

## ORLANDO and SHARON KOCH

Born on March 18th, 1958, Orlando F. Koch was introduced into the Cliffe area, where he was raised, attending school in Marsden until the completion of grade 8. Orlando then went to St. Thomas College, where he graduated in 1976. To further his education Orlando received a two-year farm machinery mechanics diploma at Kelsey Institute of Applied Arts and Sciences in Saskatoon.

Coming home, Orlando began to farm with his dad and two brothers. Recently, Orlando has purchased the W. 42 11-46-26, West 3.

On April 19, 1980, Orlando married Sharon Ann Weiler at St. Vincent's Roman Catholic Church in Battleford. Sharon is formerly from Battleford, where she and her dad run a dog grooming and boarding kennel business.

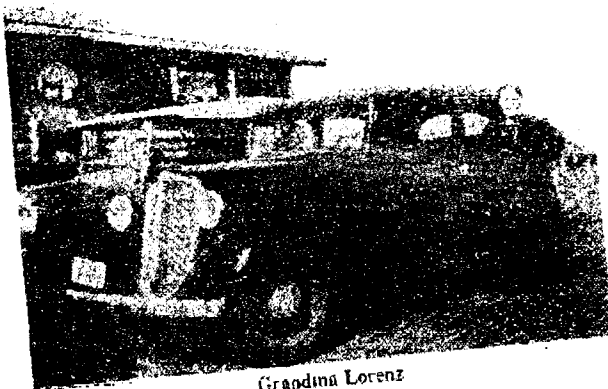
Sharon and Orlando are presently living on 3rd Street West in Marsden.

## PETER LORENZ SR.

by daughter Mrs. Susie Biever

In the early part of April, 1903, our parents, Peter and Magdalena Lorenz, with their family of four: Mary, Leo, Angela and Joseph, immigrated to Canada, from Delina, in Austria.

They travelled via ship to Halifax, then by train to Lloydminster. From there they continued with oxen and wagons to their farm at Bodo, Alberta. Their first house was built of sod and later a house of brick and lumber was constructed.



Grandma Lorenz

During their years at Bodo, Peter and Magdalena raised a family of another six children: Simon, Jake, Susie, Alph, Alois and Peter.

In the meantime at Bodo, Mary, Leo and Angela married and moved to their own farms. Mary married George Kisslinger, now both deceased. Leo married Rose Reinhart and they are retired in Edmonton. Angela married Joseph Koch, now both deceased.



The Peter Lorenz family moving from Bodo, Alberta to the Marsden area in 1927.

In 1927, Mother and Dad, with the rest of the family, moved to the farm at Marsden, purchased from Charlie Newport in 1926. There, Susie, Alph, Alois and Peter attended Cliffe School.

Later on in years the family married and moved to their own destination, except Alois, who farmed the original farm until moving to one of his own near Lloydminster, Saskatchewan.

Joe married Verna Matson and they are now living in Edmonton. Simon married Clara Reiger and farmed near Lloydminster, Alberta. (Simon is now deceased.) Jake married Josephine Ganser and owns a general store in Altario, Alberta. Susie married Matt Biever and they are retired in Lloydminster, Alberta. Alph married June Dyer (now deceased). Alph is retired in Victoria, British Columbia. Alois married Violet Weisz and farms near Lloydminster, Saskatchewan. Peter married Vicky Mew and farms near Marwayne, Alberta.

Mother and Dad were at the Marsden farm until their sudden passing at Lashburn, Saskatchewan. Dad in 1938 at the age of sixty-eight years and Mother in 1941 at the age of sixty-three years.

Seventy-two years have passed since they immigrated to Canada and memories linger of the many, many stories they told us of pioneer days and the hardships they endured mingled with the good times we also had before and after coming to Marsden.

## JOSEPH LORENZ

I was born in Austria in 1906. When the family immigrated to Canada in 1908, there were four children - two boys and two girls - Mary (nine), Leo (seven), Nellie (four), and myself, Joseph (two).



Joe, Verna and sons. Left to right - Raymond, Herman and Hubert

Prior to immigrating to Canada, my father Peter, left the Old Country to go to Chicago. There he worked for two years in the freight sheds to earn enough money to pay for his family's fare to Canada.

The family landed fifteen miles southeast of Provost, Alberta, on a homestead. Four years later, the family moved six miles south and settled on a half section of pre-emption land, on part of which the hamlet of Bodo, Alberta is located.

The land was sandy and rocky. All the work was done by hand and a team of oxen.

The remainder of the family - Simon, Jake, Susie, Alphonse, Alois and Peter (the youngest) were born at Provost.

In 1914, Hendersonville School was built, one mile east of Bodo, where the family, except for Mary, attended school.

In 1927, the family, except Leo and Jake, moved to the Marsden district. My father bought a farm with three quarters of land from Charlie Newport, located three miles east and three-quarters of a mile north of Marsden. The family settled on the land and my mother and father lived there until they died. My father, Peter, died at the age of sixty-eight in 1938. My mother, Magdalena, died at the age of sixty-three in 1941. Alphonse, Alois and Peter finished their schooling at Cliffe School, two and one half miles southeast of home.

The first years at Marsden, we had a four piece orchestra - Simon, Alphonse, Alois and myself, playing for dances in the surrounding communities. We were paid five dollars a night. Prior to moving to Marsden, Mary was married to George Kisslinger. They had purchased a half section of land from Charlie Newport at the same time as my father did.

Before moving to Marsden, Nellie was married to Joseph Koch. They had bought a half section of land, one-half mile north of Charlie Newport's place, one year before my father bought his farm at Marsden.

I married Verna Matson from the Fram district, west of Marsden in 1932. Verna was born in Chicago, U.S.A. in 1912. She came with her parents to the Fram district in 1914. Her parents had a homestead next to the Battle River on the north side.

In 1934, we purchased two quarters of land, four miles due east of Marsden, from Evans and Co. in Edmonton, Alberta. Ten dollars down payment and three thousand eight hundred dollars balance, at five per cent interest, payable in twelve years.

We have three boys: Herman, born in 1932, Hubert in 1933 and Raymond, in 1934. They all took their schooling at Cliffe School. Herman attended St. Thomas College in North Battleford, Saskatchewan.

In 1957, we sold the farm at Marsden and bought a farm at Maidstone, Saskatchewan. We farmed there until we sold and retired from farming in 1963.



Herman and Pat with Lynn and Danny

Herman married Patricia Hatton of Abbotsford, British Columbia. They have one girl, Lynn, fourteen and one boy, Danny, eleven. The family is living in Edmonton and Herman is employed by the Edmonton Transit System, as a bus driver.

Hubert married Noreen Coulter of Lloydminster and they have two children - Rita, nineteen and Calvin.



Hubert and Norcen with Rita and Calvin

sixteen. They live in Surrey, British Columbia, near Vancouver. Hubert is working for Western Post as a foreman.

Raymond is employed by Edmonton Greenhouses.

My wife and I moved to and lived in the Okanagan Valley for four years. I did various jobs there.

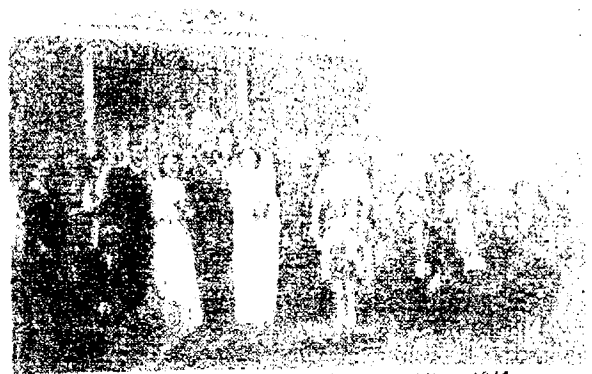
In 1967 we moved to Surrey, British Columbia. We resided there for seven years. I did different kinds of work there as well.

After leaving Lloydminster in 1978, we went to Edmonton to live, where we are presently residing. I was employed by International Security. Raymond lives with us.

I have enjoyed my life experiences very much.

### ALOIS LORENZ

Alois Lorenz and Violet Weiszhaar were married in the fall of 1947. We lived on the farm owned by Charlie Newport, located three miles east and one half mile north of Marsden. As most young couples in those days, we just had the bare necessities: no electricity or running water. We got the power in 1953 and our two oldest children were very excited when they could turn on the switch and the light would come on. The electric bottle-warmer was a real boom in those days after trying to warm baby bottles over a lamp or canned heat. At times the baby became quite impatient before the bottle came.



Alois Lorenz and Violet Weiszhaar (Wedding, 1947)

Our well for drinking water was quite a distance from the house and the water was very hard. In summer we had a cistern for soft water and in winter, we carried tubs of snow to melt for washing.

We moved to our present home in the fall of 1960. It is located eight miles south and one half mile east of Lloydminster. It had been owned by Hugh Hills. We had five children at that time. The house was not finished inside or out, so we were busy the first winter, with sanding and varnishing. We had natural soft water piped into the basement, which was quite an improvement. We got our sinks and bathroom the first winter we were here. What a thrill to have a bath in our own tub! Our children still like to bath when they come home, as the water is so nice and soft.

We now have four daughters and three sons. Most of them are close to Lloydminster. Our two oldest daughters



Alois, Violet and Family

are registered nurses, both employed in Lloydminster. The third daughter is going to the University of Saskatchewan and the youngest is still in school. Our eldest son is employed in Edmonton, while the other two are farming in summer and working various jobs in the winter.

Lloydminster has changed a great deal since we came here, but we still think it is a good place to live.

### JOHN LORENZ

In 1909, John Lorenz was born in Provost. He says he was born with a steering wheel and shuffler in his hand. He came to the Marsden area in 1932 to work for Joe Koch. In the spring of 1934, he started work for Slim Newport and has remained on that farm ever since.

During the spring, he prepared the fields for seeding and would do thirty acres in a twenty-hour day. In summer, he drove a tractor and during the winter did chores, fixed harness, curled, called square dances.

He tells of hiding wine in Mr. Brawn's cutter at the dances at Cliffe School and how he and some of the other young fellows would buy home-brew to treat the girls!

At present, Johnnie lives in the John Loy farm house and comes to the Newport farm every day to work.



Johnnie holding fourth-generation, Luke Newport

### CLIFFORD and EDITH LOUCKS

written by Edith Loucks

Clifford Albert Loucks was the son of George and Mary Loucks of Neilburg. Clifford worked with his dad on the farm, as well as working for different people in the area. He helped Joe Brew dig wells a few times and worked for Wallace Hollingshead and George Chibri.



Edith Loucks



Clifford Loucks

In 1933, Clifford and I were married. I am the oldest daughter of Oliver Reid, of the Wyecliff area. We lived in a small house, just 12x12, in the same yard as Clifford's parents. After a few years, we built on a bedroom. Even though the house was small we were quite comfortable there for the next fourteen years. We had one son, Stuart Albert, born January 31, 1934 on the Oliver Reid farm.

I guess Clifford knew how to farm, but I found I had much to learn, even though I had worked for different people around the district. It had always been housework and looking after children. I had never planted a garden, milked a cow, or looked after setting hens and chicks. However, after a few years of trial and error, I finally learned how to do all these things, as well as learning to sew, knit, crochet, hook rugs, make quilts and soap for laundry. We also made our own butter and usually had a few pounds to take to the store every week in exchange for groceries.

Money was very scarce in those days and I knitted mitts, sweaters and socks for some of the neighbors and friends, to help make a little extra money. I also worked in town doing housework for different ladies, while Cliff also worked for different ones in the area to make a little extra.

The George Landreth family were our neighbors and the clothes that their boys Jack and Doug outgrew were often passed on to Stuart. This certainly helped us out.

At two years of age, Stuart had pneumonia and had to be taken to the hospital in Lashburn, where he remained for two weeks. There was snow on the ground and since the roads were not kept open in those days, I went to Lashburn and stayed with a lady across from