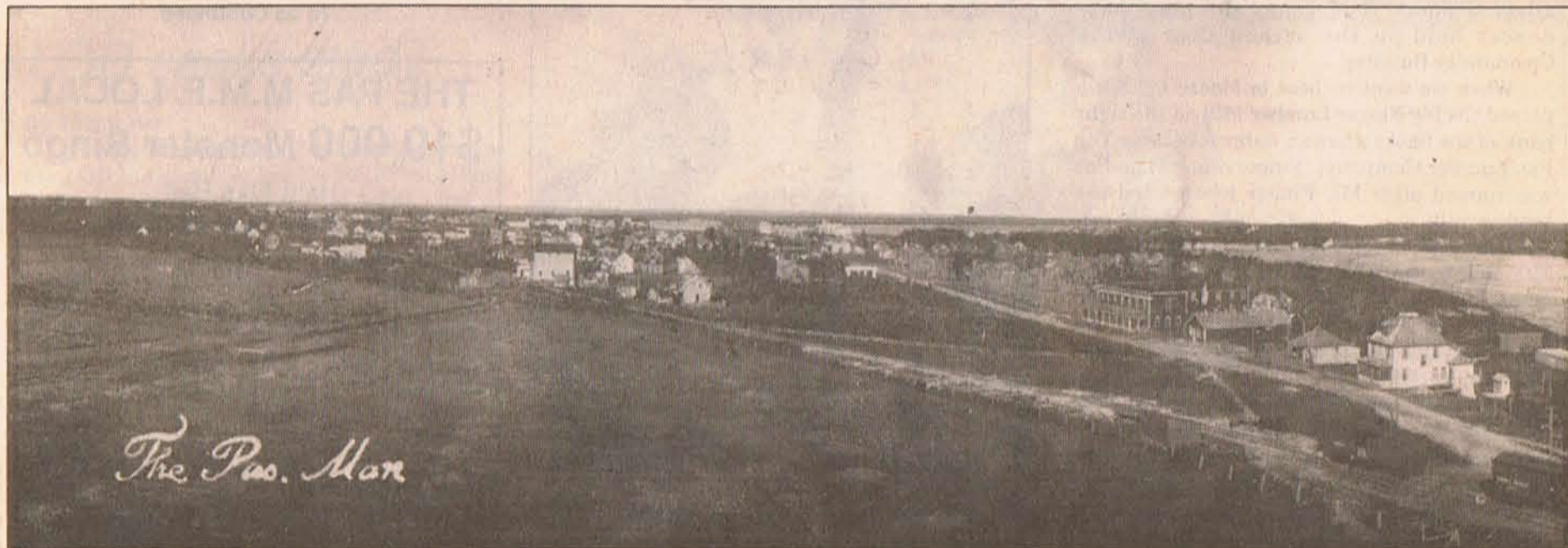


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Looking west at The Pas in 1918, with the river on the right.

Marriage and berry picking in Moose Lake

Dorothy Bogle, nee Lamb, grew up in Moose Lake, a daughter of T.H. Lamb. From time to time we publish her memories about life there in the early part of the century.

When we were children at Moose Lake we amused ourselves on winter evenings playing cards. We played a game called Five Hundred. I remember one evening we were playing at the kitchen table and someone came in and said that the Reverend Fraser had arrived. My father told us to put away the cards, then he went out to greet the minister. I do not know why he did not want the minister to see us playing cards.

The Reverend Fraser came to Moose Lake to marry my sister Lenore and Jack on Dec. 13th, 1920. It was the first white wedding in the Indian church. Doris Burton (later Doris Allan) was Lenore's bridesmaid, and Harold Wells who at that time was employed as a policeman in The Pas, supported the groom.

My mother had Mr. Nicols, a baker in The Pas, make the wedding cake; she made a cake herself for the Indians who had a dance on the reserve to celebrate the wedding.

My mother prepared a sumptuous dinner. I remember when we were all seated at the dinner table, the Reverend Fraser said grace. Afterwards, I heard him say to my parents, "Another couple launched on the sea of matrimony."

Mr. and Mrs. Fraser had about eight children. Their home was on Devon Island, which at that time was separated from the town by a narrow stream which has since dried up.

Ross Banning, a young man of 24 with a BA degree from the University of Winnipeg, was at Lenore's wedding. Ross taught at the Moose Lake school for four years. He stayed at our home. He was a likable young man, and a Christian Scientist. He sometimes read from

the Bible at an Indian church service with an Indian with some knowledge of English, interpreting.

After he left Moose Lake he kept in touch with our family. When WW II started in 1939, he enlisted in the navy. We all felt bad when we heard in December, 1941, that the ship Ross was with had been hit by a torpedo in the Atlantic, and there were no survivors.

I still have a leather bound book Tennyson's Idylls Of The King that Ross gave me. Inside is written: From: Ross E. Banning to Dorothy Lamb, 6 - 1 - 20.

My sister Hilda and I went to The Pas school for a couple of years. We stayed with the Burton family. Doris (later Doris Allan) and Jessie (later Jessie McLean) became our life-long friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Burton and their four children came to Moose Lake every summer for a holiday. Doris and Jessie and my sisters and myself swam in the lake; canoed with Moosum and went picking berries with him. I remember one afternoon we were picking saskatoons with the old man. When the pail he had with him was full of berries, we started for home and came to a puddle. The water spread across the path and into the trees. We had to take off our shoes and stockings and wade through it. Doris was not feeling very well and she was afraid to put her feet in the cold water. We told Moosum she was not feeling well and could not wade the puddle. The old man gave one of us the pail of berries and carried her on his back through the water.

When I returned from taking a business course in Prince Albert, I worked at the Bank of Commerce in The Pas. The building I worked in is still there, but no longer a bank. I was in The Pas last summer and I walked to the old building and memories of the days I worked there flooded my mind. Mr. C. Neely was the manager, and Miss Doris Hanley (later Mrs. Jim Bell) and Les Wynn worked at the bank.

At that time The Pas was a small town. There was mining activity - the Laduna Gold Mines at Herb Lake; Sherritt-Gordon Gold Mines at Sherridon; Flin Flon Gold Mines at



The year, 1914. Back row: Clifford Tenant Mitchell. Miss Cookes (the governess). T. H.

P. Lamb and nine of their children, including the author.

Monroe was editor of The Pas Herald

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Flin Flon. Mr. H.D. Monroe was the Editor of The Pas Herald. When Jessie Burton had finished school she worked for the Herald for a while.

Jessie also played the piano at the Lyric Theatre in the evenings. The movies were silent, and Jessie had to play loud music for pictures with a war scene. Soft music for the silent dramas. Sometimes she played for dances held on the second floor of the Community Building.

When we went by boat to Moose Lake, we passed the big Finger Lumber Mill on the right bank of the Saskatchewan (later it became The Pas Lumber Company). Fingerville in The Pas was named after Mr. Finger who owned the lumber mill.

I remember a Moose Lake Indian went to The Pas to work at the mill, and returned home in a short while. He told my father he could not work like the white men worked. He did not realize there was a day and a night shift. He worked both shifts.

Doris and Jessie Burton and I used to walk down the board sidewalk in The Pas annex on Sunday afternoons. At that time the annex was sparsely settled. Jim Sinclair, brother to Dr. Sinclair who owned the Gateway Drug Company, and a few more families lived there.

A favorite Sunday walk was to the wireless station which was about three miles from town. We walked on the railroad tracks.



Tom Lamb, a brother of the author, with Darwin Lee, his first grandchild, in August 1951.

I remember walking on a Sunday across the steel bridge over the Saskatchewan River

and going into the Indian cemetery. I came across the grave of the first Mrs. H.S. Johnson who was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry McKay of Grand Rapids. She died with the dreadful influenza epidemic of 1918. A low fence enclosed the grave, and in one corner there was a bench which Mr. Johnson had put there to sit on when he visited the grave. I wonder if the little bench is still there. It probably is.

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Hall: Elks Hall
Saturday, May 26, 1990

Novelty Game 50/50	
Warm up game.....	\$200.00
Share the wealth	\$200.00
Quickie games (at \$40.00).....	\$200.00
Bonanza.....	\$200.00
Block of nine (pink).....	\$200.00
Letter T (aqua).....	\$300.00
1 Outside line & hold (purple).....	\$300.00
2 Outside lines & hold (purple).....	\$500.00
Black Out.....	\$1000.00
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Share the wealth - No. 7	\$300.00
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Crazy L anyway (lime).....	\$200.00
2 Postage Stamps (peach).....	\$200.00
Small house & hold (orange).....	\$300.00
Empty house & hold (orange)	\$500.00
Full House (orange)	\$1000.00
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Share the wealth	\$200.00