

be a few who would feel they should give him a few votes so he wouldn't feel bad. Pete won by a landslide! Because he figured the ladies all voted for him, he went about giving each of the ladies of the village a beer bottle full of his homemade wine. He tried to keep his election promises. He did clean up even though he had to do it himself, for nothing. He had a hard time on council as he was outnumbered two to one. As he said: "Dem udder two guys just schticks togedder unt ich canst do nodding."

Pete was a deeply religious man. When the servers came to church for early, daily mass, Pete would be already kneeling in the dark church. One night, at a wake for a parish father, the men were deciding who should lead the rosary. Most of them excused themselves as they admitted they couldn't "remember" the sacred mysteries. Pete took out his rosary and led the prayers. He then led the Litany of the Saints and the Litany of St. Joseph, patron of families. All of this from memory! Mom told me she followed him in her daily prayer book and his recitation was perfect.

Why Pete left Lake Lenore, I never knew. He just sold his two houses, said good-bye and moved to Humboldt.

His death was the result of a tragic accident. In Humboldt, he lived south of the tracks and, impatient for the train to move, he crawled beneath. The train began to move and those short legs which were the brunt of so much humor, were cut off above the knees and Pete went to meet the God he served so well.

We who knew him, remember him as a kindly man. Whenever he heard a child was sick, he would supply a remedy of goose grease, or for bruised limbs, a small jar of skunk oil, or some other remedy. Mothers thanked him and although the remedies were seldom used, they made a point of telling Pete how well they worked.

FRANK GAETZ

Frank Gaetz was born April 16, 1896 at Miller-ville, Minnesota, U.S.A. At the age of eight years he came to Canada with his parents and family, Mr. and Mrs. John Gaetz Sr. He received his education in Lake Lenore and later in Winnipeg, Manitoba.

Frank bought grain for the National Grain Co. in Lake Lenore in the late 1920's. On November 26, 1929, he married Helen Wourms, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Simon Wourms of Fulda, Sask. After their marriage they lived on his father's farm—NE-2-40-21, W2nd. He then farmed and encountered many hardships.

In his younger years he was manager of the baseball team, and played in the Lake Lenore Band. He enlisted in the army in the First World War, and in the air force in 1940 to '45.

In 1957 the family moved to Port Alberni, B.C.



Frank Gaetz family—Standing L-R—Simon, Ralph, Anne, Francis, Joe, John. Seated—Frank and Helen on 40th wedding anniversary.

and he worked in the Somass Mill until he retired in 1963.

He was active in the Knights of Columbus, the Royal Canadian Legion, Senior Citizens and Sunshine Club. He also enjoyed many card games. He resided in Port Alberni until his death February 4, 1977.

Frank and Helen have six children:

Ralph married Ann Brinkman of Lake Lenore on August 23, 1955. They have four children. They live in Morinville, Alberta.

Joseph married Christina Loessl of Fulda on August 4, 1959. They have one daughter and live in Golden, B.C.

John married Jacqueline Bridge of Port Alberni, B.C. on April 26, 1959. They have four children and live in Port Alberni.

Simon married Yvette Lafonde of Laventure, Sask., on August 2, 1958. They have four children and live in Port Alberni, B.C.

Anne married Sam Prpich of Kenaston, Sask.,



Frank Gaetz family, in-laws and all grandchildren.