

has five children, Walter and his son, Rick, and son-in-law, Paul, own and manage three garages.

Stanley lives in Winnipeg but spends quite a bit of his time in Fisher Branch.

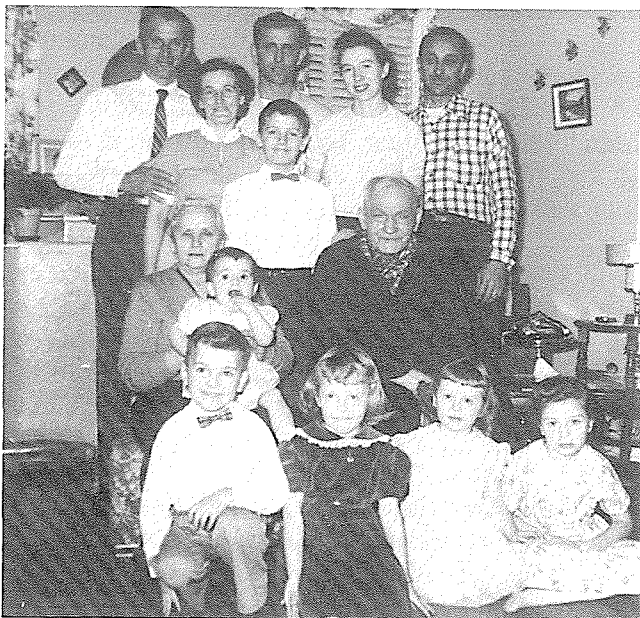
Joe married Anne Uruski from Poplarfield. They live in Poplarfield. They have four girls: Virginia, Margie, Veronica and Susie.

Joe works for a Crop Insurance Co. and also farms.

Anne has been teaching for many years and is the principal at Poplarfield School.

BUD AND KAY CHUDY

Bud married Katie Kolbuck, daughter of Paul and Mary Kolbuck, in 1946, and they made their home in Fisher Branch.



The Chudy family, 1960.

In 1947, they started a mink ranch beginning with seven mink. They have been increasing in number ever since.

Bud and Katie have four children: **Buddy Jr., Ronnie, Kathy, and David.**

Buddy married Marlene Karpiak. They live in Winnipeg and have two little girls, Launey and Kristy. Buddy is a fireman, and on his days off he works with refrigeration and air conditioning. Marlene worked for United Grain Growers for many years.

Ronnie married Judy Ptashynski from Chatfield. They lived in Winnipeg for a few years, where Judy worked at Royal Trust, and Ronnie worked as an electrician. He also graded fur at Dominion Fur Auction. Now they live in Fisher Branch. Judy works at the Bank of Commerce and Ronnie still does electri-

cal work, and is also in partnership in the mink ranch with his father.

Kathy lives in Winnipeg and is a receptionist for a dentist.

David is still home, attending school, and helping on the ranch.

WALENTY CHUDYK

as written by Tony and Elsie Chudyk

Walenty Chudyk was born in the Ukraine. After serving in the Ukrainian Army in Austria (he joined the Army and went to war in Austria), he moved to Poland to a village called Zbaraz, where he met and married a Polish girl named Mary.

He settled on a few acres of land and barely made ends meet making a living at farming. At that time the Canadian Government was advertising to go to Canada — there, each family would be given 160 acres of land to do with as they pleased. Walenty Chudyk thought that this was his chance to obtain land and live in a free country, so he packed his belongings and with his wife, Mary, and their four children; one son, **Teofil**, and three daughters — **Mary, Sabina, and Domia**, (another daughter **Katie** was born later in Zbaraz, Manitoba) he sailed to Canada on a ship called the Queen Victoria. The entire family was very seasick on the trip over, but finally they arrived in New York. From New York they travelled by train to Winnipeg. Each group of families was allocated a piece of land for a homestead. They left Winnipeg with oxen and wagon, and after two weeks of travelling, they arrived at the location of their homestead.

When they arrived at their destination, they were very disappointed because there was no open land, only dense bush and wild animals. They didn't have any money to go back to their homeland — the family cried a lot during the first winter. They camped on the farm and Walenty killed a moose with an old army rifle. They supplemented their meat diet with wild berries.

Walenty Chudyk and his family was one of the first families to settle in Zbaraz, Manitoba; more settlers from Poland came later. They named this settlement, Zbaraz, after the name of the village where they came from in Poland. In the spring Walenty cleared a little bit of land with an axe, dug up the cleared land with a shovel, and planted some vegetables, wheat, barley and oats. The seed was given by the government.

They had to travel to Teulon (sixty miles away) by oxen to get staple foods such as flour, tea and sugar in exchange for the barley, wheat and oats that they grew and took to Teulon. A return trip such as this would take approximately one and a half weeks.