

In 1925 the late Linus Poechman purchased the 50 acres lot 66, Con. 3S.D.R. Brant Township from Alex Kerr who was a lawyer. 1/ For a price of \$2800. with interest at 6%. Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fritz had the farm rented at this time. 2/ Mr. Poechman married the former Helen Weiler in 1926 and took up residency on the farm then. Taxes were \$28.00 that year.

There was an 80'x 50' barn and 40'x 24', 3 story stone house. A cistern near the barn supplied water for the barn by gravity, supplemented by a drilled well. A silo 12x 30 was built in the early 1950's. Mr Poechman ventured to operate the Saugeen Bug Killer plant on his farm about 1938, using marle from the lake on the Poechman homestead near Karlsruhe. The 2 story building for this plant was built by the late Isadore Benninger. This building was later used for laying hens. About 1974 this building was demolished, and a bag as seen in the picture was found in one of the walls. The boiler for the plant was buried where the building stood to the south^{west} of the barn.

Linus purchased their first tractor(Ford) about 1938 to power the plant. Hydro was installed on the farm about 1948 by Wm. Bucholtz from Karlsruhe.

Mr. and Mrs Poechman produced a family of six children, Francis, Harold, Allan, Edith. Lillian and Willard.

In 1961 Allan purchased the 50 acre farm from his father for \$15,000. with interest at 5%. He dug out a cellar under the stone house in the fall of the same year removing the 84 loads of dirt using a bale elevator. A combination *furnace* for oil and wood was installed then. A bathroom was installed in the house that same year by the late Isadore Benninger. An addition to the house was built in 1970 by Ray Hinsburger of Walkerton.

The barn was renovated by Wm Illerbrun from Mildmay, 2 silos 12 x 40 were added in 1964 by Lloyd Krauter from Elmwood.

An addition 30'x 80' to the east of the barn, was built in 1974 by Wm. Illerbrun making the complete barn for loose housing for beef. Ten acres of bush to the southeast of farm was cleared in 1967. (See paper clipping.)

An extra 50 acres was purchased to the southeast of the farm, ^{South pt. 67 + 68} lot 65, (about 1965) This was purchased from Harold Poechman in 1967 who had bought it from the late Dave Hoffarth. Allan is (next page)

South part of lot 67 + 68 from Crown by Geo Cooper + Alex Kerr 1895.