

November 26, 1960. They have four children and live in Saskatoon, Sask.

Francis married Barbara McLaughlin of Port Alberni, B.C., August 6, 1966. They have two daughters and live in Port Alberni.

Helen is active in the C.W.L., Senior Citizens and Sunshine Club and resides at 2242 -14th Ave. South in Port Alberni.

### JOSEPH AND IDA GAETZ

When the Benedictines of St. John's Abbey, Collegeville, Minnesota, opened the St. Peter's Colony in Saskatchewan in 1903, it was very inviting for families to homestead there where they were assured their spiritual needs would be cared for.

Among the families moving there were John Gaetz, his wife Johanna (Lorsung) Gaetz, and their ten children. Their son, Joseph, and his brothers and sisters were born in Millerville, Douglas County, Minnesota. Joseph was born January 31, 1888.

John D. Lynch and his wife Margaret Alice Kelly, and their children also homesteaded in the Lake Lenore area. Ida, one of the daughters, was born in Badger, Minnesota, Roseau County, on December 26, 1893.

Joseph Gaetz and Ida Lynch met in Lake Lenore and were married in October, 1911. Their first daughter, Margaret Johanna, was born here in March, 1913. Shortly after, Joseph moved his wife and infant daughter to Anaheim where Florence M. arrived in February, 1915.



Ida (Lynch) Gaetz.

Joseph Gaetz.

Once again the family re-established residence in Lake Lenore where Leo Joseph was born in October, 1917, and Arthur Joseph followed in December of 1919. A baby sister, Alice Ellen, gladdened the



Sister Florence Gaetz, S.P. (5th from left in back row). Golden Jubilee in 1983. Her sisters, Lois and Margaret seated second from left and third from right respectively, and nieces and nephews and relatives.

home, but also brought sadness as she did not survive more than a few months. Clifford Anthony was the last Gaetz child to be born on Canadian soil. His birth took place on July 23, 1923.

While in Lake Lenore the three older children attended the Catholic school taught by the Ursuline Sisters. Joseph and some of his brothers played in the band organized by their father.

In 1923 Joseph and Ida made the decision to move to the United States. Olympia, Washington, was their destination. A less severe climate and better opportunities for their children prompted the move. Joseph wanted also to find work other than farming to support his family. Taking his wife and five young children into a completely strange land was a tremendous undertaking. So at Blaine, Washington, in November of 1923, the family entered the United States.

Mrs. Arsdale, who was sponsoring the family, was the only person Joseph was acquainted with. This kind lady found housing and work for Joseph at Lacey, Washington. The family was happy to find the Benedictine Fathers there. It was through the kindness of these monks that the family was welcomed into their parish at Sacred Heart Church. Here they found much solace and many supportive friends.

Lois Emily was born in Lacey, Washington, on September 21, 1925. For a few years the older children attended the Collins Rural School which was a few miles from their home.

After a few years Joseph found better paying work in the Olympia lumber mills. In order to be near his work, a move was once again necessary. This time a permanent home was established near Tumwater, Washington, a few miles outside of Olympia. On the acreage purchased it was possible to have a garden and a few farm animals to take care of the family's needs. It was here that Neil Anthony was born in February, 1928.