



Mike Gaetz and daughters L to R—Rose Magnus, Ethel Riffel, Nora Forster and Mary Dressler.

five children—Patricia, Valerie, Clinton, Mary and Ken. The children are all married and together have nine children. Ted passed away in 1979 leaving with



Mike and Mary Gaetz and family, L to R—Dad, Mom, Lawrence, Mary, Nora, Ethel, Rose, Mike, Rodney and Jim.

his family and friends a treasure of happy memories. Rose is living in their home on the farm near St. Brioux and is enjoying good health and carrying on in the manner in which they lived through the years, extending a welcome to everyone and eagerly lending a hand. She rents the land to her sons and still drives tractor and hauls grain in the fall because she loves doing it.

### PETER GAETZ

By Mary Dressler

Peter Gaetz was born in Millerville, Minnesota, U.S.A. on February 2, 1890. He came with his parents, John Sr. and Johanna, also his ten brothers and sisters: John Jr., Annie (Mike Abel), Kate (George Gerwing), Joe, Mike, Francis (Rex Ryan), Mary (Bob Walker), Frank, Tony and Johanna (Bill Roach). They came to the Lake Lenore district in 1904. Pete and his brother-in-law, Bob Walker, started the first Lake Lenore Hotel. Pete also worked a number of years for a grain elevator company. Pete loved fishing, hunting, and music. He was

a big friend to all. In 1932 Pete set up his tent on the west shore of Eagle Lake, intending to camp there for a couple of weeks. However, loving the outdoor life, he began construction on a log cabin and decided to stay when it was completed. In 1934 due to his lack of knowledge concerning land taxes, his property was sold by the municipality to Mr. Tom West, the Pathlow C.N.R. Station Agent, and Pete had to start all over. A new cabin was built on the north shore of Eagle Lake. He built boats and made oars and provided fishing pleasure for many people at reasonable rates. Many young people have been grateful to Pete for his friendship, help and understanding when they went camping to Eagle Lake. Parents were also thankful to know he would keep an eye on the young campers and that he cared about them.

Pete worked at carpentry at Melfort and the surrounding area. He worked with Shoquist Construction during the war years of 1939-1945 and helped build the R.C.A.F. stations and army posts. He was also census taker in the late 1950's and early 1960's. Pete operated a concession booth at Eagle Lake and sold fishing licenses until the fish in the lake were winter killed.

This is just a small part of my good memories of my Uncle Pete. He was a just man. When we went to Eagle Lake he would very much enjoy all his relatives and friends. Uncle Mike Abel, Pete's brother-in-law, was usually the one to get the whole Gaetz gang together for many wonderful times. The men went fishing, and Uncle Mike Abel had games organized for the young folks, such as playing ball



Pete Gaetz.



Pete with his sister Annie (Mike Abel).

and racing. When the men came in with their fish there was one big fish fry! Needless to say, we had very good times. Uncle Pete, my dad, Mike Gaetz, Frank Gaetz, and Mike Abel would sit back with their bottles of beer and tell some very interesting hunting and fishing stories.