

unscheduled holiday, we decided to go to town with Dad. On the way to town, we picked up a hitchhiker, who turned out to be the 'bum'. The bum was a farmer's hired help who had finished his work and was heading to town.

When winter came and the roads disappeared, we stayed at home and did our schooling by correspondence. When spring returned, off to school we went. There was one spot on the road where the water was nearly to the horse's belly. We were always glad to get past that part of the road.

In 1943, another daughter, MYRNA was born to the John Pohl family while still on the farm in the Orkney District. We left Orkney School in 1944 to go to Reman School. In 1945 the John Pohl family moved to Springside where another son, DARRELL was born. During this time in the Orkney District, John Pohl served for a period of time as a councillor.

John Pohl passed away in November 1977 at Chilliwack, B.C. Bertha Pohl still resides in Chilliwack, B.C.



John & Bertha Pohl & Family - 1965
Back Row (L to R): Honey, Myrna, Doris, Garfield
Front: John, Bertha, Darrell

Doris is married to Jack Barry of Louisiana, USA. They have one daughter Jane. They all live in Chilliwack, B.C.
 Honey is married to Frank Enns. They are living in Abbotsford, B.C.
 Garfield is married to Carol Harper. They have a son Sheldon and a daughter Lori. They live in Chilliwack, B.C.
 Myrna is married to Herb McCormack. They have a son Patrick and a daughter Susan. They live in Merritt, B.C.
 Darrell is married to Gloria Bodansky. They have one daughter Cindy and three sons, John, Marcus and Joel. They live in 100 Mile House, B.C.

THE PAUL and MARY LEWCHUK FAMILY

PAUL and MARY Lewchuk and their son EUGENE (GENE) arrived in Orcadia in 1933. They left Gorlitz to operate the Orcadia General Store.

Gene and Sylvia attended the Orkney A School and then the Orkney B School.

Mary was secretary of the Orkney Red Cross Society during the war years. Besides attending to the store, Paul was Rawleigh dealer, traveling door to door in the Orcadia and Yorkton districts.

In 1947, the Lewchuks moved to Yorkton so the children could attend High School.

Paul and Mary were involved in many business ventures. They purchased the Independent Groceteria on Broadway in Yorkton. In the 1940's they operated a number of refreshment booths at picnics and sports days held in the area. They also operated a booth at the Yorkton Exhibition.

Paul later became a car salesman in Yorkton and Calgary. He moved to North Surrey, B.C. where he passed away on January 30, 1985.

Mary lives in North Surrey, in the family home, where she enjoys gardening and her retiring years.

SYLVIA became a legal secretary, married Wesley, a contractor and settled in North Surrey, not far from her mother. They have one daughter Laurie.

GENE has four children, Lynne, Lisa, Taras and James. He practiced law in Regina and Kerrobert before being appointed a Provincial Court Judge. He presided at Kerrobert, Swift Current and Regina. He presently resides in Regina with his wife Sharon and his step-children, Shaun, Julie and Chris.

THE CHARLES and MABLE GRIFFIN FAMILY

CHARLES and MABEL had three children: JOHN EDWARD, ALBERT WILLIAM and EVELYN IRENE.

In 1934 Charles and son John of Alameda, Sask. came north to look for feed for his livestock. They travelled the 150 miles with horses and haying equipment. Charles was well known for his team of Roan Belgium horses. They found hay to put up just south and west of Orcadia. In September of that year they shipped the livestock north by C.P.R., arriving in Orcadia in late September in a snowstorm. They wintered the livestock about three miles west of Orcadia.

In the spring of 1935 they moved to a farm at Fonehill. In 1950 they moved back to Orcadia and in 1953 they moved to a farm north of Churchbridge, Sask.

In 1962 Charles and Mabel retired in the town of Churchbridge. Charles passed away in 1968, Mabel passed away in 1979.

Their two sons live on farms north of Churchbridge.

John married Elsie Steinke of Willowbrook, Sask. Albert married Esther Wirth of Langenburg, Sask. Their daughter Evelyn married Campbell Atcheson of Regina, Sask. A daughter Lulla Mae died in infancy.

THE HENRY HOFFMAN FAMILY

HENRY DANIEL Hoffman was born August 24, 1912 to Daniel and Marie Hoffman in the Ebenezer District. A few years later the Hoffmann family moved to the Springside area, on a farm and I attended the Windsor School.

In 1936 I started a business at Orcadia and during the 36 years, I made many good friends.

In 1939 on September 29th, I was married to LILLIAN STOBEE, from the Fonehill District. Our son DALE HENRY MEREDITH, was born in 1947 on the 17th of July. Dale attended the school in Orcadia. After grade 8 he attended the Yorkton Composite High School.

In the fall of 1956 I started buying grain for the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in conjunction with my business until 1972. That same year we sold our business and moved into our home in Yorkton. In the fall of 1973 we moved to Regina, still employed by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool, as a welder until 1977, when we moved to Kelowna, B.C.

Dale married Louinna Pohl on the 4th of July, 1969 at Yorkton. Louinna is a registered nurse. Dale has his Phd. in Science, majoring in Chemistry. He is also a medical doctor. Dale and Louinna have three sons: Torrey Luke Hoffman, born the 28 of May 1972 at Los Angeles, California; Kaley Mark Hoffman, born the 28 of March 1974 at Los Angeles, California; Matthew Lee Hoffman, born the 18 of August 1977 at Vancouver, B.C. Dale and his family reside in Penticton, B.C. where Dale has his medical practise. They attend the First Baptist Church in Penticton.

We are now retired living in Kelowna, B.C. We enjoy our retirement very much. We keep busy in our church, Trinity Baptist Church. Henry sings in the male choir and he also plays his violin in the Seniors' Orchestra. We can visit our children whenever we like, it only takes 1 hour from Kelowna to Penticton.



Henry & Lillian Hoffman



Dale & Louinna (Pohl) Hoffman

THE EDWARD SCHMIDT FAMILY

The Edward Schmidt family moved to the Orkney district in April, 1936, having previously resided in Yorkton where they had located after emigrating from Poland. EDWARD, his wife ROSALIE, together with their children REINHOLD, ADOLF, DANEDA, ELSIE and ARTHUR settled on the S1/2 of 29-26-4 W2. Reinhold was co-owner of the farm with his father. Daneda, Elsie and Arthur attended Orkney School, driving to and from with horse and buggy or sleigh, the three miles to school.

THE JOHN and ANNE YUZIK FAMILY

submitted by: John Yuzik

JOHN is the son of John and Mary Yuzik (nee: Zederayko).

In 1939 I bought the land from William Ferguson and farmed, with horses from my parents home, 9 miles north of Orcadia. In 1946 I moved here and started housekeeping in an old grainery, fighting mosquitos, mice and what have you. My first house was a two room log building. In 1954 I married ANNE HESHKA and then things started getting better. We built a new home in 1958.

I served on the Credit Union Board from 1974 to 1988 and was also a delegate for Credit Union Central in Regina for 8 years.

Anne and I were blessed with two children, RODNEY and KAREN. Rod is now working for IBM in Toronto. Karen is married to Tim Reeve and they have one son, Travis. They live in Regina where Tim is in the printing trade and Karen works at SGI.

THE LEONARD LANGE FAMILY

All but one member of the LEONARD and BERTHA LANGE family attended Orkney. Although the family farmed near Orcadia, the children attended Orkney. There was no school at Orcadia at the time when the three oldest children were ready for school.

The oldest child of this family was BOB. He enjoyed farmlife and sports. After finishing school, Bob farmed south of the original home farm. He and his wife ELSIE, lived on the land purchased from Millers. As we recall vividly, Bob loved softball, curling and hockey. He was an integral part of the school teams and the community teams. In his quiet nature, he enjoyed the neighbours and friends of Orkney and Orcadia. Bob and Elsie had two daughters whom they enjoyed very much. Bob passed away in 1981. The community did appreciate him and his family.

The second child was IRENE. She attended Orkney and participated in sports as enthusiastically as her older brother. Every event was a challenge and an enjoyment. Irene married AL EDWARDS and they raised four children, who often recall the many warm experiences at home. Irene passed away in 1985.

The third member of this family was JUNE. She presently resides at Azilda, Ontario, a town near Sudbury. June married RICHARD TAMMI. They have one son as an important part of their family. June always enjoyed music, and this has become an important aspect of her life.

The fourth member was BARBARA. She married LARRY LOVERIDGE. This family has resided in Yorkton, and Barbara continues to be a part of this community. She is presently involved as a teacher assistant for students.

We hope that she will continue to be a part of this important educational process. Barbara and Larry have two children who are also an important part of their family life.



Leonard & Bertha Lang Family & Family
Back Row (L to R): Irene, Bob, June, Barbara
Front: Leonard & Bertha

Bertha and Leonard Lange were important people in the community. In his quiet manner, yet a most concerned feeling, Leonard loved the neighborhood and the many friends he made during the many years in the community. Bertha recalls with sensitive feelings the life of the family and the involvement in community projects. Leonard passed away in 1986. Bertha continues to be close to the many friends she made and enjoys them all very much.

THE FRED CHUPA FAMILY

FRED Chupa was born on August 5th, 1913 to Mike and Maggie Chupa. He was the 4th of eight children with four brothers and three sister. His family farmed in the Whitesand area. Fred attended Homestead and Whitesand Schools. Fred helped his father on his farm until he met and married ANNE SPILCHEN.

Anne was born on November 28th, 1919 to Mike and Margaret Spilchen of the Good Spirit Lake District. Anne was the second child and she had four brothers and three sisters. As a young girl, Anne enjoyed outdoor activities and was very helpful on the family farm. She attended Black Poplar School. While working at her uncles farm, she met Fred at a ball game. They were married in Yorkton at St. Mary's Greek Catholic Church on October 3rd, 1937.

In those days a wedding was a whole day affair. Fred arrived early that morning to collect his bride. As was the custom of the day, a row of ladies were seated behind the kitchen table with a sheet over their heads. It was Fred's job to pick which one was to be his bride.

Quick thinking Fred looked under the table and spotted the white shoes and decided that the one with the white shoes was a good prospect for the bride.

The couple made their first home in the Whitesand area where Fred supported the family by cutting wood. They purchased land from Fred Raymond and moved to Orcadia in 1940. Their first child, GERALD, was born just one week after they settled into their new home. A second son LARRY was born in 1946. Both boys enjoyed their preschool years helping dad on the farm and visiting with the neighbour children. Fred's sister, Polly Beblow and Anne's sister Pauline Tomanek, also farmed in the Orcadia District and the family enjoyed visits with their neighbours and relatives.

In 1950 Fred and Anne had the opportunity to purchase the Red and White Store in Springside. This had been a lifelong dream, so they sold their farm to Mike Spilchen and moved the family to Springside. They had two daughters while in Springside, HELEN was born in 1954 and BARBARA in 1957.

Fred and Anne now reside at 38 Assiniboia Avenue in Yorkton. Their son Gerald married Eldeen Hutzul of Theodore and they now live in Tisdale with their four sons: Ken, Colin, Brian and Ian. Larry married Helen Mucka of Yorkton and they live in Prince George, B.C. They have one son Terry. Helen married Larry Wilson of Yorkton and their family consisting of Darren, Joel and Chelsea live on a farm near Ebenezer. The youngest daughter, Barb, married Kevin Coleridge of Yorkton. They live in Fort Qu'Appelle with their two children, Tom and Pamela.



Fred & Anne (Spilchen) Chupa & Family
Back Row (L to R): Barbara, Larry, Gerald, Helen
Front: Anne & Fred

THE ALFRED and BERNICE GRUNERT FAMILY

ALFRED Grunert, son of Edith and Fred Grunert, was born, raised and educated in the Grunert School District. His wife, the former BERNICE KLAUSE, daughter of Emma and Paul Klause, was also born and raised in the same district.

They were united in marriage on the 17th of November, 1943 and took up residence on the former Bella and John Ferguson farm, the NE1/4 of 26-26-5 W2. The farm needed to be improved as there was only limited cultivated acreage on it at that time, so they chose to go into mixed farming. In 1948 a land clearing contractor was hired to clear out the brush and break the soil. This left a lot of work to be done clearing the roots and the rocks off the broken land.

On the 6th of January 1949 their only child KENT was born.

In 1956 they took up winter residence in Yorkton where Alfred was employed with Yorkton Oil, Coal and Wood and Bernice accepted a position with the National Employment Service. In 1960 they built a home in Yorkton, making that their permanent residence, however still maintaining their country home for summer living. In 1981 when Bernice retired, they moved back to reside on the family farm. They are now semi-retired, enjoying their grandchildren Jonathan and Mark and spending four months of the winter in Florida.



Bernice & Alfred Grunert - 1981
with grandsons Jonathan & Mark

KENT and BONNIE GRUNERT

KENT Grunert, son of Alfred and Bernice Grunert, attended school in Yorkton and graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, College of Pharmacy in 1971. After working in Regina for two years he relocated to Yorkton to manage White Cross Drugs from February 1973 until its closure in October 1984.

He met and married his wife, the former BONNIE YURKOSKI, also a local girl born and raised in Yorkton. Bonnie and Kent were married on March 12, 1975. Bonnie and Kent were blessed with two sons. JONATHAN KENT, born May 26, 1977 and MARK ALAN, born December 7, 1979.



Kent & Bonnie (Yurkoski) Grunert Family - 1983
(L to R): Bonnie, Mark, Kent & Jonathan.

From the time of their marriage they lived on the Alfred Grunert farm until they relocated in a new home on the NW1/4 of 25-26-5 W2. Kent and Bonnie started racing thoroughbreds in Saskatchewan in 1977. They were fortunate enough to have the Saskatchewan Two Year Old Champion in 1982.

In 1984 Kent opened his own Pharmacy, Price Rite Drugs in Yorkton. At present Kent manages his own pharmacy and Bonnie works as a Registered Nurse in C.C.U. at the Yorkton Union Hospital. Their children attend school in Yorkton. They are still busy racing in Winnipeg and are actively engaged in farming in the Orkney District.

THE DAN CHUPA FAMILY

Mr. & Mrs. DAN Chupa and family moved to Orcadia District in 1943 from Ebenezer. They were formerly from the Springside District, where both Mr. & Mrs. Chupa were born.

They farmed and made their family home about 3 1/2 miles south of Orcadia. To help and enjoy farming and the home were six sons.

DAN Chupa is now in Moose Jaw and 2 sons. PAUL Chupa is now in Rokeby and wife Shirley. PETER is in Yorkton. BILL is now on the family farm with his wife Bern. and 2 sons. RON is also on the family farm. MARVIN and his wife Diana are in Regina.

They also had six daughters.

ROSE and husband Herbert Livingston are in Comox, B.C. They have a daughter and a son. IRIS and husband Terry Feary are in Calgary, Alta. They have a daughter and a son. LILLIAN and husband Gerald Krawetz are in Winnipeg, Man. They have two daughters and a son. JANET(Phyllis) and her husband Clifford Daw are in Yorkton. They have two daughters

and a son. STEPHANIE and her husband Matt Ustupski are in Regina. They have two daughters and a son. GLADYS and her husband Russell Shewchuk farm in Calder. They have two daughters and a son.

In 1972 Mr. & Mrs. Dan Chupa retired from farming and make their home in Yorkton, Sask. Mr. Dan Chupa passed away December 31, 1979 at Yorkton. Mrs. Mary Chupa passed away August 21, 1980 at Yorkton.

THE WASYL and ANASTASIA SHUMAY FAMILY

submitted by: Mary Klym(nee: Shumay)

My grandparents came to Canada from the village of Latsivka in Western Ukraine. NICHOLAS and MAGGIE Shumay(nee: Klutz) were married in 1880. In 1907 they immigrated to the Whitesand District. They raised a family of five daughters - MARY, PEARL, ANNA, DORA and PAULINE and four sons - JOHN, WASYL(my father), MIKE and DAN. MICHAEL and DONNA Stefanyshyn(nee: Popowich) were married in 1901. In 1910 they also immigrated to the Whitesand District. They raised a family of nine daughters - ANNA, ANASTASIA(my mother), PEARL, MARY, POLLY, MARGARET, KATIE, LENA and ANNE and one son - NICK.

Nicholas Shumay, my grandfather, worked as a woodcutter, but decided to take his family to Canada where they might have a better life. They rode in a cart to Stryj, a village which was close to the Polish border and then boarded a train to Hamburg, Germany. From there they travelled for seventeen days on a cattle ship to Halifax. They took a train and arrived in Yorkton, Saskatchewan in 1907 and registered at the Immigration Office. All they brought was a trunk of clothes, hats and of course, Nicholas' axe. They were taken from Yorkton to their new home by neighbours who had a cart and a team of oxen. They built a one room log house with a thatched roof and a chimney made out of sticks and clay.

Michael Stefanyshyn, my grandfather, wove baskets out of willows. He carved a violin and played it on his own. He also knew how to tune it. He made a recorder flute and played it too. Cowskins were used to make shoes like moccasins. Donna, his wife, made beaded jewellery and did cross-stitching. Since there was no land for them to farm in the old country, they came because homesteads were opening up in Western Canada. Anastasia, my mother, recalled her parents and her own experiences when they settled in Saskatchewan. Her father said there were no roads or paths. Their first house was built out of logs. They had a hand drill that was 1 1/2 inches across. They drilled holes in three places in the log (the two ends and the centre) and with the wooden nails, they put the logs together. The roof consisted of girders and beams with sheaves of long grass covering it. The bush had to be cleared away, and an area with willows soon became a hay meadow. Her dad worked for 25¢ to 50¢ a day cutting bush. She remembers her chores - milking cows, cleaning the house and washing clothes. The evenings were spent sewing their own clothes and knitting. The main source of light was a kerosene lamp. Sheep wool was washed, carded and spun into yarn, which was used to knit mittens, socks, scarves and sweaters. They had no horses at first so the work was done by hand. The hay had to be cut with a scythe. Later they purchased a team of horses which were used with a small plow to work on the field.



Ken & Olga Braun



Bill & Pauline Becker



Michael & Mary Klym



John & Doreen Shumay



Wasyl & Anastasia Shumay



Henry & Eleanor Shumay



Matt & Anne Shumay



Nick & Effie Shumay

They had to grind bags of wheat into flour. The garden was one of the main sources of food. Her mother would help the neighbours with some task and would receive a pig, or a couple of chickens, or even some eggs as payment. They took food, not money. Money wasn't as important as getting food for the family. She remembers going to Good Spirit Lake many times. Back then, the water was very clear and the sand was so white. She said that it was just beautiful there. The hard times, you can see, are etched on the lines of their faces. They knew what a hard life is like - we don't know what a difficult struggle in life is like. Those people still had enough humour in them to joke about the hard times.

My parents, WASYL and ANASTASIA Shumay (nee: Stefanyshyn) were married February 3, 1925 at St. Mary's Church, Whitesand, Saskatchewan. Their bridesmaid and best man were Mary Stefanyshyn and John Diak. They lived with grandpa and grandma Shumay one mile south of Beblo School on the NW1/4 10-28-5 W2nd, which was the family homestead. It was a two-room log house plastered with clay and whitewashed. They continued farming here until 1943, when he sold the homestead land to my uncle, Mike Shumay and purchased the N1/2 10-26-5 W2nd from Ted Henke, three miles south of the village of Orcadia. The land was better so the harvests were good. Some of the neighbours were Mrs. Kristina Slipchenko, Steve and Kay Popowich, Mr. & Mrs. Albert Knoll, Dan and Mary Chupa and Pete and Anne Beblow. My dad, with the help of his sons farmed and raised cattle. He enjoyed going to Terrier hockey games and playing pool. They both enjoyed playing cards. Mom was hard worker and always grew a very large garden. She liked flowers. She was a member of the Ukrainian Catholic Women's League in Yorkton and they were members of St. Mary's Church in Yorkton. Being farmers they made generous contributions towards their parish, consisting of poultry, cottage cheese, cream and baking. They worked hard and faced many hardships to raise and provide for seven children, namely:

MATT, married Ann Beblow, residing in Yorkton, Sask. They have one son, Ron.

JOHN, married Doreen Horback, residing in Kelowna, B.C. They have three children, Dale, Cindy and Tammy.

PAULINE, married Bill Becker, residing in Kelowna, B.C. They have five children Larry, Allan, Terry, Garry and Ricky.

NICK, married Effie Chepil, residing and farming in the Orcadia District. They have five children Allan, Barry, Brian, David and Brenda.

MARY, married Michael Klym, residing in Yorkton. We have three children Deborah, Darcy and Tamara.

OLGA, married Ken Braun, residing in Kelowna, B.C. They have two children Amanda and Sherry.

HENRY, married Eleanor Achtemichuk, residing in Yorkton. They have two children Kelly and Carla.

Due to the various moves made by the family, some of the children had the opportunity to attend a variety of schools - Beblo, Orkney A & B at Orcadia and Sacred Heart Academy. Horse and buggy was used in the summer and a covered van was used in the winter time to travel to Orkney Schools.

In 1949 dad purchased additional land, adjacent to the village of Orcadia and made his residence within the village. In 1964 dad built a house on 319 Myrtle Avenue, Yorkton, Sask. Prior to moving into Yorkton, Anastasia Shumay passed away October 26, 1964. Wasyl Shumay passed away May 28, 1977.

NICK and EFFIE SHUMAY

submitted by: Nick Shumay

As a young boy I attended Beblow School from 1938 to 1942. Then from Whitesand my parents and I moved to Orcadia, where I attended the Orkney School. Along with going to school I helped out on the farm. Then I worked at Johnnies Star Delivery for five years, along with Coca Cola for five years in Yorkton.

In 1958 I married EFFIE CHEPIL from Hampton, Sask. We lived in Yorkton for about 8 years. When my parents retired, they moved into Yorkton and we moved to the farm. I have been farming ever since and I enjoy farming with my family.

We have five children, four boys and one girl.

ALLEN is our oldest boy and he is married to Cindy Krochak. They have their own two little girls, Amanda and Megan.

BARRY is married to Sherry Popowich and they are the happy parents of three children. Brent and Kyle are their two sons and Deanna is their daughter.

BRIAN is married to Lori Romanuk. They both live and work in Yorkton.

DAVID is the youngest of the boys. He is single and working in Yorkton.

BRENDA is our only daughter. She attends the Yorkton Regional High School. She lives with us on the farm and is a very big help to us.

So we are proud and happy to have our five children and five grandchildren.

THE BEBLOW FAMILY

NICK BEBLOW and FAMILY

The 50th Anniversary of the Beblow Family Farm was celebrated in 1988. It was 1938 when NICK Beblow, our Dad's (Peter) father, Grandpa to us, purchased, for \$1,100.00, one-half section of land (legal description N1/2 - Section 3 - Township 26 - Range 5 - West of the Second Meridian) which is located within the R.M. of Orkney approximately 3.5 miles south of Orcadia. This land became available after the previous owner failed financially to keep the farm operating. Nick Beblow (who immigrated from Austria in the early 1900's) and his family farmed in the Beblo School District of the Whitesand area.

This newly purchased farm was passed onto the sons (including our Dad - Peter) of the family who farmed the land with their father Nick. The Second World War broke out and Dad and his brothers with the exception of one, Tom, enlisted in the Army. Grandpa Nick and his son Tom kept operating the farm until Dad returned from the Army in February of 1944.

Prior to 1944, several buildings were constructed which included bins (all made of logs), plus a barn. This barn, also constructed from logs, had a unique history. It used to be a Church in the Whitesand District, was dismantled log-by-log and hauled, in 1939, to the newly purchased farm to house the many horses which were used to farm the land. This barn still exists and was used up until several years ago as a cattle shelter. It has now deteriorated to the point where it will be dismantled in 1989.

Upon Peter's return from the Army, 1944 saw the construction of a home. This home, a storey and a half, was built out of poplar logs, which were hauled from a location near the Whitesand River.

In 1944, PETER and ANNIE DEROW, also from the Whitesand area, were married in St. Mary's Church in Yorkton. In the spring of '45, this newly-wed couple officially began farming on this half section purchased (in 1938) by Peter's father. Peter and Annie immediately took on the task of establishing a mixed farming operation and the farm soon became occupied by horses, cattle, chickens, pigs and the usual cats and dog.

It was also in their early farming lives that children came on the scene. SHIRLEY, the first of four children, was born in 1945. Four years later, in 1949, their first son ALLAN, made his appearance, followed by another son ANDY in 1951. AGNES rounded out the family in 1957.



Pete & Annie (Derow) Beblow & Family

All of the children began their school days in Orcadia with Shirley taking her early grades in the Orkney "B" and completing her elementary schooling in the newly built Orcadia School. Allan also completed grade school in there. Andy and Agnes began their schooling in Orcadia, but completed their elementary grades in Yorkton due to the Orcadia School being closed.

Getting back to the farming operation, Peter purchased his first tractor, an Oliver 60, in 1948. Although horses were still used to conduct some farming operations along with the tractor, they eventually were phased out being used only for minor chores in the winters such as hauling manure from the barn and water from the well to the house. Cattle were also a very important part of the farm.

In 1963, Peter and Annie purchased, from Katie Surkan, another quarter section of land directly across the road from the farm. This quarter was eventually purchased in 1975, by their son Allan and family, who continue to farm it.

Peter and Annie, having a great fondness and love for the farm and its way of life, always came through the bad times and good times in the best of spirits and continued to farm until 1980. To the very end, there

were chickens to tend to, a cow or two to milk, and an unusually large garden. They enjoyed the farm and living in the Orkney District.

Peter and Annie are now retired comfortably in a nice home in Yorkton. They continue to enjoy their yard and garden, visiting with friends and relatives, and enjoying, every opportunity to be with their children and grandchildren. They still like to visit the farm as often as possible, as well as, friends in the Orkney area. Peter continues to help out on the farm when he isn't fishing or playing pool.

SHIRLEY, after high school, moved to Regina, and then on to Saskatoon where she, her husband ED HUDY, and their two children Trevor and Carla now reside. Shirley has taken on the profession of homemaker while Ed teaches Elementary School. Ed, also from Yorkton, and Shirley were married in 1974.

ALLAN, married PATTY (nee CAREY) in 1973. Allan and Patty, along with their two daughters, Lariene and Tricia, make their home on the homestead (in the original house) previously occupied by Mom and Dad. Although the cultivated land is rented to Don McKen, they operate a small cow-calf operation as a hobby. Allan works for the City of Yorkton and Patty is employed at the Yorkton Enterprise newspaper, while Lariene and Tricia go to school and partake in many activities in Yorkton.

ANDY, the second son, makes his home in Yorkton along with his wife SANDRA and their two sons, David and Craig. Andy and Sandra (nee DWERN-YCHUK) were married in 1973. Andy works for Saskatchewan Power, while Sandra is employed at the Yorkton This Week newspaper. David and Craig attend schools in Yorkton and also partake in many activities in the community. They also enjoy going to the farm to snowmobile, hunt and visit.

AGNES, the youngest of the four children, married MICHAEL GEYSEN of Manor, Saskatchewan in 1977. They have two children, a daughter Teresa and a son Curtis. They live on a farm near Star City, Saskatchewan, where both Michael and Agnes work for a seed cleaning plant during the winter. Michael spends the summer working for a large grain farmer.

All the children make every effort to get together at the home of Mom and Dad during Christmas, Easter holidays and on special occasions.

THE JOHN and ANNE PACHOLKO FAMILY

submitted by: daughters Sonia and Bernice

Dad (JOHN) and Mom (ANNE) Pacholko were married in 1927. They farmed in surrounding districts of Willowbrook and Beaverdale, Sask. Four children were born. The family went through many hardships and then the Dirty Thirties hit. In 1942, they purchased land in the Orkney District. They rounded up the cattle and what machinery they had, together with their then small family and moved to start a new and better life in farming. It was very hard those years as nothing comes easy. They had to clear the bush first, then break the soil, all by hand. They supplied the City of Yorkton with loads of hay and cords of wood. In the meantime, five more children were born. They all worked hard those days like a lot have.

They kept many cattle for sale and horses which were used for working. Pigs, chickens, geese and ducks were kept for food and Mom made pillows and quilts from the feathers. Mom always had a big garden for summer and winter food.

The summers were hot and winters were very cold. We used to milk 18 or so cows each morning before we went to school. Most of the time we walked the five miles because horses were used for working the field. When we came from school we also helped on the farm, bringing cows from the pasture on foot, milking cows and doing the chores. We still found a little time to play. While in school, we played baseball and other sports that were available in small schools. In summer we enjoyed picnics. In winter, the most enjoyable times were around Christmas when we all took part in Christmas pageants, plays and concerts. Everyone was proud to take part in all activities.



The Pacholko Children

Back Row (L to R): Bernice, Annie, Sophie, Bill, Tony Front: Jean, Edith, Johnny, Mike. Franice (missing).

The living 5 daughters consist of: SONIA (ALEX) THACHEK, Saskatoon, Sask.; BERNICE (MATT) POPOWICH, Yorkton, Sask. Matt passed away in 1975, Bernice remarried to JACK MILLER, Grenfell and Yorkton, Sask.; EDITH (HARRY) GULKA, Preeceville, Sask.; JENNIE (LOUISE) BUCHINSKI, Saskatoon, Sask.; FRANCES (DON) POMEITO, Langenburg, Sask.

There were 4 sons, who have since passed away. BILL (CLARA) PACHOLKO, Edmonton, Alta.; TONY (ROSE) PACHOLKO, Vancouver, B.C.; JOHNNY PACHOLKO JR. Yorkton, Sask.; MICHAEL PACHOLKO, Yorkton, Sask.

Dad and Mom sold the land they homesteaded and bought a house in Yorkton, Sask. in 1967. Dad passed away in 1970 aged 65. Mom passed away in 1987 aged 80.

THE SPILCHEN FAMILY

NICK and PEARL SPILCHEN

NICK Spilchen was born on April 5, 1887 in Holychina, Austria. He was the son of William and Anne Spilchen. Nick had three other brothers and three sisters: Mike, John, Fred, Mary (Mrs. Stefanyshen), Katherine (Mrs. Shumay) and Maggie (Mrs. Sawchuk). Nick was 23 years old when he came to Canada in 1910 along with his parents and the rest of his brothers and sisters. They settled in the Whitesand District.

In 1911, Nick married MAGDA SPELAY. Together they raised a family of eight children: METRO, ANNIE (Mrs. Multon), PAULINE (Mrs. Kowalyk), JOHN, KATIE (Mrs. Skwarchuk), MARY (Mrs. Chorneyky), BILL and FRED. One day Magda became very ill and passed away suddenly in the spring of 1926. The children were all quite young when this happened, so they have very few memories of her. When she had work to do the kids were around trying to be of some help and she always found time to play with them. So the children's memories were very happy ones. In those days it was hard for a man to raise eight small children and try to provide for them at the same time. So it was shortly after Magda's death that he met PEARL STEFANYSHEN and decided to marry her that summer.



Nick & Pearl (Stefanyshen) Spilchen

Pearl Stefanyshen was born on October 14, 1906 in Rovidalydo, a small town in the Western Ukraine. She was the daughter of Mike and Donna (nee: Popowich) Stefanyshen. Pearl had one brother, Nick and eight sisters: Katie, Nellie, Maggie, Polly (Mrs. Kosharewich), Mary (Mrs. Multon), Lena (Mrs. Weatherspoon), Annie (Mrs. Yeatmen) and Anna (Mrs. Kugzer). Pearl was only 2 1/2 years old when she came to Canada with her parents and the rest of her sisters and one brother. The family had immigrated to Canada on a boat which was called Wallhead SSR and arrived in Quebec on May 4, 1909. They boarded a train in Quebec which finally brought them to their destination, which was Yorkton. Upon their arrival in Yorkton the family decided to settle in the Whitesand District. Pearl grew up and spent all her life on the family farm at Whitesand and was 19 years old when she decided to get married to Nick.

So on June 8, 1926 Nick and Pearl Stefanyshen got married and the couple continued to farm in the Whitesand District. Pearl was kept quite busy raising the children from Nick's previous marriage and it wasn't until 1 1/2 years later that Nick and Pearl started having their family together. Of the seven children born they were blessed with two sets of twins. The seven children consisted of six boys and one girl and their names are as follows, from the oldest to the youngest: MIKE and his twin sister MADELINE (Mrs. Henry Yaremko), PETE, GEORGE, STEVE, HENRY and his twin brother PAUL.

In 1945, Nick and his family bought a farm 2 1/2 miles south of Orcadia, where his son Henry now lives, and farmed there until 1947. He then bought a farm in the Fonehill District and farmed there for about 4 years. Then in 1951 he again returned to Orcadia and purchased the farm where his son Mike is presently living, from Fred Chupa. He farmed in the Orcadia District until the year of 1952, when he decided

to move to Yorkton and leave his son Pete to look after the farm. He purchased three houses during the time he lived in Yorkton, all in different areas of the town. After moving to all these houses, he decided that he just didn't like living in the city at all, so once again he returned to the farm.

With Nick moving so often in his lifetime, the children got their education in different schools. Mike, Madeline and Pete attended school in Whitesand. George went to school in Fonehill and Orcadia. Steve went to school in Fonehill, Orcadia and Yorkton. Henry and Paul went to school in Orcadia and Yorkton.

It wasn't until 1964 that Nick and Pearl decided to retire and move to Yorkton for good this time. So he sold the farm to his son Mike, who is still living there now. They purchased a house on Ontario Ave. and were finally content. Nick also decided to purchase two plots at the Whitesand Cemetery. They wanted to be buried there because that was the area that they both settled in when they first came to Canada and that's where they started their life together as a couple. They continued to live in that same house in Yorkton until the time of their deaths.

Nick passed away on October 23, 1973 at the age of 86. About 14 years later Pearl passed away at the age of 80 on June 5, 1987 and was buried on June 8, 1987.

I guess God meant for them to spend their entire life together once they met. On June 8, 1926 they were joined together in marriage and then when Pearl passed away they were again joined on June 8, 1987, exactly 61 years later. They are both buried, side by side, at the Whitesand Cemetery.

MIKE and PAULINE SPILCHEN

MIKE was born on December 18, 1927 at Springside. He was the oldest son of Nick and Pearl (nee: Stefanyshe) Spilchen. He grew up on the family farm in the Whitesand District and received his education at the Whitesand School. When he was 16, he got his first job, which was working for the City of Yorkton.

In 1945, Mike's dad bought a farm which was located 2 1/2 miles south of Orcadia (where Henry Spilchen now lives), and the family moved there. That winter, when Mike was 18, he left the farm and took a train to Fort William, Ontario where he got a job working in the bush camps. He was employed by the Great Lakes Pulp & Paper Co. whose mill was located 75 miles away from the bush camps in Port Arthur. In the spring Mike returned home to help his dad on the farm.

In 1947, Mike's dad bought a farm in the Fonehill District and the family moved there. Later that same year, Mike's dad also purchased a farm in Orcadia (where Mike now lives), and Mike being the oldest son had to move to Orcadia and look after this farm for his dad. His dad later sold the farm in Fonehill and moved to this farm in Orcadia in 1951.

Mike has been farming all his life but he had also worked at other jobs. In 1948 Mike decided to get into the trucking business, so he bought his first gravel truck. It was a brand new 1948 Rio. That first year he used his truck to haul gravel in the summer and haul pulp for the lumber camps in the winter. The following years were spent hauling gravel in the summer only. In 1950 he decided to sell his first gravel truck and buy another one. It was a used 1947 Diamond-T which was still in good condition. He continued to haul gravel and help his dad farm.

While Mike was living in Orcadia and looking after his dad's farm he met PAULINE BEBLOW, whom he later married.

Pauline was born on August 8, 1934 at Yorkton. She was the daughter of Metro and Polly (nee: Chupa) Beblow. Her earlier years were spent growing up on the family farm in Springside. Later her parents bought a farm in Orcadia (where James Beblow now lives), and she spent the rest of her years growing up there. She received all her education at the Orkney School. Pauline was still going to school when she met Mike.

Mike and Pauline got married on October 14, 1951. Their reception was held on both the family farms because Pauline and her sister Annie decided to get married on the same day. As a result, Pauline's parents held a double wedding reception on their farm for the Beblow side of the family while Mike's parents held a reception on their farm for the Spilchen side of the family.



Mike & Pauline (Beblow) Spilchen

Mike and Pauline continued to farm in the Orcadia District, with Mike still hauling gravel. Mike and Pauline moved to several different farms in the Orcadia District during their earlier years. Later Mike bought the farm where he is now living from his dad in 1964 and has remained on this farm till today. Mike and Pauline were blessed with three children and all of them were girls. DOREEN was born April 19, 1952. ADELINE was born April 4, 1953 and ARLENE was born August 1, 1954. They all attended school in the Orkney District and their high school years were taken in Yorkton. They are all married and have children of their own. Mike and I are very proud of the seven grandchildren that we have. We have two grandsons and five granddaughters. Our oldest grandson, who is Michael, just graduated from High School in 1988. Our 25th Wedding Anniversary was held on our farm here in 1976.

It was in the early 1950's when Mike sold his second gravel truck and bought another one. This third gravel truck was another 1948 Rio and was also a used one, but in very good condition. Later Mike decided to buy a Cat. This Cat was purchased as a 50/50 partnership deal, but later Mike bought his partner out and owned it completely. Mike got jobs pushing bush in the summer with the Cat and was sometimes asked

by the Municipality to open up roads in the winter. There were times when the Municipality graders couldn't open up the roads because they had become plugged up so solid after they had got a real heavy snow storm. Later Mike sold the Cat and gravel truck.

Mike had no problem getting a trucking job because of the experience he had and in 1956 he got a job with a contractor in Yorkton who needed a driver for one of his gravel trucks. Mike has worked for various contractors such as: Schindel's, Kirsh & Wilson (the year the #16 Highway was built) and Fedorowich's. He also worked for the Dept. of Highways. After working with the road construction business for so many years, Mike was able to operate any machine that was used in this business, such as a packer, paver, loader, etc. After working for 32 years in the trucking business, Mike decided to retire from trucking and just stay home and farm.

A few years later an opportunity for a grader job in the Municipality of Orkney came along, so Mike decided to give it a try, since the job was so close to home. He graded roads for about 2 years and then decided to finally retire for good. He spent many years working long-houred days and decided to just stay home and farm.

Pauline has spent all her time on the farm. She was content with just being a housewife and raising their three children. She would also do the chores when Mike was out working. She enjoys baking and cooking for her family and she also loves the outdoors. In the summer, you will see her working in the yard or the garden, always making sure that the yard looks nice.

Now Mike and I are taking it easy and enjoying life together. The hobbies we enjoy are travelling, camping and fishing. Mike and I enjoy visiting our children and their families, so we travel quite often to visit them in Victoria, Rhein and Ituna. We also spend time camping for a weekend or more with the girls and their families out at a lake somewhere.

Mike enjoys ski-dooing in winter and driving his 3-wheel trike in the summer. Mike also plays the sport of horseshoe. He has won close to 100 trophies in this sport throughout the years. We have also had the opportunities to travel with this sport. Mike had won a trip to Victoria a few years ago to play in the Canadian National Horseshoe Tournament and has won another trip to Halifax in 1989, once again to play in the Canadian National Tournament. While Mike has belonged to the Yorkton Horseshoe Club in Yorkton we have travelled all over to horseshoe tournaments and have met alot of people because of this. When you win a trip to play in the Canadian National Championships it's fun meeting people from all over Canada.

Mike and I have made a few changes on the farm throughout the years that we lived here. In 1973 we bought a ready built house and moved it to the farm. We have cleared more of the land and we are also replanting and rearranging the trees in the yard. The barn was moved because they built the #16 Highway through our property.

Mike and I are both glad that we are still healthy and young enough to enjoy our children and grandchildren and that we are able to do the things in life that we want to do yet.

Doreen married Ed LeVecque on October 3, 1970. They are living in Victoria, B.C. Ed is a mechanic at an Esso service station. Doreen is a secretary and works at London Life Insurance Company. They have only one son named Michael, who just graduated in 1988. Michael now works at an Esso service station also.



**Ed & Doreen (Spilchen) LeVecque
with son Michael - 1981**

Adeline married Barry Herman on April 29, 1972. They are living on a farm in Rhein. Barry farms and Adeline is content being a housewife and mother. They have three children of which two are girls and one is a boy. Their names are from oldest to youngest: Susan, Michelle and Calvin.

Arlene married Gerald Muzyka on May 10, 1975. They are living in Ituna and have a grocery store, which is known as Muzyka's IGA. The store, which is owned by the Muzyka family, is a father and son partnership. Gerald manages the business and Arlene is the bookkeeper. They have three children and all of them are girls. Their names from oldest to youngest: Angela, Mandy (Amanda) and Renee. Arlene and Gerald are both Ukrainian and are very proud of their culture. All three of the girls take Ukrainian dancing.



**Barry & Adeline (Spilchen) Herman Family
(L to R): Adeline, Calvin, Barry, Susan & Michelle.**



**Gerald & Arlene (Spilchen)
Muzyka & Family
(L to R): Arlene, Angela, Gerald,
Mandy, Renee**

THE BREEHN FAMILY

submitted by: Shari (Breehn) Young

Our family's history in the Orkney District is relatively recent. My grandfather, OTTO BREEHN came to Canada from the U.S.A. with his parents as a young boy. They settled in the Springside area.

In 1912 Otto married EDITH ROAMING, and they established a homestead in the Whitesand District, where they farmed and raised an "average" size family.

Their marriage was blessed with seven children.

ELSIE born December 28, 1912 married ED SCHUBERT and they reside in Vancouver.

WILFRED born February 5, 1914 married HERMAINE STRICKER. Wilfred resides on the farm outside of Orcadia.

EDNA born June 29, 1915 married GEORGE POTZUS. She is a widow and resides in Ebenezer.

HAROLD born July 4, 1916 married LEONA and they reside in Surrey, B.C.

DANIEL born August of 1918 married HELEN. They reside in Surrey, B.C.

OTTO born December 8, 1920 married EDITH CORNISH. He is widowed and resides in Surrey, B.C.

RUTH born January 12, 1928 married JIM STEIN and they reside in Brantford, Ontario.

In 1930 my grandfather purchased W1/2 Sec. 25-26-5 from John Ferguson. My father, Wilfred farmed the half section, and in the late 1930's rented the land. In 1944 Grandpa purchased the other half of the section 25-26-5, the Schmuland place. In 1945 they sold the homestead and moved to the Orkney District.

Both Harold and Otto served in the Armed Forces during World War II. Harold was stationed in England and Scotland. Otto saw action in Europe and the Pacific fronts.

My grandfather's involvement in the Orkney area was limited.

Grandpa Breehn passed away in the spring of 1951 from surgical complications. My grandmother remained on the farm until that fall, then moved to Yorkton. There she resided until her death in October 1981.

The Ferguson land was sold. Wilfred set up a mixed farming operation, farming the home quarter and rented the other quarter from Grandma. He later purchased that quarter.

In the fall of 1951, a young teacher, Hermaine Stricker, had come to teach at the Orkney School.

WILFRED and HERMAINE were married in July of 1953. Hermaine transferred to Orcadia and taught until Christmas of 1953.

The years that followed were filled with a mixture of hardships and joys. Farming was not the easy way! Later springs, early frosts and no modern conveniences of power and water.

But there was a spirit within the community that could not be dampened. When someone needed help, everyone pitched in. I guess everyone was in the same state.

There were always community functions, fowl suppers, Christmas Concerts, and the annual school picnic. These tied the community together.

Many long winter nights were shortened and made bearable by friends dropping by for a game of cards or just plain chit chat.

The partylines served as a link when the roads were blown in and you knew it would be a week before they would be opened.

Dad has seen many changes in his 60 years of farming. From being dependent on an animal to a machine.

Dad was quite active in the community on a volunteer level. He served as a school trustee from 1963-69 for Orcadia. He curled for several years, and always enjoyed a good ball game.

Dad still farms, he sold his cattle operation a few years ago.



Wilfred Breehn & Family

(L to R): Randy, Shari, Terry, Wilfred (seated).

Wilfred and Hermaine had three children.

SHARI, born in 1954, attended Orcadia School. She graduated from the Yorkton Regional High School in 1972, then entered nursing at W.I. A.S.S. in Regina and graduated in 1974. She married JIM YOUNG in 1977. We now live outside of Edmonton. I'm a Home Care Nurse with the Leduc Strathcona Health Unit and Jim is an engineer with Tandem Distributors. We have two sons, Jarret and Andrew.

RANDY, born in 1956, attended Orcadia School. He graduated from the Yorkton Regional High School in 1974. Randy worked at local businesses in Yorkton and assisted with the farm. In the fall of 1977, he went to work in the Oil Field in Alberta, and farmed during the summer months. He then moved to Edmonton in 1980 and continued to work in the oilfields. In 1985 Randy married TRACEY KLAPPROTH. They currently reside in Stony Plain, Alta. Randy continues to work in the oilfields, Tracey is an R.N.A. and works at Stony Plain Hospital. They have one son, Kenneth.

TERRY, born 1959, attended Orcadia School. He graduated from the Yorkton Regional High School. Terry is a partsman. He has worked for farm equipment dealers in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Terry now resides in Regina and is employed at Young's Case Equipment Dealer.

THE STEPHEN and LENA SPRINGENATYK FAMILY

submitted by: Iris Windjack

Born to pioneer families in 1902 and 1906 respectively near Insinger, Sask., STEVE and LENA were married on February 1, 1925 and farmed in the district until 1945 and later operated a grocery store in Insinger for two years. In 1947, the couple bought the Lewchuk store in Orcadia, which they operated until it was sold to Rollie Gabert in the summer of 1950. The family moved to Hudson Bay, Sask. where they owned and operated a restaurant until July, 1955. Following the sale of this business, Steve and Lena relocated to Boston Bar, B.C. Steve was employed by the Department of Highways as an aerial ferry operator over the Fraser River while Lena cooked in a restaurant managed by their son, Orest. Steve and Lena retired to Kelowna, B.C., where Steve passed away in December, 1969. Lena is presently residing in Surrey, B.C. near to most of the family.

The couple had five children: OREST, Surrey, B.C.; RUDOLPH (ROY), Delta, B.C.; IRIS (Windjack), Weyburn, Sask.; AUGUST (GUS), Abbotsford, B.C.; JOANNE (Andrews), Cranbrook, B.C. Only Gus and Joanne attended the Elementary School in Orcadia.

THE HERZKE FAMILY

submitted by: Iona Jardine (Herzke)

When I was asked to write down some memories that we have about attending the Orkney School I had a difficult time trying to decide which ones to choose from, for it brought back so many. Some of the memories were happy, but also some were sad. We attended the Orkney School for most of our younger years. I (Iona) am the only one from our family to start with grade one and finish with grade nine in one school. Harvey and Allan attended school in Ebenezer before moving to Orkney and before Gail could reach grade eight, the school had been closed.

One of the special memories I have, was my first day of school. I was very young (not even 6 years old) and very scared. I was riding in a horse drawn buggy with my two brothers, Harvey and Allan and we were about one mile from school, when I started to cry and wanted to go home, when riding up along side on horseback came Gerald Muir. Gerald took me on his horse and told me not to be afraid because if anyone tried to hurt me I was to come to him as he would not let anyone hurt me. I rode with him all the way to school as brave as can be because I had someone big to take care of me.

I can remember being the only girl in school for the winter months (until my sister started school) as it was too cold for the other girls to come to school. I would play hockey with the boys and thus ended up with some chipped teeth. In the summer I was the catcher for my brother to practice his pitching with and got a broken finger out of the deal but when you are young, bones and cuts heal quickly.

I also remember Mr. and Mrs. Harrison's billy and nanny goats with the kids, who used to come to the schoolyard and try to butt us and play with us. They were so much fun to watch as they would climb on anything and everything.

We always drove to school with a horse and buggy or cutter (in the winter), therefore we would always have to feed the horse. One spring day the horse was tied to a post outside to eat grass, when I looked out the window and there was the horse walking past the window going home. She had somehow broken loose and had decided it was time to go home. I ended up running out and catching her so we didn't have to walk home after all.

One of the saddest days was the day when Terry Folster, who was in the same grade with me and sat in a desk next to mine, didn't come to school. It was several days later we found out that he had polio and that we would have to get vaccinated immediately. The saddest day of all was when we all learned that Terry did not make it and he would never be coming back to school. He was really missed, especially by me as he was a very special person.

We can remember Field Meets (at Orcadia and Grunert Schools), Christmas Concerts, ball games, spelling bees, tumbling, playing ping pong (which I (Iona) was good at but not as good as my brother Allan) and playing hockey on the road because it was hard and icy. Entering my writing book into the handicrafts at the fair and winning first prize. There were cuts and bruises, childhood diseases and some not so childhood diseases, and accidents that were not serious but could have been but all in all it was a very happy time in our lives.

The list could go on and on but there is only so much time and room. There were many happy memories in our years at the great old stone school. I still, when I visit Mom and Dad like to go and see the old school and take pictures (which I like to show to my friends) and tell them how I attended school at one of the great old stone buildings in our country.

HUGO and VIOLET (nee RUTCH) HERTZKE, moved to the Orkney District in May, 1947.

They had four children, Harvey, Allan, Iona and Gail.

HARVEY, the oldest is still living at home with them and helping them on the farm, he never married.

ALLAN, the second child is living in North Delta, B.C. (Newton District) and working for Pacific Dodge Chrysler in Surrey, B.C. as Parts Salesman. Allan married GERALDINE SCHRADER, from Yorkton. They have four children, 2 girls and 2 boys. LINDA, the oldest is married to Bob Chancey (a Real Estate Salesman) and is a housewife and mother of two boys, Brandon (31/2) and Blake (2). They live in South Delta, B.C. (Ladner District).

BRIAN, the second child is single and is in Kamloops, B.C. attending Cariboo College, training to be a Respiratory Therapist and has only 1 year left before graduating. MARILYN the third child, is single, living at home and working for Revenue Canada in Surrey, B.C. BRADLEY, number 4 is living at home and is in grade 10.

IONA, the third child, is living in South Delta, B.C. (Ladner District) and working in Vancouver, B.C. as a Typographer in the Graphic Arts industry for First Light Productions. I am married to DAVID JARDINE (from Charlotte-town, P.E.I.). We have no children, only a dog and a cat.

GAIL, the youngest is living in Swan River, Manitoba and is a mother of two teenage boys and foster mother of two, a boy and girl. Gail married WILLIAM (BILL) SAKAL (from Canora). Bill is self employed. KEVIN, their oldest boy is graduating in June from high school and is going to help his father in his business. JASON, their youngest boy, is in grade 9. The foster children are TERRY and JENNIFER, both under 5 years old.

THE METRO and ANNIE MULTON FAMILY

METRO and ANNIE were married in 1932. Annie was the daughter of Nick and Magda Spilchen. Their first home was north of Stenen and in 1933 they moved back to Whitesand. PETER was born at Whitesand. The family moved to a homestead north of Stenen. DAVID was born in Canora, Sask.

In 1950, they moved to Orcadia and lived there for more than five years. David started school in Orcadia in 1950, and as Peter was 15 years old he went to Orcadia also.

In the meantime we farmed in the Orkney District. We put in a garden and planted some raspberries. We had a nice crop of raspberries and people came from Yorkton to buy them.

In 1965, Metro decided to move to Moose Jaw. He died in 1987 at the age of 79.

Peter and Eunice live in Moose Jaw. They have 5 children and 4 grandchildren.

David and Nadine live in Moose Jaw. They have two children in High School there.



Metro & Annie Multon with son David



Peter Multon
liked to sing and play his guitar.

THE ROLAND and RUTH GABERT FAMILY

ROLAND was born on a farm about seven miles north of the Orkney School and Church, the son of Adolph and Christine Gabert. He attended Grunert School and later Yorkton Collegiate Institute to obtain his grade 12. RUTH was born in Yorkton, the daughter of Richard and Sophie Fandrey. She attended St. Magnus School as they lived in the district just 3 miles from the Orkney School. She was one of a family of 9 children. Wilfred

the oldest now lives in Richmond, B.C. Martha McIntyre (widow) is in Victoria, B.C., Edna McLeod is deceased. Gertrude Dutz resides in Surrey, B.C., Leona Winterbottom (widow) resides in Richmond, B.C., Herbert is in Surrey, B.C., Violet is single and in Richmond, B.C. and Glenn resides in Terrace, B.C. The family later moved to the Rokeby District where Ruth attended the Rosemount School.

Roland went to Vancouver in 1936 where he tried to find employment but work was hard to find. However he did find work after several months in a sawmill, then a shingle mill, then at Britannia Mines and back to a sawmill before returning to Saskatchewan in 1939. Ruth and her family also moved to the coast in 1936 where Ruth worked at housework and then the hop fields in Chilliwack, B.C. and also in a fruit cannery. Roland and Ruth were married in 1937 and were blessed with two sons, Keith and Myron.

After we came back from B.C. we rented land from Ralph Muth and farmed for 10 years until the farm was sold in 1950. We then purchased the store in Orcadia which was Gabert's General Store. Ruth operated the store and Roland worked on the C.P.R. track as section man for a year and then hired on with Sask. Wheat Pool. We stayed in Orcadia until 1956 when Roland was transferred to Saltcoats Wheat Pool, where he worked until his retirement in 1978. We sold the store in the spring of 1956 and then moved to Saltcoats. KEITH attended several schools, first Grunert School, Deckert School then the Yorkton Collegiate Institute. MYRON started at Deckert School, Orcadia and Saltcoats. Keith started working for Sask. Power after graduating from High School and Myron is working for Sask. Department of Highways. Keith married Carol Weir of Saltcoats and they have four daughters. Tracy is a teacher in Quebec, Dawn is a nurses aide in a nursing home in North Vancouver, Jamie is a cook in a nursing home in Kelowna and Robin works at the White Spot. Keith and Carol live in Kelowna, B.C. and he is employed with the Kootney Power Corporation. Myron married Jean Cooper of Bredenbury and they have two sons, Jeffrey is a student attending his first year of University and Jason attends High School. They make their home in Regina where Myron is with Sask. Highways and Jean is working for Social Services.

Roland was one in a family of nine, 2 who passed away at childbirth. The oldest is Julia Yanke (widowed) who lives in Springside. The oldest brother is August who is single and worked for Carghill Grain Co. for many years in Orcadia before going to several other points, but is now retired and resides in Kamsack, Sask. Danny operated a service station in Springside for many years and is now retired and residing in Yorkton Nursing Home. Henry the youngest brother, is also retired and lives in Yorkton, Sask. He farmed the home place until he took employment with the National Grain Co., later Carghill Grain Co. He is married to Helen Fiegall. Sylvia is married to Fred Nehring and they reside on a farm near Springside. The youngest sister Sadie Cameron passed away several years ago in Vernon, B.C.

Roland and Ruth have retired in Saltcoats, Sask. and own their own home. They are both in fairly good health and are enjoying their many friends. They spend a lot of time in their garden in summer and also enjoy travelling, camping and fishing. In winter Roland curls and Ruth is involved with U.C.W., senior choir and enjoys quilting. They are both involved and active in community affairs and are members of the Saltcoats Laketown Leaders Senior Group.

THE PETE and ROXY TYMORUSKI FAMILY

PETE and ROXY Tymoruski moved to Orcadia in June of 1951. Although Pete knew everyone around Orcadia, it was a strange and lonesome place for me. Pete worked on the C.P.R. railroad and we lived in the bunkhouse, which was about 12 feet away from the tracks or so it seemed. I got to know a few people. Mr. Metro Byblow who worked with Pete was one of the first, he was a super person and I loved talking to someone other than myself. I also knew August Gabert from my childhood days when he farmed next to my father's farm. It was a very lonely place for me but Pete loved living in Orcadia. It seemed like home to him as he grew up around Springside and Orcadia and worked for many years at Jack (Batch) McKen's and with Maurice McKen. But as weeks and months went by I got to know more people in the district. I worked helping Rollie and Ruth in the store and that made it very nice for something to do. Some of Pete's foremen on the railroad were, Sam Roberts, Andy Presho, Mr. Karpa, Bill Nidesh, John Demchuk and then Pete became a foreman himself.

We joined the Orkney Community Club and the Orkney United Church, and I also joined the Orkney U.C.W.

I think Pete and I were the Orcadia clowns. We used to wrestle outside and everyone would watch us, or we'd have water fights. One time Pete was giving me a ride in a wheelbarrow and wouldn't let me get off. We were having great fun and everyone was having fun watching us fool around.

Barney Fenske was a dear friend and a super person and visited with us a lot. Pete enjoyed Barney coming over and visiting.

We then bought the McVey house and this was our first home, we loved it. We built on a large kitchen and our home became the community coffee house. Our friends would come to pick up their children at school and they would come early and come over for coffee. During the winter they would leave their cars at our place if the roads were blocked. It was the nicest place to live in Orcadia.

When Mrs. Stainger got sick I helped Mr. Stainger in the post office. When Mr. Stainger moved away Alvin and Helen Norman lived in the house. CINDY, our daughter, was born and her and Susan Norman became fast friends. They would play house and put on dresses that belonged to the mums. I remember them putting on make-up with crayons, they put on eye shadow but each eye was a different color. The way their faces were painted, they could have been something from a horror movie. But they thought they were pretty and I must admit they were hilariously funny.

Norman's had a big black dog that used to come and pee on our truck tires, as dogs will. NEIL thought that that was the main purpose of the tires and the truck shouldn't go anywhere cause the dog would have no where to pee.

Then Les and Joyce moved into a house on the other side of us, which was great. It was nice having coffee with Helen Norman and Joyce Muir. Muir's had a pet rabbit that got out and would go into our garden and eat the lettuce and cabbages. About 5:00 a.m. one summer morning, I went outside in my nightgown. It was a beautiful morning and I strolled over to look at the garden and who should be in it but the rabbit, eating away at whatever. I took after it to catch it and I suppose I frightened it, because I chased that thing for over an hour, still in a nightgown hitched up to my knees so I could run faster. I got it out of the garden but never did catch it. I finely had to go into the house before people saw me in my night clothes.

John and Ann Yuzik and Wilfred and Hermaine Breehn were dear friends of ours. Hermaine and I would make sausage or cabbage rolls a day for each

and freeze them for winter or Pete and I would help John and Ann at harvest time. We had a garden at Yuzik's and the year Cindy was born, I was working at weeding the garden and I had labour pains. Ann was afraid that the baby would be born in a cabbage patch. I think she spent the hours I was there in the window to make sure I was still mobile.

Cindy and Neil both became figure skaters and competed provincially and nationally. Neil as a pair skater won provincial, Western Divisional and National medals. They are still involved with the sport, but now as coaches. Cindy was a provincial and Western Canada competitor.

Cindy is married to ROD BELAH, they have 3 children, Zachary, Tyson and Zennovia, and they are our pride and joy.

Neil is still single and living in North Battleford.



Peter & Roxy Tymoruski

We lived in Orcadia for 14 years when we moved into Yorkton, but still belonged to the Orkney community. We lived in Yorkton for 7 years before moving to Saskatoon, when Pete got to be foreman with C.P.R. in Sutherland.

We often think of our friends in the Orkney District and see them whenever we can, although it's not as often as we'd like to, but to Peter and I there will always be a soft spot for the district we called home for so many years, & quite often still miss it and our friends who are still there and the good times we had together. We love you all.

THE TROST FAMILY

GUSTAV and KATERINA (Kaufman) Trost arrived in Springside, Sask. from Germany in 1928. Mr. Trost worked as a hired man for several years then he purchased land in the Fonehill and Orcadia Districts.

Chris Trost rented land, the S1/2 13-26-5 W2nd from Milton Effa in 1943, which was later purchased by Gus Trost.

CHRIS and BETTY (Shaw) Trost started farming in 1953, residing in a log cabin situated in the centre of S1/2 13-26-5 W2nd. In 1954 they built a home which is located on the Orkney road. Chris and Betty purchased the S1/2 13-26-5 W2nd from Gus Trost (Chris's father) in 1957.

In 1959 they purchased NE1/4 24-26-5 from Bill Ferguson, which was later purchased by Lawrence (Larry) Trost. In 1965 Chris and Betty purchased the NE1/4 14-26-5 from Robert (Bob) Reid. In 1972 Chris and Betty purchased SE1/4 26-26-5 from Isabelle Betts and sold it to Bruce

Trost. In 1975 Chris and Betty purchased the S1/4 7-26-4 from John Streelesky.

In 1969 fire destroyed the Trost barn. Thanks to the Orcadia community spirit a new barn was built bigger and better in no time at all.



Rebuilding the barn after the fire.

The Chris Trost family was blessed with six children.
LAWRENCE(Larry) - married Cheryl (nee: Bucknum). Larry and Cheryl have one daughter Brittany. They reside and work on the family farm.
CATHERINE(Cathy) - married Richard Plamondon. She resides in Yorkton with her son Kim. She is the owner and manager of New Image Hair Design.
BRUCE - resides and works in a chemical plant in Saskatoon, Sask.
ROBERT(Bob) - married Denita Hitchcock. He attended Saskatchewan University and obtained a B.Sc. Advanced Degree. He resides in Ontario with his wife and daughter Kirsten. Bob works as a Programmer Analyst.
PERRY - married Caroline O'Hirko and they reside at Spirit Wood Acres. Perry works in the Alberta Oil Fields.
JASON - is a student

Chris and Betty moved into Yorkton, Sask. in 1980. They continue to farm with their sons, Larry, Bruce, Perry and Jason.

JOHN A. and E. JEAN SCHAB

submitted by: E. Jean Schab

JOHN A. and E. JEAN Schab came to Orcadia in the spring of 1956. We bought the general store from Roland Gabert. Our first venture into store business. I can still remember the first week of business as we had a terrible snowstorm and not too many people came into the store, very quiet. At that time during the storm, Henry Gaberts' had a fire and not too many people were able to help him as most of the roads were blocked.

I have many fond memories of Orcadia and district. Our neighbours were just wonderful, Mr. & Mrs. Jack Stainger, August Gabert, Pete and Roxy Tymourski and Alvin and Helen Norman. Once I had a terrible nose bleed and August drove me to the hospital at Yorkton, Sask. Everyone was always ready to help one another.

Whenever there was snowstorm, the children would wait at the store for their parents, as there were no school buses in those days like there

is now. The children were a wonderful group. Once I even had to act as a teacher for 1/2 day. Quite an experience! I enjoyed the Xmas Concerts, School Dances and the Church Fowl Suppers. At one dance we didn't get home until daylight and the birds were singing. Everyone was having a wonderful time, even the CPR extra repair crew that were stationed there at the time!

John worked for the Dept. of Highways for awhile, maintaining the Highway #14 before they paved it. Now it is called the Yellowhead. He also drove the school bus for the Yorkton School Unit and the mail truck for Mr. Gordon Johnson.



John & Jean Schab

When strangers would stop at our store in the summer they always commented about our lovely lilacs that were growing by the store and some even took pictures.

I remember the Harrison's and the McKen's. The Harrison's had a nanny goat and I took some of my younger nieces and nephews to their farm once and we enjoyed the visit.

One day Mr. Harrison and Donald McKen were in our store at the same time and they were both pipe smokers. Donald offered his tobacco to Mr. Harrison and he sure filled his pipe, but after that he had trouble in lighting it and we all had a good laugh!

When the electricity would go off sometimes, we were sure busy selling gas as we still had the old style of gas pumps where you had to pump the gas up by hand. Those were the days!

When the White Spruce Radar Station was built north of Orcadia, there were sure a lot of new people. Once the Air Force were having a mock "attack night". They used our trailer for one of their points. Quite an event! I remember the forces helping Rueben Katzberg put a fire out on their farm.

In 1959 I helped at the Post Office every Thursday as Mr. Stainger went to Regina to visit his wife, who was ill at that time. In those days the mail came by train and you had to make sure you were on the right side of the track for the mail man on the train, to catch the mail bags. Sometimes the train was sure late and you had to wait and wait. In the winter, sometimes you had to build a fire in the pot belly stove that was there in the station, to keep warm.

On June 1, 1960 I became postmaster at the Orcadia Post Office, as Mr. Stainger retired. I enjoyed the work and I liked meeting people. In August, 1970 the government closed the Post Office and the public were

given outside boxes. I presume that now some get their mail in Yorkton or are on Rural Route.

On August 17, 1970 I accepted the position of postmaster at Quinton, Sask. We closed the store in 1971 and eventually sold the property.

I still drive through Orcadia whenever I am in the Yorkton area. The people were good to us and it was greatly appreciated.

At present I live alone in Quinton, Sask. as John passed on in 1981. I am looking forward to retirement so I can do a bit of travelling and visit my many friends and relatives.

THE JOHN and MARJORIE STREELASKY FAMILY

JOHN and MARJORIE Streelasky were married on November 6, 1956. In 1957 they moved to the Orcadia District and settled on the former Whitesand Dairy Farm. In 1967 they moved into the City of Yorkton, where they still reside. John had to discontinue farming in 1977 due to unsuccessful surgery. The farm is still retained by the family.

They have two daughters. CAROL is a high school teacher in Saskatoon and is married. DIANE hopes to enter into the School of Nursing.

John was very active in the community. He served as the Reeve of Orkney #244 for 3 terms, as well as the following: Vice-chairman Yorkton Regional Health Board, President of Orkney Community Club, Chairman Yorkton Health District #1, Executive Board Member Yorkton Union Hospital, Executive Board Member Yorkton Fairboard, Chairman Yorkton & District Planning Board, Sask. Crop Insurance Fieldman, Executive Board Member Yorkton Nursing Co-op Home, Provincial Board Executive Member Western Development Museum, President Beaver Rural Telephone Co., Board Member Threshermen's Club, Board Member Agricultural Planning Board, Supervisor of School Recreation City of Yorkton, Member Hudson Bay Route Association, Board Member Westview United Church, Local R.M. Rep. for Emergency Measures Operations, Member of the Elks Lodge, President of Voice of the Handicapped, Chairman of Rural United Appeal, Board of Governors Yorkton Housing Authority Board, Member Parkland Regional Library, Member Yorkton South Weltands and President of Yorkton & District Nursing Home Resident Council.

They are both retired.

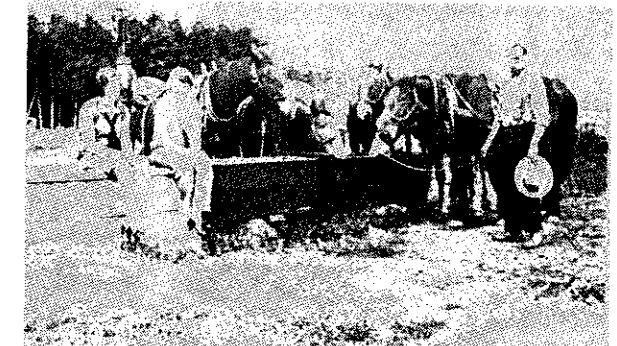


John & Marjorie Streelasky with daughters Carol and Dianne.

Photos From The Past



On the 'Gang Plough'



John Reid watering horses before going out to work.



Dave Fergus taking a break from ploughing.



Fred Parker discing the breaking.



On the 'Binder'



Its been a very good lunch! — Billy Ferguson's treshing crew.



Sawing wood



Finish that one & come for dinner!



Building a log a pig house at J. F. Reid's.



Ida (Rendall) Reid feeding her turkey flock
1897



Transportation ready to go to 'kirk'
on Sunday.



'Hungarian George' washing machine!

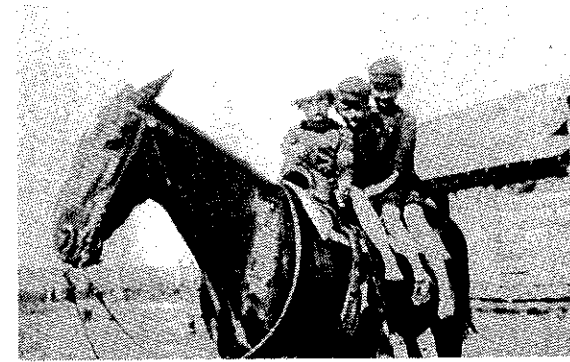
A Parting Word



'Surveying the Orkney Stones'



Going to school, either this way . . .



or this way with Wesley, Alvin & Howard
Norman aboard 'Ned'.

I hope you enjoy the history book, Orkney Stones, as much as I have in researching and writing all the material. I was very lucky to have the use of the original minute books, both for the Orkney Presbyterian Church and Orkney School #97, plus almost all the school registers. Both the Saskatchewan Archives offices at Regina and Saskatoon provided much information. The Yorkton Enterprise, with its' records going back to 1900 and the Yorkton Public Library also had valuable information.

My wish for recording this history has finally come true. Happy reading!

Helen A. Norman
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Historian



Jim Baldrick driving his stallion 'Sandy'



Ivis (Sinclair) Lycock & Ora (Sinclair) Border
visiting their father's & grandfather's home.