

allee, lives in Thornhill, Manitoba. Alma married Mike Alexavich. He died in October 1971, she lives in Petersfield, Manitoba. Edith married George Broxton and they live in Kelowna. Clara married Gordon Fernie and they live in Thunder Bay, and Lillian and her husband, Tommy Mann, live in Flin Flon.

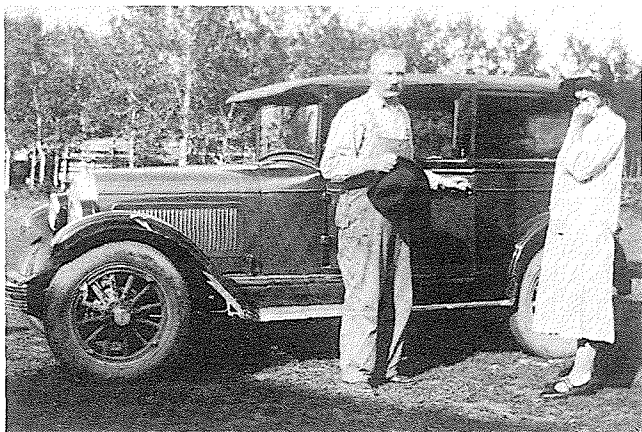
## HAMRLIK FAMILY

submitted by Erma Brown

John Peter Hamrlik was born in Czechoslovakia in 1871.

At the age of fourteen, he decided to make a life for himself in America, the country with its golden opportunities. Later, he spent several years with the army in the Spanish American war, serving in Manila and the Phillipines. Due to malarial fever he was medically discharged and advised to seek a colder climate, which was Canada.

He arrived in Winnipeg just as Eaton's were building their department store so he worked there for a couple of years.



John and Elizabeth Hamrlik, in the early thirties.

The government was advertising a quarter section of land for ten dollars. He chose a site near Sky Lake where they settled. He and his wife formed and operated the Hamrlik Post Office. Mail was brought in by foot from Arborg. After six years they left and came north to what is now known as Hodgson, Man., and he filed for the S.E. quarter of Sec. 34, twp. 25, 1 West, arriving there in May of 1909, being one of the first settlers in the area. Along with his wife, the former Elizabeth Anne Kryczyr, they began their struggle for survival and managed to raise a family of ten.

Breaking was done with oxen and horses, and a flail was used to thresh the grain. Later, a treadmill was used, run by horses. Then they bought a three-wheeled tractor and a threshing machine.

In the earlier days they had to go to Arborg for groceries and supplies, which was a two-day trip by horse and wagon.

J. P. Hamrlik served as Justice of the Peace. He performed his Magisterial duties until his demise.

There was a sawmill operated by Dan Silver on the Hamrlik farm. This enabled the settlers in the area to have lumber for their buildings as well as logs.

There were twelve children born to John and Elizabeth; two died in infancy.

**George**, the eldest, married Marjorie Lavender, and raised an adopted son, Garth.

**John** married Anne Marcyniuk. They had one son, Milten.

**Erma** married Robert Brown. Robert passed away in 1976. They had three daughters; Emily, Anne and Elsie Lorraine.

**Lillian** married Bill Thomas. They have five children; Joyce, Joan, Freddie, Arlene and David.

**Eddie** married Agnes Nagam. They had three children; Valerie, Byron and Donna.

**Albert** married Anne Genyk. They have a daughter, Leanne.

**Clara** married John Grewinski. They have two sons, John and Edward.

**Helen** married Dan Kabaluk who passed away in 1978. Their children are Sandra and Dennis.

**Joe** married Joyce Stevenson who passed away in 1977. They had a daughter, Joanne.

**Jack** married Helen Balan. They have five children; Grant, Linda, Evan, Eric and Wendy.

All six sons stayed and farmed in the district. Three daughters now reside in Lac Du Bonnet, Man., and Lillian lives in the Lee Lake district east of Hodgson.

John P. Hamrlik passed away in 1942 and his wife, Elizabeth in 1947. Sons Edward, in 1972 and Johnny in 1981.



Family and friends gathered on the day of John Hamrlik's funeral.