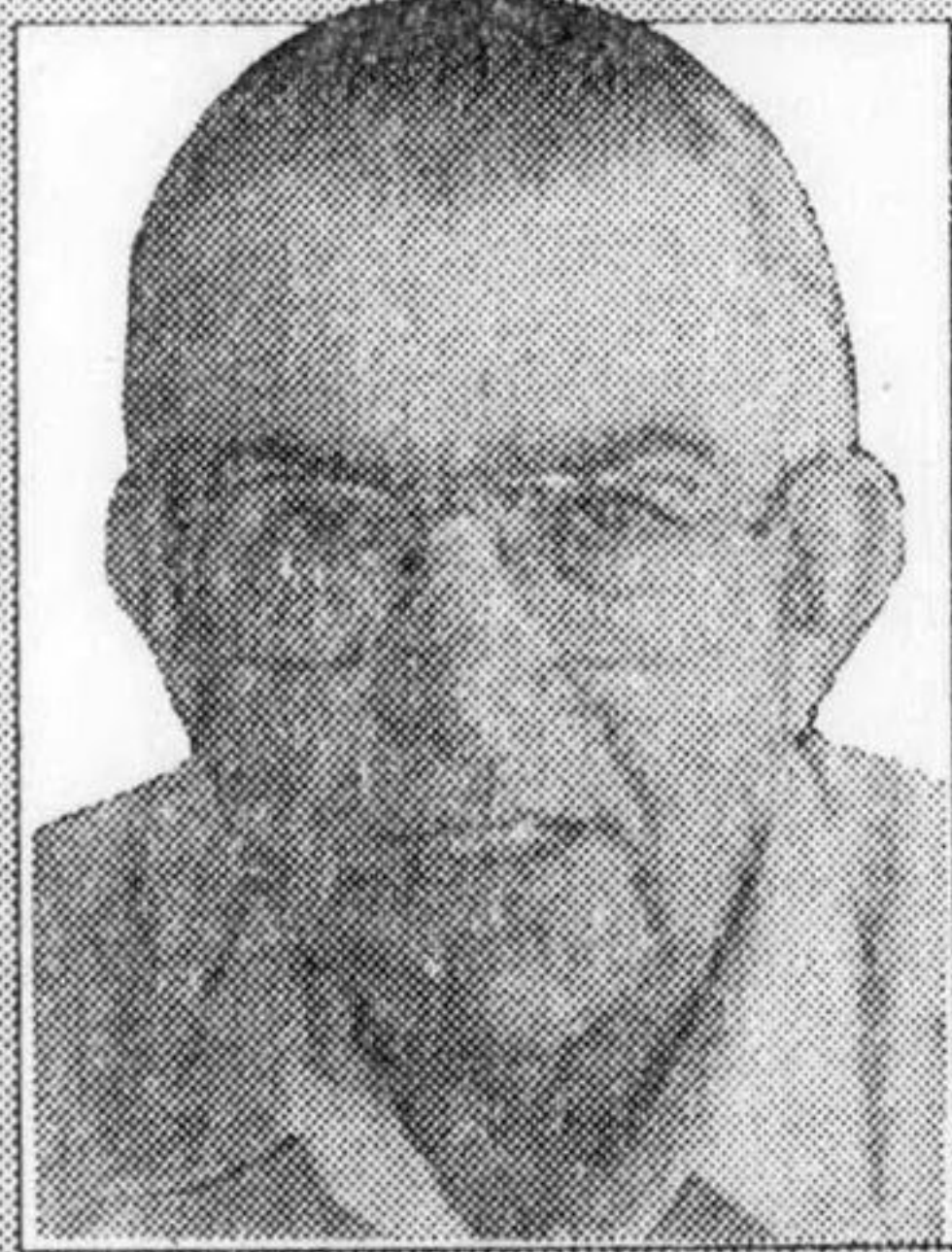


**Avonton  
News**



**By Jack Mathison**

When a farm family leaves from the area to live in another part of Canada, the community never seems just the same. When they come back to visit, it makes for a lot of visiting and reminiscing with relatives and friends. *Sept. 1992*

Last week George and Lillian Hewitt of Melford, Saskatchewan came back to the fore of Downie and Zorra to stay for a couple of weeks with Lillian's sister, Alma Wilkerson. The last time they visited was in 1988.

Since arriving many people have called on them and they have visited other folks.

In 1935, George Hewitt and Lillian Morris were married. After the wedding, Lillian just had to walk to the next farm where they were going to live and start farming.

After many years they suffered the loss of their barn so they sold to Fraser and Mary Monteith. The Hewitts then moved to the 1st line of Zorra. From there to another farm to St. Pauls where George worked at Avonbank Cheese and Butter Factory and at Garfield Coulthards and they became involved in Avonton Church.

Then in 1977 the Hewitts along with son Reid moved to Medford, Saskatchewan to be with their daughter Margaret Fraser and family.

They purchased 1,000 acres and rented or did custom work on another 2,000 acres.

The crops were great for a few years but then one year they lost the whole crop to frost. Another year, 400 acres of barley had been put in a heap on the prairie and with no sale, it spoiled.

Now they are retired in Melford. They have sold the land and Reid is now a truck driver.

On Saturday while at Alma's, George was asking about folks in the Avonton area he had met while playing ball or farming like Harold Murray, Tom White and Robert J. Ballantyne. They had visited Harold Strohm who used to work for them.

George and Lillian were telling us Saturday that in the Melford area farmers are discing up their wheat or burning their canola as it has been so wet with no summer. After they left it was -6 C which was the final disaster to the crops.



**GEORGE AND LILLIAN HEWITT** of Melford, Saskatchewan are visiting in the Harrington area for two weeks where they had spent many of these younger years.

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**Tug-of-war revival**

Photo by Thelma Hiuser

Jack Matheson, shown above, of RR 3 Embro, plans to coach, along with Jim Gibb, an Embro tug-of-war team. The 100th anniversary of the World Championship team — The Mighty Men of Zorra — will be celebrated on July 1, 1993 at the Embro-West Zorra Community Centre. The team is currently looking for a sponsor. The exhibit pictured above was on display at the recent 100th anniversary celebrations for the town hall in Embro.