



Some of the children (L to R): Mike Gaetz, Annie Abel, Pete Gaetz, Mary Walker, Frank Gaetz

the Gaetz homestead but his wife Ethel didn't like the cold winters so they went back to Florida.

Johanna Gaetz, the youngest, married Bill Roach in Nov., 1923. He did carpentry work in Lake Lenore. Later they moved to Marshfield, Oregon, where he died. She still lives there with their two children.

The Gaetz family, all but Annie Abel and Katie Gaetz, moved to Oregon in the spring of 1915 but returned to Lake Lenore in 1916.

JOHN PETER GAETZ

John Peter Gaetz was born in Millerville, Minnesota.

In 1903, when he was eighteen years old, he moved to Canada to the Lake Lenore area. He married Elizabeth Schmitz in Annaheim, Saskatchewan.

He farmed in the Lake Lenore area. Five children were born there—Elizabeth, Johanna, Dora, Benedict and Isabelle.

The family then moved to northern Minnesota, where they again took up farming. Five more children were born there—Roman, George, Henry, Helen and Raymond.

John used to play in an orchestra for dances. He died in 1928.

MICHAEL GAETZ

Michael Gaetz came from Millerville, Minn. in 1904. He was born April 20, 1892. Mary Mabel June was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1897 and came to Canada in 1910. Michael and Mary married on Feb. 22, 1914. They moved to Lake Lenore where Mike managed the Dutton Wall Lumberyard until he took over the Pioneer elevator for 14 years and also the Federal elevator in St. Brieux.

On Feb. 22, 1964, Mr. and Mrs. Michael Gaetz celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

Dad, Michael Gaetz, was very active in sports, baseball, fishing and hunting. He also directed two bands and managed the dramatic club for 15 years. He had a very good band in St. Brieux and played at all the social events and sports days. Dad passed away in 1967.

Mary Gaetz was a hard worker. She milked cows and drove horses. She was a great horseback rider in her day. She also liked to hunt. She shot a big lynx in a tree near her home.

They had a family of twelve children. Surviving are the following eight: Larry of Marean Lake, Sask., Mary Dressler of Lake Lenore, Sask., Nora Forster of Lake Lenore, Sask., Ethel Riffel of Regina, Sask., Rose Magnus of St. Brieux, Michael Jr. who lives in B.C., and Rodney and Jim both of St. Brieux.

Ethel left Lake Lenore in 1935. She moved to St. Brieux with her parents. In 1940 Ethel married Casimer Riffel. In 1954 they moved to Regina. The Riffels had nine children—Bob, Conrad, Rennie, Mary Ann, Jerry, Bernadette, Cheryl Ann, Larry and Tim. They also have ten grandchildren. Ethel's husband Casimer passed away in Sept., 1982. Ethel now lives by herself in Regina.

Rose Magnus lives in St. Brieux, Sask. She was born Feb. 22, 1926. She lived in Lake Lenore until 1935 when her parents moved to St. Brieux. She married Ted Magnus in 1945 and lives five and a half miles from St. Brieux. Ted worked for the RM of Lake Lenore as well as the RM of Flett Springs. They had



Michael Gaetz Sr. and Mary Gaetz, 1914.