

# ORGANIZATIONS

## TUBEROSE LODGE No. 181 A.F. and A.M. G.R.S.

Submitted by W. Bro. E. Roy Bishop, P.M.

Tuberose Lodge No. 181 was duly instituted on October 7, 1925 by D.D.G.M. of District No. 14, R.W. Bro. J.W. Burton.

Previous planning meetings had been held to proceed with the organization of a Lodge at Tuberose. At the annual communication of Grand Lodge in 1926, it was recommended that a charter be granted when conditions for a charter were met.

Consequently a charter was issued by Grand Lodge No. 181, G.R.S. and on Sept. 6, 1926, M.W. Bro. J.W. Smith, Grand Master, constituted and consecrated the Lodge at a meeting held in Lucky Lake. At the same meeting, M.W. Bro. W.B. Tate installed the following charter members as officers:

R.M. Lindsay Wor. Master	R.L. Harper Senior Warden
W.O. Lindsay Junior Warden	W.J. Davenport Sec. Treas.
W.L. Knox Senior Deacon	W.E. Constable Junior Deacon
D. Halliday Senior Steward	O.D. Jacobs Junior Steward
G.A. McDonald Inner Guard	J.N. Wilson Tyler

Also on the charter were Bros. T.E. Joubert, W.J. Webb, D.A. Lytle and L. Hemmingway.

A farm building was originally purchased and moved into town for a Lodge Hall, but unfortunately later in 1926 the hall and contents were destroyed by fire.

The Lodge then used the Anglican Mission Hall until 1929 when it was decided to build a new hall. This was completed by the end of 1929 and used until 1945, when at this time, it was moved to Kyle and placed on a cement foundation.

An extension was added and electric lights installed. Improvements since that time are sewer and water, indoor toilets, gas furnace and other renovations. More renovations are planned for this fall of 1980.

In 1951, the Lodge furnished a ward in the Kyle White Bear Union Hospital. High School awards are also supported as well as youth camps and projects.

Many prominent citizens of Kyle, White Bear, Lacadena, Tuberose and Sanctuary Districts now make up the members of Tuberose No. 181, as they have done for the past 54 years.

On November 15, 1971, Lacadena Lodge No. 196 was officially amalgamated with Tuberose Lodge No. 181 and since known as members of Tuberose Lodge No. 181. Most Worshipped The Grand Master, Mervyn J. Woods conducted the amalgamation ceremony at Kyle.

Members of the Tuberose Lodge who have served as District Deputy Grand Masters of District No. 12 are as

follows:

R.W. Bro. W.O. Lindsay 1932 Deceased  
R.W. Bro. O.D. Jacobs 1937 Deceased  
R.W. Bro. R.L. Harper 1942 Deceased  
R.W. Bro. I.H. Pittman 1949 Deceased  
R.W. Bro. Peter McGregor 1938 Deceased  
R.W. Bro. H.R. Simons 1965 Deceased  
R.W. Bro. A.H. Fogg 1971  
R.W. Bro. D.L. Banks 1976  
W. Bro. A.W. Lowe 1981, Incoming D.D.G.M.

During the past several years 1966 and on, many of our respected and esteemed members have passed on to be with "The Great Architect of the Universe", as shown below. My apologies if I have inadvertently missed anyone.

Wor. Bro. Ronald Smith June 1966	Wor. Bro. Thomas E. Greer Jan. 1968
Bro. Fred Handley March 1968	Bro. Carman McDonald Nov. 1968
Bro. Albert G. Mills March 1969	Wor. Bro. K.W. Lytle June 1969
Bro. Leslie C. Fox Sept. 1970	Wr. Bro. Edgar Bath Nov. 1970
Bro. Wm. F. Tait Nov. 1971	Bro. John Maalerud July 1972
Wor. Bro. H.A. Fullerton Dec. 1972	Bro. Thomas Wm. Lowe April 1973
R.W. Bro. I.H. Pittman July 1973	Wor. Bro. K.A. McRitchie Oct. 1973
R.W. Bro. D.A. McMillan Nov. 1973	R.W. Bro. R.L. Harper March 1974
Bro. James G. Stewart July 1974	V.W. Bro. C.E. Clark Sept. 1974
Bro. Andrew B. Stewart Nov. 1974	R.M. Bro. Peter McGregor Sept. 1975
Bro. Gordon A. Turner Sept. 1975	Wor. Bro. Wm. L. Knox Feb. 1976
Bro. Ivan H. Smith July 1976	Wor. Bro. W.J. Davenport Dec. 1976
Bro. Louis Gaensley Dec. 1977	Wor. Bro. A.G. Turner Jan. 1979
R.W. Bro. O.D. Jacobs Feb. 1979	Wor. Bro. W.C. Bailey Feb. 1979
R.W. Bro. H.R. Simons July 1979	Wor. Bro. J.L. Moir Dec. 1979
Bro. Gordon C. Davis Feb. 1980	V.W. Bro. Heinz Laurien April 1980

Officers of Tuberose Lodge No. 181 for 1980:

I. Past Master W. Bro. George Lowe  
Wor. Master W. Bro. Gerald Gustavson  
Sec. Treas. W. Bro. Douglas E. Clark  
Sen. Warden V.W. Bro. Alex L. Carr  
Jun. Warden Bro. Orville L. Smith  
Sen. Deacon Bro. Richard Aikman  
Jun. Deacon V.W. Bro. Earl Danielson  
Inner Guard Bro. Jack Staffin  
Tyler W. Bro. Robert Maalerud

Dir. of Ceremonies W. Bro. Clifford Pittman  
Organist W. Bro. Stan Calvert  
Chaplain W. Bro. Archie Lowe.

We have a very good number of young and enthusiastic members as well as the older core, and we are sure that Tuberose Lodge No. 181 is in very good hands. We are certain that we can look forward to a happy and prosperous future for Tuberose Lodge No. 181 A.F. and A.M.

## **HISTORY OF BETHEL (TUBEROSE) CHAPTER No. 66 O.E.S.**

Tuberose Chapter No. 66 was instituted in Tuberose on Aug. 23 1926, by Brother Maurice Case, Worthy Grand Patron, with his wife, Cora Case, Worthy Grand Matron, as Chaplain. Violet Reilly as Grand Secretary and Hattie Manchester, Grand Marshall.

There were 23 names on the petition, 20 were present and the officers installed held office until the end of 1927. These first officers of Tuberose Chapter were: Worthy Matron – Mary E.E. Lowe, Secretary – Wm. L. Knox, Treasurer – Robert L. Harper, Conductress – Mabel B. Hemmingway, Associate Conductress – Isa Bull, Chaplain – Mary Lindsay, Organist – Margaret Goodall, Adah – Myra Gillanders, Ruth – Margaret Knox, Esther – Mary K. Harper, Martha – Agnes Constable, Electa – Annie Webb, Warder – John Lee, and Sentinel – Wm. McLeod.

Pennant Chapter No. 43 put on the initiation work and exemplified other O.E.S. work. Meeting nights were the Friday on or before the full moon. A few meetings were held at Dr. Halliday's home after a fire destroyed the hall. Jewels and emblems were bought that Fall.

Tuberose Chapter No. 66 was constituted on Monday June 27, 1927. Meeting days were changed to Wednesday and were held in the Mission Hall, Tuberose.

In 1929, meeting nights were changed to the third Monday and before the Installation, a fowl supper was served. The Sisters supplied all the dishes and utensils and Sister Myra Gillanders flowers for the tables.

In 1929, the meeting place was changed from the Mission Hall to the new Masonic Hall. In the same year, a daughter was born to Sister Isa Bull, little Mabel Leslie, the first child born to a member of Tuberose Chapter.

No Birthday Anniversaries were celebrated until the year 1930. This year a piano and curtains were purchased and the office of Associate Patron was first introduced.

The first O.E.S. tea was held in 1931 and the proceeds amounted at \$28.90. Throughout the depression years, the members were forced to economize. The fees were lowered to \$4.00 in 1933 and records show that tableclothes were made from flour sacks. In 1935, the fees were lowered again to \$3.00 and it was the first year an open Installation was held.

The meetings were a great thing in the member's young lives and they had a lot of good times together with dances, card parties and drama nights. There was always an abundance of music and at lunch time there was never a scarcity of food. Although many good times

were celebrated together, they also had their share of troubles and sickness and at those times came to one another's aid in the true meaning of "Star".

As the Forties approached, the world plunged into war. Tuberose Chapter did its small part in supporting Canada's war efforts. Donations were made to the "Buy a Tank Fund" and the Queen's Fund. Silver Teas were put on for the war services.

In 1943, the Chapter adopted two war prisoners and packed parcels for them. War bonds were purchased and in 1944, they sent Christmas parcels to the sons and daughters of members overseas.

In 1945, the Masonic Hall was moved to Kyle and in 1947 the name was changed to Bethel Chapter No. 66.

Throughout the Fifties, many changes were made to the hall. In 1952, the basement was made suitable for use in the lunch hour. New drapes were purchased in 1955 and the kitchen remodelled in 1957. 1959 was the year the wearing of short white dresses for regular meetings and long white dresses for special meetings was established.

In the following decade, the by-laws were amended so holidays were taken in July and August, a new Canadian flag was purchased in 1969. Sister Isa Bull received her 50 year pin.

In the past, as now Bethel Chapter has strived to maintain generous benevolent donations to Estarl – religious training awards, O.E.S. homes in Saskatoon and Regina, Cancer, heart and other health funds, as well as supporting local needs such as, delivering Meals on Wheels, helping at Baby Clinics, supplying lunch for the monthly senior citizens meetings, donating to the Kyle School Awards and co-operating with other local organizations to help them in their service to the community.

Bethel Chapter has been honoured many times by its members being appointed to various offices or committees of the Grand Chapter of Saskatchewan. Eleven Sisters have been given Grand Representative Appointments. Five Sisters and three brothers appointments to Grand Chapter Offices. Three Sisters as Grand Pages. Seven Sisters have been elected District Deputy Grand Matrons and one Sister, Sister Esther Johnson has been elected to the Office of Worthy Grand Matron of the Grand Jurisdiction of Saskatchewan.

In 1976, we celebrated our 50th Anniversary with a banquet and program in the School Auditorium. Many members from near and far were in attendance to help Bethel celebrate. One Charter member, Sister Myra Gillanders received her 50 year pin. Sister Mabel Hemmingway, the only other Charter member was unable to be present.

Bethel Chapter today has a membership of 61 and continues to meet with the same dedication to purpose as it did back in 1926. The members gone before left a legacy of devotion to duty, faith and loving kindness which Bethel today endeavours to carry on in this the 75th anniversary of Saskatchewan.

Submitted by Lynn Clark

## KYLE B.P.O.E.

Kyle Lodge No. 169 was actually organized late in the fall of 1927 and by Feb. 24, 1928 had a membership of 47 and received its charter, with the late Elmer Nelson who owned and operated Clearwater Lake resort as its first Exalted Ruler.

For a good many years, the "Elks" had no home of their own, holding meetings in various locations, including the old Legion building where the Post Office now stands, a small building behind the Pool Hall known as the "pig's ear" was often used as well as, meetings in the basement of the Russel Mann bakery, the Sons of Norway Hall, where Ansgar Tynning's plumbing shop is now located, as well as the Grain Growers Hall, where "Al's" Barbershop is now and for larger occasions the Town Hall. Several members belonging to the Lodge were from the Abbey area and occasionally a meeting was held over there.

They later bought the Grain Growers Hall, but due to its small size resold it and bought the old Power Plant building. In July of 1953, work was begun on the Elks Hall, members doing their own carpenter work as well as hauling from the northern mills with their own trucks. Heating and plumbing being put in mainly by Lodge members.

On Feb. 24, 1954, they celebrated their 26th anniversary with a dance and social as a first occasion in the Elks Hall. Through the years, we have had three District Deputies from this Lodge, W.M. Lowe in 1934, 1935, and 1936; Sam Van Buskirk in 1964, 1965, and 1966; and Jack McCrie in 1971, and 1972. Sam Van Buskirk was our Provincial President and continues as Corby Trustee. We have no charter members left in our Lodge or the Order, but our Charter Chaplin D.G. Lowe, who for years was our Druggist and Postmaster is still living in Vernon, B.C. and Ken Gillespie at Victoria, B.C. O.D. Jacobs (Slim) passed away in the winter of 1979.

In July 1979, we moved into the new Elks and Community Hall which gives us larger and better accommodations. In 1978, we celebrated our 50th anniversary.

Submitted by Jack McCrie

## O.O.R.P. KYLE No. 58

It was first instituted in 1940 on October 3 by Deputy Supreme installing officer Lady Agnew of Moose Jaw Lodge No. 9. Twenty ladies became members that night with one more joining the next day. Lady Elva Nelson made our Regalia. In order to make money, we held card parties, dances and raffles.

During the early years, we assisted the Brother Elks with gifts to the older people at Christmas, to the Greek refugees, milk for Britain, helped some families, sent parcels to boys overseas who belonged to the Brother Elks and Royal Purple. There wasn't as much lodge visiting then as now; though we did visit Moose Jaw and Swift Current and someone attended the conventions.

As there was no Elks Hall at that time, some meetings were held in homes, in the Hotel before it was finished

and then we were able to rent the Sons of Norway Hall. As our meetings were held the same night as the Brother Elks, we had lunch together which was enjoyed by all. Later, we had our meetings in what is now Al's Barbershop.

In the fall of 1952, we had to disband as our attendance dwindled for various reasons. On March 24, 1954 Kyle Lodge was re-instated by Lady Greaves of Swift Current with 26 ladies joining that night and four more later giving us 30 charter members. Since then, we have been much more active in community work, visiting other lodges in the district and attending conventions, etc. One of our members, Lady Pat Head was District Deputy 61-62 and 62-63.

We have donated to the Kyle Hospital, Kyle Band, Boy Scouts, Save the Children Fund, Purple Cross Fund, collected for the Blind, helped several families, worked for Baby Clinic, Polio Clinic and T.B. x-rays, etc.

Once a year, on Royal Purple Day – the first Wednesday in June – we entertain the Senior Citizens and Grandmothers of the district. To raise money, we have catered for weddings, the Board of Trade, Co-op, Credit Union, and other organization banquets. We have also had dances and bingos.

In 1954, when we started again the Brother Elks had a fairly new hall, so we worked towards helping with some of the furnishings and now we are working towards the Elks and Community Hall.

We still have three ladies who joined in 1954, Olive Bell, Hazel Smith, and Bertha Moreside.

Submitted by Bertha Moreside

## ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION 1929 – 1980

Submitted by H. Heath

The Royal Canadian Legion Kyle Branch #124 was a member of the British Empire Service League.

In 1929, the Branch received its charter at Tuberoose and was composed of Veterans of World War I and Boer War. It later became the Royal Canadian Legion after World War II.

Today, there is only one living charter member. He is Nathaniel Baker, now living in a home in Swift Current.

In its early days, the Branch did not have a hall of its own. The towns of Tuberoose, Sanctuary, White Bear and Kyle alternated having meetings. Sometime in the early 1930's, property was bought at Kyle that had formerly been a garage. Today, the Post Office occupies the space. The main part of the Legion was moved south and is now Culhums Funeral Home. After World War II and the influx of new veterans, the old hall was sold and a new one was built at its present site in 1954.

In 1931, the Legion realized the potential help their women folks could render and the Legion arranged to accommodate a Ladies Auxiliary and promptly had a full slate of willing helpers.

With the ending of World War II and the potential increase in members, the Legion went to work to raise money to build a skating rink. Today the Kyle Memorial

Rink is the result of their initiative. During the years immediately after the Second World War, the Legion provided many handouts to deserving veterans and their dependents who were trying to become established and settled after the upheaval of war. As time went on and the veterans became established and the need for the handouts became less and less. Although the need appears to be lessening, the Legion still maintains what is known as a Poppy Fund. This fund is designed to provide instant help to a needy veteran in the event of calamity or tragedy. The Dominion Command in its constitution, stipulates the conditions under which this fund can be used. Under no circumstances is it used for general revenue of the branch. The money is kept in separate fund and invested. The interest is used to provide bursaries each year to qualified students of the local school.

When the Legion has surplus funds in general revenue, these funds are used for such things as sports uniforms, or donation to the hospital for articles not normally included in the budgets.

After 35 years of peace, most of the veterans are reaching the age of retirement and the young people of the Legion Members are being asked to join the Legion as Associate members with a view of having them carry on the Legion activities and thus make use of the properties and projects the Legion has all over Canada. They are told not to ask what can the legion do for me, but rather "what can I do for the Legion". The Legion pass word is "Service".

### War Veterans

#### Boer War 1899-1902

Williams, John  
 Stepple, Herbert  
 Griffith, John James

#### World War I 1914-1918

Akister, Geo. W.	Kerr, Lyle
Baker, Nathan	Larter, Richard
Banks, Thomas A.	Lawrence, Albert
Brown, Percy	Lowe, D.G.
Bruton, A.E.	McGregor, James A.
Bryan, Roy C.	Miller, Stewart
Clark, Thomas	Miller, Thos.
Collins, Bert	Mills, A.G.
Cates, Steve	Reynolds, Walter
Dunan, Robert	Russell, George Mark
Ferguson, Denton B.	Smart, Walter
Gillespie, Donald	Stenhouse, J.N.
Gillespie, Angus M.	Stepple, Edward
Gollimer, A.W.	Stewart, Andrew
Graham, Jr. B.	Stewart, Walter
Greer, Thos. Earl	Stewart, C.A.
Hamilton, J.	Turner, B.R.
Hamilton, R.L.	VanBuskirk, Sam
Hogue, Enos	West, Frank
Howell, Martin	Wilkie, Alex

Hudson, Ed  
 Humphrey, E.L.  
 Johnstone, Ted

Wright, A.C.

#### World War II 1939-1945

Avery, George	Davidson, Gordon
Avery, Lawrence	Davis, Glen
Anderson, Leonard	Dietrick, Lorne
Anderson, Olaf	DeGruchy, Frank
Akister, Earl	Douglas, Robert
Akister, Percy	Dowson, Robert
Bailey, Wm.	Dyrland, Cliff
Baker, Gordon	Egeland, Mel
Barlow, Frank	Egeland, Severt
Basset, J.D.	Endicott, E.G.
Baldwin, Doug	Erickson, Henry
Baldwin, Harold	Erickson, W.A.
Baldwin, Ivor	Figley, L.W.
Beattie, R.W.	Fogg, Alfred H.
Bird, Charles	French, Nick
Bird, Cliff	Gibson, R.
Bird, Ken	Gillespie, Ken
Bird, Roy	Goldbeck, Geo.
Bishop, Roy	Graham, Orvell
Brown, Cliff	Graham, Roy D.
Carr, Alex	Graham, Ivan
Clark, George	Graham, Lawrence
Clark, William L.	Graham, Walter
Closs, Lorne	Griffith, Albert
Cluff, Andrew	Gunderson, Elroy L.
Cluff, Clarence	Larson, Emil
Cook, Herb	Larson, Harold
Cook, Thos. Linton	Larter, John E.
Hamilton, Richard	Lilburn, Alfred
Hamilton, Robert	Lee, Leonard
Haagenson, Lloyd	Luchsinger, Donald
Hartman, Lawrence	Luchsinger, Phillip
Hay, Vic	Lyons, Ken
Heath, Harold	Longlitz, V.
Henley, Frank	MacLeod, D.
Hoffman, Henry	Mezza, Tony
Holland, Ted	McCarthy, Felix
Howes, Elgin	McCarthy, Richard
Hunter, Alder	McDonald, C.R. (Buster)
Hunter, Ronald	McGuire, Bill
Jacobson, Leonard	McKechney, John
Jacobson, Norman	McLachlen, Cliff
Jenson, Albert E.	McLelland, Jack
Jenson, Thorolf E.	McMullen, Doug
Jones, Charles	McCrie, Earl
Johnston, Russel H.	Morrison, Glenn
Jordheim, Andrew	Mathews, Cliff
Jorgenson, Aagie	Millward, Gordon
Kenhnicki, H.P.	Mindrum, Arne
Kerr, Raymond	Mindrum, Percy
Knox, Kenneth S.	Monson, Erny
Knox, Stanley	Mutlow, Sam
Koldingness, Garvin	Nelson, Chester
Lacy, George F.	Noble, G.A.
Lazonby, Harold	Stephenson, Earl

Loftsgard, Trig  
 Lovstad, T.  
 Odegard, Ken  
 O'Hara, R. (Bob)  
 O'Neil, M.E.  
 Opsahl, Hugo  
 Pederson, Norman  
 Pendrigh, Jim A.  
 Pickford, Doug  
 Pittman, Jack  
 Prime, Jack  
 Prime, Gordon  
 Russel, Ivan  
 Rebman, John  
 Robinson, Russ  
 Russell, Harold  
 Robbins, Howard  
 Scott, John  
 Schuler, Emanuel  
 Schuler, Ted  
 Shaw, Gordon  
 Shaw, Frank

Stephenson, Jack  
 Stephenson, W.C. (Bill)  
 Strom, Carl A.  
 Strom, Alfred E.  
 Sveinson, Karl  
 Shaw, Ken  
 Sjoberg, Wallace  
 Smid, Rex  
 Smid, John  
 Smith, Ben  
 Smith, Jack  
 Sorensen, Byron  
 Stenhouse, J.  
 Thornton, Wallace  
 Tone, Alf  
 Tone, Ed  
 Trotter, Elmer  
 Tuba, John  
 Udem, Oscar  
 Wilson, Geo. A. (Buster)  
 Walker, Hollis  
 Zazelenchuk, William

Korean War 1950-1953

Cook, Robert Reid

Women in the Armed Services

World War I 1914-1918

Soden, Elizabeth

World War II 1939-1945

Bailey, Dorothy  
 Brown, Jean  
 Bruton, Rita  
 Egeland, Margaret  
 French, Dolores  
 Hoffman, Bobby (Brandon)

Koldingness, Audrey  
 Larter, Mary (Berg)  
 Larter, Vera (Farrell)  
 Miller, Margaret (Jacobson)  
 Sather, Mae

Submitted by Alfred Strom

## THE LADIES AUXILIARY OF THE ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION

The ladies Auxiliary of the Royal Canadian Legion command No. 124 has always been a very active command ever since its formation in 1931.

It still has today four charter members which it cherishes very much. These being Mrs. Ruby Turner, Margaret Van Buskirk, Lily Hogue and Ann Mills. The auxiliary at all times has taken a prominent place in this community and in many projects. Always giving a helping hand to any member or friend who needed help.

One of our charter members that cannot go unrecognized is Ruby Turner. Ruby Turner is known to all the members as "Ma". A name being very suitable as she is really the first Secretary of this command and has 49 years of service, having received her life membership and a Meritorious Service Award in 1965. She was a very active member up until a few years ago when poor health made it impossible for her to attend our meetings.

Margaret Van Buskirk, a charter member, having her

life membership also has 49 years of service. Margaret is still an active member and it is always a pleasure when she is able to attend our meetings. Lily Hogue is another charter member, as well as a life member. She makes her home with her children spending sometime in Kyle, Red Deer, Brandon, and Regina. Ann Mills is a charter member and Elsie Sorensen is a life member, having transferred her membership to the Swift Current Branch where she makes her home.

The Auxiliary was formed February 20, 1931, under the instruction of Mr. Stenhouse and Mr. Dick Hamilton with 23 ladies being made charter members of which we still have four with us. Mrs. Soden the first President and Ruby Turner the first Secretary. The meetings were then held in the Grain Growers Hall the present day "Clip Joint", run by Karen Sander.

In 1932, the branch started giving a silver cup to the first baby born to a member and the first one going to Margaret Van Buskirk. The last cup went to Lois Lowe.

Remembrance Day was a very special occasion back in the early days. In 1935, the service was held in Tuberosa Church and the supper in the Kyle community hall with admission being 25 cents for supper. There would be as many as 200 people at the banquet with tables set up in the community hall. Food was kept warm on the floor furnace and coal oil stoves. It was very common to get your potato pot back with two inches of burnt potatoes in the bottom.

The auxiliary was moved to a new location in 1937, this being the Melland Garage. (The present Post Office location.) In the early days, the auxiliary would help members in need, money for medicine, teeth and even loans for money, so a member could go home and see or help some family. The war years were spent making Diddy bags for the boys overseas and any other articles which the men needed. After the war, war brides and service men's wives were welcomed into the auxiliary. In 1954, it was very pleased to see the Co-op Farm Ladies join.

January 1957 saw its first meeting in the present day



Mrs. Hartman, Mrs. Hodgins, Mrs. Hamilton,  
 Mrs. Hoffman and Mrs. Hogue.

hall with Wilma Sveinson in the chair. This was also the first year for its Provincial Scholarships. The five silver dollar awards started in 1961 to be given to a Grade 12 student of a member of either the Ladies' or Men's Branch. As time went by, they saw fit to include a student from 9, 10 and 11, not necessarily a child of a member, but a good student.

Our Poppy Day Tea has become a yearly Tea and is really well attended by all.

Presidents for 1931-1980 are as follows.

1931-32	E. Soden	1941	Anna Hartman
1933	Lily Hogue	1942	M.M. Carr
1934	E. Hamilton	1943	E. Soden
1935	J. Wilson	1944	Ruth Banks
1936	E. Bruton	1945	Ruby Turner
1937	Ruby Turner	1946	Anna Hartman
	and	1947	M. Larter
	J. McGregor	1948	Ann Mills
1938	Annie Dunan		
1939	Margaret	1949	Mabel Knox
	Van Buskirk	1950	B. Hamilton
1940	Ann Hodgins		
1953	Irene Sorensen	1951	Joyce Smith
1954-55	Amy Austman	1952	Betty Cook
1956-57	Wilma Sveinson		
1958-59	Jean Millward	1970-71	Ruby Heath
1960-61	Velma Lilburn	1972	Norma Howes
		1973	Hilda Jacobson
1962-63	Anna Bird	1974-75	Jean Brown
1964-65	Hilda Jacobson	1976-77	Anna Woodrow
		1978	Marge Noble
1966-67	Marge Noble	1979-80	Lois Lowe
1968-69	Norma Howes		

Submitted by Margaret Noble (from records)

## KINSMEN CLUB OF KYLE

The Kinsmen movement was brought to Kyle by the Kinsmen club of Swift Current. After various informal meetings Andy Brown, Gordon Hesla, Randy Hoffus, Wayne Vermette and Sim Stephenson decided there was enough interest to form a club. On April 26th, 1975 the Kinsmen Club of Kyle was officially chartered. Twenty young men were installed as Kinsmen members with the following interim executive: Charter President - Andy Brown, Vice President - Vince Mazzei, Secretary - Albert Lebastard, Treasurer - Len Smith, Directors - Wayne Vermette, Glenn Marshall, Gordon Hesla, Bulletin Editor - Len Smith, Registrar - Raye Lange.

Kinsmen are young men from 21-40 with a common interest in serving their communities and enjoying together with their families the fellowship the being a Kinsmen always brings. Since their founding the Kinsmen Club of Kyle has been very active ever striving to meet the objective "Serving the Communities' Needs." The Kinsmen have in five short years completed and/or participated in the following projects: Construction and financing the Senior Citizens Drop In Center, Built backstop at the sports grounds, installed digital clock in sports arena, painted inside of arena, installed fluorescent lights in curling rink, donating furniture to the hospital,

sponsored scholarships at high school, Red Cross Blitz, taken over the Donor's Choice Campaign, put on the Rodeo Bar-B-Q, fix and maintain Kiddie Kars, purchased a bus for sports travelling, co-sponsor Santa Claus Day, spearheaded the Sports Day Parades, donated to minor hockey, sponsored Heritage Day Fishing Derby, sponsored two Black Top Variety Days, numerous community work parties, presented a brief re Railine Rehabilitation, helped the needy at Christmas, sponsored the Youth Employment Services Program, supported Tel-emiracle with donations and manpower, contributed funds to the Community Hall, provided entertainment for the community plus hundreds of other too numerous to mention.

The Kinsmen are very pleased at the support they have received in their projects from the Kyle populous and as a young men's club pledge to carry on their community services in Kyle, Saskatchewan.

In 1976 the Kinsmen club of Kyle was honored by receiving the Bob Casey Service Shield (the highest honor in community service work in Saskatchewan) for the now completed Senior Citizen's Drop In Center. Since 1975 our numbers have increased around 2 new members a year, pretty impressive when you consider we strive for quality not quantity when it comes to new members.

## KYLE KINETTE CLUB

On April 26, 1975 the Kinette Club was formed in Kyle. The Kinettes are an auxiliary to the Kinsmen. The Kinette Club of Swift Current helped to get the club going the first year. Sixteen members were chartered and the following were members of the executive: Charter President - Shirley Hesla, Secretary -- Darlene Brown, Treasurer - Pat Olson, Bulletin Editor - Irene Hoffus, Registrar - Alison Marshall, Directors - Ruth Lange and LaVonne Vermette.

Through the last five years we've maintained our membership around 12. As our main objective is to help the Kinsmen we've also had other projects such as a Fashion Show, various teas and bake sales, car seat rentals, the Red Cross and the Unitarian Service Committee and various other small projects too numerous to mention. The Kinette Club of Kyle hope to continue their service work in Kyle.

## KYLE PENSIONERS AND SENIOR CITIZENS

The late Mr. Peter Dahl was visiting in Regina, in the winter of 1960. He heard people talking about a Pensioners' and Senior Citizens' Organization. What he heard sounded good, so he made some enquiries.

Mr. Dahl came back to Kyle, and after discussing the P.S.C.O. with several people, a meeting was arranged. He wrote Mr. Frank Pavor, of Swift Current, and asked him to attend the meeting. An executive was elected, including the president, Mr. Felix McCarthy, Hugh Goodwin, secretary treasurer, and Irvine Trytten, vice president. They were made members of the P.S.C.O. June

1st, 1960. The meetings were held first, in the Elk's Hall once a month, and then they moved to the Legion Hall, until 1977. Mr. Roy Bryan was president for fourteen years.

In January 1975, Kinsmen organized in Kyle. they suggested that their first project would be to provide a centre for senior citizens. In consultation with the seniors, they agreed that it would be very acceptable.

The Kinsmen purchased the Catholic church, which was vacant at the time. A board was formed consisting of seven senior citizens and four Kinsmen, in order to apply for a New Horizons' grant. Contributions were made by members of the community, including a generous amount from Mr. Allan Anderson. A second canvass of the community was made in 1979, to obtain funds for insulating the building.

The Kinsmen provided the labour and materials for renovating the church. In that way, there was money available to buy chairs, tables, dishes and cutlery. Used furniture was donated. Mr. and Mrs. Wilfred Gunderson donated a used piano. The Tuberoso Community Club supplied one dozen new comfortable arm chairs. The Order of the Royal Purple provided the schuffleboard, the Kinsmen the pool table and the Kinettes, the drapery. Many more articles were given by members of the community.

The official opening of the centre was held February 20th, 1977. The transformation of the building was unbelievable. It was a beautiful centre, with carpeting around the walls, tile on the main floor, florescent lighting, panelling on the walls, the kitchenette, cupboards, sink, etc. Bathrooms were also provided on the main floor.

A bouquet of flowers for the opening was sent, courtesy of Elve's Corner, in Elrose. The Kinsmen were awarded the Bob Lasey Award for the best project of the year, 1977. Mr. Joe Zakesky of New Horizons was present at the opening ceremonies. Father Donlevy of the Catholic Parish expressed his pleasure in seeing the church being used for senior citizens in Kyle.

The drop-in-centre is used for birthday parties, wedding anniversaries, weekly activities of whist and bingo, visiting and quilting. The yard is very suitable for summer picnics and outdoor games.

Mrs. Dorothy DeGruchy, president of the P.S.C.O. organizes and plans some very entertaining programs for special occasions. Senior citizens, having spent their youth before the days of radio and television, developed their own talent for entertainment. Mrs. Florence Stepple, with her wit and humour as well as her musical ability, filled the bill many times in past years. More recently, Mrs. Dorothy De Gruchy, has directed and taken part in plays and skits, which were much enjoyed.

Bus tours for one day were organized for senior citizens, with the Saskatchewan Transportation Company. Trips have been taken to North Battelford Museum and the original R.C.M.P. headquarters, Western Development Museum in Saskatoon, Cypress Hills. The Wild Animals Park in Moose Jaw, South Saskatchewan Landing Park, and Clearwater Lake.

There have been many potluck and pancake suppers, also picnics, at the drop-in-centre. For many

years, the Order of The Eastern Star provided Christmas dinners for senior citizens in Kyle. The Town Council and their wives have served a noon luncheon during Heritage Week, except for this year, when there are so many Celebrate Saskatchewan events for the seventy-fifth anniversary of the province.

The P.S.C.O. have a Christmas dinner each year for the members. A nominal charge is made and the proceeds for the past three years have been sent to the Home for the Handicapped in Swift Current.

The fiscal year for P.S.C.O. is April 1st to March 31st. Beginning in 1977, the Department of Social Services in Regina have sent a yearly grant to assist with the financing of the drop-in-centre. A record is kept of the cash expenses, plus the value in kind, of the local input. The volunteer share consists of donations of food, taxi service, day to day caretaking, work on the yard, general repairs, administration, and the bookkeeping. These expenses are combined and submitted to the Provincial Government. The department provides forty percent of the total budget. The balance is raised by cash collections from day to day, rent, raffles, quilting and donations.



The latest project for the senior citizens was the making of the Celebrate Saskatchewan Quilt, which was made according to instructions sent out for the contest. There are fourteen blocks depicting history, heritage, and vision of the local community. The area surrounding Kyle is rich and fertile, for farming and ranching. A great deal of credit for the interest and beauty of the quilt is due to the art work of Mr. Charles Kacor. He sketched

most of the designs on the picture blocks, which were colored and embroidered by the ladies, who also did the quilting and finishing of the quilt. The quilt was shown at the Beechy Fair and won third prize, which makes it eligible for entry in the Celebrate Saskatchewan quilt contest in Regina in August.

The pensioners and senior citizens meet once a month for their regular business meetings, at the drop-in-centre. The centre is a very suitable place for recreation and fellowship for the elderly in Kyle and district, and contributes a great deal of pleasure to their years of retirement.

Submitted by Jean Minogue

## NORTH LANDING LADIES SOCIAL CLUB

The North Landing Ladies Social club began in 1916 as a branch of the Red Cross. The ladies put their energies into knitting socks, scarves, gloves, etc., and raising money for the servicemen of World War I. This organization was disbanded after the war but after a few months of inactivity the Landing ladies reorganized as a social club, with twenty-seven members.

These members were Mrs. Geo. Marshall, Pearl Enger, Mrs. C. Patterson, Mrs. Martinsen, Mrs. L. Monk, Mrs. Flaherty, Mrs. West, Mrs. Coward, Annie Marshall, Mrs. Willsmore, Mrs. VanBuskirk, Mrs. David McCrie, Mrs. Louis Gundacker, Mrs. Hogue, Mrs. William McCrie, Mrs. Hugh McCrie, Mrs. Walter, McCrie, Mrs. C. Scott, Mrs. Louis Gainsley, Mrs. Geo. Weston, Mrs. Hoyt, Mrs. W'm Noble, Mrs. J. Allen, Mrs. C. Sorensen, Mrs. Bert Stepple, Mrs. Emil Gainsley and Mrs. D. Gundacker.

The first President was Mrs. David McCrie, and Mrs. William Noble was the first Secretary-Treasurer. There was a charge of ten cents a member at each meeting and a fine of twenty-five cents if more than two kinds of cake and sandwiches were served. The meetings were held every two weeks at the different homes. Houses were not large in those days but often more than twenty ladies arrived ready to sew aprons, crochet, knit or quilt. In bad weather the number was doubled with the additions of husbands and small children. Some of the houses must have had rubber walls.

During the twenties the club donated money for furnishing the Anglican manse in Tuberose, for the new Red Cross Hospital in Tuberose, to the Ladies Aid in Kyle and to each of the local churches. For over twenty years, the purchasing of gifts and treats for each child at the North Landing Christmas concert was a top priority. Clothing, food, and money was found to help many families who were having difficulties due to fire, sickness or financial problems. There were bridal showers and baby showers and birthday parties.

Money was raised by dances and raffles but mostly from the sale of handmade aprons, pillow cases, doilies, bloomers, camisoles, and dust caps that the ladies lovingly made and sold to each other. On especially nice days, all this merchandizing was set aside and teams were chosen up for an equally competitive ball game.



Lillian Willsmore, Mary McKechnie, Mrs. D. McCrie, Alice Van Buskirk, Katherine McCrie, Matilda Gundacker, Mrs. L. Gundacker, Muriel and Stuart Marshall, Margaret Weston, Mrs. L. Gaensly, Mary Marshall, Elizabeth McCrie, Anne Mills, Edna Noble, unknown, Grace McCrie, Erma Marshall, Lou Patterson, Mrs. E. Gaensly, Irene McCrie. Children: Hazel and Walt McCrie, Marjorie Mills, Phyllis Willsmore, Marian Van Buskirk, Danny Gundacker, Margaret Van Buskirk, Elsie Gundacker, Anna, Albert and Elma Gaensly, 1934.

In August 1934, the minutes noted that the discussion was based on grasshoppers, gardens and overcoming the depression. Members were to take turns in giving a short, interesting talk on any subject. The collection was reduced to five cents a meeting but in spite of this, the donations went on.

The North Landing Social club still meets once a month with members from the same general area. The mobile department store has been abandoned. The old suitcase that carried these goods now only contains the old record books. Quilts are still being made but blue jeans don't require aprons. The major community activity is the care and planting of the flower beds at the local hospital. There are still two kinds of cake and sandwiches being served at the meetings and often the discussion is still on grasshoppers, gardens and overcoming the depression. At twenty-five cents a meeting it's the best bargain around.

Three of the original members, Mrs. Noble, Mrs. Willsmore and Mrs. Anne Mills are still active in the organization.

## MATADOR CO-OPERATIVE WOMEN'S GUILD 1949-1972

The Matador Co-operative Women's Guild received its charter March, 1949. The seven women at Matador Co-op Farm voted to become a Guild for the best interest for themselves and the community. It was with lots of co-operation with dances, raffles and bazaars that they were able to furnish the only private ward in the Kyle-White Bear Hospital. They catered to the banquet for the official opening May 24, 1952.

Many projects were included in the Guild's program, chiefly these included Co-op education, collected stamps for the Disabled Civilians, cared for a travelling library, sent two members to annual provincial conventions, tested Co-op products, sponsored several Bishop Sewing courses, helped with baking demonstrations, served coffee at Spring and Fall events at the Co-op store, served lunch and attended Credit Union meetings, served coffee at the opening of the Matador Pool



Elevator in 1959, and attended Guild workshops in District 11.

Donations were made to the Orange Benevolent Society, CARE, Kyle Junior Band, Western Co-op College plus sponsored a Foster Child.

These very active ladies also held and attended International Nights, collected articles for crafts and Christmas gifts for the Geriatric Centre (now Palliser), made Ball uniforms, bought a share in the Kyle Memorial Arena, had plant exchanges, held Bake Sales and Rummage Sales, held Hobo teas to raise funds for the Saskatoon Co-op College. Profits from Travelling Baskets were sent to women in under-developed countries. A student was sponsored to Co-op School in 1962.

Socially the ladies held Bridal and Baby Showers and special anniversary parties. They helped the teachers with Christmas concerts and Hallowe'en parties. Quilts were made for each member plus one was sent to the Home for Indian Girls.

Clothing was sent to those who lost their homes by fire. The Guild ladies held Food Fun Fairs for children, served lunch at Machine Demonstrations, received a Bishop sewing book in the Yearbook competition.

A tea was held to commemorate Centennial Year with a display of dolls and antiques. Centennial spoons were sold and a Centennial cushion raffled.

The ladies catered to the banquet for the 21st birthday of the Matador Co-op Farm. Assistance was given for the purchases of Hi-low beds for the hospital in 1968.

Some of the members' Rainbow scarves were used at the ribbon cutting at the Pioneer Co-op Store in the Swift Current Mall in 1975.

The first president was Jessie McClelland, Vice-President was Ruby Heath and Velma Lilburn was Secretary-Treasurer. Agnes Davis and Margaret Hay served as Provincial Directors. Jean White, Pearl Hodgins and Velma Lilburn were on the Board of the Kyle Pioneer Store. During the years many members were on the Board of the Matador Co-op Store.

The members were: Jessie McClelland, Ruby Heath, Velma Lilburn, Violet Goldbeck, Loretta Hamilton, Norma Howes, Helen Tone, Agnes Davis, Doreen Barlow, Evelyn Monson, Beth Bishop, Dorothy Bailey, Terry Walker, Kathy Cook, Kay Dietrick, Rena O'Hara, Maxine Zazelenchuk, Margaret Hay, Margaret Russell, Lois Longlitz, Dorothy (Baker) Leck, Ruth (Howard) Aitken, Betty Chaberek, Helen Herr, Myra Gillanders, Jean White, Pearl Hodgins, Vera Hodgins, Signe Bird, Peggy Bird, Esther Pederson, Elizabeth Barrager.

## **CANADIAN RED CROSS BLOOD DONORS CLINIC**

**Submitted by Mary E. Graham**

The voluntary blood donors clinic has served the public well over the years. Arrangements for clinics were made with M. Currie and later J.A.W. Murtry, Directors of Donor Panels of Saskatoon. Mrs. Mary Cook and later Dorothy Moore convened many of them.

The donor van and station wagon drivers and nurses brought the necessary equipment including beds and,

as we all thought, those dull needles. This was unloaded and set up in the Elks Hall by local help as well as nursing personnel. Anyone with a few hours to spare looked after the register, rest beds, coats, backstairs, Cokes, coffee and the organizations who furnished the cookies. The hostess for the day was very busy.

Kyle held one of their first clinics in 1963 through 1970. Later, we alternated spring and fall with Elrose who held clinics since 1955. Many from our area had been regular donors at Elrose and their people attended here at Kyle. The last clinic held in Kyle was Feb. 27, 1974, in one of the worst blizzards of the season. Fifty-five people braved the storm to give blood. The complete clinic caravan were billeted in Kyle overnight.

The first blood donor clinic in the area was held in Lacadena Nov. 1, 1944. Local beds were set up and sheets were hung for curtains. Later, as things modernized no curtains were used. At that time, you were told, "Don't eat anything prior to going to the clinic". Several people fainted - not from giving blood but for the lack of food and waiting for hours in line. Plastic blood containers replaced glass bottles which cut down on breakage.

In the late 1940's and early 1950's, the Canadian Red Cross did not have clinics. When a transfusion was given, you paid \$15. to the hospital. The hospital paid the \$15. to the original donor. This became quite a money making scheme. People went from clinic to clinic in the cities and sold their blood. Others volunteered their blood for hospitalized friends.

Then once again the Red Cross started clinics. They are held in various areas of Saskatchewan.

## **KYLE FISH AND GAME LEAGUE**

The first meeting of the Kyle Fish and Game League was held in the Kyle Elks Hall in 1956. The hall at that time was a new building, only a few years old.

The first President was Mr. Bill Clarke (W.D.) and the Secretary was Mr. Raymond Omland. One of the main instigators, who worked very hard to get the League organized was Carmen McDonald of Sanctuary.

The name they chose was "Kyle Fish and Game League". This name is still used today.

The minutes of the first two years are lost. Our records begin with the Annual Meeting February 1958 held at the Co-op farm. The President was Gordon Millward, Secretary Jack Rebman, Vice-President Herb Cook and Executive Carmen McDonald, Blake Smith, George Thomson, Jimmy Lewis, Emerson Soden, Tiny Gunderson, Bud Weaver, Ticky Miller, Frank Barlow, Bob O'Hara, Jesse Perrin, and Nils Egeland.

Names appearing in the minutes who were active members in the early years are: Jack Church, Lorne Ferrier, Morgan Driscoll, Irving Trytten, Carmen McDonald, Nils Egeland, Blake Smith, Laurence Ohmacht, Sanford Lee, and I. Pittman.

In 1960, the President became Robert L. O'Hara and Jack Rebman stayed as Secretary. Antelope was included in 1960 with Mule and White Tail Deer Trophy Awards.

The League put a picnic table in at White Bear Dam and continued the Hunter Safety and Marksmanship Competitions. They started buying Past President pins. The members went to Stewart Valley to a meeting. They held a Fish Derby at the White Bear Clearwater Lake.

They requested the Fisheries Branch to poison Clearwater Lake in September 1965. They moved the picnic tables from Maple Grove to White Bear Dam. In the Spring of 1966, the League stocked Clearwater Lake with pickerel and adult fingerling perch. The League purchased a 22 Cal. Rifle auto-loader, with clip magazine, scope and carrying case valued at \$90.00 and sold tickets.

In 1966, there were 176 members. The Branch established a picnic site at the Saskatchewan Landing.

Commencing in 1968, the provincial body became known as the "Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation". The affiliated branches were not affected unless they so desired.

The local Hunter Safety program to date had instructed 300 boys and girls. A trophy of appreciation was presented to Jack Rebman for 10 years as Secretary-Treasurer.

The five years prior to this, the League released 200 adult hen pheasants in the area from Elrose to the South Saskatchewan Landing.

In 1972, a Branch member family picnic was held at Diefenbaker Lake and sporting equipment was raffled off. The membership was 160. This year family membership came in. The regular membership fee was \$3.00 plus \$2.00 for a family. The banquet was held in Kyle and meetings were held at the Kyle School. Trout and salmon were served at the Annual Banquet.

In 1974, President was Chris Christensen and Secretary-Treasurer Lucille Beattie. A female invaded the league and was frozen to her job. "Acres for Wildlife" came into being. Life memberships were presented to Morgan Driscoll, Gottfried Pfaff, Sanford Lee, Lawrence Ohmacht, Ormy Atwell, Sam Ousdahl, Bill Borjan and I. Pittman, O.B. Smith, Nils Egeland, Walter Reynolds, Jack Rebman, and Jack Staffin.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Schneider donated a trophy in memory of the late Nils Egeland for the Mule Deer Competition.

In 1979, the length of Pheasant tail feathers were measured and used in the competition instead of the bars.

Kyle hosted the District Number Five Regional Meeting. The competition in photography was started. Membership fees were increased to regular — \$6.00 and family — \$3.00 more. Work continued at the White Bear Hall site of the "Sask. Landing Gun Club". The League had the Provincial Lottery Camper in the area and sold tickets on it.

The Sask. Landing Gun Club was in operation with shooting competition every Wednesday evening. The League sent the Habitat Trust Fund \$120.00. The monies collected in memorium of the late Water Reynolds were put towards a trophy. Our membership to date is 226. The executive consists of Elmer Westgard, Geordie Graham, Sig Jordheim, Dale Hope, Brain Knight, Bill Beattie, Emerson Soden, Walter Hodgins,

Roland Moreside, Jack Staffin, Wade Luchsinger, Lenard Soden, Glen Cates, Dave Postnikoff, Stan Figley, and Lucille Beattie.

During all this time, from 1956-1980, one topic that has always been discussed in the stocking of fish in Clearwater Lake. Some years, we have fish and other years not, but if it had not been for the constant persistence of the Kyle Fish and Game League getting the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Tourism and Renewable Resources to act on the restocking or the poisoning of suckers we would not have had the sport of fishing and Clearwater as we have today.

We are still a very active club and the interest in conservation has remained our highest goal in the last 24 years.

## THE KYLE 4-H CLUBS

In 1957, a new Pool Grain buyer, Bob Abbott moved to Kyle. He had some experience with 4-H work at his former place, so he contacted Art Domes, the Ag-Rep. of District 17, and with Don McKaig as assistant leader, they formed the Kyle 4-H Grain Club with six members, Philip McKaig, Barry and Glen Marshall, Neil McCrie, Ken and Don McKechney. The next year, Mrs. Hazel McKechney became the leader with Art Noble as assistant. They held Achievement Days, tours and entered in the Spring Grain Show held in Swift Current.

In the spring of 1959, Erling Strom with assistants Milt Hodgins and Frank Barlow formed a 4-H Beef Club with the Kyle Branch of the Canadian Legion sponsoring it. There were 13 members and three associate members:

Bill Woodrow	Richard Lowe	Gerald Lilburn
Bill Moore	Lyle Howes	Ian Gillespie
Bob Moore	Leonard Howes	Terry McKaig
Edwin Hodgins	Roy O'Hara	Gary McLlelland
Barry Strom		

### Associate Members

Shirley Strom  
Lynn Moore  
Donny McKaig



In 1959, the Grain Club members joined the Beef Club. By 1961, the club had grown so large that they needed a permanent club house. Through courtesy of the Eston-Elrose School Unit Board, the club was grant-

ed permission to use the North Landing School. The members and parents co-operated in a renovation program that resulted in repairs to the buildings, both the school and the barn that was to be used to accommodate the calves shown on Achievement Days.

The new club house became the center of 4-H activities, meetings, public speaking, social evenings, square dancing, weiner roasts, and toboggan parties.

The members were taken on tours of business places in Kyle, Swift Current and Saskatoon. They also held 4-H Sunday sometimes at the river and alternately at the churches in Kyle. During the years, that the club was in operation the members took part in 4-H competitions and some won awards that took them to Camp Wakonda, to other provinces, and to Camp Rayner.

Gradually they began to try other projects, Junior Sportsman, Photography, Outdoor Cooking, Sewing, Mechanics, Welding and riding horses. So it became a 4-H Multiple Club.

The Supervisors included Don McKaig, Dave Sorenson, Hazel McKechney, Neil McCrie, Lillian McCrie, Barb Sorenson, and Dorothy McCrie.

Some of the project leaders were Walt Hodgins, Tony Sander, John Noble, Hazel McKechney, Doreen Marshall, Evelyn Christensen, Norm Peterson, George Marshall and Tobe Trytten.

As the members grew older and left the district, the membership grew so small that it was no longer possible to keep the club in operation, so it was discontinued.

## CANADIAN GIRLS IN TRAINING

This is a brief history of the first C.G.I.T. in Kyle. It began as far as we can remember, late in 1924 or early 1925.

The leaders were Mrs. Bill Knox and Mrs. O.D. Jacobs. Members were: Marjorie Closs (Moen), Miriam Luchsinger, Rachel and Mona Nore, Dorothy Jones (DeGruchy), Cora Wilson (Shaler), Evelyn Gunderson (Russel), Edna Knox (Bolger), Fern Nelson (Pickford), Eva Ried (Weech), Alda Wilson (Sawers), and Vadna Gunderson (Howlett).

We had teas, mother-and-daughter banquets, etc. The highlight of the year was the two week camping trip when Mrs. Knox and Mrs. Jacobs took us to Clearwater Lake. At first, we stayed in tents and later years, we rented cabins. Every girl had to take a turn at cooking, dishes, making beds, and all the work around the camp.

Mrs. Knox had a son Kenneth who was the same age as George (Buster) Wilson, so Buster came to camp as company for Kenneth.

We apologize, if we have omitted any names. This has been written from memory and any name left out is unintentional.

## KYLE BOY SCOUTS

The Boy Scout movement was first organized in the Kyle District by Pastor Bergsagel and Mrs. Walter Van Buskirk in the late 1930's. It was sponsored by the local churches. There are no records of this period, only me-

mories. The Cub Leader in these first years was Grace McCrie (Mrs. Allan Burr). She took the Cub Pack on many rambles into the river hills - on these occasions mulligan stew was a favorite with the boys. Grace was the Cub Leader in the years 1938-39 and possibly longer.

Scouting disappeared and the next recollection was approximately 1945 when Bill Price, who worked at the Ford garage took over as Scout Master. They held a camp at the river, three miles east of the highway just north of the island. Patrol leaders Bill McKaig and Melvin Christensen were in charge as Bill Price could not stay, but visited from time to time. Some amusing things that happened will always be remembered. They were not to cut down live trees, but one overzealous scout cut down a very large one and the others had to pitch in and help cut it into small enough pieces to drag away and hide. Another time one of the scouts fried a dozen or so eggs for dinner - the last one dropped in being rotten - which spoiled everyones appetite. The story that probably shouldn't be told was that Scout Master Price had given an order that they must not go swimming in the river. The weather was so warm that they borrowed a tin bathtub from Mary and Nils Egeland who lived a mile away and proceeded to take turns pouring water over each other in it. The next step was to put the tub in to the river so they wouldn't need to carry the water. From there it was an easy move to the river itself. They thought it would be fine if they strung a rope from a nearby tree to one on the island. Ole Allan was the only one who could swim well enough to take the rope to the island. They then stayed upstream of the rope and if anyone got into trouble they could grab the rope.

These are my first memories of scouting and I'm sure anyone attending that camp will remember it well.

After the camp, my next involvement with Cubs and Scouts was when my sons became Cubs and I was an assistant with Mrs. Theresa Wegren when she was Cub Master in 1963. Other assistants then were Linton Cook, Ernie Monson, and Jackie Strom (Prime).

In 1964, Wegrens were transferred so I took Terry's place as Cub Master. My assistants were Ernie Monson, Dave Ferguson, Lois Beattie, Walt Hodgins, and my wife Evelyn. I remained Cub Leader until 1965 when Dave Ferguson took over as Cub Master and I went on to be Scout Leader until 1969. In that year, both Cubs and Scouts ceased due to lack of new leaders.

The assistant leaders during 1965-69 were Rolland Moreside, Cliff Pittman, and Walt Hodgins.

The years 1965-69, the Cub Master was Dave Ferguson and his assistants included Lois Beattie, Evelyn Christensen, Dorothy McCrie (Ward), Rollie Gibson, Ernie Monson, Bill Stepple, Irene Turner, and Gwen Merri-son. These people did not help all at once but changed through the years.

Many camp outs and rambles were held throughout these years by both Cubs and Scouts.

Submitted by Melvin Christensen

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Matador Co-op Farm Reunion, 1979.

made a loan to the extent of the Federal VLA grants to the Matador Co-operative Farm at three per cent interest, knowing the Federal Government would eventually pay the grants to the members, as there was no logical reason to withhold them. The grants were finally approved in 1948.

The farm had its own power plant until 1952, when the high line was brought in by Sask. Power. Also, the telephone was brought in in 1952. In 1959-60 a reservoir was placed in Laidley Spring, a mile north of the building site, and a three inch plastic pipe was installed to bring water to the farm. The spring is 65 feet above the building site, providing gravity pressure of 27 lbs. without the use of pumps of any kind. In 1961, a sewer system with a lagoon was developed and modern plumbing installed in all the homes with the assistance of the Farm Family Improvement Branch of the Saskatchewan Government.

By pooling their resources – money, knowledge, skills and labour – the 18 veterans made the farm a success; despite drought in 1949 and 1961, rust in 1950, hailstorms (claims were made in six of the first ten years), frosts and low grain quotas. The farm was allowed only one Permit Book, creating discrimination in lower grain quotas and lower cash advances on stored grain, allowing advances for only three members instead of eighteen.

All farm income was pooled, and the expenses, including wages, deducted. The balance was divided equally among the members. The hourly wage was the same regardless of the type of work performed.

From their eighteen members, the farm fielded an excellent Baseball team which participated in the District Baseball League. The farm even held its own Sports Day for several years, with Ball teams coming from miles around. In fact, interest in Baseball was so high, one of the desired qualities in a new farm member was that he should be a good Ball player (pitchers received an extra point in their favour). Baseball tournaments were considered farm workdays as everyone could attend.

For the first few years, the farm children were driven six miles each day to attend Leyton School. January, 1951, saw the formation of the Laidley Springs School District. Classes were held in what had been the single men's residence until 1954 when the Leyton School-

house was moved to the farm, where it still stands. In 1964, when the number of students dropped from a high of 24 to 9, Laidley Springs School was closed and the students were bussed to Kyle to attend classes.

In 1949, a Co-operative store, Matador Co-operative Trading Assoc'n was chartered. This store was predominately for the convenience of the farm families as not everyone had a vehicle to go to town to shop. The store was housed in the same building as the Matador Co-op Farm Office and was staffed by farm members and some of the wives of members.

In the early years, an annual fowl supper and Christmas concert were held as well as frequent dances. The Matador Co-operative Guild was formed by the women, with meetings held in the homes.

The first winter found only the four married families holding down the farm. Everyone else had to find other employment as there was nothing to do at the farm and not enough money to live on. The single men continued working off the farm in the winter months for several years until the economic situation improved.

The farm families have always taken part in Community activities, as members of local organizations and participants in various sports.

On the office wall of the Matador Co-operative Farm, hung this motto – "Let us go forward to this task as one man, a smile on our lips and our heads held high, and with God's help we shall not fail. Be of good cheer, remembering that misfortunes hardest to bear are those that never happen".

The Matador Co-operative Farm was sold to the Saskatchewan Land Bank Commission in 1975. The Land Bank has leased the Land to the Matador Farming Pool, whose ten members include six young men who parents were members of the Matador Co-operative Farm. Three of the original farm members are still making their homes at the farm.

Members of Matador Co-operative Farm		Wives	Children
BAILEY, William (Deceased)	1948-1979	Dorothy	Dana, Blaine, Bevan.
BARLOW, Frank	1946-	Doreen	Ralph, Wendy (McIntosh), Randy, Leanne.

BISHOP, Roy	1946-1957	Elizabeth	Dennis, Shelly.
COOK, Herbert	1950-1958	Kathleen	Grant, Dale, Wade, Randy.
DAVIS, Glen	1947-1959	Agnes	Glenda, Lorne, Diana, Mark, Kent, Steven. Garth, Brent.
DIETRICK, Lorne	1946-	Kathleen	
DOWSON, Roy	1963-1975	Jenevieve	Victor
GOLDBECK, George	1946-1959	Violet	Norma (Terl- son), Georgina (Bubs) (Martinson). David, Terry.
HAMILTON, Richard	1947-1958	Loretta	
HAY, Victor	1959-	Margaret	Anne (Eltom).
HEATH, Harold	1946-1957	Ruby	John-Deceased Linda(Hawkins).
HOWES, Elgin (Deceased)	1946-1966	Norma	Leonard, Lyall, Wayne, Rae, Karen(Daniel), Allan, Judith.
LACY, George	1946-1948		
LILBURN, Alfred	1946-	Velma	Vera(Conn), Gerald, Melva.
LONGLITZ, Victor	1960-1967	Lois	Karen (Kildaw), Dale, Trudy(Lof- tsgard), Robbie. Ken, Gary, Gail.
McCLELLAND, Jack	1946-1959	Jessie	
MONSON, Ernest	1946-	Evelyn	Barry, Kelly.
O'HARA, Robert (Deceased)	1952-1966	Rena	Robert, Roy, Yvonne(Dawe), Garry, Paul, Patricia, Earl, Ken.
ROBBINS, Howard	1946-1955	Donna	Douglas, Bryan, Darlene, Barb- ara, Keith, Mary- Anne.
RUSSELL, Ivan (Deceased)	1960-1963	Margaret	Lenore, Roberta Joan, Jacqu- eline, Ian, Gordon Richard.
TONE, Alvin (Deceased)	1946-1971	Helen	
TONE, Edward	1946-1961	Helen	Raymond.

WALKER, Hollis	1946-1952	Teresa	
ZAZELEN-	1946-	Maxine	Sandra, Dan,
CHUK, William			Linda, Todd.

Submitted by Maxine Zazelenchuk

## MATADOR FARMING POOL LIMITED

Submitted by Yvonne Dawe

In 1975, the Saskatchewan Land Bank Commission bought the Matador Co-op Farm and leased the land to 10 young men who incorporated the Matador Farming Pool Limited.

Six of these men were sons of members of Matador Co-op Farm and with the help of four other interested men are carrying on the farm in much the same way as their parents. The six sons were Bevan Bailey, Ralph Barlow, Leonard Howes, Gerald Lilburn, Garry O'Hara, and Dan Zazelenchuk. In 1978, Bevan Bailey resigned and Brent Dietrick joined the group.

There have been gradual changes since 1975, including the construction of a new feed lot and shop. The upgrading and painting of existing buildings is a continuing process. The old machinery is being replaced each year by new modern outfits. Fire and wind damage have caused problems to be overcome, as well as, early frost playing havoc with the first few crops. Custom combining became a viable solution, plus an enjoyable experience for the members and cooks involved. The members and families are active in community organizations and various sports including a slow-pitch league with surrounding districts.

The present population of 36, includes four former members and families who have retired on the farm. In 1979, a reunion of all present and past members found everyone reminising of happenings since the beginning of the farm.

Members of Matador Farming Pool Limited and their families are: Barlow; Ralph, Barb and Cameron, Carlson; Jack Vicky, Chad, Scott, Gavin, and Jackie, Dawe; Gordon, Yvonne, Chris, and Michelle; Dietrick; Brent, Howes; Leonard and Lois; Lilburn; Gerald, Christine, Jennifer, Melanie, and Kristy, O'Hara; Garry, Bev, Kathy and Robbie, Rempel; Gary, Maxine, Shelly, and Kevin, Stewart; Dale, Shirley, Erin, and Munro, and, Zazelenchuk; Dan.



## KYLE-WHITE BEAR UNION HOSPITAL HISTORY

Construction of the hospital began in July 1950 with Rupert W. Gore as contractor and builder and Jack J. Rebman as foreman. The turning of the sod was performed by Bert Elderton and Robert Whelan.

The original 79 foot by 37½ foot rectangular flat roofed structure was classified as an eight bed hospital and also housed a combination operating room and case room, sterilizing room, combination X-ray and lab department, nursery with three bassinets and one incubator, Doctor's office and waiting room.

The kitchen, nurses dining room, laundry room, board room, maintenance man's supply room, pantry, morgue, and supply cupboards were in the basement.

The nurses residence which was the former Tuberosse Hospital is also on the hospital grounds.



Dr. Halliday of the Tuberosse Red Cross Hospital.

The Kyle-White Bear Union Hospital was opened in September 1951. Dr. D.S. Richardson was our first Doctor. He practised in Kyle until 1962 and then went to practise in Elrose. He returned to Kyle in 1968 and remained until November 1974 when he left his practise at Kyle to return to England.



Dr. D.S. Richardson



M. McCuaig, R.N.

Miss Margaret McCuaig was the first matron. She married Ralph Larson in 1951. She still resides in Kyle,

Nursing staff were Miss Molly Goldie (McKaig), Mrs. Elizabeth Richardson, and Mrs. Mary Rebman. Any lab or X-ray work that had to be done was done by Dr. Richardson.

The first cook was Mrs. Stella Endicott (1951-1972), first house-keeper, Mrs. Elsie Sand (1951-1973), first laundry lady, Mrs. Beatrice Pederson (1951-1958) and first maintenance man William Sand (1951-1968).

The first patient admitted was Mrs. Marie Hollstein on September 19, 1951.

The first baby boy was Murray Schuler born to Mr. and Mrs. Art Schuler of White Bear on September 24, 1951. The first baby girl was Janet Strom (Wills) born to Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Strom of Kyle on November 8, 1951. The first set of twins were born to Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Davis of Kyle on April 16, 1952, Laura Davis (Pederson) and Eddie Davis.

Miss McCuaig resigned. Mrs. Richardson and Miss Molly Goldie (McKaig) shared matrons duties from November 1951 to May 1952 until Miss L. Klotz was hired as matron. Miss Klotz only remained until July 31, 1952. Mrs. Alma McKay and Miss Casey were the only two nurses remaining on staff and worked for five weeks without a break. Mrs. Molly McKaig continued to work on staff either full time or part time until 1979.

Mrs. Bertha Moreside helped out in the early years doing night duty and specializing.

The official opening of the hospital by the Hon. T.J. Bentley, Minister of Public Health took place on May 24, 1952. Other dignitaries involved were Wm. Mickie, Reeve R.M. of Lacadena #228, E. Tuplin, Reeve R.M. of Victory #226, Dr. D. Halliday M.D. of Saskatoon, Mr. M.J. Willis, M.L.A. Eston, Sask., Dr. Roth M.D. Deputy Minister of Public Health Regina, Dr. Peacock M.D. Director of Hospitalization and Administration Regina. The cutting of the ribbon was performed by the Hon. T.J. Bentley assisted by Mrs. J.S. Wilson, President Ladies Hospital Auxiliary, Kyle, Sask.



In 1955 Roberta Omland (Hodgins) were hired as the first Lab and X-ray technician. At present, Mrs. Marilyn Lowe and her share the duties.

In 1955 the Doctor's office was moved out of the hospital into Main Street where it is still situated.

In 1962 a three bedroom house was built for the Doctor's residence. This is just a short distance from the hospital making it convenient when Doctor is called.

In 1967, an addition was built onto the south end of



the hospital. This 27½ foot by 37½ foot addition made it possible to move the X-ray and lab facilities to this area plus establishing an out-patient department. A sizeable donation left the hospital by the late Teddy Leach helped purchase equipment for the X-ray department.

The space left vacant by moving the X-ray and lab was converted in the matron's office and Medical records room.

Dr. Q.I. Ahmed joined the Kyle-White Bear Union Hospital staff in 1975. He is married and has three girls.

Number of people employed by the hospital through the years either full time or part time has been: Nursing staff-11, Doctors-8, Lab and X-ray 9, Kitchen-11 House-keeping-7, Maintenance-11, Secretary-7. Present staff as of January 1, 1980 is as follows: Nursing: Sandra Veason D.O.N., Jean Doyle, Virginia Pittman, Joyce Gillanders, Lois Lowe, Dianne Evans, Hazel Scheirer, Diana Gunderson, Christine Lilburn, Leslie Dyrland, Millicent Marshall, Wendy Gunderson, Bernice Martin, Jenny Dowson, Faye Lytle; Dr. Q.I. Ahmed; Lab and X-ray: Roberta Hodgins, Marilyn Lowe; Kitchen, Jean Millward, Verna Davis, and Isabelle Davis; Housekeeping: Peggy Endicott, Marliss Edgar; Maintenance: Frank Bird, Bill McKaig; Secretary Evelyn Mazzei until December 31, 1979 with Amy Cates taking her place.

There have been 21 board members altogether since the first board was organized.

Present board is as follows: Wm. Zazelenchuk-Chairman Representing the R.M. of Victory, Ken Bird, Harold Closs, and Clifford Pittman representing the R.M. of Lacadena and Nancy Brusky representing the Town of Kyle.

Staff who have worked full time, part time or casual for five or more years have been:

Molly Goldie (McKaig)	Faye Lytle
Mary Rebman	Dr. Richardson
Esther Jacobs (Pederson)	Dr. Ahmed
Joyce Douglas (Gillanders)	Roberta Omland (Hodgins)
Virginia Graham (Pittman)	Marilyn Lowe
Lois McCarron (Morrison)	Stella Endicott
Irene Budrow (Scott)	Olga Brose
Jessie Eidem	Ida Roderigue
Millie Von Meyer (Marshall)	Jean Millward
Pearl Minogue (Hodgins)	Verna Davis
Cecile Gibson	Elsie Sand
Sandra Veason	Peggy Endicott
Dianne Bird (Evans)	Marliss Edgar
Marion McDonald	Beatrice Pederson
Lois Brown (Lowe)	Bill Sand
Diana Gunderson	John Tuba
Christine Murray (Lilburn)	Frank Bird
Wendy Gunderson	Cliff Head
Dorothy Beattie	Jack Moir
Bernice Martin	Evelyn Mazzei

Board members over the years: Alex Gillanders, Freeman Hamilton, Robert Whelan, Dick Hamilton, Orly Johnson, Ronald Smith, Sam Mutlow, Carman McDonald, Art Marshall, Ed Smith, Val Bacheider, O.D. Jacobs, Jack McCrie, Doug Gibson, Ken Bird, Harold Closs, Hildor Braun, Cliff Pittman, Bill Zazelenchuk, Alex Carr and Nancy Brusky.

Doctors who have been on staff over the years have been Dr. Richardson, Torrance, Edwards, Stark, Chan, La Santos, Collins and Ahmed.

Total number of babies born since opening until January 1, 1980 is 449, and the total number of patients admitted until January 1, 1980 is 6,309.

In 1973-1974, a Candy Stripper program was organized when high school girls volunteered their time to be trained and work certain hours each day to help care for patients. The patients enjoyed the extra company these girls gave them, the errands they did for them and reading to them. There were 12 girls graduated as Candy Strippers; Linda Pittman (Woodrow), Tusha Cook, Sandy Clark (Gustavson), Cathy Shaw (Dyrland), Marianne Gibson (Granger), Debbie Turner, Judy Arnelien, Shari Pittman (Akister), Leslie Van Buskirk (Knox), Christine James, (Barlow), Heather Bull (Fullerton), and Avis Kjelsberg (Grant). Wendy Gunderson was the co-ordinator and teacher.

In 1977, the Kyle-White Bear Union Hospital purchased a fully equipped ambulance manned by the Volunteer Fire Department and Hospital Nursing Staff.

Meal on Wheels program is in it 7th year of operation. This provided a hot meal Monday, Wednesday, and Friday to people in need of assistance and since June 1980 a hot meal five days a week is available. Volunteer drivers pick up the hot meal and deliver it to 8-12 recipients depending on the needs.

The hospital has served a very vital part in our community over the past and I hope it will remain to do so in the future.

## KYLE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

After a lot of planning, it was decided to build in Kyle in 1951. With the doors of the Kyle-White Bear Union Hospital official opening on May 24, 1952 with Mrs. J.S. Wilson, President of the Auxiliary assisted by Hon. T.J. Bentley assisting the ribbon cutting ceremony.

Auxiliary held Tea and Pantry Showers each fall and came to help can chicken and garden produce. Mrs. J.S. Wilson was one of the first presidents and held this office for a time along with Mrs. Alfred Knox as their secretary.

In 1956, Mrs. Wilson was made an Honorary member and continued to be interested in Auxiliary activities till her death.

In 1959, in recognition of their many years of faithful services, the Auxiliary presented Auxiliary pins to Mrs. Jim Woodrow, Mrs. Ole Gunderson, Mrs. C. Myer, Mrs. Anna Hartman, and Mrs. J. Wilson.

In 1968, an oil painting by Sigrid Ruden was hung in the hospital in memory of Anna Hartman, Joanna Wilson and Anna Gunderson.

From 1940, the New Year Dance was looked after by the Auxiliary and was a big money maker.

In 1957, a \$50.00 scholarship was given to any local girl entering the field of nursing. It is now known as the Mary Woodrow Scholarship. Up to date, we have given 23. Many of the girls returning to nurse in our hospital.

Early 1960's saw us change our activities, the stainless steel water jug and glasses were purchased and are still in use today. We had a travelling basket for many years. In 1960, a magazine subscription drive to purchase a wheel chair was sponsored, \$60.00 of \$90.00 was received. Today they are priced at \$600.00

The Bakeless Bake Sale cans started in 1960, with six cans, now we have 23. The bingos at Kyle Sport's Day was run by the Hospital Auxiliary for 20 years till 1978. In past, we canvassed for the Cancer Society and help set up Red Cross Blood Clinic held in Kyle. Mrs. W. Westgard did the upholstering to kitchen chairs, waiting room furniture, and chairs in the wards.

In 1968, as a Centennial project, we purchased the first Hi-Low Bed. A plaque was purchased in honor of Mr. Alex Gillanders for his service in helping build the hospital and as a Hospital Board member. A Health Care Chair and another Hi-Low Bed with help of community memorial donation was purchased in memory of Esther Pederson. In 1975-77, two more Hi-Low Beds with matching overbed table and lockers were purchased. 1978, we provided bed side bulletin boards for patients cards. 1979, a Spectrophotometer at a cost of \$849.00 for blood work.

In 1969, a sustaining membership was taken in Canadian Association of Hospital Auxiliaries for Jessie Eidem for her dedication to our auxiliary and Hospital; 1963, she served as Councillor for District Two of Saskatchewan Hospital Auxiliary Association. Co-Councillors were Laverna Hesla, Jean White and Peggy Bird for 1978-80 and elected as Councillor for 1980-82. She served as President 1971-78. Ferne Clark served many years as Treasurer and Mrs. M. Gillanders on Sick and Visiting. Today, we have 13 members with four honorary members, Mrs. S. Ruden, J. Prime, M. Westgard and M. Gillanders.

On May 10th, Canada Hospital Day Tea and Bake Sale is held with help of Hospital Staff and board members wives.

June 19, 1977, the Kyle-White Bear Hospital held it's 25th Anniversary. All past and present members of Auxiliary staff and board members were invited back. Peggy Bird, Pres. of Auxiliary, Sandra Veason, Matron and Bill Zazelenchuck, Pres. of Board welcomed and greeted people at the door.

Though we don't do the sewing, mending, canning as early years, we help with sewing up curtains around beds, upholstery, bed lamps, etc. in Hospital. We help with Meals on Wheels and Baby Clinic, donated to C.N.-I.B., Bible Society, Telemiracle, and International Alliance of Hospitals.

In 1978, we changed our name to Kyle Health Care Auxiliary. To the past and the future I would like to dedicate to you our opening prayer:

"Keep us from pettiness, oh Lord I pray; let us be large in thought and take away any self-seeking; and I humbly ask, time to grow calm, serene, to meet each task without self-pity; pretext let me spurn; done with fault-finding; patience may I learn; always the best in others try to find, and in my judgements, Lord, oh make me kind. Amen".

## WHEATLAND REGIONAL LIBRARY

Submitted by Margaret Larson

The Kyle Branch of Wheatland Regional Library opened November 15, 1967 in what is now part of the Town Office. The library was in the back room, with the Town Office at the front. We had purchased metal shelving which we are still using, and we had a total of 2,050 hardcover books to start with, and were open nine hours a week.

In January 1972, we moved to our present location, the MacMillan building on main street. Here, we have a much better location with more wall space and a big front window.

In 1973, we added paperbacks to our collection, and they have certainly been popular. In June 1978, we had our building remodelled, changing the front window and adding another room at the back. Anna Woodrow and Margaret Larson worked many hours putting up new adjustable shelving and filling them with books.

In 1979, the town put new siding on the building, a big improvement on the appearance from the street. Now in 1980, we are open 12 hours a week and we have about 10,000 books in our library, including our permanent collection, three paperback racks, encyclopedias, 13 different magazines, reference books, a book bin for pre-schoolers, adult fiction and non-fiction, junior fiction and non-fiction, children's books, and cassettes. We also have a request system that says, "If we haven't got it, we'll get it for you".

Our staff consists of Margaret Larson as branch librarian who has been there for 12 years, Anna Woodrow - eight years, Hazel Smith - nine and half years, and Margaret Egeland - six years.

"Good Reading" - young and old!

## COCKSHUTT FARM EQUIPMENT

The Cockshutt Farm Machinery business was started in Kyle in 1927. It was first started and owned by Bill Knox. Later, he sold out to Archie Johnston.

When Mr. Johnston quit, the business was moved to White Bear by Paul MacKay. In 1953, N. MacMillan and Ken Young bought out Paul MacKay and moved the business back to Kyle. They moved in a building which was situated on the west side of town and located straight south of the Pioneer elevator.

In 1954, MacMillan bought Ken Young's share of the business. Lytle bought the business. The last person to have Cockshutt was Russ Robinson.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST

The first curling rink (two Sheets) was built in November, 1928.

The first Sports Day was held on June 25, 1924 on Wilson's farm north of the station. It was well attended and that evening a dance was held at the Clearwater Lake dance hall.

## BOY SCOUT MOVEMENT

A meeting was held in the basement of the Lutheran Church, Feb. 14, 1949 to reorganize the pack and troop. Mrs. Elwell Clark was nominated secretary, for the meeting and Rev. Strand, chairman. Mrs. Lois Clark was elected secretary, Mrs. Weaver for treasurer, Mr. Palmer to be Cub Master, Rev. Strand the Scout Leader and Mr. Price assistant scout leader.

The first meetings with the boys were held in the entrance of the open skating rink and later in the Elks Hall, the former liquor store that belonged to Charlie Mann.

In 1950, a meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Lois Clarke to reorganize the Parent Association. At this meeting, Ralph Jacobsen was elected to the position of assistant Cub Master and Gene Embree was to be interviewed about being assistant Cub Master.

To keep the boys interested in the movement, we had some activities such as films, apple drives, punch bag, hockey tournaments against other packs, making of totem poles, father-son banquets, decorating floats for Sports Days, weiner roasts, selling Christmas trees, etc.

Sponsors for the Cub-Scout movement were the Anglican, United and Lutheran Churches.

In May 6, 1954, at a father-son banquet, Mr. Gordon Millward and Assistant Scout Master Brown were in vested in an impressive Scout Ceremony before the Group Committee met with Mr. Sceviour (ex Scout Master) and Mr. John Tuba (another ex Scout Master). An interesting report was given by Bob Merrison on the Silver Arrowhead camp that he attended. Gordon Millward was given approval to take the Scouts to a picnic at Lake Pellier in June 1955.

Starting off in the year of 1957, a trip to the Provincial Museum and the R.C.M.P. barracks in Regina in February was discussed.



In 1958, District Camporee was held on the south side of the river just west of the stone house. The tents were a tee-pee style that made a large circle with the headquarters placed out in the front. It was a pretty picture with both the provincial flag and the dominion flag placed at either side of the office. I was Scout Master at the time, and proud to be one of the boys that day.

The four districts were Prairie Gold, Kindersley; Eagle Creek, Kyle; Cypress, Swift Current and Malta, Montana.

The Group Committee made plans for the Scouts and Cubs to go to Rosetown to see the Queen in November 1959 and there was a hearty vote of thanks moved to Mrs. Wegren and Dorius Dyrland for their long service in

the Scout association.

Scouting is a group of boys working together on many projects to learn co-operation. Their Motto is "Be Prepared" and they prepared for survival - learning to cook their own meals, look after their own health and knowing what nature can provide for them in time of need.

Submitted by Dorius Dyrland  
and Melvin Christensen

## THE NORTH LANDING AGRICULTURE CO-OPERATIVE TRADER'S ASSOCIATION, LIMITED

In the early years, the North Landing farmers had to haul their grain to Success to sell it. There they picked up many of their supplies. The grain was mostly hauled out in the winter, as crossing the river on the ice was better than the ferry, and the spring, summer and fall usually had many other jobs claiming their attention. They preferred to haul out wheat and bring home coal, etc., so as to be loaded both ways.

In 1914, a group of them banded together and formed a Trading Co-op, so they could order car-load lots of coal and binder twine so that they could have them on hand when needed, and make a substantial saving too.

The Charter was granted on Sept. 4, 1914, and issued by the Registrar W.W. Thomson. The names appearing on the Charter are: W.J. Trahair, W.A. Price, Frank H. Stepple, George Weston, and Charles Stepple.

There were to be 100 shares of \$10. each and the first Directors were the ones named above.

Other subscribers were:

W.A. McCrie	C. Brulie
James Allen	D.C. Lonsdale
W.J. McCrie	E. Ferguson
Thomas Graham	Fred Hinz
George A. Marshall	Lenard Monk
William Charles Sorenson	Ervin Urvoid
Cuthbert Patterson	Bert Stepple
H.H. McCrie	G.A. West
George Hamilton	Walter Sjoberg
David McCrie	Bert Turner
Edwin Larson	Bert Brown
J.T. Flaherty	F.J. Ashdown
P. McGregor	Ole Martenson
C. Davidson	Samuel Davis
B.B. Bird	George Sands
R.G. Mann	A.M. Currie
S. Hamilton	W. Coward
Emil Gaensley	H. Turner
	W.E. Breckheimer

They held monthly meetings in the North Landing School, and as it says in the minutes, "on the Wednesday before or on the full moon". Since there were no headlights on horses, this enabled them to travel by the light of the moon. They had dances, picnics and debates. It continued to operate until about 1923 when the railroad came to Kyle.

## SPORTS

### FOOTBALL

Football before 1920, in the area was well organized. They played on the N.W. corner of Bill Breckhiemer's land near the Gunderson Post Office at Hugh Gillespie's farm.

Players were Albert Swain, George and Dick Hamilton, Bert and Archie Turner, Ike and Harry Lowe, Ted and Bert Stepple, Hugh and Billy McCrie, Len Monk, Nathan Baker, Bert Mills and Jack Matthews was their manager. Dan Gundecker, Sr. was their driver.

Their opposition from the Russborough Postal District was Walter De Gruchy Sr., Ned and Edward Saunders, Billy Searle, Frank Russell, Ellwood Webb, Geordy Graham and Charlie Hazelwood.

It was really soccer — no hand contact on the ball other than the goalie.

Football was also played on the grounds north of the Kyle Station. Football ended when the depression hit in the 1930's.

### BASEBALL

"The Clearwater Baseball team" was organized before 1920. Some of the players to mention a few were the Thompson brothers Henry, Jalmer and Fred, Eddie Pederson, Sam Abbott, Harry Wanner, Jim Wilson, Chas Millidge, Bob Dunnan, Tiny Stewart, Orland Oscar, Harry Nelson, Harvey Lampman, Joe Wilkie, and others we cannot recall.

In 1918, Seb Luchsinger was the coach of a boys' ball team. The men and boys played their games at Clearwater Lake on Sundays. Other times they played at Charlie Akister's store at "Old" White Bear, and also at the Davenport store, half mile west of the town of Tuberosa.

"The Town of Kyle Baseball team" would have been organized around 1924. Some of those players would have been Bert Colins, Enos Hogue first base, Walter Van Buskirk pitcher, Sam Van Buskirk third base, Jim Ross, Art Campbell, Louis Ault, Tony Messa, and the umpire Joe Grogan. The ball diamond was moved to the school grounds.

By 1930, "the Kyle Elks ball team" was organized. Others who played along with some of the originals



Darwin Van Buskirk, Mr. Cook, Albert Jenson, Bill McKaig, unknown, Melvin Christensen, Don McKaig, Ray Scheelhaase and Ted Holland.

Wally Wallace

were Teddy Holland, Harry Sleigh, Horace Wright short stop, Shorty Campbell, Raymond Omland, Allan Sinclair, and Wilfred Gunderson pitcher.

The 1980 ball team are called "the Kyle Merchants" and are an active association.

### KYLE GIRLS BALL TEAM 1930

Submitted by Muriel Marshall and Mary Graham

Baseball was played at first. Later, we played softball, or today's fastball. The uniforms were grey sateen slacks. Yellow strips down outside leg. Tops were white blouses most times.

Games were played in Kyle, Sanctuary, and White



Ball Team 1930: Alice Elle, Muriel (Wilson) Marshall, Ruby (Jordheim) Cullender, Margaret Haagenson, Mary (Hoffman) Graham, Jessie Stewart, Cora (Wilson) Shaler, Evelyn (Gunderson) Russell, Eva Reid, Ella and Maude Stewart, Walter and Alice Van Buskirk.

Bear during the week. Attended Sports Days locally, and a few times got to Success, Sask. The White Bear girls and S.O.S. (Sanctuary Odd Sox) were our main opposition. At times, others also played on the team.

### KYLE SKATING RINK

The first rink was an open air rink started in about the winter of 1924. At first, it had no fence around it and no waiting room. The fence and waiting room were added the next winter. The fence was about six or eight feet high.

A lot of credit must be given to Mr. Wm. Knox (Bill) who drew water from the river 14 miles away with a team and sleigh and water tank on it to flood the ice. When it snowed or stormed and covered the ice with snow, it had to be shovelled off before we could skate.

Mr. Knox was very interested in sports and played hockey with the first hockey teams. We also had a carnival every winter. I can remember at one time, when Mr. Knox was fixing the lights Henry Hoffman skated into his ladder and he had a very bad fall. He bit the end off his pipe. However, the show must go on and he finished the lights and the carnival went on. At the finish of the carnival, there was always a broomball game. Probably a dance in the hall to finish off the evening, too. Most

activities were held in the daytime as lighting at night had to be put up specially. We all appreciated the work which had gone into it and enjoyed the rink very much.



In 1951, a new memorial rink was built – it being a closed in rink with modern kitchen, etc. It is called the Kyle Memorial Rink.

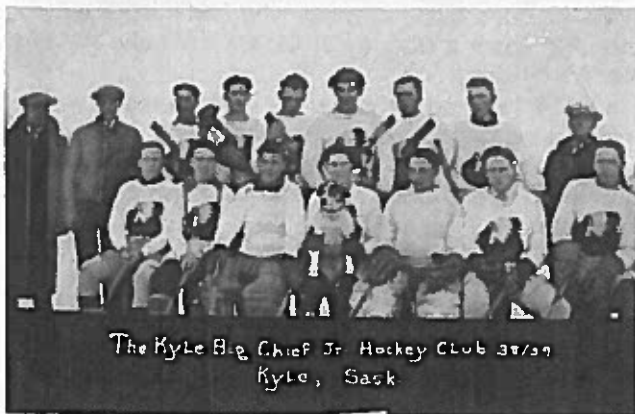
In 1976, artificial ice was installed and in 1979, the senior hockey team was successful in winning the Provincial Championships in their class. We are very proud of our hockey teams and figure skaters, and our Rink is an asset to our town.

## HOCKEY

For a few years from 1924 on, there was a hockey and skating rink flooded on a slough north of the Kyle railroad station. There was also skating on Eddie Peder-son's dam north east of Kyle.

The open air rink was operating in Kyle by 1926-27. Some of the players of those first years were Bill Knox, Sam Abbott, Howard Woodrow, Albert Swain, Danny Sansom, Martell, Bert Collins, Henry Hoffman, Harry Millidge, Carl Hartman and Thorolf Jenson. By 1930, other players were Harry Sleigh, Horace Wright, Allan Sinclair, Russell Johnston and Art Jenson.

"The Kyle hockey team" had a game against Laca-



The Kyle Big Chief Jr. Hockey Club 37/39  
Kyle, Sask

Back: Jim Wilson, Harry Cargill, Dick Hamilton, Bob Turner, Elroy Gunderson, Newell Mann, Harold Sampson, Doug Gibson, Enos Hogue. Front: Torf Jenson, Gordon Baker, Tommy Banks, Buster Wilson, Carle Jenson, Art Jenson, and Clarence Lewis.

dena one afternoon. They left Kyle after dinner and arrived at Lacadena at 7:30 in the evening due to bad roads and getting stuck in the snow drifts. Only seven players got there and they lost the game. Another time, they had a game at Elrose. On the way home Bill Knox's truck boiled dry of water so all walked to Elmer Constable's (Jack Hamilton) and stayed the night. Four players slept in the house, and the rest spent the night in the barn loft. Bill Knox came from Kyle the next day and took them home.

The new Memorial Rink with its artificial ice, bright lights and wonderfully equipped waiting room really helps our senior, junior, and teeny hockey players. Even the nine and 10 year old hockey players had a two-day tournament in 1979-80 and billeted players from other towns in their homes. These younger ones really enjoyed a return visit to Nipawin, travelling in the Kinsmen bus and staying in the homes of new found friends.

Another hockey highlight came when the Kyle Elks Senior Hockey Team earned the title of S.A.H.A. Inter-



Murray Hodgins, Scott Sander, Brain Turner, Wade Remple, Dan Zazelenchuk, Gerry Bellows, Wayne Turner, Russ Gillanders (coach), John Etzerza, Sam Banks, Marg Johnston (secretary), Stan Day, Dale Turner, Gary Blanchette, Gary Anderson (trainer), Charlie Burkey (manager), Terry Furseth, Brain Gustavson, Brock Gillanders, Doug Pittman and Jim Marshall. Missing, Stan Davis and Doug Wiebe.

mediate "D" Champions for 1978-79. This achievement even prompted a request by letter from Poland, the sender being a collector of souvenirs from "famous hockey teams".

To date, hockey remains a major avenue of enthusiasm and entertainment in the area for players and audience alike.

## THE KYLE CURLING RINK

The Kyle Curling Rink was built in 1928-29.

First president of the men's curling club was Mr. W. Knox, and Secretary-Treasurer, J.N. Wilson.

Mr. W. Knox was caretaker of the rink in the 1930's. There were two sheets of ice.

In 1952, an extension of 10 feet was added to the east end of the rink. This allowed the waiting room to be made 10 feet bigger. The front of the rink was given a coat of white stucco, the waiting room remodeled, and a



1933. Clarice Brown, Harriet Lowe, Eva Sullivan, Sylvia Helsa.

lunch counter installed.

In the winter of 1958-59, a third sheet of ice was added and an artificial ice plant installed. Caretakers at that time were Darrel Smith and Kenneth Gronhovd.



1939. Erle Hodgins, Harry Kolot, John Kolot, Bert Turner, Sam Van Buskirk, Olaf Hesla, Mike Herr, Bill Knox, Morgan Driscoll and Walter Van Buskirk.

Both men's and ladies' curling clubs have a bonspiel every winter. There is also mixed bonspells, high school curling and other curling events throughout the winter. Curling is enjoyed by many people and the rink is an asset to the town.

## TENNIS

Mrs. Percy Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Collins, Mrs. A. Hunter and Mr. R.B. Katz started a tennis club about 1928. It was active till the early 1930's.

The tennis court was located where the laundromat-car wash is now.

Players were Mr. and Mrs. B. Collins, Mrs. Percy Brown, Mr. R. Katz, Evelyn Gunderson (Russell), Maude Stewart (Whyte), Jessie and Ella Stewart, Dell Noble (Scott), Cora Wilson (Shaler), Muriel Wilson (Marshall) and Mrs. O.D. Jacobs. If I have forgotten anyone, I wish to apologize.

## GOLF AS I REMEMBER IT — 1940-1980

Submitted by Geordy Graham

My first recollections of golf were in the early 1940's. My clubs were purchased from Frank De Gruchy, a Regina city policeman. Left handed, wooden handles, No. 9 machine, driver, mid iron and putter. After I came to Kyle and got new clubs; Pam Fogg, daughter of Ted and Eunice Fogg, who was a lefty, made good use of the clubs.

In early years, we had a four hole golf course in the cow pasture at the home of my best friend Art Campbell. At Cypress Hills Park Golf Course on July 10, 1966, Art passed away while golfing there. Golf was one of his most enjoyable pastimes.

Remember golfing on Clearwater Lake's first course on the N.E. side. Surely in the rough, lots of gopher holes, balls not too plentiful. Almost a tragedy when you lost one. Some of the golf companions of those years, to name a few, were: O.D. Jacobs, Art Campbell, Oscar Evenson, Herb Wilson of Wartime and Morgan Driscoll. A quote from Mary's diary, "Geordy got up 5:30. Golf Clearwater Lake. Picnic lunch later".

One time we golfed at Swift Current, Jim Borthwick was the "Pro". He helped plan the greens and fairways at Kyle Golf Course along with Benny Smith, Jim Herr, Cliff Head, W.D. Clark, and others.

Kyle Golf Club had its beginning in the 1950's. Lots of dedicated workers and golfers. Had the regular tournaments and attended others around the country. I was always asked to go along. Somebody had to get a trophy in the fifth or sixth flight! I have a trophy to prove it. Benny Smith was our "Arnold Palmer".

Sundays, Morgan Driscoll went to mass and I to the United Church then away to Elrose Golf Course north of the town. Morgan was a good golfer and hunter. His worst vocabulary was, "Gosh, I thought I hit that just right", when the golf ball or the goose didn't fall right.

The highlight of our careers, and most eye-opening was a trip to Lacadena Tourney, July 23, 1961. They had real ice in tubs on every other hole to keep the lemonade at its best. Everyone sunburned to a crisp. I drove the boys home to wives who had misplaced car keys and spent a hot day at Clearwater Lake looking after the children.

In 1974, I started a Kyle Junior Golf Tourney for girls and boys sixteen years and younger. I have presented the Geo. Graham Trophy to Bert Hamilton, Tim McKaig, Guy Hodgins, and Doug Hodgins. Individual trophies by Kyle Club.

Our Kyle Golf Club is very active. Ladies, men, and juniors do a lot of golfing. Club house, greens and fairways are well kept. Attendance from White Bear, Lacadena, Tyner and Sanctuary are appreciated. Lloyd Brusky and others were Sec.-Treas. for many years, also Margaret Norheim and Eunice Fogg. Sam Banks is our president now in 1980. Many others before him held that office.

To the many unmentioned golfers and workers: "A drive into the blue is a glorious sight".

## WEATHER BALLOON

A United States weather balloon came down to rest on the Arthur White farm southwest of Kyle in 1955.

The DeGruchy family were first on the scene, followed by the Johnny Smid family.

The giant balloon measured between 25 and 30 feet in length and approximately 40 feet in diameter. It was oval in shape.

The weather box of instruments and a card of instructions was fastened to the outside.

The DeGruchy family deflated the balloon as instructed



John Noble, 1955

ed as it was filled with nitrogen. They wired the United States office at Rome, New York.

There were visitors from Swift Current, Eston, Rose-town, Elrose, Beechy, Sanctuary, Lacadena, White Bear and Kyle to see the huge balloon. Since that time there have been other balloons come down throughout the district.

## COAL MINE

On November 18, 1907, Mr. James Smart of Saskatchewan Landing applied to the Department of Interior for the lease of coal mining rights on the E½ of S.E.¼ 14-21-16-W3. On April 1, 1908, he was granted a twenty-one year lease, lease number 46, at an annual rental of \$80.00 and royalty payment of five cents a ton. In September 1909, Mr. Smart reported that he had sold no coal since the coal mined was too small for sale. On December 30, 1909 his lease was cancelled after he failed to pay his second year's rental fee.

On August 11, 1920, a lease number 1708 was granted to John H. Smith of Horse Butte for coal mining rights to S½ of S.E.¼ 14-20-16-W3. Rent was \$20.00 a year and the royalty rate of five cents per ton. Mr. Smith found no coal in this lease and on February 17, 1922 at his request, the lease was cancelled. During this time, Billy Williams and a Mr. Smith worked in the mine.

In 1931, Dick McCarthy worked the mine himself and took enough coal out for the winter. It was a lignite coal.

The mine was reopened by the Long Brothers of Morse Sask. and Ed. George.

The mine entrance was about 15 feet down and the mine went into the west side 50 to 100 feet.

A mining inspector came along one day and asked if they had miners papers. They hadn't so they couldn't work the mine unless they had qualified men. The McCarthy Brothers had the necessary papers.

There was no cribbing in the mine so it was cribbed with 2" x 10" cribbing and 6 feet square. A box to take out the coal was made of plank. The wheels for the box were binder wheels. This box ran on a 2" x 4" track nailed onto 2" x 6" plank 2 feet wide. It was pushed along the track to load and then pushed back to the entrance where a horse from Cubby Patterson on a deadman brought it to the surface.

Carbide lamps were used in the mine. Twenty percent dynamite was used to loosen the coal - 60% if there were big stones. All the tools, lamps and blasting powder came from Estevan Mining.

The average seam of coal was 3 feet deep and about 30 feet long.

Felix McCarthy had a shack at the site to keep his tools etc., over the winter. When he came back in the spring, he found all his tools and equipment had been stolen. He removed the cribbing from the mine and filled in the shaft. The mine has been closed since.

Submitted by Dorothy DeGruchy

## SUNKEN HILL

Southeast of the Matador farm along the north side of Diefenbaker Lake there is a range of hills.

Some years ago a rancher drove across these hills. It was the same trail that other ranchers moved their cattle across. The next day someone else was going the same trail. They came to a sudden stop. The hill had fallen. Where the car went the day before, there was a huge crater. The tire tracks of the day before were clearly visible. It takes in approximately thirty-five acres and at it's deepest point it is about thirty-feet deep. Now it is being covered with brush and berry bushes.

## KYLE'S WOOLLY MAMMOTH BRINGS BACK THE PAST

Acclaimed as one of the greatest archaeological finds in Western Canada was the uncovering of a 10,000 year old partial skeleton of a giant Mastodon (Woolly Mammoth). The remains of this animal were found buried in clay along a road three miles west of Kyle. It was discovered by a municipal road crew on October 19, 1964 while raising the grade of a road. A tusk of the creature was spotted by William McEvoy, a tractor operator, who immediately notified the Kyle police. Scientists were at the scene in time to preserve the remains of this prehistoric animal.

Geological evidence at the Kyle site shows that the remains of the mammoth had been deposited there 10,000 years ago. At that time, geologists say, this area

was covered in stagnant ice, part of a shrinking glacier in which isolated ponds had developed. It appeared the mammoth had been trapped in one of these ponds and become buried in sandy deposits which settled in the pond.

Previous findings show that three types of man were known to have lived about the same time as the mammoths. These were the Sandia, Clovis and Folsom. The Clovis man was believed to be a hunter of the mammoth and museum officials were hopeful of finding some trace of one these, either a weapon which may have been used to kill the beast or some tool, but were unsuccessful.

It is believed that these animals might have migrated from India, north and crossed the Bering Strait into America.

There were approximately twenty bones unearthed, one of these being a tooth measuring a foot long and eight inches wide. A scientist described the leg bone as a 'magnificent thing'. A mammoth's tusks end in the circle and removal of this eight foot tusk was a delicate



operation. The bones were uncovered with very precise instruments and preserved immediately with a mixture of shellack and alcohol. The alcohol evaporating leaving the shellack to harden preventing disintegration of the perishable bones when exposed to the air. They were then encased in plaster of paris jackets and stored in Kyle from two to three weeks before being transported by truck to the Museum of Natural History in Regina.

An estimated 20,000 people visited the site during the digging operations. Archaeologists praised Mr. McEvoy for his alertness and the people of Kyle for their co-operation in protecting the suspected find until scientists could investigate the remains of THE WOOLLY MAMMOTH.

## COTEAU HILLS LIGHT HORSE CLUB

Many of the farmers around Kyle had been brought up using horses and had retained their love of them, particularly those who used them with their ranching activities. So in the early 1950's, some of them got together and formed the Coteau Hills Light Horse Club. Ticky

Miller was the first president and Lois Clark (Mrs. W.D. Clark) was the first secretary.

The original books have been lost and we are unable to list the first members exactly, but some of them were, Ticky Miller, Lois Clark, Milton, Art and Will Fortman, Stan Hodgins, Jack Hartness, George and Bobby Thomson.

The club put on Gymkhana events in the rink and also at sports days. They usually had a large entry in the pa-



rade led by two riders carrying the banner.

Later they organized trail rides and up to 30 or more riders took part in them. They rode east along the river on the north side and also on the south side. They also rode to Eston. These were usually over night trips with trucks bringing along camping gear and food for riders and horses.

The evening bonfire was an enjoyable affair with songs jokes and stories to be fondly remembered for years (Hot Freshie).

During the winter months, the club held meetings at the members homes, they put on suppers and dances and usually had one film night.

There were many of these horse clubs formed in the area and Kyle's gymkhana events on sports days drew entries from as far away as Swift Current, Elrose, Beechy and Bickleigh. This rivalry caused a great improvement in the breeding of horses, and many registered horses are now entered. It is interesting to note that lately in a class of 18, only two were not registered.

The club is still active with Barb Stephenson as president and Don McKaig as secretary.

## The Clearwater Chuckwagon Association

In 1959 or 1960, the local pony chuckwagon and chariot drivers formed an association to organize racing at the local sports days. Some of the early members were Ticky Miller, Ivan Smith, Red Smith, Ray Clark, Lyle Draper, Tobe Trytten, Britton McCrie, Bobby Thomson, Stan Hodgins, Cliff Schuler, George Thomson, Arnie Holloway and Bill Thomson.

Races were sponsored in Kyle, White Bear, Lacadena and Elrose. They also had a few races at Clearwater Lake. In later years, they were absorbed into the larger Saskatchewan Pony Chuckwagon and Chariot Association and have discontinued their meetings.

Submitted by Mrs. Britton McCrie and Bill Stepple