

Ontario. They have two sons and one daughter; Donald in Kenora and Paul and Suzanne in Winnipeg. They also have four grandchildren. **Marguerite** and **David Woodbury** live in Fort Frances, Ontario. Their children are Elizabeth, Wayne, Debra and Alice and two grandchildren. **Thresia** married **Ralph Wellard** and they lived in St. Catharines. They had three sons, Ernest, Charles, and Gregory and eleven grandchildren. **Ralph** passed away in 1981. **Litton** and his wife **Joy** are in New Zealand. They have four daughters, Sharon, Laren, Lorelei and Gina. **Patrick** and his wife **Leise** of Vancouver have one son **Fanoa**. **Melvin** and his wife **Patricia**, with children **Glenn** and **Kimberley** live in Victoria, British Columbia.

DR. AND MRS. IVAN BEREZNAVY

In November, 1963, a new family came to Fisher Branch occupying the house, usually kept for the doctor, which had not been occupied for the past three months.



Dr. Ivan and Mrs. (Rozalia) Bereznavy and their children, 1971.

Dr. Ivan Bereznavy and his wife Rozalia, both Hungarian born, had two children at the time — **Brigitte** and **Oliver**.

They both had some difficulties starting life in a

new country, and to compound matters, neither of them had lived in a small town before. But starting is always difficult, so, they got used to the weather, the customs, and soon they found themselves enjoying their hobbies: hunting, fishing, but most seriously, flying. On many occasions Dr. Bereznavy was called upon by the R.C.M.P. to aid in the search for a lost hunter.

Luckily, there was an empty lot facing the hospital; so, they built an office and laboratory. Three years later, because of their rapidly growing family, they built a new home behind the office. **Cecilia** was born in 1965, and **Franciska** in 1966. Their second son, **Anthony**, who followed a year later, was announced to the town by a long blue ribbon towed behind their plane, **Victoria** finished the line in 1969.

Two years later, in 1971, Dr. Ivan Bereznavy lost his life in a tragic hunting accident. He is resting in the Fisher Branch Roman Catholic Cemetery. **Rozalia** moved to Winnipeg the following spring with their six children.

JOSEPH BERNIER

written by **Delia Bernier**

Mr. Joseph Bernier was born on February 14, 1896 and raised in St. Jean Baptiste. As a young man he farmed for his father, Francois. He was a born mechanic and with farm machinery he was an expert. In 1913, the Case Co. Farm Machinery Representatives, from Winnipeg made several trips to St. Jean Baptiste to convince Mr. and Mrs. Francois Bernier to let Joseph, then seventeen years old, go with them to Racine, Wisconsin as a farm machinery expert, but every time their answer was negative.

On February 10, 1920 Joseph married **Corinne Gregoire** and continued farming for his dad until the



L. to R.: **Alma**, Mrs. Bernier, Mr. Bernier, and **Simonne**, 1947.