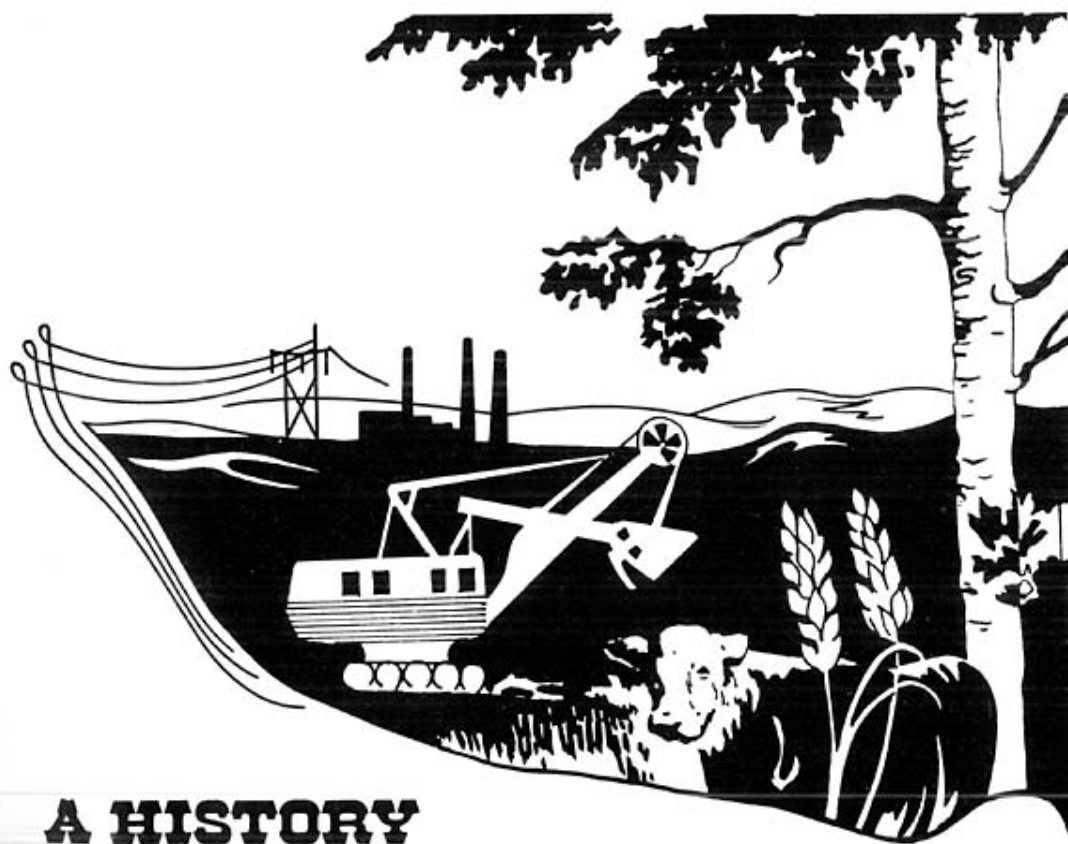


# **YESTERDAY AND YEARS AGO**



**A HISTORY  
OF  
FORESTBURG AND DISTRICT**

on the family farm in the Hasting Coulee district. In the year following the closure of the local Hastings Coulee School, he began his schooling in Forestburg.

In 1961, he moved to Hanna where he was employed by Macleods for six years. That is where he met me, Lois, eldest daughter of George and Nora Madge. We were married in December, 1963. We have two daughters: **Sandra**, born in 1964, and **Wendy**, born in 1967.

In May of 1968, we moved to Forestburg, where Ernie obtained employment with the County of Flagstaff. In 1971, we went into business with Imperial Oil until he sold the business in 1976, and returned to work with the County. I have been employed with the Bank of Montreal in Forestburg for the past five years.

### Jack Price Family

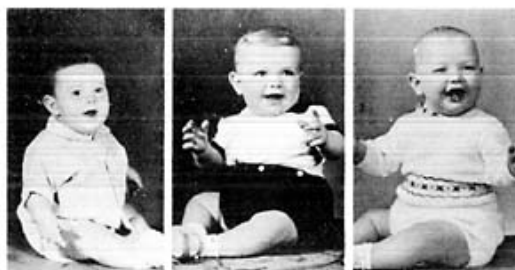
by Mabel (Roth, Price) Martz

Mabel, daughter of Herman and Letty Roth of Heisler, worked in Forestburg for Ruth Burke and for Hazel and Ed Fossen before marrying Jack Price in



Mabel and Jack Price.

1953. Jack was a son of Ernest Price and Voila (Price) Lomness. He started working in 1950 at Forestburg Collieries. Jack and Mabel's first home, the former Hastings Coulee teacherage, was the old Steinhauer house in Forestburg. Their first child, **Douglas Robert**, was born in 1954. He passed away in 1958 and is buried in the Hastings Coulee Cemetery. In 1955 Jack and Mabel bought the Peter Sather house, presently the Bruce Gowanlock home in Forestburg.



Douglas, Ken and Wayne Price.

**Kenneth Jack** was born in 1956, and **Wayne Herman** in 1957.

In 1962, Jack passed away accidentally at Forestburg Collieries and was buried in the Hastings Coulee Cemetery. In 1963, Mabel, Kenneth, and Wayne moved to Heisler where Mabel worked at the telephone office. Mabel is now married to Edmund Martz and lives two and one-half miles east of Heisler where they farm.

Kenneth lives at home and is presently working at Forestburg Collieries, the farm, and his own gravel trucking business. In 1980, Wayne married Cindy, daughter of Cecil and Margaret Andre of Forestburg. They live in Heisler where they built their own house. Wayne works as a mechanic at Forestburg Collieries and helps out on the family farm.

### August Radomske Family

by Laura (Radomske) Moore

August was born in Romania on December 3, 1886, the son of Johan Radomske and Wilhelmina Phiifer. They had five other sons: Mike, Carl, Jake, John, and George, and one daughter. The family moved to North Dakota when August was 16 years of age. Three years later, they moved to Forestburg. In 1905, August and two brothers homesteaded on a farm near Forestburg.

Martha was born in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, on December 27, 1889, the daughter of Adam Brickman and Amelia Kost. Adam and his brother went to New York and got a job painting the Brooklyn Bridge. With the money they made, they sent for their wives and children. The Adam Brickmans moved to Wetaskiwin in 1893. There were six sons and three daughters. Adam and a neighbor walked to Strathcona to buy two cows. Each man took turns sleeping and watching the cows during the nights on the way home. One cow was in calf and bore it on the way home; the calf died. The cow would not let them milk her, so they stuffed the calf skin with straw and put it in front of the cow while they milked her. It was a hard winter, and the homesteaders lived on rabbits,



August and Martha Radomske.

prairie chicken, pike from creeks, wild berries, and homemade bread.

August and Martha were married in Wetaskiwin on April 7, 1916, and moved back to Forestburg later that year. They had six children. **Laura** Moore, born in Strome in 1911, lives in Edmonton; **Florence** Will, born in Duxbury in 1913, died in Vancouver in 1978; **Wilhelmina** Ezeard, born in Maryland, U.S.A., in 1915, died in Summerland, in 1979; **Violet**, born in Forestburg in 1917, died in Forestburg in 1918; **Clarence**, born in Forestburg in 1918, lived in Vernon, B.C.; and **Ruth** Baker, born in Forestburg in 1920 died in Wetaskiwin in 1974.



Radomske family: Martha standing at the back, Minnie, Laura, Clarence, Florence, Ruth (seated).

August died of double pneumonia at the age of 36, in 1922. Martha and the family moved to Wetaskiwin one and one-half years later, as she could not keep the farm alone. On October 19, 1933, she married Mike Radomske, August's older brother. They moved to the farm in Forestburg for a few years. Minni, Ruth, and Clarence went with them. Then they moved to Edmonton. After all the children were married, Martha and Mike moved to Vancouver where Mike worked at the ship docks. After the war, they moved to the Okanagan and then back to Wetaskiwin to spend their retirement years. Martha was visiting Laura in Edmonton on June 30, 1959, and had gone shopping at Woodward's Store where she had a heart attack and died. Mike was in Rose Haven Hospital in Camrose at the time; he died one week later. They are both buried in the Wetaskiwin Cemetery.

### Carl Fred Radomske Story

by Lily (Radomske) Seutter

Carl Fred Radomske was born in Drombrovitch, Romania on January 3, 1883 to John and Wilhemina Radomske. He came to America with the family and settled in Fessenden, North Dakota. As a young man, he worked for Rudolph Henke. They immigrated to Canada in 1900 and took up a homestead in the Strome district. He married Renada Alita Tabler in 1910. Renada was born in Wolynia, Russia, on November 8, 1891, and came with her parents, Michael and Christina Tabler, to Wetaskiwin in 1900. Carl and Renada farmed on the homestead at Forestburg, S.E. 16-42-15. In 1920, they left Forestburg with their six children and went to Free Water,



Back row: Renada, Ernest, Olga, Leona, Elsie, Lawrence. Front row: Arnold, Esther, Lily and Victor Radomske.

Oregon where two more children were born. In 1924-1925, they returned to Forestburg and farmed the Henry Senner place. In August of 1927, a son was born. Carl raised his own horses and mules. After

being kicked by a horse, complications set in and he passed away on November 18, 1927, leaving his wife Renada Alita and nine children: Ernest Herman, Olga Augusta, Leona Victoria, Elsie Teresa, Lawrence Carl, Victor Fred, Lily Renada, Esther Frances, and Arnold Theodore.

Mrs. Renada Radomske farmed with her family until she retired to Wetaskiwin in 1952. She lived there and spent the last ten years in the nursing home. She was hospitalized after a stroke in November,



Back row: Renada, Carl holding Victor. Front row: Olga, Leona, Elsie, Lawrence and Ernest Radomske.

1980; she passed away on November 11, 1981, just one week short of 90 years of age.

All the children attended the Forestburg School and the Baptist Church. They all survived the hard times and had good times with the neighbors — walking miles to play ball, and making homemade ice cream. The highlight of each school year was the annual sports and field day.

I enjoyed the 60th Forestburg Anniversary reunion. Forestburg was a fantastic place, and much appreciation and thanks go to our pioneers.

### George Reinhold Family

*by Clara Reinhold*

George and I and our family moved to Forestburg from Chip Lake, Alberta, in August, 1951. George was employed by the C.N.R. as track foreman. Our three children attended Forestburg School. After graduation, Ernest took an electronics course at NAIT and is now an avionics technician at the Municipal Airport in Edmonton. Margaret went to university in Edmonton and took a course in education. She married Marc Quevillon in August, 1968, and went back to university to finish her training. She

taught school in Edmonton and Spruce Grove for two and one half years. Since then, she has been busy taking care of their four children. They now live at Cloverdale, B.C. while her husband is employed at Burnaby. Alfred took a course in architectural technology at NAIT. He is now a drafting supervisor at Travco Industrial Housing at Nisku of which he is one of the shareholders. Ernest and Alfred are not married; they live at home with us at Spruce Grove. I am kept busy at home, cooking and keeping house for my three men.



Standing: Ernest Reinhold, Marc Quevillon. Seated: George, Margaret (Reinhold) Quevillon, Alfred, Clara.

For ten years, we lived in the section house which the C.N.R. provided in Forestburg. We bought from Mrs. Breum, the property across the track and built a house there. Before construction was completed, the C.N. cut sections and George was bumped. He then worked for four years between Forestburg and the coal mine track and the Alliance-Forestburg line. Eventually the house was completed while we lived in it. George drove to work, and in his spare time worked on the house, garden, and yard. We planted over 300 trees and shrubs there. The section house was later partly dismantled and moved off the C.N. property. Before George retired he had a chance to come back to Forestburg as foreman. However, the C.N. had cut sections again so he had the responsibility of taking care of the track between Alliance and Heisler and also between Forestburg and the mine. With the help of the three permanent men there, they did their best and kept the trains on the track.

After retiring, George and I sold our house and property and moved to the house in Edmonton which we had bought several years before. Ernest and Alfred had lived in it while working and going to NAIT. As we didn't enjoy living in the city, we sold the house three months later and bought a home in