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EARLY DAYS IN PEACH VALLEY
BEFORE WORLD WAR II

Compiled by Kathleen (Read) Kennedy
Assisted by Marion (Monro) Derosier



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MR. & MRS.R.S.MONRO & DAUGHTERS
OF PEACH VALLEY,WITH GUEST MRS.LINDSTROM OF SALT LAKE CITY
1923

THE KETTLE VALLEY WEST SUMMERLAND STATION LOCATED A MILE
AND A HALF FROM TOWN. OPENED IN 1915.

AGENT MR.RUTHERFORD,THE RUTHERFORD FAMILY LIVED UPSTAIRS.
THE ROAD TO PEACH VALLEY BEGAN AT THE STATION.

PEACH VALLEY

When this area of the Municipality was planted to orchards, many peach trees were planted, so probably this is the reason for the name "Peach Valley". It is located three miles from the town of Summerland, south of the Giant's Head mountain.

In the early days streets and roads designated the area that they served. The road from West Summerland to the Kettle Valley Railway Station, south of the town was known as "Station Road". The James Darke home was situated at the corner of Station Road and Prairie Valley Rd., so this was known as "Darke's corner". Prairie Valley Road stretched west along the edge of "Dale's Meadows".

Station Road also bordered on "Dale's Meadow" for a long distance, and a stand of large trees sheltered the cows in the summer time. Past the trees lay only empty space with alkali flats on either side of the road. There were only three or four houses and the Box Factory between Darke's corner and the station.

The road to Peach Valley really began at the Station stretching southward down a hill from the Station house. It was a narrow, winding road, dusty in summer and sometimes almost impassable with mud in the spring.

The Clouston house with imposing gardens and tennis courts was just down the hill from the Station. It later became the home of Reid Johnston, station agent. Across the road, up on the tracks there was a section house and roundhouse. The Koch family lived there, followed by the J. Slater family.

Below was the Fyffe property with a large barn. The Fyffes sold butter and eggs and he worked at the Box Factory.

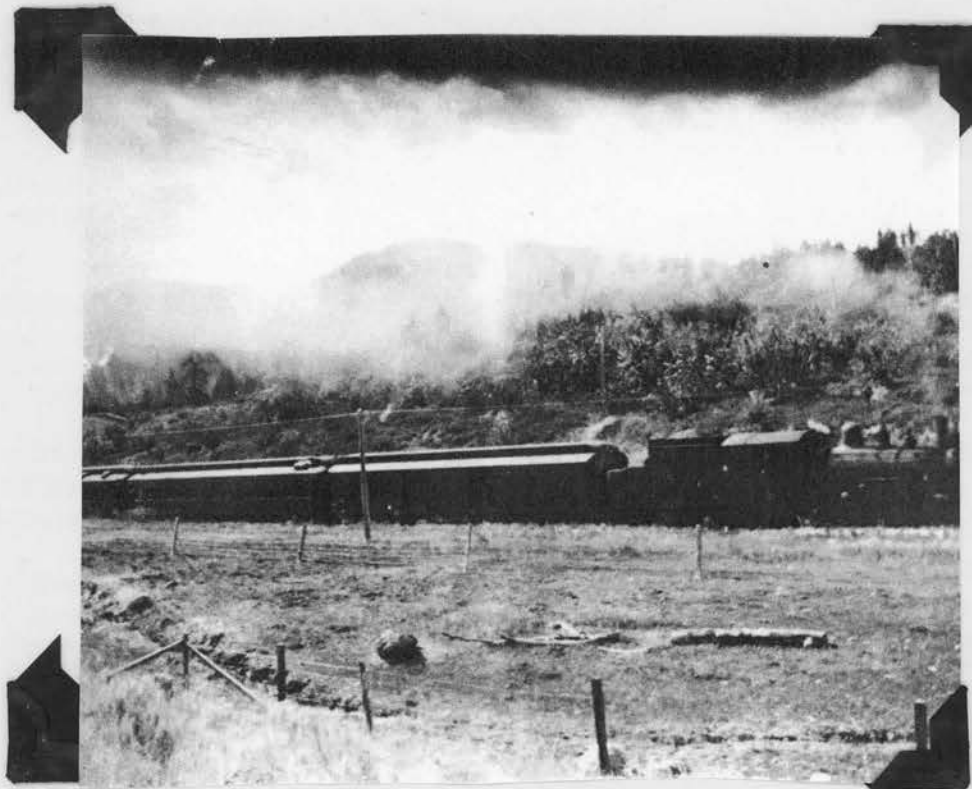
From Fyffes onward the road stretched through uninhabited land where Jimmy Fyffe ranged his cattle and horses. There were even said to be wildcats living in the rocky bluffs where the road narrowed at the entrance to Peach Valley. The roadsides were uncleared so there were profusions of wild roses and other wild flowers. Purple lilies could be found and even violets sheltered behind a large rock. There were frequent encounters with garter snakes and small rodents. Along the tracks which ran above the road there were always lots of groundhogs.

The valley widened out with a marsh stretching right through the bottom-land. Much of this has now been drained (1980). This was known as "Monro's Swamp". Mr. Monro had laid down a wooden walkway across the mid part of the "Swamp", and this provided a thoroughfare east and west. It was known as "The Boards" and was in use for a long time. The railway had been put through the middle of the Monro property in 1913, and followed along the west side of the marsh. It was green and lush and provided pasture for cattle and horses, full of birds, frogs, snakes etc. in summer. In winter it provided frozen stretches of ice for skating.



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PEACH VALLEY 1930's
LOOKING DOWN FROM THE TOP OF THE
CANYON VIEW HILL, PARADISE FLATS.



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KETTLE VALLEY TRAIN
PEACH VALLEY, 1916



STREETS AND ROADS WERE NAMED OFFICIALLY IN THE 1970's. BEFORE WORLD WAR 2, MOST OF THE RESIDENTS LIVED IN THE AREA MARKED.

BRYANT

Entering Peach Valley by way of the road from the station, the first property on the left hand side belonged to the Bryants.

Louis Smith, who lived in Peach Valley near Canyon View Road, purchased the Bryant property. He married Isabel Dickenson of a Garnett Valley family. They planted lots of peach trees extending the orchard up the hill to the land behind the house.

The Smiths had a family of five. Louis was a house-painter and later they moved to town and went into business at a grocery and garage across from the schools. This business was carried on by the family and later some of them purchased a garage at five Corners.

Louis & Isabel Smith

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Couple mark Golden wedding

Friday, January 8 the family of Louis and Isabel Smith entertained at a gathering of some 85 family and friends, at the Summerland Yacht Club to honour the couple's golden wedding anniversary. As well as their immediate family and their spouses, 11 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild were present.

In earlier years Lou was well known here as a painter and paper-hanger. Later they owned and ran the Chevron Gas and General store across from MacDonald School. As it thrived so did the family, and after nine years of serving the public seven days a week, they retired and the family ran the store.

The first retirement home was on Shaughnessy Avenue, which became a well known beauty spot for photographers every spring. While residing there the Yacht Club was built with volunteer help under Lou's direction. In 1973 the couple moved to Dunsdon Crescent where they still reside.

After a delicious buffet dinner which was supplied by the family and overseen by the Ladies of the Royal Purple, son George was called on to be M.C. Congratulatory messages were read from Prime Minister Trudeau, opposition leader Joe Clark, Governor General Ed Schyrer, Premier Bennett, and M.L.A. Jim Hewitt as well as from friends



Lloyd Shannon who had been well known to them both toasted Lou with a comical poem of the going's on in his life, after which Fred (Mac) MacInnis presented them with a lovable framed poem about their years together. Then daughter Leone read and presented an essay written by her older daughter entitled 'My Grandma Smith'.

Later the hall was cleared for dancing, young and older alike enjoying the old Viennese Waltzes.

Guests from out-of-town were Mr. and Mrs. Kon. Ninow and

Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Smith

Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Kaleden, Mrs. Joyce Reid of Delta, Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smith of Kaleden, Mrs. Joyce Reid of Delta, and Mr. and Mrs. Allan Smith of Vancouver

and Michael Smith of Williams Lake, B.C.

Grandson Jim Smith presented them with a framed enlargement taken from old snaps.

Submitted by Alice Gillespie



Nora and Jack Blacklock
with daughter Pat

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BLACKLOCK

The Blacklock family lived on their orchard on the same side of the road as the Smiths. They had formerly lived near Canyon View Rd. Mr. Blacklock, his son Jack and Jack's wife Nora and their three children made up the family.

Jack worked for White & Thornthwaite and died in an accident on the Lower Town wharf, while fruit was being loaded onto a barge.

Over 100 family members gather

The weekend of August 3-6 saw a reunion of an old-time family from this area as 117 members of the Blacklock family were welcomed to Summerland to participate in various activities.

To celebrate this event there was an open house Friday evening at Phil and Pat Smith; a fun day and barbeque at Sunoka Beach on Saturday and a dinner on Sunday evening; and a farewell Pancake Breakfast Monday morning.

The Blacklocks emigrated to Canada from Australia in the early 1900's. They first settled in Alberta, where some of the

family remained; while the father John Charles Blacklock, one son John and daughter Elizabeth settled in Summerland. Another son Robert, with his family settled in Penticton.

Attending the reunion was the only remaining son, Fred Blacklock of Edmonton and Nora Blacklock, the widow of John Blacklock of Summerland. The remainder of the 117 attending represented four generations of the family who travelled here from Ontario, Alberta and points in B.C.

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MESSAGE FROM ELAINE BLACKLOCK AT BANSO
BAPTIST HOSPITAL, CAMEROON, W. AFRICA

It's hard to imagine Summerland without Granny. From early childhood when she would march us downtown at a frantic pace, complaining about the uneven sidewalks, when we would bake "pottery" on her front porch ... to more recently when we have dined out, cruised Okanagan Lake on the boat, driven around looking at flowers, marvelled at how people get water to their houses way up the hillsides, visited the old farmhouse & travelled together to Vancouver, Grouse Mountain & the Columbia Ice Fields. My visits to Summerland have always centred around Granny.

In the last year, I've been glad that I did things with her & made memories when she was stronger, quicker on her feet & sharper in her mind. It's been hard to watch her grow more forgetful & confused. I will always remember her as feisty, strong & sharp in mind. I'm grateful that she has not, like many others, lingered in a hospital unaware of her family, friends & the passing of time.

I will miss her, I do now. But even as I write this, with tears in my eyes, floods of happy memories come back & though tinged with pain & a sense of loss, they are happy nonetheless. Still in a year or two when I am back in Canada & come to visit in the Okanagan, that's when it will really hit home. Meanwhile, my thoughts will be with you over the next couple of days and weeks. Wish I could be there to remember her with you.



I am the
resurrection
and the life

A POEM BY GREAT-GRANDDAUGHTER KIMBERLEY
SMITH, 11

DEATH

What is death?

A dark, cold word or the end?
The downfall of a life, a pit
that can never be filled, a hole
of memories that will always linger



"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ." (Romans 8:16-17)

GOD'S FAMILY PLACE

WHERE FAMILIES OF ONE OR MORE
COME TO MEET JESUS

Summerland Baptist Church

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Box 454
Summerland, B.C. V0H 1Z0
Office: (604) 494-3881

SERVICE OF REMBRANCE

NORA BLACKLOCK

July 23, 1907 - Indian Head, Saskatchewan
February 3, 1992 - Summerland, B.C.
Member Summerland Baptist - July 21, 1920

"I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Romans 8:38,39

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING REMARKS - REV. JACK A. BORCHERT

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"What A Friend We Have in Jesus" 435

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 23

PRAYER

MEDITATION

Psalm 121

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me" 460

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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PALL BEARERS Henk Wouters, Dave McWhinnie
Jack McDougald, Al Warkentin

Family and friends are invited to a time of fellowship and refreshments here at the church following the interment at Peach Orchard Cemetery.

NORA (HAMPSHIRE) BLACKLOCK

Born in Indian Head, Sask., Nora came to Summerland in 1909 & lived with her parents on "The Flat". She worked at the Experimental Station and ran a bakery & restaurant in Lower Town, where she met her husband, Jack Blacklock. Following their marriage in 1926 they settled in Peach Valley. Jack was killed in an industrial accident in 1937 & Nora remained on the family orchard with her three children, Pat, Dorothy & Donald.

She joined the Ladies Auxillary to the Legion in 1937 & in 1981 was awarded Life Membership for 55 years continuous active service - roasting many turkeys & preparing jelly rolls for crib parties.

She moved her family to Julia St. in 1947 & worked at many jobs, including cleaning the church, Bank of Montreal, medical centre and laundromat & seasonal work at the cannery. She still had time to support her church, attending service regularly, being responsible for the guest book & baking dozens of cookies for church camp..

Nora was also member of the Women's Institute & loved to travel. She made several trips to England, accompanied once by two of her grandchildren & visited Donald & Dorothy in Ontario.

Nora enjoyed her home, family & particularly her 10 grandchildren & 8 great-grandchildren.

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DEROSIER

Marion Monro married Louis Derosier from Macleod Alta. They had a family of three two girls and a boy.

Their first home was a little house on Monro Ave. and their next home was on a piece of property across from the Louis Smith orchard. Louis built this house and one for Tom Racicot (Across from Strachans) He worked for many years at the Summerland Box Factory, and was very good at carpentry work. They moved to town and lived on Jones Flat and also Campbell Cres. and also returned to Peach Valley for a while to live on the Blacklock property. Their home across from the Smith property was purchased by the Shires. Later they lived on Prairie Valley Road near Sinclair and in the 1970's owned and operated "Heather House" home for older people. This was with their son Gary and Daughter-in-law Barbara. Marion was acting Matron until she retired. She had the special qualities needed for looking after the needs of the elderly.

K.K.



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Marion R. Monro becomes Bride of L. R. Derosier At Summerland Wedding

Summerland — A pretty wedding was solemnized on June 30 at the home of Rev. Mr. Scott of the Baptist Church when Marlon Robertson Monro became the bride of Mr. Louis Joseph Derosier. Mr. William Grant supported the groom while Miss Kathleen Read attended the bride.

Their presentations were numerous, including two pretty showers which were given by Mrs. C. Clements, Mrs. A. S. Monro and Miss Kathleen Read.

Miss Edith Monro arrived home from Vancouver on Wednesday to attend the wedding of her sister.



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Children's party at Derosiers.

Left to Right - Laurel Derosier, Don Blacklock, Gordon Gillespie, Joyce Smith, Eileen Derosier, Arthur Monro, Dorothy Blacklock, Ray Monro, Victor Smith



Legion Ladies Auxiliary President Pat Smith (right) had a very special task Thursday evening as she presented a life membership to her mother Nora Blacklock. The recipient is only the

third Legion member to receive the auxiliary award: she joins Vi Mc Cutcheon and Ruby Sayers in the select honour.

SEPTEMBER 1983.



Joe Dunn
&
Harry Howard

Joe Dunn

Joe came from Burnaby and other members of the family lived in Summerlad. He first lived back against the hill between Smiths and Blacklocks. He used to ride a big horse. He moved to Andrew Ave. and later to West Summerland. For many years he lived along Giants Head past the Youth Centre, in the former Carrie Harvey property

The Strachans of Peach Valley

Donald J. Strachan was born in Scotland and grew up in England. As a young man, at the turn of the century, he emigrated to Canada. Settling in Vernon, he worked on several of the early ranches and large orchards. He was working on the K.L.O. in Kelowna and remembered well the blasting for the Kettle Valley Railway.

Jean Fleming was born in West Calder, Scotland. As a young lady she emigrated to Montreal. About 1908 Jean moved to Vernon where she worked, and met D.J. Strachan.

When the First World War broke out, D.J. joined the 2nd C.M.R. and went overseas. Jean went home to Scotland. When he was medically released from the Cdn. Army, Donald and Jean were married and lived in London. D.J. worked at the Woolich Arsenal. He was a keen football player while there.

Between 1916 and 1923 they were blessed with five children. Their love of the Okanagan Valley always in their hearts, they once again emigrated. This time to Summerland. Aboard the S.S. Doric to St. John, N.B., the C.P.R. to Vernon, the S.S. Okanagan to Summerland and up the hill to Peach Valley in Jim Brown's old touring car, arriving in late spring 1926. The first meal in Summerland was at the Arthur Read home, then at the foot of Andrew Ave. Their first home was on ten acres of orchard just north of Reads, but just for a year or so, then down to the corner of the Swamp Rd (now Munro Ave) and Station Road (now S. Victoria). The welcome wagon in those days was a group of lovely neighbours. Some brought fresh food and baking, others brought such things as hens and chicks, baby pigs, anything to help new farmers get a start.

Donald went to work at the Experimental Farm, where he stayed until he reached retirement age.

The family all went to school in West Summerland, by bus to public school and walked the two miles to attend High School. The three boys and two girls all served in the services in Canada and overseas during World War II.

Jean Strachan passed away in October 1960, Donald followed her in October 1962.

Eldest son George made his home in New Zealand and is now retired there. Janet (Duxbury) resides in Salmon Arm, Betty (Fisher) lives here in Summerland, as does brother Jim. Bill Strachan worked his way up the Overwaitea chain in numerous parts of the province. He passed away in November 1982.

STRACHAN, NORAH. PASSED away October 15, 1990 in Auckland, New Zealand. Survived by her husband George, son Mark and daughter Caroline. Service was held in New Zealand.

Family gathers at Powell Beach -- first time in 24 years

A former Summerland man, a food research scientist with the New Zealand government is spending some time visiting friends and relatives enroute on a world tour in connection with his work.

Geo Strachan received his early education here and worked for the Canada Department of Agriculture in Summerland and Lethbridge for a number of years before moving to New Zealand seven years ago. He is a brother of Mrs. Betty Fisher and Mr. Jim Strachan of Summerland.

He is staying with Betty and they held a family reunion at

Powell Beach Sunday when all the brothers and sisters were together for the first time in 24 years. Twenty-four attended including the families.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Strachan, Grand Forks and sister Janet and husband Bun Duxbury of Salmon Arm were here for the gathering.

Second Generation Of Family All In Forces

SUMMERLAND—One of the patriotic families in Summerland, that of Mr. and Mrs. D. J. Strachan, has all the second generation in the forces.

Last week the youngest member of the family, Signalman W. Strachan, was home on leave.

Trooper James Strachan is in the tank corps, and Sgt. George Strachan is radio technician in the R. C. A. F. They are both overseas. The two girls, Pte. "Betty" Strachan, C. W. A. C., and AC2 Janet Strachan, R. C. A. F., women's division, were here last week during their brother's visit home.

The father, D. J. Strachan, is a veteran of the last war.

Spoken To By Brigadier

SUMMERLAND GIRL ENJOYS ARMY LIFE

Miss Betty Strachan Tells Of Experiences With C.W.A.C.

SUMMERLAND — One of Summerland's enlisted girls, Miss Betty Strachan, has sent a most interesting letter back to a friend in Summerland and a few extracts from it make interesting reading.

The letter was sent from Vermillion Barracks and contains thanks for a newsy letter sent by her Summerland chum.

"We have been polishing our buttons and stuff, extra special for the last few days as a brigadier and lieutenant-general have been here inspecting us," writes Miss Strachan. "We did some marching for them. They came and looked at us all and the brigadier stopped and spoke to me, boy, was I thrilled! He asked my name, and where I came from and if I had gained or lost weight, if I got enough to eat and if I liked it. The other kids asked what I had that they didn't have.

"... we had to stand at attention for about half an hour. There were special gas drills, first aid, P. T. and fire drill. When we did the gas drill, real tear gas was used and we all began to cry because we didn't have our respirators on. The gas bombs sure make an awful noise and we 'brave' soldiers really jumped to the sky."

Betty evidently enjoys the route marches. She had good practice here in Summerland walking uphill from the hospital to West Summerland and then on out to her home, in Peach Valley, so "a stretch" like 10 or 15 miles is "right up her alley."

She says "They sure are fun—we sing and holler all the way. You should see us now, we can turn properly and do all sorts of stuff, it looks swell."

"Last Sunday about twenty-five of us were taken to a farm about ten miles out in the country. The neighbours around there all got together and put on a picnic for us. They had a bunch of horses for us to ride and they had a swell ball game too. At supper time the people put cloths on the lawn and we all sat around and had supper. They had scads of stuff for us... after we got home we decided to go to church... and went to a Christian Alliance church.

ON RADIO BROADCAST

"One Thursday night we had a radio broadcast. They are going to record it and send the records west, so you may hear it some day. . . . The same night, cups were presented to the winning companies. Our "G" company got five out of the eight cups presented. We get them for map reading, first aid, soft ball, field day sports and all around efficiency.

"We left Vermillion on August 29 and arrived at Edmonton about a week ago. We were met at the station by a band and marched to the Macdonald hotel and the board of trade had a banquet for us. It was grand, nice white cloths (a treat to us as we ate off bare boards at Vermillion) and scads of silverware. After the banquet we went on parade. There were hundreds of people watching us—about 350 girls. . . . people cheered and clapped.

"... we were carrying our haversacks. We were really tired after that one. . . . We marched to the King Edward barracks and stayed there for two nights and had lots of fun. Saturday night there was a dance in the Legion hut and the boys were all swell guys so we had fun.

"We left Edmonton on Monday and had a grand trip back and the mountains sure looked good to us. We got to Vancouver on Tuesday. A band met us and we marched to the barracks. They gave us a 48-hour leave and I went to visit friends at Nanaimo.

"The C. W. A. C. have a hut right in the middle of a group of men's huts. Our hut is very nice, all cream and green painted.

"On Saturday night we went to a dance. It was grand. They had a swell orchestra, a nice big hall and of course there were scads of soldiers. They were swell so we didn't miss a dance.

"The camp here is huge. At night when the lights are all on, it looks like a city. I went through the hospital here last night and it's simply great. Everything so modern. . . . Say hello to everyone for me. It's dinner time and I must close."



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Mr. & Mrs. Donald Strachan with children; George, Jimmy Billy (baby), Betty & Janet.

AT POWELL BEACH.



ROSE FISKE, LOIS READ
J.A. READ.
MR. AND MRS. DONALD STRACHAN.

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MONRO FAMILY

Robert Stewart Monro was born in Rattray, Perthshire, Scotland. The family came to Canada settling first in Toronto and then moving later to Winnipeg.

In 1884, at the age of 15, he was a bugler with the 90th Battalion, Winnipeg Rifles at the time of the Reil Rebellion. Later he went to work in Montana and then moved on to Salt Lake City, Utah. His brother Alexander Monro became a well-known Vancouver Doctor with involvement in the starting of U.B.C.

Robert Monro married Jessie Pringle of a Morman family in Salt Lake City. In 1899 he went to the Yukon Gold Rush. In 1908 he came to the Summerland area to investigate the fruit-growing industry. He purchased 50 acres in Peach Valley and in 1909 moved here with his family of six children.

In a written history he describes the trip, coming by way of Oregon and then to Spokane and then by Great Northern Railway to Keremous. There the trip to Penticton was by Welby stage...an open coach of primitive style! On arrival in Penticton they stayed in a hotel on the lakeshore, arising early to board the steamer to Summerland. Mr English, of the Livery Stables, drove the family to the ranch in Peach Valley. The baggage and the supplies that had been purchased in Penticton were delivered by Alex Steven's brother.

The Monros set up house-keeping in two tents, a large one and a smaller one on a piece of their property later given to tomato growing. It is a tribute to the pioneer spirit that a few later the family walked to lower town, four miles the youngest child being carried by Mr. Monro. The event was a picnic to Naramata on a scow.

The house was put up that year and completed by October. It is described in detail on the following page.

In the following years two more girls were born, Edith and Marion. The other two girls were Jessie and Kathleen, and the boys were Claude, Robert, Alec and Melvin. The two eldest boys attended the Okanagan College.

Fruit growing began in earnest as well as fruit they grew vegetables nuts, berries. Every kind of crop possible. They also kept horses, a dairy herd, pigs, chickens, geese, etc. This farm provided extra work for many of the neighbors in the early days.

In 1913 the Kettle Valley Railway was cut through the property with about 2500 to 3000 men working on the line. Their camp was near the Strachan property.

Mrs. Monro was interested in flowers and always had beautiful house plants. She looked after the dairy herd and had an active interest in the Community. One Sunday she rarely missed driving her horse and buggy to the Baptist Church.

She had extra mouths to feed at times with visitors to the ranch. Dr Alec Monro, a Vancouver physician used to send people with asthma to his brothers ranch to recuperate.

She was very good to the neighborhood children, often putting on tea parties for them. Many neighborhood parties were held in the Monro home where the two large rooms with folding doors between were converted into a small ballroom. The Monro's had a player piano, and sometimes local musicians performed. In the very early days, quadrilles, polkas, waltzes and so on were the dance usually performed. Poetical readings and songs were performed by neighborhood talent.

In 1913 when the railway was being built the men who camped on the Monro property (near Strachans orchard) used to put on concerts and invite the locals.



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Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Monro and family in 1909 when living
in their tent house. New home just built, in the background.



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Mr. & Mrs. R.S. Monro and family
Jessie, Alec, Robert, Kathleen, Claude, Melvin, Edith
Mrs Monro, Marion, Mr. Monro 1920's

R. S. Monro & Sons

FRUIT GROWERS
R. R. 1, Summerland, B.C.

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FRUIT GROWERS
R. R. 1, Summerland, B.C.



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FRUIT PICKING

Left to right: Melvin and Claude Monro, Bill Hilliard, Bill Verrier

Fruit was picked into picking bags, hung around the neck, and they were emptied into wooden orchard boxes. The bags were made of heavy canvas and almost a full box of apples could be picked into one. (30 to 40 lbs)

These boxes were loaded onto "stretchers" and carried through the orchard to the packing shed.

Later horses and stone-boats were used and much later the farmers began to use tractors for hauling their fruit out of the orchards.



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HAYMAKING

FRUIT GROWING ON THE MONRO FARM
(taken from notes by R.S.Monro)

First years were difficult... peaches were the main crop. Large quantities were grown, but could not all be disposed of. 50% rotted on the ground.

1916 they received their first order for apples, from Luseland, Sask.

1917 a large order received from J.P. Hufnagel of Aser Sask. Shipped apples to him the following year also.

Mail order business begun under the label R.S.Monro & Sons. Surplus fruit sent to local packinghouses.

1923 this was the heaviest crop year.. 6000 boxes of apples, 3000 boxes of soft fruit and vegetables shipped direct from orchard. (packed on the orchard)

Next year shipped 7 carloads of fruit to the prairies.

1925 shortage of water caused brown core and other diseases. Next year the same problems. 1927 was a short crop. 1928 was a bumper crop.

picture above: haymaking on the Monro farm. Mr. Monro atop the load, and other family members helping.

Mr. Monro and sons designed and built the barn for the horses and cows.

Two horses were brought from the Indian Reserve and had to be broken in. One could not be worked and was traded for a mare named "Baldy" Another horse purchases from Ont. named Mac.

Made a team with the first mare The second mare was sold to Mrs. Arkell of West Summerland for her bread wagon business, the mare ridden by the girls and used for Mrs. Monro's buggy was named "Bessie"

R. S. Monro & Sons

FRUIT GROWERS

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Plain Quadrille Prano

1st figure Salute Partner

Salute Partner Grand R. & L.

1st four
half promenade Ladies chain

half promenade

ladies Grand R. & L.

half promenade Ladies chain

half promenade

2nd figure

half promenade Leading couple

backward back cross over

forward back cross over to place

~~Half promenade~~

ladies same Half promenade

1st four forward back cross over

IN THE EARLY DAYS IN PEACH VALLEY QUADRILLES WERE VERY POPULAR.

THESE NOTES WERE JOTTED DOWN BY MRS. R. S. MONRO

4th Figure

Bow to ~~the~~ corners
Part left & lady forward to opposite and
return forward again and bow lady
return the same and bow ladies
with part to the same to opposite
and the lady forward & return to place
Sides the same

Bow to ~~the~~ corners
All join hands and walk to center
twice. 1st of right couple ~~across~~
across & back, ladies chain together
All promenade around once.
Sides do the same

6th Figure
Bow to Par & Bow
Ladies to center & face out
Gents to center & face out
Gents swing partners and join hands
in wheel. Return to place
Ladies to center again Gents ~~to~~
Ladies move one to right 2-3-4
Gents remain in place!



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5007 - Monro Ave. MONRO HOME PEACH VALLEY

This house known as an "Aladdin Home" is the present home of the L. Dingwall family (1982)

Manufactured in Vancouver and shipped to Sicamous in sections, the rest of the trip was by rail, steamer and wagon to Peach Valley. This was in 1909. The house foundation was laid by John Robertson, with Mr. Monro having the assistance of Charlie Gayton and Percy Holder.

Carpenters came from Vancouver and also a plasterer who put up the chimneys too. Set on a full basement the house was heated with a coal and wood furnace and wired for the future electricity.

Facing north and south the back entrance was on the north entered by a long flight of stairs to a verandah. The front and side of the house also had verandahs, the one the length of the east side a screened in sleeping porch. The main floor consisted of a kitchen, a large pantry, a large dining-room and parlour, with stairs to the upper floor. The parlour and dining room had folding doors between and could be made into one large room.....a small ballroom on occasion. The pantry had swinging doors at either side, into the kitchen and into a passageway that led to the basement stairs.

A unique feature of the dining-room was a full wall china cabinet with glass doors. A large table and chairs enough to accommodate a large family and numerous guests stood in the centre of the room. There was a bookcase in one corner of the room and a leather couch on another wall. In the west, large windows let in light for Mrs. Monro's beautiful house plants.

The parlour was large and well furnished with a player piano and a fireplace.

Stairs led to the upper floor where there were bedrooms and a bathroom with separate lavatory. The third floor contained two more sleeping rooms,

Altogether a fine and comfortable house for a large family.

EARLY MODES OF TRANSPORTATION
ON THE MONRO FARM



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1st MONRO REUNION

July 27th 28th
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Summerland B.C. CANADA.

July 27th:
Summerland Legion Rosedale Room:
Doors open 5:00 pm.
Dinner 6:30
Dance to follow
Enjoy yourselves,

July 28th
Pancake Breakfast
100F Hall - Main St.
9:30 - 11:00
to follow - Smokey Beach Picnic

Family reunion

Monro family were early settlers

Five generations of the Monro family, descendants of Robert Stewart and Jessie Pringle Monro, held a family reunion July 27-28 in Summerland.

The Monro's were early settlers of Peach Valley, Summerland, which was located south of the old Canadian Pacific Railroad station, now known as South Victoria. Monro Avenue runs north-south past the old farm house.

At the age of 15 years old, Robert Stewart Monro served in the 1885 Riel Rebellion in Saskatchewan. In the year 1898, he travelled up the Skagway with a dog team to White Pass and Bennett Lake to try his hand in the gold rush. He succeeded in panning enough gold at Pine Creek to make a gold ring. After travelling up the Skagway, he joined his brother Dr. A.S. Monro of Vancouver, who had set up a medical tent for the old-timers in Pine Creek.

Robert and Jessie Monro came to Summerland in July 1909. They had six children accompanying them from Salt Lake City. Claude, Robert, Alec, Melvin and two girls, Jessie and Kathleen (who was then two years old). Edith and Marion were born in Summerland. Claude and Robert attended college at the Baptist College on the hill (Giant's Head Mountain).

The family arrived in Keremeos on an accommodation train. Mr. Monro had arranged with a transfer company from Penticton to meet the family there. The stage coach was there waiting for them and they continued with their journey via Green Mountain into Penticton.

Stopping at the Incola Hotel overnight, they left for Summerland the next morning on the Okanagan steam boat up the lake to Summerland. Mr. Monro left the family at the old hotel in Lower Summerland while he got supplies and left for the ranch with Mr. English.

The old home south of the old C.P.R. station still stands in Peach Valley (see picture) Old-timers of Summerland, John Robertson, Charlie Gayton, Tom Nelson and Percy Holder helped to build the house.



Claude, Jessie, Robert, Jessie, Kathleen, Robert and Melvin lived in tent while house was being built.

Those of the five generations who held a family reunion had a tour of the family homestead and vicinity followed by a reception dinner and dance at the Legion Hall. The family also had a pancake breakfast at the I.O.O.F. Hall and a picnic at Powell Beach.

Commemorative caps and coffee cups were distributed to all in attendance. This occasion was organized by granddaughter Eileen Derosier, who did an excellent job in arranging the family reunion.

Among the more than 70 family members who attended were daughters Jessie (Gatenby) Monro of Vancouver, B.C., and Marion (Derosier) Monro of Summerland.

Daughter-in-law Ruby (Flegiel) Monro of Everett, Wash.

Daughter Edith (Rosso) Monro of Black Diamond, Wash., was unable to attend.

Granddaughters Roberta (Bel-lows) Monro of Vancouver and Alda (Green) Monro of Abbotsford, B.C., daughters of Claude Monro.

Marjorie (Reneck) Monro of Bend, Oregon, daughter of Melvin Monro.

Alynn (Prins) Monro and Lorraine (Oleson) Monro of Seattle, daughters of Melvin Monro.

Eileen Derosier of Summerland, daughter of Marion Derosier.

Grandson Stuart Raymond Monro of Penticton, son of Alex Monro.

Grandson Melvin Arthur of Seattle, Wash., son of Melvin Monro, and grandson Gary Louis Derosier of Kelowna, son of Marion Derosier of Summerland.

All were accompanied by their spouses, children and grandchildren.

The great grandchildren of Robert and Jessie Monro, who with their families are residing in Summerland, are:

Charleen and Roy Stroh with children Jeremy, Venessa and Jamie.

Rob and Cindy Royer with children Josh and Nadine.

Penny and Daryl Ask with children Tyler and Jessica.

Kevin and Lora Royer.

Steven and Sandra Derosier with children Kiersten, Nicole and Kendra.

The family also had special thoughts in loving memory of Tony Derosier who passed away April 16, 1991, in Bolivia. Unable to attend was Steven and Tony's mother, Barbara.

Special thanks is extended by the family to the Legion Ladies Auxiliary for the beautiful supper they served. Also, thanks was extended to the Rebecca Ladies for the wonderful pancake breakfast.



The first set of grandchildren pose for picture at the Monro reunion.



Members of the Monro family have pictures of this, the original home:

SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE

KATHLEEN BRYDEN
OCT. 21, 1907 - OCT. 1, 1990

MINISTER: REV. J. BORCHERT

"I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING REMARKS

INVOCATIONAL PRAYER

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
"Near the Cross" 385

SCRIPTURE READING
John 11: 21-26, John 14: 1-3

PRAYER

MEDITATION

CONGREGATIONAL HYMN
"All the Way My Savior leads Me" 460

LEGION PRESENTATION

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE

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Family and Friends are invited to gather for informal refreshments in the Rose Room at the Legion following the memorial service.

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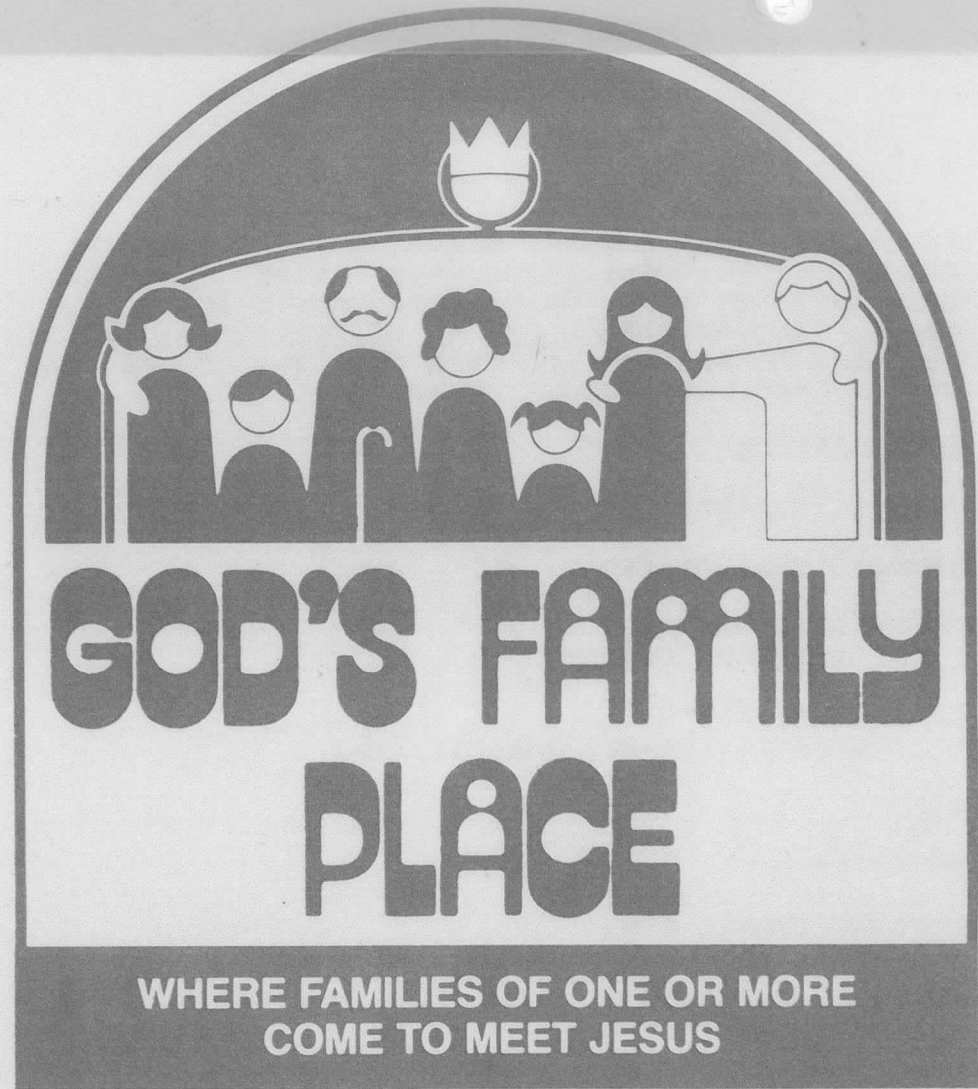
In memory of
KATHLEEN ISABEL BRYDEN

Kathleen Isabel Bryden was born in Salt Lake City Oct. 21, 1907. She came to Summerland with her parents, brothers and one sister in 1909. Kathleen will be remembered for her philosophy in life and her interest in others. All though Kathleen did not visit the young ones of the family too often due to her health, she was interested in hearing of them and their activities. She has ten little grand nieces and nephews in Summerland.

She loved the spiritual faith at the Baptist Church where she attended Sunday School as a child and the Church Family later in life.

Kathleen believed in the words of the Bible teaching "to be content in what so ever state we are in."

She was a great inspiration to all who knew her. Her sister Marion remarked that "she was a wonderful sister, friend and counsellor, and will be with her forever".



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"The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ." (*Romans 8:16-17*)



Monro girls

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MONRO AVE.

D. Strachan, the family came from Scotland. Purchased the house and orchard formerly owned by Roger Tingley. (see Strachan family*)

In the early years this house was rented to the Stan Turner family for a while. They moved to lower town and then to Vancouver.

Blethen, they lived in the house on an orchard across the road from the Strachans, slightly further south. They had three daughters. Florence married Ernest Bennett and they had an orchard on Paradise Flats, overlooking Peach Valley.

Mr. Bennett was well-known for his commercial gladioli business and the beautiful fields of glads on Paradise Flats, overlooking the Trout Creek.

After the Blethens, Cliff and Lottie Clements lived in that house for a while.

RED CROSS WORKERS 1940

Back: Mrs. Mountford, Ada Monro, Mrs. Read, Kay Read, Lois Read, Rose Fiske
Centre: Florence Bennett, Mildred Johnston, Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Monro, May Mitchell
Front: Margery Fenwick, Mrs. Holmes, Marion Derosier

R. S. Monro owned most of the property on the east side of Monro Ave. (see Monro family)*

A. H. Stevens owned an orchard on the west side of the road next to the Elmer Johnston orchard. The Stevens lived in town and there was no house on that orchard.

Elmer Johnston came from Oliver and lived on their orchard at the corner of Canyonview Rd. and Monro Ave. Don't know who first owned this property.



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Stacks

TWENTY YEARS AGO IN SUMMERLAND

(Taken from the files of the Summerland Review, June 19, 1914)

But for the persevering bravery of a Summerland Boy Scout, a young life would have been lost last Sunday. Little Ralph Sculthorpe, about four years old, was playing on the wharf, when he fell in. Boy Scout William Snow was in his bathing suit on the scow, along with others, and pluckily dived in in an effort to save the child. His first attempt was not successful, but urged on by Scoutmaster John Tait, Snow made a second dive and located the drowning lad, who had drifted about half-way under the wharf. Dr. Kennedy, who was brought to the scene, had little difficulty in expelling the water from the little fellow's lungs. Scout Snow was first taught to swim at the annual camp of the troop two years ago.

There are now one thousand men working on the grade between Osprey Lake and Princeton on the K.V.R.R. With this force of men, together with six steam shovels, good progress is being made, and one-third of the grade of this 30-mile stretch has already been made. While driving down the gulch road on Wednesday, Mrs. R. S. Monro and Mrs. D. F. Brewer met with an accident due to the contrariness of the horse which Mrs. Monro was driving. At the top of the horseshoe bend, the ladies saw James Kean coming up with the Summerland Supply Company's delivery rig, and decided to wait at the top. Mrs. Monro's horse refused to stand, and commenced to prance, sending the buggy over the edge. Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Monro managed to scramble out of the rig. Horse and buggy rolled right to the bottom of the gulch, the horse coming to rest on its back on top of the overturned rig. Mr. Harvey, who came along, took Mrs. Brewer and Mrs. Monro home and sent help to extricate the animal, which was tangled in the harness and was brought out unhurt.

Rev. H. A. Solly went up to Sicamous this week to meet Mrs. Solly and family, who are returning from a year's visit to England.

Elmer Plays For Soldier's Wedding At Summerland

SUMMERLAND—Forty guests gathered at the home of the bride grandmother, Mrs. S. Johnston, West Summerland at 8 o'clock the evening of August 22 for the wedding of Eva Irene, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmor Johnston, and Sgt. William Jenkins Miller, R.C.A.M.C., only son of Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Miller, of Kelowna. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Redman, of Ladner.

The bride was given in marriage by her father and entered the prettily decorated living room to the strains of the "Highland Wedding" piped by William Campbell, formerly of Kelowna.

Choosing for her wedding a frock of silk crepe with which she wore brown accessories, the bride carried a bouquet of gold and mauve gladioli. Her sister, Miss Harvey Mitchell, wearing a lavender green silk crepe frock and carrying a bouquet of peach colored gladioli was bridesmaid. Lloyd Johnston acted as best man.

The guests were received by Mrs. Elmor Johnston and Mrs. D. J. Strachan and Mrs. W. J. Read presided at the tea table which was centered with a three-tier wedding cake, tall pink tapers and pink roses. A number of the bride's friends assisted in serving. The toast to the bride was proposed by Walter Bleasdale and responded to by the groom.

Sgt. and Mrs. Miller left for Vancouver where they will reside for the present. Out of town guests were William Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Miller, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Brydon, of Kelowna, and Miss Roberta Coy, of Penticton.

SOLDIER'S BRIDE GIVEN TWO SHOWERS AT SUMMERLAND

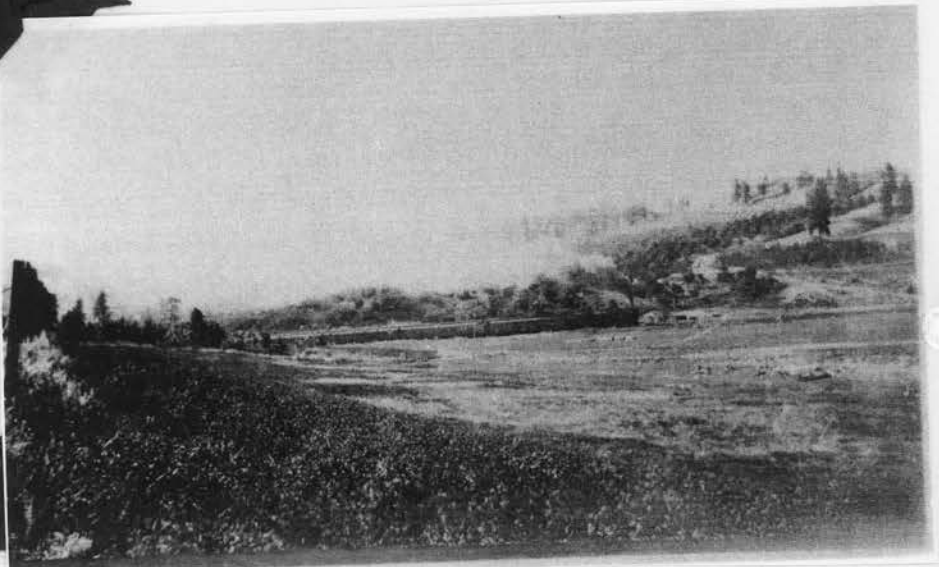
SUMMERLAND — On Thursday evening, August 21, Miss Eva Johnston was the guest at a shower given by the joint hostesses, Mrs. L. J. Derosier and Miss Kathleen Read, at the home of Mrs. R. S. Munro. About 25 friends gathered to honor Miss Johnston, whose wedding will take place tomorrow, Friday.

The room was tastefully decorated with pink, blue and white streamers and pink and white gladioli. The gifts were presented in a decorated wagon drawn by Miss Laurel Derosier dressed as a bride and Master Ronnie Mitchell dressed as a soldier. They were followed by Eileen Derosier and Wayne Mitchell carrying flowers.

Following the opening of the gifts a dainty lunch was served and a decorated bridal cake was placed in the center of the table. The evening's shower was brought to a close with many expressions of good wishes for future happiness for the bride-elect.

On last Saturday afternoon, the girls of the Occidental fruit packing house held a surprise shower for Miss Johnston. Gifts were presented in a box decorated with fruit wrappers, and following the opening of these, ice cream and cake were served.

TRAIN GOING THROUGH MONRO FARM IN 1916 BOARD WALKWAY ACROSS THE PASTURE.



PORTRAITS

Edward Elmer Johnstone

Elmer Johnstone was born in Manitoba, living at Briarwood, one of the early settlements where his family endured the hardships of pioneers of the time. As a young boy he drove a team in zero weather to take wheat into Griswold, the nearest town.

As a young boy, too, he decided to try for a different type of life, and left home at the age of fourteen. He wanted to be a locomotive engineer, and this fondness for machinery has persisted through his life.

At Regina there was no opening on the railroad for him, but at Arcola he worked in a roundhouse. He even got to be a fireman when his age was discovered and he was advised to leave.

In 1909 his father, Robert Johnstone, decided to move to Summerland, and where later he became reeve and was in council work for twenty years. Elmer left for the north country as a stoker on a boat, getting as far as Alaska and the Yukon, then back to Vancouver.

At the coast he teamed up with a railroad man and by being a caboose passenger on freight trains reached Moose Jaw.

This was when the prairie was turning to mechanized farming. Elmer Johnstone could see a big future in tractor engineering and started for Fort Indiana to take a course in it. At Minneapolis he halted and at the Big 4 Tractor Co. took his training. For three years he kept moving, working in factories in the winter; travelling in the summer as an expert and operator of tractors; seeing most of the Dakotas, the middle west, and Montana. In was an interesting line of work, but in 1914 the first World War came.

By October of that year he had joined the 32nd Winnipeg Battalion, an auxiliary to the 1st division which they joined at Ypres the next spring. His comrades in arms were remnants of the British Imperial Army, British Territorials and Sikhs and Gurkhas from India.

When the 32nd was broken up he



went to the 2nd Ottawa battalion, and remembers Edward, then Prince of Wales, marching at the head of those left in the battalion, all singing the Tommies' chant 'Here we are, here we are, here we are again. We beat them on the Marne. We beat them on the Aisne. We gave them hell at Neuve Chapelle, and here we are again. Here we are, here we are, here we are again.'

At Givenchy he was wounded, and had a long convalescence at Rouen, and at the Duchess of Connaught hospital on the Astor estate at Cliveden.

Although he hadn't been at Summerland, The Review was sent to him all the time. One day two young men working in the hospital lab, stopped to have a look at the paper, and at him. They were Harry Jennings and Alf Vander-

burgh, former students at Okanagan College at Summerland, delighted to meet someone with home connections.

Incapacitated for war service he was moved back to Canada and was present in Winnipeg at the gathering of the Army and Navy Veterans' Association meeting with a citizens' committee, including the mayor and an alderman, which thirty or forty veterans controlled to form the first Great War Veterans' Association in Canada. As time proved, leadership was not strong enough to hold it, so it fell apart. Later the Canadian Legion was formed.

In January 1916 he was married at Port Dover, Ont. at the manse to Miss Mildred Oakes, going back to Winnipeg where he was with the City Light and Power. During a strike the employees left, the police struck, and Winnipeg was in a chaotic state.

Johnstone's flair for machinery overtook him again and he opened a garage at Beausjour, and later at Minnetonka, Man.

Because of poor health which troubled him following the war, he moved to the Okanagan, building the first garage in Oliver, which he ran for nine years. He was on the executive of the Liberal Association, an active member for the board of trade, president of the Oliver Athletic Association, manager of the basketball team for two years, and manager of the baseball team for five years.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnstone moved in 1930 to Summerland where they have lived ever since on their fruit ranch out by Trout Creek Canyon.

Their son, Lloyd, now mining at Ymir, was on the Ontario in the navy for two years during World War II, having a trip around the world at that period, through the Panama and the Suez canals, and was at Hong Kong. One daughter, Eva, Mrs. W. Miller, lives at Kelowna, and their other daughter, May, is Mrs. Harvey Mitchell.

Always a follower of sports, he is a member of the executive of the Summerland Baseball Club.



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MR & MRS. ELMER JOHNSTONE
EVA MILLAR
MAY MITCHELL
LLOYD JOHNSTONE

The Johnstone name is Scotch, but Elmer Johnstone's mother was of the Irish family of Seens, which races its way back many, many years. One grandmother was Johan Seen, named for a French Count Johan who married into the family.

Elmer Johnstone has hunted practically all his life. As a boy he hunted moose and elk on Indian mustang ponies in the Riding Mountains in Manitoba, and with wolfhounds hunted for coyotes. Since coming to British Columbia he has hardly missed a year in twenty-five when he hasn't gone to the Cariboo for a fall shoot. This year is no exception. He is up there now.

Received 1968

ANDREW AVE.

Before World War 2 there were three houses on Andrew Ave. Going north the first house on the right was built around 1911 or before. This was the home of Sam Beggs family, situated on a ten acre orchard. After the Beggs moved to town the orchard belonged to the Steuart family and the house was occupied by Charlie and his wife.

They moved to lower town and the house was rented to Sarah and Walter Powers from Vancouver. He was employed in the greenhouses at the Experimental Station. Later he and George Robinson went into the nursery and greenhouse business in Penticton. The Powers had no children but were known to all the neighbour children as "Uncle Walt" and "Auntie Blossom". (They are in the Kellys mine picnic picture)

Many of the weekly dances were held at the Power's house.

A house across the street belonged to Harvey Phinney who probably lived there on his orchard at one time. Over the years it was rented to various families. When the Strachans first came from Scotland they lived there for a while. The Saunders and Thomas's, both from England lived there for short periods. All these people were employed at the Experimental Station.

Finally this house and orchard was purchased by Gus Johanason from Princeton.

At the top of the street (on the right) there was a small house on the Evans property. The Sam Barnards lived there, Evans lived there for a while, also the Thornthwaites. They both moved to their permanent homes in lower town.

Ted Tinkler lived there when he came to look after the Evans property. He also looked after the orchard across the road known as "the Burchill property". It had an absentee owner. Ted lived there for many years and moved to his own orchard after his marriage to Mabel Fitzpatrick. This was the former Snyder orchard on Giants Head Road.

The orchard between the Phinney property and the Burchill lot was owned by Jock Campbell. They did not live on this orchard, but had a home and orchard on the front bench road, now known as Happy Valley Road. It is adjacent to the Munn orchard.

PHOTO 977-484 Jock Campbell family files.

PIONEERS:



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Mr. & Mrs. Mackay
with their baby son Ronald

Mr. & Mrs. Fred Barnard
with Dorothy & Sam

This house was built early in the century and was the home of Mr. & Mrs. Mackay and their son Ronald. It was situated on their orchard at the corner of Hillborn and Andrews.

Mr. Mackay died at an early age and his widow married A.A. (Bert) Lewes from Australia. He had an orchard on the Sandhill Road (Gartrell Road) Their son Alan still lives on this orchard (1982)

The orchard on Hillborn Street was looked after Billy Hall who lived in a cottage on the property. The house was finally torn down after being rented for many years.

This orchard and the Read orchard next door became the Hilltop Farms, growing vegetables. Now replanted



Peach Valley children in front of Monro house Late 1920's

Back Row: Austin Mitchell, Lois Read, Margaret Read, Eva Johnston,
Betty Strachan

Front Row: Michael Daniels, Lloyd Johnston, Billy Strachan, Gladys Daniels
Jimmy Strachan, Gilbert Thomas



This picture taken by Arthur Read in the early days is
thought to be Sam Beggs and family



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A PICNIC NEAR KELLYS MINE

Kelly's Mine was so named for an old timer Tom Kelly, who thought he had a gold mine to the south towards the railway tracks.

This land is now developed for the local Trail Rider's Assoc. (1982)

Back row: Walter Powers, Ron Falconer's brother (Penticton), Bill & Donnie Pollock, Jack Hamon, Ronnie Falconer, Wilfred King, George Robinson, George Strachan, Ted Tinkler, Mrs. Ronnie Falconer, Mrs. Mary Read, Ted Stevenson, Mr. Mrs. Billy May, Don Strachan

Seated back row: Mrs. Bill Pollock, Mrs. Bridget Daniels, Mrs. Sara Powers, Mrs. Jean Strachan, Mrs. Powers niece

Middle row: Violet May, Janet Strachan, Michael Daniels, Eunice Robinson, Gladys Daniels, Sadie May, Irene May

Front row: Lois Read, Margaret Read, Betty Strachan, Bill Strachan, Jimmy Strachan

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FISKE STREET

This was a dead-end road with two properties at the end of it. The orchard belonged to Humphrey Fiske, who came from England. He batched for a few years with Billy Hall, in a small house on his property.

Billy moved to the Lewes orchard where he was employed by Mr. Lewes on that orchard and also their home orchard on Sandy Hill (Gartrell Rd) Humphrey married Rose Moore. (The Moores had come from Penticton and lived in the Gray house on Paradise Flats) They had a family of three.

The orchard at the top of the road had a succession of owners. The Calloways, the Drewitts, the Clements, the Kadamases and the Kubakawas.

The Calloways moved to town and then to Vancouver. The Drewitts moved to their orchard on Giants Head road about 1915. They lived there for the rest of their lives and later this property belonged to Fred Clarke.

The Clements had two children, Nora and Allan. Allan was killed in World War 2. Both Mr. & Mrs. Clements were interested in the operatic society and he was a singer.

The Kadamases and Kubakawas grew tomatoes, cucumbers and egg-plants commercially. They were exceedingly generous to all their neighbours Tomie Kubakawa is Mrs. David Aoki of Trout Creek.



Mrs. Strachan, Mrs. Fenwick,
Janet Strachan, Rose Fiske
Trudy Mitchell (child)

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CALLAWAY — Horace Frederick on November 7, 1986 at Burnaby General Hospital, aged 76 years. Survived by his son Larry, 2 granddaughters Kory and Erin, 1 brother Allen of Victoria. No service by request. Cremation. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Canadian Cancer Society would be greatly appreciated. Arrangements through First Memorial Services Ltd.



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JOHANSON

Gus and Irene Johanson came from Princeton in the 1930's. They bought the Harvey Phinney orchard on Andrews Ave.

They also raised cattle and had a barn and pasture adjacent to the Monro pastures.

They had a son and daughter, and after some years moved to Armstrong to go in for mixed farming.

The Johansons kept their cattle on the Bald Range in the summer.

Picture above:

Irene Johanson and Kay Read, on the Bald Range Trail

BARNARD

Fred Barnard worked for R.S.Monro. In 1911 the future Mrs. Barnard came from England and they were married at the Mountford house on Paradise Flat. They lived at first in the tent house that the Monros had occupied on arrival in Peach Valley. They moved to the house on the Evans property, and then to the orchard next to the J.A. Read property on Hillborn St.

They had several horses, one of these had been a race horse named "Big Donnie". They also had a small pony named "Little Donnie" the pet of the neighbourhood children.

Mrs. Barnard died suddenly of a boil infection, and Sam Barnard and Dorothy and their father Fred went to the states to live. That was probably in the late 1920's. Dr. Andrews purchased the orchard and the little cottage was rented out.

DANIELS

Frank and Bridget Daniels came from Ireland in the late 1920's with their two children Michael and Gladys. They lived in the Andrews house, and Frank was employed at the Experimental Station. Later they moved to lower town and operated the Daniels Grocery. Frank also worked at the Box Factory for a while. They had a large family all of whom grew up in Summerland. Michael was killed in World War 2.

After they sold the store they moved to West Summerland to live and both lived there until the late 70's or early 80's.

LEWIS

George and Mary Lewis came from Alberta and first lived on Paradise Flat, then moved to the former Robinson house on Hillborn St. Two children Richard and Kathleen were born there. George worked on orchards and later became employed at the Research Station. He purchased land at Trout Creek Point and built a very attractive log cabin. Two more children William and Margery completed their family.

The house was enlarged and surrounded by attractive gardens. Both George and Mary took an active interest in Community affairs, and also were greatly interested in the outdoors and rock hounding.

CARTWRIGHT

Harold and Kathleen Cartwright lived for some years in the Andrew house, after they came from Powell River. Kathleen was the former Kathleen Monro, the youngest of that family when they arrived in Summerland from Salt Lake.

Harold was a veteran and a brother of Mrs. Stan Turner. The Turners, from Yorkshire lived a first on Paradise Flat and for a while in the house owned by Roger Tingley. Harold and Kathleen had an active interest in the Canadian Legion.



John Arthur Read and Horace Read came from Hull Yorkshire, England in 1911.

They landed in Boston U.S. and came across Canada by train. Stopped first at Walhachin, near Kamloops, then came to Summerland to family friends, the Richard Chew family, Prairie Valley.

Arthur purchased property, ten acres of uncleared land in Peach Valley, on Hillborn Road. This is now called Hilltop Farms. Horace bought an orchard on Jones Flat. They spent their first winter in a tent on the Chew property.

The next two years were spent in Seattle where they found employment. Arthur was a bookkeeper for the university club. In 1913 his fiancee came from Yorkshire. She was Mary Fraser from Withernsea and she came to Lilloet to the ranch of some friends Mr. Mrs. J. Lahore. They were married in Ashcroft and returned to Seattle. In July 1914 they came to the Okanagan, coming down the lake on the first trip of the Sicamous. After a short time on the orchard they moved to West Summerland where the Read Bros. started a garage. It was located where the Review and Bulletin Office is now. (1982)

Mac Kuroda and family lived on the orchard during this time.

About 1920 they returned to the orchard in Peach Valley. The garage business was run by H. Read who was by then married to Alma Hendrickson of Seattle. They lived in a house behind the garage.

The first house on the Peach Valley property was located on a rise at the far side of the orchard, with a view of the Experimental Station. During the 20's this house was torn down and another one started over near the road (Hillborn St) The reason for the move was the lack of water and electricity on the far side of the orchard.

Arthur Read worked as a bookkeeper for many business's in the early 1930's including a half day, every day at the Groceteria. In the very early days he had worked for the Stark Supply Co and tried his hand at any available jobs. In 1940 he purchased the business of the Summerland Bulletin and Insurance from Percy Knowles. The orchard was sold to John Manning from the Experimental Station. The Reads bought a house and property on Giants Head Road, (the Dale house)

Mrs. Read was like other Peach Valley women an active worker in the orchards at picking time. Everyone shared their fruit and berries so there was lots of jam and fruit to be preserved. Afternoon teas were in style in those days, so lots of good things were baked both for the teas and for neighborhood parties in the various homes. Milk was purchased from the Robinsons for 10¢ a quart with a free pint of cream on Sundays!

Mr. Read belonged to the operatic society and played in the orchestra for all the early Gilbert & Sullivan performances. Mrs. Read became active in the Womens Aux. to the Legion. Three Daughters, Kathleen, Margaret, and Lois.



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Read property 1911



Mrs. Mary Read and
daughter Kathleen

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J.A. Read
Peach Valley pioneer

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Mr. & Mrs. J.A. Read
Peach Valley 1930's

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GOOD ADVICE — PLANT A TREE

Taking their own good advice are members of the Penticton Beautification Council. Member Mickey Bell is seen planting a tree given to her by George Robinson, with

some supervision by another member, Joyce Brown. The beautification council is promoting Arbor Month in April, encouraging residents to plant trees at their homes, businesses and institutions.

Robinson is a well-known Penticton gardener and former nurseryman, whose work has inspired many to beautify their gardens. The tree is a flowering peach.

Mr. & Mrs. Robinson

George Robinson married Edith Burdett from Vanderhoof. They had one daughter Eunice.

They lived on Hillborn Street, their house overlooking their orchard below.

Mrs. Robinson was fond of growing flowers and berries and she also helped with the fruit, picking during the season. They moved to Penticton in the 1930's to run a nursery.

Mr. Robinson died Dec. 24, 1982.

Mrs. Robinson and her daughter Eunice Wignes live in Penticton.

Mrs. Robinson's sister Mabel married Ted Tinkler, a Peach Valley resident. They lived on Giants Head Road and later in Penticton.



1997-370-081 Edith (Mrs. George) Robinson with Eunice.

PIONEERS - George Robinson -

Close To The Earth And Plants From Childhood

At fourteen, George Robinson began work as an assistant to a staff of gardeners on a large English estate. "My introduction was abrupt," George recalls. "The head gardener asked me why I had selected a profession with a lot of hard work and one in which you never cease to learn."

Despite this introduction Mr. Robinson says that he has enjoyed every moment and the beautiful gardens which surround his home indicate that his love of horticulture is still dominant in his life.

Mr. Robinson was born in 1892, near Colchester, England. He was one of a large family and economic conditions of the time forced the boys



In 1921 George was married and built a small house on the property he had obtained in Summerland. In January 1922, the couple moved into their orchard home. In 1922, George picked about 700 boxes of apples for which he received \$103.00. In 1923, his returns came to a grand total of \$150.00.

"I never kept union hours. The horticulturist must have immense patience and be prepared for hard work -- but it's a satisfying life." Mr. Robinson's success over the years is living proof of this statement.

In 1932 he moved to Penticton and went into partnership with the Penticton Flower Shop and Nursery. His partner operated the greenhouse and George ran the nursery. In October 1935 disaster threatened via a severe cold spell. A major part of the apple crop was frozen on the trees.

in the family to commence work at an early age. With wages of only eight shillings (about \$2.00) a week it did not take him long to decide that there was little future for him in England.

After deciding to come to Canada, George worked for several years at low wages in order to save enough to pay his passage. His dream came true in 1913 when he joined his brother in Calgary. He worked with his brother, who operated a window cleaning business, until 1921 when he made a visit to the Okanagan. As a gardener, the beautiful mild valley filled all his dreams. He decided to settle in Summerland, but in order to see the land, he took the stage, driven by Warwick Arnett, to Oliver. The stage was the only means of mail delivery to Fairview and south to the border.

Mr. Robinson, an orchardist for most of his 87 years, agrees that the union movement is out of hand.

The whole work ethic has changed, he believes. "At 12 or 14, we went out to work. We'd walk two or three miles, work a 10-hour day, and the wages were poor," said Mr. Robinson.

"People in those days were

HAND WORK

There was no unemployment when doing hand work, said Mr. Robinson. But the machine age, he said, has "men standing around and looking at one big digger doing what many used to do with a shovel." He said of orchard work, "Kids today ask, 'What's in it for me?'"

PACKING FRUIT

Mr. Robinson recalls the work involved in packing fruit. "A good box maker at the packing house could nail together 100 boxes a day." In the orchard, Mr. Robinson would carry out the boxes of fruit on the hillsides, to a stone boat on the level. The



GEORGE ROBINSON

wagon going to the packing house would be loaded by hand.

"The industry is entirely different from what it used to be," said Mr. Robinson. He cited the major changes as spray irrigation (from the old ditches) and the coming of machinery.

"We used to spend eight to 10 hours of hard work thinning one apple tree.

Now, with spray thinning, that same job is a matter of minutes. An acre of trees can be done in three hours."

The investment then was of time, not money.

"Maybe \$250 for a horse, a democrat and a plow. Now, it's \$10, or \$12,000 on equipment," said Mr. Robinson.

But he thinks people are not only softer, they are less contented. "No person or nation trusts another. It all boils down to greed -- people want more and more."

He said there is not the same good will in the world today. "It used to be that if a grower got sick, his neighbors got in the crop."

Mr. Logan said, "In the early days, we had to make our own amusement and games. Clear the land first, then make our own games. Now, everything is organized for us."

"People had a better time in those days, they were always happy and helped one another out."

But Mrs. Reid sees things differently. "There is more tolerance, more understanding now among people. In the old days there was too much regimentation. We were brought up so strictly, we were scared almost to live. People now are not so tight."



Ina and Ted
Atkinson



Atkinson

F.E.(Ted)Atkinson and his wife,Ina built their home on the hillside,south corner of Hillborn and Giants Head Road,overlooking their cherry orchard.

From 1929 to 1965 Ted was employed at the Research Station doing experimental work on dried fruits,marachino cherries,fruit juices, fillings etc.

After retiring from the Station he established the "Summerland Sweets" on his property.

Ina has always been very active in the Rebekah Lodge.

Hillborn

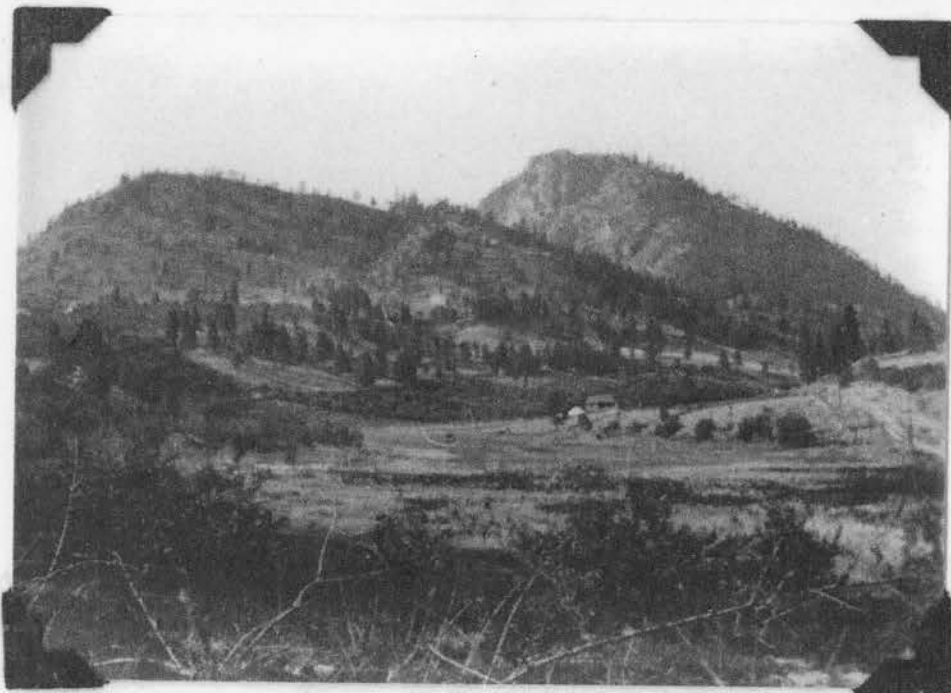
Mr.Hillborn operated the Kill Kare Farms on Jones Flat,a mini experimental farm. He did not live in Peach Valley, but as a Councillor he had a plan to drain the pond below the Robinson orchard. It flooded every spring and was known as "Hillborn's Lake"

The hill to the north east was known as Hill Sixty. Later it belonged to Bud Steuart and was all orchard.

Rose

Mr.Rose lived at the corner of Hillborn and Canyonview Road. He had an orchard and his house and garden were close to the road. He often spoke to the children when they were waiting for the school bus.

They called him "Daddy Rose"



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CLARKE

Fred and Mary Clarke came from Macleod, Alta. in 1934. They first lived on Andrews Ave. in the Steuart house, then on the Drewitt property on Giants Head Road.

He later purchased this property after both Mr. & Mrs. Drewitt died. Fred was an orchardist until 1975.

They had two daughters Bernice and Shirley.

Picture above shows the Drewitt house and property in the early days.

UZAWA

The orchard directly north of the Drewitt farm belonged to the Uzawas. Their house was back against the hill at the end of a long driveway.



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MRS. GEORGE (MOLLY) DREWITT

Mrs. Drewitt's Chicken House!

In the 1920's a 17 year old young man from England arrived in our neighborhood. His name was Bill Stevens-Burt and his family had sent him out to see how he could survive on his own with a limited amount of money. The idea was to "toughen" him up a bit and subdue his exuberent spirits.

Bill found work on the Evans orchard and stayed with the J.A. Read family. He was a great eater and after a large meal would finish up with numerous slices of bread and jam! He was only with us for about three weeks or so, but during that time we had a windstorm of almost hurricane proportions.

Mrs. Drewitt's chicken house was blown completely upside down so the irrepressible Bill wrote a poem about it. This poem was published in the Review and Mrs. Drewitt was not amused! She never did find out the author. Two of the lines were;

"The winds came when no one knew it.....

"Least of all poor Mrs. D.....!"



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Elspeth Dunn's marriage to Alexander Muil
March 29, 1921

Friends and neighbors at the home of the Alick McGowans, They were married by Rev. Alexander of the Summerland Presbyterian Church.

Best man was Mr. Cameron Barr, of Paradise Flat
Flower girl was Sheila McGowan

Left to right:

- 1st. row: Mrs. W.A. Alexander, Rev. W.A. Alexander, Miss Nell Fisher, Margaret Smith, Mr. Mrs. Alexander Muil, Cameron and Sheila McGowan, Mrs. McGowan, Alister McGowan, Eric Johnson
- 2nd. row: Mr. Mrs. Drewitt, Mr. Cameron Barr, Mrs. J. Wood, Mrs. A. Munn, Mrs. J.S. Ritchie, Miss C. Pollock, Mrs. A. Moyes, Miss J. Sinclair, Mr. A. McGowan, Mrs. G. Johnson, Mr. Rose, Mr. G. Johnson
- 3rd. row: Mrs. A. Smith, Mr. R. Pollock, Mr. A. Moyes

The Muils had an orchard on Paradise Flat for a few years and then returned to Scotland. I think their orchard was nest to the Fenwick property.

The McGowans lived on their orchard on Hillborn Road, kitty corner from Mr. Rose's orchard. The Drewitts lived on their farm along Giants Head Road.

The Johnsons lived around the corner from McGowans, on Happy Valley Rd. Mr. Johnson was bookeeper at the Experimental Station until his retirement. They also had a cherry orchard and extensive gardens around their home which overlooked Trout Creek. They had one son Eric who lives in Kelowna (1983) The McGowans left Summerland in the early thirties.

Pioneer Jack Imayoshi celebrates 100th birthday

Friends and family joined in a special celebration as Summerland pioneer Jack Imayoshi celebrated his 100th birthday here earlier this month.

The United Church Hall in Summerland was the site of the gathering April 8 as friends came to offer their good wishes to Mr. Imayoshi, who has lived here for more than 75 years.

The celebration followed a worship service of the combined congregations of Summerland and Kelowna Japanese United Church, where Mr. Imayoshi is a long-time member. The service was led by Rev. Osamu Kasahara of Kelowna.

Bruce Haskins, a friend of the family, spoke of Mr. Imayoshi's spirit of adventure and faith in God; Gerda and Raymond Jaster rendered a Gospel number and Mr. Kasahara presented Mr. Imayoshi with a gift on behalf of the Okanagan Japanese United Church.

Rev. Neil Parker offered a prayer of thanks and Rev. O. Kasahara spoke of Mr. Imayoshi's long life of service. A former neighbour, Maureen Roberge recalled the old days, when she received much good advice from Mr. Imayoshi.

Telegrams of congratulation received from Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Premier Bill Vander Zalm, Lieutenant-Governor David Lam; leader of the New Democratic Party Audrey McLaughlin and Summerland Mayor Bob Shewfelt and council, were read by M.C. Rev. Kutch Imayoshi.

Joining Mr. Imayoshi in the celebration were members of his family: son Sam; daughter and son-in-law Michiko and Jack Imai of Abbotsford; daughter and son-in-law Dr. Yoshiko Imai, North Bay and son, Rev. Kutch Imayoshi, Vancouver. Illness prevented daughter Sumiko and her husband Yosh Arai of



PIONEER JACK IMAYOSHI

Vancouver from attending. Mr. Imayoshi's wife of 68 years passed away a year ago last September.

Jack Imayoshi with son
Kutchami



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*Happy 100th Birthday
Jack K. Imayoshi
April 20th, 1990*



On the occasion of the
revitalization of Summerland's
Main Street.

Mr. Imayoshi cut the ribbon
and the cake. June 1990

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Jack Imayoshi celebrating his 100th birthday with family and friends

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Pictures taken by
Marion Derosier
April 1990

CANYON VIEW ROAD.

In the early days Canyon View Road was an isolated area. The Monro property extended that far and a house was constructed for the oldest Monro son Claude, and his wife and three girls.

Alec Monro and his wife Ada lived in this house for some years, later moving to an orchard in Penticton. They had one son. Ada Monro came from Barnston Is. in the Fraser River and was a stenographer at the Experimental Station. At that time she boarded with Mr. Mrs. George Robinson.

Lewis. Buck and Adeline Lewis lived further back not far from the KVR. They later built a larger house next to the Monro's on Canyon View Rd. The first house they lived in had been the original home of the Blacklocks. Louis Smith occupied this house when he first came to Peach Valley.

J.A.Kirk. In the very early days the orchards following along the top of Trout Creek Canyon were owned by a surveyor Mr. Kirk. The Imayoshi family bought this property and extended the orchards. they still live there (1982)

Going east towards the bridge there were several small houses. The Bells from Faulder lived there at one time, also the Taskers. When the Nat May family came from Ireland they lived in one of these Houses. Nat was brother of Billy May of Trout Creek, and was employed in the gardens at the Experimental Station.

Kitigawa. This family lived next to the McGowan orchard, on property overlooking the KVR bridge. They grew fruit and vegetables.

Neve. Reginald Neve and family lived overlooking the railway bridge and came there in 1907. Their house sat back on the hill and the orchards extended down to the road to the east and to the southwest. They had a family of six, two daughters and four sons. Their grandson Peter Cotton became a well-known architect.

Fairs. This orchard located beside the Neves had an absentee owner. It was reached by a bridge over the tracks.

SUMMERLAND—Reginald Neve, one of the early settlers in Summerland died at New Westminster, recently. He had reached the age of 91. Since 1907 had resided in Summerland until just recently, when he went to the Coast.

He purchased a fruit orchard in those early days, near Trout Creek Canyon close to the Giant's Head, in the vicinity of the present C. P. R. bridge. The orchard was developed during the ensuing years to be commercially valuable and was only recently sold.

Mr. Neve had been a commercial traveller, working out of Winnipeg in the early days and came to Summerland to enjoy the milder climate and participate in the fruit growing business.

Surviving him are two daughters, Mrs. N. Tunbridge, of Vernon, and Mrs. P. Cotton, V. I.; four sons, Edmund, of Coquitlam; Harold, of Cumberland, and Fred and Rex, of Calgary; and one grandson, R. Savary, of Grand Forks.

The funeral was conducted here last Sunday afternoon in St. Stephen's Anglican church by the Rev. L. J. Tatham.



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*Trout Creek
side*

Eva Johnson, Lois and Kathleen Read. Hiking in hills across Trout



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A log crossing on Trout Creek Margaret Read



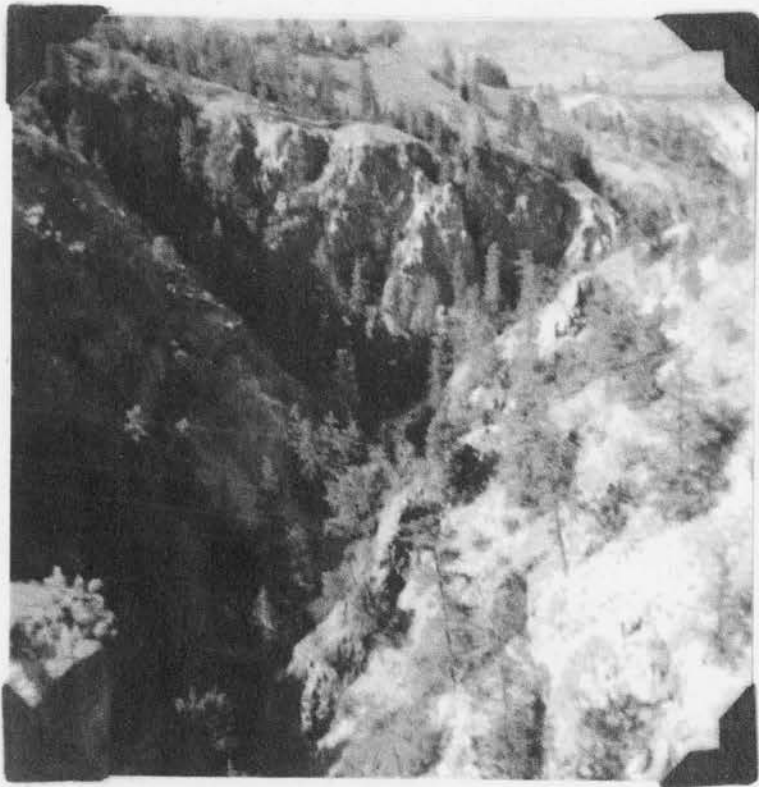
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Kettle Valley passenger train passing through Peach Valley on route to Vancouver, about 1916



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Favorite swimming place for Peach Valley young people. Trout Creek below the Imayoshi orchards.



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View from bridge on Okanagan Express ride to Princeton, May 21, 1983



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Mary Clark and Kathleen Read

PARADISE FLATS

Peach Valley was comprised of the bench land between Trout Creek and Paradise Flats. In the early days Paradise Flats was all planted to fruit also, but it was a bit colder and some parts were subject to frosts.

The Mountford property was at the entrance to the Golf Course and extended back against the mountain. They were closely tied in with life in Peach Valley, especially in winter when they organized sleighing parties. These always ended up with hot food prepared by Mrs. Mountford.

Mr. & Mrs. Cope and son Cecil had a house and extensive land where the chicken farms are now (1982) George Cope was conductor for the early musical choral society and the operatic society. They had a cottage at the foot of Peach Orchard on the beach.

Dumhams lived near Mountfords and Fenwicks and Cameron Barr closer to the West Summerland Station.

Overlooking Peach Valley were the Bennett's lived, the Atchison then the Grays with their son Sid and daughter Betty. The Moyes lived on the orchard that later became the Tony Holler property. May and Harvey Mitchell later lived in that area too.

There probably are others whose names I have forgotten. We often went to Paradise Flats to ride horses as there was so much open space. In winter it was the custom to sleigh ride down from the top of the hill on Paradise Flats into the Peach Valley below.

K.K.

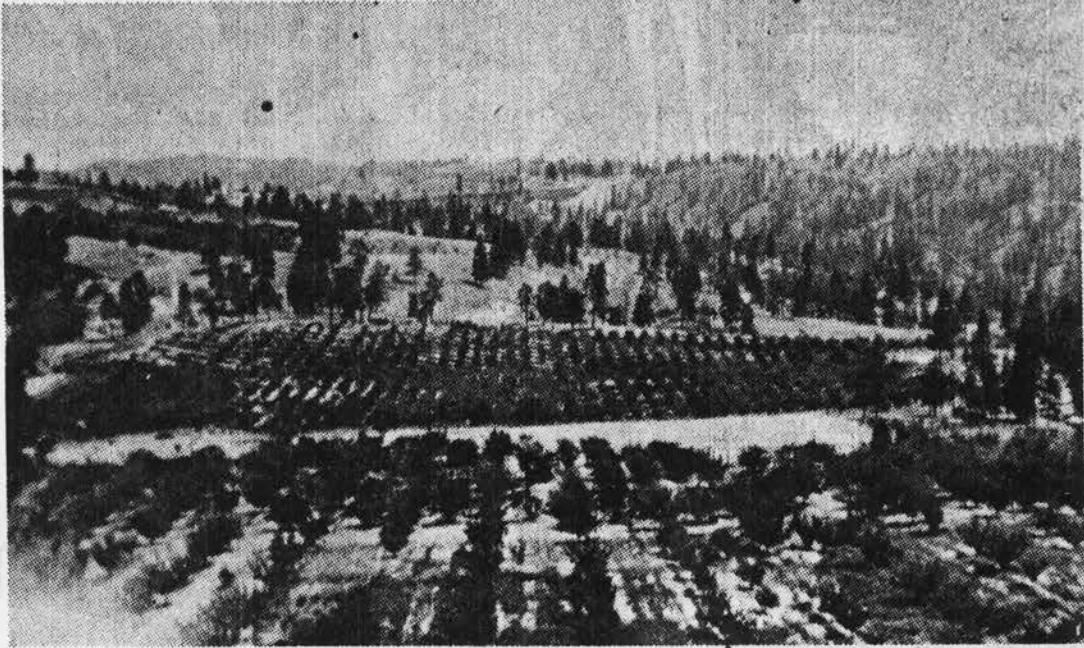


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At the Mountfords
Margaret and Kay Read,
Marion Monro

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Plans for an early start, a bigger membership, and an improved course, were laid by a small but enthusiastic meeting of the Summerland Golf Club last week. Howard Pruden is the new president, Marjorie Fenwick, vice-president, and Mrs. Bert Berry, secretary-treasurer. The new executive is: T. Fisher, Bert Berry, Sandy Fenwick, J.A. Read, F.W. Shuman. Work parties will commence work on the course soon, and new sandboxes will grace every tee. Fred Shumann will be leading the membership drive; 85 names are on the list so far.

THE EARLY YEARS



This late 1920s early 30s shot looks from Paradise Flats across the orchards towards Trout Creek Canyon and the railway trestle connecting the side sides of the chasm. Ironically, a

cold winter frost devastated much of the orchard region about the same time, paving the way for the land's future use as a golf course. Photo courtesy of Em (Mountford) Poulson.



Early 1930's

Inside the rocky (volcanic) bluffs, across from the Summerland Golf Course, on Paradise Flats.

Madeleine Hunt, Berol Atkinson,
Janie Simpson, Margaret Read.

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Mr. & Mrs. A. Moyes

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Mr. Andy Fenwick, hauling
fruit with a stoneboat.

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Joan Bennett daughter of
Mr. & Mrs. E. R. Bennett.
Ernie Bennett grew prize
gladioli in fields on
Paradise Flats.

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THE EARLY YEARS



This photo was taken in 1919 and shows from left, back row, Mrs. Nicholson, Mrs. Mountford, Mr. Ernie Mountford and Mr. Verne Nicholson. In the front row are Len and Emily Mountford. Presumably taken at the Paradise Flat home of the Mountford family. Note the flag pole on the left. It was raised at each of the residences of the Mountfords. Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson were parents of Jane, Frances, William and Jack. Mr. and Mrs. Mountford were parents of Emily, Len and Gordon. Photo from Thomas Marcham album. Mary Orr acknowledges assistance of several people in preparing the text.

SUMMER TIME FUN PEACH VALLEY STYLE.

In the early days in Peach Valley, as in other parts of Summerland and the Okanagan, there was not a great deal of travelling. The Okanagan was quite an isolated valley.

Most summer days were spent working on the orchards, as there was never-ending jobs to be done. But on Sunday afternoon there was a wholesale exodus to the beaches at Trout Creek. Powell Beach had yet to be named and it was Mr. Verity's little joke to walk up the beach and tell all the picnickers that the "rent was now due". This was an occasion for great merriment.

The people who usually came to bathe and picnic were from Paradise Flats, Peach Valley and Trout Creek. Huge picnic baskets were brought along and everybody had a wonderful time. My Mother's speciality was a "ham and egg pie".

Many summer days the children in Peach Valley would climb down the hillside and walk through Trout Creek to the beach, and then climb home again up the hills after a day of swimming.

Special events were held at Crescent Beach which had suitable space in the early days for sports, etc. There was even a grandstand in the very early days. There were also cottages to rent and that was a big event if one were lucky enough to spend a week at Crescent Beach. The long wharf was there in those days for diving off.

The beaches facing south to Penticton were also available for public use and picnics.

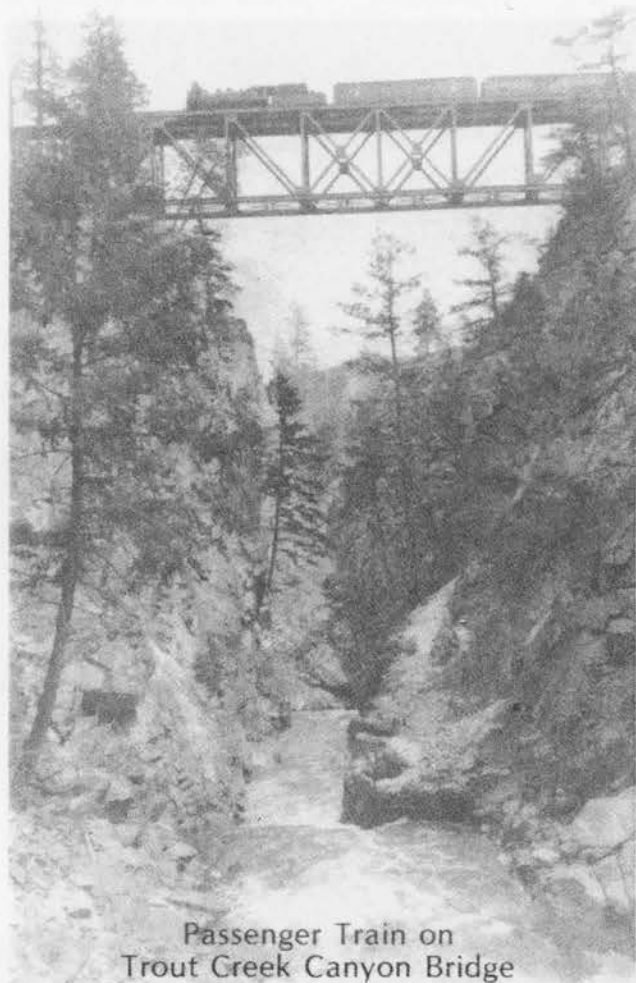
Another integral part of growing up in Peach Valley was visiting the Experimental Station, the gardens and greenhouses, the livestock all were an endless delight. Crossing the railway bridge was our access, and a somewhat dangerous one as there were lots of trains in those days! The 3rd of June (Queen's birthday May 24th) King's birthday picnic was held yearly on the lawns and was a very special event.

The log cabin was used for many Saturday night dances for years, when the boarding-house was in operation at the Farm. Also the putting-greens were extremely popular. In winter they had a small skating rink, and also a soccer field was in use for many years.

Most of the people in Peach Valley found employment at the Experimental Station, so travelled back and forth across the bridge daily. Ted Atkinson did experiments in fruit-drying in the Horticultural building several summers and that gave employment to some of us too.

We discovered a fine swimming hole in Trout Creek, below the Imayoshi property and spent a lot of time there on hot days. When we were younger we built playhouses on the hillsides, carried material for miles, and entertaining our mothers for "tea"!!! The cement and tin flumes provided a fine place to play in the water all summer. Even the adults liked a dip in the "ditch" after working on a hot orchard.

K.K.



Passenger Train on
Trout Creek Canyon Bridge

Betty (Strachan) Fisher
Margaret (Reed) Pruden
Ait (Blundell) Smith
Lain Reed Prozdouich
Samuel S. Prozdouich
May Mitchell (Johnstone)
Ira C. Albinson

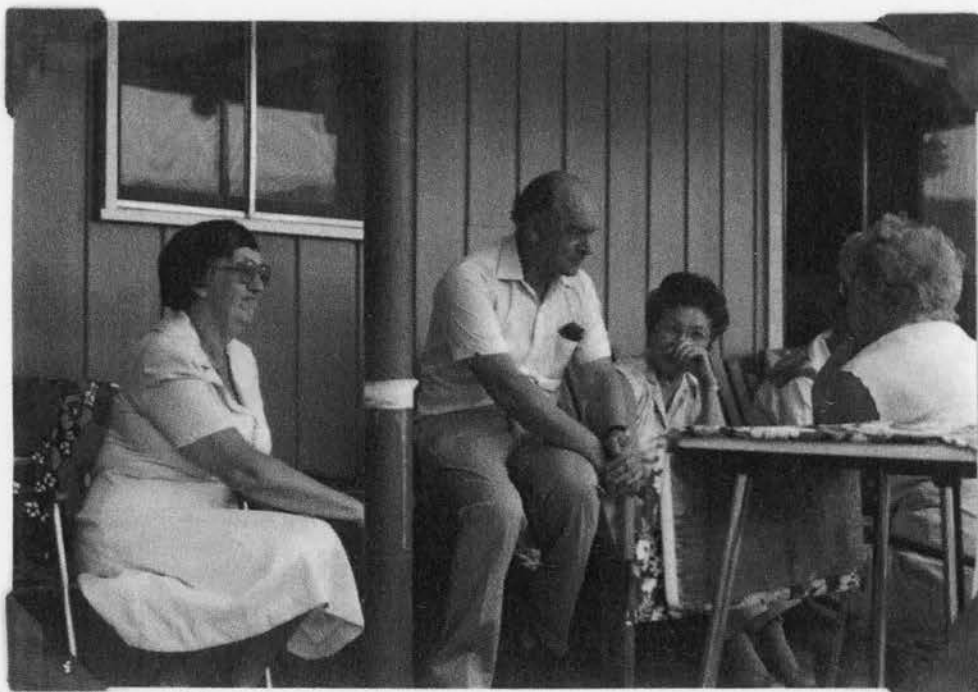
Margaret Pruden
Betty Fisher
Marion Derosier
Kay Kennedy
Sam Drozdowich
May Mitchell
Lois Drozdowich
Tomi Aoki



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In June 1982 a group of former Peach Valley residents and their spouses, gathered at the home of Mr. & Mrs. J. Strachan in Trout Creek.

The occasion was a visit from Mr. & Mrs. George Strachan from New Zealand. George grew up in Peach Valley and began his horticultural career at the Research Station, Summerland.



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Mr. & Mrs. George Strachan
Tomi Aoki
Ina Atkinson



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Tomi & Masoa Aoki
Harvey Mitchell
Nora Strachan
Jimm Strachan
May Mitchell

Jimm Aoki (KUBOKAWA)

Nora Strachan

Ed Morrison

Yeo Strachan (N. 2)

Masoa Aoki

Jimm Strachan

Harvey Mitchell

Autographs - 1982

Harvey Mitchell
Marion Monro Derosier
Frank Strachan (Thompson)
Kathleen (Read) Kennedy

Pioneer Family
of
James Ritchie

Compiled by
Margaret Ritchie Brown
Catherine Ritchie Maxwell



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An aerial view of the townsite of Summerland, B.C.
and "Giants Head" mountain. (1977)
Courtesy of the Summerland Review



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JAMES C. RITCHIE

Reeve of Summerland (1911 and 1914)



PRAIRIE CROCUS *Anemone patens*
MANITOBA'S FLOWER EMBLEM

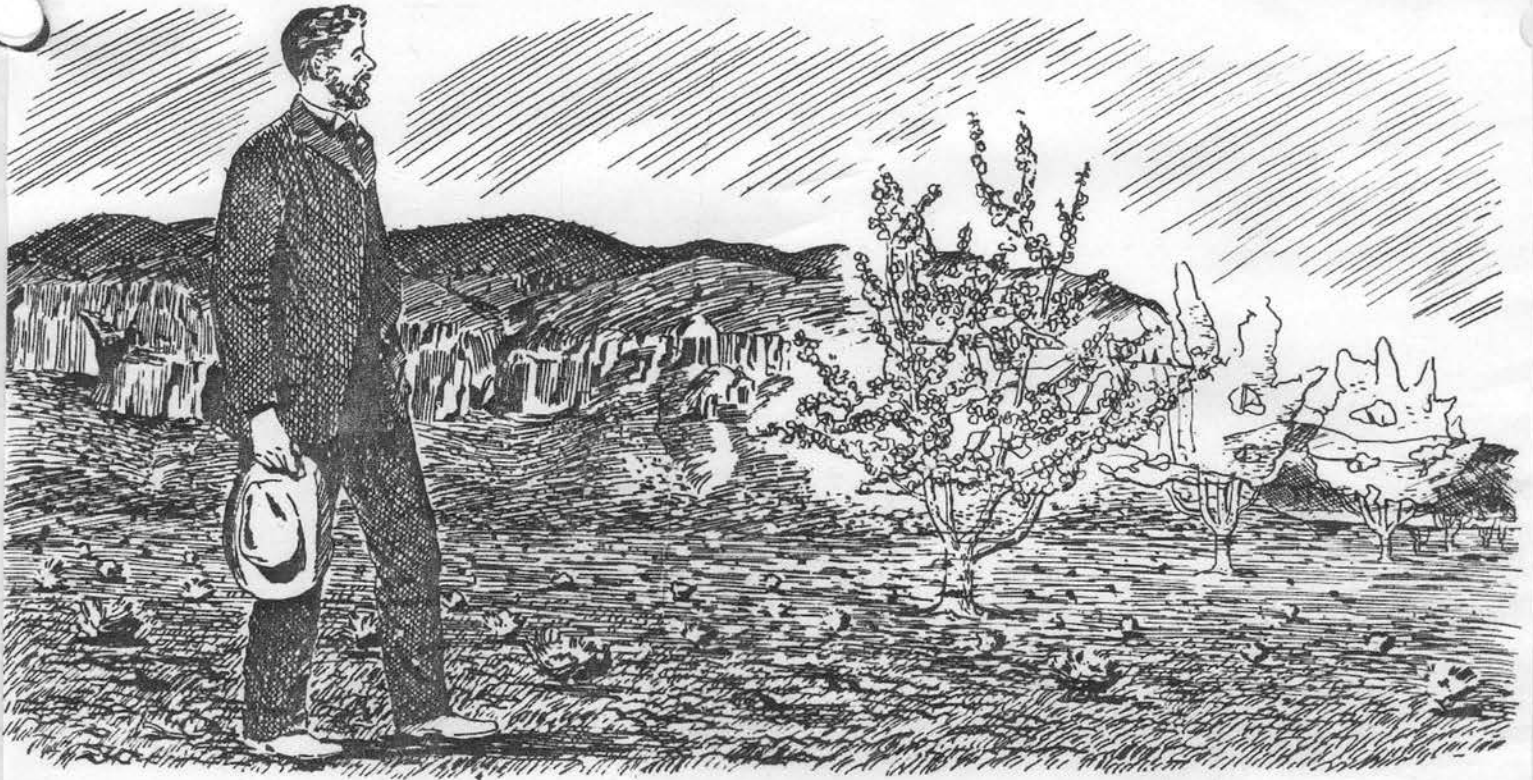
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JAMES CAMPBELL RITCHIE

James C. Ritchie arrived in Summerland from Pilot Mound, Man. in January 1903. He bought the Barclay home and ranch of 22 acres, also the adjoining pre-emption on Giant's Head Mtn. In 1904 he moved to Summerland and bought further pre-emptions in Garnett Valley. He also acquired the 350 acre Indian Reserve which became West Summerland in 1906. Mr. Ritchie married Margaret Findlay daughter of Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Findlay, of Manitou, Man. in 1905.



997-1136 Margaret Findlay



"Your Young Men shall see Visions"

FROM the time he first saw the Okanagan in 1902, James Ritchie had no doubt about its fruit-growing possibilities. This young Ontario-born Manitoba farmer was so certain he was right that he was soon busy with ambitious schemes for land development. Below his newly acquired home at Summerland was Siwash Flat, an Indian Reservation. He bought and subdivided it, and "the Flat" became West Summerland—an important section of the Okanagan's orchard lands. As befitted a pioneer who had the interests of his community at heart, James Ritchie associated himself with various activities. It was largely through his efforts that the Kettle Valley Railway was brought to West Summerland—a community whose progressive history has more than vindicated the vision of its founder.

As far back as 1909—from the very infancy of B.C.'s fruit-growing industry, the Okanagan Investments Ltd. and Okanagan Trust Company have taken an active interest in its growth, aiding especially in the financial aspects of the industry's development.

OKANAGAN INVESTMENTS LTD. AND OKANAGAN TRUST COMPANY

HEAD OFFICE
KELOWNA, B.C.



BRANCH OFFICE
PENTICTON, B.C.



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A 90th. Birthday Presentation, given by Mrs. Clarke Wilkin on behalf of the Summerland Baptist Church. Mrs. (Ritchie) Stephens was the last of the charter members of the church.



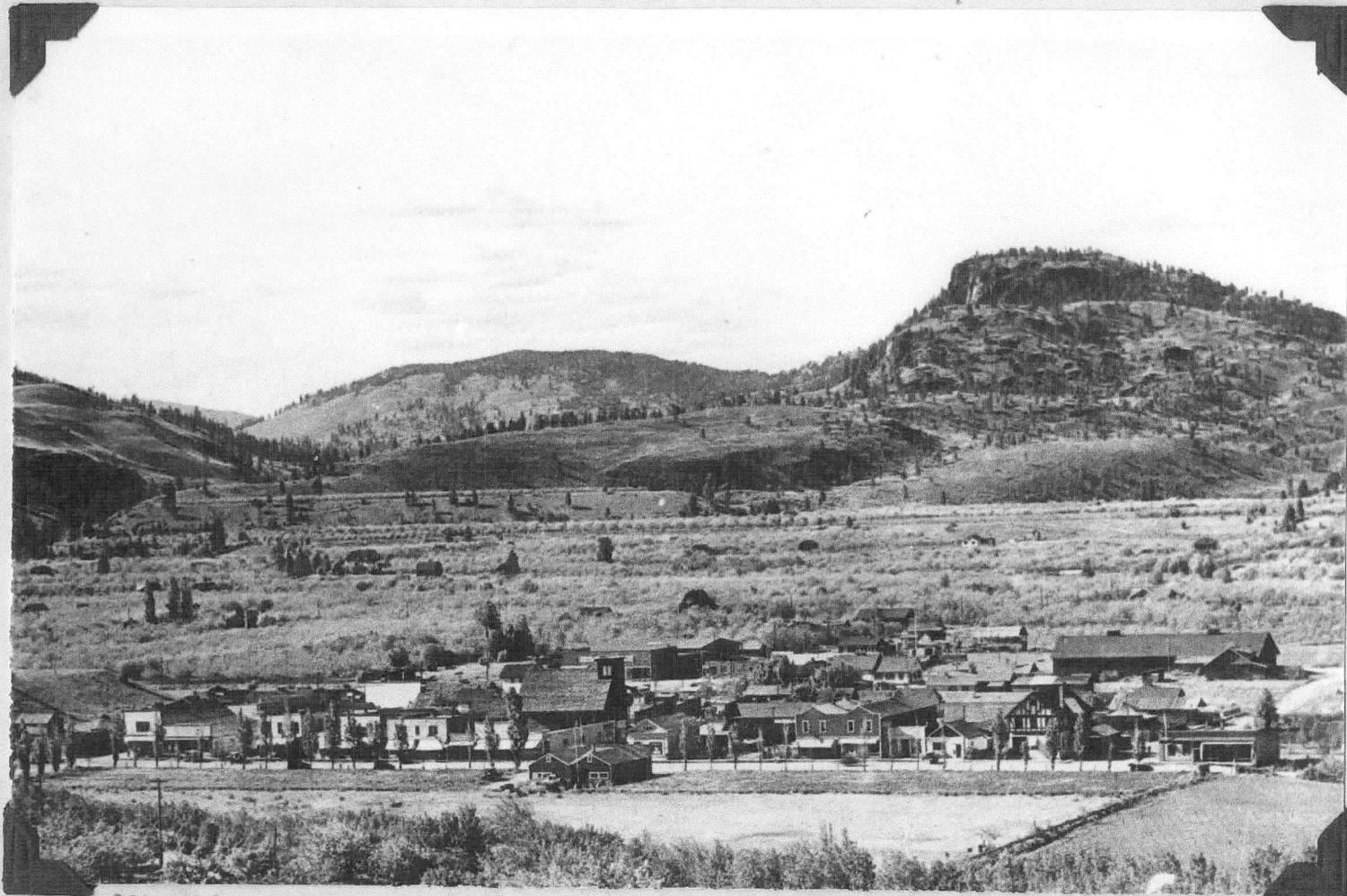
Mr. James Ritchie passed away in Summerland June 19, 1939.

Mrs. Ritchie was re-married in 1957 to Mr. M.M. Stephens of Prince Rupert.

Mr. Stephens passed away in 1962.

Mrs. (Ritchie) Stephens passed away in Burnaby, B.C. October 26, 1970.

Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Ritchie 1935



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Photo of WEST SUMMERLAND, about 1925, showing the long RED BUILDING which had
been built early in 1911 by the K.V.R. for an equipment depot.

Photo- D.Aoki



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MR. and MRS. J. C. RITCHIE - on their wedding day,
April 20, 1905

Their family of four were born at their Parkdale residence.

William Ronald
Margaret Elizabeth
Catherine Maud
James Findlay- (died at 16 months)



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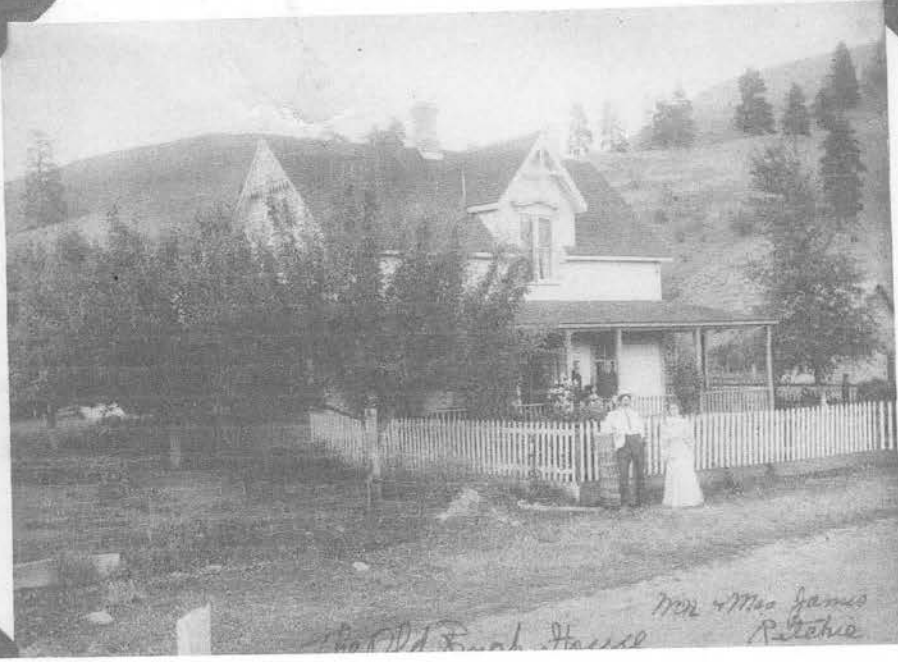
Mr. J.C. Ritchie with his children.

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A family friend, "Queenie".

Bill's Shetland pony.



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The Old Ranch House Mrs + Miss James Ritchie



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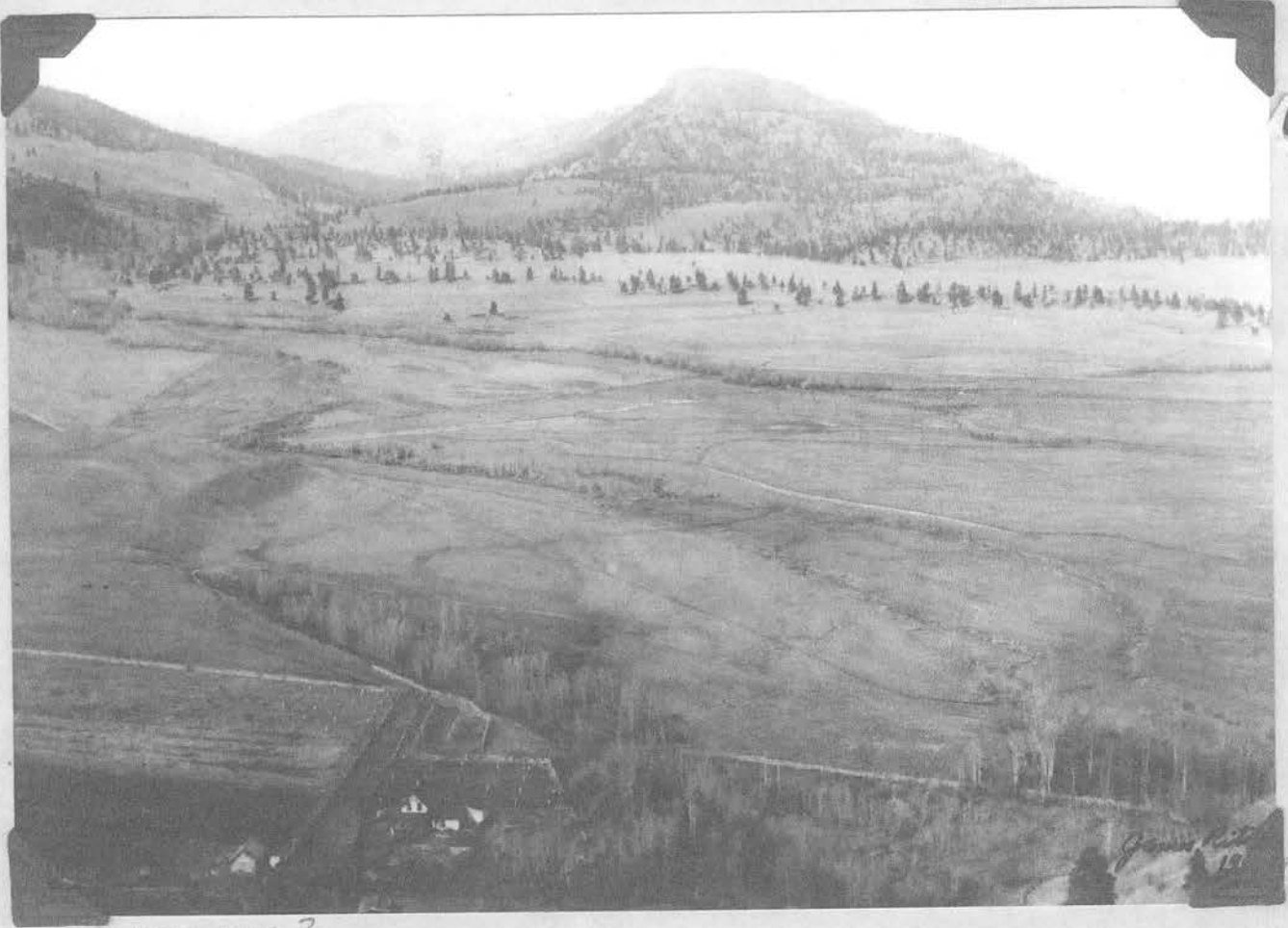
THE BARCLAY RANCH HOUSE - PARKDALE

The Barclay Ranch House was originally owned by David Lloyd-Jones and was located below Jones Flat near the present Logie Road.

In 1890, Mr. Geo. N. Barclay of London, England bought the Lloyd-Jones holdings, including the Ranch House. He moved the Ranch House to its present site by Prairie Creek, on South Victoria Rd.

In 1902 the Summerland Development Co. bought the home and property of 22 acres from Mr. Barclay. The following year 1903, the home and property was sold to Mr. James Ritchie. The Ranch House became known as "Parkdale" in 1905, residence of Mr. and Mrs. James Ritchie.

The name "PARKDALE" was given by Mrs. Ritchie. It had been a custom in the Findlay family to name their homes.



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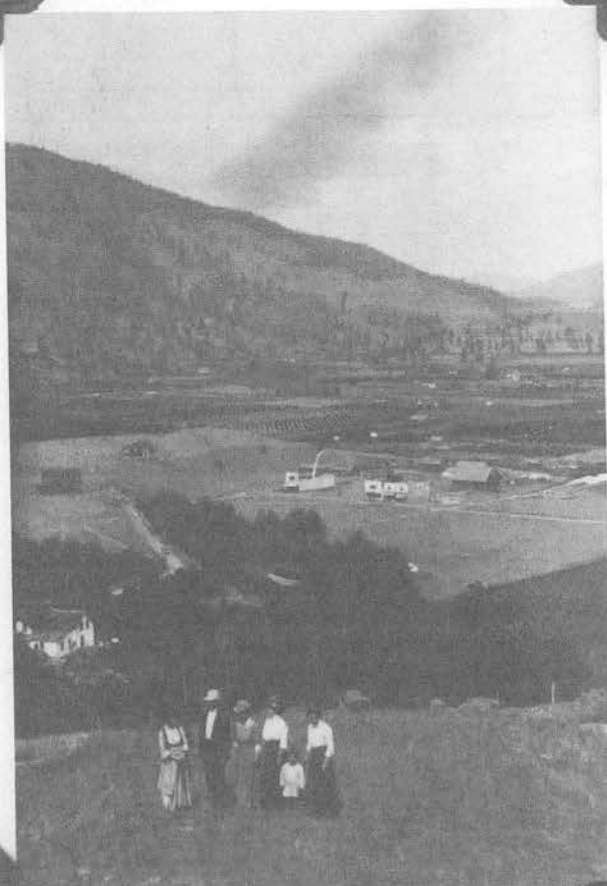
THE INDIAN RESERVE - SIWASH FLAT

The 350 acre site of West Summerland was an Indian Reserve, Siwash Flat in 1904. The above picture shows a large part of the Reserve below Parkdale which was surveyed in 1906, into orchard properties and the town-site of West Summerland. The Reserve had two Indian cabins on it, one of which was occupied by the Antoine Pierre family.

Mr. James Ritchie purchased the Reserve through the Indian Agent, at Vernon, B.C., who negotiated with the Dominion and Provincial governments. The amicable agreement gave the Indians a pre-emption west, also livestock plus a money settlement. Mr. Ritchie obtained title to this tract in 1905



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WEST SUMMERLAND 1911

Mr. James Ritchie

Mr. James Ritchie arrived in the community in 1903 from Pilot Mound, Manitoba. He bought the former Barclay ranch house (which still is located on South Victoria Road) along with the ranch of 22 acres. He then pre-empted the land on Giant's Head.

James Ritchie bought a large portion of Garnett Valley which he sub-divided into ten- and twenty-acre lots. He developed the Garnett Valley Lumber Company and installed a system of flumes to carry irrigation water to these parcels of land.

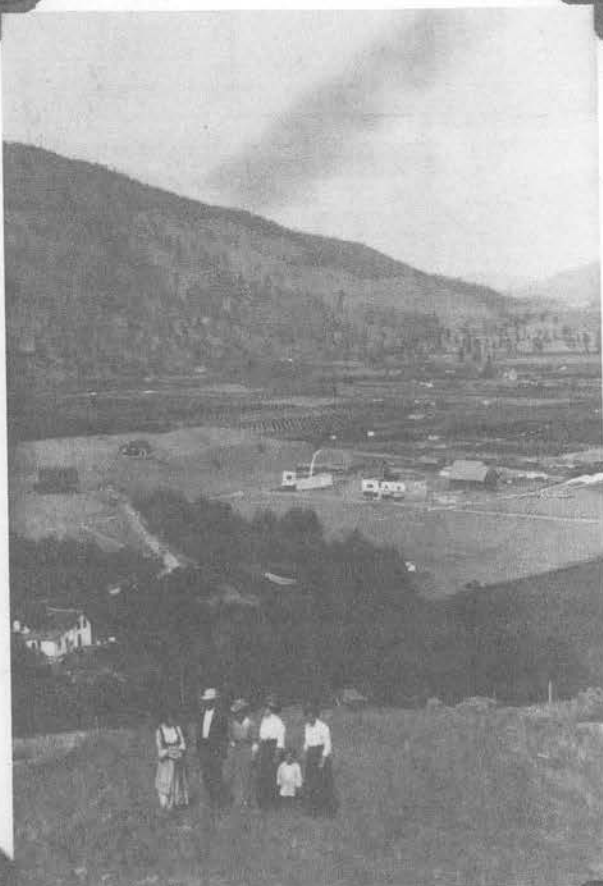
In 1905, Mr. Ritchie obtained title to the 350 acre Indian Reserve No. 3, by an exchange of property plus a monetary settlement. He sub-divided this property and developed the town-site, naming it West Summerland, and set aside lots for a Municipal Hall and for three prospective churches.

Largely through the efforts of Mr. Ritchie, the survey plans for the Kettle Valley Railroad were changed, in order to bring rail service to West Summerland.

<p>Signed, Sworn and Subscribed, in the presence of</p> <p><i>Archie Brown</i></p> <p><i>Francis Chief</i> his <i>Antoine</i> witness</p> <p><i>Johnny Pierre</i></p> <p><i>William Kruger</i></p> <p><i>Thomas Paul</i></p> <p><i>Batize</i></p> <p><i>Charlie</i></p> <p><i>Capriani</i></p> <p><i>Alexander</i></p> <p><i>Joseph</i></p> <p><i>Tomah Alex.</i></p> <p><i>John Alex.</i></p> <p><i>Alex. Bazil</i></p> <p><i>Jac Coustlin</i></p> <p><i>Edward</i></p> <p><i>Andre w</i></p> <p><i>Paul</i></p> <p><i>Edward Jack</i></p> <p><i>Tom Seymour</i> his <i>David Isaac</i> witness</p> <p><i>Alex Seymour</i></p>	<p><i>Francis</i></p> <p>That the annexed Release or Surrender was executed by him and a majority of the male members of the said Band of Indians of the full age of twenty-one years then present.</p> <p>That such account was given to a meeting or council of the said Band of Indians summoned for that purpose according to its Rules, and held in the presence of the said <i>Archie Brown</i></p> <p>That no Indian was present or voted at such council or meeting who was not a habitual resident on the Reserve of the said Band of Indians or interested in the land mentioned in the said Release or Surrender.</p> <p>That he is a Chief of the said Band of Indians and entitled to vote at the said meeting of council sworn before me by the</p> <p>Deponents at the City of Vernon in the County of Yule on the 14th day of Oct 1904</p> <p><i>Archie Brown</i> Indian Agent</p> <p><i>Francis Chief</i> Witness</p> <p><i>Archie Brown</i> Witness</p> <p>in and for the County of Yule</p> <p>Form 71 - 80</p> <p>The above affidavit of Francis Indian Chief was read to Johnny Pierre, who was duly sworn and who interpreted the said affidavit to the said Francis Indian Chief, who appeared to understand it.</p>
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WEST SUMMERLAND 1911

by Ted Logie

James Campbell Ritchie was one of the Councillors in Summerland's first Council, all elected by acclamation. It is interesting to note that of the four Councillors all became Reeves, at one time or another, with the exception of J.R. Brown. He no doubt, would also have assumed that position if he hadn't deserted the Council Chamber to become Indian Agent.

Jim Ritchie came from Pilot Mound, Manitoba, and his first visit to the Okanagan was in 1903 at which time he bought the Barclay holdings and pre-empted the land that largely covers Giant's Head. His Barclay property didn't go down to West Summerland proper, as that was Indian Reserve, but extended in a South-Westerly direction toward the Reservoir and at one time included the land recently occupied by the KVR Station, presently the Museum.

He returned to Summerland in 1904 to take charge of his own property, and in 1906 he bought pre-emptions of the Garnett and Dunsdon Brothers, and formed the Garnett Valley Land Company of which Mr. G.A. McWilliams was the first secretary. The property was divided into ten-acre lots and water was obtained from the dam in Garnett Valley, but there was still the 320 acres of Indian Reserve to contend with. This was on Siwash Flat and surrounded by orchards or property about to be planted. Representation was made to both the Provincial and Dominion Governments that this Reserve, occupied by only one family, the Pierres, stood in the way of progress and eventually by land trading, some cash, and as I remember it, a horse or horses and a buggy, Jim Ritchie obtained title to this land where West Summerland now stands.

In 1907 this property was sub-divided, some into ten-acre lots and the rest into town lots. The first building erected was a branch of the Summerland Supply Co. — J.E. Phinney being manager.

This building is now occupied by Laidlaw and Company. The Garnett Valley Land Co. occupied a building on the west end of Main Street which afterwards became Smith and Henry's office, and is now torn down.

I was most interested in a picture of our first Municipal Hall in West Summerland which appeared in a recent issue of the "Review". The upper town was being built up quite rapidly while the lower town was more or less at a stand still, fire having taken its toll. The Council had been talking about the wisdom of moving for some time and eventually decided to follow the crowd and purchase some property in West Summerland. At a Council meeting on March 17, 1910 it was moved by Mr. C.J. Thompson, seconded by Mr. J.R. Brown, that the Council purchase Lot # 32, Blk #58 D.L. 3634, Parkdale for the sum of \$200. Mr. Ritchie kindly presented the Municipality with a free deed to the adjoining property, Lot #31, and this is where the present Fire Hall now stands. I wonder how much those lots could sell for now!

A contract to build the Municipal Hall was let to the Nelson Brothers for the price of \$25. This donation of a lot to the Municipality was only one of the generous gestures by Mr. Ritchie. More about this gentleman later.

By Ted Logie

The area of James Ritchie's land investments in Upper Summerland was first known as Siwash Flat because of the Indian Reservation there, and even now the Old Timers in the community call it "The Flat".

When James Ritchie added this reserve to his other holdings he called it Parkdale, and later it became West Summerland.

This name changing was quite the usual thing in the Okanagan, for example, the lake just south of Penticton was originally called Lac du Chien, then Dog Lake, and ended up as Skaha Lake — Skaha being the Shusway word for dog.

Mr. Ritchie had a wonderful community spirit. Anything and everything that he considered in the interests of this new development he supported whole-heartedly as is evident by the number of organizations that claimed his attention.

In 1907 he was elected, by acclamation, to Summerland's first council and held that position through 1910 and serve as Reeve through 1914. He was, in 1904, one of the original shareholders in the Summerland Supply Company Ltd.

In 1906, the main building of Okanagan College was built on land donated by Mr. Ritchie, as he had pre-empted this Giant's Head property in 1903 and classes were started here in 1907. This was what was called the "Boys" building and Doctor Everett W. Sawyer was principal. In 1910, the "Ladies" building was built with Miss McLeod in charge. This building still stands, although the "Boys" building burned to the ground several years ago.

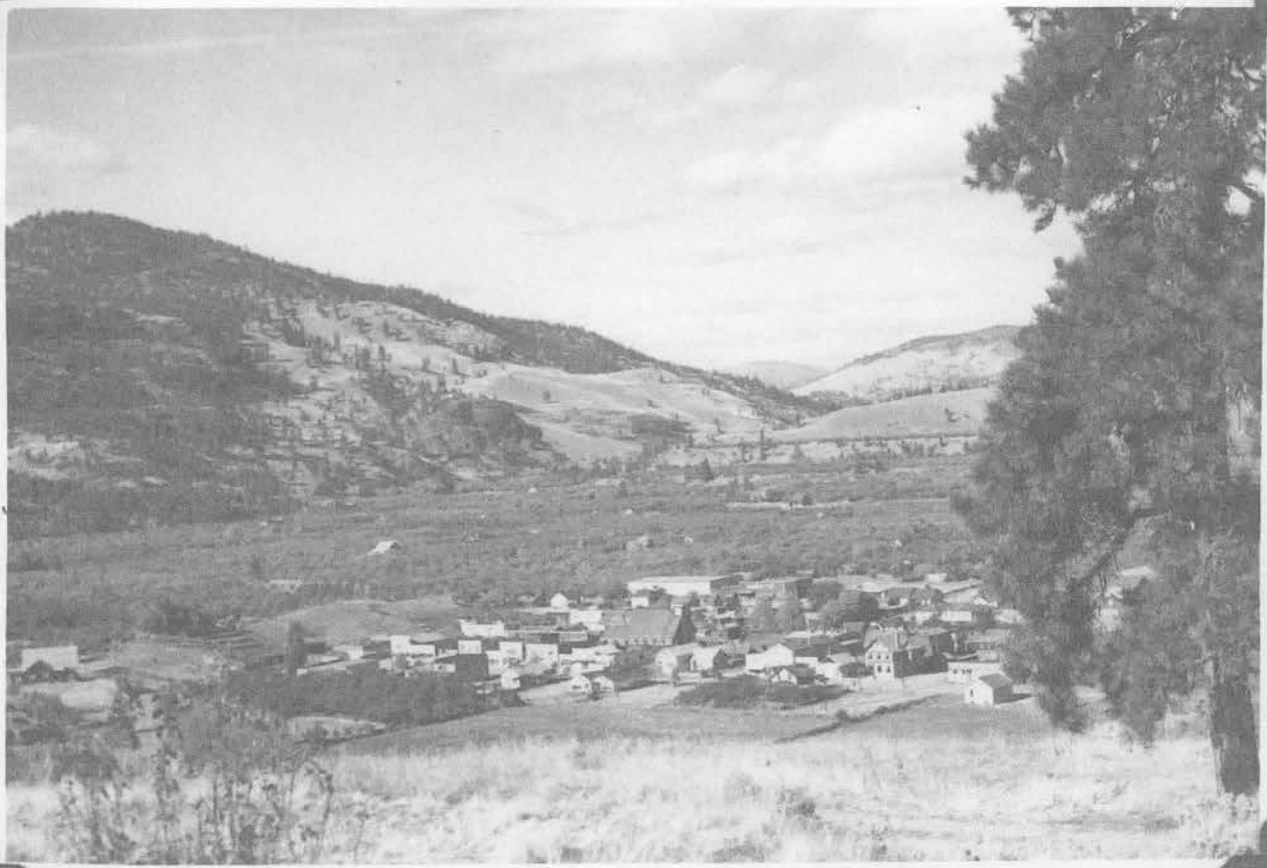
Mr. Ritchie was a Baptist but that didn't prevent him from assisting other denominations in what he considered

their good work. He realized that a church, no matter what the religion, had a civilizing effect on the community and land donations were made for building purposes, not only to the Baptist Church but to the Anglican and the Presbyterian Church.

The Municipality was not the only one to be the recipient of his generosity. The Anglicans, at this time, had a small edifice where the cemetery is now situated.

Mr. F.H. Latimer, CEBCLS of Penticton did the surveying for this new town-site. A start had to be made and it was, the first survey post being driven in the lane behind the house where the Art Simpson's now live. All of West Summerland or Parkdale, take your choice, radiates from this landmark, and sometimes if you feel so inclined to survey West Summerland, that's the place to start.

I don't imagine for a moment that Jim Ritchie, in the parlance of the race track, was playing all religions "across the board" to make a sure thing of future security. He was too good a Baptist to be bothered with that. His natural instinct told him that Churches were good for his new townsites and all he did was to give them a shove in the right direction.



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Photo of the townsite and its many fruit orchards.



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West-Summit, 1900

THE KETTLE VALLEY RAILWAY TO SUMMERLAND

The construction of a Kettle Valley equipment depot in West Summerland in 1911, brought high hopes of rail service to the community of Summerland. Built in advance of the Kettle Valley Railway line, the depot indicated the intention of rail authorities to project the line through the district, probably in the very near future. The long red building was adjacent to the right of way, and was to be used solely for K.V.R. equipment. It stood as a landmark on the north side of the townsite (now Jubilee Road) for many years and was commonly known as the "Red Building".

Prior to the initial start on the line, July 10, 1910, the Canadian Pacific Railway by an agreement, had joined the K.V.R. in the construction effort, in order to facilitate the undertaking. The K.V.R., as a subsidiary, would have complete charge of construction, the C.P.R., through a financial arrangement would assist. In planning the route the C.P.R. President, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy, had definitely designated Summerland as an area through which the K.V.R. would pass.

As the survey moved north from Penticton plans for

Summerland had taken shape. It was believed the route through the district would approach the town via a line east of Giant's Head Mountain, thence through Garnett Valley. The equipment depot would then serve its purpose

Unfortunately, the original scheme did not materialize. A sudden reverse for the community came when it was announced the proposed route was unacceptable due to grade difficulties. As the plan folded up there was keen disappointment. The Red Building looked desolate. Eventually this building was demolished in 1969.

Subsequently, a route on the south side of Trout Creek to Faulder had been selected by officials, and a survey was in progress there. However, with the change of route it was immediately apparent that Summerland had been by-passed, which was an unexpected turn of events.

My father, Mr. James Ritchie was Reeve of the Municipality of Summerland in the decisive year of 1911. Incorporated on December 21, 1906, the extensive fruit growing district was well established by 1911, and the population steadily increasing. Its citizens enjoyed facilities and cultural advantages that gave it the distinction of being a very progressive community.

Rail service, the extra dimension, key to world relations, would greatly enhance the position of Summerland. Obviously, it would mean easy access to fruit markets and would be of incalculable service to the new district.

Confronted with the transportation problem, the K.V.R. without a doubt was my father's top priority in the Spring of 1911. He knew it was his duty, in the best interests of Summerland, to request officials to reconsider the "by pass" decision regarding Summerland. The request was granted. Changes in the surveyed route to give Summerland access were considered, but the final decision stated the survey would not be changed. The blueprint sent to my father, dated June 15, 1911, signed by President James J. Warren and Chief Engineer Andrew McCulloch, clearly detailed the route on the south side of Trout Creek.

The answer was clear, no change was to be made. Only quick initiative could save the situation. After careful analysis, my father arrived at a decision that brightened the outlook and Summerland was eventually saved from reaching a dead end.

His decision was based on a positive plan of action -

to move in another direction. He was confident a grade could be established through part of the district that would be satisfactory. That being the case, it would be in order to make an appeal to the Minister of Railways in Ottawa for a consultation. Working towards this end, all information for a new route would be gathered.

Action started on the north side of Trout Creek at a point opposite the present Summerland Research Station. There, equipped with a pocket transit spirit level he commenced his survey. On horseback and on foot, he continued the survey through Summerland to Faulder, 7 miles to the west, where it would join the line again.

His conclusions justified engaging privately, Mr. F. H. Latimer, District Surveyor, to make an official survey to confirm his findings. He assisted Mr. Latimer and the two men worked quietly and quickly. This accomplished, with data in hand, my father was now in a position to make his request to the Minister.

He immediately travelled to Kamloops, and a night was spent there wiring the vital information to Ottawa and receiving messages. Representation for my father to the Minister was made by the lawyer to whom the data had

been wired. As a result of the negotiations in Ottawa, the date August 14, 1911 was set for a hearing with the Minister at West Summerland. Following that meeting the dream became a reality! The new route through Summerland proposed by my father was adopted. Work started immediately.

A camp was set up for the survey crew south of Giant's Head Mountain and a larger camp for the construction crew on the alkali flat on south Victoria Road below Little Conkle Mountain.

Progress was slow at the start due to a shortage of workers but all the sights and sounds of activity were welcomed. It was cheering to see the team of six mules gaily trotting by, heading for the line with their load of explosives.

Early in 1913 the grade through Summerland was ready and waiting for rails, but the bridge had to be built before the rails could be delivered over the canyon. The bridge was finished October 25, 1913. The rails were then delivered and following track-laying and ballasting the route was completed.

The first regular train on the Kettle Valley Railway line arrived at West Summerland from the west at 3.59 P.M. on Monday, May 31, 1915. It was a great day in the annals of the pioneers!

By way of celebration pupils were dismissed early from school. Many citizens gathered at the site of the present station (the depot was not yet built) to participate in the brief but important event. Throughout the community of about 2,000 a happy mood of anticipation and satisfaction prevailed.

When the huge steam engine with its baggage car, first class coach and sleeper, made its way around Little Conkle Mountain, shrill whistles announced its arrival. A large flag was raised on the flag pole at "Parkdale", the residence of my parents, to honour the occasion.

As the train arrived at the station a moment of gratification gave way to cheers of excitement. My mother, with others, boarded the train for Penticton and was delighted to be a passenger on the first trip. Following the train's departure, my father drove by car to Penticton to meet my mother. His was one of several

automobiles drawn up at the depot there, headquarters of the line.

In these days of sophisticated transportation, this historic event pales in contrast. In 1915 it signified a major step forward in Summerland. The importance of rail service became apparent when fruit cars moved to market.

In 1931, the K.V.R. was operated as a branch line of the C.P.R. A few decades later, declining passenger traffic made change inevitable. In 1958 the C.P.R. introduced the diesel Budd car.

January 16, 1964 marked the date of the last passenger train from Summerland to Penticton, although the freight trains continue to run. My mother again boarded the train accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Brown and a friend, Mrs. W. R. Powell. The glamour of the old steam engine was gone.

Many were our thoughts and feelings as we travelled the scenic route that clear winter day, over the Canyon Bridge, past the Summerland Research Station, and on to the glorious view of Okanagan Lake. True, there were happy memories of journeys, all in proper

C.P.R. style. Recollections of many events at the depot - arrivals and departures of family and friends, boys in the service, the newly-wedded, young people off to college and careers. Who could forget that happy rendezvous or the flutter of excitement as the train pulled in?

But on this trip there was a feeling of sadness too. This was the last run of the passenger train - the finale. Mindful of the struggle to get the railroad, we were loathe to see the passenger service go. Above all, however, there was appreciation to the C.P.R.'s Kettle Valley Railway for its many years of excellent service.

A new era was now with us bringing many innovations. Travel would now largely be by motor transport, on super highways, or by jet flight on airways.

We were part of the throng, ready to accept the new.

Treasured memories of the past linger in our hearts.

Margaret E. Brown

I wish to acknowledge information I gathered from the article written by the late Mr. Alex. H. Steven.

Written by request of the Summerland Museum and Arts Society.



The first KETTLE VALLEY passenger train to pass through WEST SUMMERLAND,
arrived at PENTICTON, B.C. May 31, 1915

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THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE WAS WRITTEN BY MR. ALEX STEVEN
ON THE OCCASION OF
SUMMERLAND'S GOLDEN JUBILEE - 1956.

While casual curiosity may lead you to pause in front of this exhibit - an over-all blueprint of the Kettle Valley Railway System - it may prove interesting for you to know, and for others to recall, that present railway facilities might never have come our way but for the persistency and perspicacity of a former citizen and Reeve, the late Mr. James Ritchie.

During the initial stages of the railway projection, it was believed that the line would proceed through the hub of the district by the way of the east side of the Giant's Head Mountain, and thence through Garnett Valley; and this intention on the part of the railway authorities led to the erection of the present Red Building^{adjacent} to the Right-of Way. This survey, unfortunately, was subsequently changed because of grade difficulties, and the route decided was to follow the south bank of Trout Creek.

It was at this stage that Mr. Ritchie entered the picture. He was strongly convinced that a grade could be established whereby the line might still come through a part of the district. Equipped only with a pocket Transit Spirit level he spent many days both in the saddle and on foot from the north bank of Trout

Creek opposite the Dominion Experimental Station to Faulder, and conclusions then arrived at were such as to justify him calling upon the service of a qualified surveyor to confirm his finding. Strange, but nevertheless true the final survey was again changed to conform to the detour suggested by Mr. Ritchie, and thus establishing Summerland as a link in the chain of railway transportation.

A close study of the plan will reveal the detour submitted by Mr. Ritchie as the stretch lying between the 10th and 20th mile.

Such commendable zeal as displayed by Mr. Ritchie at that time might even in memory be fittingly appreciated at this stage in our history and our progress.

(A.H.S.)

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ALEXANDER STEUART

Born 1855 Bogside, Scotland; died Summerland, B. C. 1942
Emigrated to Elkhorn, Manitoba 1882
Married Mary Watson Muir 1887
Moved to Summerland, B. C. 1904. Fruit Grower



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Alec Steuart home in Elkhorn, Manitoba
Alec, children Muir and Isabel
Mary Steuart and Annie on steps



Left to right:
Alec, Charlie, Mary
Isabel, Muir and
Annie Steuart.

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Mary Steuart (1856-1954)

Alec Steuart managed a store in Elkhorn Manitoba at a salary of \$1000 per year. After leaving the store, he farmed his own land and became the first Massey Implement agent in the area. Around 1904 he decided to go to B. C. He and family left just after a terrible storm which piled snow so deep some folks were getting out of their houses through upstairs windows. Here he and his brothers became successful pioneer fruit growers in the Okanagan Valley. Alec was particularly successful and his family still own orchards in the valley.



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Alec Steuart home in Summerland, B. C.



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Alec and Mary Steuart

Alec and Mary had five children: Muir, Isabel, Annie, Charlie and Hazel.



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(1) Michael Muir (1889 - 1940)
- in 1914 married Marjorie May Limmer (1895 - 1946)

Muir was manager of the Steuart Fruit Co. and when the Summerland Co-op was formed he became the first manager. Muir bought the box factory about 1926 and acquired numerous orchards.

The Muir Steuarts had four children: William, Mona, Audrey and Kenneth



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(2) Isabel Rankin (b. 1890) - married Albert Nelson (d. 1928)



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When Bert returned from the war he became a carpenter and fruit grower.

(4) Charlie Alexander (1895 - 1962) - married Jessie Weir (d. 1960)
daughter Doreen



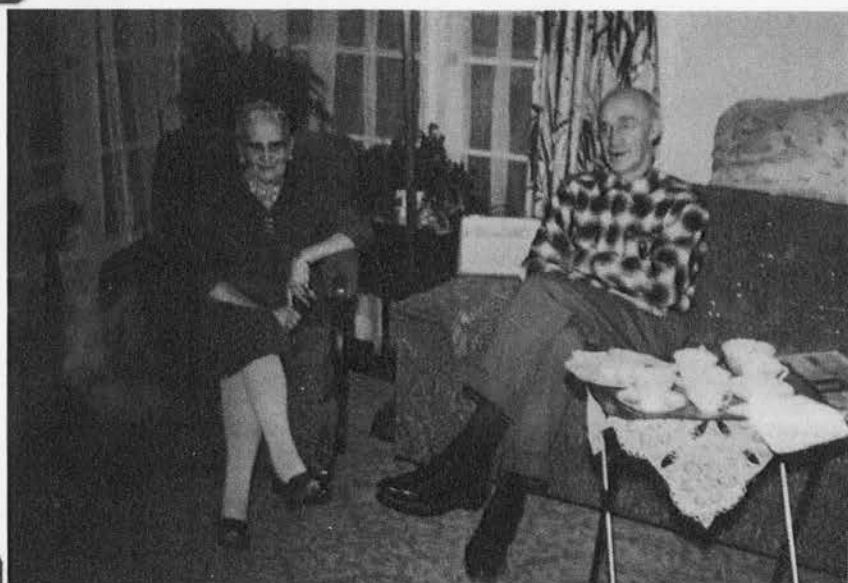
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When Charlie came home from the war he became an orchardist and packing house employee. When Muir retired from the Co-op (about 1935) Charlie became manager. When he retired from the Co-op he operated the old family orchard on Giant's Head Road.

(3) Annie Holmes Henderson (b. 1893) - married John Gowans (d. 1965)



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Jack and Annie operated a general store in the Empire block in lower town.