

Nicole. Sherry was born May 5, 1964 and Nicole was born May 20, 1970. Sherry has completed high school and is working in Swan River. Nicole is attending school. They presently reside in Benito, Man. where William is the manager of the Toronto-Dominion Bank.

Their second son, Robert was married in May, 1965 to Ida Katazinski. Ida is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Adam Katazinski of Tyndall. Ida is employed as a secretary. Robert and Ida have 2 children, a daughter Tina born May 31, 1972, and a son, Tyler, born December, 1974. Both children are attending Centennial School in Selkirk. They presently reside in Selkirk where Robert is an auto mechanic by trade.

Their third son, Richard was married in June, 1974 to Ingrid Multins. Ingrid is the daughter of Mr. Albert Multins and the late Mrs. Inta Multins of Winnipeg, Man. Ingrid is a lab. Technologist. They reside in Oshawa and have no children at present. Richard is employed with General Motors of Canada as Supervisor, Product Liability and Warranty Litigation.

Both Mary and Ted are enjoying retirement on the farm and are enjoying travelling and fishing that they were not able to do before.



Moses Zegil and wife.

MR. AND MRS. MOSES ZEGIL

*submitted by Alexandria Bleitz
(his daughter)*

Mr. and Mrs. Moses Zegil came to East Selkirk from Winnipeg in about 1921. Mr. Zegil established a "General Merchant" Store shortly thereafter. They operated the business for about ten years.

Mr. Zegil was born in Kvitna, Russia. Mrs. Zegil (nee Zuk) was born in the Ukraine. Her family came to Poplarfield, Man. and operated a farm there for many years. Mr. Zegil's family also were farmers.

The Zegil's raised five children. Two daughters, Alexandria and Anne who both live in Seattle, Wash., and two boys Peter and Bill who live in Ontario. Their youngest daughter Julie, died in 1973.

Mrs. Zegil died in 1962 at the age of 62. She was followed by her husband in 1963 at the age of 83.

"I remember very vividly the many cold winter evenings when some of the "old timers" sat around an old "box stove", while my father read "by oil lamp light" and translated the latest news in the Winnipeg Free Press to them," said Alexandria.



Max Zeilig, 1933.

MAX ZEILIG

submitted by Max Zeilig

Max Zeilig of Minneapolis, Minnesota, a nephew of Morris and Rose Sharp and cousin to Carl, Molly, Sidney and Ruth sent a contribution to the East Selkirk Recreation Building Campaign. Parts of his accompanying letter are as follows: "in my early youth I spent many happy summers in East Selkirk, and, there I became friendly with the young people of the community, some of whom became very close friends.

Later, during extremely trying times for most Canadians, I worked at Sharp's and it was in East Selkirk where, despite the depression, the lack of opportunity and the demoralizing effect of unemployment, we were able to laugh and enjoy life. And for this I am grateful to the people of East Selkirk; and especially to my peers, my friends whom I shall never forget.

Where are they now, these friends who accepted me as one of their own: Nick Novastowski, Steve Tepliski, the Corby brothers Andy and Ed; and so many others. The Zorniak boys, Lixie and all the rest. I hope they are still around, because they helped to make life worth living.

And to me, East Selkirk was always beautiful. I still have a picture of the "Creek" near the Municipal Hall, close by Karanduik's, where we used to swim. And in my romantic youth I had inscribed on the back of that picture these words, "when I die please bury me here".

May the people of East Selkirk prosper and enjoy their new Recreation Centre as much as we enjoyed the old Hall so many, many years ago.

East Selkirk, I salute you: you will always be part of me.

With fond regards to all those of my friends who live in East Selkirk and who still remember me. I am still a Canadian despite the fact that I have lived in the U.S.A. these many years.

I am now in twilight years, retired, attend the occasional class at the University, read a great deal, and best of all, enjoy classical music to which I listen constantly.

With a fond farewell, I am, Max Zeilig.

MORREY ZEILIG - CHILDHOOD MEMORIES OF EAST SELKIRK

submitted by Morrey Zeilig

It seems one always retains the impressions gained in early childhood. As I cross the bridge from West to East Selkirk, my heart skips a beat as I sadly gaze on the bedraggled remnants of the honour guard that was previously so prominently arrayed by the stalwart elms that greeted you as you entered the road to East Selkirk. I cannot escape the feeling of melancholy as I look at the denuded Van Horne woods, felled by the ravages of the dreaded elm disease. I remember the wonder of tramping through them on a winter's day on snowshoes and being awed by their statuesque grandeur, dressed in all their glory in a mantle of white after a snowfall.

The pure bucolic innocence of East Selkirk, with its lush green flora and fauna and the abundance of grain dancing in the wind and reaching for ripeness towards the prairie sun meant calm and beauty to a "city slicker", who spent the greater part of his life amidst the noise and hustle of urban life, even then.

The miracle of Lone Eagle Forest lingers ever vividly in my mind's eye. Even on the coldest bitter winter days one was sheltered here. It was with reluctance that one left this paradise, where one laid on his belly to drink the crystal clear water flowing on either side of the skating rink, where we played hockey and cavorted with bird-like abandon, without a care in the world and with pure joy in our breasts.

The forest-like enclosure shielded us from the cold bitter winds, as though we were in a stadium, hardly aware that it was -20 or -30 F or perhaps colder. A veritable fairyland!

I will never forget the summer's day: was it 1920-21-22? Well, it was a long time ago, or was it yesterday?... so it seems, when we went to pick saskatoons. It was the season and they were lusher in East Selkirk than anywhere else, it seemed to me.

In fact, everything grew bigger here. We set out on a beautiful warm July day to pick pailfulls of berries about a mile from the Sharp home, where we stayed. Accompanying me were my two older brothers, Harry and Max, and cousins Carl and Molly (the baby), wearing our sweaters to shield us from the morning chill; when he came upon what to us was a monstrous snake. Almost petrified, we all refused to move for fear of being encompassed by the fearful monster. It was about two hours later that my big brother Harry decided to wrap his sweater around our German Shepherd, who had accompanied us, and sent him in the direction of home, or to the Sharp Store, where someone would get the message and come to our rescue. Unfortunately, someone did stop Rex, but only to pilfer the sweater from the dog's back. Eventually, after what seemed an eternity, Aunt Rose Sharp found us and rescued us from the harmless garter snake, probably more frightened of us than we were of it.

Remembrances are explosive: one brings another and suddenly they come tumbling and then you have a pile to sort out. The summer of 1926, I believe, was a very eventful one. A disease of epidemic proportions broke out in Manitoba, and quickly engulfed the townspeople,

particularly the children of East Selkirk. Little was known of this dread disease, polio.

The schools were closed for an extra month, not opening until Oct. 1st, so extensive was the disease. That summer I worked in my Uncle's general store, being the ripe old age of 13. In 1926, 13 was considered, as far as work was concerned, an adult age. I regarded it natural to help enhance the meagre wages paid to my father (as a master cooper) in those days. I vividly recall the fact that I worked an extra month that summer. Mind you, not without some satisfaction, thinking that other children's misfortune was my good fortune. I would have an extra month's vacation from school.

Yes, East Selkirk brings fond memories, and I often nostalgically recall my participation in the baseball and soccer teams and of course representing the village as a member of those teams. In fact, I made the all-star soccer team and even played against the sturdy staff of the Selkirk Mental Hospital, most of whom had played professionally in Scotland. With cousin Carl leading the cheer of "Come on Morrey", I still hear reverberating from the patients, who were the main spectators, "Come on Morrey, come on Morrey" until we parted a few hours later. The pain of losing was assuaged by the warm hospitality of the staff, who served us a sumptuous meal.

Where else is there a Happy Thought School! It must have been named by a poet with a sense of humour or who never went to school, so I thought, as I first came upon the beautiful name of the East Selkirk high school; but in retrospect it truly was a happy thought.

As East Selkirk approaches its 100th birthday, I wish its inhabitants an enriched community in a world of peace.

JACOB AND AMELIA ZIRK SR.

submitted by N. Froehlich

Jacob Zirk Sr. was born on July 20, 1866, and passed away on Oct. 1, 1946. Amelia, his wife was born on Sept. 21, 1864, and passed away on June 8, 1930. They had five children: Rheinold, Jacob, Fred, Emilia, and Anna.



Natalia Klann and Jacob (Jack) Zirk.



Anna Klann nee Zirk and Fred Klann.



Natalia and Jack Zirk and Alice.

Jacob (Jack) was born in 1901, and passed away in 1971. He married Natalia Klann who was born in 1905, the daughter of Daniel Klann and his wife, Augusta nee: Hemminger.

Jacob and Natalia lived on NE 32-16-8E where they farmed. They sold the farm to Daniel and Rosie Kintop.

Then Jack and Natalia bought Minnie Trapp's Store and Post Office in Beaconia, which they operated. They sold the store and moved to Winnipeg.

Jack died in 1971, and Natalia lives in a Home in Winnipeg. Their daughter Alice was married to Earl Klatt. They have four children of their own now.

MICHAEL AND NETTIE ZORNIAK

submitted by Harry Zorniak

Both Michael and Nettie were born in the Ukraine and were married there before coming to Canada in the early 1900's. They settled in East Selkirk and Michael worked at the Van Horne Farm.

They had six children: John, Mary, who were both born in the Ukraine, Nick, Kay, Harry, and Alec. John married Anne Blackner, Mary married Harry Krewiak, Nick married Anne Cyr, Kay married Frank Sparling, Harry first married Sally Pinkus and then later he married Katherine Letush, and Alec married June Fiddie. John lost his life in an Industrial accident in 1945.

Mary and Kay are both deceased, and Nick and Alec live in Wpg. Harry lives in Toronto, and summers in East Selkirk. Michael died in 1923 and Nettie in 1968, in Toronto.

MICHAEL AND MARY ZYBLOCK

submitted by Mary Zyblock

Steve Kolodie and his wife Eva (Sul) were living in the Ukraine trying to eke out an existence on a few acres of land. By the year 1899 they were expecting their first child. A daughter was born to them in Sept. 1899, and they named her Mary. By the summer of 1909 they had increased their family to six children: John, Jean, (one baby died in infancy) Fanny and Michael.

Mrs. Eva Kolodie had a brother named Sam Sul who had emigrated to Canada in 1904. The whole village was talking about this new country where land was next to free and where a man could make a good living for his family.

Soon Steve and Eva were making plans to go to Canada. They disposed of their property and much of their personal belongings, and started packing for the long voyage. Mary, their eldest daughter, was very excited and a little apprehensive, as she was having to leave her school studies and friends. Mary loved her school work and at 9 years of age, showed great promise of becoming quite a little scholar.

In the year 1909, Steve and Eva along with the five children set sail for Canada. They arrived in the east after a fairly stormy crossing. They were met by agents who placed them on the CPR heading for the West. Steve had papers which showed that he had placed a down payment on land located in Glenella, Sask. amounting to some 160 acres of bush.

Steve had contacted his brother-in-law (Sam Sul) when they had left the old country and Steve had arranged a stop over at Winnipeg. Sam met them at the Immigration Hall in Winnipeg and Eva and Sam had a tearful reunion.

Sam did some serious talking to Steve. He pointed out to him that he had five little children, no implements or stock and it was already Sept. and the weather sometimes turned cold early here in Canada. So Steve never did see his property in Saskatchewan he stayed in Manitoba.

Sam Sul had come over in 1904, had worked in Winnipeg for a few years and had recently purchased property in East Selkirk. He and his wife Pearl were



Michael Zyblock

married in 1905 and at the time of the Kolodie family arrival, they were living on land described as Lot 40, East Selkirk. Sam and Steve looked the land over and it was decided that they purchase Lot 39, next to Sul's homestead.

Soon Steve Kolodie and his family had erected a small house to accommodate the seven of them, with the help of Sam and friends. They had very little and at the start, life was not easy for them. Steve worked very hard on his new property clearing and breaking the land and trying to establish himself and set up a mixed farm operation. This hard work took its toll and Steve developed an illness and very sadly passed away, just three years after their arrival.

Eva was left alone with six children, as a young son, Michael, had been born to them since coming to Canada.

To young Mary Kolodie fell the task of consoling her Mother and looking after her younger brothers and sisters. Mary had to give up her education in the Ukraine to make the move to Canada and now it seemed she was to give up all opportunity of an education in her new country in order to help support her family.

Eva worked very hard trying to support her family, as there was very little money when Steve died. She did housekeeping and cleaning work all winter, and in the summer, she did market gardening work, for which she received a scant \$6.00 for a month's work, or 10¢ per hour. She did a lot of walking, crawling, and scrubbing, during those years.

Mary looked after the family and kept the home together and also did housekeeping, market gardening and other odd jobs.

Mary married Michael Zyblock who had also come to Canada from the Ukraine. They lived on the Kolodie property near the river in a little shack and eventually built a new home, much larger, in 1929, which stands on Lot 39, facing St. Peters Road.

Mary and Michael had a family of seven children: Annie, John, Harry, Peter, Andrew, Jean, and William.

Michael tended the land and worked at the Manitoba Rolling Mills until he retired at age 65. About 10 years after he started at the Mill, he suffered a serious accident whereby he got burned very badly. Michael was never



Mary Zyblock

very strong after the accident and suffered great pain and discomfort.

The Zyblock children all attended Happy Thought School in East Selkirk with Peter going on to University and William attending United College for higher education.

Mary did a variety of work over the years, especially after her Father passed away, she found employment with Mr. Gilroy (chicken rancher) on the west side of the Red River, where she fed, watered and cleaned the hatchery which had 9 large incubators. Mary says Mr. Gilroy was a very fine man and very fair to work for. There she received \$30.00 per month which was handed over to her Mother, Eva, to help support the family. Mary never kept any of the money herself as it was needed badly in the home. Mary walked the many miles from the Kolodie farm, to Gilroy's and back and sometimes stayed over a few days. Mary thinks a Mr. Gunter later bought out Gilroy.

Mary also worked for a Mrs. Black on McDermot Ave. in Winnipeg. Mrs. Epstein and Mrs. Coppelman of Selkirk got her this job looking after the home and children of Mrs. Black. She went in the fall and worked till spring receiving about \$14.00 per month plus board and room. Mrs. Black was not very healthy and was under Doctor's care most all of the time. Mary remembers that Mrs. Black got her the first real warm coat she had ever had since coming to Canada. It was way too large and Mrs. Black had it altered to fit. But Mary remembers to this day how warm and cozy it was.

Mary Zyblock had her 84th birthday on Sept. 21, 1983 and lives alone now on her property in a neat and cozy little home of 5 rooms. She loves to talk about her children and the many years of working and tending them while they were growing up. Her son Andrew, had been handicapped and died at a young age, but Mary loved him greatly.

Mary made three trips to Denver, Colarado to visit her son, Peter, and one trip to Toronto to see her son John.

About flying, she says its the only way to go. She was scared the first time in the air, but it gets easier the more often you go. Like Mary says, "It sure beats walking".

Of the Zyblook children: Annie married Peter Gutowski, John married Florence, Harry married Stephanie, Peter married Jean Kress, Jean married John Kologinski, and William (Bill) married Diane Walterson.

Mary is now 84 years old and says she is troubled with aching joints, especially the knees. All those years down on the knees gardening she thinks, has now made them sore. Her hearing and eye sight are still good and she thinks TV is wonderful company. Mary says that Old Age Pension is a wonderful thing and that Canada is a wonderful country to look after older people. When asked what changes she most appreciated or helped her the most, she said, "electric lights, running water works, her bathroom and the furnace" -- prior to that life was much harder. She is now contemplating changing from oil furnace to gas since the pipe line is coming up St. Peters Road.

Mary has made several quilts and likes the bright colors best. Her daughter Jean visits her almost every day, does cleaning, shopping and takes Mary to visit the Doctor, when needed.

Mary says, "Jean is to me, what I was to my mother," but I wish life could have been easier when we were younger, as things were very bad for Mother and we had so little in those days. Things are easier for everybody now."

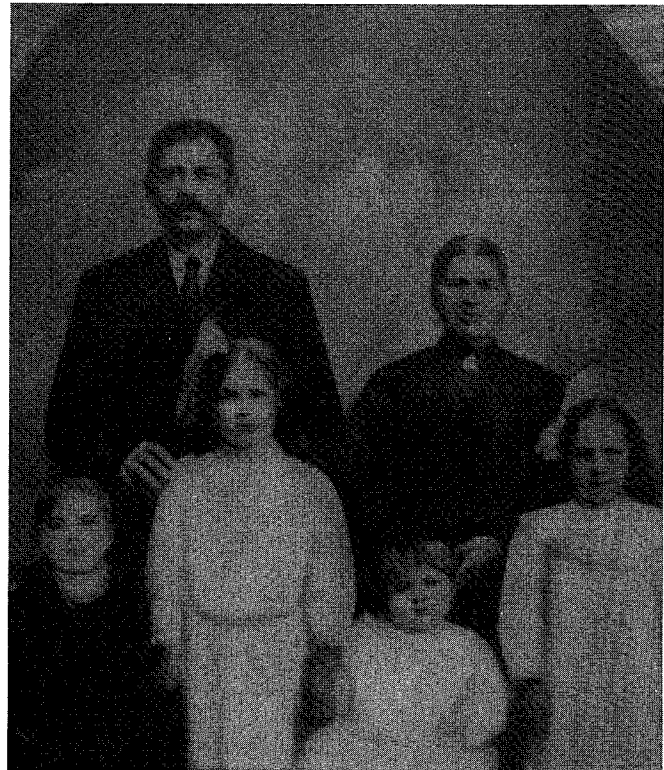
Mary enjoys company, a good chat and the coffee pot is always on.

The following histories arrived too late to be in alphabetical order, but we are proud to place them here, in our book.

THE BOSKO FAMILY

submitted by slh

The Bosko family dates back to when settlers came to Canada from Lubichow, Ukraine. In 1903, Peter and Annie Bosko arrived with daughter Nettie to make a new home in East Selkirk. Peter worked at Van Horne Farms for seven years while he farmed his homestead. When they lived here, the couple had three more children, Mary, Anthony, and the late Annie. Mary is still living in Sudbury, Ontario. Anthony took over his father's farm, but lived across the road. In 1925, a young dark-haired girl by the name of Annie Tkach decided to come to Canada from Nustose-Tarnopol, Ukraine, where she was born. Annie worked at the St. Boniface Hospital until 1928 when she married Anthony. They lived on their own farm while Anthony worked at the Foundary in Selkirk. They raised nine children, eight sons and one daughter. On their farm, this family harvested grain, raised numerous animals and grew a variety of fruits and vegetables. Anthony and Annie's oldest son, Andrew and wife Julia live and farm on his grandparent's original homestead. They have five daughters and one son. Son Walter and wife Grace live in Narol and have one son and two daughters. Third son Ed lives in Edmonton, Alta. and has one daughter and two sons. Tony and wife Florence live in Winnipeg, having two daughters. Fifth son Clarence and wife Agnes live in Selkirk, and have one son and one daughter. Only daughter, Mary and husband Dave have two daughters and one son. Fred and Joan live in Winnipeg and have one son and one daughter. Second last son Joe and wife Estelle also live in Winnipeg and have two daughters. Youngest son Tom, who with wife Juanita has three daughters and also lives in East Selkirk. Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Bosko still live on the Two Mile Road where they first lived. They enjoy watching their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren carry on the family name.



Back Row, Left to Right: Peter Bosko and his wife Annie, children Left to Right: Anthony, Nettie, Little Annie, and Mary.



Annie Bosko holding Eddie, Anthony and wife Annie Bosko, Children, Left to Right: Walter, Andrew and Tony, 1935.



Andrew, Walter, Eddie, Tony, Clarence, Mary, Freddie, Joe and Tommy.

LEONARD (PAT) KING

Len King was born in England in 1908. He emigrated to Swift Current, Saskatchewan along with his family. His father worked for the C.P.R.

They eventually moved to South Junction where they homesteaded. Len worked in summer and attended classes in winter at the Minnesota Agricultural College, in Crookston, Minnesota.

In 1927 he heard about the job of Dairyman at the Van Horne Farm, when Mr. R.B. Sangster was the Manager. He got the job and stayed until 1934.

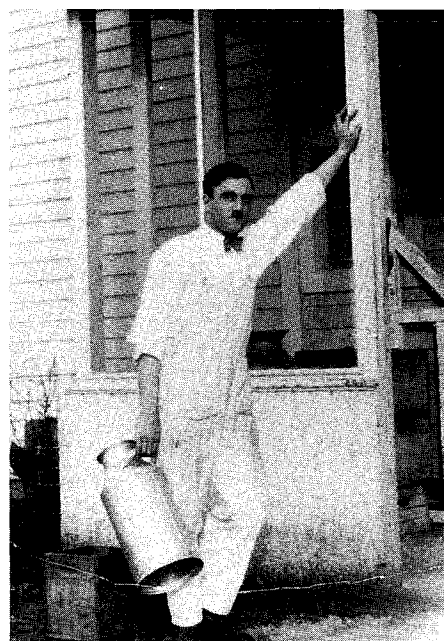
Len served in the Second World War for 5 1/2 years. He was trained as a Hygienist and, upon discharge, he completed his Grade 12; took a Public Health Course and worked as a Public Health Inspector for 33 years.



Len "Pat" King (Centre).



Pat King driving a Model T Ford 1922 or 1923 year, taken in 1929.



Pat King, Dairyman at Van Horne Farms, 1929.

ANDY AND LILY LAU

Andy came from Reston, Manitoba to become the East Selkirk Elevator Agent in the early years.

He married Lily Walterson, daughter of Walter and Elizabeth Walterson on April 6th, 1926.

Andy left the Elevator and went to work for the Manitoba Rolling Mill in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Later, he was transferred to Calgary and then to Vancouver with the Dominion Bridge Company.

Andy enlisted in the Navy in 1939 and served overseas. When he retired he was employed as an electrician by the R.C.A.F. at Sea Island, Vancouver.

Andy and his wife, Lily, are both deceased and their children, Betty, Bill and Leona all reside in British Columbia.

DAVID (DAVE) AND MARY MORRISON (NEE: LEASK)

Dave Morrison was born in Edinburgh, Scotland on December 6, 1861. He came to East Selkirk in 1871. An avid sportsman, he both participated in and coached Baseball and Hockey.

He married Mary Leask of Poplar Point in 1891. They had a large family; six sons served in the 1914-1918 War. Four of them were killed in active service. Three of their sons; Bobby, Alfie and Crutchy played on the famous 61st. Battalion Hockey team, which won the Allan Cup in 1916.

Dave farmed for a short time in the Poplar Park area. He acted as Police Magistrate in the Village of East Selkirk, and, was appointed Agent at the Immigration Hall in the East Selkirk Roundhouse.



Mr. David Morrison



Ari H. and Anna Verheul.

ARI A. AND ANNA VERHEUL

Ari (Harry Verheul) was born on April 15, 1897 in Utrecht, the Netherlands. He always had an interest in hunting and the great outdoors, and this was the main reason that brought him to Canada. After service in the Army, he made application for emigration. He acquired the necessary two sponsors, proof of the financial requirements and sailed on the S.S. Scotia in the month of May in 1920. He stayed at the Hartevelt home in Selkirk for a year. Then, along with the Hartevelt family, crossed the river and settled in the Kitchener area in St. Clements. In 1927, on June 29th. he married Anna Van Hartevelt. Anna was born in Holland on Dec. 6th. 1907 and came to Canada with her family when she was five years old. They celebrated their "50th. Golden Anniversary" in 1979. The Verheul's have four children; Rose, Betty, Kay and Adrian.

Along with the Hartevelt family, Harry lived on the Judge Haney farm when they first moved from Selkirk. Their second residence was at the Thomas Bunn's Stone house (now belongs to Dr. Stewart). In 1926 he moved to the Glenarma Farm as the Manager. It was owned by Jack Sifton, brother of Victor and Clifford (presently owned by the Schneider family) It was a real show farm. They raised Polo Ponies; Ayrshire Cattle, Angora Rabbits and had chickens. An Arabian Stallion was used to breed local horses for the low price of ten dollars.

When Jack Sifton died in 1933, Harry Verheul was forced to look for a change of employment. He purchased some land adjacent to the Sifton property. He built his home there and expanded his holdings to 304 acres. The Free Press Agricultural writer, E. Cora Hind, often visited the farm and wrote many articles about it. Harry Verheul was a School Trustee at Kitchener School for 23 years. He remembers that Teacher's were hard to get and expenses were high. Harry tried to convince the Trustee's of the surrounding schools to consolidate. But they could not agree. Harry also served as a Municipal Councillor in 1943 and 1945. A concerted effort was made in those two years to get the municipality out of debt, and they succeeded.

During Harry's Presidency of the St. Andrews Agricultural Society, the name was changed to the St. Andrews and St. Clements Agricultural Society.

In 1934, Ed Howe, the Agricultural Rep. along with Alf Barnett and Harry started the Credit Union in this area. Harry was familiar with the Rafiessen Bank in Holland. Many people locally were having problems with the Bank. The Credit Union grouped and received a franchise. Ed Howe became President and Harry was Vice-President. Harry served for many years on the Church Committee of St. Stanislaus in East Selkirk. In 1943, the Kiwanis Club of Winnipeg presented Harry with a "Plaque" naming him a "Victory Farmer" ... and Harry, when you read this, "we in St. Clements salute you as a true gentleman and one who has contributed greatly to the betterment of his community and served his fellow man."