



*Cecilia, Mary Krewiak, Frances.*

John and Mike were active in baseball for the Romeo's team, Hank played for the Winnipeg Monarchs Junior team.

John, Mike and Steve all served overseas. John and Mike for the Lake Superior Regiment and Steve in the Light Anti Aircraft Artillery.

## **FRANK AND JOSEPHINE KRUSZELNICKI (KRUSE)**

*submitted by Helen Doherty*

Josephine Malizdrewicz was born in Poland on Feb. 22, 1878, the daughter of John and Carolina Malazdrewicz. There were 13 children in this family, Charlie, Joseph, Frank, Nick, John, Minnie, Josephine, Nellie, Rose and Stanley. The others were deceased. Her mother, Carolina was a mid-wife and brought many children into this world. Most of the Narol children were brought into this world by Carolina, Mrs. Malis, or Mrs. Anna Pewarchuk (Snorivka). John was a carpenter, he worked on the first St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church at Narol.

Josephine recalls when she was 13 years old that she went out to work, looking after small children and cooking while the mother's of these children took loads of vegetables to the market and the father's were out haying and harvesting.

Josephine married Frank Kruszelnicki (Kruse) in 1913. He operated a Silver Fox Farm at Lot 227, Narol. Josephine and Frank had seven children, Stanley, Phillip, Van, Minnie, Olga, Rose and Genevieve. They had 21 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren, at the time of the interview.

Frank had a stroke and spent ten years in the Holy Family Nursing Home. It was very hard on the family. Josephine says she had to rip men's pants and use the material for the girl's dresses during the depression. She said she wasted no material, and cloth wore well in those days. She used to reverse the cloth for a new look. Josephine said it was not like now, clothing comes apart



*Olga, Josephine Kruszelnicki (Kruse) Minnie, Frank Kruszelnicki (laying down) at Lot 227 Henderson Hwy.*

practically before you wear it. Even the zippers are no good now, years ago we used zippers over and over again, and they really lasted.

Times were hard and according to Josephine it was difficult to make a decent living. We only had a two-room log house. My daughter Olga died in 1936, and our youngest was a premature baby, and the Doctor's orders were to keep the child wrapped warmly in oil and cotton-batten for about ten days. We kept the baby over near the wood stove, as there was no incubator in those days.

Times were hard, but there are also a lot of happy memories. I have very good children. My son Stanley and his wife Leona were very kind to me and helped me so many ways.

## **PETER KUHN**

*submitted by slh*

John Kuhn, born Feb. 22, 1866 and his wife Pearl (Fedor) born Aug. 26, 1872, came to Canada on the ship "Bulgaria" from Austria in 1897. One child, Ann, sailed with them, she had been born in 1896.

Pearl's older brother, John Fedor, also came to Canada with them. He now resides in Penticton, B.C.

John and Pearl had another son Peter, but he died in infancy. The second son, Peter, was born in Canada in the year 1900.

The family settled on River Lot 129 on land previously owned by McRae, the blacksmith of Red River. This lot is situated just south of the Lower Fort buildings.

John did work, as he found it, and tried to support his family in this new land. He was well-educated and had no problem with the language. He worked for the Dept. of Indian Affairs for quite some time.

Peter received his early schooling at Lockport and then transferred to St. Boniface for his higher education. He obtained his teaching certificate and went on to teach at Mayfield, Brookside and Happy Thought School Districts, within the rural municipality of St. Clements.



*John Fedor (Mrs. John Kuhn's brother), Baby Peter Kuhn, Mrs. John Kuhn, Mr. John Kuhn, Anne Kuhn (Mrs. G. Adamac).*



*Sept 15, 1935 Ann Adamac and Peter Kuhn.*

Peter could be seen travelling about in his 1922 Nash Roadster, wherever he could find roads to travel on.

Ann Kuhn met and married George Adamac in the year 1920. Peter married Ann Zaversnuke, the daughter of William Zaversnuke, and they continued to live at River Lot 129.

Peter and Ann only had one child, Eileen, who received most of her education in Saskatchewan.

Eileen met and married Harry Hewgill and they have one son.

Peter's parents, John and Pearl Kuhn passed away many years ago, Pearl in her 72nd year (March 18, 1944). John is buried in the Greek Orthodox Church Cemetery in Gonor and Pearl is at rest in the Little Britain Cemetery.



*Mark Chernecki, Bill Babisky, John Zaversnuke, Anne and Mrs. Kuhn, 1932.*

During a recent interview, Peter who is now 83 years young, fondly recalls stories concerning the "RTU's" as well as Homenick's and Donald's Bus Lines and his own 1922 Nash, which was the rage of the Lockport Corner at one time.

Peter remembers how exciting it was when Mike Peake won a Graham Paige car in March 1930. Mike had been the winner of a ticket on a draw in Winnipeg. Peter says, "I had a camera, and almost everybody around Lockport and Gonor, had me take their photo standing by Mike's automobile".

Peter is now 83 years young and admits he is slowing down a bit, but his memory is still very active and he is now looking forward to the warmer weather that the summer of 1983 will bring.

He loves the old homestead (Lot 129) and says, "the old house needs repair, but it will last my lifetime." He went on to say "life has been pretty good to me, and I am really looking forward to my daughter's visit, as it sometimes gets lonely when you can't get around as much as you used to do".

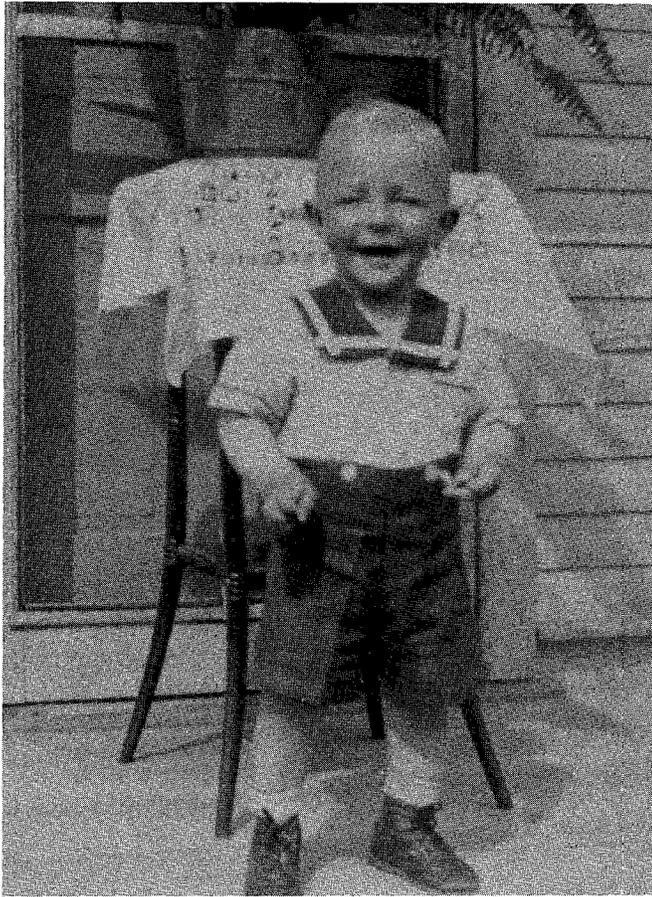
Peter, enjoy your 83rd year on the banks of the Red River and I hope the summer of 1983 is as warm and sunny as you wish it.

## **THE KULIKOWSKI FAMILY**

*submitted by Adam Kulikowski*

The history of the Kulikowski family dates back to the beginning of the century when Andrew and Mary Kulikowski, who resided in the Village of Terebovlia, near the town of Tarnopol, in the Ukraine, gave birth to their first son, Stephen (Steve) Jacob on April 26, 1900, followed by another son, Eugene, in 1908.

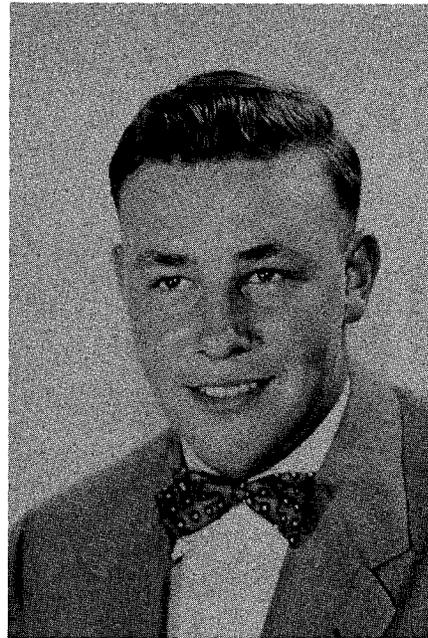
Stephen, as a young man served in the Armed Services during World War I which found him in Poland, Germany and England. At the age of 26, he ventured to Canada and chose to settle in Winnipeg. Homeless and penniless, he sought employment and soon obtained his first job with D.D. Wood and Co., as a labourer on



*Adam Kulikowski*

Jarvis Ave. In 1927, he married Olga Chyz and the following year, they were blessed with a daughter, Marion. They resided on Magnus Ave. For a few years and then they moved into a shanty at the corner of Boyd and Sinclair in Winnipeg. In 1933 they moved to East Selkirk. Jan. of 1935, found Stephan a widower, the result of a tuberculosis epidemic.

On Sept. 26, 1935, he then married Fanny Kolody, the fourth child of a family of eight of John and Eva Kolody, (Nee: Sul). They resided in East Selkirk on Lot 10 Railway Ave. the site which is presently occupied by the Horon family, in a two room log dwelling. On April 18, 1938 they were blessed with twin sons on Easter Monday, Adam and Andrew. The doctor in attendance, Dr. W.I. Easton remarked at the time, that he was pleased to deliver a set of two Easter eggs, being the two sons. Andrew, unfortunately, after six months of illness, passed away. Stephan's employment at that time was making a living as a peddler for various farmers in the area. He, along with Philip Kress (Krasadamski) formed a partnership in this two man transport and delivery team and in their 1939 half ton truck made many trips to Winnipeg with produce, cattle, etc. to provide an existence for their families. In 1944, they moved to Lot 31, Railway Ave. in East Selkirk, where they purchased property from the late Karl and Kay Janishewski and built a larger home to accommodate themselves, which presently stands today. On Oct. 3, 1944, a daughter, Ollie



*Adam Kulikowski*

Theresa, was born to them which completed their family.

Along with farming the ten acres, Stephan then commenced employment at the Selkirk Steel Foundry, presently known as Abex, where he worked as a Ladleman, pouring hot steel into moulds. He was employed there until 1965, when he retired. During his retirement years, he spent his time in market gardening until his demise in 1969. His widow, Fanny, continued to live in the area until her passing in 1982. Both of them were devout members of the Blessed Virgin Mary Ukrainian Catholic Church in East Selkirk where Stephan volunteered countless hours to its construction. Stephan and Fanny chose East Selkirk as their home for many years, as did two of their children.

Adam, who presently resides a 1/2 mile from the homestead, received his education at the Happy Thought School from which he graduated in 1956. He went on to receive his Bookkeeping and typing certificates from the Success Commercial College in Winnipeg. Upon completion, he joined the staff of the then Dominion Bank in Selkirk. Amalgamation of the Dominion Bank and the Bank of Toronto resulted in Adam being transferred to Pilot Mound, Man. Within a year he was again transferred to Winnipeg where his banking career terminated in 1958. He immediately obtained employment with the Town of Selkirk as a Municipal Clerk which also was short lived. As construction of the Selkirk Generating Station was eminent, he chose to explore this field. Adam commenced work with Pearson Construction Co. Ltd. as a payroll clerk, advancing to timekeeper and then as an accountant. After a four year period, the construction was completed and the position terminated. Having been offered the opportunity to go north to Grand Rapids with the Construction Co. Adam declined and instead in the Spring of 1961, chose to again start work as a Municipal Clerk, this time with the Rural Municipality of St. Clements. Having held the position as Assistant Secretary-Treasurer for over sixteen years, under the



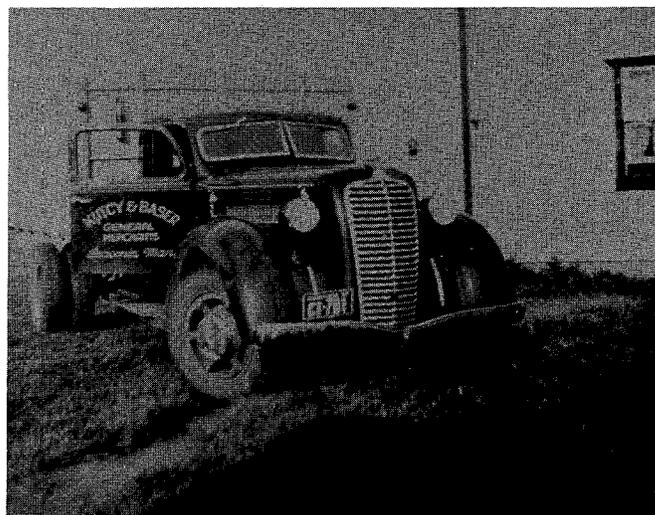
*Left to Right: Christine, Dale Andrew, Nadine, Evelyn and Adam Kulikowski.*

capable hands and guidance of the Secretary-Treasurer, William Sokolowski, inspired Adam to pursue a new venture. It was later that year that Adam decided to enter into matrimonial ties with a student childhood sweetheart, Evelyn Kolmatiski, and on Aug. 26, 1961 found themselves walking up the aisle of the Ukrainian Catholic Church in East Selkirk, a Church which both attended on a regular Sunday basis as children of their respective families.

In 1977, the Province of Manitoba had introduced the concept of planning districts in the province, with the Selkirk and District Planning Area being the first planning district formed. Adam, having acquired considerable knowledge in the Municipal field in the past 16 years decided to accept the position as the first Secretary-Treasurer of the First Planning District in the Province, a position he held for exactly five years. It was within these five years that Adam had obtained considerable knowledge in the planning, zoning, and implementation of the Provincial Codes, the Manitoba Building and Plumbing Code, the Manitoba Fire Code, and the Planning Act, working in close liaison with various Government Departments that inspired Adam to apply for the position of Secretary-Treasurer of the Rural Municipality of St. Clements upon the retirement of William Sokolowski. Having successfully acquired this position in Oct. 1982, Adam returned to his native surroundings, a position he holds as of this date. Adam resides with his wife Evelyn at 1027 St. Peters Road (PR. 508). His wife Evelyn, is employed as a School Bus Driver with the Lord Selkirk School Division II, for the past seven years. They have three children, Christine, age 20, who is employed in the offices of the Manitoba Rolling Mills, a unit of AMCA International, Nadine, age 16, who is attending Grade XI at the Comprehensive High School in Selkirk, and Dale Andrew, age 13, who is attending Grade 8 at the Happy Thought School.

Daughter Ollie, and Husband Emil Stasiuk, along with their children, David, Danny and Debbie, reside at Lot 36, 1095 St. Peters Road in East Selkirk. Emil is the Assistant Manager at I.G.A. in Selkirk. Ollie is employed as a part-time Resource Aide at the Happy Thought School and their children all attend the Happy Thought School. (See Stasiuk history, in this book).

Daughter Marion, and husband Herb Dalman, reside in Selkirk. Marion is a part-time Licensed Practical Nurse at the Selkirk General Hospital. Her husband, Herb, is a retired Ontario Lands and Forest Employee. They have four children, Ronald and wife Mary (nee: Fidler) who reside in Selkirk, along with two children, Gladys and husband John Eddy and children of Calgary, Norman and wife Susan (nee: Goodbrandson) who also reside in Selkirk and son Steven at home.



*Peter Kutcy's first truck.*

## **PETER AND EDITH KUTCY**

*submitted by Edith Kutcy*

Peter Kutcy was born in the year 1912, the eldest of ten children born to Panko and Francis Kutcy of Brokenhead. Peter attended school in Brokenhead and helped his parents with the family farm. Being the eldest of 10 children, Peter accepted much responsibility early in life. By the age of 24 years, Peter had left home and started his own business, as a general merchant, in the area known as Beaconia.

Peter married Edith Plischke, the daughter of Michael and Julia Plischke, in the year 1937. They had one daughter, Edith, who later met and married Steve Zastawny.

During the early Beaconia years, (in 1930's) Peter used to peddle groceries using his early Kutcy-Baser truck, before he built his store. Once the store was built, they included gas sales, as this early 1937 photo shows. This store was completely renovated and remodelled in 1952 and again in 1976.

In 1954 Peter Kutcy diversified his Beaconia operation

by commencing yet another business, that of the delivery of fuel and gas for North Star Oil Ltd. The business progressed and Peter expanded his operation to a full bulk tank enterprise by 1969, complete with newer vehicles. The old North Star colours were replaced with the bright yellow Shell Oil colours.

At the present time Mr. and Mrs. Peter Kutcy are still running their business with the help of their children. In the year 1984 the Kutcy family will celebrate 50 years in business in the Beaconia area. A half century of service to the residents of St. Clements.

### KUZMINSKI 1982

*submitted by John Kuzminski*

Michael Kuzminski was born in the village of Hlinitzi, Ukraine in 1884. He arrived in Canada in the year 1910 and settled in East Selkirk, Man. Pauline Karanko was born in the village of Starawa, Ukraine in 1887. She joined her only brother, Steven in East Selkirk in 1912. Michael and Pauline met and later married in the Ukrainian Catholic Church in East Selkirk on February 14, 1914. They raised three children, John born in 1916, Kay in 1920 and Mike in 1923. Their first born child, Nicholas died in infancy.

Soon after they married, Michael and Pauline Kuzminski purchased ten acres of land, solid bush (Lot 3, Plan 2726), and cleared the first five acres with two teams of oxen. Some years later the remaining five acres were cleared by tractor. It took six weeks, six people, and two teams of horses, to clear the larger rocks before the land could be tilled. The teams of oxen were sold in 1918 and the money was used to drill a well which remains on the farm today (1982).



*Mike Kuzminski, 1929.*

*Kay Kuzminski, 1928.*



*Mr. and Mrs. Michael and Pauline Kuzminski.*

Pauline and Michael purchased a two room home from an Indian Reserve in St. Peters, Man. and then hauled and rebuilt it on the cleared land. They and their children lived in this log house for twenty-five years. The logs were plastered with straw and clay then whitewashed inside and out for the "healthy look". The bricks for the chimney of the house were carried from the first Immigration Hall in East Selkirk, when it closed. The leftover bricks were used to construct a "dutch type" outdoor oven. Many delicious loaves of bread and cabbage rolls came out of this oven. The original log house has since been replaced in 1943.

The majority of time was spent working. Making a living certainly was a challenge. In addition to his small farm, Michael worked at the Selkirk Rolling Mills and later at the Flax Fibre Plant, presently the location of the Selkirk Selica Plant.

He used a bicycle for transportation summer and winter. After several years his health failed. When Michael could no longer work, Pauline became a housekeeper at the Van Horne Farms in East Selkirk and performed additional jobs as well, such as digging Seneca roots in the woods.

The year 1941 was a significant one for the Kuzminski family because they commenced market gardening. They were able to buy a Model T Ford from John Bunio in Walkleyburg for \$35.00. The car was transformed into a truck and was used mainly for the transportation of vegetables between East Selkirk and Winnipeg. The truck also enabled the Kuzminski's to attend a few social functions. In spite of hardships there was much happiness in the Kuzminski family due to the good will and comradeship of relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Michael and Pauline lived their entire lives in East Selkirk and helped to establish the foundation of the

community that presently exists. Michael died in 1940 at the age of 56 and Pauline died in 1954 at the age of 67.

Perhaps due to circumstances and strict upbringing, responsibilities were accepted by the Kuzminski children in early life. In 1931, John quit Happy Thought School at the grade six level. At the age of fifteen, he worked at the Flax Fibre Plant in Selkirk, leaving the plant in 1935 to work on the construction of the Selkirk Bridge. John became active in the community helping to organize a church youth club under the direction of Cannon A. Lyhowy. The church was the centre of the Ukrainian community in East Selkirk. It played a very important part in the Kuzminski's lives. John served on the Happy Thought School Board and Selkirk Hospital Board. He has been a member of the East Selkirk Hall since 1937, as well as Director of the Selkirk Credit Union and President of the Selkirk Rolling Mill Credit Union where he was employed for ten years. Presently John is Councillor for the Municipality of St. Clements.

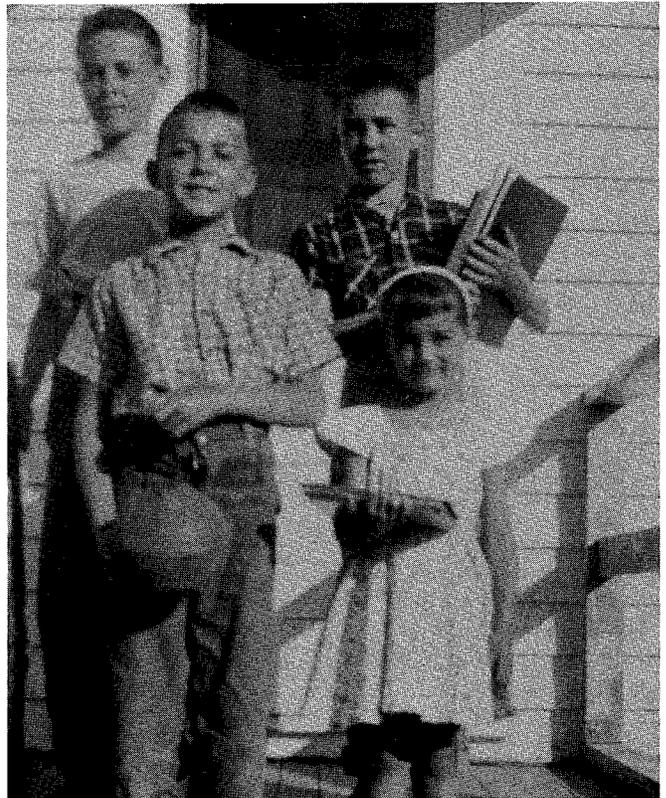


1939, Mike Kuzminski and son John 2 mile road.

John was married in 1943 to Elsie Hadaller from Hazelridge, Man. They had four children, Lloyd, John, Jim and Verna. Elsie Kuzminski died in 1966 at the age of 51. John later married Jean Lefko. John presently farms 285 acres of land and operates a self-owned seed grain cleaning business.

Lloyd, John's oldest son, married Elizabeth Nicol. They have two sons, Peter and Paul. John married Doreen Wasnie. They have two children, Leanna and Michael. Jim married Sharon Ruptash and they have two children, Cheryl and Jason. Verna married Lloyd Jaster. They have one child, Blair. They all reside in and around East Selkirk. John and Jim are self-employed building contractors. Lloyd is a pipe insulator and Verna is a nurses aid at the Beausejour Hospital.

Kay is the only daughter of Micheal and Pauline Kuzminski. She belonged to the church youth club and



Lloyd, John, Jim and Verna Kuzminski, 1959.



Left to Right: Kay Kuzminski with her mother Pauline Kuzminski who is holding Verna. Kay is behind Jim and Johnnie, Ken and Lloyd, 1952.

participated in several Ukrainian live plays under the direction of the parish priest, the late Father Kushnirik. Through the Manitoba Federation of Agriculture, Kay also entered several public speaking contests.

Kay spent nearly ten summers selling produce at the market at Stella and Main Street in Winnipeg. Beginning in the early morning the market stayed open until nine at



1980 Greg, Kathy and Margaret Kuzminski.



John and Doreen Kuzminski with Leanna 6, and Michael 4.

night every day of the week and to ten on Saturdays. Sixteen hours was considered a normal working day. Kay was married in 1947 to Matt Billey from Fork River, Man. After living in Winnipeg for three years, they moved to Windsor, Ont. Matt worked as a meat cutter and Kay was a meat clerk. Matt died in 1974 at the age of 54. Kay presently resides in Windsor, Ont.

Matt and Kay have two sons, Ken and Greg. Ken graduated from the University of Windsor with an honors degree in Math, and is presently a High School Math teacher. He married Barbara Wells and they reside in Windsor. Greg graduated from University of Windsor with a degree in Computer Science and works as a programmer in Midland, Ont.

Mike, the youngest of the Kuzminski family was also a member of the church youth club. During the Second World War, Mike joined the R.C.A.F. in March, 1943 and was stationed for most of the time in Watson Lake, Yukon Territory. Following his discharge from the R.C.A.F. in 1946, Mike farmed and worked in construction throughout Winnipeg.

Wedding Bells rang in 1955 when Mike married Mary Byskal, a school teacher from Bird's Hill, Man. Presently residing in Winnipeg, Mike and Mary have three children, Gregory, the eldest, is a graduate of the University of Manitoba with a degree in business administration. He is married to Kim Hawryshyn and they live in Winnipeg, Kathy is a graduate from the University of Manitoba with a degree in Music and presently teaches high school. Margaret is currently a University of Winnipeg student.

Mike has been active in the labour movement in Manitoba. He has been the Business Manager of the International Union of Operating Engineers for many years and is currently serving in that capacity.

Over the span of about seventy years since Michael and Pauline first arrived in Canada, East Selkirk has grown considerably. We, the Kuzminski children are grateful to

our parents for their perseverance and productive lives and for giving us the opportunity to mature and develop in the country they have adopted and loved.

## NORMAN LALCHUN FAMILY

*submitted by Norman Lalchun*

Norman Lalchun was born on Aug. 27, 1932, in Gonor, Man., to Anthony and Mary Lalchun. His father was born in Kursu, Austria on July 15, 1888 and came to Canada in 1913. He married Mary Stasyshyn in 1923. Mary was born on April 18, 1905 in Gonor, Man. Norman's parents farmed in Gonor on Lot 182. Mary passed away on Aug. 11, 1953 and Anthony passed away on March 3, 1962.

Norman had a brother William who resides with his wife Shirley in Gonor. Shirley and William have four children, Leslie, Donna, Garry and Sandra. William is employed by Western Asbestos as a supervisor.

Norman's other brother Danny and sister are deceased.

On Aug. 8, 1959 Norman married Janet Elaine Smith and took up residence at 6644 Henderson Hwy in Gonor. Janet was born to Philip and Rose Smith (nee Williams) in Winnipeg and lived in Selkirk, Man. Her father was a melter for the Rolling Mills in Selkirk, Edmonton and Regina. Her parents are deceased at time of this writing. Janet has three brothers, Philip, Henry and Paul. She taught at Margaret Hayworth School and at Donald School in Narol, Man. Janet is presently a manager for Copper Craft Guild of Canada. With the Company over the past years, she has won trips to Switzerland, Germany, Austria, Hawaii and the Caribbean.

On Dec. 3, 1963, Norman's wife Janet gave birth to a son Dean. Dean attended School at Happy Thought School and the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive School. He is presently taking Civil Engineering at the University of Manitoba. In June of 1981, Dean as a member of the Lord Selkirk Royal Blues Band took part in an International Band Competition in Vienna, Austria. In April of 1981, Dean as student in a travel course went on a three week trip to Egypt and Greece.

On June 5, 1966, Norman's wife, Janet gave birth to a daughter, Dayna, Rose, Dayna attended the Happy Thought and Lockport School and at present is attending the Lord Selkirk Regional Comprehensive School. At School she is on the Varsity Basketball team (Royals), in the Royal Blues Band and as a member of the French Club is going to Quebec in April. In her out of school activities, Dayna does horseback riding and has won Ribbons in Competition. She is in her 10th year of taking tap dancing lessons. Dayna has taken a modelling course and has done modelling for Fegol's Landscaping. In Feb. 1982 she was 1st Princess in a Snow Queen Carnival in East Selkirk and as a result was asked to compete in a Junior Miss International Beauty Competition in Palm Springs, California.

In Community involvement, Norman Lalchun was instrumental in the drawing up of the St. Clements Advisory Planning Commission and served on the commission. He served as a member of the Selkirk General Hospital Board. Norman was on the Church

## GEORGE AND NELLIE LANE

*submitted by Minnie Ovens*

George Lane was born in Hampshire, England, and his wife Nellie (McNeill) was born in Husy, New Brunswick. Mrs. Lane was a School Teacher in her native province. Minnie, her daughter describes her Mother as a "wee bit of a thing - size 3 1/2 shoes - tiny waist and a real going concern." The Lanes had three children: Minnie (Mary) Mrs. Tom Ovens born in East Selkirk in 1901, Hallie, and Jean.



*George Lane*

Committee for the Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

After completing his education at the Gonor School, Norman helped his father on the farm. In Feb. 1952, he started as a labourer at the St. Andrews Lock and Dam for the Dept. of Public Works - Canada. From Labourer, he went to special labour in 1956 and to Canal man in 1963. In 1966 he was promoted to assistant superintendent and 1972 was made superintendent of St. Andrews Lock and Dam. Norman was promoted to superintendent of Marine Facilities in charge of the St. Andrews Lock and Dam and the Selkirk Dry Dock in 1976 and this is as it stands to the present day, Feb. 13, 1983.



*Mrs. George Lane (Nellie) with Jean in her arms. Minnie and Hallie in front.*

Mr. Lane worked for the CPR as an Extra-gang foreman. The family moved to West Selkirk and he was employed at the Mental Hospital. Hallie moved to a farm at Deloraine, and Jean lives in Wpg.

## H. AUGUST LARSON "THE LITTLE DANE"

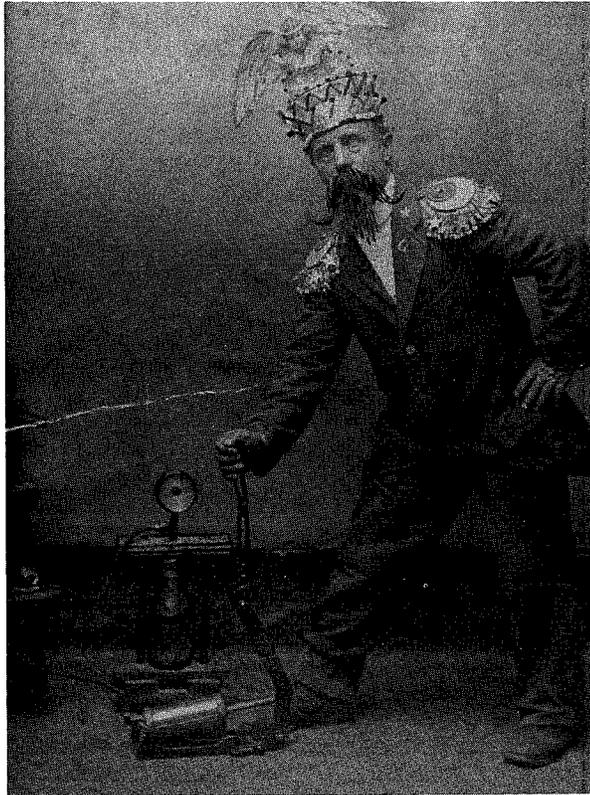
*submitted by Mable Danwich*

H. August Larson, otherwise known as "The Little Dane," arrived in Beaconia some time before 1910. He was a small man with very short legs. In summer he always rode an ox and in winter travelled on the ice with a sail attached to his sleigh. He used to ride his ox down to Balsam Bay to get his mail and they say he was quite a comical sight for as he rode along he would be reading the newspaper.

With the idea of hauling wood to Selkirk, Mr. Larson decided to build a barge. He had three or four men helping him, but when it came time to climb the mast, which was very high, to put in the block for the sail none of them were willing to go up, so the "Little Dane" did it by himself. When the barge was finished he launched it by himself with the aid of a winch and his ox. To guide his barge in at night, he built a beacon and it was this beacon that gave Beaconia it's name.



H. August Larson



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There were people who, because Mr. Larson was different, said he was insane. These complaints led the sheriff to order that he be picked up and taken to Selkirk. Upon delivering Mr. Larson to Selkirk, Mr. Anderson, who was the constable at that time, told the sheriff, "That man is as sane as you are."

Mr. Larson was committed to the mental hospital but escaped two or three days later. The authorities searched for him but he was not found and a few months later, in Nov. 1913, Mr. Anderson received a letter from him. He was living in Minnesota. In another letter to Mr. Anderson, in Aug. 1916, he tells of inventing a cream separator and of plans to go to Europe in Nov. 1916. In these letters he refers to himself as a spiritualist and hypnotist. Later, Mr. Anderson received another letter, "The Little Dane" had gone back to Denmark and was never heard from again.

### WALTER AND JEAN LEFKO

*submitted by Jean Kuzminski, Lawrence and Clarence Lefko*

Walter and Jean Lefko became residents of East Selkirk in 1948. Walter Lefko was born in Cooks Creek in 1919 where he spent all of his childhood with his five younger brothers and sisters. Jean formerly Komadowski, was born in Poland in 1918. Jean came to Canada with her parents and brothers Mike, Frank, and Kasmir and sister Sophie in 1928. The Komadowski family resided in the Tyndall area and Jean had two additional brothers, John and Joseph, born in Canada. Walter and Jean got married in 1942 and lived in Cooks Creek for 3 years, and then in Arnes, Man. for 3 years before taking up permanent residence in East Selkirk. Walter lived here until his death in 1964. Jean re-married in 1967 to John Kuzminski and presently still resides in East Selkirk with John. Walter and Jean had two sons, Lawrence who was born in 1944 and Clarence who was born in 1946.

Walter worked for a short period of time as a milkman and then became a mechanic and worked for Selkirk garage until 1964. Walter was an active member of the Canadian Order of Foresters as well as an active member of many other community activities. He spent a fair bit of time with childrens' sports and was always only too happy to get involved. After Walter's death, Jean got a job at the Selkirk Mental Hospital where she worked until she remarried in 1967. In 1971 until the present, Jean has been working part time at the Tudor House in Selkirk.

Lawrence got married in 1965 to Shirly Kubic from Lockport, Man. Lawrence and Shirly presently live in Winnipeg after living in Hamilton, Ont. for 5 years and Regina, Sask. for 2 years. They have 2 children, Donna who is 17 and Glen who 14 years old.

Clarence got married in 1967 to Linda Coumont from Selkirk, Man. Clarence and Linda lived in Winnipeg after living in Toronto, Ont. for 6 years and Edmonton, Alta. for 3 years. They have 3 children Douglas who is 14 years old, Darryl who is 13 years old, and Delayna who is 5 years old.

## ALEX AND KATHERINE LEFTERUK

*submitted by Mary Lefteruk/slh*

Alex and Katherine Lefteruk emigrated from Austria to Canada in the early 1900's. They lived for a period of time in the Narol area (Gonor) on the east side of the Red River within the Municipality of St. Clements, on the same lot as Alex's brother Tom. The first two children born to Katherine were John in 1907 and Nick in 1908 soon followed by Bill, 1913, Lena, 1914, Mary, 1916, Anne, 1918, Mike, Tom, Kay, Alice, Polly, Alec, and then Peter in 1928. Thirteen children in all.

While the children were in the Narol area they attended Donald School.

Then the Lefteruk family moved to a lot on North St. Peters Road, (about Lot 122 Parish of St. Peters) where they built a log cabin to house themselves. The children then attended the Hoey East and West Schools.

Alex did mixed farming and market gardening to provide an income for his large family. Alex worked very hard all his life and had a great love for the land. Although life was often difficult, they had some very good times as well. Katherine loved her family and home and was always a cheerful uncomplaining help mate and divided her love evenly between her 13 children.

Alex died in about 1964 and Katherine passed away in 1966.

John married Mary Slipec. John is now deceased. Nick married Anne Zabogruski and Nick is deceased. Bill married Ella Heckert and Bill is deceased. Lena married Mike Duke. Mary married a Mr. Willard and later married again, to Tony Linns. Anne married Jim Poloski and later Frank Ward. Mike married Emily and Mike is now deceased. Tom married Edna. Kay married Martin Molotowsky. Alice also married, while Polly married Peter Homeniuk of Brunkild, Man. Alec died as a young infant of nine months. Peter, the baby in the family, married Linda Frost and lives in B.C.

## JOHN AND MARY LEFTERUK

*submitted by Mary Lefteruk/slh*

John was the son of Alex and Katherine Lefteruk. He was born in the year 1907. He started off living in Narol and attending Donald School. Then, his family moved to North St. Peters. John was one of 13 Lefteruk children born to Alex and Katherine. His father did mixed farming and market gardening to provide an income for his family.

In 1927, John married Mary Slipec who was the daughter of Hnat and Feska Slipec of St. Peters parish. They first made their home in Riverton, Man. and then on St. Peters Road at the old Sisford place where there was already a building. Then, in about 1930, they built their own log cabin on Lot 126. The first child born to John and Mary was Lorna in 1928 and then Mary lost two children (girls) who died in infancy. Then in 1942, Mary and John were blessed with another child, Diane, and this was to be their last child. Lorna and Diane both attended the Hoey East and West Schools as well as Happy Thought and the Selkirk High School.



*Lorna, John, Diane and Mary Lefteruk.*

John continued to farm his land, but to supplement his income he went to work at the Selkirk Steel Foundry. He worked there for a total of 28 years, retiring in 1972.

John and Mary lived on Lot 126 for about 40 years and finally moved to Lot 201, where their home is at the present time. Lot 126 was lower land and more subject to flooding and was wet land many years up until late summer. Therefore, John found Lot 201 more productive. In 1972, when John retired, he spent more time working with the land he loved and found time for leisure fishing. He had a great love for his family, home and Grandchildren. John had an accident in 1979 from a fall that the family feel he never totally recovered from. John passed away on May 26, 1980, at the age of 72 years. Mary missed John greatly and it is a void that will never be filled. However, she keeps busy with her macrame, arts and crafts, as well as her plants and landscaping. Mary is very talented and her home is full of her art which is not only pleasing to the eye, but very creative and decorative. She has a neat workshop where she works and creates her art whenever time allows her.

Lorna married Oraval Wakaluk and they reside in the Selkirk area and have two children: Gregory who is now 29 years old and Donna who is 23 years old. Gregory married Donna Slater and they have one son, James Oraval and they live in Alberta. Donna is unmarried and although she has completed her education she is continuing to work toward her degree in higher education. Gregory is with the RCMP stationed in Alberta.

Diane married Jerry Popp and they live on Lot 201 just