

## **Academic**

Seven descendants of the Major have Bachelor Degrees: Anna; Robert J.T.M., his son Bobby and Bobby's son Jim and daughter Betty Anne; Monty's son Bob and grandson Robert. Three have Master Degrees: Monty's son Bob and Bobby's Jim and Betty Anne.

## **Military**

Boer War — Robert James Tennant Muckle, brother of the Major.

Riel Rebellion — The Major — Queen's Own Rifles.

World War II/Korea — Monty Muckle, RCAF; Bob Gunn, Army; Archie Gunn, Army; "Bobby" Muckle, Army.

Post World War II/Korea.

Major Jim Muckle — Air Component.

Ensign Robert Peter Muckle — U.S. Navy.

In November 1981 Captain Bob Muckle was the guest of the Government of the Republic of Korea and was presented with the "Ambassador For Peace" medal.

All that remains of the Muckle property is seven acres on the east side of Muckle Creek, originally given to Anna by her father. This has been passed on to her namesake Betty Anne (Wright).

The "Cap" (Bobby) has returned to live on this property with his wife of thirty-seven years, Betty, in the exact spot where he lived as a boy attending Fillmore, Selkirk, Cloverdale, St. John's College and the University of Saskatchewan. Former Fillmore School chums such as members of the Fillmore, McRae and McAulay families still live nearby and reminiscences are always a pleasure. As one who has lived and travelled throughout Canada and four continents he can emphatically state that the Clandeboye area offers the finest of friendship and good living — a great place to bring up a family, as experienced by Jim, Betty Anne and Alan, children of Bob and Betty Muckle.

## **Mullan Family**

The Mullan family were one of the first families to move to Whytefold, around the turn of the century. The family lived a short time in Netley and Ponemah before moving to Whytefold Beach where Mr. and Mrs. Mullan assumed the duties of Caretaker.

They spent many years in business supplying the summer resort campers with wood and ice, landscaping their lawns and gardens. Mr. Mullan hired many men from the district during the summer to install piers and docks in Lake Winnipeg for the campers' boating and swimming pleasures.

The roads were poor and few cars were used. The

train service was good and all baggage was shipped by train. Mr. Mullan (using horse and wagon) was kept very busy transporting baggage to their cottages in the spring and when they returned to Winnipeg Labour Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullan were very interested in sports and community efforts and worked faithfully for the construction and support of the Anglican Church. Mrs. Mullan was president of the W.A. for sixteen years and Mr. Mullan was the Minister's Warden. They also acted for many years as Trustees on the School Board.

Mrs. Mullan's parents Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Hanes and her two sisters lived in the district. Mr. and Mrs. Hanes and daughter Bertha moved to Ponemah and took over caretaking duties of Ponemah and Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Tomkins were caretakers at Matlock. Also, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Omand and family, Mrs. Mullan's younger sister, moved to Whytefold.

The highlight of the summer season in Whytefold was Regatta Day. This event was held on a civic holiday. It began with a field day, races, etc., fun for young and old. In the afternoon boat enthusiasts enjoyed speed boat and sailboat races, followed by a lawn bowling tournament on the lovely bowling green.

The evening was spent dancing in the beautifully decorated Club House with silk flags, bunting and streamers inside and out. The verandah was lighted with Japanese lanterns. Tables and chairs were placed around the dance floor and around the verandah.

The day ended with a monster bonfire held on the lake shore where the folks sat around, sang songs to a piano accordion and ate free ice-cream cones.

Mr. and Mrs. Mullan had eleven children, six sons and five daughters. Seven are deceased. Robert, 1965, Bill 1968, John 1979. The four remaining members of the family, Mrs. Kathleen Young, Mrs. Isabel Sneesby, Mrs. Helen Mulligan and a brother Alfred all residing in Winnipeg.

## **Steve Mullenchuk Family**

**submitted by Margaret (Mrs. Steve)**

### **Mullenchuk**

Two things I remember about the forties, when I first came here, are the abominable conditions of the roads and the difficulties of getting children to school.

We were only a mile from No. 9 highway one way and a mile from Kernestead Road the other way. Neither of these two roads had gravel; the one to Kernestead Road had no ditches at all and the one to No. 9 had a shallow ditch on one side. Our neighbours, McKenzies, used to drive to No. 9 on the side



Spring breakup at S. Mullenchuk Farm, Winnipeg Beach.

without the ditch. Then they only had to worry about the last few hundred feet from Rubel's driveway to the highway.

We didn't have the roads plowed out that fast after a storm, and the plows were not the snow blower type they have now, so that by spring Kernestead Road was like a long white tunnel with the snow piled up on each side.

In the spring all the water from the west came through our corner. We would wake up in the morning and find our house surrounded by water and a torrent flowing through the barn yard on its way to the lake. In the sixties the Municipality built up the road in front of us and now the water goes toward the beach. We have large ditches now and so it really isn't a problem as long as they are opened up. Quite often, if you went to the show at the beach and it rained in the meantime, you had to carry your good shoes and push your bike home.

My neighbours, McKenzies, drove the school van which was only put on between November 1st and Easter. It was just a truck with a box and a small



S. Mullenchuk story — Hauling Sunday visitors to gravel road, Winnipeg Beach.

wood heater in it. When the bus wasn't running I used to take my daughter to Mike Anton's place on 225 (2 miles). I used a cutter, a democrat, horseback or on the bar of the bicycle, depending on the road conditions. From there she walked two miles to Whytewold school with the Anton children. At night I would pick her up and bring her home. We had no vehicle at that time, not even a tractor. We were four miles from the school at Whytewold. When she was eleven I managed to get her into the Beach School which was only 2½ miles and she was able to walk or bike there. Also, the road to Kernestead had been high-graded in '49-'50 and gravelled.

The absolutely worst thing I remember is the blizzard of February 1947, a real killer! In those days, of course, we had no electricity. We didn't even own a battery radio till 1948, so we had no warning. The storm hit after dinner so Mr. McKenzie started out to Whytewold school to try and get the children home. He picked them up early in the afternoon. He had a fairly long route, Pilatzski Road, Matlock Road, etc. It was after six o'clock when I finally could see lights up the last mile coming from No. 9. Then they would disappear as they'd run into another drift. So my husband went out to the barn and hitched a horse to the cutter and went out in the blizzard into the field and up the fence line. He got to the van and took our little girl out. The fire had long gone out and she was tired, cold, hungry and scared. She had been in the bus since early afternoon. Then Steve went back to help get the bus home. They abandoned the road and dug the bus across our field diagonally to McKenzie's driveway. For the rest of the winter the bus went across the field. Our daughter was only 6 years old and in Grade one at that time.

We quite often used to get snowed in for days. One time we ran out of coffee first, then tea, so we started on the cocoa. Then we ran out of tobacco and so did the neighbours, so Steve and the neighbours tramped to town to get supplies.

Some funny things happened, too. We had two small pigs in the forties that liked to graze with the cows. One day our herd met Johnson's herd of Jersey cows at our common fence line. The pigs evidently couldn't tell Holsteins from Jerseys, so they followed the Jerseys home. We had to go to the neighbours at chore time and herd the two pigs home down the road.

Looking back, I don't think I would like to do all that hard work again. I like all my modern comforts. The two best things that ever happened to the farm were electrification and T.V. Television brings the whole world to us and the best entertainment. That's a lot better than walking 3 miles to the local show to see Bomba the Jungle Boy for 25 cents.

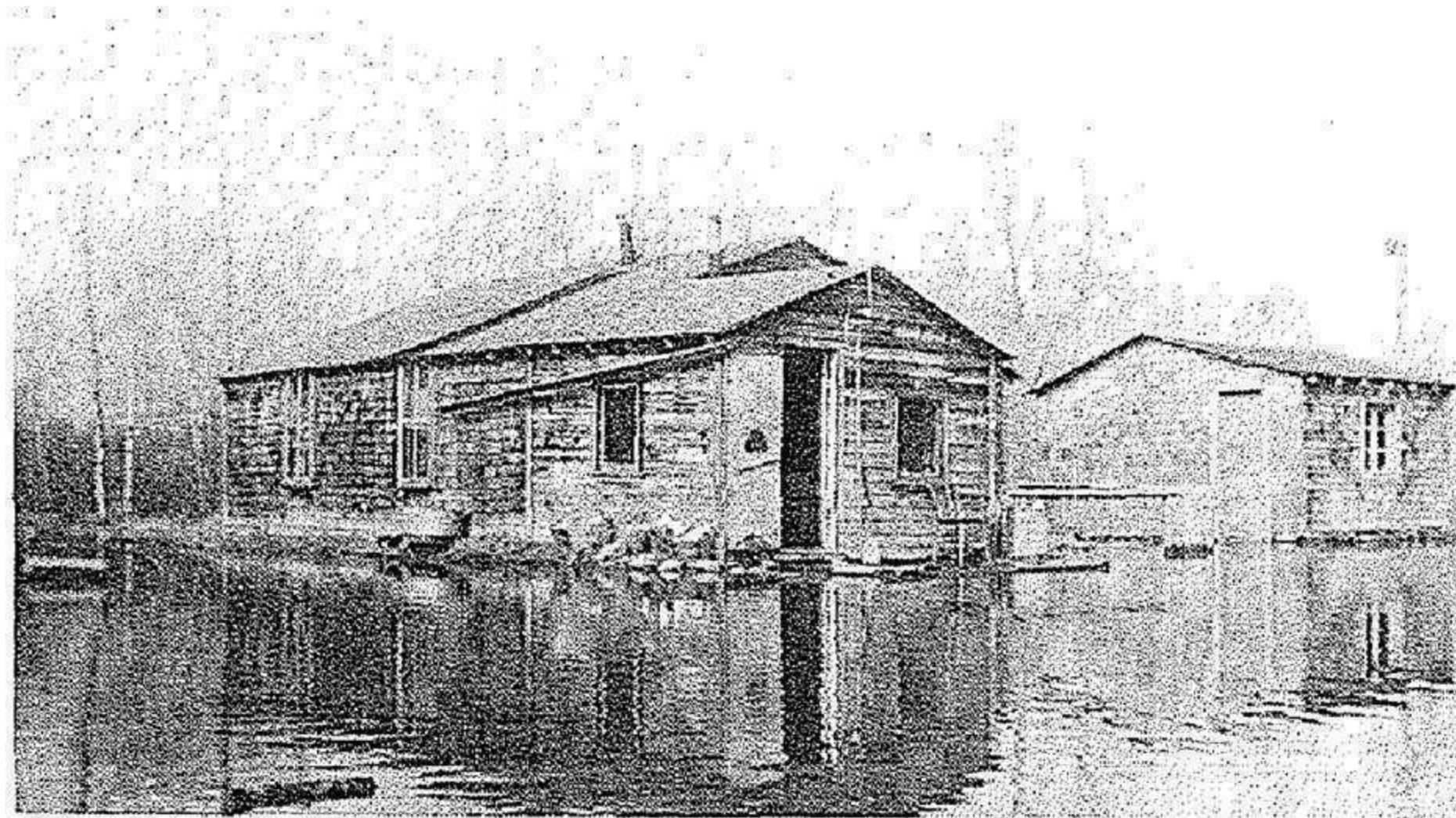
## The Frank Murdoch Family submitted by W. A. Murdoch

Due to the drought in Saskatchewan, Frank Murdoch and his wife, Margaret, decided to move to Manitoba with their eight children and settle on land at the junction of Muckle's and Netley Creeks.

This land, consisting of the SE¼ of sec. 14-15-4E, had previously been purchased by Frank. About the same time, his brother, Dr. R. H. Murdoch of Winnipeg, purchased the SW quarter of Sec. 13-15-4E.

We arrived here on the 7th day of May, 1934. The difference between Saskatchewan and Manitoba on our arrival was very noticeable. In Saskatchewan it was very dry, and visibility, due to the dust, was almost zero. It had rained here shortly before our arrival and the grass was very green. Some seeding of crops had been completed and were already up.

My uncle and father decided on mixed farming and in order to finance, my father would have to continue working for the C.N.R. and my uncle as a dentist.



Murdoch house built in 1934 surrounded by 1950 flood. Bunkhouse in background.

Clearing and breaking this land was slow and took a lot of work, so we started mink ranching as well. This developed into a fairly large operation, but prices of mink dropped in the early 60's so that this operation had to be discontinued. Those still on the farm decided to raise hogs. In order to do that they started buying more land, built more modern hog barns and purchased much larger machinery. This operation is still continuing today. The hogs are now being gradually phased out and it will soon only be a grain farming operation.

Frank C. Murdoch passed away in 1963 at the age of 72; his wife Margaret passed away in 1978 at the age of 86.

William A. Murdoch, the oldest of the eight children, left the farm and joined the army in 1942. In 1945 he married Velma L. Sterling of Tilston, Man-



Flooded Driveway — Murdocks, 1950.

itoba at Fort Osborne Barracks. After receiving his discharge early in 1946, he started out as a grain buyer. Worked as a helper at Gladstone and Lac du Bonnet, eventually taking over the elevator in Petersfield, Manitoba. When it was closed in 1960, he worked in Selkirk as a helper for one year, then took over the elevator in 1961 at Clandeboye. When it closed in 1976, he went as agent to Netley. Bill retired after serving two years and they are now living in Petersfield. They have three children, Darlene, now living in Toronto, Gordon Bryce, now living in Selkirk and Brenda living in Winnipeg. The three children are all married, and there are seven grandchildren.

Francis C. Murdoch left the farm in 1941 and joined the Army, serving overseas with the 1st Special force. He worked as a bus driver in Winnipeg after his discharge in 1946 and married Irene Pelk of Winnipeg. They then moved to Los Angeles, California, where he worked for a water company, until his retirement. After the death of his wife, he returned to live on the farm, but passed away at the age of 64 in 1981. They had one son Michael who is married and now lives in Reno, Nevada.

Robert J. Murdoch never left the farm. He passed away at the age of 59 in 1977. He stayed single all his life.

Horace M. Murdoch is still on the farm, returning after a brief stint in the army. He was discharged for medical reasons. Later he married Bernice Linklater in December, 1964. They have no children.

Marjorie H. Murdoch married Harold Herman-



Murdock Family — gathering on Mother's 80th birthday. L to R: Richmond, Marjorie, mother, Frank, Bill, Jack, Bob, Horace, (Joyce missing).

son in 1952. They are now living in Petersfield and he is working for the Manitoba Rolling Mills. They have three children, Patrick, Robert and Nancy, all married and still living in this area. They have five grandchildren.

John B. Murdoch left the farm for a while, working in Churchill, Winnipeg and Selkirk. He married Genevieve Smith in 1952. They have two children Cathy and Janie, who are still living in this area, and are now married and have four daughters. Jack finally moved back to the farm and is now residing on the old Robert A. Leask place near Clandeboye. Genevieve is now a minister for the Anglican Church.

Joyce B. Murdoch left the farm during the war, and worked in Eaton's and the Bay, where she met Gerard Viau and married him in 1962. They have two sons and all are now living in Alberta.

Richmond H. Murdoch, the youngest, never left the farm. He married Isobelle Melnyk in 1957. They have one daughter, Susan Lydia.

From a family of six Murdoch sons, F. C. Murdoch has only one great grandson, William Bryce, to carry on the Murdoch name.

### **The Thomas Norquay Family Gordon A. Norquay**

Thomas Norquay was born about a mile south of what is now Lockport in 1843. He was the grandson of Oman Norquay who came from the Orkney Islands in 1791 to serve with the Hudson's Bay Company. When Thomas grew up he became a school teacher and taught at "The Rapids", known now as St. Andrews. Many years later one of his six sons, Jacob, was the principal at St. Andrews school.



Mrs. Tom Norquay (Elizabeth Miller) and family. Clockwise, L to R: Sarah Anne Elizabeth, Isabella Katherine (Kate), Andrew Thomas (Tombo), Alexander Charles (Charlie), Mrs. Tom Norquay (Elizabeth Miller), Margaret Rosaline (Rosie), Alice Maude Mary, Baby — Jacob Truthwaite Norquay (who married Ethel Scott, was in W.W.I., was principal of St. Andrews School early 1920's. William Wilfred (Willie).

Thomas married Elizabeth Miller, on May 10th, 1866. She was the daughter of Robert Miller who was also a former Hudson's Bay Co., employee. They started their married life in the "Settlement" along the Red River, where Thomas took an active part in the surrounding area. He was the reeve of the fledgling Municipality of St. Andrews in 1889-1890. He also served for a time as M.L.A. He was seriously injured in June of 1892, in a train accident on north Main Street in Winnipeg and died shortly after, at the age of 49.

Mrs. Norquay with her seven children moved to Cloverdale in 1895, where they took up farming. Their names were: Charles, Rosalind, William, Alice, Jacob, Lawrence and John. The three eldest in the family were away on their own by then. Her oldest daughter married Malcom McRae and had moved to Meadowdale. One of their sons, Hunter and his wife Hazel (nee Dewar) still live on part of the McRae farm. Hunter is a grandson of Thomas and Mrs. Norquay, other grandsons and grand-daughters live in various parts of Canada and the U.S.A., also

two are living in England. Three grandsons are living close by. Ian and his wife, Margaret, live on the original Norquay farm. William and his wife Mary live in St. Andrews. Gordon and his wife Helen (of Red River ancestry) live on part of the original James Anderson farm. Rose Carriere, their sister lives in Selkirk.

### **Mike and Alma Olexawitch**

Mike and Alma Olexawitch came to the Little Britain area in the early 1950's and took up residence on property south of Lower Fort Garry.

They are both avid gardeners and for many years sold fresh produce of high quality. Their corn, strawberries and raspberries were much in demand and their many customers came back year after year to patronize "Alma's Nursery."

Mike was keenly interested in plant genetics and experimented in cross-breeding strains of sweet peas and other plants, although his main occupation was carpentry.

Alma expressed her love of crafts, sewing and interest in young people through her capacity as a leader in the Mapleton 4-H Club. They both enjoyed antiques, fishing and travel.

Mike passed away in 1971. Alma now resides in the Petersfield area.

### **The O'Donnells**

#### **Betty O'Donnell**

The O'Donnells (Dan and Rita) and their daughters, Muriel and Betty, arrived in Clandeboye in September, 1931. Dan was transferred here from Dominion City, Manitoba, as the Elevator Agent for the Lake of the Woods Milling Company. As years went on, this company was bought out by the Ogilvie Flour Mills and finally by the Manitoba Pool Elevators.

Dan retired in 1961 and enjoyed four years of retirement, passing away in 1965. Rita passed away in 1956. For many years they lived in the Bain house situated on Municipal Road between the home of the late George Smith, who had a large family (with some of their family still residing in the Municipality) and the old Municipal Office.

Dan was one of the directors on the board at the time of the forming of the Community Club and Hall.

Muriel married Stewart Wilkinson, has a family of eight and lives in Selkirk, Manitoba. Betty still resides in Clandeboye and is the Postmistress there. Two of the O'Donnell grandsons, Murray and Owen Wilkinson, are living in Clandeboye with their wives, Joan, formerly Pruden, and Marilyn, formerly Bracken.

As a side line the O'Donnells had three or four cows and chickens and sold their produce in the village and Selkirk. At one time milk was six quarts for one dollar, delivered to your door. Many a snow-bank was crawled over to deliver it!

### **The Oakes Family in St. Andrews**

The Oakes family arrived in St. Andrews in November 1942, when Jim, following a stint in the Army, came to Clandeboye as assistant in the Municipal office. He had worked for a few months in the newly formed Employment Commission in Winnipeg. One day an application for an assistant in the St. Andrews office landed on his desk for processing. Jim hated city life so the application was not processed for advertising until he had a chance to apply for the position himself. This meant a visit to Clandeboye and a talk with the Reeve, Mr. Fillmore. Jim has been grateful ever since for his kind reception.

However, Jim was not really new to the workings of a Municipal office. He had visited one in the early thirties to pick up gopher poison for the farmer he was working for. The Oakes family at that time included wife Velma and daughter Heather, about one and a half years of age. Son Bill arrived in Clandeboye in 1944 while we were residing in the Jim Orchard house (now Billie Thurston's). We were still having late visitors looking for Jim's Place, apparently a well known watering hole. Jim remained as assistant until the retirement of J. D. Forster in March of 1946, when he took over as Secretary-Treasurer. He remained in this position until his retirement in January 1978.

Velma had retired from schoolteaching on her marriage to act as full time wife, and later mother, but due to the shortage of teachers she filled in at the Clandeboye School on a couple of occasions when teachers were not able to complete their terms. Then in the fall of 1947 two school trustees arrived at her home on a Saturday evening to tell her that Meadowdale School was opening on Monday morning and they had no teacher. She agreed to teach there and spent several years with them without ever signing a contract. She later taught at Margaret Hayworth, Clandeboye and Centennial School in Selkirk until she retired at the end of the school term in 1978.

Following their retirement Jim and Velma began heading south for the winter months until her passing in 1980.

Jim still continues to head south as a winter Texan in the hope that life will be a continuous summer for many years to come. Heather now lives in Transcona as the wife of Tod Baraniuk. They have three daughters, Wendy, Cindy and Sandy and a son Randy. Bill recently moved to Toronto from Vancouver, with his



Jim and Velma Oakes and family, Clandeboye, 1964, at the time of their daughter's wedding. L to R: Jim, Velma, Heather (Oakes) and Todd Baraniuk, Bill.

wife Linda (nee Loewenberger) and son Kirby and daughter Susan.

During the years in Clandeboye the family were active in all phases of community life. Velma was active until the last in church work and as church organist. She was a dedicated member of Rebekah Lodge and of the P.E.O. Sisterhood. She was also a 4-H leader when her family were younger and were 4-H members, and she served several terms on the Provincial Executive of the Teachers' Society. Jim spent many years shovelling snow off the open air rink, and was involved in the planning, financing and construction of the dear-departed curling rink. He spent some years as a school board member, and is still active on the executive of the Community Club and of the United Church.



Mrs. J. R. (Velma) Oakes, Clandeboye.



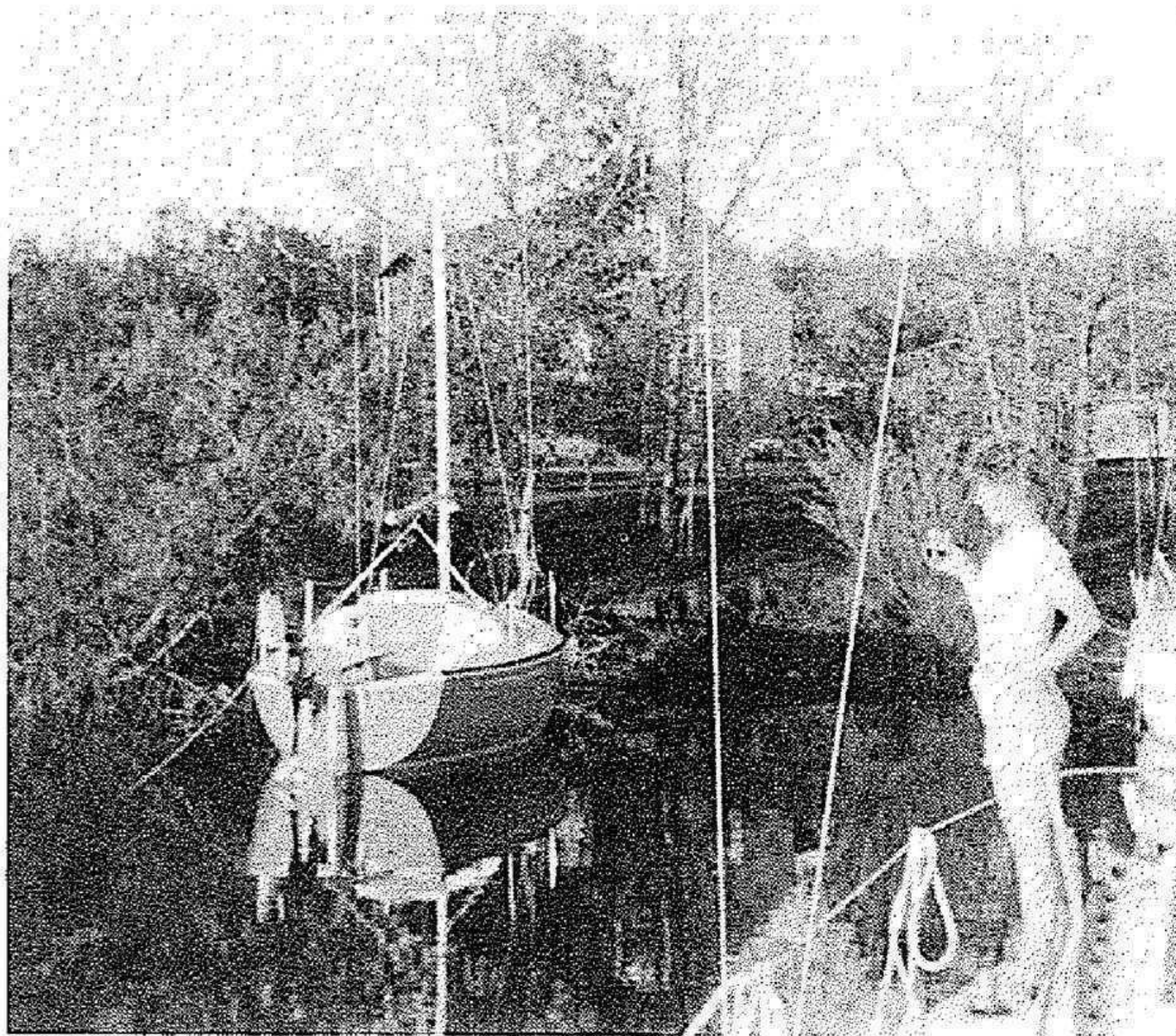
Page's Place, Barb Page in photo.

Charles (Chuck) and Barbara Page moved from Winnipeg to Clandeboye in 1973 to fulfil a desire for country living. Chuck was born and raised in Winnipeg. Both his parents came from England. Barb comes from Dauphin where the Ward family pi-



Barb Page, Clandeboye with Taffy, Rajah and Tanzer 26.

oneered. Barb and Chuck were married in Dauphin in 1955. Their children, Dan, Laurie and Stephen, attended the Junior High and Comprehensive School in Selkirk. Dan, born 1956, graduated in 1975 and subsequently became a Radio Services Specialist with the Ministry of Transport. In 1979 he married Margaret Entz of Winnipeg and they are presently living in Uranium City, Saskatchewan. Laurie, born 1960, graduated from high school in 1978. She was active in 4-H work, swimming and school activities, and is now a student of veterinary medicine at Saskatoon. Stephen, born 1961, graduated from the Lord Selkirk Comprehensive in 1979 and is presently working towards a degree in Engineering at the University of Manitoba.



Sailboats on Muckles Creek Page's Place.

Chuck and Barb purchased the Schwanke property, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  1-15-4E, on Muckle's Creek, originally owned by Bob and Betty Muckle. Chuck is a Data Systems Coordinator in air traffic control at Winnipeg International Airport. Barb has worked part-time as swimming instructor and church secretary and now helps Chuck with their marine retail business. In the summer they spend as much time as possible sailing on Lake Winnipeg. They are members of Selkirk United Church.

### The Pahko Family

John and Bella Pahko were born and raised in the East Selkirk area. They were married in 1951, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. They lived there for two years and returned to Selkirk, in 1953. In 1960, they moved to Lot 111, in the Parish of St. Peters, which is still their place of residence.

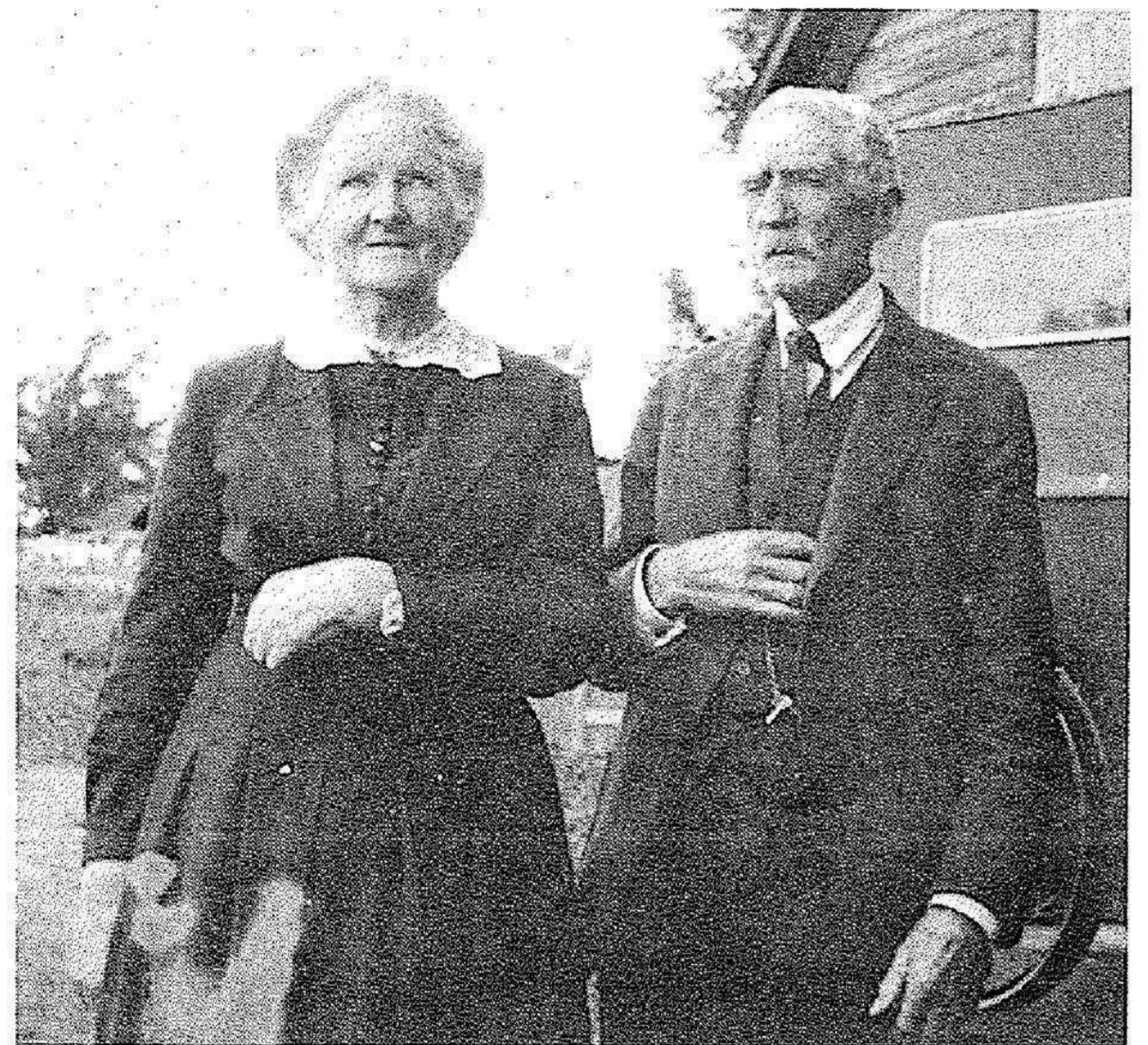
John has had many occupations in his lifetime.

He has worked as a farmhand, in lumber yards, and spent four seasons aboard the dredge which worked on Lake Winnipeg. At the present Mr. Pahko is a trapper. Mrs. Pahko, spends most of her time gardening.

Each spring, the Pahkos await the thawing of the Red River in great anticipation. Nearly every year since their arrival to this area, they have been invaded by the flooding river. In 1965, Bella and John had to be rescued from the roof of their house when the flood water over took their home. They later moved a few hundred yards to the north and elevated their house high on five foot poles. Although the house was raised five feet off the ground, in 1972 the water came right up to the floor level. The Pahkos remember hearing ice banging into the poles supporting the house, and wondered if they would withstand the constant pounding. That year the poles held fast, but the flooding of the Red River is so unpredictable, they always wonder, what the next year will bring.

### The Palan Story

Mr. and Mrs. William Palan moved to the Teulon area in Manitoba in 1879, and then to the Clandeboye area four or five years later. They had come to Manitoba from Cornwall, Ontario.



Mr. and Mrs. L. W. Palan, 1925, Clandeboye.

While living in the Teulon area, their trips to Selkirk took them across the north end of the bog in water up to their horses' bellies. They then travelled in a southerly direction and crossed Wavey Creek at a spot just behind Lawrence Palan's present house.

Palans' first house was built beside the crossing. Later, when the bridge was built, the road was

moved, and still later it became Number Nine Highway. Their second house was built across the creek from the first one; then a third house was built near the bridge. The fourth house was built when Lawrence retired and moved to a small property on the north side of the creek, just beside the road that is called Wavey Creek Road at the east end, and Norwood Road at the west end.

Mr. and Mrs. William Palan had four children:

Frances (Mrs. Alex Johnson) lived across the road;

“Hattie” — Harriet (Mrs. Bird) lived in Selkirk; Joe worked on the railroad and lived at home;

Lawrence was born in 1897, and his father died that year. Lawrence has lived on this farm all his life. He married Ella Smith, daughter of John Smith. They have one daughter, Wilda, who was born in 1931 and is employed by the provincial government in Winnipeg.

Lawrence and Ella had a mixed farming operation until 1966, when they sold their farm to Ben Debbeler. They kept a small property for their retirement home.

While raising her family, Mrs. William Palan was kept very busy tending the sick in the area. She was also the local midwife. Many people have been grateful to her for her kindness and her skill in comforting the sick. Lawrence recalls being home alone while his mother was away — sometimes for days — looking after others.

### **The John Palmer Family submitted by Glen Palmer**

John Martyn Palmer was born July 17th, 1884 in England coming to Ridgeville, Manitoba with his parents in 1889. In June 21, 1916 he married Margaret Miller of Greenridge, Manitoba, whose father Robert Miller came to Canada at sixteen years of age and worked for a number of years on the boundary line between Canada and the U.S.A. Margaret Miller's grandparents, who were both born in England in 1821, came to Canada in the mid 1800's. John and Margaret Palmer moved to Petersfield in the fall of 1920 with two children, Stuart and Glen. Neil was born later that fall and Carol in 1925. All children attended the Petersfield school. All three boys were in the armed services. After the war Neil settled in Vancouver where he worked for Shell Oil. He married a Vancouver girl and they have three children. Stuart settled in Toronto, married a girl from Montreal and they have five children. Glen married Dorothy Thompson of Netley and they have three children. Carol, a United Church Minister who is also the village milkman, lives in Strathclair and has

five children. John Palmer died in February, 1978 and Margaret Palmer died in August, 1968.

### **Robert George Patterson submitted by Elmer G. Patterson**

Robert George Patterson (George) was born in Beverly Township, Wentworth County, Ontario on March 16, 1880. Mrs. George Patterson (Arvilla) was born in Glanford Township, Wentworth County, Ontario on March 31, 1884. Registered as Arvilla Francis, daughter of George and Caroline Francis.

George and Arvilla were married by Reverend J. Culp at Lynden, Ontario, on January 30, 1907, at which time the marriage was registered in Rockton, Ontario.

The Pattersons were blessed with four children, many grand children, and great grand children. Their immediate children were: Ivan Francis Patterson born June 29, 1909 in Ontario. Alvin J. Patterson born January 10, 1911 in Ontario. Anna May Patterson born May 24, 1913 in Ontario. Elmer George Patterson born August 21, 1916 in Meota, Saskatchewan.

George and Arvilla remained in Ontario for six years after their marriage. George was working as a carpenter, at which time they made a homesteading move to Meota, Saskatchewan with their two sons and a three week old daughter in 1913. Their farm was located along the Saskatchewan River near Meota, and three years later their son Elmer was born. Homesteading was a real trial and struggle in those days and to add to their troubles, early frosts destroyed the wheat crop for four years in a row. These years practically finished farming for the Pattersons and in 1921 they moved to Radisson, Saskatchewan where George took over a Rawleigh Route as a livelihood.

Farming, being in the Pattersons' blood, finally won and they moved from Saskatchewan in 1924 to a farm in the Pleasant Home area where they resided for two years before moving to a better and larger farm in 1926. This farm was in the St. Andrews area, eight miles east of Teulon, with part of their land bordering the Rockwood municipality. They farmed there until 1945 when they retired and moved to Teulon where they remained the rest of their lives.

George Patterson had considerable experience with locating artesian water in Meota by working with a horse drawn boring machine. After moving to Manitoba, he decided to supplement the farm income with well drilling. During 1930, they purchased their first well drill with the walking beam and pounding bit. Business was good and a few years later a second machine was purchased. With two crews working summer and winter all the way from Arborg, Winnipeg Beach, Stonewall, Oak Point, Lac



Du Bonnet, Petersfield and Teulon. The Pattersons, even with opposition in the drilling business, drilled approximately four hundred wells in Manitoba during the years from 1930 to 1945. George became well known for his water witching with a willow which he firmly believed in. He would never drill unless the willow reacted strongly. George and Arvilla sold one machine in 1945 and kept the other after they sold the farm and moved to Teulon. The last well drilled by George Patterson was in 1948 for his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ellison (nee Anna May Patterson), of Teulon, Manitoba. Hundreds of these wells are still working and in perfect condition and stand as a reminder and monument to the Patterson's and their ability to locate water. As a note of interest in 1930 to 1940 cost of drilling was one dollar per foot with casing of heavy steel, at fifty to seventy-five cents a foot and galvanized at a dollar fifty to two dollars a foot but you paid only for the amount used. Today in 1982, costs of a four inch well including light galvanized casing is any where from twelve-fifty per foot to thirteen-fifty. This is not at all bad when you consider wages in the thirties at nil or five dollars per month plus board and in the eighties wages are twelve hundred to fifteen hundred dollars a month.

During all these years Arvilla Patterson did all her share and more of the work required by the farm and stood firmly by her husband's side through hard times, near starvation, drought and low prices. If she were living today she could write several volumes on her trials through life.

During all the farm years and retirement in Teulon, the Pattersons were very active in Agricultural Clubs and Teulon Fairs. They were both honorary life members of the Teulon Agricultural Society and both were highly respected in the community.

On reading this history we might ask, (where are they now?) At the time of writing in 1982, I, Elmer, will try to do a summary for Mother and Dad and the immediate family.

Robert George Patterson passed away in Teulon in his seventy ninth year on March 10, 1959 after a lengthy illness.

Arvilla Patterson continued to live on for another twenty-two years. She was very active in her own home until the time of her accident when she had two broken hips happening six weeks apart and spent the remaining year and one-half in Goodwin Lodge at Teulon. Finally on April 18, 1981 Mother was laid to rest, nineteen days after celebrating her ninety-seventh birthday. May God keep her safe and happy.

Ivan, the oldest of the children had a good life as a custom broker in Piney, Manitoba. He was married twice and has five living children and many grand

children. He is now residing and enjoying good health in Sprague, Manitoba.

Alvin ran the farm until 1945, married a local neighbor's girl, Ivy Wells, daughter of Tom and Ida Wells in 1945. They moved to Dryden in 1948 where he became a steam fitter and remained there until his sudden illness took him to rest on November 10, 1974. Alvin and Ivy have a family of two boys and several grandchildren.

Anna May Patterson married Roy Ellison, a local business man of Teulon. They enjoyed a good life for many years until Roy was laid to rest in 1981. They had two boys, grand and great grandchildren. Anna still resides in the family home in Teulon.

Elmer helped farm until 1940 when he joined the R. C. A. F. and went overseas for nearly four years. On returning he married Vivian Campbell of Teulon in 1946, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Campbell of Teulon. He worked for many years as an electrical, plumbing and heating contractor, when in 1966, he became an instructor of Apprentices in Red River Community College. He enjoyed this position until his retirement fifteen years later on his sixty-fifth birthday in 1981.

He still resides in Teulon with his wife Vivian in their original home. Their only daughter, Sharon Lea is married and living in Delta, B. C. Sharon is a graduate registered nurse and is now in a supervisory position in a Vancouver hospital (Mrs. Derek White).

On closing I feel it is a great honor for me to be asked for a life history of our mother and father. I appreciate the opportunity of having this published in the St. Andrews History book. I know I have missed many important items but only hope that the next five or ten generations will appreciate this small bit of information about their ancestors.

As a prelude to this history, I feel that the present generation may be interested in prices from 1907-1982. A copy of George and Arvilla Patterson's bill for furnishings is enclosed for when they were married in 1907.

Frank B. Right, Hardware	
Mr. George Patterson Hamilton, Ontario.	
1 sideboard (oak) and 1 wood stove	\$30.00
6 oak chairs	4.50
1 chair — wash stand — basin and pitcher	6.00
3 — 4 leg tables	10.25
2 mattresses	5.00
1 spring for bed	2.50
	<u>\$58.25</u>
Discount for cash	.75
Total	<u>\$57.50</u>
Paid in Full	

### George and Margaret Patton

George Patton was born at Dunganon, Huron

County, Ontario, April, 1874. He was a son of Irish parents who had immigrated from Belfast, Ireland.

He grew up on a farm which among other things cultivated fruit and vegetables. Many years later when asked why he left Ontario, he replied, "Because of the hoe." There was lots of hoeing on those Ontario farms.

When he came West, he worked on the railway on a number of branch lines in the Manitoba-Saskatchewan area. He purchased a farm in the Petersfield area in 1901. This farm was a few hundred yards from the Bird farm.

Margaret Bird was born at St. Andrews, Manitoba, on April 30, 1881. Her father was a farmer and a politician, being a member of the first Manitoba Legislature in 1870. Many of his people worked for the Hudson's Bay Company. Her mother, Margaret Peebles, came to Canada from Scotland at the age of five, a member of the Selkirk Settlers.



George and H. Margaret Patton and son Fred.

George and Margaret were married on January 29th, 1902 at the Bird family home in the Petersfield district. A sign of the time is indicated by the fact that

Margaret was sent to bed by her father at 9 p.m. on the evening before her wedding.

The union was blessed with twelve children: Della May (deceased); Rosalind (Mrs. H. Morrison) Selkirk; Eva (Mrs. Geo. Porteous) Nanaimo, B.C.; Irene (Mrs. F. Tillett) Selkirk; Bernice (Mrs. T. Hawkins) Winnipeg; John, Winnipeg; Tom, Inwood; George, Petersfield; Fred (deceased); Glen (deceased); Charles (killed in action); Victor (killed in action).

As was the practice at the time, George broke his original land with oxen and built a log house for himself and his bride. He operated a mixed farm with grain, beef cattle, milk cows, (mainly for home use and butter to sell in the early days), pigs and chickens. He was known as a good farmer and a man who expected a full day's work from his men and the children. There were many who came to him for advice.

The Pattons had a happy home, as there was fun as well as work. On weekends there would likely be more than twenty sitting down to a meal, the children playing games or dancing, the older folks playing cards.



Margaret and George Patton, 60th Wedding Anniversary.

During their time on the farm, George and Margaret built three houses: the original log cabin, a larger log and lumber house and then a completely modern home. They retired to a small house in Selkirk in 1954. While living there, they celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary.

Margaret passed away in 1965 and George in 1968.

## Partridge, Edmund

Edmund Partridge was born in Lincolnshire, England, July 2, 1868. He came to Canada at the age of twenty. In 1892, he married Edith Kitts, who came from Totnes, England. They built a house on the corner of Hartford Avenue and McGregor Street. He started up a market garden business there. Later on as his enterprise expanded, he bought some more land, taking in Belmont Avenue; Pembroke Avenue to Matheson Avenue, and from Main Street to McGregor Street, and on several blocks. It was called Partridge Gardens. He later bought some land in Cloverdale Manitoba. He was one of the founders of the Saint Martin-in-The Field Church in West Kildonan. He served as a councillor for fifteen years and as reeve for another twenty-five years. Partridge Avenue, and the Edmund Partridge High School is named after him. Edmund and Edith Partridge had three sons, Thomas Sydney, Edmund (Ted), William Arthur, and John Fredrick (Jack). They also had five daughters, Mrs. M. McGill, Mrs. J. Button, Mrs. R. McCrea, Mrs. D. Farlinger and Mrs. E. Mountain. Mrs. Partridge passed away in March 1953. Mr. Partridge passed away in April 1955. They are both buried in Elmwood Cemetery.



Dorothy and E. (Ted) Partridge, St. Peters.

In 1921, their eldest son Ted, bought the land in Cloverdale from his father. He homesteaded and cleared the land, and started farming. He met Dorothy Solveig Olafsson. Her parents came from Iceland, she was born in Selkirk, and lived there all her life. She attended Agriculture College (Home Economics) for two years. In 1921, she graduated as a nurse from the Selkirk General Hospital, and followed this profession until her marriage to Ted Partridge in October, 1922. Together they established a dairy farm, called Devan Farm. Ted delivered milk in Selkirk for many years. Dorothy quite nursing at the

hospital, but she specialized occasionally. They had two sons, Edmund Alexander (Sandy) and Thomas Martin. Dorothy passed away May 29, 1964. She is buried in the Lutheran Cemetery south of Selkirk. At the time of her death Ted and Dorothy lived on Lot 14 North Main Street. Ted later sold this house and property to his grandson, Tom Partridge. On April 10, 1967, Ted married Louisa Sapte. They lived in her house on Lot 15, where Louisa Partridge is still living today. Ted passed away March 16, 1975. He is buried next to Dorothy Partridge in the Lutheran cemetery.

Sandy Partridge was born October 12, 1928, in Selkirk. He received his education in Selkirk and West Kildonan. He has been employed at the Manitoba Rolling Mills for the past thirty-three years. Sandy married Margaret Christina Gudmundsson on



Sandy and Margaret Partridge.

May 28, 1948. They live north of Selkirk in the R.M. of St. Andrews. They have two children and five grandchildren.

Margaret Partridge was born April 15, 1930. Her father, Einar Julius Gudmundsson, was born in Gimli, Manitoba on July 4, 1895. Her grandfather, Thorvalder Gudmundsson, was born in Feflholt, Iceland. Her grandmother, Gudrun Jonsdottis, was born in Reykjavik, Iceland. Her mother, Lucy Blanche Gudmundsson was born in Tyndal on June 30, 1903. Einar and Lucy had one son, Alvin Einar, and four daughters, Violet Swanson, Blanche Scofield, Margaret Christina Partridge, and Lucy Hygaard. Margaret's mother Lucy, passed away July 11, 1933.



Einar Gudmundsson, Grandson Tom Partridge, Granddaughter Barbara Partridge.



Barbara and Raymond Andrusko and daughters Aprille and Nadine, 1982.

Einar married Sigrun Thorarinson, she had a son Roy. Einar and Sigrun had two daughters, Helga Magnusson and Arlene Feyeriesen. Sigrun passed away shortly after. Einar Gudmundsson farmed in East Selkirk for many years. He and his son Alvin had a pulp cutting operation near Pine Falls. They

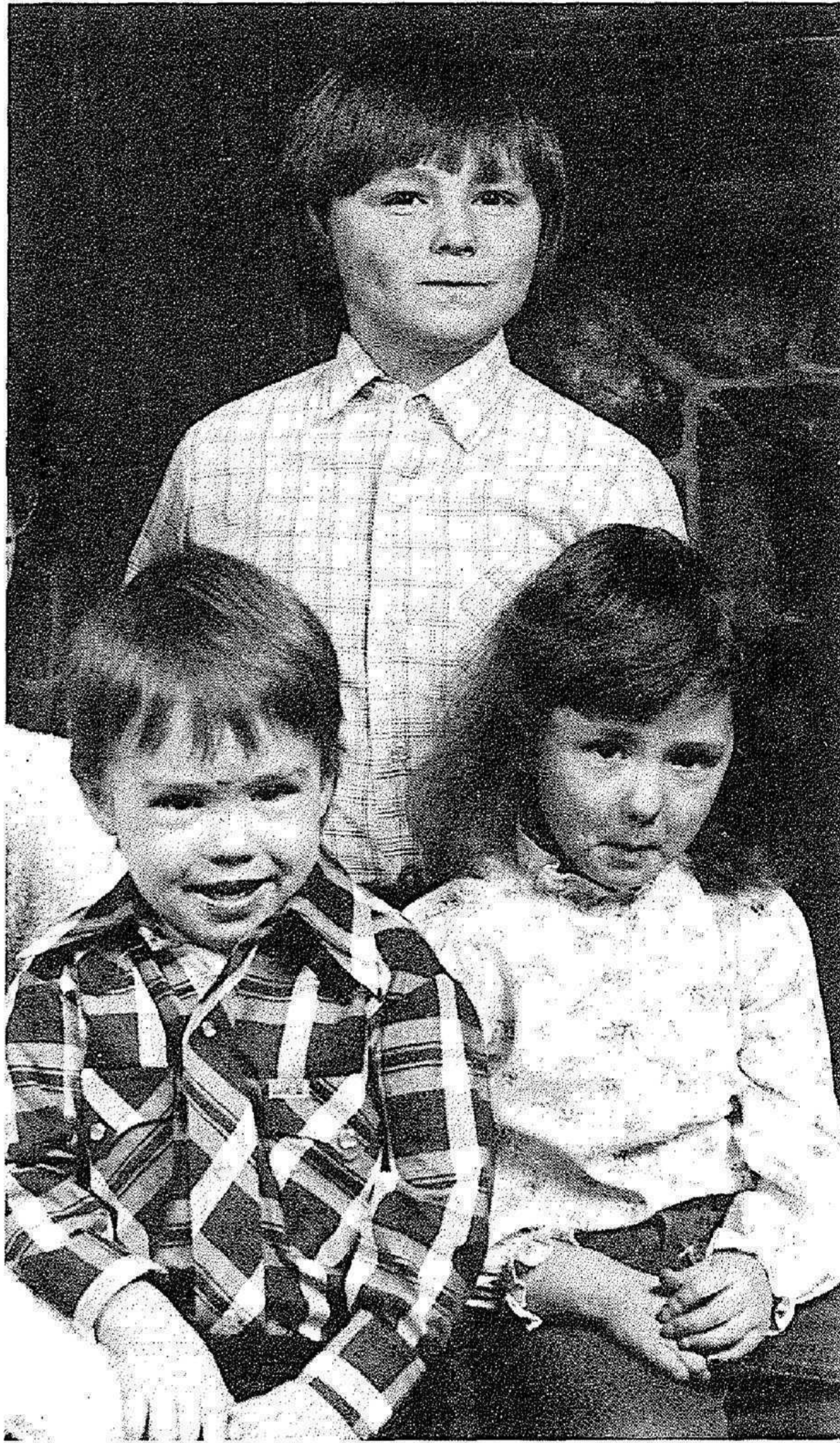


Tom and Marilyn Partridge.

supplied some of the pulp for the Abitibi Paper Company. Einar Gudmundsson passed away August 21, 1959. He is buried in the Lutheran Cemetery. Margaret's mother and stepmother are also buried there.

Sandy and Margaret's first child, Barbara Christine was born January 21, 1952, at the Selkirk General. She attended Margaret Hayworth School, and later High School in Selkirk. She married Raymond Andrusko on November 22, 1971. They reside in Cloverdale, on the Meadowdale Road next to her Auntie Vi Swanson. They have two daughters, Aprille Dawn, born July 25, 1973, and Nadine Christina born April 15, 1975. They both attend William S. Patterson School. Barbara and Raymond farm, and Raymond also works for Steelbrothers Canada Ltd.

Sandy and Margaret's son, Thomas Einar Edmund Partridge, was born June 23, 1954. He was also born at the Selkirk General, and attended Margaret Hayworth School, north of Selkirk, before going to Selkirk Junior High. He then went to Red River Community College where he studied plumbing. On April 28, 1972, he married Marilyn J. Cesar, from East Selkirk, Manitoba. Marilyn attended Happy Thought School, in East Selkirk before going to High School in Selkirk. She then went to Red River Community College to receive her P.A. in Dental Assisting. Marilyn worked for several dentists in Selkirk. Tom owns T.N.T. Plumbing & Heating in Selkirk. Marilyn runs the office for him. They have



Tom and Marilyn Partridge children: Blain Edmund Alexander, Bradly Thomas Julius, Melissa Pearl.

three children, Blaine Edmund Alexander, born September 19, 1973 in Selkirk. He attends Ruth Hooker School. Melissa Pearl, born June 10, 1977, in the Health Science Center in Winnipeg. Bradly Thomas Julius was born October 20, 1979, also at the Health Science Center. Tom and Marilyn, and family live on Lot 14 North Main Street, next to Grandma Partridge.

Thomas Martin second son of Ted and Dorothy was born in Selkirk. He married Mary Joa. They have four sons, Frederick, William, Howard, and Eric.

They reside in North Surrey, British Columbia.

### Howard and Adele Pawley

The Rural Municipality of St. Andrews includes among its residents, the Premier of Manitoba, Howard Pawley, his wife Adele and their two children, Chris and Charysse. They have been residents of St. Andrews since New Year's Day of 1979, and

before that had lived for a number of years in our neighbouring Town of Selkirk.

Premier Pawley was born in Brampton, Ontario in 1934 and spent his boyhood years on a 150-acre grain farm there before moving with his parents to Winnipeg in 1952. He attended Daniel McIntyre Collegiate in Winnipeg, Manitoba Teachers' College, United College (now University of Winnipeg) and Manitoba Law School. He holds B.A. and LL.B. degrees.

Mr. Pawley practised law in Stonewall and Selkirk and served as solicitor for the Town of Selkirk.

Mr. Pawley has served in the Manitoba Legislature as M.L.A. for Selkirk continuously since his first election of June 25, 1969. He was re-elected in June 1973, October 1977 and November, 1981.

In the Schreyer government, Mr. Pawley held double and over-lapping portfolios, serving as Minister of Municipal Affairs (1969-76) and Attorney-General (1973-77) and also held positions as Government Services Minister and Commissioner of Northern Affairs. From 1977 to 1981, he served in opposition, the last three years as Opposition Leader.



Honorable Howard R. Pawley, M.L.A. with wife Adele and children, Charysse and Chris, taken at their home in Mapleton, after becoming Premier of Manitoba, 1981.

On November 30, 1981, Mr. Pawley was sworn in as Manitoba's 18th Premier and head of the Province's 19th administration, following the successful election of the New Democratic Party on November 17, 1981. In addition to being Premier of Manitoba, Mr. Pawley is Minister of Federal-Provincial Relations.

His wife, Adele, has been associated with this general area since birth. She was born in 1940 in the neighbouring Municipality of Brokenhead to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Schreyer of Tyndall, Manitoba. Since

her marriage in November, 1960 to Howard Pawley, Adele has been an active mainstay of the young lawyer in both his professional and political careers.

After schooling in the Brokenhead area, Adele attended high school at St. Mary's Academy in Windsor, Ontario and at Dryden and graduated from the secretarial course at the Manitoba Commercial College at Winnipeg. She later attended the University of Winnipeg, majoring in Canadian Political Science and Canadian History.

Two years after their marriage, the Pawleys moved to Stonewall (1962) where Mr. Pawley practised law and where their two children were born. Their son, Chris, was born in 1964 and their daughter Charysse, was born in 1966. While there, Mrs. Pawley was active in the Stonewall Kinette Club and the Stonewall Women's Curling Club.

From 1966 until moving to the Rural Municipality of St. Andrews, the Pawleys lived in Selkirk. Since her husband's first election to the Legislature, Mrs. Pawley has been active in the New Democratic Party in various capacities and continues to work actively with her husband, and on behalf of her husband, with numerous duties associated with his office.

In 1979, the Pawleys purchased the property that belonged to Marcus and Yvonne Parrano. Their two-storey, white clapboard house sits on part of River Lot 6, next to the original Mapleton School site.

Their children, Chris now age eighteen and Charysse age sixteen, presently attend the Lord Selkirk Comprehensive High School at Selkirk.

### The Peel Family

William Peel, Sr., who was born July 12th, 1839, in County Cavan, Ireland, came to Canada in 1845 with his father who became one of the pioneer farmers at Lindsay, Ontario. He later moved to the U.S.A., but returned to Canada in time to join Lord Wolseley's expedition in 1870. He settled near Winnipeg and in 1872 married Sarah Ann McDonald, daughter of William McDonald, one of the Lord Selkirks original settlers.

He moved to Pigeon Bluff in 1881 being one of the earliest settlers in that district. His wife died in 1924. He was a staunch Orangeman. He died at the age of 94 in May 1933 and is buried in the Cloverdale United Church cemetery.

His family were: Annie (Mrs. Jack Taylor) deceased April 18, 1962, buried in Vancouver, age 80 years; Catherine (Mrs. Alex Campbell) deceased February 6th, 1962, buried in Cloverdale, age 85; Horetta (Mrs. G. Grieve) deceased August 27th, 1978, buried at Cloverdale, age 98; Donald Peel, born March 16th, 1889, deceased, buried at Clover-

dale; Willie John and Robert George both died young and are buried at Old Kildonan, Man.

William H. Peel born March 21st, 1884, the only surviving member of the family, married Flora Hiltz from Kentville, N.S., on January 1st, 1912, at the home of the late Mr. and Mrs. Alex Moar. She passed away July 3rd, 1969, age 85, and is buried in Cloverdale. William Peel farmed for many years at Cloverdale before he left to reside at the Betel Home in Selkirk.

They had a family of six: Ross who still farms in the Cloverdale area; Bob, who lives in Quebec; Aubery, deceased November 16th, 1978; Florence and Evangeline both live in B.C.; and Marie who lives in Winnipeg.

### The Penner Story

submitted by Henry Penner

The Penner story is that of two families, Henry and Katherina and Nick and Agatha. They were born in the Southern Ukraine, Henry and his wife in 1899, and Nick and his wife in 1901 and 1902. Until their departure from Russia, the Penner family was engaged in farming.



Henry and Nick Penner, and George Penner — son of H. Penner, 1927.

As young lads both Henry and Nick did military duty in the Russian Army during World War I. Henry in transport and Nick in the Medical Corps. Conditions in Russia after the war were changing and things were going from bad to worse. With revolution raging all over, the Penner family decided to leave the country while it was still possible.

Henry and his wife and two sons George and Nick along with his brother Nick and his wife and other members of their family left by train for the Latvian Port city of Riga, where they embarked on the British liner Montnairn and left for Canada. They arrived in Halifax in October of 1925.

Manitoba was their next stop where they started a farming operation in the Oak Bluff area. After a few years the two brothers, Henry and Nick decided to move again. After some searching they found and moved to a farm in Petersfield in 1929. This property was purchased from the Martin Luther family of



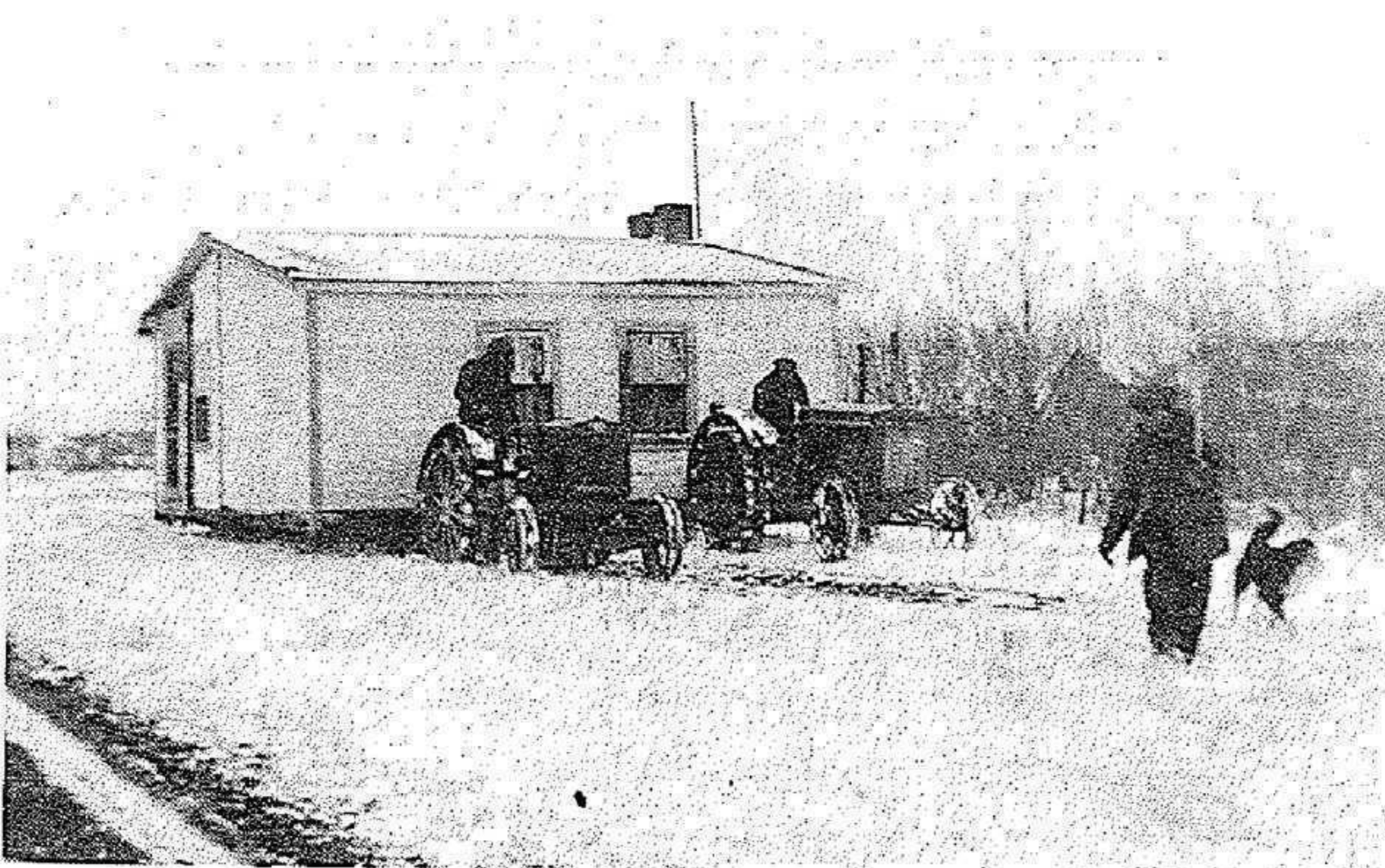
Coffee Time on the Henry Penner farm.

Minnesota. It was on this land, section 24-16-3E that Hartley School had been built a few years previous. The children of both families received their early education at Hartley.

The farm was a difficult proposition. It was mostly unbroken and many back breaking years were spent clearing brush and breaking up the land. A liberal sprinkling of rocks did not help matters very much.

With the addition of more land, new machinery and much livestock, the farm slowly took shape. In 1943 Nick and his family moved to the south half of the section and built a new yard site. In the early fifties the two brothers ended a partnership that had lasted for twenty-five years.

The children of Henry and Katherina Penner are listed as follows with their families and occupations.



Moving Nick Penner's house Harley district, 1943.

George, wife Mary, three children, Erika, Randall and Edith. Farm in the area.

Nick (deceased) wife Jane, three children, Curtis, Paul and Roberta.

Erwin, wife Anna, four children, Meredith, Thomas, Tim and Niomi. Erwin has a medical practice in Winnipeg.

Henry, wife Mary. Farms in the area.

Ellie, husband Richard Tews, two daughters, Ingrid and Wanda. Resides in Kitchener, Ontario.

Katy — hospital employee in Teulon.

John, wife Marlene, two children, Jacqueline and Henry. Farms in area.

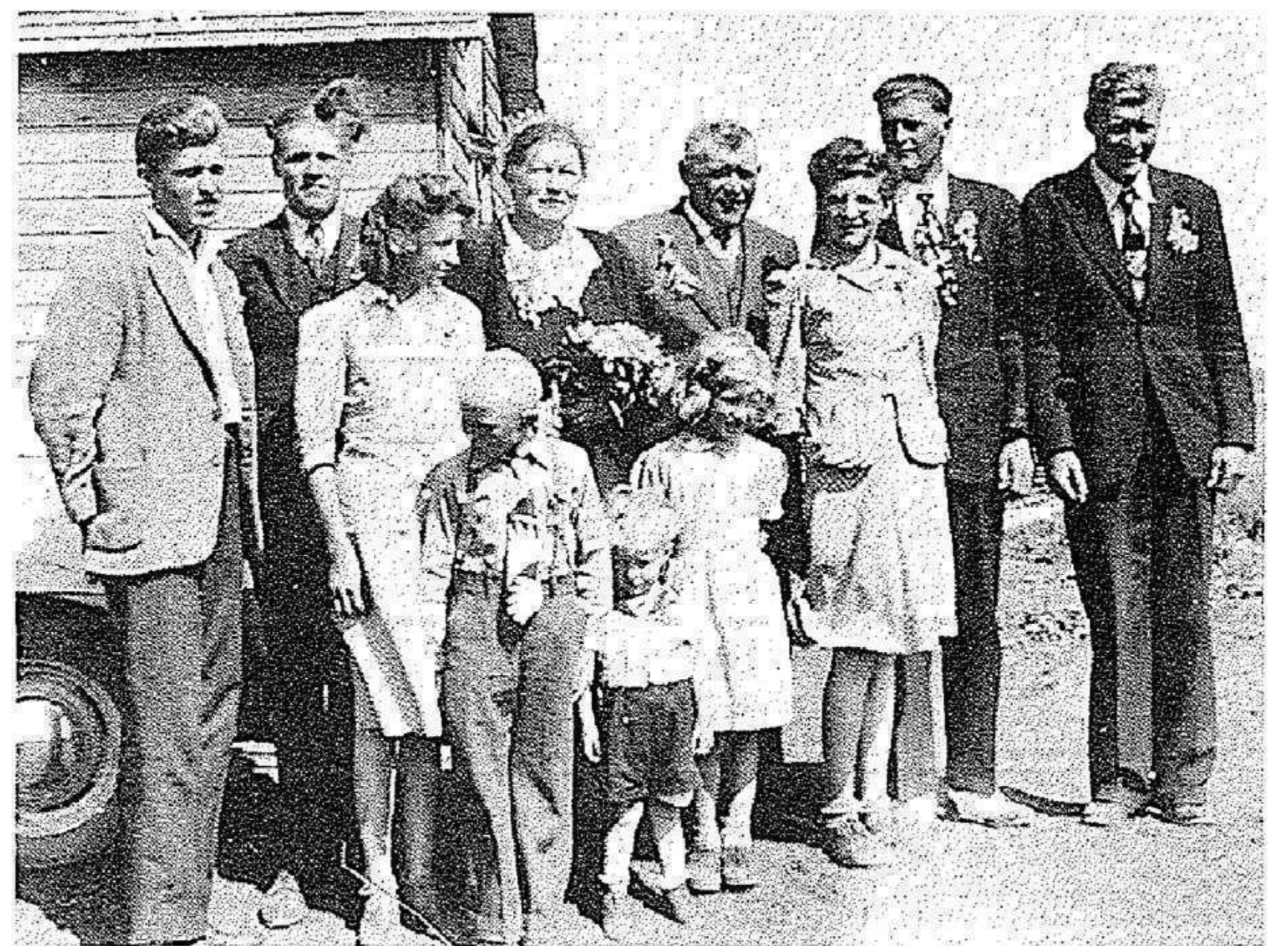
Irma, husband — Ray Isbister, three children, Diana, Penny and Dean; Ray is a highway contractor.

Herb, wife Lois — one daughter — Jodi. Farms the original farm and added property in partnership with his brothers Henry and John.

The children of Nick and Agatha Penner are listed as follows with their families and occupation.



Nick G. and Agatha Penner and family, Hartley District, 1949. Children — Back row, L to R: Helen, Margaret, Selma, Front row: Alvin and Nick Jr.



Henry and Katherina Penner and Family on 25th wedding anniversary at farm 1946. Back row, L to R: Henry, Erwin, Mr. and Mrs. Penner, Nick, George. Front row: Ellie, John, Herb, Irma, Kathy.