a contracting business called Renneberg Construction. They have six children: Shaun, Todd, Tracy, Mark, Scott and Laura.

Florian married Jeanette Jurgens in August of 1969. They have three boys: Jeffrey, Chad and Owen. They are living in St. Gregor. Jeannie is a teacher at the St. Gregor School. Florian has taken a leave of absence from his job as a mechanic to look after their two little boys.

Maureen married Sylvester Sobush in February of 1966. They have two children, Grant and Gwenda. They are presently residing in Kindersley where they are both employed. Maureen is employed as a cook at the Downtowner and "Vesty" is employed at Tisdale's Service Station.

Lucille married Dwayne Barclay in July of 1977. They are residing in Calgary. Dwayne manages his own company. He manufactures neon signs and Lucille is a book-keeper.



Norbert Renneberg family. Back, L to R: Aloysius (Al), Richard (Red), Lucille, Daryl, Pauline, Florian, Randall. Front: Janice, Annella, Elizabeth and Norbert, Maureen, Leola.

Pauline married Doug Orth in July of 1975. They are farming at Glamis, Sask. near Rosetown. They have a chosen son, Jason.

Aloysius and Barb are residing in Saskatoon. Al is president of Tobac Contracting Co. where Barb works as a stenographer. They have two children, Tannis and Troy.

Randall married Roberta Evans in August of 1975. They are residing in Saskatoon. They have two children, Anthony and Aimee.

Randy and Roberta own a cleaning business called Castle Cleaners in Saskatoon.

Janice married Gerald Wiebe in June of 1975. They are residing in Saskatoon where Gerald is employed at Pronto Management. They have three children: Wesley, Ryan and Pamela.

Leola is residing in Saskatoon. She is going to the University of Saskatchewan, College of Commerce.

Daryl is residing in Saskatoon and is employed at the University of Saskatchewan as a chemical technician.

REVESZ FAMILY

by Duane Revesz

Sandor Revesz and his wife, Anna immigrated to Canada in 1903 from Tolna Megye Dunafoldvar, Hungary which is located about 80 kilometres south of Budapest. They were accompanied by their family of two sons and three daughters, Sandor (Alexander in English), John, Theresa, Anna and Mary.

Sandor and his sons homesteaded in the St. Laszlo district, located between Bremen and Prud'homme. The family later left the district, with son Alexander and daughter Theresa (who married Imre Yanocki) in 1916



Mr. and Mrs. Alex Revesz Sr., 50th wedding anniversary, 1957.



Alex Revesz Sr. family. L to R: Andrew, Lydia, Louis, Helen, Steve, Joe, Alex Jr., John and Fred.

moving northwest of Bruno, Alexander purchasing land from George Kozma.

Sandor Revesz Sr. later moved into the Bruno district living with his daughter, Theresa, until his death in 1932. He is interred in the St. Laszlo Roman Catholic Parish cemetery.

Alexander Revesz married Lydia Kun in 1907 and left the following descendants: Alex, John, Joseph, Andrew, Steve, Helen, Louis, Fred, Lydia and Elizabeth. Of these, Helen and Elizabeth are since deceased, and only Alex, Steve and Andrew remain in the Bruno district. Alex Sr. died in 1966 and Lydia, his wife, in 1969.

Of the fourth generation of the family, only the daughter of Steve Reves, Diana, remains in the Bruno district.

The family name is better known in the Bruno district as Reves, the letter "Z" having been deleted over the years. In a way, this was unfortunate. The word Revesz in Hungarian (Magyar) means "captain of a river ferry boat" and thus gives the occupational background of the family. The word Reves is meaningless in Hungarian.

REVES, STEVE AND MARY

submitted by Mary

Steve Reves is the son of Sandor (Alexander) Reves II. There were three generations with the name Alexander and born and raised on a farm northwest of Bruno.

Steve married Mary Gebauer, the daughter of Christina (nee Schlosser) and George Gebauer, on June 10, 1941. Steve attended Ironside School and Mary went to Hoffman School. We both had LaBrash's for teachers; Steve had Bernard and I had Leonard LaBrash.



Steve and Mary Reves, 1941

Steve enlisted in the army in the early winter of 1942 and was home by the late fall of the same year. We then went out to work at Alsask, and from there to Wartime, Sask. In 1944, Steve started to work at the Bruno Clayworks. The wages were not very high, only 44 cents an hour. He worked at the Clayworks until 1952. The wages increased gradually but, by 1952, a lot of changes had taken place at the Clayworks.

In 1947, we bought the farm which we are presently farming. In 1976, we moved into Bruno and still do some farming.

We have four children. Duane married Ruth Owen. They have two boys, Michael and Stephen and make their home at Swan River, Man. where Duane is employed by the Royal Bank.



Reves children. L to R: Christina, Ronald, Duane and Diana

Christina married Guy Rault (now deceased). She has three children, Deborah, Susan and Gary and makes her home in Viscount, Sask.

Diana married Edwin Wollmann and has two children, LeeAnn and Randy. They farm at Bruno.

Ronald married Margaret Lukan. They have two girls, Brenda and Rhonda. Ronald farms at Debden and his wife, Margaret, teaches at the school in Debden.



Steve Reves family, 1969. Back Row, L to R: Guy Rault and his son, Gary, Ronald Reves, Steve Reves, Duane Reves, Edwin Wollmann. Front: Christina Rault, Mary Reves holding Susan Rault, Ruth Reves with son Michael, and Diane Wollmann holding Debbie Rault.



Steve and Mary in Disneyland, 1978

RAULT, CHRISTINA

Christina (nee Reves) Rault was born in Bruno. When I was small, I lived at the Bruno Clayworks where my dad, Steve Reves, was employed. We then moved to Bruno for a few years and when I was six years old, we moved to a farm north of Bruno, which my parents still farm. I attended Thiel-Krentz School.

When I turned 16 years of age, I went out to work as a housekeeper and then as a waitress. That is where I met and married Guy Rault in 1962. We farmed south of Peterson and built a new home in the hamlet of Peterson. We had three children: Deborah, Susan and Gary. In October of 1974, Guy died of a heart attack.

In July of 1975, I moved our home to Viscount. The children have all grown up. Deborah and Susan have gone on to the university in Saskatoon this fall.



Christina Rault and her children, Deborah, Susan and Gary.

REVERING, PAUL AND MARY JANE

Mary Jane Revering (nee Schmeiser) was born and raised in Bruno. After completing her grade 12 at St. Ursula's Academy in 1978, she went to Saskatoon to continue her education. While at the University of Saskatchewan, Mary Jane met Paul, who originally comes from Lake Lenore, Sask. Paul convocated in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture, and Mary Jane

convocated in 1982 with a Bachelor of Commerce degree.

On July 10, 1982, they were married and presently live in Bruno.



Paul and Mary Jane Revering

RICHARDS, DORIS

by Doris

In May of 1928, my late husband, Ted, myself and our two sons, aged 16 months and eight and one-half years, immigrated to Canada, sailing on the S.S. Regina under the ex-soldiers farming scheme. We were told that we were already placed to work for a farmer but upon reaching Winnipeg, we found that no farmer had yet accepted us. We were put in a hostel and told that the difficulty in placing us hinged on the fact that we had two children.

After spending ten days in Winnipeg, we were accepted by William Thomas and his brother, Owen in Lintlaw, Sask. William had a son, Bill and a daughter, Cassie. We worked there until the fall and then had to find another job for the winter. We contacted the immigration office in Winnipeg and they replied, "Do your

best for the winter; we will place you in the spring in Lintlaw." We told the Robinsons, who were shopkeepers, of our plight and they suggested that we go to the pool room and ask for Authy Shobe or Harry Boyd. These two gentlemen ran the White Bear Lumber Co. They said if I was prepared to wash and mend lumberjack's clothes, we could have a shack and food, but my husband would be hired as a lumberjack and would have to eat in the bunkhouse.

So, after the freeze up, a sleigh came for us and we packed our beds, pots, pans, the washing machine that Owen Thomas, a widower, had given me, bundled our children against the cold and at dawn set out on our 45 mile journey across the winter roads and a very windy lake. We stopped at the halfway point for refreshments and to rest our horses. We reached our shack, late at night; what a shock! We had left a modern bungalow in England and had come to a small shack that had a crude bare board for the tables and chairs, a stove, a huge tank to hold the snow that we melted for water and thick brown paper plastered on the walls. At least drinking water was brought in and put in a special tank and each day fresh meals were brought across for the children and myself.

Men of all nationalities worked in the camp and daily different men called for their laundry but they all respected me. There was only one other couple, husband and wife, working in the camp and they were the caretakers.

After learning that my husband, Ted, had been an engineer in England, Harry Boyd told him that if he got his Canadian Engineer Papers, he would give him the engineer's job in Lintlaw at the saw mill, in the spring.



Ted and Doris with sons, Dennis and Eddy at White Bear Lumber Camp, Lintlaw, Sask., 1928.



Baby Dennis, aged 17 months

Ted got the job, but shortly after the saw mill burnt down. Ted then bought an old Ford car and left the camp to find a job. He started to work with a road gang. After showing his papers to the foreman, Ted found out that an engineer was required at the Bruno Clayworks. Ted told the foreman that he would like to go to apply for the job, but asked that if he could not find employment that he keep his job for him on the gang. The foreman agreed!



My daughter, Doris, born in 1930 at Bruno

Ted went to Bruno and got the job along with a new small shack for his family that was paid for by taking monthly instalments out of his paycheque. Ted turned up late at night to tell me the good news and it was just like the old movies, everything that we had was loaded on the old car, which had an open top, pots and pans were tied here and there, and our mattresses, bedclothes, crocks, washing machine and just everything was piled wherever it would fit!

I forget just how far it was to Bruno but when we arrived there was already seven families living at the Clayworks including Mr. and Mrs. Hirst. The Clayworks was then owned by Mr. Baldwin who lived in Saskatoon. His daughter, Leona was a delightful person.



Jean Hirst and Doris Deltha Richards, taken at Bruno Clayworks.

Mr. Hirst was a very jovial person in spite of ill health. He had come from Yorkshire and his wife was Scottish. They were all very kind to us and invited us frequently to their home. We had so many humorous times. One time, we had gone swimming in Schmirler's Lake; Ted dived in, came up sputtering and out jumped his full set of teeth, or should I say dentures. The lake had a sandy bottom and so his dentures were lost forever.

The Clayworks had only opened a few weeks before we came to Bruno and so during the winter Ted did odd jobs for different farmers. During the winter he would borrow Hergott's sleigh and team and travel 20 miles to cut trees. He would also fetch two loads for the Hergott family and one for us. Ted also tried to help out at harvest time; anything to provide for his family! One night, the Hergott's fetched us to their surprise party and

Ted played the piano and a jolly time was had by all. I also remember Frank Zimmer's farm, where my hubby also helped during harvest.

My daughter was born at the Clayworks in 1930. Delta Kelsey was a probationer nurse on leave, so she came to stay with us for the birth and said that if the baby was a girl, to name her after me. The baby was named Doris Deltha Maree and christened in the Lutheran Church. Emil Schultz was her godfather. I became very ill after the birth; so ill in fact, that the doctor did not expect me to survive one night and actually had Mrs. Kelsey stay at my home to lay me out at the end. Well, here I am! However, I kept having high temperatures and the doctor decided that something from the birth was causing it, so he said he would operate. The operation was to take place in the nursing home. The doctor said that he would fetch me in his car, I forget the date, but the baby was six weeks old, and that night we had a very heavy snowfall, which prevented the doctor from coming out with the car. Ted said it was an omen and that I should not go to the nursing home. He asked the Hergott's if they would take us in their sleigh to catch the train for Saskatoon where he would take me to a hospital. I bundled up my baby daughter, we caught the train and arrived in Saskatoon late in the evening. Ted took me to a hospital, I forget the name, but it was run by the Sisters of Mercy. We explained as best we could the trouble I had and I was put to bed. A doctor examined me and said that although no operation was necessary, they would treat me internally. They kept me for ten days and the baby was kept in a little room of her very own. They loved her and were so kind to me. I remember lovely singing wafting through the wards. Ted only stayed with me for one night as we had left our sons at home. Dr. P. was furious when he found out that I was in Saskatoon. To this day, I have not had an operation!

On the subject of doctors, when my daughter was just two days old, to my horror, her eyes were infected; we bathed them and told the doctor and he said he would bring some drops the next day. For three more days



Our family: Doris and Ted with their children, Dennis, Eddy and baby, Doris.

there were promises of drops, but the doctor forgot. The Clayworks had then just been opened for six weeks and one night when Ted came in from work, I burst into tears and said that the doctor had forgotten again. He was furious, so he walked into Bruno, which was four and one-half miles along the track. The doctor was not at home, but someone said that he was at the dance hall, so in went Ted, collared him and said that he was to come out that night. The doctor said that he couldn't get the drops because the drug store was closed, but Ted made him get the drops anyway. I shall never forget it, because I thought that she would be blind. Thank goodness, her eyes got better.

In the late 1920's, Ted was delighted to be asked if he could move Mr. and Mrs. Hering's bungalow off the farm to a site in Bruno to be used as a nursing home. Money was scarce and the opportunity to earn some extra money was a windfall. He did the job to their great satisfaction. But no money was forthcoming as the great depression was on and the farmers were getting so little for their produce. In the end, Ted took a cow and a half pig and two loads of logs in lieu of payment.

Mr. Hirst let us have some bricks to build a barn and the cow that we called Bessy had a home. She was a good milker and eventually had a calf.

The depression was getting worse and with another winter approaching and no money coming in, we applied for relief. We were not taxpayers, although the Clayworks was and so we were not considered for relief. We roasted wheat in the oven for coffee. The children were being practically raised on bread dipped in this so-called coffee. Things were getting desperate and all of us at the Clayworks needed winter clothes.

The Clayworks eventually closed and Ted worked for a farmer. His pay was a cow's head (horrible)! We wrote to the Red Cross and they kindly sent us some warm



Some of the families at the Clayworks. Doris is at the top left corner of the picture.

patchwork quilts. After several attempts to get relief, Ted phoned the Mounties in Regina and told the plight of all of the families at the Clayworks. Two mounties came out and they thoroughly searched all of our homes and cellars. After the search, they rounded up several sleighs and took the heads of all the families into Bruno and gave them a month's supply of food, according to the size of the family. They also told the municipality that we were all to receive the same every month. I'm afraid that Ted's phoning the mounties didn't go down well and the story of him doing so was printed in the Bruno Press, but Ted was not prepared to see the children starve. We kept the story until 1960 and then decided to burn it.

I can remember earning a few cents in the spring, flushing out gophers and taking their tails as payment. I was good at knitting so Mrs. Hergott bought some wool and I knitted full winter outfits for her three children. In return, she made lovely dresses for my daughter from remnants that my mother had sent to me from England.

Things were getting no better, although we now had food. Ted decided to look for work around the country and so with our son, Eddy, they rode the freight trains jumping off at various places. They walked hundreds of miles. Eddy's shoes were worn out and his feet were bleeding so they found a Red Cross and there they attended to his feet and gave him new shoes.

At one point, they jumped off the train at Armstrong, Ont. and a lady in her garden saw the tired and hungry strangers took them in to bathe and eat. Ted told her that they were from the prairies and had come to look for work. In return for her hospitality, Ted chopped her logs for the winter. They stayed with Mary and Tom for one week. Tom worked on the railroad and Mary did some nursing. At the end of the week, Ted said that they must continue their search, so Mary took my address from Ted and wrote to tell me that they were O.K. She had packed food to help them on their way and I, of course, wrote to thank her for their kindness. Thus, our friendship began.

Ted and Eddy finally got to Windsor, Ont. but had no luck looking for jobs so they made their way back to Bruno. They travelled like hobos, sleeping rough in box cars and on top of trains.

Our cow, Bessie, was a godsend. We made butter by shaking the milk in a sealer. Later, we had a calf but we needed the meat, so the children's pet had to be put down. The calf's skin was laid out and tacked on the wall of the shack to be sold later. We all cried. My little daughter said that "we should put the calfie back in its skin". It had already been cut up and buried in the snow to keep but none of us could enjoy that veal.

It was a sad day when Mr. and Mrs. Hirst and Jean left the Clayworks to live in Ladner, B.C. Then Wendzall's eldest daughter went to work in Saskatoon and eventually persuaded her family to join her. We could see no

future by staying in Bruno so we decided to sell our possessions including the shack and the cow, and move to Winnipeg. We arrived in Winnipeg in the pouring rain. We had nowhere to live and so we took the children into a cafe and asked if we could leave them there while we found somewhere to live. They agreed and the lady told us to try the only wooden built house in Fort St., Winnipeg. Off we went! The lady at the house had a large basement room with one double bed, a single bed and a cot and said we could have it if we came back in a couple of hours as she had to clean it up. We moved in, but our money was going fast so we applied for relief once more. When they heard that we had come from Bruno, they refused us and said we should go back to Bruno as we were Bruno's responsibility. This we refused to do!



Paddy and his three sons used to come to the White Bear Lumber Camp to barter for flour, etc. from the camp stores in return for meat such as venison.

By that time, the children were going to Sunday school, so we went to see Reverend Carruthers. He found Ted odd jobs such as snow clearing and his wife found me some spring cleaning jobs. Ted then started selling papers. Oftentimes, the temperature would drop to 40 below and he would only sell three papers so I would go to him and beg him to come home out of the bitter cold.

We wrote to an old employer in England, one we had left when we had decided to immigrate, and asked him for employment. He wrote back and said if we could get back to England, he would give Ted a job. We went to see Mayor Webb for help, but after hearing of our hardships, he said that we were the kind of people that Canada needed. He also thought that the recession would not last much longer. We then went to Reverend Carruthers for his advice and he told us that since Ted would have a job to go to, we should go for the sake of the children. We

saw Mayor Webb again and he contacted the Order of St. George and they were able to pay our passage back to England on the S.S. Andania.

I continued writing to Tom and Mary in Armstrong as they had befriended my hubby and son. During the Second World War, they sent us food parcels and clothes for the baby. Then alas, my dear husband died in 1967. I wrote to tell Mary and she flew to England. My son, Eddy drove me to Heathrow airport to meet her and that was the first time that I had actually met her. We still correspond and now she lives in Fort Erie near Niagara Falls. My son and his wife have spent two of their vacations over there and have also stayed with Angela and Mr. Koob and Mr. Hergott in Saskatoon.

I am now 83 years of age. While Eddy was in Canada he took pictures of all the places we lived over the years. They hold many memories.

I have since remarried. Charles, my second husband, took my name, Richards, by deed poll when we were married nine years ago.

RIEGER, JOSEPH AND CLARA

Joseph immigrated to Canada around 1929 and came to settle in the Bruno district. He married Clara Gyoerick on Oct. 19, 1937. They have eight children, six boys and two girls. They are: Matthew, born Feb. 4, 1940. Matthew married Margaret LaFluer on Feb. 7, 1972 and they have five children, three girls and two boys. They are presently living on his parent's home place.

Frank was born on Feb. 9, 1943 and married Diane Leader of Regina on Jan. 23, 1965. They have five children, four boys and one girl. Frank was killed in an automobile accident on Mar. 14, 1975.



Joe Rieger family. Back, L to R: Matt, Joe, Clara, Helen, Paula. Front: Robert, Jim, Paul, Lambert. 1981.

Jim was born on Jan. 16, 1945 and is presently living in the Bruno district.

Lambert was born on Sept. 17, 1947 and married Judy Evenow of Regina on July 8, 1971. They have one son and currently reside in Regina.

Helen was born on Apr. 19, 1949 and married Leo Thimm of Bruno on May 3, 1974. They have one daughter, Paulette and reside in Bruno.

Paula was born on July 11, 1951 and married Joe Sawicki of Bruno on Mar. 3, 1973. They have one daughter and presently reside in Bruno.

Paul was born on July 28, 1954 and married Karen Hartt of Regina on Aug. 7, 1981. They reside in Regina.

Robert is presently still farming and working for Hillcrest Feed Mill in Bruno.

RIEGER, ROBERT AND JOAN

Robert is the second oldest son of Clara and Joseph Rieger of Bruno. He was born on July 29, 1941 at Cudworth Hospital. He was raised on his parent's farm. At the age of 16 he started farming his own land, which was the old homestead of George Megyesi. Before leaving the family farm, he worked for Anthony Bendig on his farm and for Percy Schmeiser.

Robert married Joan Wise of Winnipeg, Man. on Jan. 19, 1974. They have two daughters, Nicole Marie, born on Mar. 14, 1975 and Jennifer Suzanne, born on May 23, 1977. Nicole (grade 3) and Jennifer (grade 1) both attend the Bruno elementary school.



Joan and Robert Rieger, 1974



Nicole and Jennifer Rieger, 1981

ROETTGER, JOSEPH AND MAGDALENA

by Marina Sand

Magdalena was born in 1867 in Neiderklein, Germany to Eberhart and Elizabeth (Mousse) Schick. The Schicks moved to St. Martins, Minnesota where Magdalena married Joseph Roettger. Joseph was born on Feb. 17, 1867 in Rennerod, Germany to Johann Christian and Margareta (Schmidt) Roettger. When he was a young soldier, he came to America.

In 1907, Joseph and Magdalena and their children, Catherine, ten; Bernard, nine; Elizabeth, seven; Johnny, five; Mary, four; and Josephine, one, came to Canada from St. Martins, Minnesota, homesteading in the Wilmont area. They arrived Victoria Day in May during such a blizzard that Magdalena felt like going back to Minnesota. Three more children, Frank, Mathilda and Tony, were born here.

Joseph Roettger passed away on Oct. 6, 1935. Magdalena spent the winters with her daughter, Josephine Weiman in Bruno. Summers were spent with daughters,



Back, L to R: Mary, Bernard, Tony, Elizabeth, John, Josephine. Front: Katie, Frank, Joseph, Magdalena and Tillie.

Katie Hauber and Mary Weiman. In 1952, a room was built onto her daughter, Josephine's home, where she could permanently reside. After a brief time in her final home, she passed away on Nov. 15, 1952. She is buried in St. Bruno's cemetery.

Catherine married Herman Hauber and lives in Humboldt.

Bernard married Mary Streitenberger. Their children are: Irene, Ramona, Hilda, Raymond, Clarence, Gilbert, Darlene and Marlene. Bernard passed away on Oct. 16, 1980.

Johnny married Annie Urban and lives in Bruno. Edward, Bernard and Garry are their children.

Mary married George Weiman (see George Weiman Jr. history).

Josephine married Andrew Weiman. Their three children were Cletus, Viola and Mary. Josephine passed away on Oct. 5, 1978.

Frank married Helen Lopinsky. Their children are Rita, Joseph, Franklyn, Sister MaryAnn and Grace. Frank passed away on July 16, 1967.

Mathilda married Frank Bunnemeyer and lives in Humboldt. Henry, Frances and Louise are their children.

Tony married Helen Fisher and lives in Wynyard. They have 12 children: Jeanette, Adelle, Sylvia, Larry, Jim, Richard, Rose Mary, Melvin, Alvin, Myles, Lucina and Cheryl.

ROLES FAMILY

by Clem Roles

Gregor Joseph Roles came to Bruno in 1909 at age 24, from Robinsdale, Minnesota (Minneapolis suburb). His parents, of German extraction, were market gardeners. He went back in 1910 to marry Marie Clements whose



Gregor and Marie Roles, 1910

parents were French Luxembourg. They arrived at Bruno by rail in 1910 with settler's effects, plow, drill, harrows, potato digger, buggy, wagon and four horses plus a few household items. Their homestead was nine miles southeast of Bruno, just south of Sunlight School.

They had a family of 11 children. The second, Mary, died in 1923 at age 11 and the ninth, Roman, died in 1932 at age ten. All the others lived to adulthood, and most of them moved to other parts of Canada.

Johnny, the sixth, was the first to move in 1938, to Thunder Bay to work at the grain terminals and on the lake boats. A year earlier, he and a friend had made a 2,000 bicycle trip from Saskatoon to Lucknow, Ont. He served in the army overseas during the Second World War and returned to Canada with a Dutch bride. Johnny died at Thunder Bay in 1969.

Gregor, Eugene and Beatrice each married locally



**John Roles --
Royal Canadian Infantry,
W.W.II**

and moved to Sudbury, Ont. the world's nickel capital. Gregor with his wife, Cathrine Keehborn, and Eugene with his wife, Gladys Breit still live there. Beatrice and her husband, Clemence Krentz, left Sudbury and went tobacco farming for a few years. They finally settled in the Cobourg area of Ontario where her husband still farms. Beatrice died in 1964.

Frank, the eldest, married Elizabeth Zerff and farmed 11 miles south of Bruno until his death in 1946 due to an accident involving a team of horses. His widow, Elizabeth, now lives in Humboldt.

Cathrine married Jack Huber. They lived at the Bruno Clayworks where Jack was employed for four years. They then moved to the village of Bruno where Jack clerked in a store. He later became a carpenter - contractor. In 1957 they moved to Saskatoon to follow the carpenter line, and still live there. Their three children, Dennis, Jackqueline Miko and Jean Kloeble, now live in Edmonton, Coquitlam and Saskatoon.

Clemence left Bruno in 1941 to take grade 12 at Nutana Collegiate in Saskatoon, after having finished grade 11 at Sunlight and Ironside schools by correspondence. He went on to graduate from the University of Manitoba and married Joan Warburton, from Owen Sound, Ont. He obtained a second degree at the University of Saskatchewan and taught there for several years. In the early 1950's, Clem founded Smith-Roles Ltd., a farm machinery manufacturing company in Saskatoon. Over the years the company grew until it now employs approximately 200 people. Clem lives in Saskatoon.

Helen married John Keehborn from Carmel and they now live and work in Prince Albert.

Raymond, the youngest, farmed at Bruno for a few years, married Lorraine Lesmeister from Leipzig and went on to supervise heavy construction work in five different provinces from Quebec to British Columbia. He



Marie Roles, 1937



Roles family, 1951. L to R: Beatrice, Helen, Cathrine, Johnny, Eugene, Gregor and Clem

spent his last seven years farming at Dinsmore, Sask. Raymond died in 1981 at Saskatoon.

Parents, Marie and Gregor Joseph Roles died in 1949 and 1953. They enjoyed company at their farm and their home was a favourite spot on Sundays for parties and young peoples' good-time gatherings. The salt lake a mile south of the farm attracted a lot of swimmers. Their big red barn, built in 1919, was a landmark in the community. Gregor Sr. was active in community work and served for many years as a trustee for Sunlight School. He was also a municipal councillor. Greg was fond of people and enjoyed visiting, dancing and playing cards. His was a familiar face in the village once or twice every week for 42 years. Marie was active in the Catholic Women's League in the early years. She was well read and loved lively conversation and discussion with visitors on many subjects, including events of the day.

Being a large family, the boys usually worked out during the summer months. Four, in turn, worked at Grandpa Boak's farm. The average pay then was \$150.00 for the season and this included meals. The bunk house generally was an empty granary. Field work was done with horses. Eight hour days were unheard of and daylight to dark was more the norm with Sunday off except for chores.

During the winter, we all trapped weasels and shot jack rabbits to make a few extra dollars; and occasionally hunted skunks in the fall. During the '20's, muskrats were commonly trapped, but the sloughs dried up in the dirty '30's and put an end to that.

Hauling firewood to keep the house warm was a big winter job. One of the boys, or Father, hitched up a team of horses at 3:30 a.m. and in the pitch dark, started a

drive 16 miles north to where the trees were, axed down about 25 trees and loaded these 22 foot long green logs onto a bobsled for the drive back, arriving home at 9:00 p.m.; a long day. It took ten to 15 such loads to heat a farm home. Sawing to stove lengths was done later by a custom sawyer with the neighbours helping. Sunlight School, a large one, took a lot of wood to heat and district boys were paid to supply it. Wood-hauling day was a big affair and it was a contest as to who hauled the biggest load; drove the best team; encountered the deepest snow, cut his load quickest and arrived back at the school yard first. The stories generated by these trips would put a fisherman to shame. They kept the winter conversation lively for weeks thereafter.

Memories of the Thirties by Clem Roles

School Games: Softball, pump-pump-pull-away, tag, cops and robbers, hide and seek, crack the whip, leap frog, hop scotch, skipping, London Bridge, shinney, building snow forts, ice sliding, snowball fighting, fox and goose.

School Field Day: Once each spring, eight or ten schools gathered for a field day at Bruno or Carmel -- a sort of micro olympics. School and individual awards were given for sports such as racing, jumping, softball, pie-eating, etc. We even had a trustee's race. It was an exciting day to build up to and enjoy with pop, ice cream and lunch, and a movie to top it off.

Chokecherries: They grew thick and heavy on the islands of the alkali lakes near Cranich Lake School. They were great for jam, jelly, pies and wine.

Saskatoon Berries: Getting to them meant a ten mile drive by horse and wagon, and it was worth it. They made up a good part of the winter canned fruit -- nowadays they would call it our source of vitamin C.



L to R: Denis Roles, Jackie (Roles) and Don Miko, Jack and Cathrine (Roles) Huber and grandson, Tim.

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 Trieshchuk 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-