

front of me to 'turn the rig around', did I have to back up? I quickly retorted,

"And you had 160 acres upon which to set your tool box down; why did you have to set it directly behind the rear wheel of the truck?"

As a result of that incident, I have since found it easier to operate the combine than back up a truck, and Ben, now has a tool box that fits into corners!

We are an active family, participating in many sports, church and community activities. We possess a great zest for living and believe in developing and utilizing our potentials to the fullest. I am also a strong advocate of the homily, "If a thing is worth doing, it's worth doing well."

Janos, (John) Nagy

Janos Nagy was born October 17, 1868, in Toronto, Hungary. Theresa Oloyos was born September 8, 1875. They were married in Hungary in 1893. Three daughters were born to them, Elizabeth on March 8, 1894, Julie 1897, and Victoria February 23, 1901.

In 1902, Janos immigrated to Canada alone. He settled in Wakaw by the lake, near Scott's Point. He worked for an immigrant agent and also for Dr. Arthur doing jobs around the Mission House. He had a small house to live in and enough money to send for his wife, three daughters, and his father, John. So in January of 1903 they boarded the ship for the long trip



Janos and Theresa Nagy.

across to a new and strange world. The trip proved to be too much for Julie. She died on the ship, as they were about to land in Halifax. She was buried in Halifax. From Halifax a train took them to Rosthern where they stayed for about a week, then they ventured to Wakaw by horse and wagon to join their father at Scott's Point. Janos' father died of a heart attack, seven months after they landed in Canada. He is buried in the Cemetery about one mile east of Wakaw, on the north side of the road to Poplar Beach. On the cross it is written, "Born 1833, died 1903."

In 1903, Janos filed for his homestead, NW 14-42-26 W2. The land is southeast of Wakaw, consisting of 160 acres, for which he paid \$10.00. So the family moved there, to make a new home for themselves. Their first home was only a hole dug in the ground, about 5 to 6 feet deep, with a log roof which was plastered with mud and grass to keep the cold out. It consisted of one room with one window, a foot square. They worked hard clearing the land with oxen, while still working for Dr. Arthur. This meant they had to walk to the lake and then, from there, a small boat had to be used to get to Scott's Point. Besides it was necessary for Janos to walk 30 miles to Rosthern, to obtain much needed supplies, such as sugar and flour. Later, he made the trips with the help of oxen.

In 1906, they were able to build a better home, made completely of logs, with a mud and straw roof, a luxury compared to the hole in the ground. They were then blessed with another four children, Agnes, born April 7, 1904. She was followed by their first son, who was born on March 8, 1907, who was named Joseph. Another daughter, Mary, came next, born November 15, 1908. The youngest son was John, born March 8, 1911.

In 1916, they built an all lumber house which still stands today on the old homestead. The land is still owned by one of the daughters, Mary, and is rented by a grandson, Marcel Nagy.

All the family worked very hard, herding cattle, working the land with oxen and horses. But where there is hard work, some pleasures must be present too, and Janos took great pride in treating his family to a 490 Chev car that he bought. Exciting trips were made to church on Sunday, and for Sunday afternoon leisure rides, it was also a great treat. Victoria recalls how she drove this car to take lunch for the men working in the field at harvest time. She says, "Cars didn't go as fast those days, and were easier to drive."

In 1918, Janos bought the Berkner land NE 8-42-25 W2, with a nice big house, barn, and other buildings located on it. This farm is located one-half mile south of Lepine. All the family moved there.

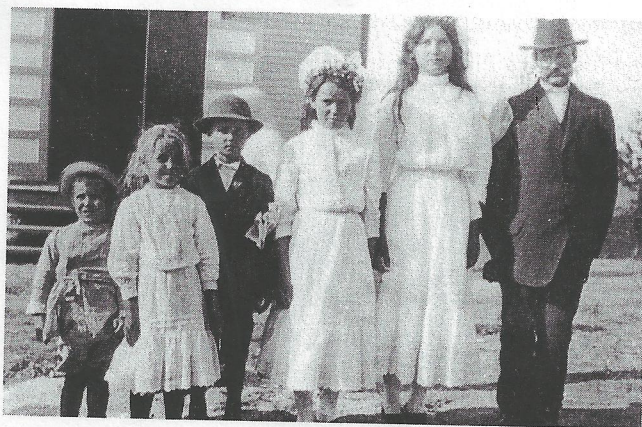
Hard work by all proved profitable, with more land bought, along with a tractor and threshing machine, in 1927.

As the years went by, Theresa and Janos kept up with the times, saw their children marry and make their own homes and give them grandchildren. Life in Canada did prove to be a good choice which had been made in the early 1900's. In 1940, they were able to retire from their very hard life. They built a house in Yellow Creek, close to their daughter Victoria, who could look after them.

Theresa passed away on Nov. 15, 1943, after suffering for 15 years with sugar diabetes. On July 23, 1945, after suffering a heart attack, Janos joined his wife in heaven. They are both buried in the Roman Catholic cemetery in Wakaw.

We, the descendents, would like to pay tribute to Janos and Theresa for their tremendous courage in making the big move to Canada and for making all our lives so much easier.

Their grandchildren all married. Elizabeth, the oldest, married in 1912, to Frank Gabolos and farmed in the St. Benedict district. They had four children, Elizabeth, Irene, twins, Frank and John. Irene



Janos Nagy Family. L. to R.: John, Mary, Joe, Agnes, Vicky and Janos Nagy.

passed away in 1945. The other three are married and all live around the St. Benedict area. Frank passed away October 11, 1954. Elizabeth passed away August 8, 1981.

Victoria married Mike Zsomber on May 20th, 1919. Mike was an implement dealer in Yellow Creek. They raised three children. Eugene, Margaret and Ida.

Eugene married Emily August 19, 1945, and they have two children, Severyn and Joan. They live in Watrous, where Eugene works for the C.N.R.

Margaret married Steve Bator July 13, 1944. They have three children, Homer, Jim and Patricia. Steve and Margaret are now retired in Wakaw.

Ida married Frank Buechert on June 22, 1952 and live in Edmonton. They have four children: Bert, Conrade, Valerie and Dale.

Mike passed away August 28, 1951. Victoria lives in a suite in Wakaw, at the Pioneer Lodge.

Agnes, on January 26, 1927, married Steve Siba and farmed in the St. Benedict district for many years. Now they are retired in the town of St. Benedict.

Joseph, who farmed in the Reynaud — Lepine area for 45 years, married Elizabeth Goller on November 12, 1929. They have four children, Marcel, Eileen, Elmer and Dennis. Elizabeth (Lizzie) passed away on January 31, 1977. Joe who is retired, lives in Wakaw.

Mary married Warren Porter, November 16th, 1935. They farmed in the Star City area. They have two boys, Selby and Lyle.

Selby, born February 11, 1937, married on February 27th, 1960. Selby graduated from the University of Saskatchewan in Engineering and lives in Calgary with his wife and children.

Lyle was born November 19, 1944. He is an electrician and lives in Red Deer, Alberta with his wife, Fay, and children.

Warren passed away November 17, 1948. Mary is retired and resides in the town of Star City.

John Jr., the youngest, married Esther Nagy and they farmed in the Lepine district. They have three boys: Benny, Lambert and Jerry.

John passed away in June of 1959. Esther is retired and lives in Wakaw.

Joseph Eugene Nagy

Joseph (Joe) Nagy, eldest son of Janos and Theresa Nagy, was born March 8, 1907, on the homestead near Wakaw. He took all his schooling at Bukowina school. As a young lad he spent many hours herding cattle. As he grew older, he worked his father's land, first with oxen and then, with horses and finally with a tractor. During harvest time he went out with his father's threshing machine to help out the neighbors when taking off their crops.

In 1925, Joe bought his first car, a 1925 model T Ford. A year later, in 1926, he was able to buy his own land, NW 10-42-25 W2, from Mr. Jolly. This land was three miles east of his father's home. There was a log house, barn, chicken coop and other small buildings on the land that he bought.

In 1929, Joe bought his first tractor, a 10-20 McCormick Deering. That same year, on November 12, he married Elizabeth Goller. They moved into the log house on Joe's farm. Many years of hard work were ahead of them, to make a success of their farm, and their lives. They were grain farmers, and also



Joseph and Elizabeth Nagy, Eileen, Elmer, Marcel and Dennis.

raised many pigs, chickens and cows. They also grew a large garden.

Joe was always busy. He was a good mechanic, so therefore he did all of his repair work, as well as blacksmithing. He also had the talent of being a good carpenter, and he built all his own buildings.

In those days, there were no battery chargers on the farm, so he made wind chargers using 6 volt generators from cars and made his own propellers for the chargers.

Their first son was born Jan. 28, 1931, named Marcel Eugene. In 1934, a new house was built from lumber. It consisted of four rooms and a pantry. That same year, their daughter, Eileen, was born.

The winter of 1935, Joe built a caboose, using a Model T Coupe car body. He didn't find this satisfactory, so, in 1937, he built his first caboose out of plywood, making it roomier, and lighter in weight. From then on, as he built each caboose, he kept improving his design, making them more streamlined. He also built the bunks into the body, making the bottom of the caboose similar to a toboggan, sliding over the deep snow. He also added springs to the runners to make his caboose ride more smoothly.

In 1944 he patented a sleigh runner that he designed and built himself, the front runners steering similar to the automotive steering.

Over the nine years from 1937 in the winter months, he built and sold many cabooses, the last one being built in 1946. Due to the road improvements then, the people were able to drive cars all winter.

In 1936, Joe bought his own threshing machine. He and some of his neighbors and father-in-law, Ignace Goller, all combined their man power and threshed his and his neighbors' crops, until he bought his first combine, about 1946.

Two more sons were born to Joe and Elizabeth. They were Elmer, born July 13, 1939, and Dennis,

born November 29, 1945. As the years went by, more land was purchased and newer and more up-to-date machinery was bought.

In 1950, Joe started to build a new house on the land NE 18-42-25, that was once his father's, half a mile south of Lepine. The house was finished the summer of 1951. Buildings were moved from the old farm and the old house was sold to Eli Hnatiuk.

In the 1940's Joe was on the Belmont school board for three years, and the Bukowina school board in the 1950's. He was one of the original directors of the Reynaud Co-op, as well as a shareholder until it was dissolved.

He served as a Wheat Pool committee member for several years, and was a member as long as he farmed. He was also an active member of the Reynaud R.C. church for many years, and he helped build the first church, which was later destroyed by fire.

A grain dryer was purchased in 1954, one of the first ones in the district. As Joe was busy, so was Lizzie, she was always ready to give a hand with any outside work. In winter she always found some type of craft to keep her busy, crocheting being her favorite.

Joe was always looking for a new challenge, so in 1966, he started sharpening saws, etc.

In 1974, Joe and Lizzie sold their farm to their youngest son, Dennis, and built a house in Wakaw, and went into semi-retirement. Lizzie's health was failing and she couldn't enjoy her new life too long. She passed away December 31, 1977. She is buried in the Wakaw R.C. cemetery. Joe is now busy sharpening saws. He is fully retired. Their four children are now married.

Marcel, their eldest son, attended school in Bel-



Marcel and Yvonne Nagy and children, Juanita, Loretta, Leo, Beatrice, Cynthia, Harold and Lucille.

mont, High School in Wakaw, and having completed his grade 12, he went to the School of Agriculture at the University of Saskatchewan, from 1949 to 1951. He returned home to farm with his dad, and in 1954 purchased land of his own from John Goller (which was his grandfather, Ignace Goller's land) NE 16-42-26.

Marcel married Yvonne Redl, daughter of Jack and Germaine Redl, in 1956. They settled on the land that was his grandfather's, and also lived in his old house. Born to them were seven children, Lucille, Cynthia, Leo, Harold, Loretta, Beatrice and Juanita. Marcel and his family moved to NW 21-42-26 the J. J. Kwasnica farm in 1966. A house was moved there for the family to live in, which had once belonged to Marcel's grandfather, Janos Nagy. The house was modernized. They still reside there.

Lucille married Harry Hrapchak, son of Elizabeth and the late Harry Hrapchak of Wakaw, in 1976. Harry is the meat manager at the Wakaw Co-op. They have four children, Christopher, Dallas, Charlotte and Kristin.

Cynthia married Sidney Kulrich, son of Ken and Goldie Kulrich, formerly of Wakaw, in 1981. Sid and Cynthia live in Tisdale, where he is employed by the Power Corporation. Cynthia is employed at the Tisdale Credit Union.

Leo, single, lives in Prince Albert, Sask., is a heavy duty mechanic and is employed by Black Wood Hodge Sales and Service.

Harold attended Kelsey Inst. and graduated as a Mechanical Engineer. He is employed by Bailey Controls and Sales. He was married in 1982, to Nancy Laxdal, daughter of Joe and Linda Laxdal of Saskatoon. Nancy is employed by the Veterinary Lab. at the University of Saskatchewan.

Loretta married in 1983 to Glen Wiebe, son of Jake and Renalda Wiebe of Rosthern. Glen manages Famous Furniture City in Rosthern. Loretta is employed by the City Employees Credit Union in Saskatoon. They reside in Rosthern.

Beatrice married in 1982 to Donald Pawluk, son of Mary and the late Nick Pawluk of Wakaw. Donald is employed by the Saskatoon Credit Union, as a loans officer. Beatrice is employed by the Wakaw Credit Union. They reside in Saskatoon, and have one daughter, Melissa.

Juanita, single, graduated in 1983. She is employed at the Wakaw Medical Clinic in Wakaw. She lives at home.

Eileen, Joe and Lizzie's only daughter went to Belmont school and Wakaw High school. She worked in Saskatoon five years before she married Ted Mazurek on Oct. 11, 1958. They live in Saskatoon. Ted works for National Research Council at the



Ted and Eileen Mazurek, Diane, Alan, Donna and Denise.

University. They have four children: Diane, a pharmacist, is working in Winnipeg. Alan lives at home and works for Sask. Tel. Donna and Denise still attend school.

Elmer, Joe and Lizzie's second son, went to school in Belmont and Bukowina and took his high school in Wakaw. He took a one year course in



Dennis and Ann Nagy, Erin and Janet.

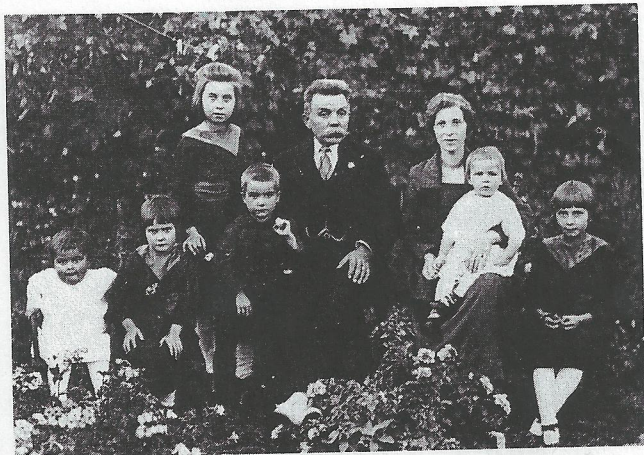
lectronics at Moose Jaw. In 1960, Elmer went to Saskatoon and worked for Cam-Gard for five years. For one year he had a T.V. shop in Wakaw. Then he went to Vancouver and went back to school and received his Instrumentation papers. Elmer returned to Saskatoon and worked for the Potash mine. He married Joan Farnalick, daughter of Joe and Kay Farnalick, on Aug. 2, 1969. A year later they went back to B.C. Elmer works for Brend mines of Peach Land and lives in West Bank, B.C., with his wife and their only daughter, Lisa.

Dennis, the youngest of the family, moved when he was five years old to the farm half a mile south of Lepine. He took all his grade school in Bukowina and his high school in Wakaw. Dennis took one winter off the farm and took a welding course in Saskatoon. Dennis stayed on the home farm and bought the place from his father in 1974. Dennis was an active member of the Farmers Union for seven years. He has been an active member of the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool since he started farming.

On June 24, 1978, Dennis married Ann Kovacs, daughter of Mike and Mary Kovacs of Yellow Creek. Ann worked for the Wakaw Credit Union for a few years. Dennis and Ann have two daughters, Erin, born Dec. 29, 1980, and Janet, born Dec. 29, 1982.

Frank and Ethel Nagy

Frank and Ethel Nagy were among the many early pioneers to the Wakaw District, most arrived directly from their European Homeland to make a new life in farming, or in commerce of industry, or to provide services to the public. Some of them initially made a start in some other area of the continent before moving to settle in the community of Wakaw. Such was the case with Frank Nagy, born June 1, 1870, in Haromszek Megye, Uzon, Hungary. He



The Frank Nagy family, Left to Right: Emma Hartford, Minnie Molnar, Charles Nagy, Yolanda Butch, Frank Nagy, Ethel Nagy, Zoltan on mother Ethel's knee, Irma Salter.



Frank and Ethel Nagy.

apprenticed as a Locksmith, and then applied his studies to graduate as an engineer.

In 1907 Frank Nagy migrated to the United States, and one year later moved to Canada and settled into work as a steam engineer in the flour mill at Rosthern, Saskatchewan, and later learned the trade of harnessmaker.

He was married on June 16, 1910, to Ethel Agatha Geczo, who was also a native of Hungary, born January 29, 1890. They resided at Rosthern and then moved with their first child (daughter) to Wakaw in 1912, and established a harness makers shop on the north side of the village, later moving to a new site where he established his shop and family quarters, later expanding into the operation of a small general store as well, on the main business block.

A family of six children were reared by the Nagy's. The eldest, Yolanda is Mrs. F. C. Butch of Long Beach, California, U.S.A. Irma, Mrs. M. M. Salter of New Westminster, B.C. Minnie, Mrs. N. A. Molnar of Saskatoon, Sask. F. Charlie Nagy of New Westminster, B.C. Emma, Mrs. H. V. Hartford, of Port Alice, B.C. and Zoltan Dennis Nagy of Youbou, Vancouver Island.

During his long life in Wakaw, Frank Nagy was deeply associated in church work and was instrumental in formation of the first Hungarian Presbyterian Congregation in the Wakaw District, and in close co-ordination with the late Dr. R. G. Scott was successful in amalgamating the members with the ethnic English Congregation to form the establishment of the Wakaw United Church. His tireless work for the