

## Hugging the Meridian



—Doris Magarrell

An Aerial view of Domain, 1952.

there was a full tank of water on the wagon. This was brought in and I'm sure saved the day. Nevertheless it was a relief when the fire truck arrived and water was sprayed on all the north side of the barn and the remains of the stack. The bulldozer then went to work and cleared the stack bottom far enough away to be safe.

The ladies of the district meanwhile had made sandwiches and coffee for all . . . . The older folk like to tell us that people were more neighborly in the good old days — believe me they are still there when they are needed.

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## OAK BLUFF

Settlers in the Oak Bluff<sup>18</sup> district were mainly English, Scottish and a few Irish with one family of Swedes until 1910 when Americans and Europeans drifted in. Most of the land was sold outright through British real estate agents to prospective pioneers for \$2 to \$3 an acre. By the time Americans arrived, the price had risen to \$35 an acre.

In the 1880s William West from England opened the first post office in the new settlement. The Buckingham's arrived with a family including two boys in their late teens who were apprenticed mechanics. One son Fred set up a blacksmith shop. Another son Stanley delivered