

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Schildroth cont'd:

around the feedlot. Area of the exercise lot was 50' x 128'.

In 1951 a George white thresher was purchased, and, for the next ten years, Norman, William and William's son, Harry, assisted each other with the harvest. Then the thresher was replaced by a swather.

In 1963 Mr. Jas. McKiernan of Port Elgin contracted to cement the barnyard. The cement was ready-mixed and brought to the farm in trucks.

In 1956 Mr. Woodrow Schell of North Bruce put a bath tub into the bathroom, which had been taken from the west side of the large bedroom above the kitchen. Four of the boys used to sleep here.

In 1957 a garage was made from the original woodshed on the east side of the kitchen. Mr. Murray Finnie and Bob Bell of Port Elgin were contractors. Mr. David McKinnon of Port Elgin assisted in cementing the garage floor. (He was later to lose his life in a tragic car-train accident south of Paisley, 1969). He also helped to make the back entry which was lined with plywood.

In 1959, Mr. Ed. Williamson of Cargill, put a yellow and black tile lining into the utility room, and also built a clothes cupboard and broom closet there. He removed the pantry, and sanded the grained woodwork in the kitchen.

In 1954 a power lawn mower was purchased, fences removed, and the grass cut out as far as the road. The previous year evergreens had been planted around the foundation and shrubs along the laneway.

In 1961, a picture window was cut into the living room and a white asbestos shingle was put on the outside of the house. The woodpeckers, while searching for flies, had dug many holes in the asphalt shingles.

Mr. George Kreutzkamp of Hanover was contractor. He is married to Mrs. Louis Schildroth's sister, Florence.

In 1965 a row of 50 cedar trees was planted to the west side of the maples in the lane. These had been purchased from Mr. Harrison who was operating Bradford's fruit market. He had dug these from some property which he owned at Oliphant on the Bruce Peninsula.

The old orchard has been disappearing, but new trees have started to be fruitful. The yellow transparent gave fruit first in 1963, and the young spy trees in 1965. The old bartlett pear tree gives fruit faithfully, although it has been hollow since before 1940, fifteen years before the new tree started to bear fruit. The two black cherry trees in the orchard had been moved there from the east line fence over the hill. Note the marks on their bark where the stove pipes had protected the young trees from the mice. The young sour cherry tree gave fruit first in 1965. The sweet apple tree had to be removed when the Township widened the road in the mid 60's.

In 1965 a white board fence was put in between the houseyard and orchard.

During the 1930's when the sons were at home a great deal of maple syrup was made in the sugar bush each spring, but Norman has not done so since he purchased the farm. Paul and Roy Howe's older sons used to play in the sugar house when they were going to public school, even though the mosquitoes were plentiful. The house has since fallen down.

There have been two births at the present home. George and Mary Schildroth. Also there has been one wedding and one funeral. Mary was married at the house in September 1944, and Mrs. F. Schildroth's funeral was from the residence in October 1946. Rev. C. N. Paddon of St. Andrew's United Church, Saugeen conducted the service. Edna Schildroth's sister, Miss Ruth Crigger of Chesley sang, "Safe in the arms of Jesus". This was followed by a public service from the Davey Funeral Home, Port Elgin. Service was in charge of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Chesley, Ontario.

Norman's father passed away at the Chesley hospital in September 1963. Service by St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Chesley, was from the Emke Funeral Home, with interment at Port Elgin.

After selling milk in cans for approximately 12 years to the United Dairy and Poultry Co-Operative at Tara, Ontario, Norman has disposed of his dairy herd - February 1969. Previous to selling bulk milk, he had separated the milk and sold the cream to the Port Elgin Creamery. The old separator bowl is now a planter for petunia, as is the barrel type churn. He will now have to dispose of the milking machine, which is about twenty-five years old. No use will be found either for a home milk pasteurizer. It operated like a double boiler with water in the outer part and the milk in the inside part.

And now, with no cows, hens, horses or sheep, steers are the only livestock being kept at time of writing, March 1969. Who knows what changes the next decade will bring?