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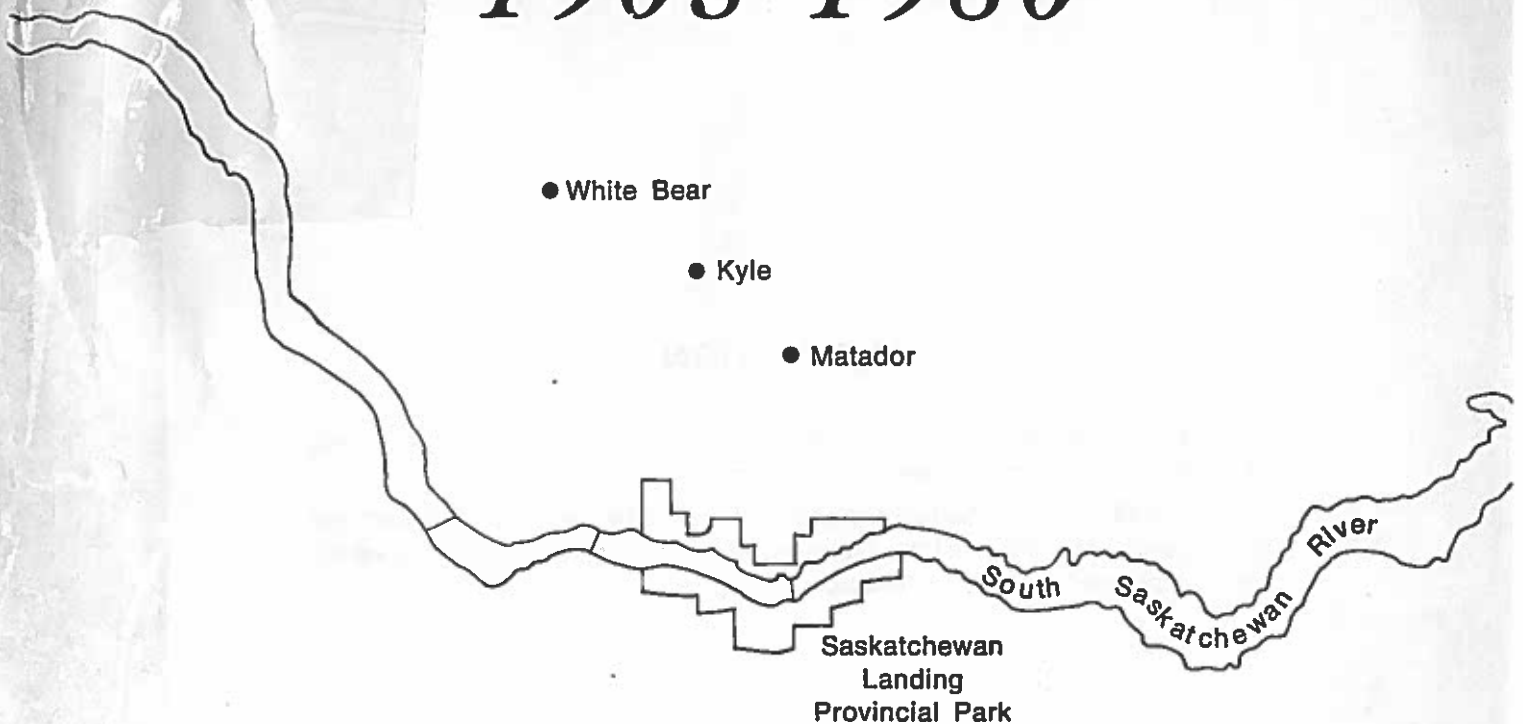
BRIDGE

1905-1980

● White Bear

● Kyle

● Matador



FOREWARD

When we realized 1980 was to be a "Celebrate Saskatchewan Year" some of our local citizens decided we should partake by organizing a committee to compile a history book of our area. Tuberose and Sanctuary had been done before but there had been no book for the Kyle-White Bear area. Our first meeting was held on November 7th, 1979, and a committee was formed, since then it has been full speed ahead. This book should have been done 15 or 20 years ago when more of our pioneers were still with us. However, we have relied on descendants, former residents and neighbors to do their best, making accurate information difficult to obtain in some cases. If you wonder why some of the present residents of our area are not in our book please realize that we could only use information submitted to us.

We would like now to apologize for any errors or omissions that no doubt have occurred. We had to rely on memory for some of the times, dates and places and memories have been known to fail.

We hope in some way to have helped to preserve the history of our pioneers as a heritage for today's young people and those of the future.

We have enjoyed working on this project and we do hope it will provide many enjoyable hours of reading for you.

Margaret Larson
Editor

DEDICATION

We dedicate our book "From Basket to Bridge", to the pioneers of Kyle and White Bear areas, without whom we would have no history to record.

We hope the information contained in our book will be treasured by present and future generations. We also hope that in the future the descending generations will continue on with Volume Two, forward from 1980.

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THE KYLE PIONEERS

A hardy, happy, friendly lot,
They came here years ago.
Some built their rustic home from sod or logs
And faced the frost and snow.

They broke the virgin prairie soil
And toiled and labored on.
They grew some of the finest wheat
And earned a real, "Well done".

They are the folk who led the way
And gave the West a start
They built the schools, bridges, roads and towns
And bravely played their part.

Now in the autumn of their lives
Through long and weary years
Let us be kind to neighbors, friends
Our Prairie Pioneers.

"In tribute to the pioneers of the district, never were they too busy to pass along a kind word or helping hand to their friends and neighbors – a true pioneer spirit".

Submitted by Bessie Osvirk (Johnston)

SIXTY-FIVE YEARS YOUNG

The day when I turned 65
They put me on the shelf,
"Your're getting old" is what they said,
"Retire and rest yourself".

So

I retired and sat around
I watched TV and read,
Thus my solid form grew flabby
And I retired to my bed.
Well I flexed my muscles, told myself
"By gosh, I'm in my prime
A fact I'll not forget".

So

I hired out – a roof to fix,
A step to build, a fence to mend,
Again, a happy busy man
I whistled gaily at days end.

So

If you're still hale and hearty,
Get out, bestir yourself.
I tell you boys of sixty-five
You're not yet on the shelf.

Submitted by Bessie Osvirk (Johnston)

HOMESTEADERS

Building their lonely cabins,
Staking their homestead claim;
Beating the trail to Somewhere,
Steady, fearless and game,
Bounded by sky and muskeg,
Hedged by the vast unknown,
Earning their hundred and sixty,
Winning their fight alone.

Theirs is the dream eternal,
Hills that are rugged and green,
Lure of the far horizon,
Prairies, wind-swept and clean,
Visioning towns in the making,
Faith in the untried lands,
Holding the country's future,
Safe in their calloused hands.

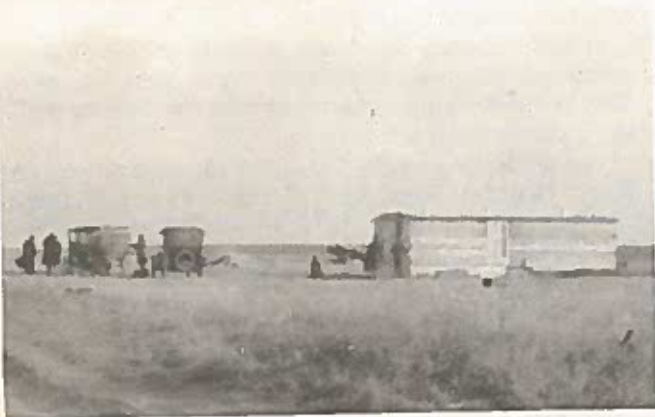
Submitted courtesy Mrs. Ethel Robson of Surrey,
B.C. (Formerly Mrs. Jack Matthews
of Matador, Sask.)

YOUR NAME

You got it from your Father.
'Twas the best he had to give.
And right gladly he bestowed it.
Its yours the while you live.
You may loose the watch he gave you –
and another you may claim.
But remember when you're tempted,
to be careful of his name.
It was fair the day you go it, and a worthy name to bear
when he took it from his father
there was no dishonor there.
Through the years he proudly wore it,
to his father he was true.
And that name was clean and spotless
when he passed it on to you.
Oh, there's much that he has given
that he values not at all.
He has watched you break your play things
in the days when you were small.
You have lost the knife he gave you
and you've scattered many a game.
But you'll never hurt your father
if you're careful with his name.
It is yours to wear forever,
yours to wear the while you live.
Yours perhaps some distant morning,
to another boy to give.
And you'll smile as did your father –
with a smile that all can share.
If a clean name and a good name
you are giving him to wear.

Written by Edgar A. Guest

KYLE

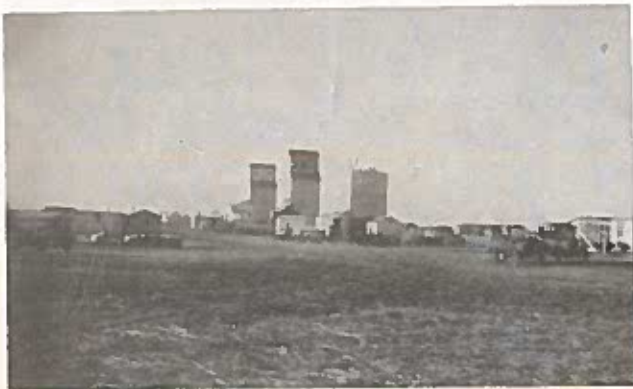


First building in Kyle, 1923.

A community centred in heavy, rich farm land on Highway No. 4 midway between Highway No. 1 and Highway No. 7. Before the railway came in in 1923 the district was known as Kyleville, that being the name of the local postoffice, named for Jerry Kyle, an early settler in the district. Prior to Kyleville settlers received their mail at North Landing and Gunderson's post offices.

Kyle operated as a hamlet from 1923 to 1926 when it changed status and was incorporated as a village with the first council being H.J. Reid, "Overseer", Arthur Johnson and O.D. Jacobs "clerks" and J.N. Wilson as secretary-treasurer. The railway came to Kyle in the fall of 1923 but not in time for harvest, so huge open bins had to be built to house the grain grown in the district until shipment could be made. Elevators were built and a lumber yard as the lumber had previously been hauled across the ferry from Pennant and the grain had been hauled to Swift Current in three decker wagon boxes or old fashioned grain tanks drawn by horses. One of the first businesses was a cafe operated by Wing Fong and and the first grocery store was opened by Bert Heatherington. The Royal Bank of Toronto was opened in 1924 with manager Bert Collins. Kyle held it first sports day in 1924.

As a village, council found that more services had to



Main Street 1927



1924.

be supplied, and in 1926, 10 acres of land was purchased from M.Y. Thompson for a nuisance ground, speed limit was set at 10 miles per hour; O.C. Miller was appointed constable with other duties - dog catcher, health officer, sidewalk and weed inspector, with the salary to be \$10.00 per month.

A 10 year franchise was granted to Charlie Cheney and Minard Anderson to supply electricity to the village and the "Melbo" house was purchased to accommodate the R.N.W.M.P. Dr. A Holliday, who practised in the nearby village of Tuberose, served the area as the family doctor. Prior to 1930 school students received their education in various locations, so now a new school was erected in Block 1. The first Kyle Curling Club was organized in 1926.

During the depression assistance was occasionally supplied to transients and in 1931 a meal could be obtained at the Kyle Hotel for 45¢. On June 1, 1931 the first volunteer fire brigade was formed - fire chief W.D. Hall, deputy O.D. Jacobs with W.L. Knox and K. Christensen as mechanics. During these years water was supplied to the residents by Mr. A. Jensen - in 1937 the following rates were approved - 5¢ per pail, 75¢ per barrel and \$3 for a wagon tank.

Due to some unknown reason the records of the council meetings from 1944 to 1952 (8 years) are missing from the town archives. During those years the town continued to grow and flourish. Among the years the most important event was the opening of the Kyle-White Bear hospital in 1951. Also the Kyle Memorial Skating Rink was built that year. Saskatchewan Power supplied electricity to the town and the telephone office was moved from White Bear to Kyle.

By 1955 the village purchased a house from Mrs. Lily Odegard and the R.C.M.P. moved into this location. Due to a big increase in students attending school in Kyle, present facilities were inadequate. In 1955. 22 acres of land was purchased for a new sports ground and the property previously used for this purpose was sold to the Eston-Elrose School Unit and the Kyle Composite High School foundation was poured in 1958.

1958 was the beginning of a new era when the village of Kyle was incorporated into a town, the first meeting of the council of the town of Kyle was held January 6, 1959.



Kyle's First Town Council

A bright future was predicted for the town of Kyle (Incorporated Jan. 1) when its new council met Monday night. Kyle's population, now \$66, has doubled since 1948. Members of the council are, in back row from left: Town Clerk T. Green, Councillors Lea Pawcett, Cecil Smith and T. Jensen. In front, from left, are: Councillors Ralph Larson, Mrs. Vera Ferrier, Mayor Gordon Turner, and Councillor O. D. Jacobs.

The first of many large projects originated at this time; on May 28, 1959 the tender of Mr. Nick Senick was accepted to construct a sewage system in the town of Kyle at the cost of \$57,253.50 and in 1960 Sask. Power installed the natural gas system in the town. That same year many complaints were received in regard to the rats and debris from the nuisance ground and this was resolved by purchasing land three miles due east of town and moving the nuisance ground to this location. Also in 1959 artificial ice was installed in the Curling Rink. The present building had been widened to accommodate three sheets of ice.

On January 31, 1962 a public meeting was held to authorize the issue of debentures of the town to the amount of \$105,000.00 for the purpose of installing a waterworks system in the town. 118 voted for and 1 opposed. The water works were installed in 1963 by Borger Brothers.

Many changes took place during that era. Cliff Head built a new drug store and the premises he vacated in the Sorensen building became the doctors office. Later the Kyle Credit Union built a new building on the site occupied by the lunch counter and their former office became the property of the Kyle-White Bear Hospital and is the doctor office. And in 1962 a new post office was erected on the west corner of Centre Street and 1st Avenue. In 1964 the airstrip was built on the south end of town.

A new cell was constructed in the lagoon which is situated on the north side of the railway tracks in 1965. A new brick fire hall was erected in 1966 and now houses a new fire truck and ambulance.

In 1966 the town joined with the government and the adjoining municipality to operate the Clearwater Lake resort as a regional park. In the same year the town and the R.M. of Lacadena joined the Wheatland Regional Library. Kyle Branch opened in the back room of the Town Office on November 15, 1967.

In 1967 it was decided to enlarge the Memorial Skating Rink to provide additional waiting room seats as well as larger lunch counter and dressing rooms. And the same year the town of Kyle and the R.M. of Lacadena entered into an agreement to share the cost and operating of the fire truck.

In 1968 Sunday Sport was authorized as well as licensed restaurants and cocktail rooms were approved. Also in 1968 an agreement was made to hire the R.C.-M.P. to police the town.

The lagoon was enlarged again and also in 1971 the Sask. Highway Dept. built a depot on the southeast corner of the town. In 1972 the town purchased the Stuarts Electric building for the library which has since been renovated to provide additional space for books. In 1973 the first recreation director was hired by the town. Another highlight in the history of the town was in 1974 when all the streets were oiled bringing an end to the dust and mud.

In 1976 the sportsground on the southwest end of town was subdivided to provide much needed lots for residential building. Also in the same year the newly formed Kyle Kinsmen Club's first project was to remodel the building formerly occupied as the Catholic Church into a Drop In Centre for senior citizens. The building has since been turned over to the Kyle Senior Citizens and Pensioners and is in daily use as meeting place for cards, bingos, quilting, and fellowship.

It was decided at a public meeting that the top priority for the town was artificial ice and so in 1976 artificial ice was installed in the Memorial Rink much to the delight of hockey players and figure skaters alike. The life of the skating rink has extended to almost 6 months and now the fear of losing the ice before the hockey season is finished or the carnival has been held is a thing of the past.

In 1977 29.6 acres of land on the northwest side of town was purchased for the use of a sports ground. In only a couple of years and much hard work by many volunteers, Kyle now boasts an excellent fenced in ball park and a rodeo grounds with permanent corrals.

In 1977 the three levels of government - Federal, Provincial and town formed a housing authority to operate the Senior Citizen Low Rental "Southview Apartments". The one story building contains 24 one bedroom suites, each with their own private patio as well as inside en-



Town Council 1980: Vince Mazzie, Carl Merkel, Bob Glover, Doug Clark, Mayor Bob Turner, Hugh Hawkins and Nancy Brusky.



trance to the lovely large lounge and laundry rooms.

The next year - 1978 - a new R.C.M.P. barracks was erected on the same block as the Southview Apartments and many new modern homes were built in that area. That same year another highlight in the town - the Kyle Elks community Hall was started on the west side of town next to the new sports ground and after much blood sweat and tears the large steel structure was opened (although not completed) for use. The building boasts a large dance hall with facilities for banquets on the ground floor and in the basement there are also kitchen facilities to serve small crowds and meetings as well as club rooms. The former Elks Hall was purchased by the Baptist Church and has been completely renovated.

Although residential building has slowed down in Kyle in the past few years, commercial construction has been on the increase. In 1978 the SK. Wheat Pool moved its elevator in from Matador and upgraded as well as built a huge annex. The Pioneer Grain Company built a huge elevator, the latest concept in elevators made entirely of cement and steel and is visible for miles. Also in 1979

another steel structure was erected on the west side of town to house a canary bird seed plant. Garth Omland and Ian Gillespie, who own and operate the plant which is the first of its kind in Canada, grow the canary seed on their farms as well as contract to buy the seed. Their product "Jet-Stream" will be exported to other countries as well as being marketed in Canada. The local seed cleaning plant is being expanded this year and another of our industries, Kyle Welding and Machine Shop, who have been manufacturing snowplows, etc. have now expanded into producing water tanks. Also we are pleased to welcome another commercial enterprise to Kyle in 1980. A steel structure is being erected on the west end of town to house an autobody repair shop by Brian Cheney, a former Lacadena resident, which he plans to open this year.

We are proud of our town of Kyle. Our population was 540 in the 1979 census. We have a pretty town with well kept yards and tree-lined streets. We have all the advantages of city living with gas and sewer and excellent water but we also have all the advantages of living in a small town. We are situated in a very prosperous farming area and are pleased that so many third generations are remaining on the family farm. We are lucky to have two resorts so close - Clearwater Lake Regional Park is only 6 miles northeast of Kyle and the Saskatchewan Landing Provincial Park is only 14 miles south of town. We have an excellent golf course two miles east of town as well as another one at Clearwater Lake. And so besides all the recreation of hockey and curling and ball and golf and swimming and fishing which our town and district has provided for us and our educational facilities and libraries and our businesses and services we also have the greatest asset - our people. Kyle is a wonderful town in which to live and in which to retire.



Town Administrator Ted Fogg
and Assistant Wendy Sander, 1980.

STORES

NELSON'S

Elmer Nelson moved a general store building from his mother's farm in the Horse Butte district in to the new town of Kyle on Centre Street in the fall of 1923. Mr. E.H. King took over the store in 1925 and it burned to the ground in 1928.

Nelson, Reed and Haagenson rebuilt soon after on the same site which was first used as a garage, then a hardware store.

After that, C.F. Philips had a Red and White grocery store in this building. Then in about 1940 G.M. Driscoll bought it and now it is the Co-op Store.

-submitted by Gordon Kyle Nelson,
first child born to resident of
the new town of Kyle.



PIONEER CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

The Pioneer Co-operative came into being as an incorporated body on December 27, 1920 as the Kyleville Farmers Co-operative Trading Association Limited, with an authorized share capital of \$50,000 consisting of 500 shares of \$100 each. The actual payment was \$5.00 the rest being made up of patronage. The object of the association being to "produce and market farm products and purchase and sell farm supplies". Those signing the Memorandum were: A.M. Wick, E.A. Nelson, K.E. Long, T.E. Hesla, Aksel J. Sands, Ed Pederson, J.E.W. Mathews, J.C. Birtch, Thos. Closs, O.H. Gunderson, Ronald Smith, J.G. Gillespie, O.A. Strom, C. Hartman, Wm. Teets, Donald Bruce, S.R. Omland, Henry Thompson, H.J. Bird, O.P. Mindrum, and D.O. Nore.

Due to the fact that there was no railway closer than 30 miles to Kyleville, the association did not actually engage in business until 1925, although they held yearly meetings in order to keep their charter. When the Home Bank, Cabri branch, went into receivership in late 1923, the association lost every dollar and was left so destitute of funds it did not possess the price of a postage stamp.

During the 1925-26 years, trading consisted of a few carloads of coal, wood, slabs, and binder twine. A carload of lumber was brought in, having been made possible by a loan from one of the directors, I.H. Pittman. In May 1928, the books and records of the association were destroyed in a fire of Mr. King's store who had taken over from E.A. Nelson.

In 1929, the name of the association was changed to Kyle Co-operative Association Ltd. At about the same time, it was decided that the association should handle petroleum products and as a result of a drive to increase membership, 40 new members were obtained.

Mr. E.A. Elderton was prevailed upon to take over the position of secretary-treasurer and manager of the trading activities. As the years went by and business activities increased, Mr. Elderton devoted more and more of his time to the work until it became a full time job.

In 1934, the association opened a branch in White Bear, which was closed in 1953. The year 1945 saw the addition of a grocery store purchased from G.M. Driscoll,



Mr. Schioler and a friend.

coll, the first manager being Elgo Schioler. The association again had a name change when it became a branch of the Pioneer Co-operative Association Limited in Swift Current in 1959 retaining local managers at both stores.

Mention should be made of two employees, petroleum truck drivers, Davy Lowe who delivered fuel for 10 years and Keith Cates who has been with the Co-op for 17 years at the time of this writing.

The business has expanded from petroleum and groceries to include hardware, lumber, feed, fertilizer, chemicals, and a service bay in a new building. In 1980, the 60th Anniversary of its founding, the Co-op did a business of \$1,500,000.00.

JOHNSON'S

In the fall of 1923, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Johnson moved their house into Kyle from their homestead about 20 miles south west of Kyle.

The store was in the living room of their house. Their living quarters were at the back. The first load of groceries brought in by friends and neighbours was sold out of the boxes.



1928.

There was a hitching post in front of the store in the early years.

As years passed, the store was enlarged and ten bedrooms added above the store which were rented out. They also had a gas pump in front of the store in the later years.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson retired in 1942.

THE KYLE GROCETERIA

It was built in 1923 by Heatherington and Fromson of Success and managed by Max Fromson. It was bought in 1925, by Mr. A.S. Hunter of Swift Current. The first one and half years it was managed by Mr. E. Davidson, and for about the next six months to one year by Mr. and Mrs. Plisson.

In 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Hunter and their daughter Isobel moved to Kyle and managed the store themselves.

In 1947, because of Mr. Hunter's ill health his nephew Mr. Sterling Hunter came to Kyle and managed the store till 1950. It was managed by Miss Ruth Lindsay till 1951 when Miss Lindsay bought the store and she continued to operate it Ruth Lindsay married Carl Strom in 1971 in October. And sometime later, discontinued the groceries but sold dry goods exclusively. She passed away in Dec. of 1975. Mr. Strom operated the store till 1977 and he retired and moved to Victoria, B.C.

The building was sold to Mr. John Alexander who operated an arcade there. The building is now vacant.

THE KYLE LOCKER PLANT

The Kyle Locker Plant was built in 1949 by Mr. W. (Chuck) Sorensen. Some of the interior furnishings,

windows, doors, oak steps, and banister railings were shipped to Kyle from the Vancouver Hotel which was being demolished.

At that time, the only power was D.C. current which was not suitable for meat lockers. Therefore, Mr. Sorensen furnished his own power plant.

There were meat lockers at the back of the building that were rented to the public until 1965. Later that part was converted to an apartment. On the upper floor there are four suites. The ground floor was a grocery store and meat market.

Chuck's son, Mr. and Mrs. Byran Sorensen operated the first grocery store, followed by Mr. and Mrs. A.H. (Ted) Fogg. At present, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown operate the store. The meat market was operated by Mr. and Mrs. Benny Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Barragar, and now Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Hesla.

The Locker Plant building was sold to Mr. Henry Hesla. The north part of the building through the years has been occupied by Heads Pharmacy, Dr. D. Richardson, Library and at present Kyle Town Office.



DRUG STORE

The first drug store was opened on Railway Ave. late in 1923 or 1924 and operated by Mr. William Lowe. He sold patent medicines, etc. and gifts, etc. His brother David Lowe who was a druggist came in 1924 and he built a drug store on Main St. He was also postmaster, Justice of the Peace, Notary Public, Issued Radio Licences, and sold Insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. Lowe were originally from England and came to Kyle from Pennant, Sask. They had 3 children, David, Cyril, and Phyllis. They built living quarters behind the store. Mr. and Mrs. Lowe moved to Vernon about 1947. Mrs. Lowe passed away a few years ago but Mr. Lowe is living in Vancouver with his daughter Phyllis Ford.

Thorolf Jenson bought the building and operated a variety store and the Post Office there.

We had no drug store til with the building of the Kyle-White Bear Union Hospital in 1951. Cliff Head came from Milden to open the Rexall Drug Store in the north part of the Locker Plant.

Cliff and Pat took up residence in Kyle in the fall of 1951. In 1954 Heads built a new Drug Store just South

of Loftsgards Electric. It was officially opened Dec. 3, 1954. The bus stop was there for a number of years. Heads sold to Ron Olson in 1970 or 1971. Olson's came to us from Swift Current. Ron Olson left in 1977 and at present we have no drug store.

B.M. HILL HARDWARE

It was built by Mr. B.M. Hill of Pennant in the fall of 1923. Lumber, etc., was hauled by horses and wagons from Pennant. The hardware store opened later that same fall or early 1924. This part later became the warehouse and the front part built on in about 1928 or 1929.

Mr. O.D. Jacobs was the manager of the store. Mr. Frank Shaler clerked in there from 1929-1931.

Mr. Jacobs bought the store in about 1947. James Herr worked for Mr. Jacobs in the store after school, and when he finished school, he worked there full time until Mr. Jacobs sold the store in 1958 to Mr. Keith Cherry of Saskatoon. It then became a Marshall Wells Store. Mr. Jacobs retired at that time. He was in the hardware business in Kyle for 35 years.

Mr. Cherry sold the store to Archie Lowe in 1962. Mr. Lowe operated it until 1971 when he had a closing out sale and the store has been closed since that time.

BUTCHER SHOP

Submitted by Vera Ferrier



Ferrier's butcher shop with living quarters above.

Lorne Ferrier's father, A.B. Ferrier, built the first butcher shop in Kyle. It was situated on Railway Street. Lorne, his father, George Church, and Wing Wong came to Kyle from Success, Sask. on November 11, 1923. They saw the first Railway Steel laid.

The only building here then was a cook car on the C.P.R. right of way. They had dinner served by Mrs. Randy Peterson (Axel Peterson's mother). A few days later, they brought lumber from Success and started to build. They also trucked lumber for Hetherington and Fromson who built the store (Grocery), and for the hotel that Wing Wong built on Railway Street. Lorne trucked from Success with a Model T one ton and was

the first car or truck to cross the ice that season at Saskatchewan Landing. There was open water all that winter of 1923-24 as the river never froze completely over.

Meat had to be crossed by boat or basket on overhead trolley.

Railway Street at that time was the main business section of Kyle. The main street butcher shop which was moved into Kyle, was started by William Graham (an uncle of Geordy Graham). He was followed by Robert Miller, Olaf Hesla, Art Jenson, and in 1947 Lorne Ferrier. Lorne remodeled the butcher shop into offices and sold to Alec Carr Agency's.

Lorne and Vera built a new home on the corner of Francis Street and 2nd Avenue, E., in 1959-60. Vera retired from teaching from 1951 to 1971 at Kyle School.



Vera started the school museum in 1935 at Success school. Moved it to Hughton, then finally to the Kyle School, 2nd Street, West. Later when the Kyle Composite School was built in 1959-60, it found a final resting place. Also much of the material there has been loaned by citizens and pupils of Kyle district. Vera was especially proud of the museum. Lorne passed away June 13, 1973. Vera sold their home to Wayne & Claudette Nicolas and wee Jarvis. She moved to Edmonton where she lives in her home at 7915 - 150 Ave. with her sister Dorothy Norton and brother-in-law Joe Norton.

BEAVER LUMBER CO. KYLE

The first agent for the Beaver Lumber Co. was Mr. Ernest Fuizee. He came in September or early October of 1923 and built a small office and had lumber brought in which was piled on the lot. He was joined later by his wife Minnie.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuizee were not here too long and the

next agent was Mr. J.N. Wilson. Subsequent-agents were Mr. Greene, Lloyd Magnus, Wilfred Torgenson, Don McMeachin, Rupert Gore, Clarence Neal, and Karl Sveinson who came in 1951 and was here till 1974, when the lumber yard was closed. And, Mr. and Mrs. Sveinson moved to Swift Current where Karl is still working in the Beaver Lumber Co. there.

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Strom operated a hardware store in the office of the lumber yard for a few years and in the fall of 1979 sold to Mr. and Mrs. Shirliff who came here from Edmonton, Alberta. Bev Shirliff is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Perrin of Beechy.

DRESS SHOPS

Teena Seib and Mrs. Stull. Shatilla's Clothing Store.

KYLE BILLIARD AND BARBERSHOP

It was started in 1923 by Babe Hierlmeier of Elrose. Original building just half the size it is now. Folk lore says it was paid for in one day and nite of gambling and bootlegging.

Harry Kolot and Alfred Oraas purchased Mrs. Oraas share in 1928 and enlarged the building. He had a good barber shop and pool hall for many years.

He sold to Harry Roman in 1941. Mr. and Mrs. Kolot, daughter Lilly and sons Stan and Donnie then spent their summers at Clearwater Lake, running a concession to serve the public. Winters were spent in Vancouver where they ran a concession at the Curling rink. They retired to Vancouver where Harry passed away. Mrs. Kolot lives in Vancouver. As do her family.

Harry Roman sold to Joe Lipka in 1965. He added living quarters to the pool room. For a short time a retired Railroad man named Wills operated it. Lipka sold to Marcus Phillips who operated it until he moved to B.C. in 1973.

The building was closed as a barber shop in 1973. Opened again in 1979 by Mr. and Mrs. Tony Sanders. They operate Simpson Sears Catalogue shop, Cards, and government Liquor Vendors. Mr. and Mrs. Andy Brown occupy the living quarters.



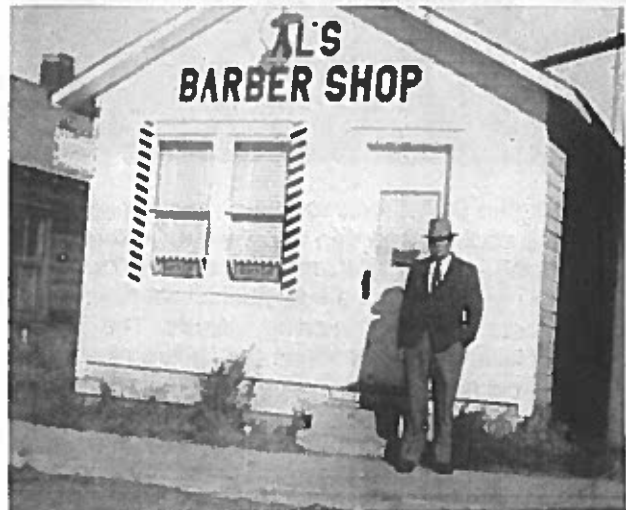
AL'S BARBER SHOP

The building now used as a barber shop was started as a grocery store at the creek or close to the Government Dam about two miles east of Kyle by three associates who were Levie Long, Gordon Hagrup, and Denel Nore. Later it was moved to Kyle where the Clearwater Grain Growers who used it as a hall for a number of years. United Church services were held in it in the spring of 1924.

It was sold to a Mr. Hanna who used it as a radio shop. The Roman Catholic Church used the building for services.

It was later purchased by Elvin Dyrland who used it as a private residence which he later sold to the Kyle Elks Lodge. During their occupancy, it was used by the Girl Guides and the Brownie Organization. During their ownership, the Anglican Church used it for their services.

Albert Rodrigue purchased the building from the Kyle Elks Lodge in 1953 and moved his barber shop which



had been in the Kriek Building on Railway Avenue since 1952 to Centre Street. Mr. and Mrs. A. Rodrigue (nee Ida Hartman of Kyle) have lived in Kyle since May 1952.

They purchased a summer cottage 24' x 18' in 1964 that the Kyle School students had built as part of their shop work and it was added to the rear of the building to make a three room suite which they occupied until they moved to Mrs. Rodrigue's mothers house on Francis Street.

The building was sold to Mr. Francis Berube of South Edmonton, Ab. on Oct. 31, 1979 when A. Rodrigue retired. The front of the building is still used as a barber shop.

HAIRDRESSERS

Ella Stewart
Leila Smith
Irene Luchsinger
Vera Tuba
Sandra Omland

Aretta Woodrow
Brenda Sawyer
Dolores (Davis) Cheney
Karen Sanders
Rita Johnson

MODERN CAFE OF KYLE

The Modern Cafe was built in 1926. It was operated by Sammy Lee and called Royal Cafe. Sammy operated it until Frank Lee took over from 1929 to 1945.

Albert Jenson, his mother Mrs. Andy Jenson, and Mrs. Selma Herr purchased and operated it until 1948.

Harry Chow rented in 1949-50. In 1951, Art and Iris Jenson took over. Later Ken Chow ran it until 1953.

Don Der Kee was the last to run it as a Cafe. The building was dismantled. At that time, Don Der Kee purchased the building next to it (the Art Johnston, then



Robert Whelan Store) making it into a restaurant Don's wife did the cooking and Ken Chow waited tables.

Sam Wong and his wife arrived in the 1950's. Their children; Ming, Malais, King and Mee, all attended Kyle School, doing very well winning awards. The family moved to Saskatoon to continue the children's education. Sam now runs a restaurant at Asquith. The family remain in Saskatoon.

Ping Hong Cho bought from Sam. Jim and Jane Wong and baby assisted Ping (who was Jane's father) for a time. Now in 1980, Steve and Gwen Lam and daughter Helena are in the restaurant.

KYLE CAFE

The building that was the Kyle Cafe was moved into Kyle from Tuberosa by Mr. H. MacMillan for a Massey Harris Shop. Later, it was purchased from him by James S. Wilson. We then rented it to Miss Irene Williams for a beauty shop. She operated it for three years and then



James Wilson and son George (Buster) made it over into a cafe in 1945.

In June, 1948, this business was sold to Mrs. Herr and Mrs. Axel Pederson. They operated it until 1949, and then sold it to Dane Drieger. Mr. Drieger then owned it, but it was managed by Mrs. Isabel White. The business then sold to Mr. Hardar of Main Centre. Mr. Hardar sold out to Mr. and Mrs. O. Anderson who had lived in Swift Current. Mr. and Mrs. Anderson sold out to Mr. and Mrs. Wagner of Moose Jaw. They operated the business during the summer, then they rented it to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stevenson for the winter of 1954-55.

The building and lot belonged to James Wilson.

On the 8th of August, 1955, Mr. Joe Schneider bought the establishment from Mr. and Mrs. Wagner and it was run by Betty and Eva Schneider.

In 1961, the lot was sold to the Kyle Savings and Credit Union who built and operate the present Kyle Savings and Credit Union Building. The former Cafe building was moved to Clearwater Lake.

BAKERIES

Russel Mann Maurice and Amel Hannouche
Wilson and Olga Allen Dutch Bakery

ELECTRIC SHOPS

Loftsgard's Electric, Stuart's Electric (Stuart McMillan), Gerald and Ron Gustafson, now Gerald's Electric.

T.V. REPAIR SERVICE

John Heath, John Scott, and Donald McMillan.

GARAGES

As garages changed hands quite rapidly in the early years, dates are not always available so many will be approximate.

The first garage was started in fall of 1923, by L.P. Norman and Elmer Pederson. They were only in the garage business a short time. Isaac Valen, Clarence Nelson and Chris Melland took over and they had the Ford Garage. Chris Melland moved to Clearwater Lake and Kaare Christensen joined Clarence Nelson and Isaac Valen in the garage.

In the spring of 1927, Isaac Valen left to farm and Harry Nelson became a partner in the garage. This was located just north of the Pool Hall. They sold this property to Chris Melland and bought the property where the present Co-op grocery is located and built a garage there.

In 1929, Chris Melland built what was the Ford Garage on the west side of Centre St. Harold Melbo ran the garage later as did Rueben Nelson.

In 1945, Roy Hunt and Norman Austman bought the Ford garage. They sold Ford and Monarch cars and John Deere implements.

In 1952, Roy Hunt bought the Garage in Aylesbury from his sister-law Ethel Hunt and they moved to Aylesbury.

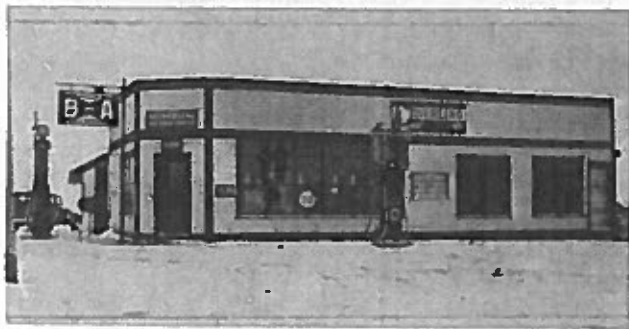


Norman Austman operated the garage till about 1955, when he moved to Calgary. Clive Hogue was in the garage for a time as was Bill Lytle. When he left, it was closed till the Great West Garage from Swift Current took it over. It was managed by Leo Jalbert. Ralph Jacobson has the property now.

Tom Banks opened a garage on March 1, 1924 on Lot 4 Railway Ave. He was in the garage business till 1926 when he left it to farm. Jim McNabb then operated the garage for a short time.

Chris Melland built a garage on the corner of 1st Ave. W. and Centre St. in 1930. He left the garage business in 1931, to farm and ranch. The building was used by the Legion for a time and later torn down and the Post Office was built on that lot.

In the spring of 1932, Kaare Christensen moved his shop from the back of the lot where the Co-op grocery store is now to the corner of Railway Ave. E. and No. 4 Highway. Kaare and his brother George remodeled the shop and it was then their garage. George Christensen left in the fall of 1932 and Erle Hodgins became a partner of Kaare Christensen. It was then Christensen and Hodgins Garage.



They were in partnership till 1964. They sold General Motors products and Oliver Machinery and International Machinery and products. In 1964, Erle Hodgins went farming and Kaare Christensen retired from the garage in 1965. Lyle Pederson and Lorne Davis became the next owners. Lorne Davis sold his share to Lyle Pederson about one and half years later. Lyle Pederson now has the garage. It was B.A. Service – now is Gulf.

Clarence Nelson and George Sands built the Texaco Service on the corner of 1st Ave. E. and No. 4 Highway in 1937. It has been managed or owned by the following people since Clarence Nelson and George Sands left. Sam Van Buskirk Sr., Art Jenson, Grant Moen, Charles Bothner, Ed Larson, Elroy Gunderson, Frank Henley, Ken Whidden, and now Carl Merkel. It became Esso Service a number of years ago.

B.M. Hills Hardware had a gas pump and sold Imperial gas. Johnson's store had a gas pump also. Clark's garage and machine shop sells gas at the present time and has done so for a number of years.

A Mr. Schwaalm from Elrose sold Chev and later Nash cars in the early years. Hans Sollied sold Star cars for a short time.

Rupert Gore and Norman Price had a garage on the corner of Railway Ave. and 2nd St. W. for a period. They sold it to Ed Janke who had a body shop there. It burned in about 1955.

When King's store burned, he started a filling station on the property where Clark's Garage is now. He sold after a short time and went to Shaunavon.

In 1953, Gordon Billet and Russel Webb built a garage on No. 4 Highway. This is where the Royalite, now Gulf is. In 1956, they sold to Glen Boyer and Leif Ruden. In 1958, they sold the garage to two men from Rosetown whose first names were Scotty and Blair. It was closed in 1959 for about eight months. Harry Pierce bought it in 1960 and operated the garage and filling station till he retired in 1977. He sold to Dave Ferguson who also put in some groceries as well as the filling station. In 1979, he sold to Dick Dam who operates it now. It is now the South Side Service.

The Pioneer Co-op also has gas pump at the Farm Centre on Railway Ave. West.

HILLTOP SERVICE

The Hilltop Service is located 2 miles north of Kyle on No. 4 Highway. The land was owned by Johnny Peterson and then sold to Tom Banks who sold the land to Linton Cook. Linton Cook sold two acres of the quarter to Nick and Teresa Kroft. They had two children. They built and operated the Hilltop Service from August 1955 to May 1, 1956. They left here and moved to Battleford.

George Norman built the front part of the cafe at Delisle, it was then moved to the Hilltop.

Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Bangsund bought the Hilltop on May 1st, 1956. Olaf Bangsund was 73 years old and he had seven children from his first marriage. Mrs. Bangsund had lived at Weyburn. Mrs. Bangsund, formerly Mrs. Thomas, had six children. Mr. Bangsund built a leanto onto the west and onto the north using these for storage areas. Power was installed at the Hilltop in 1955 and a cistern was also added at this time.

Mrs. Bangsund later moved in to the Kyle Hotel cafe which is presently Kyle Plumbing and Heating. She served meals there and supplied food for the Hilltop while Olaf managed the Hilltop business. They operated like this for one winter and then sold to Evelyn and Olaf Flaterud and Mrs. Bangsund closed the Kyle Hotel cafe.

Olaf and Evelyn Flaterud began operating the Hilltop in the fall of 1959. They rented the Hilltop to Les and Maria Fedorah from 1962 to 1963. Les and Maria were Hungarian refugees. They had three children. Les and Maria Fedorah then moved to Kyle and then to Swift Current.

Olaf and Evelyn Flaterud took over again in 1963 and remodelled the cafe and moved the house out from Saskatoon.

Chad Stretch did the remodelling in the cafe for Flat-eruds. Chad Stretch was shop foreman for the Saskatoon school board later.

Hilltop was Texaco from 1955 to 1965. In the spring of 1965 to 1978 Hilltop was Royalite then when Royalite was bought by Gulf Co. the Hilltop was Gulf and in 1978 Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dawe changed to Tempo fuel.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dawe bought Hilltop Service in April of 1965. They had operated a service station at Forgan from 1945 to 1965. Walter, with help, ran a cement floor in the shop and also bought two more acres to the west.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dawe sold Hilltop to Philip Sather in July of 1978. The Hilltop is now Phil's Hilltop Service. Philip was married to Lorna Getzlaf on December 1st 1979 and they are still operating the Hilltop.

AUTO BODY SHOPS

Janke Auto Body Shop Brian Cheney Auto Body Shop

IMPERIAL BULK OIL STATION

Mr. W.M. Knox became Imperial Oil Agent in 1929. Gas and oil was brought in on the railroad by tank car and at first stored in barrels, later in storage tanks.

In the 1930's and till Imperial Oil station was moved to White Bear in 1950 Mr. Knox drew Imperial products from the refinery at Regina.

He made many bad trips when roads were icy and muddy. As there was no bridge over the river at that time



his truck went through the ice quite a few times also.

Besides Kyle Mr. Knox delivered oil and gas to Sub-stations as White Bear and Tuberose. Mr. W.M. Gillanders was agent at White Bear and made local deliveries. Andrew Stewart was agent at Tuberose and later Mr. Bruton was agent there.

Howard Woodrow worked for Mr. Knox and made local deliveries till he went to LaPort in 1932 or 1933. Jack Schafer then worked for Mr. Knox for a time. Then Earl Prime worked for Mr. Knox till he went to Conquest in 1943. Gordon Turner followed Mr. Prime and worked for Mr. Knox till Imperial Oil was moved to White Bear in 1950.

BRITISH AMERICAN OIL

Cheney and Anderson were the first agents for the B.A. in Kyle, at that time, the warehouse was located where the present Hotel stands.

Ruben and Harry Nelson took over from them and the warehouse was destroyed by fire in 1928, the same time as the King store burnt. The location was on the south side of the tracks near the stockyards.

Cliff Phillips was another agent in the early 30's. In the late 30's, the present day warehouse was built and business has been conducted from here ever since.

Many agents have followed, Mike Herr had it for a number of years until his death in 1940. Art Noble took over and had it until he joined up with the R.C.A.F. in 1943. Sam VanBuskirk, Gordon Turner and Don Mac-Cauly were agents until the present day agent Dennis Derksen.

MACHINE AGENTS AND MACHINE SHOPS

George Hamilton – Massey Harris 1924-1927

Herr Brothers – International 1923-1940

Christensen and Hodgins – Oliver and International 1932-1964

Wm Knox – Allis Chalmers and John Deere 1929

Steve Jones – Nicolas and Shepherd 1929

McMillan and Price – Cockshutt

McMillan and Young – Cockshutt

Russel Robinson – Cockshutt

Roy Hunt and Norman Austman 1945-1955

Clark's Garage – Massey Ferguson and Versatile 1945-Present

Ken Odegard – John Deere

Eric Anton – Case 1966-Present

Lorne Davis – Machine Shop – Railway Ave. W.

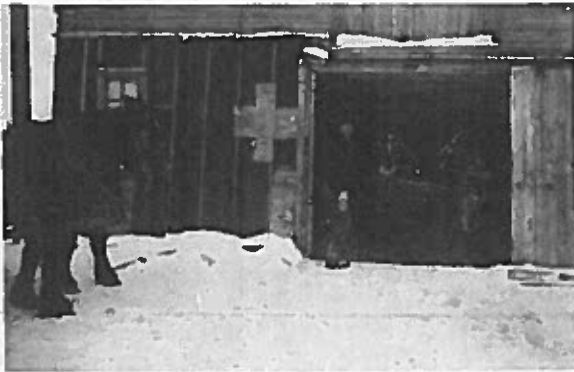
KYLE DRAY AND LIVERY SERVICE

The Kyle Dray Line was started in 1924 by Andrew Jenson. The family consisted of Andrew, Mrs. Emma Jenson and four sons, Thorolf, Arthur, Carl and Albert. Albert was one of the first children born in the town of Kyle. Andrew started his business by building a livery barn across the road from where the old Kyle School now stands. His duties consisted of hauling drinking water for the village, supplying ice for the refrigerators in the stores, draying coal and wood, excavating basements, maintaining the streets, and delivering all the freight brought in by the C.P.R. train twice a week. The drinking water was hauled from a spring on Luchsinger's Ranch about 3½ miles east of town (near the present town well) by pulling a water tank with horses three times per week, winter and summer, stopping at every house and selling water at five cents per pail.

As the "village" grew to a "town" and horses were replaced by trucks and tractors the livery business grew less important. The livery barn was discontinued, the C.P.R. closed the freight service, the town established a

modern sewer and water system, electricity and natural gas. All these factors caused the "Dray Man" to take on side lines. The Wally Knox family are the last and present owners who now operate a modern trucking service and feed lot operation.

During the years that the Dray Line was operating it has had several owners. Andrew Jenson 1924-1942, Douglas Cluff 1942-1944, Andrew Jenson 1944-1946, Ralph Elderton and Keith Cates from 1946-1950, Harold Closs 1950 and since the fall of 1950 to the present time by the Wallace Knox family.



Keith Cates at livery barn.

LIGHT PLANTS

The first Light Plant in Kyle was operated by Charlie Cheney and Minard Anderson about 1925. They were given a 10 year franchise to supply electric power to the village of Kyle. The plant was a generator driven by a tractor. Lights went out at 11 p.m. except on special occasions.

In 1928, Clarence Nelson and Kaare Christensen took over the power plant and Kaare Christensen operated it until 1930. It burned in May of 1928, was rebuilt and put on the back of their lot behind the garage.

In 1930, Vince Sullivan and Jimmy Chisik took over the power plant Jimmy Chisik left about one and half years later and Vince Sullivan continued to operate it till 1945.

The power plant and Sullivan's machine shop burned in 1945. The village of Kyle then took over the power plant. They rented a Caterpillar tractor from Andrew McLatchie to power a generator. Karl Loftsgard became the operator at that time.

In 1946, the village bought a new power plant and Karl Loftsgard installed and operated the power plant until Saskatchewan Power came in 1951.

SEED CLEANING PLANT

Emil Larson Linton Cook Henry Knox

CANARY SEED PLANT

Garth Omland and Ian Gillespie

LAUNDRIES AND LAUNDROMATS

Chinese Laundry – Don York – Railway Ave. E.
Robinson's Laundromat – Main Street
Boyer's Laundromat and Car Wash – No. 4 Highway

JEWELLER

L.P. Norman

KYLE DISTRICT S.P.C. HISTORY

Submitted by Clarence Bartch

The Saskatchewan Power Corporation first built its power line to serve the Kyle district in 1951, at that time it was part of the Elrose district with district operator Al Wickett in charge.

In 1952, the rural electrification program started with the largest portion being built in 1954 and by 1956 most of the farms had electricity.

By 1955, the Elrose district was getting too large to be served by one man. So Kyle had been designated to be a district with headquarters in the town of Kyle.

In 1956, the first district operator for Kyle was filled in the person of Dean (Stub) Robinson who came here from the Lucky Lake district. Stub remained here in Kyle until October 31, 1957 when he then moved to Eston in the same capacity. On November 1, 1957 Clarence Bartch arrived here from Rosthern to take over the capacity of District Operator for the Kyle area and still remains here in that capacity.

KYLE HALLS

The first Hall was owned and operated by Bill Johnston (great uncle of Bill Johnston). It was situated approximately where the Locker Plant is now. Dances were held there and a man whose only name we know as "Speed" held picture shows there on Saturday Nights. Tom Banks made sprockets out of fibre board for the projector. This hall was either torn down or moved out.

The next Hall was probably the Grain Growers Hall moved in from the Springs where Levi Long had a store, one mile north and one mile east of Kyle. It was used for meetings, card parties and some Church services were held there. Later years, Al Roderigue had a barber shop there, now Karen Sander, operates a barber shop.

Eric Anderson built the hall where Brusky Agencies is now. The Bank of Toronto was in the Anderson Hall for a time. There was also a school room there for a period. Phillip's Red and White Store was also in the Anderson hall about 1930-1931. Ted Holland, Lawyer Real Estate and Income Tax, Greer Agencies, Real Estate, Insurance and Income Tax, Hughes and Stevenson, Lawyers, Income Tax and Insurance, Hughes and Hughes, Lawyers, etc. Nancy Brusky secretary, and now Brusky Agencies have all been in the Hall.

The Kyle Hall, sponsored by Kyle and District was built late in 1925 or early 1926. The first school in Kyle was held in the Hall, it began in 1926. There were 2



rooms divided by a removable partition. When the Hall was used for other functions the desks were put away and the partition removed. The curtain was made for the stage under the direction of Mr. V. Gable, first principal of Kyle School. For a few years, a three-day "Chatauqua" was held in the hall each fall. There was also dances, etc. there. The Hall is now being used as a workshop for the town maintenance men.

Other halls includes the Legion, Masons Hall moved here from Tuberoso and the Kyle Elks Hall built by the Elks in 1953. It was used for meetings, dances, etc., till it was sold to the Baptist Church in 1979. In 1979, a new Elks and Community Hall was completed and is now used for community functions.

The Legion and Masons Halls are still in use. The Kinsmen bought the Catholic Church and remodelled it and it is now a Drop-In Centre for Senior Citizens.

KYLE LAWYERS, COMMISSIONERS OF OATHS

Notary Public, Insurance and Licenses

H.J. Reid — Notary Public, Justice of the Peace and Insurance

Mr. Hutchinson — Lawyer

D.G. Lowe — Justice of the Peace, Notary Public and Insurance

E. Holland — Lawyer, Insurance and Income Tax

I.E. Greer — Justice of Peace, Real Estate and Income Tax

Hughes and Stevenson — Lawyers

Hughes and Hughes — Lawyers

Brusky Agencies 1979 — Insurance, Income Tax and Real Estate

Larson's Real Estate — Income Tax

Oscar Evenson — Insurance

W.D. McKaig — Licenses

C. Kacor — Licenses and Insurance

Alex Carr — Licenses, Insurance and Income Tax

MEATMARKETS

A.B. Ferrier (Bob Wilson managed the shop for a short time), Wm Graham, Robert Miller, Olaf Hesla, Art Jenson, Geo. Erber, Lorne Ferrier, Benny Smith, Rueben and Harold Barragar, and Gordon Helsa.

PLUMBING AND HEATING

Kyle Plumbing and Heating — Ansgar Tynning
R. and R. Plumbing and Heating
— Rodney Lowe and Richard Wills

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

The CPR steel was layed through Kyle in November, 1923. From 1919 to 1922, the CPR built a grade from Mildred to Sec. 24-21-15 W3 near Matador ranch. A townsite for Kyle was chosen two miles east of Kyleville P.O. on Sec. 32-21-15 W3 on Jas Wilson's land. The town named after Mr. Jerry Kyle.



Locomotive used in laying track.

However, the year 1921 brought an end to the inflation of the first World War and Post War years. There was an economic recession bringing a standstill to any industrial expansion, resulting in the CPR postponing the laying of steel until 1923 when a bumper crop was grown.

The first station agent was Percy Brown from 1923 to 1943. He was a first World War veteran. While convalescing after being wounded he took up telegraphy. Born in Manitoba, his wife Clarice born in England. Daughter Marion married Ronald Graham of White Bear and was born in 1921 at Outlook. Son Bob born 1934 in Swift Current living in Regina.



C.P.R. Station.

Clarice played with Kyle orchestra members were Danny Sanson, Elrose, Orran Orass, White Bear, Bert

Collins, Toronto Dominion Bank Manager, Henderickson took Bert's place in orchestra and bank when Bert broke his leg playing ball. Mrs. A. Hunter, Clarice and Mr. Katz, school principal, started a tennis court in the thirties. Percy passed away 1964. Clarice lives in Saskatoon.

Jack Turner was station agent 1943, through 1947. He was a veteran of the first war. Took his telegraphs training with Jack Moir. Mr. and Mrs. Jack Moir were at Kyle station from 1947 to 1955. Jack was agent at Ponteix for a few years, returning to Kyle to live and retire.

Henry Eidem was agent from 1955 to 1968 at which time he retired from CPR. Jessie Eidem was an RN and nursing at Kyle White Bear Hospital. She continues nursing at Moose Jaw. Both were very active in community work. Daughter Mavis became a nurse. She married Al Prochyn, they have three children and reside in Saskatoon.

For a time an agent from Swift Current ran the station. It was finally closed. The building sold to Lawrence Hartman. We have a train every so often to haul out grain and bring machinery in 1980. The sign "Kyle" off the station is in Larry Austman's rumpus room. So a part of history has been preserved.

Submitted by Mary Graham

CANADA WEST ELEVATOR

The crew to build the Canada West elevator arrived in October 1923. Foreman was Mr. Fred Hargraves. The men slept in tents heated by small stoves. As there wasn't any restaurants here at that time, Mrs. James Wilson provided meals for the crew. Meals were prepared and served in a cook car rented from the threshing outfit.

The elevator was later sold to the McGlaughlin Elevator Co. It burned Easter Sunday, April 13, 1930. It was rebuilt and sometime later sold to the Federal Grain Co. They sold it to the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 1972. It was torn down in 1978.

First agent for the Canada West Elevator was Minard (Short) Anderson. Some of the other agents for the Canada West, McGlaughlin and Federal elevator were Mr. Jerry Steele, Earl Bowers, John Scott, Hubert (Dib) Banks, C.E. Hallert, Clarence (Red) Davis, Dale Corefield, and Lorne Matheson.



At first the elevator agents sold coal and wood but when oil became used for heating sale of coal and wood was discontinued.

Now agents sell fertilizer, weed and grasshopper sprays.

THE LAKE OF THE WOODS

The Lake of the Woods elevator was built in the fall of 1923 about the same time as the other elevators.

It underwent extensive renovations in 1954 and was sold to the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 1962.

The Lake of the Woods sold Five Roses flour. It was



Hauling grain, 1924.

kept in a flour shed and sold in 50 and 100 lb. bags.

First agent was Mr. Wm Knox, some of the others were H. Kilgour, Bert Knight, George Carr, Mr. Taylor and William Retzleff who was the last agent. Our apologies to anyone we have forgotten.

With the coming of the railroad wheat was first shoveled into cars from a loading platform.

Wheat was selling at that time for 74-75¢ per bushel.

First load of wheat was brought into an elevator December 21, 1923. This information is from Mr. Stuart Drapers diary.

The elevator was probably the Lake of the Woods.

SASK. WHEAT POOL ELEVATOR

The elevator was built in 1923 and early 1924 by the Co-operative Elevator Co. It was sold to the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 1925.

The Wheat Pool was organized June 26, 1924. The owners of the elevator are the people. It is farmer owned and was started by a sign up of the people in the district. It had to have 50% of the acreage signed up before it was started.

Agents for the Wheat Pool have been Dave McKillop, Griffin, Wm Knox, Ed Faber, Oscar Evenson, W.H. Harris, Oliver Gibson, N. Bull, Lyle Kerr, Ed Beeching, Robert Abbott, and Lloyd Brusky who has been here since 1960.

In 1962, the Wheat Pool bought the Lake of the Woods elevator and operated it as Pool B till 1978. It was torn down at that time.

In 1972, the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool bought the Federal Elevator and operated it till 1978, it was then



demolished and the Pool elevator from Matador was moved in on that site, in the winter of 1979, and renovated to a high through put elevator with a capacity of 50,000 bushels with a 112,000 bushel annex.

It was officially opened August 1, 1979. First load of wheat was brought in by Orville Smith representing his late father, Ronald Smith who was very active in the organization of the Wheat Pool. The second load by Dean Pederson, youngest member from Matador.

THE WESTERN ELEVATOR NOW THE PIONEER ELEVATOR

The Western elevator was built in the fall of 1923 and early in 1924.

The agents sold coal and wood till oil became used for heating. Now he sells fertilizer, grasshopper and weed sprays.

The Western Elevator was sold to the Pioneer Grain Co. in the summer of 1929. First manager was Mr. Wm Searle, succeeding Mr. Searle, managers were as follows, R.C. Nelson, H. Melbo, O. Berg, K.E. Young, G.



Morrison, K.A. Grant, A. Leys, K.J. Armstrong, and Dale Turner.

In 1979, a new all steel elevator was built just west of the old elevator. The existing elevator was kept which brought the total capacity to 250,000 bushels. It was officially opened November 16, 1979. The first load of wheat was brought in by Mrs. Anne Mills.

Early elevators had a capacity of 30,000 bushels and were adequate as grain was brought in all through the year. At first, with horses and a wagon or sleigh. The first trucks which were one ton became general about 1928. Loads were 50-100 bushels.

KYLE SAVINGS AND CREDIT UNION

In the fall of 1938, a resident of Kyle, Mr. Robert Whelan visited his home town in Prince Edward Island. While there he became interested in the Credit Union movement. Upon returning to Kyle early in 1939, he attended local study group meetings and along with a number of interested citizens, they obtained literature and material on the Credit Union. The study group members at this time were R. Whelan, B.M. Sollied, Ole Strom, John Lee, Ronald Smith, Enok Dyrland, Ole Gunderson, Wm. McKaig, Oscar Evensen with R. Whelan as chairman and Wm. McKaig as secretary.

After nearly three years of meetings, an application to organize a Credit Union was made to the Co-operative Division of the Dept. of Agriculture.

On Dec. 16, 1941, the Kyle Savings and Credit Union was formed. The first board of directors were R.C. Nelson, Charlie Kacor, O. Berg, R. Gunderson, J. Omland, E. Elderton, and E. Vermette.

The supervisory committee was Wm. McKaig, Rev. K. Bergsagal, T.E. Jenson – the credit committee consisted of G.M. Driscoll, R. Smith and O. Evenson.

Mr. Robert Whelan was the first president, R.C. Nel-



Staff, 1961: Marlene Bird, Manager Charlie Kacor, Isabel White and R. Erickson.

son was vice-president, and O. Evenson as secretary-treasurer.

The fee to join the Credit Union was five dollars. Raymond Gunderson was the first member.

The first loan granted was for \$30.00. At the end of 1942, there were 174 members and loans out for \$5270.00 with the maximum loan being \$150.00.

In 1946, the first building was purchased, up until now business was done in a rented village council room. This building was remodelled in 1950, extra staff was hired and maximum loans were increased to \$2,000.00. A vault was built in 1954 and safety deposit boxes were installed. In 1959, a committee was set up to find a new site and plan a new building.

By 1960, authorization was given to build a new office building. The official opening of the present Credit Union



Kyle Credit Union opened, 1961.

was on October 18, 1961. Total membership at this time was 1,274, with total assets being \$1,393,139.78. The office now had a staff of four, with Charlie Kacor as manager.

In 1967, people in the Elrose district felt the need for a Credit Union, so a branch office was opened being affiliated with Kyle. It has a staff of four permanent employees, with Wayne Lindsay as branch manager.

Managers throughout the years were O. Evenson, Charlie Kacor, John Barr and Jake Schellenberg.

At the present time, the Kyle Savings and Credit Union has a staff of five, with Jake Schellenberg as manager. The total membership in 1980 is 2,324 and the total assets are at an all-time high of eleven and one half million dollars. Eugene Vermette was honored this year for 22 years of service on the board of directors. Mr. Vermette was on the first board of directors in 1941.

TORONTO DOMINION BANK

The Bank opened for business in Kyle on September 25, 1925. Kyle's TD Bank was originally the Bank of Toronto (amalgamated with the Dominion Bank in 1955 to become Toronto Dominion).

Mr. Bert Collins was the first bank manager and he worked in Kyle for 22 years being replaced by Neil Eston Weaver in 1947. Mr. Collins was transferred to Coronation, Alberta in 1947 to be manager there. He subsequently retired from the Bank and is now deceased.

Mr. N.E. Weaver better known to his friends and customers as "Bud" came to Kyle from Mazenod, Sask. where he was manager. Mazenod branch has since closed and little remains in the village. Mr. Weaver retired from the Bank in 1969 while working in Kyle. Ironically, he worked 22 years in Kyle as did Bert Collins before him. Mr. Weaver and his good wife Mary "Molly" spend their summers at Kenosee Lake where they have a summer home and their winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Mr. Stannard replaced Mr. Weaver as manager in 1969 and worked in Kyle until 1978. He is now working in the Saskatchewan Divisional Office of the Bank in Regina. Jack and Doreen have many friends in the area and they are frequent visitors. Wray and Craig Stannards, sons of Jack and Doreen, grew up in Kyle and now are both working for the Bank.

Hugh Hawkins, manager of the Bank at the time of writing, took over from Jack Stannard in 1978. Hugh and his wife Linda have one son, Daniel.

Many other people worked at the Bank over the 55 years it has been open and while it is not our intention to try to recall the names of each and everyone, we felt it might be well to mention some. Please forgive us if names have been omitted.

F.V. Cass	W.J. Campbell	Mae Crawford	Henry O. Jacobsen
G. Heinrich	A.B. Kohnen	W.G. Wallace	Denis Stauch
D.B. Sansom	John Grafer	G.G. Wilcox	Martha G. Allen
C.R. Ruddell	D.L. Nicholson	K.B. McClellan	W.D. Van Buskirk
R.E.C. James	W.E. Hyatt	A.E. Miller	C.M. Coghill
C. Smith	Adele E. Plante	Allan Caldicott	H.H. Metcalf
G.N. McLeod	Maisie M. Higham	L.R.R. Thompson	Metcalf Martha
H.D. Wright	E.A. Nelson	J.W. Avery	Stanley Pederson
H.S. Sleigh	T.G. Foster	Eugene Trytten	Lozinsky E.S. Greba
H.J. Newton	B.B. Collins	W.J. Davidson	Norman Nordquist
A.F. Sinclair	L.M. Hesla	E.A. Kriek	A.M. Loftsgard
Shari Pittman	D.E. Brown (Mrs. Dave Banks)		
M.R. Couthard (Mrs. Walter McCrie)		K.H. Hartness (Mrs. Rolland Moreside)	
S.L. Sorensen (Mrs. Lyle Van Buskirk)		I.A. Turner (Mrs. Wm. Retzleff)	
W.J. Stone	I.G. Bateman	R.C. Thorstad	Murray Westfield
Phyllis Foreman	F.H. Dermody	J.M. McLaren	K. Stuart Laird
B.A. Weaver	Verna Griffith	Viola L. Anton	Iola Dyrland
Guelda Gordon	Arlene Hogue	Dale Byron	Gerry Merrison
Gwen Merrison	Edwin H. Oram	McLeod Cleve Byers	Robert Petkau
Catherine Rebman	Cheryl Retzleff	Judy Smith	Allan Szado

Mary Richards Kent Ritchie	Ken Hamilton Doug Mellor	Len Smith Delmer Heindle Rhonda Rempel	Blair Thomson Randy Graham Sandra Gustavson
Karla Marshall W. Karcha	Jim Christensen		

Submitted by Hugh Hawkins

FROM THE ARCHIVES OF THE R.C.M.P.

In 1928, the Force absorbed the Saskatchewan Provincial Police and opened a detachment at Elrose. Mr. H.J. Reid, the justice of the Peace at Kyle, asked about the possibility of establishing a detachment at Kyle and was told that Kyle received adequate protection from the member stationed at Elrose. Corporal W. Standidge, Regimental Number 9152, said that he had received only three complaints from Kyle and that he patrolled to Kyle once a week. A petition was sent from Kyle asking for a detachment and pointing out that many transients came through Kyle and there was no telephone communication between Kyle and Elrose. Mr. Reid advised the Force that the Village Council was prepared to build a suitable building for a detachment. On November 15, 1928, the Attorney-General of Saskatchewan suggested that the Force move Corporal H. Harvey, Regimental Number 5708, from Elrose to Kyle. A two storey house on Alfred Street was rented by the Force for \$25 per month on December 1, 1928. Our building file indicates that the location of the detachment building was at the corner of Second Avenue and Francis Street in 1945. I believe that this is the same location as in 1928. A new office was constructed by the village in 1947 at the rear of the living quarters. In October of 1955 the Village Council purchased a house previously owned by Mrs. L. Odegard on 1st Street East. The Force moved into this building on January 1, 1956.

In 1965 they moved residence and office into rented quarters of Roy Hesla building at 209 3rd Ave. east.

In 1978 this building was purchased as a residence for two R.C.M.P. families following renovations.

A list of members who served at Kyle:

January/29 Cpl. H. Harvey	Oct.-Sept./29 Cpl. W. Standidge	Jan./30 Sept./32 Cst. E.H. Stephens	1939-40 Cst. D.L. Bolger	Jan./42 Cst. E.A. Fisk (Saskatoon Sub-Division)	Jan./45 Cst. E.A. Fisk	Feb./47 Cpl. E.A. Fisk	Jan./50
Cst. A. Tingle	March/52 Cpl. A. Tingle	Jan./55 Cst. J.N. Pratt	Jan./58 Cst. R.N. Baynes	Feb./60 Cst. R.N. Baynes	Jan./63 Cst. A.J. Wegren	March/65 Cst. C.C. Young	March/65 Cst. S.C. Fairbridge
							July/67

Cpl. C.C. Young	Cst. R.G. Franklin	Cst. J.J.K. Beasse	Cst. J.R. King	Cst. Thos Light	Cst. A. Roney	Cst. M. Flynn	Cst. Grant Ferguson	Cst. Robt Glenn	Cst. Johnston	Cst. Weir	Cst. McClay	Cst. Greg Cooper
Cst. McLeod	Cst. Garry Grigg - 77	Cpl. Tim Martin 71-77	Cst. R. Aikman 76-	Cpl. Lindsay Siple 77-80	Cst. W.E. Turk 76	Cpl. W.E. Turk 80-	Cst. E. Harapiak 76-79	Cst. Rod Knecht 77-78	Cst. Brian Meyer 79	Cst. John Walsh 79	Cst. Ronald McDonald 79	

Shannon (Marshall) Dyrland, Ann Brown, and Linda Hawkins have done secretarial work for the R.C.M.P.

A new barracks for R.C.M.P. was officially opened on Centre Street in 1978. In 1980 we have a detachment of four personnel and a secretary.



R.C.M.P. Barracks.

KYLE AND AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

The first fire department equipment was furnished by Andy Jenson. He always had a tank of water on hand. A bucket brigade was set up by the local fellows. In fact, anyone able to handle a bucket of water was considered a fireman in critical times.

In the late 1920's, a cistern was dug by Tony Mezza back of the town hall. In approximately 1935-39, a chemical tank was purchased. This was a high pressure tank which formed a chemical reaction for fighting fires. The chemical was purchased in barrels.

Having no fire hall, the equipment was stored in Chris Melland's garage (then owned by the Legion) where the Kyle Post Office now stands.

Bill Knox dug a reservoir by the curling rink to accumulate water. Later a cistern was dug there.

A 1946 Ford truck was bought in 1955 and taken to Saskatoon where a pumping unit was installed. Ralph Jacobsen built the tank at a cost of \$850.00. The unit is still used as back up equipment when needed.

The present fire truck a 1968 Tibault, was bought by the R.M. of Lacadena. Kyle furnishes the man power.

The fire hall built in 1966 houses the trucks and Kyle ambulance which has served the community well.

Some of the fires (to name a few) were King's store,

McLaughlin elevator, Janke's Auto Body, Pool Office, light plants, Eric Anton and Green residences and many more fires. Several were fought under severe weather conditions where men and equipment were covered with ice.

In the near tragedies no lives have been lost, just cuts, burns and abrasions.

Our thanks to the many fire chiefs and firemen who have given of their time and effort to man the equipment and taken ambulance calls and trips.

**Submitted by Mary E. Graham
(With knowledge of the past from several citizens)**



THE KYLE POST OFFICE

In the early 1900's there were several small Post Offices in the area located on different farms. The "Kyleville" Post Office was first established at the Kyle Brothers farm on NE-¼-36-21-16-W3, just west of the present town of Kyle, on what is known as the famous "Battleford Trail" which goes through the farm. Jerry Kyle was appointed the first Postmaster 1-7-1909 and continued until his death 20-12-1918. The mail was hauled from Swift Current, Success and Pennant by wagon and sleigh with horses.

Forrest Kyle was Postmaster of Kyleville Post Office from 20-12-1919 until 30-6-1924 when the Post Office was closed and moved to the village of Kyle.

The Kyle Post office was established 1-7-1924 when David George Lowe, the local druggist was appointed Postmaster. The mail was received twice weekly from the C.P.R. Trains. This service continued until Mr. Lowe's resignation and retirement 19-11-1946.

Thorolf El Jenson was appointed Postmaster 1-5-1947. Purchasing Mr. Lowe's building and business continuing the Post Office at the same location. When the C.P.R. discontinued mail service the mail was received by S.T.C. Bus from Swift Current for a time and then by independent mail contractors from Swift Current and Saskatoon. This service continues today.

The Kyle Post Office also supplies a Rural Route Service. Mr. George F. Turnbull was the first Rural Route Courier followed by Ralph Elderton, W. Knox and Mrs.



David Lowe.

Gladys Knox who is still the present Courier.

When C.P.R. rail mail service was discontinued the Kyle Post Office started supplying the Sanctuary and Tuberose Post Offices. The Tuberose Post Office has been closed but Sanctuary still receives mail through Kyle.

The mail service and volume has increased every year. In 10-10-61 the Kyle Post Office was upgraded and moved to a new modern Federal Building constructed on the old Christ Melland Garage and Legion Hall site across from the Toronto Dominion Bank.

Mrs. Edna Renton became the first full time assistant in 8-10-61 and was succeeded by Miss Betty Schnieder in 2-7-63 when Mrs. Renton moved to Carlyle, Sask.

Mr. Jenson also served as supervisory Postmaster, supervising auditing and inspection of offices and Rural Routes. He retired in 1977 and was succeeded by Miss Betty Schneider. Mrs. Marlene Schneider still maintains her long time position as part time assistant.



T. Jenson and Betty Schneider.