

Because Joseph and Ida wanted the best religious training for their brood, they looked around for a means of transporting them into town to St. Michael's Parochial School. It was arranged with kindly neighbors, the Wickies, to ride to and from school with their children. It was here that all the Gaetz children attended elementary school and graduated from the eighth grade. Since the only Catholic high school in the city had closed in 1923, the Gaetz children attended and graduated from the Olympia High School.

It was here in the Tumwater home that Joseph and Ida lived and worked and raised their children. Both had become American citizens, even though they had retained a love for their native soil. Ida and Joseph lived to see their children following their own pursuits. Ida died suddenly in 1958 and Joseph followed her in 1963.

Following graduation the Gaetz children went separate ways, settling in and around Olympia.

Florence attended Providence Academy in Vancouver, Washington, where she worked for board and tuition and graduated in 1932. She then entered the Sisters of Providence Novitiate and pronounced first vows in 1934. In 1983 she celebrated her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of Providence. Having earned degrees in Administration and Elementary Education she was qualified to teach in the Providence Sisters' schools in Washington, California, and Alaska. In 1974 she retired from teaching and is now semi-retired and living in Seattle, Washington. She manages a Thrift Shop whose proceeds help take care of the elderly and needy in the area.

Margaret married Daniel Pleasant, who was an engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad. Due to Dan's work, they lived for a time in Portland, Oregon, and Centralia, Washington. Dan was soon transferred to Olympia where they made a permanent home. Margaret was a good wife and mother of four. After Dan's early death in 1959 Margaret found work at St. Peter's Hospital in Olympia, and supported her children. She still lives in Olympia, as do her children.

Leo J. married Palma Planich and resided in Olympia where Leo worked at the State House for the Highway Department. Leo served in the Army during World War II and also during the Korean War. Ill health forced Leo's early retirement to Madras, Oregon, where he had gone for a drier climate. After many months of illness he passed away in January of 1981. He was buried from the Catholic Church in Madras, Oregon.

Arthur John married Faye Cooper and had two children. He was employed for a number of years at the State House in the Health and Welfare Department. Later he moved to Seattle where he became a specialist in Employee Benefits and worked for the Welfare and Pension Service of the Washington State Labor Council. Seattle was his home until his sud-



Ida, Neil (youngest son), Joseph Gaetz, taken in the 1950's.

den death in 1982. Arthur served in the Navy during World War II.

Clifford Anthony married Bernice Hornum in 1947. They have one daughter, Anna Jean. Clifford worked for the Olympia Brewing Company from 1952 to 1966. His untimely death came in July of 1966, just one day after his forty-third birthday. Clifford had served in the United States Coast Guard from July 1943 to 1946.

Lois Emily married Dale O. Johnson and the couple had nine children. Dale served in the Army but was given a discharge due to ill health. Lois is a fine mother and homemaker. They made their home near Tumwater just a few miles from her parents' home. It was a great joy to Ida and Joe to have their grandchildren in such close proximity. Lois and Dale still live in the original home. Dale is now retired but does manage an avenue of apartments in his block. Lois is still the great homemaker, gardener, and grandmother to numerous little ones.

Neil Anthony married Yvonne Inks. He spent fifteen years as a civilian employee of the U.S. Department of Defence and ten years with U.S. Customs. He retired from the federal service June 30, 1983. He is presently employed with the State of California, Judicial Council. He and Yvonne have three children.

JOSEPH GAETZ

Joe was born March 14, 1932 in Lake Lenore, the son of Frank and Helen (Wourms) Gaetz. He attended Solo and Lake Lenore schools.

As a young lad he started working on farms in the area and later with construction and elevator repair crews. He bought grain for Pioneer Grain Co. at Greenshields, Alberta, for two years in the 1950's.

In 1957, when his mom and dad and family moved to Port Alberni, Joe stayed to do the farming. He would go to Port Alberni for work in the lumber mills during the winters. On August 4, 1959, he married Christina (Chris) Loessel, youngest daughter of John and Frances (Doetzel) Loessel of Fulda. She attend-