

south of John Basaraba's homestead. Mary came from Poland on November 28, 1929, with her sister, Kay, and her widowed mother, Ann. They lived in Poplarfield at Mike Hnatiuk's for a month, then moved to Nogas in Arnes. In February 1930, they moved to the Morweena area, where her mother (Ann) married John Burak, who homesteaded on S.W. 32-23-1E. Mary attended school in Morweena, three miles away. Joe attended school in Sylvan two miles away.

Mary remembers when a bear came to a flowing spring for a drink of water, but was distracted by a five-gallon can of cream. With the bear's tremendous claw power, it scratched the can until it opened and drank all the cream.

Joe remembers at the age of five, a bear scratching the window in their first home. He also remembers a hailstorm on July 9th, 1939, which made the fields and gardens look like a hundred per-cent summerfallow. He also remembers at the age of six, hiding in fear, as two timber wolves chased their calves; also a storm in 1921, which twisted the roof off his father's barn, setting it on the opposite side, where the cattle were standing.

Mary's sister, Kay Kozak, lives in Winnipeg and has two sons, Nicholas and Gerald.

Mary's half-sisters were Jean, Minnie and Stephanie. Jean Dion farmed in between the Zbaraz and Dumoulin districts. Jean lives in Winnipeg now and has two daughters, Barbara and Carol, and one son, Gary, who taught in the Fisher Branch Collegiate. Minnie Chyzy, who farms where her father, John Burak, homesteaded, has one daughter, Marlene. Stephanie Allen lives in Vancouver and has one daughter, Beverley. Mary had one half-brother, Peter, who lived in Winnipeg for a number of years and now lives in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He has one daughter, Heidi.

Joe and Mary farmed in the Dumoulin district, raising cattle, hogs, sheep, chickens and geese, and grew cereal crops until 1957, when they bought Leroux's land in Fisher Branch, where they still reside today. Joe and Mary have four children: one son, Eddie, and three daughters, Irene, Gladys and Jo-Ann.

Irene Sudeyko farms in Gunton, Manitoba, and has a daughter, Shelley, and three sons, Bob Jr., Bradley and Richard.

Gladys lives in Winnipeg, Jo-Ann Delichte farms in the St. Alphonse district. Joe and Mary's children attended many schools due to a lack of teachers in the Dumoulin district. Eddie recalls going to Morweena, Sylvan, Zbaraz, the old and new Dumoulin schools, and finally to Fisher Branch High School which is now an elementary school. Eddie also remembers as

a kid going shopping to Louis Crones' store which was about half a mile east of John Basaraba's yard, where John's old house was built in 1929, and is still standing. Thirty years later in March 1982, Ed and his family, visited Crones' store. Ed was a paper carrier in Fisher Branch and won many trips; he left school in 1962 and began employment with Victor Klus building three bridges between Fisher Branch and Hodgson. Later he was a mechanic for Mike Zuke. In 1965 Ed bought land from Ulderic and Roger Bouvier, and in 1967, married Bernice Kurdziel, formerly of Marble Ridge, a daughter of Steve and Julie Kurdziel, who farmed in Marble Ridge until 1968, then moved to Winnipeg. Bernice has two sisters, Joyce and Valerie, and one brother, Carl, all residents of Winnipeg now. Bernice attended Marble Ridge and MacMaster schools and Fisher Branch Collegiate. She recalls walking to school on eleven-foot snowbanks. Bernice worked as a supervisor for Eaton's in Winnipeg. Ed and Bernice settled in the Dumoulin district on S.E. 3-24-1W, growing cereal crops and in 1970 started raising cattle. In August 1978, they moved to a new location, formerly Leo Dandeneau's land. Ed remembers farmers with their horses and sleighs crossing his dad's land on their way to town in 1953. Ed and Bernice have three children: two daughters, Rhonda and Dorrie, and one son, Neal.

### GABRIEL BEAUCHAMP

In the early 1900's Gabriel Beauchamp came to the Fisher Branch area with his mother, father and two sisters from St Francois Xavier District. The story is that Mr. Menard, one of the first local set-



Gabriel and Anna Beauchamp.