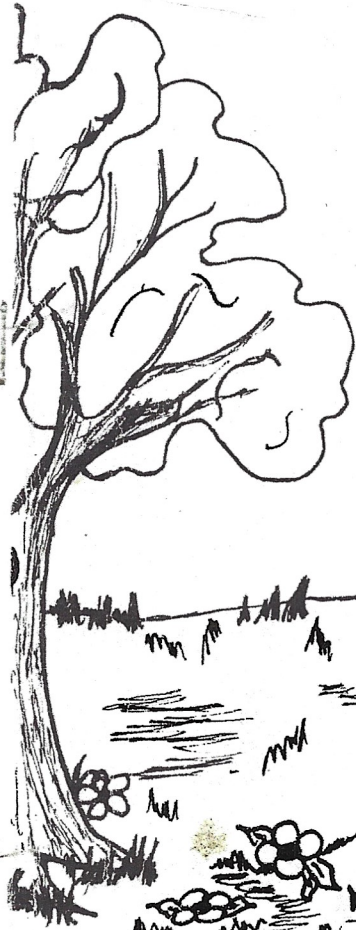
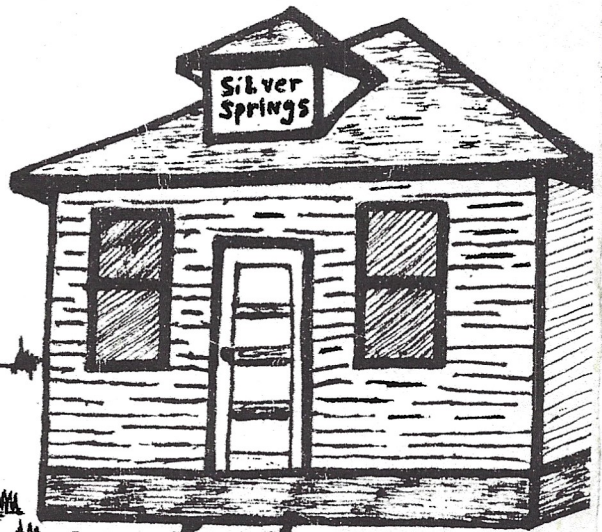


A TRIBUTE TO OUR COUNTRY SCHOOL



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Silver Springs 1918-1965

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DISTRICT 3455
Rm of HAZEL DELL, SASK

ANDERSON, ROBERT

My parents, Art and Hilda Anderson, moved to a farm a half mile north of Silver Springs School in 1954. I was born in the next year - October 18, 1955.

I started school in 1960 and completed my first 3 grades at Silver Springs. My sister, Leona, who is 3 years older, also attended Silver Springs.

In 1964 I moved to Yorkton. I married Patricia Lungel of the Invermay district in 1976. We live in Yorkton with our 2 daughters - Kelly, who is 5, and Cindy, who is 1 yr.

I work for Atomic Transfer in Yorkton. I also farm the home quarter with my dad.

ASHDOWN, ELLEN (McLAY)

I was born at Asquith Sask. on Oct. 11, 1910. In 1918, after 4 years of drought and wind we were blown to Okla in midsummer. My parents were Newman Vine and Martha Ashdown.

I was married in 1927 to Norman McLay and have a family of four boys and three girls - all married and three of whom now live in Ontario, and one in Arizona, U. S. A.

My work jobs are too numerous to mention - from sweeping and scrubbing the Silver Springs School at 75¢ per week for the former and \$3.00 per month for the latter; to farm work, carrying the mail and clerking in Stott's store etc. etc., and always there was baby sitting jobs and house cleaning after I came to Ontario until I retired in 1965.

ASHDOWN, VERA (BASHFORTH)

Born at Okla, Oct 25, 1925. My parents were Vine and Martha Ashdown. I attended Silver Springs school from 1931-1938. I still have pleasant memories of my twin sister and I walking to school through Ivor Bellamy's land and of all the pretty flowers that grew at that time, the tiger lilies and little yellow lady slippers were our favorites, as well as so many firefly's at night.

I was married in 1942 to Roy Bashforth of the R.C.A.F. We moved to a farm east of Okla in 1945. We raised ten children of which nine are still living. We are now retired on one of our quarter's, we enjoy gardening and growing trees and flowers.

ASHDOWN, CHARLES

I was born in 1920 about 20 yards from where I now live in an old log house that was also the location of the Silver Springs post office.

I attended Silver Springs School from 1926 thru 1934.

Some may remember the block of cement we removed from the foundation and the teacher had to ring the bell at the hole five minutes ahead of time to get us all back in class on time. And then there was the famous blue-jay that cut his throat flying over the page-wire fence. We used to write our name in the snow and the girls got mad because they couldn't.

I joined the army in 1941 and was discharged in 1946. In June of that year I was married Phyllis (Doll) Hingley. We had three children, Donna, Bill, and Cliff in that order.

We farmed until 1960, tired and retired we still live on the old family farm.

ASHDOWN, DONNA (TROHAK)

I was the only daughter born to Charles and Phyllis Ashdown in the Preeceville Union Hospital on the 9 of March, 1947. I started school at Silver Springs in 1953 then on to Okla, Sturgis and Kelvington. I worked in the San. at Fort Qu'Appelle in 1965 and in 1966 married Anton Trohak.

One of my memories is my brother Bill and I dragging Cliff to school. Because of a tantrum we left Cliff kicking and screaming in the middle of the field. He walked home and dad was giving him a ride in the car when they caught up to us at Bellamy's Lane. Bill and I thought "Oh Boy, that's one way to get a ride to school," which was our one and only time.

ASHDOWN, WILLIAM (BILL)

I was born on April 10, 1949 in Preeceville, Sask. The oldest son of Charles and Doll Ashdown. We lived on the quarter section kitty corner to Silver Springs School until 1955, when we moved to the old Ashdown house 1 mile north. Later dad built onto Grandpa's little house just a few feet from the house where the old Silver Springs post office used to be. Mom and dad still live in the same yard in there new trailer.

I attended Silver Springs School from 1955 to 1960. Then went to school in Okla before moving on to High School in Kelvington where I graduated in 1967. In 1968 I went north to Ft. Nelson B.C. where I have lived ever since. I married Elsie Gardner in 1977. Elsie was born in Ft. Nelson and has lived at the old Fort and Ft. Nelson all her life.

We have 2 wonderful son's Gordon, born August 13, 1963;

d. Sept 24, 2012

who works as a pipe fitter at Mobile Sierra Gas Plant 50 miles east of Ft. Nelson and William Charles, born May 21, 1982. Who at the age of 2 spends a lot of his time showing his 4 and 5 year old cousins how to slapshot.

I work for Sikanni Oilfield Construction where I have been for 13 years.

My fondest memories of Silver Springs School are: The time when I made a double play against Shaftsbury when I was 8 years old and Mike Lamber told me You just made the school ball team.

And when I was in Grade 1 and would get lonesome for home, Gladys Martin would sit me on her knee and comb my hair until I forgot about home.

ASHDOWN, CLIFFORD

I am the youngest son of Charlie and Phyllis (Doll) Ashdown. I was born in Preeceville Sask. on Oct. 4, 1951, and raised on my parents farm three and one half miles south of Okla.

I went to school in Silver Springs, Okla, Lintlaw, Kelvington, and Sturgis Sask. I left the farm in 1968 and moved to Fort Nelson B.C.

I worked the first few years on the maintenance crew on the Alaska Highway. Since that I have worked in the Propane and Natural Gas business, where I am presently manager of a Natural Gas Utility Co. (Fort Nelson Gas Ltd.)

I married Pauline Villeniue of Fort Nelson in 1971. We have two boys: Weylin born in 1980 and Bryden in 1983. We still reside in Fort Nelson B.C.

ASHDOWN, JOYCE (YAKEL)

I was born Jan. 31, 1938 at home at SE 32-34-8-W2 to Herm and Florence Ashdown. I married Calvin Yakel of Preeceville on Oct. 31, 1959, divorced 1985. Have three children. Daughter-Dawn and a granddaughter Jenny. Two sons Douglas and Neil. I live in Yorkton and have worked as a cook at the Imperial "400" Motel for two years.

ASHDOWN, JOHN (JACK)

Resid 1945-1946?

I John Ashdown was born Dec. 21, 1939 on the farm south of Okla SE-32-34-8-W2 to Herm and Florence Ashdown. I was married Nov. 24, 1962 to Glenda Bashforth. We have four children, Mitchel, James, Keith, and Myrna. I left Okla District in 1961 working in Yorkton for one and a half years, then on to Kalium Chemicals at Belle Plains for 6 months. In 1963 I started working with the Geriatric Centre (Prov. Govt.) promoting to the Correctional Centre in 1966 working in the accounting field and then promoting to Administration Officier in charge of Accounting, Personel, Stores, Purchasing, Laundry, Budgets, this being my present job. In June 1970 we moved out to our own

$\frac{1}{4}$ section North of Mc Lean. We have since purchased another $\frac{1}{4}$ section and rent 3 more raising cattle and hogs. We are also actively involved with Boy Scouts since 1974.

ASHDOWN RUTH (LOWE)

I was born Aug 18, 1941, Sec.32-Tsp 34- Rge 8 W2 Sask to Herm and Florence Ashdown. I went to Silver Springs School from 1948 to 1958 with Mrs. Webster as my teacher for ten years there. Finished 11 and 12 in Sturgis, then out to work for the Telephone Company in Regina, where I was operator and supervisor for 6 years then to Calgary for 2 years with Alberta Govt. Telephones. I then transferred down to Lethbridge office and worked there for 6 years. There I met George Lowe and we were married in 1973. George was born in Carrot River Sask. and spent most of his younger life in Nipawin. George's job as Gas and Plumbing Inspector moved us to Drumheller, Alberta where we've been for the last ten years. We've been raising purebred dogs for a few years now and I've shown ten to their confirmation championships and five to their obedience championships. We've also started in the last year with miniature horses and even won a few ribbons, and one trophy with them last summer. I'm still working for telephones but now as a part time operator.

ASHDOWN KELLY

I was born to Norm and Ernestine Ashdown on the 19 of Sept. 1954. I started school at Silver Springs in 1961 then on to Okla., Lintlaw, and Kelvington High. In 1974 I married Debbie Walters and we have one daughter Lori, born Sept. 29, 1979. I have worked for P.F.R.A. for the last 11 years. In 1984 I attended Olds College in Alberta and attained my Professional Farriers Licence. I am now managing the P.F.R.A. Pasture at Chagonnese, Sask.

ASHDOWN TIM

I was born March 25, 1957 at Preeceville, Sask. to Norm and Ernestine Ashdown and lived on the farm 2 miles North of the school.

At age 20 I joined the R.C.M.P. on June 1, 1977. and was posted to Wainwright, Alberta, in Dec. of the same year. The following April I married Karen. We have 2 children, Jillian, 5 years old, and Shane, 3 years old.

In December of 1982, we were transferred to Peace River, Alberta where I work on the Highway Patrol Division. We expect to be here for a few years yet.

ASHDOWN, HART

I was born on April 1, 1907 to Vine and Martha Ashdown at Asquith Sask. I came with my parents to the Okla District in 1919 and attended Silver Springs School in 1920 and 1921. My first teacher was Leroy Riddel and my second teacher was Miss Fox. I was 14 years old when I was sent with a team of horses to pick up Miss Fox at Invermay, and 'OH BOY) did I get teased.

I married Klara Ruud on Dec.12, 1933. Our only son Ken was born on Jan 3, 1935.

We celebrated our 50 wedding anniversary in 1983.

We bought our farm in 1936 SW4-35-8-W2 where we still live and are retired. We both enjoy gardening and growing flowers very much.

ASHDOWN KENNETH

I was born on Jan. 3, 1935 to Hart and Klara Ashdown in the Wadena Hospital.

I took my grades 1 to 11 at Silver Springs and my grade 12 at Sturgis, graduating in 1954.

I worked at various jobs in Sask and B.C., then went to work in a bank in Ontario. In 1959, I returned and moved to Fort Qu'Appelle where I met Donald Riedel. We were married on Nov. 4, 1961

We have 2 sons, Kent born on Aug. 13, 1963 who works in the Snow Lake Mine, and Bradley born Feb. 15 1965, who is going in for a Conservation Officer and has completed his first year of schooling in Lethbridge.

ASHDOWN, MARGARET, NINA (EVANS)

Was born in Ontario and at the age of 9 months came out to Juniata, Sask. with her parents, Frank and Margaret Ashdown, and 3 sisters, Ester, Rose and Nora, and one brother Albert.

Her children, Harvey, Charolotte, Hazel, Muriel, Leo, Evelyn and Graham were born at Juniata.

In 1919 the family, with the exception of Ester, moved to a farm south of Okla at the same time as Vine Ashdown and family. The farm they lived on is now owned by Harry Ekman. Nina, Harvey, Charolotte and Muriel went to Silver Springs until they moved to a farm south of Lintlaw in 1921 or 1922.

Nina married Albert Evans on June 26, 1923, the first wedding in Lintlaw. The Frank Ashdown family moved to a farm south of Invermay that same year.

Nina and Albert had 6 children. George, passed away in 1943 Ken lives at Duncan B.C., Hazel (Hanson) of Lintlaw, Phyllis (Robinson) of Oliver B.C., Shirley (Pollard) Prince George, and Beverly (Fuleh) of Victoria.

Nina and Albert moved to Victoria in 1947. Albert passed away in 1950. Nina now resides in a senior citizens apartment in Victoria.

BICCUM, HAROLD

I, Harold, was born at Balgonie Sask, to Orton and Carrie Biccum. We came to Okla in 1934. I used to ski or go horse back to school, (even had my horse run around the bases playing ball.)

I married Lorene Hearn, born at Sturgis Sask. in 1942. We have five children, Dwayne, born May 22, 1945, Sherry born Nov 25, 1947, Darrell, born April 9, 1954, Randy, born Jan. 16, 1957. and Ricky born Dec. 19, 1957., all our children were born at Preeceville Sask.

We farmed in the Okla district until 1973, then we moved to Preeceville for one year and in Yorkton for 2 years working for Leons and Morris Farm Machine Manufacturers. We now live in the Rockford area where we have farmed for the past 10 years.

BICCUM, DARRELL

I was born to Harold and Lorene Biccum on April 9, 1954, in the Preeceville Union Hospital.

I started my schooling in Silver Springs. When the doors closed I went on to Okla and Lintlaw schools.

I started working with a construction company, after that I worked for Formo Motors of Preeceville for awhile and then went back on construction.

I married Barbara, the daughter of Alfred and Louise Stroeder of Lintlaw. We have a daughter Cindy. We now farm and I work on construction as well.

BICCUM, RICK

I went to Silver Springs School, Okla, Lintlaw, and preeceville and 2 years in Yorkton to complete my education. Then I went to B.C. and worked in a Pizza Parlor. I was married in 1977 to Tyra Gabora, came back to Sask. I then moved to Yorkton and worked for Weber Construction. We have 2 children: Chrystal and Nathan. I now presently work for Logan Stevens Construction of Yorkton and I live at Flamingo Trailer Court south of Yorkton.

BICCUM, RANDY

Son of Harold and Lorene (Hearn) Biccum. I went to Silver Springs School, Okla and Lintlaw, then took up-grading in Yorkton. My first job was at Morris in Yorkton. I was married in 1977, I have a daughter Mellissa age 6. We went to work on a farm by Edmonton, then I worked for several dairy farms. Now am presently employed at Swenson Salvage near Preeceville.

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JURA, JENNY

I came to Kirkland in 1943 to live with my sister and her husband. They owned a grocery store so I was kept very busy for the next 8 years. I also attended night school for typing, book-keeping, sewing ect.

Northern Ontario is a lot like the West in climate. It was a Gold Mining area, but right now there isn't much of that.

My husband is 67 and retired. He was overseas on D. Day in Normandy, (did radio work) when he returned to Canada he took up engineering for 4 years then worked for C.N. until retiring 2 years ago.

We were in Europe last year because it was 40 years Remembrance.

I was born: March 20, 1926 and married William Shumka on Sept. 2, 1951.

We have 3 children:

Lynda, born in 1952 and has 4 years MBA in (Business) now she's in accounting and lives in Calgary with her husband.

Bill, born Jan 11, 1954, and works for Whistler Ski-Resort in British Columbia.

Marie, born Oct, 1955. is a teacher and lives near Los Angeles with her husband who is a Doc. (baby Specialist).

Our family, Anne, Nick, Walter and Jenny were all born in the Ukraine and arrived in May 1928.

KILGOUR, ELIZABETH (PAULSON)

Theodore and I were married the year after I left my teaching position at Silver Springs School and have farmed at Fargo ever since. We are semi retired now, but keep busy as we have a family of 7 children, 4 boys and 3 girls, 5 of the children live in the immediate area so we see them regularly. Our oldest son lives at Leduc, Alberta, and our oldest daughter lives at Swift Current, Sask.

We have 7 grand-children who delight in coming out to visit us on the farm.

The students will remember me as Elizabeth Kilgour but many of them met my husband Theodore Paulson as we were engaged to be married while I was teaching.

All our children are married except our youngest son who will be married on the 10 of August of this year.

KOWASKI, CARL WILLIAM JR.

I am the son of Carl and Annie Kowaski, and was born in the Canora Hospital in 1943. I married Beona Monuik in 1970 and we have 2 children, Calvin and Denise.

I now live in Yorkton and work for Dairy Producers.

KOWASKI, OLGA (BELOUS)

I'm the only daughter of Carl and Annie Kowaski and was born in the Preeceville Hospital on Nov. 9, 1949. I lived on a farm with my mom and dad approximately 3 miles from Silver Springs school. I attended school there for only a few months of grade one. I used to walk to school with my brother Carl. My teachers name was Mrs Webster.

Shortly after we moved to a farm one mile north of Hazel Dell, there I attended Shaftsbury School until grade 8, and then went to Sturgis until I completed my grade 11.

On Oct. 11, 1969 I married Nick Belous and have lived in Hazel Dell ever since.

We have 3 children, Mark age 11, Rene age 9 and Sheri age 6, all attending Shaftsbury School.

My husband farms and I am the Postmistress. I started working at the Post Office in July of 1972 and enjoy my work, hoping to be in it for a few more years.

KOWASKI, SOPHIE (BARTESKI)

I was born on Jan. 17, 1913 at Douglas, Manitoba. Born to Jacob and Sophie Kowaski. My Dad worked on the railway in Man. then we moved to a farm 6 miles south of Okla.

I attended Silver Springs School .

On Nov. 12, 1934 I married Ben Barteski. We farmed 4 miles north of Invermay for 40 years. We retired in 1974 and moved to Yorkton where we now live.

We celebrated our 50 anniversary in 1984.

We have 2 daughters and 4 sons all married.

Louise- Mrs Joe Pukal, Margaret- Mrs Ed Palchewich
Ralph, Lawrence, Ernie, and Ron.

KOWASKI, JOHN

Son of Mike and Caroline Kowaski. I attended Silver Springs School till 1952, then stayed on the family farm for 3 years, then worked with Acorn Construction for 2 years

In 1959 I married Jean Berezitzky of Hazel Dell, resided in Preeceville while employed with a plumbing firm until 1963.

In July of 1963 I moved to Winnipeg and began work as a plumber for Qualico Developments, where I am still employed.

Born to the family were 4 children, 3 boys and 1 girl. the eldest son deceased in 1981 at the age of 20.

Randy is employed as a plumber with Qualico Developments, Kim a receptionist for Shore Glass, and Chris is attending school.

KOWASKI, MARGARET (PALAK)

I am the daughter of Mike and Caroline Kowaski and was born in the Canora Hospital .

I married Al Balak and have 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls.

David works as a Surveyor and lives in Lethbridge, Keith works in Calgary, Sandy works in Saskatoon and Ashley lives at home.

My profession is Bookkeeping.

KOWASKI, JERRY

I was born to Mike and Caroline Kowaski on March 19, 1953 in the Canora Hospital.

I went to Silver Springs School for grades 1,2, and 3 then to Lintlaw.

I worked in Edmonton, Winnipeg and Saskatoon. I met Sharon Sauer and we were married in Saskatoon. We later moved to Hazel Dell and lived there for 4 months, we then moved to Lintlaw and bought ourselves a house on an acerage.

We have 3 children, Bradley age 13, Lucius age 10 and Jolene age 4.

At the present time I am farming , and my wife Sharon works for the Village of Lintlaw, and at the town library.

KOWASKI, DONALD

I was born to Mike and Caroline Kowaski on Feb 8, 1949 in the Canora Hospital.

I took grades 1 to 6 at Silver Springs. My favourite subject was Sports, I contributed greatly to crests, cups and medals won for the school.

I now farm 5 quarters of land, one of which is the school quarter.

I married Judy Eyolefson of Hazel Dell in 1977. We have 3 children, Jody, Ched and Wendy, and live in the town of Lintlaw.

My wife, at present is Postmistress in Lintlaw.

KOWASKI, MIKE

I was born in 1910 to Jacob and Sophia at Spring Hill Nova Scotia. I am the 2 eldest son.

We moved to Brandon where Dad worked on the railroad and then to Invermay where he continued his work. In 1911 Dad bought the homested and from there I attended Silver Springs School.

I met Caroline Konjolka who also attended the same school and we were married in 1934. We were blessed with 5 children. John, Stanley, Margaret, Stella, Donald and Jerry.

On Dec. 7, 1954 my wife Caroline passed away in a car accident. It was hard times, but I managed to keep my family together.

In 1975 I was working in Winnipeg and met Barbara Lennon, and we were married on Oct. 9, 1976. In the fall of 77, we took a 6 week trip to Europe.

We still reside on the farm but have retired. I enjoy gardening and tending a yard full of flowers. Last year I built a Gesebo which we enjoy very much. In the winter I enjoy carpentering and have made 2 artistic Bird Feeders.

We are members of the Golden Glory Club in Lintlaw and challenge a good game of Schuffleboard where I have won some nice trophies.

KWASNY, WILFRED

I was born on June 2, 1946 at home. I am the fourth of 10 children born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kwasny of Invermay Sask.

I left home at the age of 17 in 1964 and travelled to Alberta where I got a job cutting pulp.

I married Arlene Liske in April 1966 in Hinton, Alberta, and we moved to Prince George, B.C. where I worked in a sawmill.

We had 3 sons born to us in B.C., Casey in 1966, James in 1967, and Danny in 1969. We moved back to Hinton in 1969 where I worked for the pulp mill. We had one more son, Darrell, born in 1972.

I started my own business, 'Wilf's Landscaping' in 1974. My sons work with me during the summer and we keep very busy. We will have 2 sons attending college this fall.

KOWASKI, STELLA (KOCHYLEMA)

Live in Saskatoon, and am a Receptionist at Associated Radiologists.

I have two daughters, Anita completed one year of Arts at the University of Saskatchewan. Monica completed Grade eleven at E.D. Feehen Heights.

I am the daughter of Mike and Caroline Kowaski.

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KONJOLKA, WALTER

I was born at home on July 27, 1921 in the Silver Springs District. I attended Silver Springs School and was known to all my friends as Willie, I didn't know my name was Walter until later years.

I joined the army (2nd world war) and after it was over I married Stella Wionzek of Hazel Dell and we were blessed with 5 children, 3 girls and 2 boys. All are living in Yorkton except the oldest (Ron) who lives in Ituna. We have 7 Grand-children, 6 boys and 1 girl.

I worked in Preeceville for C.C.I.L. for 9 years and then for Chimo as a carpenter.

I am now in semi-retirement and build cabinets ect. and do carpenter work.

KONJOLKA, RONALD

I was born on July 28 1951 in the Preeceville Hospital to Walter and Stella Konjolka.

I started school at Silver Springs in 1957, attended school until grade 8 then on to Lintlaw and Kelvington.

During the summer I worked for farmers and after leaving school I worked on road construction.

On Oct. 13, 1973 I married Gloria Buratenski of Buchannan. In 1974 I farmed in the Okla area. In Jan. 1978 Leslie was born and Jan. of 1979 Ronald was born.

In 1980 I moved to Hubbard and continued with road construction. In Jan. 1982 Charolette was born. In 1984 I moved to Ituna. I am involved in Sports and am a Registered Umpire for Saskatchewan Baseball and Sask. Softball Association. I am presently employed with Paul Morsky Construction from Regina.

KONJOLKA, MARIE (WOLOSHYN)

I was born to Walter and Stella Konjolka On August 20, 1958.

On Oct 19, 1976 I married Ron Woloshyn. We have no children.

We live in Yorkton and I work as seamstress at Crolls Ltd.

KONJOLKA, TEOFILA (SHTWCHUK)

I was born to Stanley and Nellie Konjolka on April 11, 1914 at Theodore Sask. My brothers and sisters are Mary, Maggie, John, Steffa, Joe, Stanley, Caroline, and Willie.

Dad left Theodore and we all attended Silver Springs. In 1933 I married Alex Shewchuk and settled on a farm 4 miles west of the school.

I was a farmer and house-wife all my life.

KONJOLKA, LORRAINE (DAREICHUK)

I was born to Joe and Rose Konjolka in the Preeceville Hospital on July 9, 1953.

I attended Silver Springs from Sept. 1959 till June 1965. My grades 7, 8, and 9 were taken in Lintlaw and my grades 10, 11, and 12 were taken in Kelvington where I graduated in 1971.

I lived in Saskatoon and worked in a clothing factory, some restaurants, and at the Star Phoenix.

In 1975 I married David Dareichuk, we have 3 children Dallas, Brandy and Amanda, while living in the Yorkton area.

My husband's job moved us to Gull Lake, Sask. then to Saskatoon where we've been for the past 2 years.

I am now working at the Sherbrooke Community Centre as a dietary aide. I've worked there since 1984.

KONJOLKA, ALLAN JOSEPH

I was born to Joe and Rose Konjolka in the Preeceville Hospital on Sept. 4, 1951. I was raised on a farm 7 miles south of Okla and went to Silver Springs School from Sept. 1958 until the school closed then I went to Lintlaw.

I worked on road construction for a few years, then I was employed at the Allan Potash Mines at Allan Sask from Jan. 1974 to Nov. 1977. I then went to work for the United Grain Growers, buying grain where I am now presently still employed. In that capacity I've worked in Dinsmore, Mantario, Kenaston, Archerwill and am presently buying grain at Watson.

I married Faye Baynton of Carlton Sask. on the 4 of Nov., 1972 at Rosthern, Sask.

We have 4 daughters, Dawn Marie age 11, Kimberly Faye age 9, Christine Rose age 3 and Krystal Lynn age 1 year.

KONJOLKA, MARY (ROBLIN)

I was born on March 12, 1907 at Theodore Sask. My Dad moved to Okla in 1915 where I later attended Silver Springs School.

On Nov. 24, 1923 I married Roy Ralph Roblin, he was known as Bob to every-one around here.

We had 8 children born to us, 3 girls and 5 boys.

We sold the farm in 1939 and moved to Okla. In 1946 we moved to New Westminister, and in 1978 we moved to Surry B.C.

Roy passed away in Aug. of 1971. I still live in Surry and have 4 of my sons living near me, my 3 girls are living in the Hamlet of Okla. They are: Mrs Nellie Robinson, Mrs Elsie Sikora and Mrs Jenny Kokoshka.

LAMBER, EMIL

I was born on Dec 30, 1941 to John and Josephine Lamber.

I started school in 1947 and completed my grade 8 there. I stayed home and helped my Dad for a few years, then went to work for Mid-West Packers in Yorkton, and for farmers in the area.

In 1967 I met Elsie Choboter and we were married on Oct. 24, 1970.

We bought the homestead from my parents in 1972 and live there presently.

We have three children: Neil born Aug. 5, 1971, Mariette born April 1, 1973, and Jacqueline born July 7, 1976.

LAMBER, MIKE

I was born on May 1, 1944 to John and Josephine Lamber.

I attended Silver Springs School from 1951 to 1959. After completing my grade 8 I worked at various jobs; mining at Snow Lake, gas attendant at Revelstoke B.C. and helping my Dad with farming.

I met Pat Schulz, who also attended Silver Springs in the fall of 1961 and we were married at Canora on Oct. 28, 1967.

We have 4 daughters: Teresa, Jo-Anne, Pamela, and Judith. and 2 sons, Robert and James.

We built our house on the quarter north of my Dads home quarter. I have been farming since 1971.

LAMBER, LAWRENCE

I was born on the 9 of July, 1946, to John and Josephine Lamber in the Canora Hospital.

I attended Silver Springs School for 8 years, from 1953 to 1961.

In early spring of 1965 I went to work at Wynyard. In the summer of 1966 I went to work at Regina and have worked there ever since.

I am still single and now work on maintenance at O.K. Economy Stores.

McLAY, JOHN

I was born on March 18, 1928, three miles south of Okla, Sask. I married my charming wife Ivy (nee Wootton) of Sudbury Ontario, on the 10 of Jan. 1953.

My career for 29 years was with the Armed Services, air-force division, and I retired in 1976. We made our home at North Bay, Ontario. Ivy and I were blessed with three lovely children; our son John of Peace River, Alberta, and two daughters Bonnie and Brenda of North Bay.

John and his wife, the former Barbara Thompson of Winnipeg, have presented us with two beautiful granddaughters; Krystal and Miranda.

Since my retirement from the service I have worked at the Laurentian Ski Club and the North Bay Golf and Country Club. Both are located in the city of North Bay.

MATSALLA, ANNE (FULLER)

I was born on July 23, 1930 at Okla Sask. I am the oldest daughter of the late Steve and Magdalena Matsalla. I was married for 35 years and have raised 8 children. I moved to British Columbia in 1950 and settled in the Vanderhoof area in 1960.

I was a housewife and work as a cook in local restaurants.

I now enjoy visiting my children and 12 grand-children.

MARTIN, GLORIA (GREEN)

Born Nov. 15, 1941 at Invermay Sask. After I left Silver Springs School I attended school in Oxbow Sask then worked in the telephone office for 3½ years.

I married Wayne Joyce of Oxbow in 1962, who was then employed with Gulf Oil. We lived in various places in Sask. and Alberta until 1965 when we moved back to Oxbow and took over the Imperial Oil Bulk Dealership and got into farming shortly after.

We had 4 children; Blake, Brenda, Colleen and Carolyn. Wayne passed away in 1977 and (Blake at 17 in 1981) Brenda is now 20, Colleen 15, and Carolyn 10. I have remarried and still live in Oxbow and continue to farm.

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MACDONALD, ARCHIE

I was born on March 23, 1911, at Melville Sask.

My folks took up a homestead NE-S20-34-8 moving on it about 1915.

In 1919 I started school at Silver Springs, walking across Section 29, down an old bush trail. My first teachers name was Herb Stevens, later years he had a store and Post-Office in Nut Mountain. My second teacher was Miss Fox.

Later on my folks sold the homestead to Roy (Bob) Roblin and moved East to Hazel Dell area where I attended Hazel Dell Country School. After leaving school I worked in bush camps and saw mills.

When I was 20 I met my future wife Janet Whyman of the Invermay area. We were married Jan. 24, 1933.

We took up land in the Invermay area and farmed for 30 years. We retired in 1965 and moved into Invermay.

We had a family of 6 children: Raymond still farming, Muriel (only daughter) married Bill Smith of Hazel Dell, Laird married Rose Hardy of Regina, Marvin married Jolyn Coleman, and is a grain buyer at Creelman Sask., Herbert married Violet Enright-grain buyer at Lemberg, and Leonard Deceased at the age of 8 years from fire burns.

PESHKO, SHIRLEY (PILKEY)

I was born at Canora, Sask. and raised on the family farm 3 3/4 miles south of Silver Springs. I attended school at Silver Springs for 3 years when we moved to the Village of Invermay where I completed the rest of my schooling.

On Sept. 15, 1962 I married Vic L Pilkey from the Invermay district. Our one and only son was born July 2, 1968.

We farmed in the Invermay district until the spring of 1976 when we sold the farm and moved to Yorkton. We reside on an acreage just out of Yorkton.

Vic is employed by the local Texaco Dealer as a Driver Salesman, Tim is attending the Yorkton Regional Highschool taking his grade 11 and I'm employed by the Gov't. of Saskatchewan in the Clerical Field.

PESHKO, EDWARD

Ed was born Nov. 8, 1933 at home. He attended Silver Springs School from 1941 to 1952. He moved to Invermay and completed grades 11 and 12. He worked for the Royal Bank and the Sturgis School Unit. There he met Pat Smart, a legal secretary, formerly of Oxford, England. They were married in 1958, moving to Regina where they still reside.

Ed worked for Texaco and managed several restaurants, including an A&W and the Keg. He now owns and operates the L&H Licenced Restaurant. They have 2 chosen sons, Michael, born in 1967 and Greg born in 1968.

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PESHKO, BILL

Bill was born Aug. 29, 1935, on the very south-west quarter of the school District. He started school in 1941 and left in 1952 with grade 10.

He moved to Invermay in 1952 and operated the B&E Cafe for several years, then left Invermay to work on construction until 1959 when he returned to Invermay and farming. He married Ethelda Foster, a nurse originally from Chaplin, Sask. They have 2 sons, Allan born in Sept. 1966, and Lawrence born in June 1969. They presently operate a Dairy Farm one mile south of Invermay.

PESHKO, PAULINE (WONSIAK)

Polly was born Sept. 21, 1940 and attended Silver Springs School from 1947 to 1952. She finished school at Invermay. In 1960 she married Bill Wonsiak, a carpenter formerly of Rose Valley, Sask.

They lived in Regina until 1969 when they moved to Sidney British Columbia, where they still reside.

They have 4 children, Charlayne born in 1961, Christine born in 1962, Alicia born in 1963, and Peter born in 1968. Alicia married David Cormier in 1982 and have a daughter, Valerie.

ROBLIN, ELSIE (SIKORA)

I was born to Mary and Roy Roblin in 1925 on a farm 1½ miles south east of Silver Springs School.

I married Frank Sikora in 1944 at Lintlaw and lived on a farm 4 miles south-west of Okla. We gave up farming and moved into Okla where it was more handy for the children to school. Frank worked mostly on construction and I as a housewife.

From our marriage we had 4 children, 1 son and 3 daughters, which they gave us 10 wonderful grandchildren.

Peter married Nancy Bashforth of Okla, they have 1 boy and 1 girl and live on a farm near Okla. Carol married Cliff Guy of Lintlaw, they have 2 girls and 1 boy and live on a farm near Lintlaw. Dianna married Ron Crozier of Endeavour, they have 2 boys and live in Yorkton. Margaret married Robert Smith of Hazel Dell, they have 3 girls and live on a farm near Hazel Dell.

ROBLIN, JENNY (KOKOSKA)

I was born on Oct. 2 1924 to Roy and Mary Roblin 1½ miles south-east of Silver Springs School.

I have a twin sister Nellie Robinson, a sister Elsie Sikora, 4 brothers, Elmer, Paul, Russel (all living in Surrey B.C. and Ray in Burnaby B.C. Mother is still living in Surry B.C. Dad passed away at the age of 87.

Dad sold the farm to Mike Trohak and moved to Okla (Hamlet) in 1939.

I married Albany Montpetit in July 27, 1943 and left Okla to reside ti Richmond B.C. till 1968. Born to us are 3 children: Maryann born 1944, living in New Westminister B.C. Roy born in 1945, living in New Wsstminister, and James born in 1950, and living in Regina.

I worked for more than 30 years in Richmond for market gardens and potato farmers, it was lots of hard work.

After Albany passed away I met and married John Kokoska. We moved to New Westminister where we lived for 10 years before moving back to Okla Sask in 1978 to retire.

ROBLIN, NELLIE (ROBINSON)

I was born on Oct. 2 to Roy and Mary Roblin on a farm 1½ miles from Silver Springs School. I went to Silver Springs School, then worked out at different jobs till I went to New Westminister B.C. in 1944. There I met and married Albert Robinson om Feb. 14, 1945. Our first son was born in the Royal Columbian Hospital there. We came back to Okla in 1948 and our second son was born in the Preeceville Hospital in 1955.

Ronald James now resides at Martinsville Sask, and Dale Albert resides at Frontier Sask. Albert and I now reside at Okla and hopefully we will for many years.

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SCHRADER, LOUIS

I was born in Yorkton on Feb. 1, 1921, and moved to the Silver Springs district with my parents when I was 10 years old. We settled 4 miles N.W. of the school site. In those days attending school was a severe hardship, there were no roads, just bush trails and cow paths, swamps, tall grasses and hords of mosquitoes.

After leaving school, I continued to farm with my parents, going out stooking and threshing every fall and working in the bush camps for the winter months.

In the mid 40's I went to Northern Ontario to work in the pulp camp until 1948 when I married Mary Stacheruk and remained on the farm the year around.

I am still farming and looking after my beef herd during the winter months.

I was blessed with 2 sons which are mentioned in my wife's story.

When I sit back and think of the changes in school of to-day and schools in the 1930's, it's really something else.

SCHRADER, PATRICIA (GERMAN)

I was born on Dec. 20, 1940 at Kelvington and attended Silver Springs School from 1948-1955.

I then attended Sturgis Composite High School.

Following high school I was employed by Saskatchewan Government Telephones at Saltcoats, SK. as an operator, where I met Lawrence German.

We were married in Yorkton in July 1961, where we presently reside.

Our marriage was blessed with three daughters- Gaylene, Frances, and Angela.

I am employed at Sask Tel and Lawrence at Dairy Producers.

SCHRADER, LINDA (MESSIER)

I was born on Sept 2, 1944 in Preeceville.

I attended Silver Springs from 1950-1955, grades 1 to 4 then we moved closer to Okla and I attended Okla School for grades 5 to 8 then to Sturgis for High School.

Later I took teacher training in Regina and Saskatoon. I have taught in Midale, Carrot River and Esterhazy.

I married Guy Messier in 1970 and moved to Maple Creek in 1972 where Guy works for Sask Power.

I am now teaching part-time in Maple Creek and we have 2 boys, Geoffrey-12 and Gerard-9.

STACHERUK, MARY (SCHRADER)

I was born in the Silver Springs district on Oct. 21, 1929. I attended the one room school for 9 years at which time I quit and remained at home with my parents to help out during the war years in the 40's.

In 1948 Louis Schrader and I were married and I moved to his family farm north west of the school site, while living there we were blessed with 2 sons. Richard was born in 1949 attended school at Okla and High School at Kelvington, he became a heavy Equipment Mechanic. He farms with his Dad during the summer months and mechanics during the winter months.

Wilfred was born in 1951, also attended School at Okla Kelvington. He attended business College in Regina and went on to work in Communications, presently he's working for B.C. Tel as Cable splicer, living at Fort St John, B.C

In 1955 we moved from the family farm to our present location $\frac{1}{4}$ mile west of the hamlet of Okla.

I'm still farming with Louis and enjoy it very much.

STACHERUK, MIKE

I was born in March, 1936 on the George Stacheruk homestead, ten miles north of Invermay.

After I quit school I went to work for a farmer in the Kindersley, area for a summer, then for the next few years I was as operator for Acorn Construction. I also worked for Sask. Dept. of Highways and spent some months in Ontario pipe-lining with Walter Martin.

From 1960 to 1966 I worked for several contractors at the South Sask. Dam, where I was made a supervisor.

In 1962 I married Leone Baher, a school teacher from Elbow.

In 1966 I started work for Mannix Construction as a superintendent in Alberta, at Grande Cache and Fort McMurry.

In 1977 we moved and I spent the next 3 years working at the Big Horn Dam Site west of Rocky Mountain House. In 1973-74 I worked at the Mica Creek Dam in B.C. We then moved to Ganmore, Alta. where I worked at Spray Lakes Power Project.

Since 1977 the family have resided in the Crowsnest Pass.

Although the Manning company has changed in name and organization over the past 19 years I am still employed as a supervisor by a subsidiary of the company, Gregg River Resources at Hinton in a surface coal mine operation. The family travel up during the summer and I travel to the pass about twice a month, as the family have not moved here as yet.

We have 3 daughters; Michel, born in 1963 and is presently completing her second year of Business Administration at Lethbridge College. Terry born in 1967 and is graduating from grade 12 and is planning to attend college in Lethbridge also. Susan born in 1974 and is in grade 5 in Coleman and Leone is teaching in Bellevue.

Some of my present hobbies are training and showing our Labrador Retriever dog, goose-hunting in Sask. downhill skiing and some photography.

STACHERUK, ALICE, (STANDSON)

I live with my Husband Jim in Inuvik North West Territories. I work for a local Hotel and my husband owns his own Taxi Service.

We have no children, although we have been married for eight years.

I left Invermay when I was 18 years old and have worked in various places such as Melville, Winnipeg, California and Vancouver.

My husband and I are planning to stay in the N.W.T. for at least another 3 years, and then are planning to come down south to retire.

STACHERUK, SIDNEY

I was born in the Silver Springs District on Dec. 27, 1946.

I lived with my parents on the family farm south-west of the school site, until a few years ago when we re-located at Invermay.

I do some farming with my brother John operating the family farm, but my chief operation is operating heavy machines for construction companys., which has taken me to different parts of Sask. and Alta. For the farming season I return to Invermay. I have remained single all my life.

STACHERUK, BILL

I was born on Jan. 6, 1938 to Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stacheruk Sr. in the Canora Hospital.

I was raised on the farm and attended Silver Springs School from 1945 to 1953.

After completing my grade 8 I went to work for a farmer at Harris Sask in 1954 to 1955. In 1956 I worked in the Oil Fields at Estevan. From 1957 to 1976 I was in Road Construction in different areas.

In 1969 I married Marie Bohl of Margo. We have 2 sons: Garth Edward, 14 years old and Kent William, 11 years old.

We now live on the farm 1 mile west and 1 mile south of the Silver Springs School Site.

SHEWCHUK, ALEX

I was born on August 2, 1909 at White Sand around the Canora area, which they call Good Spirit Lake.

In 1933 I married Teofila Konjolka and we farmed about 4 miles south of Silver Springs School.

I have 2 sisters, Polly and Mary, and 3 brothers Sam, George and Fred.

My parents were John and Annie.

My wife and I had 1 daughter Francis Lamont, and 3 sons, Peter, George and Leslie who is deceased.

In 1974 we moved to the hamlet of Okla where we have retired.

SHEWCHUK, FRANCIS (LAMONT)

I was born to Alec and Teofila Shewchuk on Dec. 11, 1933 on Sec-24Tp.34-Rge9-W2.

I started school at Silver Springs in the fall of 1939, I remember the second World War started that fall. It was a long walk back and forth to school and home again.

The years went by quickly, although it didn't seem like it at the time, before I knew it I was finished school and I helped my parents on the farm during the school years and after.

I married Steve Horbach and we farmed 5 miles south and 1 mile west of Hazel Dell, till his passing in the summer of 1979.

We had 2 sons, Eugene and Duane.

I have worked at different kinds of jobs, bartending, cook on road constructions, cooks helper of cook on construction, worked in a bakery kitchen, and drove a bread and pastry van for Wadena Fine Foods.

I remarried to John Lamont of Lintlaw, and have worked with him on a bin program for East Central Cowop, Lintlaw.

We presently reside on a farm 4 1/2 miles south and 3 miles west of Lintlaw, Sask.

SHEWCHUK, GEORGE

I was born on April 1, 1941, to Alex and Teofila (Tilly) Shewchuk.

I took all my schooling at Silver Springs School.

At the age of 16 I went to work as a farm hand for Bob Graham, south of Invermay.

After this I worked at Gardner Dam for 3 summers. I worked as Patrol Operator for the R.M. of Hazel Dell for 8 years.

While working for G.M.W. I met and married Eldean Kasper on July 29, 1972 at St. Edilon's R.C. Church at Rosthern Sask.

In 1974 we took over the family farm. We have 2 children Treasa and Bradley.

SHEWCHUK, POLLY (STACHERUK)

I was born at White Sand, Canora area.

I attended Silver Springs School from 1920 to 1924.

In 1927 I married George Stacheruk and we farmed south west of the school site.

We raised 4 daughters, and 3 sons, who all attended the same school.

In 1980 we retired and moved to Invermay.

STAIN, ALBERT (AL)

I was born on May 23, 1927 at Salem, Oregon, U.S .A.

My wife's name is Lovens "Lee", we had one daughter, deceased, 3 grandchildren, 2 boys and 1 girl.

My occupation is Heavy equipment Operator at James River Paper Mill.

My hobbies are hunting, fishing and travelling.

We live in a small town located in the Mid-Willamette Valley. 'World Grass Center'. On the east is mountains, timber, lakes and rivers, to our west- 75 miles is the Pacific Ocean.

TAYLOR, KAY

I was born in Yorkton, Sask in 1911. In 1930 I took teacher training in Saskatoon. I was very fortunate to get a teaching job early in 1932. This was the depression years and my salary was \$550. a year. Along with that salary I had the use of a teachers residence in exchange for lighting the furnace in the school room each day.

In 1934, Ted Taylor and I were married and we started farming in the Turnout district. We were blessed with two healthy children- Ron and Lauraine.

Silver Springs School Board persuaded me, in the spring of 1939 to teach there until another teacher was available. After 5 months I left there and since it was closer to our home I took on the position of teacher in the Turnout school again. For 10 years I taught in Turnout, Silver Springs, Hazel Dell and Partridge Hill.

Then in 1947, because we wanted our children to have a higher education, we sold our farm and moved to Kelowna, B.C. Here I got into teaching again and stayed with the same school board for 25 years. Ted got into the building construction. I retired in 1971 and Ted retired shortly after.

Our daughter, Lauraine, teaches in a high-school in Williams Lake and Ron teaches in a high-school in Winfield.

In Jan. 1984, Ted and I celebrated our 50 wedding anniversary. We have 7 grandchildren and 3 great-grand-children.

All in all, we have enjoyed a great life and made many friends along the way with many happy memories.

TROHAK, ANTON

I was born to Mike and Mary Trohak on June 6, 1938 at Cana, Sask. In 1939 we moved to the Okla district and farmed 1 mile south and 1 mile east of Silver Springs School.

I started school in 1945 then moved to Arran in 1947 and completed my 8 back in Silver Springs in 1953.

I worked for farmers, worked in the Snow Lake Mine, pipeline and construction.

In 1966 I married Donna Ashdown and we lived in the town of Hazel Dell. In 1968 I bought my own cat and was in the land clearing business, until 1973 when we purchased the farm 1 mile north of Silver Springs School site, where we now farm.

We have 3 lovely daughters; Leanna born Sept. 23, 1968, Roxanne born Sept 23, 1972, and Kimberly born June 23, 1975.

TROHAK, AGATHA (THOMPSON)

My Mother always told me that it was during a thunderstorm on July 7, 1936 that I joined my family of 11 older children. I was the 12 child born to Michael and Mary Trohak at St. Brieux, Sask.

Sometime before June 1938 we moved from St. Brieux to Cana.

We moved to the Silver Springs School District in 1939 and I started school in 1943. My first teacher was either Miss Benwell or Miss Severson--who ever had the big dog.

Shortly after I started school the older students had a heated argument in the school yard about the rules of Prisoners Base. The teacher took the 'big guys' indoors for a talk and left the younger ones outdoors, while we were outdoors Kenneth Ashdown killed a snake so when we went indoors we too were in trouble with the teacher--seems she liked snakes as well as big dogs. However I thought Kenneth was great-- I still do not like snakes.

The next teacher I think of with fond thoughts was Miss Kilgour and her sister Winnie. What good times we had playing together. Miss Kilgour had me believing she had to get glasses because of my small printing, boy would she have suffered later when I was being economical with my notebooks in High-School.

When Mr Bull arrived at our school he had me frightened most of the time. Amathematician I was not!

Miss Strijack and then Mrs Webster are the other 2 teachers I recall.

The Christmas concerts were great. It seemed an exciting time--crepe paper ruffles sewn on to flour sacks to make the outfits for the drill "Alice Blue Gown" the white paper torn into small pieces and flung over the cloakroom partician to creat the snow that fell on the "Christmas Eve when newsboy Tim had nobody to love or care for Him", and the blond wig made of binder twine for my brother Rudy to wear in a play that had an all boy cast playing the roles of girls. The best concerts were those held in the evenings. They seemed so magical and George Bellamy was the best Santa ever. Never have I felt the thrill of seeing a spruce tree going up, as I felt as a child at Silver Springs when the tree was ready for decorating.

During my grade 5 my family and I moved to Arran where I attended school until I finished my grade 9, then I went back to Okla and cooked for my brothers Alador and Joe and as I turned 16 I got a job working at St. Anthony's Hospital in Esterhazy. After I left Esterhazy I went to work for a terrific family near Rosetown and with their help and encouragement I completed my grades 11 and 12. After I graduated I was ready to see the world so joined the Air Force. My world covered Quebec and Ontario.

After the Air Force I worked as a dental assistant in Regina and Saskatoon. On Oct. 29, 1960 I was married to Terry Thompson, from Assiniboia, who was then a University Student.

In April of 1961 we moved to Moose Jaw and Terry worked for the Dept. of Welfare and I attended STI so when Terry continued his University I could type his papers. After the year at STI I worked for the Moose Jaw Public Library. Sept. 1963 took us to Vancouver and Terry attended the School of Social Work at UBC and I worked at the University Library and then the Public Library. Our daughter Tanya was born in Van. in 1965 and that same month we moved back to sask. and lived in Prince Albert for 1 year. From there we moved to Melfort for 2 years, while their our son Chad was born in 1967. At the end of March 1968 we moved to Regina wher we still reside. Terry farms with his Dad and brother at Assiniboia on the week-ends and works for the Dept. of Justice during the week.

Tanya finished school in 1983 and attended University here for 2 semesters and this past year in Saskatoon. I think she will be joining the work force for a time. Chad completes his 12 in June and if he gets a "good scholarship" he will attend University here in the fall for the first semester so that his Mother won't worry about a 17 year old in Europe all by himself." Come Jan. I can worry about and 18 year old in Europe all by himself.

Chad put it very nicely on a form he was filling out for a student exchange program, Mothers Occupation: Fulltime Mother. That tells you how I spend My time.

WILSON, JOHN

I was registered at Crealman Sask. on April 13, 1916. We lived there about 2 years then we moved to Hubbard Sask. for some months before arriving near the Okla District in 1919. I lived there until 1946 spending most of my time with my Brother Bern farming and lumbering. I then moved to Wadena and worked in Fraleigh's garage for over a year; then moved to Broadview and worked at Texaco Service for 1 year before moving to Champion Alberta in March of 1948. I worked at the Massey Harris Shop till June 1950 then moved onto the farm where we still reside.

In Nov. 1970 I married Elizabeth Dingwall and am still some-what active in farming with Ken Alder and his family on the same farm.

WILSON, JAMES (JIMMIE)

Attended Silver Springs from 1944-1953 then completed grade 12 at Sturgis in 1954. Graduated from the University of Sask. in Engineering in 1959.

I married Kristine J Werner from Churchbridge, Sask. and a 1961 nursing graduate from St. Pauls in Saskatoon in 1962.

We have 4 daughters; Lorelie, born in 1963
Muriel born in 1964
Jamie born in 1966
Naomie born in 1975
and 2 grandchildren: Orina born in 1983
Kevin, born in 1984.

Since 1964 have lived in Saskatoon teaching engineering at the University of Saskatchewan, but have lived in Edmonton, Cleveland, Montreal, Pinawa and Sweden.

Am still involved in part-time farming.

As a footnote, and the case of many of the Silver Springs students, I had an aunt Alice Wilson, and 2 uncles, John and Leonard attend Silver Springs in the early "days".

Also our Mother (at that time Miss Norella Steffenson) taught at Silver Springs from 1933 to 1936.

MEMORIES FROM EDITH BENWELL.- ELANDER

It seems along time since April 26, 1942 when I arrived to teach at your school. Even June 30, 1943 when I left seems very far away. And I guess it is. But little old Silver Springs School and the children that attended then have always remained a vivid part of my schoolday memories. I understand the old school was replaced by a modern building. I don't suppose the teacherage ever changed very much. How well I remember the rifle shot sounds of the brown paper covering the walls as it split and cracked in the middle of the night! Then Pat and George Schrader, I think, covered the ugly brown stuff with beautiful green wallpaper-and the same thing happened all over again! And do you remember how the road to the S.E. used to cut through the school-yard passing by the south end of the teacherage? There was the fall night when the threshing seperator tore down my clothesline. And there were always those singers as they went home late at night. I always wondered if the singing was to reassure me or themselves. At any rate I was grateful for it, and mostly always could recognize the voice, and that was comforting.

To-day I often smile and remember Silver Springs as I hear teachers and parents complain of combined grades. At Silver Springs we had thirty-three of you in 1942-43, Grades I to VIII, and one student taking Grade XI by correspondence. Of those thirty-three there were seventeen in Grade I, I think. The Christmas concert, closely followed by the picnic, was the highlight of the year. The old school was very draughty and often very cold on winter mornings, and the old stove swallowed enormous quantities of wood. But everyone progressed, moving forward by co-operation and friendship. I suspect there were many educational gaps in our old country school system, but there were advantages and successes too. It is amazing how many of to-day's successful people have their roots in that system, and one wonders if they would have had more success educated in another environment.

After I left Silver Springs I taught one year near my home and one year in British Columbia. In 1945 Roy Elander and I were married and upon his discharge from the RCAF we bought a farm just north of Wadena.

The next few years were very busy as we established and enlarged

our farm, had three children in two years- a daughter and twins, a boy and a girl- and established the high-producing line of Kvega Holstiens. In 1957 when teachers were desperately needed I returned to our own country school to help out, and in doing so picked up my career that was to last until my retirement in 1981.

Life was both demanding and hectic as I tried to balance the life of a teacher, a farmer's wife, and a mother. Summers were short filled with family, gardening, and summer school. Winters were filled with classroom and family demands, and night school. In 1969-70 we sold all of our livestock and moved into Saskatoon where I went to University and completed both my B.A. and B.Ed. degrees. It was a marvellous winter! Although we hadn't expected it, all of our family moved in with us. It was the last year we would enjoy as a family unit.

Following graduation I returned to Wadena Composite High to teach mainly Social Studies and Career-Guidance. I became active in my professional organization, the STF, and served as councillor for ten years. In 1975 I was one of twenty-two Canadian Social Studies teachers chosen to go to Brussels, Belgium and Paris, France to view the work of NATO and UNESCO. It was a most impressive ten days. I retired in June, 1981, immensely grateful for the kind good wishes received from students, parents, and other teachers.

Our family is now grown and gone, settled in B.C. and Alberta. They all attended University, so I suppose it is natural their careers should take them away. They are all married and we have eight grandchildren. Roy and I remain on the farm. He has cut back to farming only a half section; I garden a bit, grow a few fruit trees, and play bridge whenever I can, And both of us enjoy travel. So it has been a full and busy life, quieter now, but one we fully enjoy.

- ~~xx~~ submitted by Edith (Benwell) Elander.