

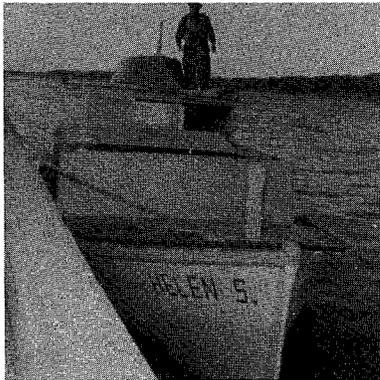
Crazy House, 1966.

devastated by a flood. Alex donated his boats to help evacuate the stranded.

In 1953, The Helen S. a 40 ft. white fish boat was purchased. A blast freezer run by a generator was built on-board. Alex's belief was to freeze minnows as quickly as possible. When he would tie up, a fire was built, out came the tea can to wash down the onion, corn-beef, or klik sandwiches.

The taxi was discontinued in 1954.

On November 2, 1957, Alex and Lillian Homenick



*Helen S. and
Alen Natchuk, 1965.*

were united in marriage. They continued to operate "The Bait House", wholesaling and retailing minnows and renting boats. In those days fishermen waited up to three hours to rent a boat on a Sunday.

Northern Fisheries bought the Helen S. in 1965 and drove it to Pine Dock.

During 1964-66 Alex owned a school bus, and drove pupils from Henderson Highway North to Gonor School. The Floodway increased the mileage to the school.

Alex loved hunting, the outdoors and snowmobiled since 1966. "At last we can enjoy winters", Alex would say.

The river was loved and respected by him. At times of distress, Alex always lent a helping hand. In 1966 there was a tragic boat accident at Lockport. He rescued a girl in trouble and saved her life.

In 1969 "The Bait House" was moved to the west side of the Red River. A refrigerated truck was purchased and a walk-in freezer built.

A dream came true for Alex in 1974. A 40 ft. steel boat was built for catching minnows. It was well equipped with a walk-in freezer, living quarters, pilot house, and working area. On May 5, 1974, it was christened the



Christening of Lilly-An, Lillian and Alex Natchuk.

"Lilly-Ann", taken from his wife's name and his first initials.

This year 1975 marked twenty-five years in the Wholesale Bait business, and deliveries were expanded up to the North.

Improvements were made on the Lilly-An.

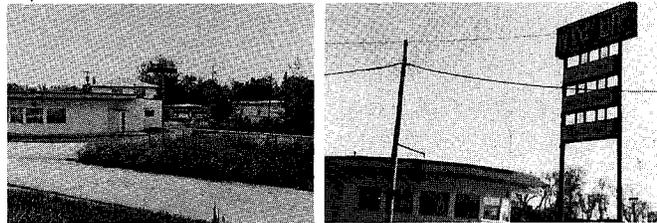
Nets were mounted on the sides of the stern and used for scooping bait, which were instantly frozen fresh.

April 11, 1978, death came to Alex while he was aboard the "Lilly-An", which he dearly loved.

MELODY LANE

submitted by Mr. and Mrs. Stanowych

I remind myself of the summer of 1949, when my Ukrainian organization "Plast" (similar to scouts) camped beside a small creek which flowed from the Red River, located in Lockport off of Hwy. No. 44, across the bridge and a turn to the south. I remind myself that in the middle of this area stood a small house which was surrounded by tall trees and long, tall grass spotted with prairie flowers which made a home for the swarms of mosquitoes. The campers christened the field with the name "Komarivka" or place of mosquitoes. I never expected that I would someday make this my home.



This very place where I camped is now called Melody Lane Trailer Park. It was given the name by Mary and Mike Wirt the initial owners. In 1969, plans to purchase the Wirt's business began. In May of 1970 we had moved from Winnipeg to Lockport to manage the Melody Lane Cocktail Lounge and Dining Room. We began a new job in a new place.



Oksana and Maria Stanowych.

Our daughters, Oksana and Maria began attending Happy Thought School in East Selkirk. They were actively involved with school activities and took a special interest in music. They played piano and played flute in the school band.

Beginnings in the new town were somewhat difficult, but given time to adapt, we soon established ourselves here. We began meeting new customers and new friends.

We began using the "smorgasbord" style of helping yourself which appealed to our regular customers and many new ones. The smorg was held on Sundays from 3-8 p.m.

The banquet hall in the restaurant gave many companies the opportunity to hold meetings. The hall also catered to graduation ceremonies, family banquets, and parties held on various occasions.

In 1978 we stood as managers of the Melody Lane Trailer Park. During these 13 years living in this area we had the opportunity and pleasure of working with and meeting many new people.

We would like to thank the people in this community and those of you who worked for us, with us, who took interest, and supported us.

Yours Truly,
Harry Stanowych
Donna Stanowych

THE STRAWBERRY PATCH "PIC 'N PAY"

submitted by Ken Cybulsky/s/h

Ken Cybulsky owns and operates the largest single strawberry operation within the province of Manitoba. It is situated in a park-like setting along the east bank of the historic Red River covering 110 acres of Lots 99 to 104 within the Parish of St. Clements, better known as Henderson Highway North (Kitchener area).

The commercial operation really commenced in 1978 when Ken started out with an initial 5 acre plot transplanted into strawberries. He expanded into eleven acres by 1979 and the next year increased his acreage to 17. By

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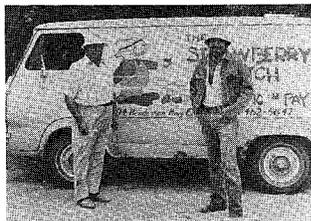
THE STRAWBERRY PATCH

"PIC 'N PAY"

Lot 104 Henderson Hwy

Grower
Ken Cybulsky

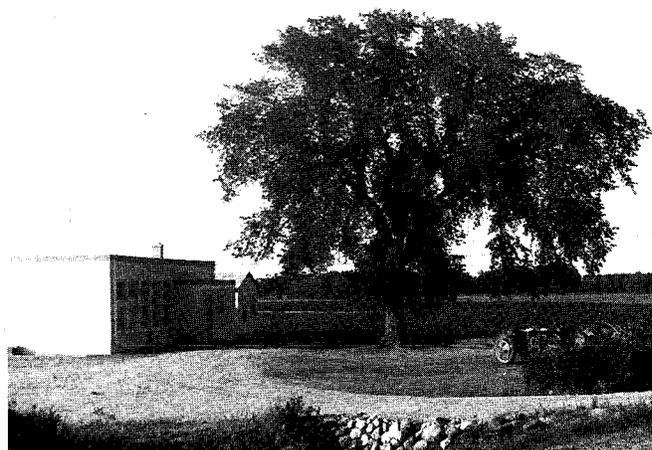
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Ken and John Cybulsky, 1982.



Ken Cybulsky



Strawberry Patch Pic-N-Pay equipment and office.

1981 the need was there for an additional 9 acres and 1982 saw 44 acres in operation. The year 1983 saw the greatest expansion to date, when over 70 acres was in production. Added to this was 3 acres of raspberries in 1981 which Ken extended to 10 acres by 1983.

This growth and expansion has given Ken the distinction of being the largest single strawberry grower in the province at the present time.

The certified plants that are used on the Plantation are from Nova Scotia and produce a very sweet berry that is winter hardy (which we have need of in Manitoba due to our harsh winters). Ken uses the 3 year growth cycle-pattern which assures new plants, on a rotational basis, with each year. The "Red Coat" is followed by "Bounty" and later by the variety "Kent" which creates the continuous picking season almost without interruption. The 10 acres of Raspberries are of "Boyne"

variety which is a hardy cane of sweet berries of good yield.

The "Strawberry Patch" can employ up to about 30 people during their peak season, and local help from within our own planning district is given first choice.

The operation is fully irrigated using water from the Red River pressured from two pumps having a capacity of 1400 gallons and 1200 gallons per minute. The pumps are 100 HP and 80 HP which operate through an



Irrigation.

Covered for winter.

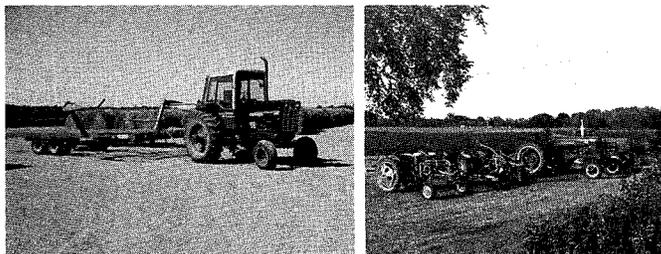
irrigation system of some 15 miles of 2" to 10" aluminum piping. There are over 1400 nozzels which are spaced at about 20 per acre. The two pumps are run by diesel fuel and sit right on the bank of the river.

On the average, the enterprise yields about 4000 lbs. or 2 tons of berries to the acre.

To protect the plants and fruit, Ken has planted a system of shelter belts made up of about 3000 Russian Red-Twig Willows, which grew very thickly and quickly, and afford maximum protection from the elements.

Ken first started in 1978 with a single-row planter and due to expansion has by necessity changed to that of a 4-row cultivator, planter and fertilizer equipment.

The wind-down operation in the fall involves the covering of all plants with sufficient straw to protect them from our penetrating frosts and severe temperatures. To afford them this protection, Ken has in the past, covered the plants with about 15,000 square bales. However, he has now purchased new machinery, a Round Bale Mover and a Big Bale Buster that allows him to spread and shred about 800 of the round bales as

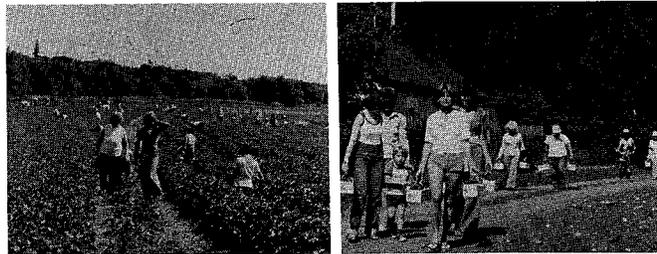


Big Bale Buster.

compared to the multi-handling of some 15,000 square bales.

In 1983 Ken had another parking lot constructed which now enables him customer parking of about 300 vehicles.

The office building and the administration of the enterprise is carried on from the old Kitchener School Building (S.D. No. 1076) which Ken has left in its original state. This school was officially opened in 1961. The 80 year old Elm tree that shaded the Kitchener school children is now standing sentinel and watching with interest the new and fast growing industry, the "Strawberry Patch" owned and operated by Ken Cybulsky, fourth generation pioneer of the east bank of the Red River.



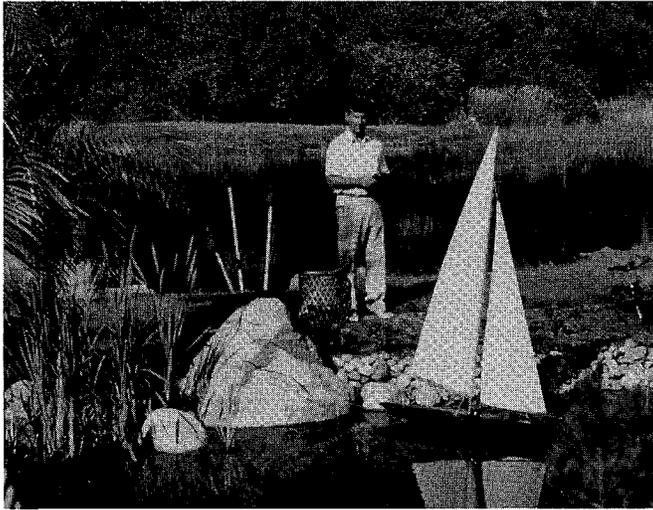
TWILITE GARDENS

submitted by Ken Fegol

Twilite Gardens, a private park with Polynesian overtones, was developed by Ken Fegol, a landscape contractor and owner of Fegol's Nursery & Landscaping. It is located on the east side of the Red River just south of Lockport and across the river from St. Andrews Church.

In 1981, an existing reed swamp which was used for irrigating the nursery, was excavated, an island was formed, large boulders were brought in from Birds Hill and it was gradually transformed into the present gardens. Large specimen trees were transplanted with large tree moving equipment.

The focal point of *Twilite Gardens* is an open Polynesian-style hut where one can picnic or just relax and watch the wild ducks. A plank bridge with heavy rope twined around side posts crosses over to a small



Ken Fegol at his Twilite Gardens.



Twilite Gardens.



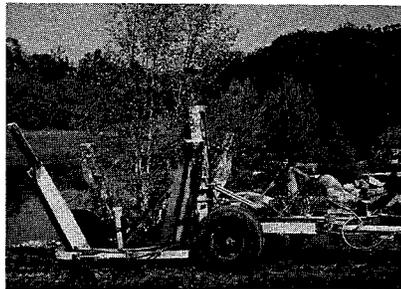
Dayna Lalchun



crease its potential as an ideal recreational environment for a variety of additional activities such as luaus, concerts, receptions or whatever other occasions lend themselves to the enjoyment of the outdoors. At twilight, the gardens are illuminated with kerosene torches and lanterns placed throughout the grounds to enhance the Hawaiian atmosphere and mood.

Twilite Gardens was recently entered in the 27th Annual Natural Landscape Awards program sponsored by the American Association of Nurserymen in Washington, D.C., and Ken Fegol was presented with a Certificate of Merit for landscaping excellence and contribution to environment improvement.

Fegol's Nursery and Landscaping, Todd Stefanyshyn at controls.



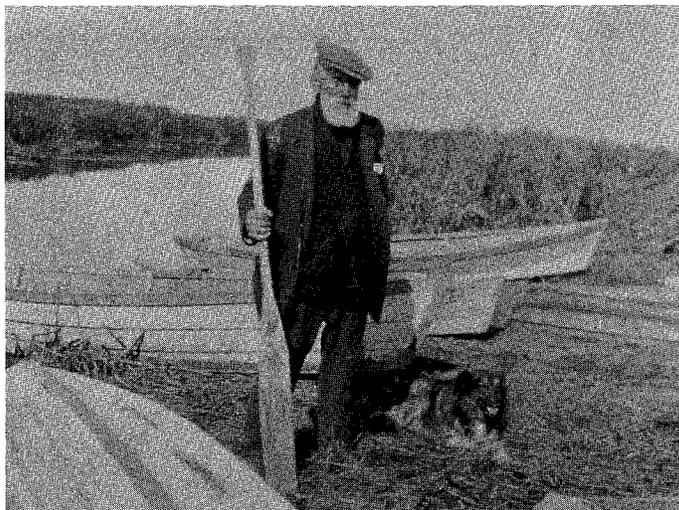
island with a peaceful sitting area and boat dock. A walk along the shore of the pond leads to the sandy beach and thatched hut. Ornamental shrubs and several species of palms complement the tropical effect and there are strategically placed rocks, driftwood, flowerbeds and limestone walls, with future plans for a waterfall. Recreational areas include barbecue facilities, bonfire pit, golf putting green, volleyball and other games.

Although Twilite Gardens has already been the setting for private barbecues, corn roasts and wedding pictures, its final design and purpose is far from complete as a few more attractive features are added each summer to in-



Clark's Gravel Pit, on the east side of the Red River.

... MORE BUSINESS AND MANY OCCUPATIONS



Pat Bruce Sr. 1914, Minister, Storekeeper, Boat Builder, Landholder, Farmer, and Hunter.

SEED CLEANING



John Kuzminski Seed Cleaning operation, 2 Mile Road, East Selkirk.

RAWLEIGH GOODS



Mr. Wasyl Nowasad with the wagon he used to travel from house to house selling Rawleigh goods, 1920.



Fox Farms in Narol (Silver) Nebozenko's - Mike, Steve and Bill, Frank (Kruse) Krushelnicki, and Mike Oleschuk use to sell at Soudak's Fur Auction, behind City Hall.



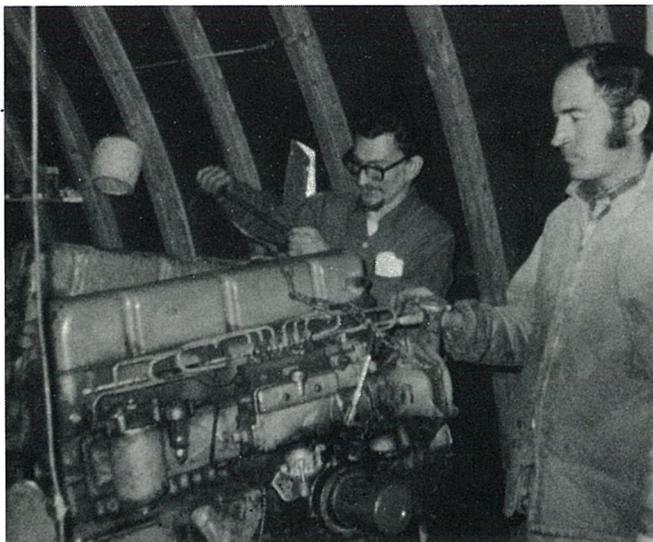
Wood Splitting.



Putting up ice at Reuben Thomas' place, Balsam Bay.



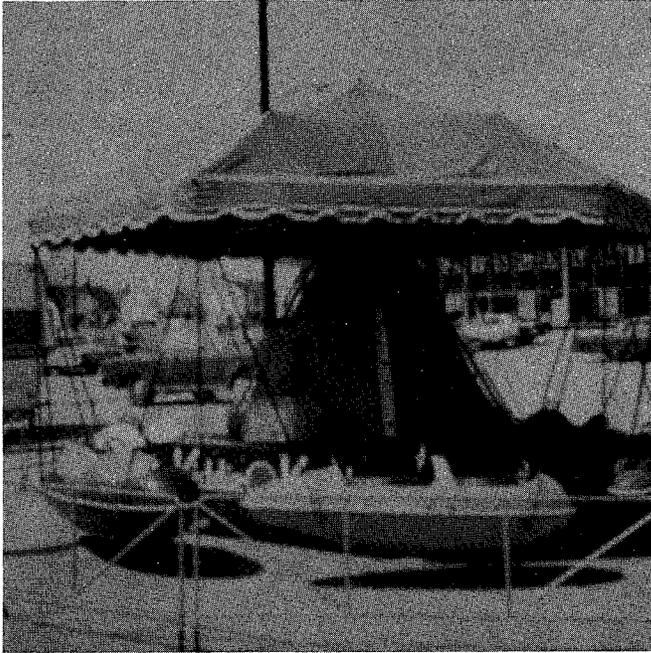
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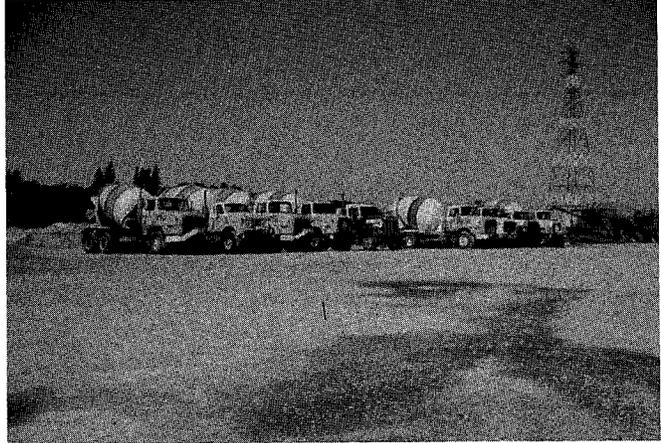
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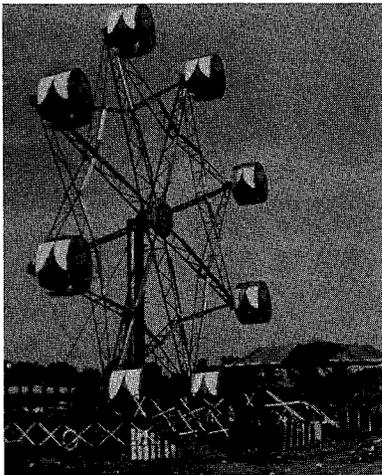
Brown's Bakery, Selkirk, Joe Budy worked for them when he was 17.



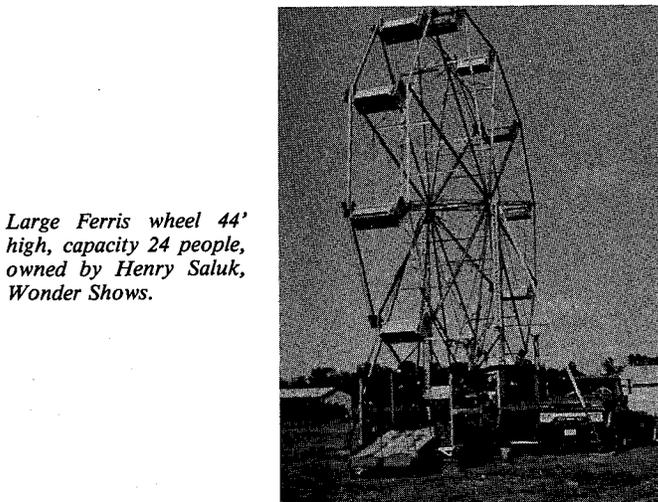
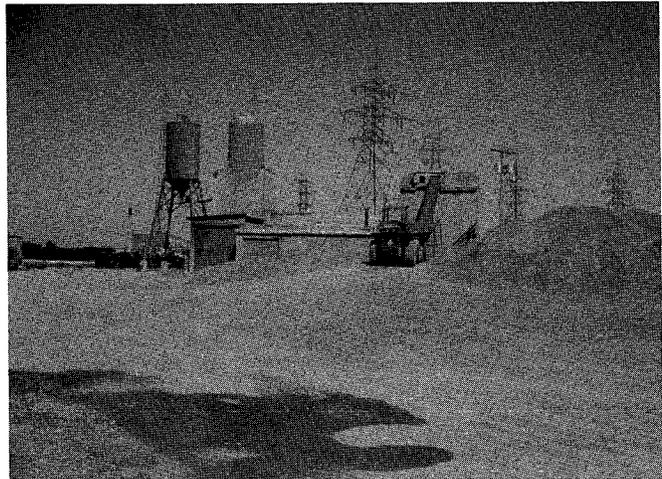
First ride purchased by Wonder Shows.



Lakeshore Contracting Batching Plant on CIL Road, East Selkirk "Fleet".



Rock-O-Plane owned by Wonder Shows.



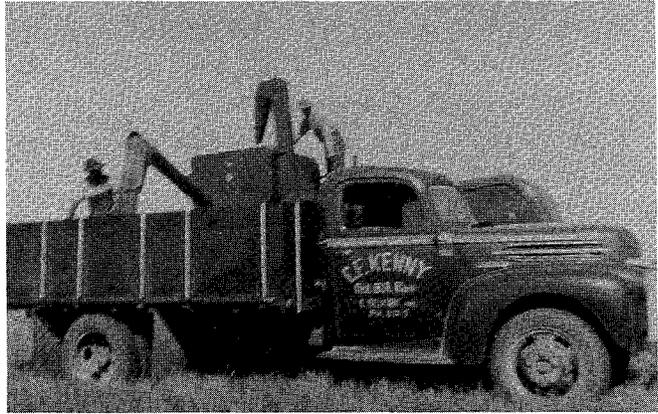
Large Ferris wheel 44' high, capacity 24 people, owned by Henry Saluk, Wonder Shows.



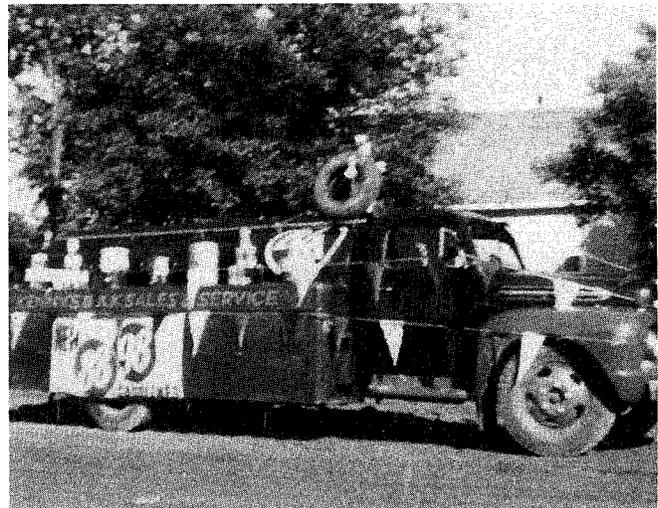
Midland Fruit Company Ltd.



Bill's Garage, Gonor owned by Bill Sempowich. Left to Right: Fred Blacher, Joe Dubowits, Bill Sempowich, and Paul Sempowich.



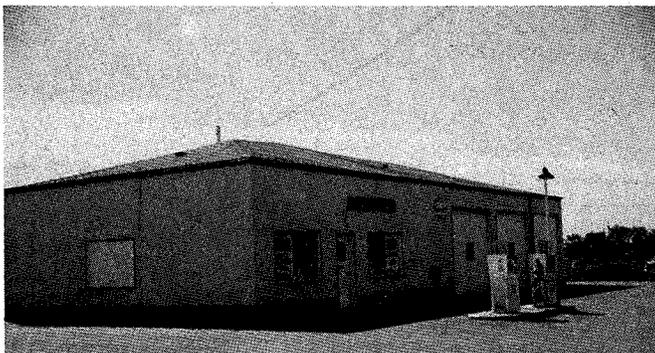
C.F. Kenny's Truck, 1948.



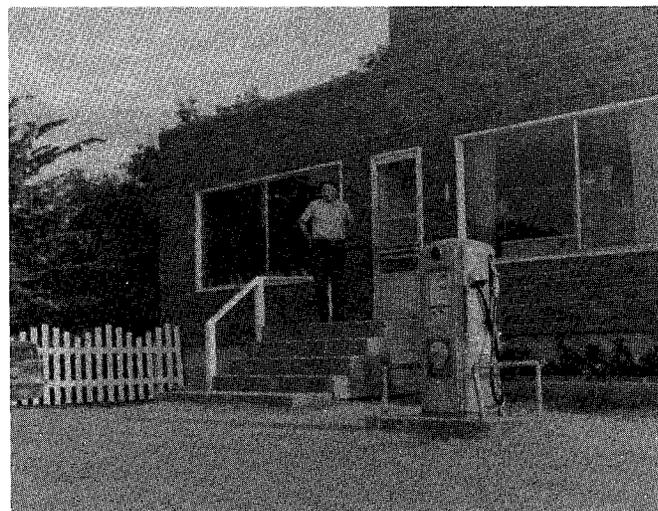
Chris Kenny's tank truck decorated for the fair parade.



Gas station operated by Walter Budy.

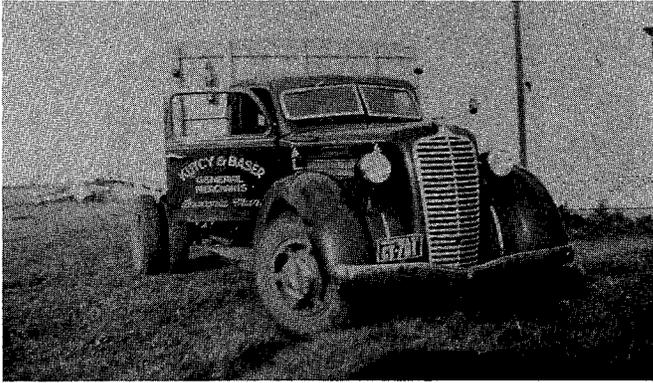


Rennie's Sales and Service Gulf, on Lot 14, East Selkirk.



Peter Kutcy's store and gas bar, 1952.

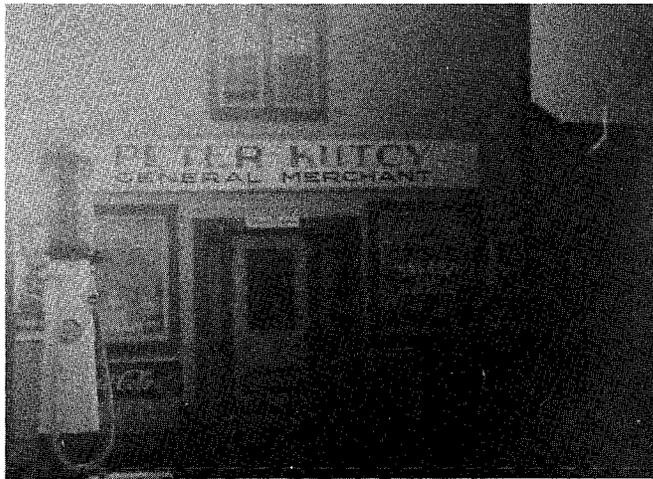
PETER KUTCY



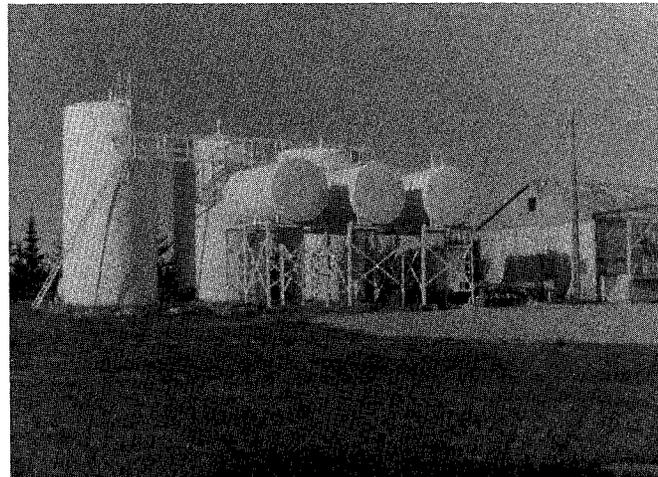
P. Kutcy's first truck, before he built the store he used the truck to peddle groceries in the early 1930's.



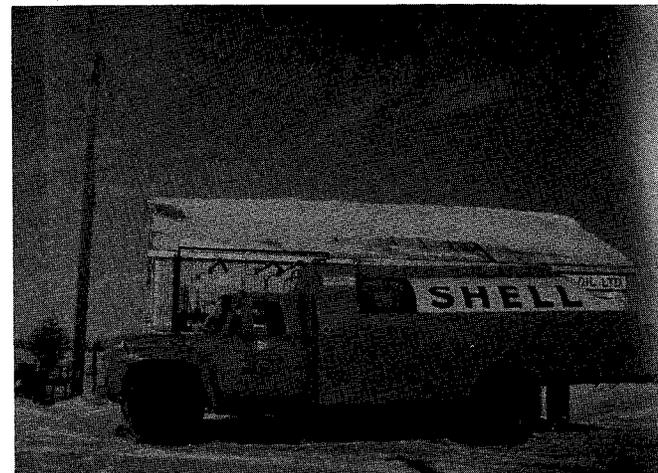
Kutcy's remodelled store, 1976, his fuel tanks are across the road from his store.



Peter Kutcy's Store, Beaconia, 1937.



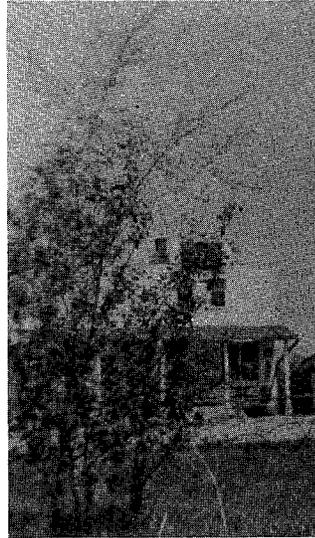
Mr. Kutcy started fuel and gas delivery business in 1954.



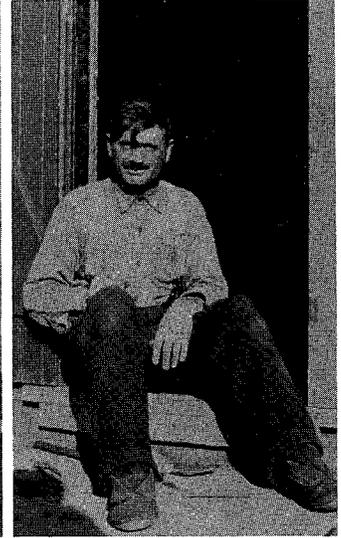
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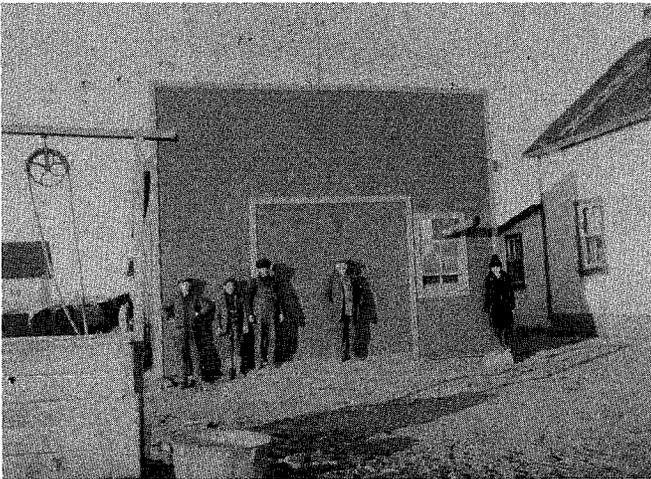
Robert Klatt's store in Beaconia before it was owned by Mr. Kurk



Kurk's Store.



Alex Kurk



Robert Klatt's garage in Beaconia when he ran a meat market.



Kelich's Store.



Bunio Store at Walkleyburg, winter of 1941 the store moved across the road. John Bunio and Gladys.



Nicholas and Dorothy Paziuk (Ex Postmaster and store proprietor).