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# BORDERLAND CO-OP LTD.



**Each For All  
All For Each**



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### DEDICATION

It took a lot of bravery and courage  
To stick the rugged test.  
No tale can quite do justice to  
The first members of the Co-op

Each pioneer, a story has  
That's all his own to tell.  
Of tribulations by the score  
And joyous times as well.

Their courage, their perseverance and their  
dedication lives on in these pages.

### FORWARD

We apologize for errors and omissions. May  
our work recall memories to the older generation  
and give the understanding of our heritage to future  
generations.

### MESSAGES

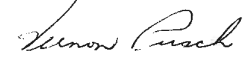
To the Members,  
Borderland Co-operative

As your elected representative on the Board of  
Federated Co-operatives Ltd., I would like to say  
congratulations on your 50th Anniversary.

I know there have been many hours of work to  
have your Co-op grow and progress for fifty years,  
but the reward of work is achieving and this is being  
accomplished in celebrating your 50th Anniversary.

May I wish you continued success in the future.  
Again, congratulations.

Co-operatively yours,



Director, District R5

### THE FAITHFUL FEW

When the meeting's called to order and you look  
around the room,  
You're sure to see some faces that from out the  
shadows loom;  
They are always at the meetings, and they stay until  
they're through —  
The ones that I would mention are Always Faithful  
Few.

They fill the many offices, and are always on the  
spot,  
No matter what the weather, though it be cold or  
hot;  
Conditions may be dreadful, but they are tried and  
true,  
The ones you can rely on are the Always Faithful  
Few.

There are lots of worthy members who will come  
when in the mood,  
When everything's convenient, they can do a little  
good;  
They're a factor in the meeting, and are necessary,  
too . . .  
But the ones who deserve the medals are the  
Always Faithful Few.

If it were not for these persons, whose shoulders at  
the wheel  
Keep the institutions moving, without a halt or reel;  
What would be the fate of meetings, where we have  
so much to do?  
They surely would be failures without the Faithful  
Few.



### THE CODE OF ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR CO-OPERATIVES

We recognize that this consumer-owned co-operative has a responsibility to respect, to promote, and to protect the rights of consumers, and that these rights include:

- The Right to Safety • The Right to be Informed
  - The Right to Choose • The Right to be Heard
- In support of its responsibility to appreciate the rights of consumers this co-operative shall aim to observe and apply in all of its activities, the following:

#### ETHICAL STANDARDS

1. All Claims, statements, information, advice, and proposals, shall be honest and factual.
2. Sufficient disclosure of pertinent facts and information shall be made to enable others to adequately judge the offered product, service, or proposal, and its suitability for the purpose to be served.
3. Due regard shall be given to public decency and good taste.
4. Unfair exploitation in any form shall be avoided.
5. Comparison of co-operative merchandising, products, services, philosophy, principles, or practices, to those of others shall only be made honestly and fairly, and without intent to harmfully disparage.
6. The interests of the membership as a whole shall be paramount to the interest of the institution.
7. The co-operative shall aim to be equitable in the treatment of its members.
8. Knowingly advising or persuading individuals to take action that may not be in their best interest shall be avoided.

### EXCERPT FROM PAUL HUSBY'S (JR.) LETTER

Both Father and Mother enjoyed their time in Moosomin. Dad was involved with the Board of Directors and members and customers of the Co-operative and felt that he was doing something that was worth while, as well as making a living. You might be interested in how Dad dealt with credit. He told me that his system went something like this:

If someone came into the Co-op needing credit, they came up to see him, he would ask, "How much? and when will you pay? You realize that we are talking about you using your neighbours money, and that it is important that your neighbours get their money back. So we will make a note of when you will have the money back to your Co-op." Then if the money was not payed back on time, the question was, "Remember your promise? You undertook to pay back your neighbours yesterday, I am confident you are not going to let them down." Possibly that was the technique that got Moosomin Co-operative back on its feet.

Integrity, in the sense of being honest with himself and the people he dealt with, as a central part of his character.

We send our wishes both for you and the Co-operative, if possible we would appreciate a copy of the publication for your Co-op's anniversary.



### FROM THE 1987 BOARD OF DIRECTORS



Directors for 1986 - 1987

Left to right, Front row: Ruebin Mills, Leslie Roy, Heather Donald, Eileen Woods.

Back row: Gerry Hutchinson, Bert Watson, Harlow Gough, James Brownwell, David Dodds.

("In the beginning . . . .")

Co-ops were formed in order that the members as share-holders would be able to reap the benefits. Groups of people with a common interest joined together paying a predetermined amount of money called shares. These shares entitled the members to share in the profits of the enterprise thus building up an equity in the Association. Many times the equity would be kept within and used to strengthen the Co-op. Equity would be allocated to shares based on the prosperity of the Association.

Borderland Co-op had just such a beginning and will celebrate its 50th year of incorporation in 1987. There have been many ups and downs with its well being based largely on the prosperity of the farming area it serves. Some years payouts have been made and other years the allocation has been kept within the association under present bylaws. When members become 66 years, move away from the trading area, or die, their equity is paid in accordance with the bylaws.

This Association has a Board of Directors who represent each amalgamated area. There are a total of nine persons who are responsible for the

Association's well being. A General Manager is hired to run day to day operations overseeing a total of 65 employees and who is directly accountable to the Board.

This, the beginning of the 50th year, Borderland had just over 12 million dollars in sales. There are a total of 4,324 members and over \$71,000.00 was paid out in member equity repayments.

Looking back over our 50 years of operations the combined Association has achieved total sales of \$135,363,445.00, an accumulated net savings of \$3,973,753.00 or 2.9% of sales. Of the total net savings \$1,059,368.00 has been paid back to the members in cash.

It is with sincere gratitude to the past generations who had the forethought to form such an organization that this book is dedicated and the hope that the future will bring increased returns to keep the Association's "bottom line" in the black.

As you read the following pages, it is our hope that you the reader will appreciate the full meaning of the word Co-op and gain some insight into the building of the Borderland Co-operative Association as it stands today after 50 years of growing.



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Designed by Mary Church, a former Director's wife.



Front row: Annie Zondervan, Hazel Mountney, Thelma Mountney.  
Back row: Gordon Donald, Marjorie Harrison, Lillian Harrison, Helen Burden, and Harry Zondervan.

## DIRECTORS SINCE INCORPORATION

George Burden	1937-1942, 1946	Gordon Donald	1957-1977
W.Z. Preston	1937-1957	Adam Dietrich	1958-1966
W.E. Smith	1937-1943	Mary Surridge	1958-1961
J.H. Harrison	1938-1944	Gordon Currie	1960-1967
D.D. McDonald	1937-1947	Harriett Hill	1961-1962
Thos. Ogilvie	1938-1939	Glenn Becker	1965-1971
C.B. Hill	1937-1945, 1949-1950	Marie McDonald	1964-1965
W. Blyth	1942	Irene Buckland	1964-1972
Guy Stilborn	1942-1951	Andrew Woods	1965-1978
R.H. Barnes	1942-1944	Eileen McMullen	1966-1974
Leslie King	1944-1947	John Brownell	1967-1969
A. Robinson	1944-1945	William Henry	1968-1982
G. Hopley	1944	Reginald Church	1970-1975
G.N. Sweet	1945-1947	Terry Creighton	1972-1974
Ed Kivell	1945-1949, 1959	Toeofil Ikert	1973-1977
Les Connor	1946-1947	John Zondervan	1974-1976, 1980-1985
Ralph Ramsdale	1946-1973	Leslie Roy	1974-1987
Ivan Burden	1946-1960	Ken McCannell	1975-1981
W. Adam	1946-1947	David Dodds	1975-****
Loys Smith	1946-1947	Murray Scutt	1976-1978
Len Mountney	1948	Gloria Taylor	1977-1979
Earl Asseltine	1948-1955	Grant Plewes	1978
T.G. Axten	1948	Jim Etherington	1978-1980
F.M. Hewgill	1948	Bert Watson	1978-****
Arthur Purdey	1948	John Adam	1979-1981
M.G. White	1948	Harlow Gough	1979-****
J.W. Brown	1949-1951	Hal Parks	1981-1983
Jack Stutt	1949-1951	David Miller	1982-1984
Robert Harrison	1950-1954	James Brownell	1983-****
Hazel Mountney	1952-1957	Gerald Hutchinson	1984-****
Howard Mountney	1953-1956	Eileen Woods	1984-****
Rueben Roe	1953-1964	Reuben Mills	1985-****
Harry Zondervan	1956-1973	Heather Donald	1986-****
Nell Burns	1955-1956	Jim Adair	1987-****
A.B. Pomeroy	1957-1962		

**MANAGERS**



**J.K. Hogarth**  
1937 - 1938



**Wes. Hill**  
Manager — 1938 - 1942  
Secretary — 1938 - 1942



**Frank Empey**  
1947 - 1949



**P.M. Husby**  
Sec. & Accountant 1948  
Manager — 1952 - 1955



**Norman Card**  
1957 - 1966



**Paul Wenaas**  
1966 - 1985



**Dennis Hill**  
1985 -

**PRESIDENTS**



**George Burden**  
1937 - 1942  
Manager — 1942 - 1947



**Guy Stilborn**  
1943 - 1950



**Ivan Burden**  
1951 - 1960



**Ralph Ramsdale**  
1961 - 1973



**William Henry**  
1974 - 1975  
1977 - 1979



**John Zondervan**  
1976



**Leslie Roy**  
1980 - 1986



**Rueben Mills**  
1987 -

**SECRETARIES**



**J.K. Hogarth**  
1937 - 1939



**Eleanor Kivell**  
1949 - 1963  
1965 - 1977



**Marbaret Haake**  
1964 - 1965



**Gloria Taylor**  
1978 - 1980



**Aleita White**  
1981 - 1982



**Heather Donald**  
1984 - 1987



**Heather Low**  
1987 -

**MOOSOMIN CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION**

On the 23rd day of June 1937, a Charter was signed that officially was the beginning of the Moosomin Co-operative Association. On that day twenty-seven men signed the charter as members with one, ten dollar share.

For many months prior to the signing of the charter, a great deal of organizing was carried out. Interested people were canvassed for share capital, and Co-op information was given by personal contact. Meetings were held with guest speakers.

The aim of these first twenty-seven men was: To help ourselves to a better life, by owning and operating essential service facilities, so that by helping each other a spirit of brotherhood is fostered, the essence of a better world.

The twenty-seven charter members were:  
George Burden  
W.E. Smith  
H. Kydd  
G.A. Griffin  
D.D. McDonald  
W.Z. Preston  
J.K. Hogarth  
R. Hicks

J.H. Pilsworth  
F.M. Hewgill  
C.D. Schoenburger  
Ernie Crosson  
R.H. Barnes  
Tom Mountney  
Alf Fisher  
J.G. Mountney  
Howard Gordon  
A.E. Muir

J.H. Harrison  
G.D. Buckland  
Tom Ogilvie  
J.D. Lynd  
R.C. Logan  
W.L. Smith  
Alex Brown  
J.A. Virtue  
Norman Thomas

The Association did not have a building as yet, so business was carried out from the Pool Elevator. J.K. Hogarth was the Pool agent. He sold the commodities the newly formed Co-op had for sale. Some of the items were coal, twine, flour and boxed apples.

In 1938 a building was rented, it was the former McGuihl undertaking parlors. Wes Hill, a very young man became manager. In comparison to today's standards it was very primitive, but served

the members for four years. It was stocked with staple groceries, but had no fresh produce and no refrigeration units. In the canning season cases of fresh fruit were sold, also canning supplies. There was also a small hardware section.

In October of 1942 the Co-op Association rented the A.S. Smith hardware store on Main Street. The front half was the groceries and the hardware was in the back portion.

In October, 1942, George Burden became manager. In November of 1942 the McDonald Hardware (north of R. & J. McKay Agencies) stock was purchased and added to the hardware department.

In 1943 the Basil Pollock grocery business was taken over with stock, equipment and personnel. Mr. Pollock became grocery manager, giving the Co-op its first trained help.

At this point the Co-op had only \$634.00 in paid up capital and before the purchase of the Pollock stock had \$6,000.00 in inventory.

On October 1st, 1943 the premises were bought for \$2,500.00. Money was spent to straighten the building and considerable work was done on the interior to make it more convenient.

A 4% dividend was paid in 1943, divided as follows: a portion to be applied on unpaid balance of \$10.00 shares, the remaining to be divided equally between the revolving door fund, to provide working capital and the other half to be given out in cash or credit.

In December 1944, a warehouse 20'x30' was bought and joined to the east end of the store for storage, providing much more room in the store for display.

In February 1944, a garage was purchased from R.J. Fudge, on the corner of Broadway Ave. and Main St. The price was \$21,300, this included the Chrysler dealership and gas pumps.

The garage commenced operation April 1st with staff of a garage manager, who was a first class mechanic, two senior mechanics, two service men, a blacksmith and a carpenter. Tom Carswell Sr. was engaged at \$3.50 per day to build wagon boxes.

Canadian Co-op Implements was formed in 1940, as there was no C.C.I.L. depot at Moosomin, the purchase of the garage made it possible to bring in the first C.C.I.L. machinery. The first shipment was two twelve foot self propelled Co-op combines, one swather and several sets of circular harrows.

The shop foreman was J. Clesdell and Elmer King was service man. The most disappointing phase of operations was the short supply of new cars and machinery due to wartime. In 1947 an increase of \$3,000.00 brought the sales to \$57,435.00

Towards the end of the year new equipment was installed at the cost of \$1,300.00. It was of a nature that enabled more accuracy in mechanical work and lessening of man hours.

While the garage was in operation it served its members well as shown by the patronage, but there were some difficult times.

By 1945 there were 732 members and sales were \$152,018. in the whole Association.

The second storey of the store housed the offices and the dry goods department and a beauty parlor. Dora Walshaw managed the dry goods department. It was very difficult to bring in good quality goods, it being wartime.

Dorothy Wilson (Stilborn) managed the grocery department on the resignation of Mr. Pollock.

Throughout the winter of 1945, members were canvassed for funds to support the building of a quick freeze locker plant.

In midsummer of 1945 a new building got underway on the south side of the store where the Bank of Montreal now stands. It was 40' x 56', one storey with a full sized basement for storage and a compressor room 8' x 16'. By 1946 the building had progressed enough to house the locker plant with 304 lockers. Total cost of the locker plant was \$16,000.00.

Mr. A.B. Walker was in charge of the locker plant, the meat processing and butcher shop.

The locker plant rendered a great service to the community in the years before rural Saskatchewan was electrified.

By November 1st, 1947 the new building was in complete use. The grocery had been moved into the new store, leaving the older store for hardware.

In 1947, P.M. Husby was appointed accountant. In March of the same year Con Tappin also joined the office staff and sold Government insurance as well.

In July of 1947, Mr. Frank Empey became assistant manager. Mr. Burden retired in December 1947 and Mr. Empey became General Manager.

In 1948, Federated Co-op took over management supervision. The managers were: E. Hughes, Bert Locke and Walter Derkaez, each for a short period of time.

The Board decided to discontinue the dry goods department in order that the \$5,000.00 in inventory could be used to restock the hardware department.

The lumber department had its beginning in 1947 with Bert Boyles as manager. The office was a 10' x 12' building situated north of the present Co-op store on Main St. The lumber yard was where the Co-op parking lot is. Sales in lumber in 1948 were \$31,148.00.

Mr. Walker was replaced by Larry Gaetz in the meat and locker department.

From 1943 to 1950 there was steady growth in sales as follows:

1943	\$102,655.90
1947	\$195,550.18
1950	\$323,570.33



In spite of this, most departments were not making money. The membership at this time was 815.

Looking back over the first thirteen years of the Co-op Association we realize that great credit is due to the pioneers of the Moosomin Co-op Association,

who without remuneration, worked endlessly, canvassing, doing public relations work and giving financial backing to get the Association started and later to the members who took up the challenge.



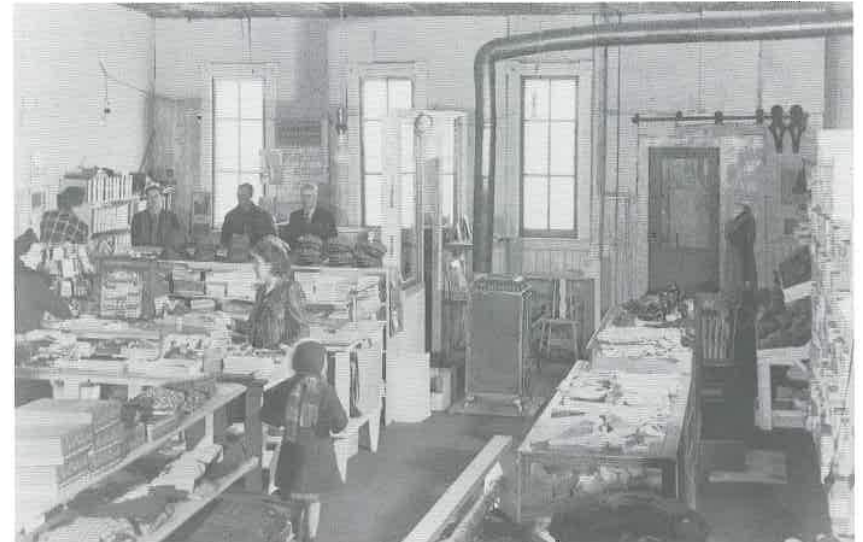
The CO-OP store on Main St., before the addition to the south was built.



Dorothy Stilborn (Wilson) in the Locker plant, There were two types of lockers, Drawers and Cupboard.



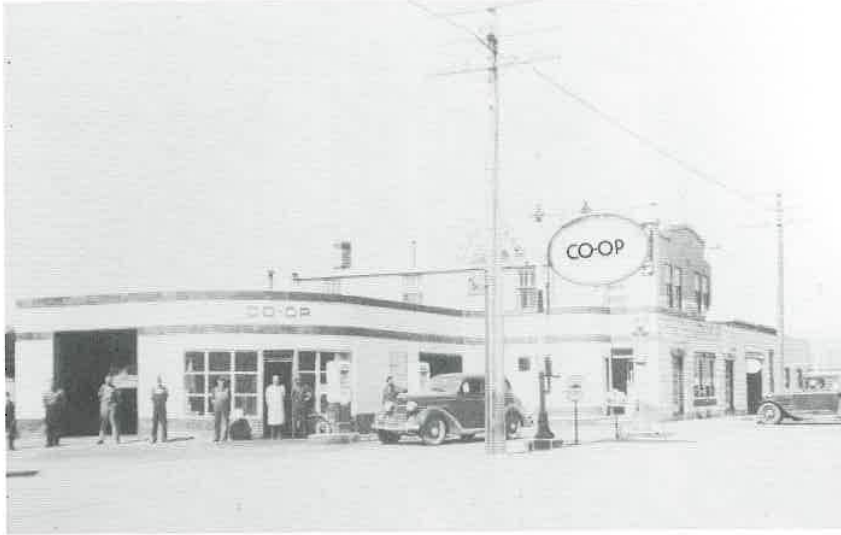
The grocery dept. of the CO-OP store in the A.S. Smith building.



The CO-OP dry goods dept., upstairs in the former A.S. Smith building. In the office section is Guy Stilborn and George Burden. Dorothy Bell at far left, Dora Walshaw (clerk) in centre. Shopper and child, and office worker unknown.



Staff: ?, Freddie Chapman, Jack Chapman Sr., Ina Dixon (Beggs), Pauline Herron, Evelyn Richards (Norbury), Eva Rose (Ross), Dorothy Smart (Bell), Dora Walshaw, George Burden. The second CO-OP store the A.S. Smith building on Main St.



The CO-OP garage on the corner of Main and Broadway, the former Fudge Industries, now Shaws store.



A.B. Walker of the Meat Dept. (Walker from the Locker). The CO-OPs first meat market manager.



The CO-OP store on main with the new addition to the south under construction.

1951 brought many changes to the Co-op. It became policy that a director do at least \$500.00 worth of business to stay on the board. The garage operation received advice and financial assistance from FCL but was eventually sold to the Virtue family in April. P.M. Husby came as General Manager in July. Under his management sales improved and dividends were eventually paid to members. The local co-op guild was formed and the board welcomed their suggestions and help in promoting Co-op products.

Electricity came to the rural Moosomin area in 1953. This caused a drop in the use of the locker plant but was compensated for by the sale of

refrigerators and other electrical appliances from the hardware department. Membership totalled 908 and sales for 1953 were \$243,497.00.

Progress continued, which meant that in 1954 loans were paid out and dividends were received by members. This progress was due to good member patronage, the efficiency of management and staff and the judgement used by the board of directors in handling any problems. Another highlight of this year was connecting the store to water and sewer.

Previous to this time, directors' meetings were held only when necessary but now were called on a regular monthly basis.

Saskatchewan and Manitoba wholesales amalgamated in 1955. This meant that Moosomin bought their products from Regina instead of Winnipeg as they had done previously. Gordon McKenzie of North Portal became FCL director for this district.

It was with deep regret in 1956 that the community received word of the passing of their faithful and dedicated manager, P.M. Husby. He came to the co-operative when the association was unstable and had brought success and financial security to the business.

Norman Card was hired as manager on January 4, 1957. Many doors opened in new directions and the association took various progressive steps during this year. They began to sell fertilizer and feed in carlot loads to other outlets; some remodelling was done in the lumber, grocery, and hardware departments. Different financial methods were utilized, one of these being a redemption fund through the credit society to deal with member certificates. The association purchased a house for the manager on Gordon Street. Co-op schools were promoted and funded by the local co-ops where youth could learn of co-op philosophy.

By 1958 the association was in a financial position to be under complete local management. This was the final step to getting autonomy.

During the next few years the co-op helped with community projects such as the paving of Main

Street, buying shares in the Co-op Curling Centre, offering general proficiency awards to Grade XII students. They gave donations to the Co-op College building fund. Within its own system the association made these progressive steps: The store was connected to natural gas; a medical plan for employees was set up; and the work week shortened to 5½ days. By 1960 the lumber yard had commenced building houses for sale.

The 25th Anniversary of the Co-op Refinery was held in Regina, July 1960. Moosomin members were well represented at this event.

In 1961, Moosomin association purchased the Filling Station, equipment and land on Trans-Canada Highway, plus C.P.R. lease from Orangeville Co-op. A bulk petroleum department was set up in the Service Station. Fuel tanks were provided for farmers. The bulk department carried the dealership for New Holland and Morris machinery. There were 19 staff members.

In 1963 the members approved the building of a new store and work commenced immediately. Through the combined efforts of the directors, manager, and staff, the ribbon cutting of a beautiful, spacious new store took place on March 12, 1964. An afternoon tea and evening program rounded out the event.



The new Co-op store on Main St.



Left to right: Mary Ireland, Winston McGonigal, Millie Begg, Ruth Newton, Don McGonigal, Don Cheater, Frank Cairns, Gordon Barrett, Alex Young, Norman Card and Allan Watt.





Left to right: Rueben Roe, Irene Buckland, Adam Dietrich, Marie McDonald, Gordon Donald, Glen Becker, Mayor Ross Saunders, Harry Zondervan, Gordon Currie, Yorkton CJGX T.V. Announcer, Norman Card, F.C.L. Official, Bert McKay, F.C.L. Official, Ralph Ramsdale, the little girl is Susan Fletcher. The occasion is the opening of the present store.

It might be interesting to note that the late Dr. Barry MacDonald purchased the old hardware building and the old grocery store was torn down and the Bank of Montreal purchased the site.

By 1965 tanks for heater fuel were sold. A tow truck was purchased for the service station and the farm fuel truck was licensed to deliver in Manitoba. Business had increased almost \$140,000.00 to a total of \$894,474.00 with 87% of this being member sales. Savings were \$24,092.00 on operations which allowed a 3% patronage allocation. This year marked the start of a Superannuation Plan for Co-op employees and the start of the Canada Pension Plan. Total payroll for 1965 was \$77,390.00

The Association had 1,395 members. In 1966

Maryfield Co-op Association requested to be a branch of Moosomin Co-op Association and in January 1967 the amalgamation took place. The payment of equity to all members 70 years of age and over was authorized. Printed copies of all reports were made available to members attending annual meetings. A two-way radio for the fuel truck was installed, hoping to gain quicker service with this communication system.

In September, 1966 the popular General Manager, Norman Card, resigned to take the Manager's position at Canora, Saskatchewan. Due to illness he returned to Moosomin and passed away October 1967. This vacant position was filled by Paul Wenaas. A "Meet the Manager Day" was



Canada's Centennial Celebration

Left to right standing: Gus Flatt, Bill Hymers, Harold Low, Richard Jackson, Dwayne Knudson, Sam Turner.

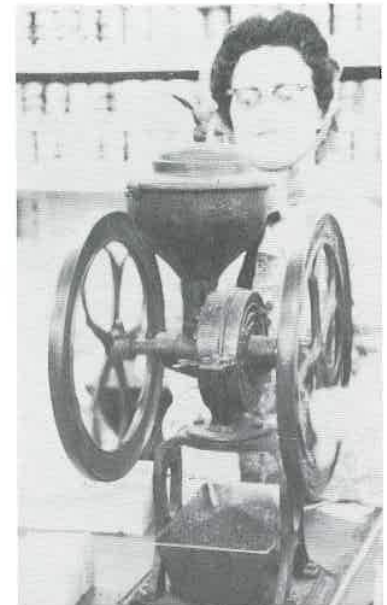
Left to right sitting: Alex Addison, Ivan Burden, Ed Antonsen, Fred Dronsfeld.

held on December 2, 1966. Roy Wallin joined the staff as accountant this same year. The annual meeting showed that sales had increased to \$1,072,688.00, an increase of \$9,200.00. Net savings were a 3.2% of sales. Share capital was raised to \$300,000.00 of one dollar shares.

Moosomin Co-op helped celebrate 1967 Canada Centennial in several ways. They held special sales, pioneer displays were set up and enjoyed by all, and coffee and hot dogs were sold for .05¢. During this year the "Banking" business of the association was transferred to the Moosomin Savings and Credit Union. The Credit Union was open on Saturdays and provided the convenience of a night deposit. A new office machine was purchased to prepare month-end statements and allocations. After the 1969 year end complete audit and financial statements and dividend cheques were mailed out to the membership. At the annual meeting in the spring of 1968 members were divided into groups with director a resource person. Questions were presented to a six-member panel consisting of the manager, accountant, and directors. This encouraged members to express their opinions.

The construction of the potash mine in Rocanville brought considerable business to the association through lumber, fuel, hardware, and grocery sales. The operating of this mine has continued to benefit the association throughout the years.

On December 3, 1968, Moosomin Co-op held its first "Night Owl Sale". The store stayed open



Lydia Wallin dressed in Pioneer costume, using antique coffee grinder, at P.O.W. days celebration.



P.O.W. Days Celebration

Left to right standing: Hans Boers, Alan Watt, Don McGonigal, Alan Chadney, Charlie Curtis, Don Cheater, Tom Molineau, Ben Horsburgh, Bob Fisher.

Left to right sitting: Roy Wallin, Millie Beggs, Hertha Wushke, Mary Jensen (Ireland), Leona Hogg, Paul Wenaas.



Grocery dept. display on street, at P.O.W. days celebration, note the truck load of watermelons.

until 9:00 p.m. ending with sales of \$10,000.00. Total sales for 1968 were \$1,424,780.00 with net savings of \$30,000.00. The association paid out \$19,000.00 to estates, to members moving from the trading area and members 70 years and over. Approximately \$10,000.00 was paid in property and business taxes.

Moosomin Co-op celebrated, along with the Town of Moosomin. "POW DAYS" (Potash, Oil, & Wheat) in 1969. Potash mines were in operation in Rocanville and Esterhazy areas. Oil drilling had increased around Rocanville and of course the main stay of the area was, and still is, wheat. The staff members participated in a costume contest and won a \$10.00 prize for their group effort. Mary Ireland won a first prize for an individual costume. During 1969, the farm fuel tanks were repainted and the bulk tanks were upgraded. Don Cheater, grocery manager, transferred to Lac LaRonge.

In 1970 the Board reported sales and savings well up. The interest rate on pre-paid accounts was raised to 8%. Share capital was raised to \$400,000.00 in one dollar shares. During the year Allan Watt took the position as Moosomin Store Manager. Daily delivery service which had been operated by George King was now being done by Alex Coultts.

Ivan Burden accepted from Federated Co-operative a trophy on behalf of the petroleum department for the highest increase in petroleum sales in the Regina Region. This award was to be repeated several times during this managership.

The 1972 year end sales totalled \$1,884,325.00 which was an increase of \$200,000.00 and double that of 1965. Other events during the year included General Manager, Paul Wenaas, attending a managers' conference in Sweden, director Terry Creighton representing the association on the town safety committee and a 35 year celebration picnic was held for the association.

The decision to build a three-facility complex on #1 Highway was finally reached. A farm supply centre, a lumber yard, and a service station with a service bay, co-ordinating the services in one area. After many hours spent in decision making, the new Service Centre was opened on October 19, 1973. Following the opening a social was held at the Elks Hall where a large number enjoyed hot dogs and coffee. The old service station was moved to North Railway Street to be used for the bulk department and machinery.



CO-OP Service Centre Complex on the Trans-Canada Highway.



The opening of the Service Centre on the Trans-Canada highway.  
Tom Mountney cutting ribbon, left — Alf Griffin, right — Howard Gordon.



Directors — Left to right: front row: Teofil Ikert, Bill Henry, Ralph Ramsdale, Eileen McMullen, Reg Church. Back row: Terry Creighton, Gordon Donald, Harry Zondervan and Andrew Woods.



Front row — Left to right: Gordon McKenzie, Father Kubash, Hans Schildbach, Ivan Burden, Skuli Bjornson, Alf Griffin — (hidden behind), Howard Gordon, Tom Mountney, Morgan Adams, John Gardner M.L.A. and Ralph Ramsdale.





The Bulk and Machinery Dept.  
Hans Schildbach in front, he moved this building to North Railway, it was formerly the first service station.

The annual meeting report for 1975 mentions the following as highlights for the year. The age when equity payments could be applied for was lowered to 66 years. The Bulk department had taken on the Hesston Agency and approximately 400 people enjoyed pancakes at the opening. The former Credit Union building adjacent to the store

was purchased to become the hardware department. The personnel policy was brought up to date giving employees group insurance, superannuation, some sick leave, and accident insurance.

The Co-op purchased the furnishings for the board room in the new Credit Union building in 1976. This board room is used by both the Co-op and the Credit Union. The sales volume for the previous year reached 3.5 million dollars.

The final payment for the store was made in July, 1976. The parking lots of both store and service centre were paved and car plug-ins were installed for staff. Total assets were 1.5 million. Equity payments could be applied for at the age of 66. Total membership was 2790.

With the decision to dissolve Westland at the FCL annual meeting in March, 1977, Rocanville Co-op discussed the possibility of becoming a branch of Moosomin Co-op. The local annual meetings for 1976 were held on the same night in the spring of 1977. The Rocanville and Spy Hill members voted in favor of selling the assets to the Moosomin Co-operative. Moosomin members in turn voted to accept Rocanville and Spy Hill Westland Units. Further negotiations continued and were completed in June 1977.

#### MOOSOMIN CO-OP EMPLOYEES OVER THE YEARS; AS REMEMBERED

##### Hardware:

Mr. Ormiston  
Fred Chapman Jr.  
Alice Watt  
Joyce McKenzie (Hill)  
Rex Meville  
Enid Williams  
Lydia Wallin  
Lou Newman  
Leona McGonigal  
Blair Evanson

F. Chapman Sr.  
Bud Bott  
Allan Watt  
Alex Young  
Vera Meville  
Eleanor Souter  
Susan Ferguson  
Joyce Hill  
Tom Molyneau  
Eddie Roy

##### Service Centre:

Harold Low  
Livica Manke  
Linda Bruce  
Rob Windrim  
Peter Thoms  
Greg Woods  
Gary Griffin

Richard Jackson  
Ken Martin  
Heather Gray  
Alex Gray  
Lenard Diamond  
Terry McGonigal  
Jeff McMullen

##### Office:

Dorothy Bell  
Madge Lunn  
Ron Suderman  
Millie Begg  
Dave Schwebius  
Andrea Dearie  
Audrey Marshall

Mrs. McLoughry  
P.M. Husby  
Frank Caron  
Roy Wallin  
Heather Low  
Conrad Tappin  
Thora Johaneson

##### Nell Burns

Ramona Unilowsky

##### Grocery:

Hans Boers  
Bazil Pollock  
Eva Loomes  
Ada Brayford  
Evelyn Norbury  
Vi Osborne  
Don Cheater  
Ruth Chilton  
Ben Horsburgh  
Mary Swanton  
Bob Fisher  
Barry Williams  
Gladys Ivey  
Brad Campbell

##### Service Station:

Ivan Burden  
Roy Swanton  
Alex Addison  
Allan Chadney  
Fred Dronsfield  
Ed Nickell  
Danny Blondeau  
Bill Cowan  
Stan Cowan

##### Fay Leslie

Jack Horsburgh  
Fred Jealous  
Dorothy Wilson  
Pearl Lemoine  
Pauline Herron  
Mary Ireland  
Winston McGonigal  
Mrs. McLoughry  
Rosanne Barrett  
Hertha Wushke  
Bill Tarr  
Dave Livingston  
Eli Blondeau  
Perry Campbell  
Mac Kilpatrick

Cecil Ewing  
Eddie Antonsen  
Harry Paskell  
Bill Van Meer  
Ken Donald  
Bill Heinke  
Allister Maki  
Bob Van Meer  
Larry Burden

##### Bulk and Machinery:

Sam Turner  
Ken McCulloch  
George Renneberg  
Mattie Roe  
Bruce Penalton  
Ted Frape  
Ed Cooper  
Duane Knudson

##### Garage:

Al Ewing  
R.J. Hollingsworth  
Adam Cartney  
George Bull  
Cliff Knudson  
J. Clisdell  
Elmer King  
Tom Fyvie  
Bill Cowan  
M. Bird

##### Dry Goods:

Dora Walshaw

Ivan Burden  
Murray Leslie  
Bill Koskella  
Les Donald  
Alex Gibson  
Larry Weslowski  
George Wilson  
Les McGonigal

Doug Loomes  
Mac English  
W. Price  
Eric Espeseth  
Andy Hogg  
Kirk Selanders  
Bill Barker  
Tom Carswell Sr.  
Mel Potter  
Orville Cook

Ina Begg

##### Butcher Shop:

A.B. Walker  
Chas. Busby

##### Meat:

Ron Powiss  
Wayne Campbell  
Brian McCaw  
Rick Hamm

##### Lumber:

Bert Boyles  
Richard Jackson  
Glen Mickelson

##### Janitors:

Charlie Curtis  
Bruce Penalton

Larry Gaetz

Don McGonigal  
Gordon Barrett  
Shawn Moffatt  
Alan Chadney  
Lorne Pomeroy

Harold Low  
Ken McCannel

Bill and Dorothy Heinke

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#### DON'T BLAME THE CHILDREN

We read in the paper and hear on the air  
Of killing and stealing and crime everywhere.  
We sigh and say as we notice the trend:  
"This young generation." Where will it end?  
But can we be sure that it's their fault alone;  
That maybe part of it isn't our own?  
Are we less guilty who place in their way  
Too many things that lead them astray?  
Too much money to spend — too much idle time;  
Too many books not fit to read;  
Too much evil in what we hear said;  
Too many children encouraged to roam  
By too many parents who won't stay home.  
Kids don't make movies or write the books  
They paint gay pictures of gangsters and crooks;  
They don't make liquor, don't run bars.  
They don't make laws, don't buy the cars  
They don't peddle drugs that addle the brain;  
That's done by older folk greedy for gain.  
Delinquent teenagers: Oh, how we condemn  
The sins of the nation and blame it on them.  
By the laws of the blameless the Savior made known.

Who is there among us to cast the first stone?  
For in so many cases — it's sad but true  
That little "delinquent" fits older folk too:



Those who have but little business to attend to, are great talkers. The less men think, the more they talk. (Montesquieu)



#### Service Award

Paul Wenaas, general manager of Borderland Co-operative Limited, was presented with a plaque in recognition of his 15 years service to Moosomin Co-op and its successor, Borderland Co-op. Paul took over in Moosomin in 1966.

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## THE CO-OP AT MARYFIELD

Farmers in the surrounding areas first met on November 20, 1946 to discuss the formation of a Co-op oil company which would handle their farm fuels, oils and greases. Mr. W. Barnby of Federated Co-operatives in Regina was in charge of the meeting. A board of 10 directors was elected:

Harold Heal, Ryerson	Joe Adamson, Fairlight
Jack Hill, Mair	R. McAdoo, Butler
Guy Longman, Maryfield	A. McCormick, Maryfield
John Hitchcock, Ebor	Charles Radke, Maryfield
Henry Baker, Fairlight	Elmer Franklin, Maryfield

At the second open meeting at the rink on December 5th, Mr. Eddy of F.C.L. spoke. O. Thompson and Wm. McIndoe both of Maryfield were added to board of directors.

Their first meeting was held on December 11, 1946 and C. Radke was elected chairman, E. Franklin — Secretary and H. Heal as Vice President.

To fund the business, a canvass was made for loans with an interest rate of 4% and \$10.00 shares were sold.

A further director, George Page, was added at a meeting in January 1947, making the list, thirteen.

In July, they affiliated with F.C.L. Saskatoon and arrangements were made with C.P.R. for a site for the warehouse and tanks.

September 17, 1947 they were incorporated as Maryfield Co-op Association. W.J. Renwick was elected to audit the books until the annual meeting of November 17, 1948 when the auditing from then was done by F.C.L.

A lot of volunteer labor went into the erection of the warehouse and tanks. Farm trucks hauled stones, gravel and cement.

The first manager was Jim Radke, with payment of 5% of sales and .01¢ per gallon to deliver fuel and oils and he supplied the office and truck. Charles, Ted and Irvin Radke also helped with fuel deliveries. Fuel was brought in by tank car on the C.P.R. to the two 10,000 gallon, one 5,000 gallon and two 1,500 gallon storage tanks. From here the fuel was delivered to the farmers in 45 gallon barrels.

In 1950, John Peterson began hauling fuel from Regina Refineries in his tanker truck. It was also decided to handle C.C.I.L. machinery, twine and flour. 1959 sales were 88,000 gallons of fuel and 1,077 gallons of oil.

The Association expanded in 1951 to include Lloyd Longman on fuel delivery and Freda as bookkeeper. They now sold cement and lumber.

In 1952 Maryfield became a distribution point for flour. A flour shed was built on the C.N.R. right of way. From here it was delivered to Wawota, Walpole, Kennedy, Kipling and Windhorst. Mr. Franklin of Doonside regularly picked up 600-700 pounds in his Volkswagon car. Years later this shed became a fuel shed.

They amalgamated in 1952 with Hutton Co-op

and in 1953 bought out the Zwick oil business at Ryerson.

The Co-op bought their first tank truck in 1955, so fuel could now be metered out.

In 1956, Sid Dauncey was hired on a salary instead of a commission.

The Co-op bought the Naish hardware store in October, 1961 complete with stock. This added hardware to the business.

Sid Dauncey left in 1961 and John Cleghorn became manager. Later Doug Aveson and Verla Smith joined the staff.

In 1965, they bought out the Monarch Lumber across the street where the Co-op is situated today.

On January 1, 1967, Maryfield Co-op Association amalgamated with Moosomin Co-op to make Moosomin Co-op Association. The Maryfield Board of Directors disbanded and William Henry and John Brownell were appointed to Moosomin Board. The Moosomin Co-op Association further expanded to include Spy Hill and Rocanville Co-ops. The Association is now known as Borderland Co-op.

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Gordon Hainstock	Richard McLeod
John Brownell	Barry Lawless
Errol Cruikshank	Bob Greeves
Rick Thompson	Dale Flynn
Veggo Ulrich	Bob Longman
Don Osterbeck	Ron Thompson
Wm. Melenchak	Steve Gasnarek
Scott Donovan	Gerald Hill

### General And Branch Managers:

Guy Longman	Alex Johnson
Sid Dauncey	John Cleghorn
Gerald Antymus	Emslie Kennedy
Reuben Harris	Gordon Hainstock
Rick McLeod	

### Board of Directors:

J. McLaren	George Down
Fred McAdoo	E. Swanson
F. Thompson	F. Sauter
E. Radke	M. Jensen
S. Thompson	T. Thompson
N. Skallerup	J. Henry
H. Murray	W. Harris
H. Gazeley	Wes Moore
J.W. Sample	E. McAdoo
E. Edmonds	C. Riley
A. Jensen	G. Heal
R. Down	S. Sweeting
R. Church	Wm. Henry
R. Hill	P. Hitchcock

Secretary: George Page

## ROCANVILLE CO-OP



FIRST, CO-OP STORE BUILDING, formerly known as the "Cameron Store", acquired by Rocanville Co-op in 1919. The picture dates back to 1905, two years after the store was opened. It is on the property where the Farmers Building now stands.

On January 15, 1915, a formal application for the registration of the Rocanville Co-operative Association was sent to the Co-operative Organization Branch, Department of Agriculture, Regina.

These eight men, forming the first board were: I.J. Rushton, James Logan, S.J. McKibbin, Chas. J. Crawford (Carnoustie), S.J. McKibbin, Chas. J. Jopp, A.H. Johnson and William Evans.

The co-operative was officially incorporated on January 26, 1915. It was named the "Rocanville Grain Growers Association".

A letter to the Department of Agriculture, dated July 2, 1915, listed the eighty-six people who were members of the co-operative at that date.

Shares were sold to the members. By this means \$140 was acquired, the total sum with which the association started in business.

General member meetings were held once a month as well as monthly directors' meetings in those early years of the association. And, of course, an annual meeting was held every year.

At the first annual meeting after the close of the 1915 year, it was disclosed that sales had amounted to over \$14,000.00 with savings to the members of over \$200.00. Worthy of note is that the savings to members in the first year were double the sum of capital invested by the members.

Rocanville Co-operative passed through its first years without a store of its own. Activity was confined to buying goods in carload lots to be unloaded directly from the car by the members. The main products handled were flour, sugar, salt, feed, lumber, binder twine, fence posts and wire. There may also have been other products such as apples,

coal and petroleum handled this way too, but the record is not clear.

J.F. Herman, a board member, had the role of managing director. He would receive the orders, pool the lot and place a large order with suppliers.

Ed. McLelland recalls those days: "We tried to get a director or a sub-director on each telephone circuit," he described. "Then, when it was time to order a car of some commodity the directors would contact the members on his line to get his order. These orders would then be given to Mr. Herman so he could place the order with the supplier. This was why in the early years the association would have as many as sixteen directors on the board."

Livestock shipping was another service that was provided in the early days. As high as seventy-five carloads of stock were shipped in a single year. This service has been carried on through the years and is still provided today. However, stock is now shipped by truck instead of train.

The members continually sought new ways of providing their needs through co-operative effort, and it was not long before their thoughts turned toward acquiring a store. In 1919 the co-operative bought the store known as the Cameron store. Alex Cameron had built this store in 1902 but it had changed hands several times before the co-operative purchased it.

With the opening of store it was necessary to employ a full-time manager; W.T. Fallis was hired. Leathe Dunsmore was also hired as clerk to help run the store.

The co-operative transacted business out of this building until 1937. It was in this year the co-operative rented space in the Farmers' Building.

Electric lights were installed in this first store in 1928.

In 1941 the old Barret and Scott store and the adjoining north lot were purchased. The store operated out of this building from 1941 until 1960.



THE CO-OPBLOCK — ROCANVILLE, SASK. as it looks in 1965, showing the shopping centre, lumberyard and the new construction office.

The new store was built during the winter of 1959-60. The official opening was held April 12, 1960. By this time there was lumber, petroleum, hardware and grocery departments. This event possibly marked one of the greater strides the co-operative has made during its history.

For many years very little in the way of petroleum supplies were handled. In the early years the demand was not great. When the need had arisen for this service, it was felt the members could be served by neighbouring co-operatives that were equipped to provide a petroleum service.

One of these was the Orangeville Co-operative Association.

It wasn't until 1957 that much was done in this area. However, that year the property of Douglas Ferguson was purchased and a service station was opened.

In 1961 the Orangeville and Rocanville Co-operative amalgamated. The bulk storage facilities were moved from Orangeville to Rocanville. Since that date both communities have been served from Rocanville (except a portion being served from Moosomin).

In 1966 Board members did a study on co-operative development and could see the many advantages of amalgamation with other neighbouring co-ops.

A highlight of 1967 was the special meetings held with Spy Hill Board of Directors, which led to the memberships of both associations voting to amalgamate. Spy Hill Co-operative Association became a branch of Rocanville Co-operative Association Limited on March 1, 1968.

The Rocanville service station and lumber yard officially opened on January 18, 1970, a total cost of \$75,614.00.

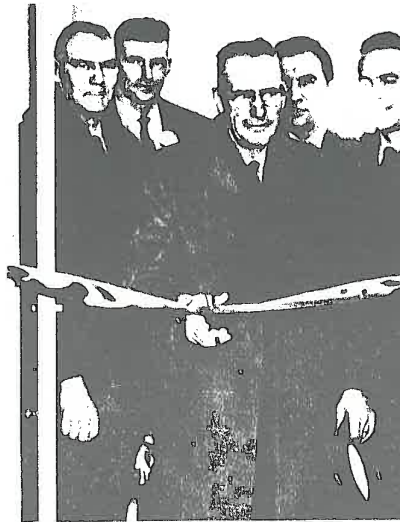
The town of Rocanville purchased the old store property in 1971 and 1972 the old lumber yard was sold to Moosomin Savings and Credit Union.

The following item was taken from the Directors' Annual Report to the Annual Meeting — "We are proud to report that the members of your co-operative purchased goods and services in the amount of \$1,005,521.00 during 1972. Achieving the million dollars sales is a new milestone for your co-operative.

On November 1, 1974, Rocanville Co-operative Association Limited, along with thirteen other co-operatives, amalgamated with Westland Co-operatives. Rocanville operated as a branch of Westland Co-operatives Ltd. until dissolution of this organization in 1977.

The Annual Meetings for 1976, which were held the same night in 1977, resulted with the members of Racanville and branch of Spy Hill voting in favor of selling their assets to Moosomin. Moosomin members in turn voted to accept Rocanville. Further negotiations continued and were completed in June 1977.

It is worthy to note that Orval Thompson received a gold watch for his 25 dedicated years as director. Ernie Neufeld also received a gold watch for his continuous service.



Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to mark the opening of the New Service Centre, January 18, 1970. L to R: Mayor W.L. Hegwill, President H.H. Watson, Director Orval Thompson, John Gardner, Department of Co-operation, Manager, A. Dudley Acheson.

### ROCANVILLE DIRECTORS

#### First Board of Directors 1915

W. Evans	G. Beattie
J. McCutcheon	S. Frith
G.A. Lindsay	I.J. Rushton
S.J. McKibbin	Sandy McRae
A.H. Johnson	Fred Dunsmore
J.F. Herman	

**Charter Members:** The eight person to sign the application for incorporation.

I.J. Rushton	James Logan
W.E.E. Currie	John D. Crawford
S.J. McKibbin	Chas. A Jopp
A.H. Johnson	W. Evans

#### Directors of the First 50 Years

Lloyd Acton	J. Gerolamy
H. Affleck	Lorne Goodman
A. Arnold	W. Goodman

W. Arnold  
George Beattie  
George Brooks  
Byron Chase  
George Chase  
J. Chilton  
W.E.E. Currie  
B. Donaldson  
Fred Dunsmore  
W. Easton  
Al Etherington  
W. Evans  
Robert Ferguson  
S. Firth  
Ed McLelland  
Sandy McRae  
Dan McRae  
W. Millin  
John Ormiston  
E. Paynter  
John Reavie  
Tom Reed  
J. Rice  
I.J. Rushton

#### Directors 1965-1977

Bert Watson  
Wm. Tebb  
J.W. Minty  
Fred Harrison  
Grant Plewes  
Blair Polvi  
Howard Polvi  
Ken Pakkala  
Ernest Holland  
Colleen Polvi

J. Gray  
H. Hackman (Mrs.)  
H. Hackman  
J.F. Herman  
F.F. Hutchinson  
G. Hutchinson  
A.H. Johnson  
Chas. Jopp  
J. Kingdon  
George Lindsay  
P.A. Lindsay  
D. Logan  
James Logan  
James McCutcheon  
W. Schmidt  
Ed Street  
A. Strong  
R. Talmay  
A. Townsend  
S. Walker  
H.C. Watson (Mrs.)  
George Williamson  
Clair Windrim  
Les Witherspoon

Edwin Knuttila  
Harvey Hack  
Chas. Williamson  
Harold Polvi  
Alex Olson  
James E. Etherington  
Robert Bilkey  
Alex Bennett  
Lloyd Woods  
Gerald Hutchinson

#### Presidents

W.E. Currie	L.A. Acton
P. Lindsay	S.R. Brown
Orval Thompson	Bert Watson
D. Logan	

#### Secretary-Treasurer

F. Horsley	J. Dunsmore
W. Manson	Geof Stephenson
E. Tramer	H. Affleck
George Burns	
<b>Secretary</b>	1965-1975
Harold Polvi	

#### Managers

E. McLelland	G. Wyer
W. Manson	G. Hames
J. Dunsmore	A. Thiessen
E. Tramer	I. Moody
J. Cameron	

#### Lumber Yard Managers

L. Acton	J. Lloyd
C. Larson	Don F. Green

#### Service Station Managers

A. Affleck	T. Couwenberg
Gib Windrim	

#### Bookkeeper

Mabel Hiltz	L. Mountney
S. Rosie	E. Neufield

#### Recording Secretary

Mrs. H. Watson



*The human being is an incurable optimist. He believes he has a pretty good chance of winning a lottery, but he also believes there is hardly any chance of his getting killed in a traffic accident.*

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*If you think the world is all wrong, remember that it contains people like you. (Ghandi)*



**ORANGEVILLE CO-OP ASSOCIATION  
1939-1960**

On December 11, 1935, twenty-five farmers met in the Orangeville school to consider a proposition that might provide them with gasoline and tractor fuel at lower costs. The "Co-operative idea" was given much discussion and a resolution was passed unanimously to invite Mr. Harry Fowler, manager of the Co-op refinery in Regina, to attend a meeting to be held two days hence.

On December 13, 1935, Mr. Fowler addressed a gathering of about thirty farmers who met in the historic Orangeville church. A motion was passed to form a Co-operative to handle petroleum products. The Association was to have a capital of \$4,000.00 to consist of 400 shares at \$10.00 a piece. These shares were available for a \$1.00 down payment. A provisional board of directors was elected to manage affairs until such time as a shareholder's meeting could be convened.

The members of this provisional board were as follows: Dave Logan, Jack Kaeser, George Blyth, Joe Harrison, Fred Hutchinson, Harold Smart, Herb Watson — President, Clarence Hill — Vice-President and George Burden — Secretary-Treasurer.

This Board met on January 15, 1936 and prepared bylaws, set agents commission, selected a site for the operations and chose the name Orangeville Co-op Association. A permanent Board of Directors was elected. These directors were elected to a three year term.

The site was on land offered by J.H. Harrison and was to be used until a permanent site could be selected.

On April 22, the board members met at J.H. Harrison's and erected the necessary stands for the two 3,000 gallon tanks, one for gasoline and one for distillate. Other equipment included a five gallon measure and a funnel. Oil and grease were stored in Joe Harrison's garage. Farmers supplied their own storage barrels.

Gasoline was delivered to the farmers with a Ford truck owned and operated by Joe and Robert Harrison. Often roads were ungravelled, offering a challenge in wet conditions.

Len Mountney joined the staff in 1937. A small warehouse was built and a gasoline pump was installed. Mr. Mountney was hired as Manager in 1938, because business had grown to this extent.

The site of the Co-op was then moved to the Junction of #8 Highway and the old #1 Highway. It was one of the first Co-ops to serve the travelling public. In the years that followed, many more storage tanks were added. There were also houses situated there for the manager and truck driver and their families.

Mr. Mountney saw the business grow from a

yearly volume of \$20,000.00 to \$198,000.00 and from 63 members to 408.

The Orangeville Co-op Association, amalgamated with Rocanville Co-op Association in 1961, and it became the Bulk Department of Rocanville Co-op. Tanks & equipment were moved to Rocanville. The Orangeville Co-op Service Station that had been built on the Trans-Canada Highway at Moosomin in 1955 was sold to Moosomin Co-op Association in 1961.

Three board members received gold watches in 1961 for their more than 20 years on the board, Herb Watson of Rocanville, C.B. Hill and Robert E. Harrison. Len Mountney received a gold watch also for 25 years service and Mrs. Mountney received a gift of china.

An Orangeville community cairn has been erected on the site where the Co-op was once located.



Top — Orangeville Co-op float for the Rocanville parade.



Bottom — Orangeville Co-op tanks on the J. Harrison farm.  
Milie Begg and Doris Harrison in front.



Orangeville Co-op Fuel Truck about 1950.  
Gail and Rae Mountney



Board of Directors of Orangeville Co-p 1959

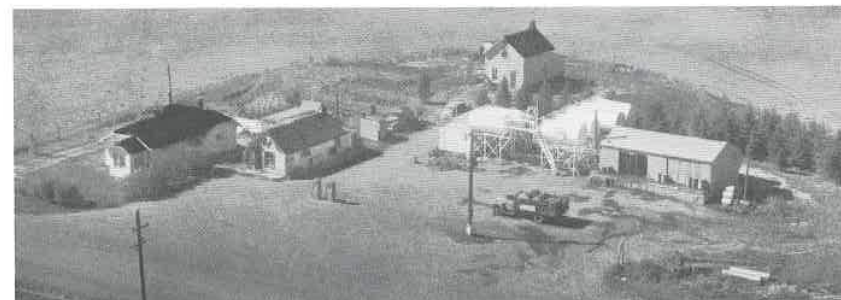
Left to Right:  
Back row: I. Burden - President Moosomin Co-op and Service Station Manager, John Cleghorn, Ed Knuttila, C. Strong, C. Murray, R. Harrison, B. McLelland.  
Seated: Len Mountney - Manager, F. Hutchinson, H. Watson, C.B. Hill, L. Williams - Sask. Fed. Co-op Field Man.



Bill Cowan mechanic and Ivan Burden, at the bay of the new Service Station in 1955.



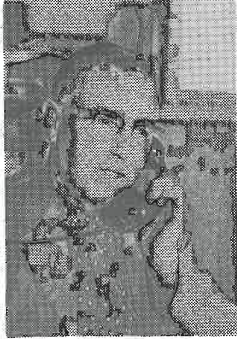
Len Mountney filling a car, one of the last before Orangeville Co-op moved to Rocanville.



Aerial view of the Orangeville Co-op at the junction of #8 and old #1 highways.



**ORANGEVILLE  
MANAGER**



Len Mountney, manager of the Orangeville Co-op for 23 years, is caught by the camera while talking to director Ed Knutilla about the regular board meeting.

Len has seen the business grow from a yearly volume of \$20,000 to sales of over \$198,000 in 1960. During 25 years of operation, members of the Orangeville Co-op have provided themselves with almost \$2 million of goods and services, on which they have saved \$180,756 or 9.1 percent of sales.

Like other co-ops Orangeville is a community builder. During the past year a contribution was made to the Moosomin Curling Center. Orangeville Co-op also contributed to the Western Co-op College building fund.

Len was presented with a gold watch after 25 years of faithful service to the Orangeville Co-op.

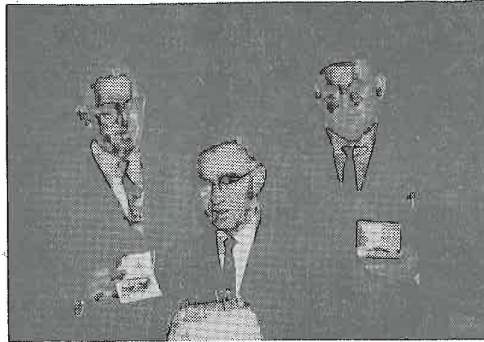


Man is that peculiar animal who gets a hearty laugh out of looking at old family albums, then looks in the mirror without so much as a grin.



Fred Hutchinson cuts the ribbon to open the Orangeville Service Station on the Trans-Canada Highway at Moosomin, 1955.

**IN RECOGNITION OF SERVICE**



H. C. Watson, president and C. B. Hill, vice-president who have served in this capacity since the organization of the Orangeville Co-op display the gold watches which were presented to them at the annual meeting on Thursday, March 30. Missing from this photo is Bob Harrison, who was also presented with a watch. Len Mountney holds the birthday cake presented to him by Susan Strong. Mr. Mountney has served as manager of the Orangeville Co-op since 1938 and saw it grow from sales of \$20,000 per year to almost \$200,000 in 1960.

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Children can profit from your good advise only if you offer it while they are young enough to think you know the score.

**Truck Drivers for Orangeville Co-op  
(1936-1950)**

- Robert Harrison (M)
- Joseph Harrison (M)
- Bob (Slim) Palmer (R)
- Tom Mountney (M)
- Bill Brown (M)
- Allan Brown (M)
- Hugh McDougal (M)
- Andy Bernard (R)
- Homer Gagnon (R)
- George Branson
- Garth Blackwell
- Alex Woods
- Cyril Bryant (M)
- Russell Marsh (M)
- Bob Kaechler (M)
- Fred Fisher (W)
- Leslie (Bill) Taylor (R)
- Jack Reavie (R)
- Roy McDonald (W)
- Norman Stanhope
- Ken Tilsley
- Roey Seabert
- (M) — Moosomin
- (R) — Rocanville
- (W) — Wapella

**Directors Who Served On Orangeville Board  
(1936-1960)**

- Harold Smart
- Herb Watson
- Lloyd Acton
- James Kydd
- Robert E. Harrison
- Archie Mitchell
- Carlyle Murray
- Clarence Hill
- Fred Hutchinson
- Howard Mountney
- George Williamson
- George Blyth
- David Logan
- Wes Dobson
- Ed Knutilla
- A. Arnold
- Jack Wilkie
- John Cleghorn
- Ed Kivell
- Cephas Strong
- William Robertson
- George Burden, Secretary-Treasurer 1936-1942
- Len Mountney, Manager 1938-1961
- Secretary 1942-1961



Liberty is the right to do what the law allows. If a citizen had the right to do what they forbid, it would no longer be liberty, for everyone else would have the same right. (C.L. Montesquieu)



We have been so anxious to give our children what we didn't have that we have neglected to give them what we did have!

## A SHORT HISTORY OF SPYHILL CO-OP

Spy Hill Co-operatives started early in this century without any formal organization. People, mostly farmers, got together and bought carloads of apples, flour and lumber.

About 1912 they formed the Co-operative Elevator Association and built an elevator. Later a Co-op store, known as the Grain Growers Store was operated for a few years. For many years Charles W. Perrin organized livestock shipments to the livestock Pool at St. Boniface, Manitoba. There were also co-operative shipments of poultry to the Manitoba Pool.

In 1940 the present Co-op store was organized, first handling bulk petroleum, supplies and coal. Later they handled lumber and sundry goods.

The Spy Hill Co-op was organized at a meeting held in the Pool office on February 1, 1940. Provisional directors were appointed and these consisted of R.J. Neubauer, A.R. Plewes, Walter Miller, Keith Greet, R.J. Perrin, and George Barker. The following became members at this first meeting: Roy Brown, A.R. Plewes, H.S. Rutherford, Frank Carter, R.J. Perrin, R.J. Neubauer, Sam Magnusson, Keith Greer, Walter Miller, R.J. Cowan and George Barker.

A.R. Plewes was appointed delegate to the district convention. Walter Miller was appointed provisional secretary and A.R. Plewes, provisional chairman.

At a general meeting held on March 9th, the following directors were elected: E.L. Paynter, S.E. Kirk, R.J. Neubauer — vice chairman, A.R. Plewes — chairman, Walter Miller — secretary and Roy Brown was hired as manager and trucker. Bob Neubauer became chairman when Russell Plewes joined the armed forces.

Members joined from Ingleside, Marchwell, Hazelcliff, Tantalton, Welby, Rocanville and Spy Hill.

For the first few years after organization in 1940, the business carried on from Roy Brown's warehouse. Later Piper's lumberyard was rented. Then land was bought from the C.N.R. in October of 1948 and a storage tank was built on Block 1. Later in 1959, the present office, warehouse and lumber storage was constructed.

On January 24, 1968 with only two dissenting votes, members of the Spy Hill Co-op Association voted in favour of amalgamating with the Rocanville Co-op Association.

### Board of Directors 1940-1967

Russell Plewes  
Walter Miller  
S.E. Kisch  
J.L. Lee  
R.J. Smith  
Jim Coghill  
Joe Helliwell  
Howard Scarrow  
R.J. Murray  
Ross Carter  
Wm. Diuce  
Frank Salkeld  
H. Smith  
L. Kirds  
Dave Roulston  
Walter Johnson  
Frank Carter  
Rae Carter  
Kenneth Olson  
Earl Tebb

Robert Neubauer  
E.L. Paynter  
John Bedwell  
Joe Magnusson  
George Coghill  
E.F. Magnusson  
A.R. Plewes  
John C. Odgers  
Marshall Fergusson  
Alex Olson  
Elmer Einarson  
W. Crosson  
Roy Clark  
C. Donaldson  
G. Daniel  
Grant Plewes  
Walter Austman  
Murry Donaldson  
Harold Einarson

**Presidents:**  
Russell Plewes  
Robert Neubauer  
Joe Hilliwell  
W. Crosson  
Lloyd Kirk  
Grant Plewes

**Secretaries:**  
Walter Miller  
C. Dodd

**Managers:**  
Roy Brown  
A.R. Plewes  
C.W. Dodd  
G.J. Cook  
Donald Metler

W. Crosson  
Joe Magnusson  
Alex Olson  
Roy Clark  
Elmer Einarson

Alex Olson  
Grant Plewes

Clarence Keeler  
F.M. Clark  
Lyle K. Bligh  
Arleigh Affleck

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*Co-ops are more than bricks, mortar and steel;  
Co-ops are people. (Harry Fowler)*

## CO-OP PICNICS

During the 1930's and early 1940's Wheat Pool and Co-op Picnics were held at the J.Y. Mountney farm.

Wheat Pool members, Elevator Agents and Co-op Agents and members were prominent in the organizing of these events. Some names recorded in minutes of meetings through the years are:

J. Currie	Lloyd Acton
H. Watson	H. Hackman
D. Logan	P. Lindsay
F. Brownlee	George Brooks
C. Wyatt	Len Reid
A. Walker	C. Northgraves
H. Willson	M. Ward
S. Morton	C. Birkbeck
Len Parker	F. Hutchinson
George Burden	W. Preston
J.K. Hogarth	J.G. Mountney
Len Mountney	G. Buckland
E. Asselstine	C.B. Hill
Wes Hill	D.D. McDonald
W. McDougall	I. Krug
George Wheeler	George Blyth
E. Leith	C. Fudge
O.D. Buswell	F. Nelles

The day previous to the picnic, several members would arrive and prepare the grounds for the ball diamonds, horseshoe pitch and other sports. A booth was constructed for the sale of confections and another for the Orangeville Ladies Aid, where suppers were sold. A main feature of the afternoon was a speaker on the Philosophy of Co-operation. Guest speakers recorded were Harry Fowler and Les Bright. Co-op products were on display and some were used for prizes for some of the contests.

A picture show was held in the loft of the barn. In the early years a dance was held in the evening in a granary. Later a new floor was installed in the barn loft for dances.

The copper boilers were on the wood burning range in the house when water was boiled for tea and coffee.

The sports included both men's and ladies softball; horseshoe, novelty races, ladies shoe kick, hammering spikes through a wooden plank, ladies driving a car — cutting the figure eight around fuel barrels. Contests were held for the eldest person and the youngest child in attendance; the most recently married couple, the couple married the longest and the largest family.

Each child racing would receive a nickel, which would quickly be spent at the booth for an ice cream cone or chocolate bar, imagine, only .05¢.

In 1942, 1943 and 1944 the picnics were held at the R.E. Harrison farm with the same format. An outdoor dance pavillion was constructed for a dance one year.

The picnics were happy days for fun and fellowship with folks attending from Rocanville, Welwyn, McAuley, Manson, Fleming, Moosomin, Tantalton and other points. One thousand were in attendance one year, three thousand another year. During the latter years some of the profit realized was donated to the Red Cross. These were war years and many of our young people were enlisted in the forces.

It might be of interest to note the financial statement following the picnic of July 14, 1939.

Expenses		Receipts	
Booth Confections	\$128.91	Booth	\$123.09
Dance	46.75	Dance	76.45
General Picnic	45.80	General	24.75
	\$221.46		\$224.29
			\$224.29
			221.46
Balance	\$ 2.83		

P. Lindsay donated \$5.00 for First prize for Jr. Club Softball. Rocanville Co-op Egg Station donated \$3.00 for Second prize for Jr. Club Softball.



*Concession booths and crowds at Co-op picnic at the R. Harrison's farm.*



*Co-op picnic at R. Harrison's farm 1946.*

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*There is no limit to what can be accomplished if it matters not who gets the credit*

## MOOSOMIN WOMEN'S CO-OP GUILD

### Our Creed

For Ourselves	Freedom and growth of character
For Our Children	A higher social order — economic opportunities and security.
For the World	Peace among nations and a common goal, the welfare of mankind.

The Moosomin Women's Co-op Guild was formed in 1952 with Mrs. Don Sinclair and Lillian Harrison leading. This was a small group of ladies who with co-operative work and learning at heart tried to help the local Moosomin Co-op to perform its duties in service the community more efficiently. Guild work also consisted of the welfare of family living in regard to budget management and in the field of economics as a whole. This interest was held in all walks of the Co-op Movements across Canada and the world. Guilds in Saskatchewan were financed with a small yearly grant from the Co-operative Union. As the Provincial Guild grew Moosomin obtained more members and interest.

How did I become a member? Mrs. Harrison had addressed a Directors Meeting of the local store for a donation to the Moosomin Agriculture Society Fair. This was a "Special" and the prizes were three small bags of Co-op flour and some cash. So a loaf of white bread, a pan of six buns and a plain white cake led me to join the Guild.

Clara Hill was elected as a Director of the Provincial Council of which there were sixteen in the province. She held the office as Resolution Committee Convener. I became Secretary-Treasurer of our group and with Lillian Harrison, Nell Burns, I had the privilege of attending board meetings for Co-op products promotion information.

At many of our regular monthly meetings we had a feast. It was fun tasting the Co-op label products and then filling out evaluation forms of our likes and dislikes of the product. These were forwarded to Federated. Donna Rochdale gave baking demonstrations using Co-op and Wheat Pool flour. We had a yearly social evening, at one of these Sid Fisher, Manager of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool flour mill, showed his many slides of his trip across the Pacific and home by way of Egypt, Italy and the British Isles. Margaret Hogarth was funded as a student to Co-op school at Sturgis. We must not forget the making of the beautiful organdy "Rainbow" aprons that Mrs. Worobec supervised. How sharp we looked wearing them and our "Rainbow Flag" pin on our lapel, serving lunches at the Annual Meetings of the Moosomin Co-op and Wheat Pool.

Mrs. Gale, (Joan Bird's mother) of Harrow, England visited our monthly meetings for almost a year. We really enjoyed her stories of how the English Guild activities were carried out much more extensively than ours.

Remember the play "The Toad Lane Story"

that Marj. Harrison as Educational Director, had us all perform one evening?

Members as I recall were:

Lillian Harrison	Nel Burns
Clara Hill	Marjorie Harrison
Tina Hill	Gertie Pilsworth
Mrs. Phil Rothery	Alice Watt
Margaret Donald	Ida Kennedy
Anne Hogarth	Hazel Mountney
Aggie Mountney	Helen Burden
Rose Worobec	Mary Ireland
Ellie McLoughry	

Moosomin Guild disbanded in 1957.

Submitted by Margaret Donald

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

The Co-op Association has supported the community endeavours throughout the years.

In 1965, a donation was made to Moosomin Community Band, of a brass drum and a cheque. The Moosomin Nursing Home was opened in 1967, and the furnishings for one room was donated by the Co-op Association. When the Moosomin Co-op Curling Centre was built, shares amounting to \$200.00 were purchased. Curling prizes have been given each year to the Moosomin Curling Centre, and to clubs in the trading area.

Since 1958 the Co-op Association has given a grade XII scholarship for general proficiency. The following are some who have received these awards:

### Moosomin:

Marie Surridge	Ann Marshall
Marion McDonald	Patrick Davis
Lyll Harrison	Willa Miller
Jane Purdon	Ralph Smith
Joanne Agrall	Katherine Hanson
Pat Donald	Peter Buelher
Mary Crossley	Ruth Saunders
Byron Mills	Alan Mills
Pat Stien	Sheila McCormack
Eva Grieman	Laurel Sawatzki
Byron Fisch	Edith Powell
Simon Gadd	

### Maryfield:

Judy Lynn Till	Eileen Wilma Adair
Robert Allan Widger	Norman Calvin Stewart
Judith Ann Mills	Deborah Ann Melenchuk
Janet Lucille Mulligan	Murray Gordon Gray
Barbara Lynn Fowler	Bonnie Lee Slobodian
Brent Murray Swallow	Maury James Wrubleski
Brian Frances Gray	Lauren Gill Kathy Bullock
Elaine Bea Neergaard	Diane Lucie Marie Fournier
Heather Marie Lawless	Joel Jean Findlay
David Bruce Elliot McGarva	Mark Matthew Edmonds

A complete list from Rocanville is unavailable, some of these are:

Jeannie Gagnon	Debra Brown
Louise Faford	Valerie Stanhope
Marvin Harrison	Michelle Gagon
Lyle Randall	Charlotte Taylor
Divided: Traci Poole, Melissa Magnuson, Lenore Boychuk	

For twenty-two years Moosomin and District has enjoyed a Music Festival, with Co-op providing the scholarship for a promising student.

In 1967 a Jr. baking contest was held with Patricia Donald being the winner at Moosomin, and again at the district competitions at Russell, Man., which entitled her to attend a youth rally at Banff Alta.

"Talent Night" competitions were also held in 1967. Joan Harrison vocalist won first prize, which also qualified her for a trip to Banff. These two competitions were sponsored by Federated Co-op and the Wheat Pool from the prairie provinces, and seventy area winners won a trip to the Centennial Youth Rally at Banff, Alta.

Co-op schools for youth were introduced in 1956. They were held at Sturgis, Valley Centre, Cownesses, Yorkton, and Saskatoon.

Those who attended included the following:

Donna Phoenix	Eleanor Pomeroy
Jessie McGonigal	Shirley Donald
Jim Zondervan	Ken Zondervan
Larry Frape	Brian Ireland
Lorraine Frape	Susan Van Meer
Adrienne Ewing	Bill Frape
Allison Page (Maryfield)	Gayleen Stevens
Susan Harrison	Paul Currie
Jeff Roy	Sheila McCormack
Ann Merrick	Marie Dietrich

The Co-op has lent their support to 4-H work, with the purchase of top quality animal, at 4-H achievement day sales. These animals were later sold over the counter at the Co-op meat market. 4-H trophies were also given to the local achievement club.

Some of the members who won 4-H awards donated by the Co-op were Clifford Dobson, Brian Hill, and Marie Dietrich.

"Talent West" was started by Federated Co-op, to celebrate their 50th anniversary in 1977. It was planned to carry them on for ten years, the purpose being to encourage local talent. There were local competitions, district semi-finals with winners competing in the finals in Saskatoon and Calgary. In 1982 a talented group of recorder artists, under the direction of Christine Todd, won in the local competition and again in the semi-finals in Calgary. These young people were Christine Logan, Kerry Gadd, Tammy Meister, and Cory Steiro.

Moosomin celebrated its centennial in 1982. The Moosomin Co-op and Moosomin Credit Union co-sponsored a pancake breakfast on English Day. It was held on the Co-op parking lot, with umbrella tables, decorations, and entertainment. Over 1000 people enjoyed the breakfast.

After completion of the Trans-Canada campgrounds north of Moosomin, hospitality week was sponsored by the Co-op, the Wheat Pool and Credit Union. Members of these organizations staffed the booths, and supplied coffee, cold drinks, and souvenirs, welcomed and visited with the camping travellers. This activity continued for several years.

At our local hospital in the T.V. rooms the Co-op provides a table with supplies for making tea and coffee for patients and visitors.

Each year at Moosomin's Trade Fair the Co-op has several booths, with displays and "give aways". Co-op label foods are sampled by the public and staff members have the opportunity to associate with other merchants in the trading area.

A float is entered in the Elks Tractor Pull Parade each year by the Co-op Association, some years one provided by Federated Co-op is used other times they have been constructed by staff members.

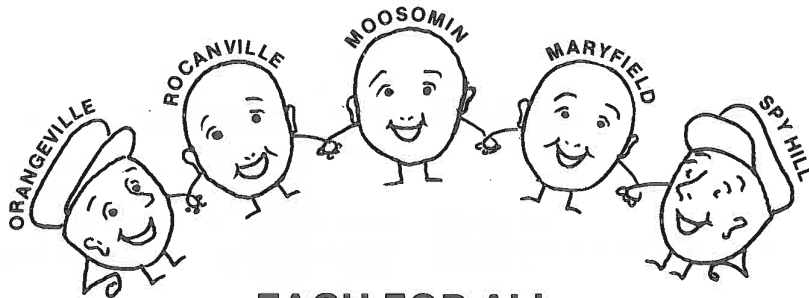
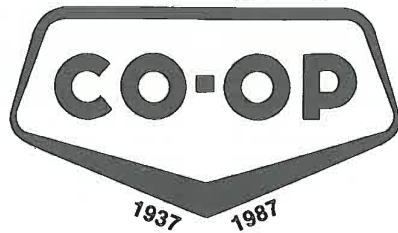


*Too many people fashion their lives after French bread — one long loaf.*



# BORDERLAND 50

YEARS OF PROGRESS



**EACH FOR ALL  
ALL FOR EACH**

**MOOSOMIN SASKATCHEWAN**

## BORDERLAND CO-OPERATIVE LTD.



Moosomin Store



Rocanville Service Centre



Moosomin Service Station



Rocanville Service Station



Moosomin Service Centre



Maryfield



Rocanville Food Store



Spy Hill

The amalgamation of these Co-ops meant that a new name would have to be chosen. Local members participated in a "Name Your Co-op" contest. A special committee selected several names and these were voted on by the membership. After three rounds of voting by secret ballot, the name "Borderland" was the winner. This name was submitted by Michelle Harrison from Rocanville.

During the remainder of 1977 the Association discussed and gave final approval to a Dental Plan for its employees. The old Westland shares were

purchased and Rocanville equity was transferred to Borderland.

F.C.L. celebrated its 50th Anniversary in 1978. Borderland Co-op contributed to this celebration in several ways. The history of F.C.L. was given at the annual meeting as well as the ritualistic "Rainbow Flag" raising ceremony with accompanying creed. The Moosomin and Rocanville branches both planted fifty trees in their respective communities as a commemorative. Borderland sponsored an Art and Craft contest which was won by Bonnie Dearle

1979 - Ivan Burden receiving Morris Plaque for 18 years of service.



#### Honored for service

Ivan Burden who has devoted a lifetime of service to the co-operative movement in a variety of capacities was guest of honor at a "roast" last Friday night in the Elks. crowd. Ivan, who

recently retired as manager of Borderland Co-op's bulk department in Moosomin, was also presented with a purse of money by Les Roy, on behalf of the Co-op and a host of friends.

and Flora Predinchuk. A challenge called "Operation Lifestyle" was issued by F.C.L. office in Saskatoon to each Co-operative. The issue being to do 20 minutes of exercise daily and the Association with the most participants would be declared winner. F.C.L. offered an extended warranty on tractors using Co-op oil.

The 1978 annual meeting marked the retirement for long time board member, Gordon Donald and secretary Eleanor Kivell. Their long years of dedicated service are remembered and appreciated by the Association.

Borderland suffered growing pains again beginning in 1978. Namely the possibility of setting up an anhydrous ammonia plant. After alot of study, discussion and touring of similar facilities a plant was finally underway in November, 1979 and ready for use in the spring of 1980.

During 1979 the Association experienced some other changes as well. Gordon Hainstock from Maryfield branch and Ivan Burden from Moosomin bulk station retired. Ivan's long years of dedication as an ardent Co-op person, director and employee were recognized by a "roast" in his honor.



#### Ivan's "roasters"

Seen above are the "friends" who took advantage of the opportunity to "roast" Ivan Burden last Friday evening. Ivan recently retired as manager of Borderland Co-op's bulk department in Moosomin. Top photo shows Lloyd Bradley, Marj

Clayton, Sinclair Harrison, Bert McKay and Dr. H. S. Jamieson; bottom photo shows Mrs. M. Cressman, Mrs. A. Steen, John Adam, John Schulte and Paul Wenaas, who was master of ceremonies.

1980 was the beginning of the dreaded "Metric" changeover. The Association purchased the necessary conversion scales and everyone began to think in grams and litres.

The Board supported other organizations in their fight to retain "Crow Rates". A letter was drafted to the Prime Minister to support this cause.

1980 proved to be a successful year and many assets were purchased including the paving of the street and parking lot in front of Moosomin Service Station and Service Centre.

The "Talent West" program which was instituted in 1977, continued to be a popular and regular event sponsored by the Co-op system. In 1981 there were two shows held with several entries from both Rocanville and Moosomin.

Paving was done at Rocanville and some upgrading on the Rocanville bulk plant. Both Rocanville and Moosomin Service Stations were recognized with Excellence Awards.

Borderland Co-op began to feel the effects of the drought in the area in 1982.

It was decided during 1983 that the anhydrous plant would have to be sold. This sale was completed in January 1984 to Saskatchewan Wheat Pool who

maintain the original site and supply the same service to the community.

A total resetting of the Rocanville Service Centre was started and completed in 1984. It included wall and electric panel changes, new bunk ends and gondolas, bolt and nail bins, a new raised office area and new tills. Maryfield branch also did some renovating, painting and resetting in this year. Memberships went from one \$1.00 Share to 100 \$1.00 Shares with at least 10% paid in cash at the time of Application for Membership.

In September, the decision was made to go out of machinery at the bulk dept. in Moosomin and move the petroleum business to the service centre. This was a difficult decision to make but due to the economic straits of the farming community it was deemed advisable. Service and short line parts would still be available at the service centre.

Moosomin Store expansion plans were discussed throughout the year of 1983. Some of the proposed changes were to move the office site to the existing hardware, turn the old office site into a bake shop and build some storage area.

After considerable planning, drafting and consulting it was decided to cut down on the



hardware department which finally closed on June 30, 1985 with an auction sale of all merchandise that was left. The main offices were moved there and a Bake-Off Centre was constructed and opened in October of 1985.

The general manager of 19 years, Paul Wenaas, announced his retirement early in 1985. He was not only the longest serving general manager to this time, but his zeal, concern and dedication to the Association will long be remembered. The current general manager, Dennis Hill, commenced his duties on July 1, 1985.

These last few years have brought about many changes in the Association. Some have been difficult and some challenging, but all were done for the good of the Co-op and its members. The offices are computerized, greatly facilitating in the business of setting up budgets, ordering, payroll, financial reporting, information storage and in communicating with head offices of F.C.L. The staff, management and board all attend various training seminars to improve service and knowledge of operations.

The 1987 Annual Meeting began our 50th Anniversary festivities with an impromptu fashion show of the last 50 years. Leslie Roy, president of seven years, retired and passed his torch to Reuben Mills, may he carry it high with pride for all of us.

It is the sincere wish of the management, staff, directors and members at large that the Association can and will continue to serve its community and its members as it has in the past.

May this the 50th year be not only a celebration of the Co-op but a monument of brotherhood and peace to the world.

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*"The true past departs not . . .  
 all is still here, and, recognized or not,  
 lives and works through endless changes."  
 (Thomas Carlyle)*

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*No person has a good enough memory to be a  
 successful liar.*



*15 Year Awards (Rings) 1973  
 L to R: Harold Low, Don McGonigal, Paul Wenaas  
 (making presentation), Ben Horsburgh and Ivan  
 Burden.*



*Ivan Burden receiving a plaque from Jack Sanberg  
 of the Dept of Co-operatives, honoring his father,  
 the late George Burden, for his contribution to the  
 Co-op movement.*



*Les Roy extreme right presents excellence award  
 to service station employees, Ken Donald, Bill Van  
 Meer, Cecil Ewing (manager.)  
 They won this award several other years as well.*

## MAINLINE SERVICE 1964



The staff of the Moosomin Co-op service station and bulk department are shown, left to right: Ivan Burden, bulk manager; Sam Turner, machinery service man; Arnold Tippett, mechanic; John Anderson, front-end man; and Eddy Antonsen, service station manager. Missing from the picture is Ed Cooper, driver-salesman; who was busy serving co-op members when the photo was taken.

Moosomin service station is one of the few co-op service stations on the Trans-Canada highway be-

tween Winnipeg and Regina. It provides service to local and travelling co-op members from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. daily, seven days a week. Members will be pleased to know that a mechanic is on the staff in the person of Arnold Tippett. After being without the services of a mechanic for three months, Arnold is a welcomed addition to the staff. He is prepared to do anything from a tune up to a major overhaul.

All parts of the service station operation show increases over last

year with gas sales up by almost 4000 gallons and parts sales up by over \$2300.

Bulk sales are up by 10,000 gallons in 1963 in spite of a 33,000 gallon highway contract in 1962. So that local sales are really up by 43,000 gallons in 1963. Thirty new users are being supplied with bulk petroleum this year.

The Moosomin Co-op has the agency for New Holland equipment and the Morris rod weeder and sold \$50,000 of this machinery during 1963. Thus another service is being provided co-operatively. Sam Turner, machinery service man is an expert on balers and has been called upon to service all makes of balers during the past season. So not only do they sell these machines but also provide excellent service. No repair job is too large or too small for the staff of the Moosomin Co-op service station.

Season's greetings and best wishes for the New Year are extended to their many co-op patrons by the boys at Moosomin Co-op Service.

## PRESENT BORDERLAND CO-OP STAFF

### Administration:

Dennis Hill	Dave Schwebius
Heather Low	Andrea Dearle
Yvonne Down	Bev Clark

### Moosomin Store:

Norman Buckland	Enid Williams
Betty McGonigal	Karen Hall
Michael Cooper	Quinton Felsing
Maxine Renneberg	Connie Pfefferle
Duncan Harrison	Mishelle McGonigal
Lana Eger	Dean Schwebius
Sherri Huberdeau	Don McGonigal
Wayne McLeod	Gary McDougall

### Moosomin Home & Agro:

Les Robstad	James MacDonald
Grant LaRose	Ted Frape
Murray Leslie	John Elms
Roy Swanton	George Engle

### Moosomin Service Station:

Marcel Monin	Ken Vennard
Allan Roe	Wayne McGonigal
Richard Stuike	Trent Schmidt

### Maryfield:

Richard McLeod	Mark Wizniak
Roger Billard	Cliff Robertson

### Hardware Merchandising Co-ordinator:

Allan Watt



### Watch marks 25 years' service

Don McGonigal, manager of the meat department at Moosomin branch of Borderland Co-op, was presented with a gold watch marking the completion of 25 years' service with the Co-op. The presentation was made by Les Roy, president of Borderland's board of directors.

Now in 1987 Don has faithfully served the Co-op for 29 years.



**Rocanville Store:**

Darren Hartel Dale Jackson  
Kelly Hudym Lorraine Neufeld  
Arlene Maki Keith Hollinger  
Aaron Fisher

**Rocanville Farm Supply:**

Ken Lemieux Garry Jordan  
Rose Marie DeCorby Barry Metz  
Gerald Hill Mike Dauncey

**Rocanville Service Station:**

Garry Birkenshaw Sandra Jordan  
Richard Gouiden Craig Goodman  
Ken Gagnon Duane Maki  
Terry Hooper

**Spy Hill:**

Allan Hartel  
Lloyd Carter  
John Perrin Jr.

**STAFF PARTIES**

In the early years of the Moosomin Co-op the staff was not large enough to have staff parties. When department managers retired or left the Association they were honored by the Board of Directors, their wives, and the General Manager.

Two Department Managers who were honored by the board on their retirement were Bert Boyles, the manager of the Lumber Department, and Charlie Busby, manager of the Locker Plant and Meat Department. Both these gentlemen retired in 1958. Mr. & Mrs. Boyles spent most of their retirement years in Moosomin. Mr. & Mrs. Busby retired in Richmond, BC. Many will remember Charlie with his happy smile and many jokes. These couples were honored at socials in the Anglican Parish Hall and were given gifts in appreciation for their years of faithful service.

When the staff became large enough they held their own staff parties usually at Christmas time in the former Legion rooms. The staff provided their own banquet, later in the evening there were games, skits, contests, and music, with lots of fun. There was also an exchange of gifts; names had been pulled previously.

Each month throughout the year, staff members contributed to a fund to finance these functions.

As the staff grew in number, the Christmas banquet was held in the Anglican Parish Hall with the Anglican ladies catering. The whole family of each employee attended. These banquets were very special, a Christmas dinner with all the trimmings. Later in the evening the adults had a dance in the Elks hall on Broadway Ave.

For a few years we had Christmas concerts in the Elks Hall. The children of the staff members

took part as did some adults; there was a great deal of talent from many of these families and these were happy events. The children all received gifts.

Throughout the years many outdoor summer parties were held as well. These were held at the lake or campgrounds. Outdoor games and barbecues were enjoyed.

The summer or winter socials often honored staff members who had married that year, or were farewell parties for departing members of staff.

In 1966 General Manager Norman Card was honored when he left to reside in Canora. The farewell party was held in the Elks Hall at Broadway Ave. A dance was enjoyed and Norman and his wife Margaret were presented with a gift from the staff.

In 1979 Bulk Department Manager Ivan Burden retired. A retirement dance was held in the Legion, with music by the "Sundowners". A presentation was made to Ivan from the staff.

Roy Wallin, the faithful accountant, was given a housewarming by the Moosomin staff when he left Moosomin to become Branch Manager at Rocanville. When he left Rocanville later to become manager at Hartney, Manitoba, he was honored at a "Roast" and dance in the Elks Hall at Moosomin. He and his wife received a gift from the staff.

Paul Wenaas, General Manager of Borderland, retired in 1985 and a picnic in his honor was held at Turpies' picnic grounds. Staff from all branches of Borderland attended. There was a barbecue, ball games, and other outdoor games. Paul was presented with a gift from the Borderland staff. Paul and Margaret's family and grandchildren came home to attend this event.

Cecil Ewing, Service Station Manager, was honored on his retirement in 1985 by a dinner in the Moosomin Motor Hotel with Manager and staff members. Cecil was presented with a gift. Cecil worked several years at two different stages, first for Moosomin Co-op, then under Borderland.

Since the forming of Borderland, staff parties are held alternately with Moosomin and Rocanville hosting. At Christmas time there is a banquet and a dance for the adults. A childrens' party is held on another day with entertainment and gifts for the children.

Throughout the years employees have not only proven to be hard working and efficient staff, but also a staff that can have fun together.



*One trouble with life, you're halfway through before you realize it's one of those do-it-yourself deals.*

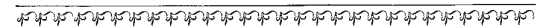


*You can't push yourself ahead by patting yourself on the back.*



*Time has proved the Co-op worthwhile,  
For in this strange, new land,  
The thing that brought them through the years  
Was "Brotherhood of Man".  
Each neighbor stretched a helping hand  
At any time of need;  
It made no difference day or night,  
Or what his race, or creed.*

*They had the pluck, those Co-op pioneers.  
They stuck through thick and thin  
To crave a future here for us;  
And proved that they could win.  
We'll follow firmly in their steps;  
Their standard, carry on  
To keep the trust they left to us  
Here, in Saskatchewan.*



**Memorandum of Association**

OF THE  
**ORANGEVILLE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED**

(Name)	(Address)	(Occupation)
We, H. C. Watson	Rocanville	Farmer.
John. A. Kaeser	Moosomin	Farmer.
Clarence. B. Hill	M Redjacket.	Farmer.
F. F. Hutchinson	Rocanville.	Farmer.
Geo. H. Blyth	Wapella	Farmer.

and the other persons hereto subscribing desire to form an association under the provisions of The Co-operative Associations Act. The corporate name of the association is to be THE ORANGEVILLE Co-operative Association, Limited, and the objects for which the association is to be formed are to produce and sell petroleum products, automobile and truck accessories.

upon the co-operative plan. The capital stock of the association is to consist of 400 shares of Ten dollars each. The names of the directors who shall manage the affairs of the association until their successors are appointed under the bylaws of the association to be formed are:

H. C. Watson, J. A. Kaeser, C. B. Hill, F. F. Hutchinson, G. H. Blyth,  
J. H. Harrison, D. Logan, H. Smart and Geo. Burden.

The head office of the association is to be situated in Orangeville, Moosomin P. O. in the Province of Saskatchewan.

We agree to take the number of shares in the capital of this association set opposite our respective names.

Name	Address	Occupation	Shares taken
<i>Herbert C. Watson</i>	<i>Rocanville</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>John A. Kaeser</i>	<i>Moosomin</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Clarence B. Hill</i>	<i>Red Jacket</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>F. F. Hutchinson</i>	<i>Rocanville</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Geo. H. Blyth</i>	<i>Wapella</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>J. H. Harrison</i>	<i>Moosomin</i>	<i>Farmer</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>D. Logan</i>	<i>Rocanville</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>H. Smart</i>	<i>Moosomin</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Geo. Burden</i>	<i>Moosomin</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>R. Logan</i>	<i>Moosomin</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>H. Smart</i>	<i>Moosomin</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>D. D. McDonald</i>	<i>Redjacket</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>F. Ramsdale</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>E. Dickens</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>W. Smith</i>	<i>Moosomin</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>R. Talmy</i>	<i>Rocanville</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>D. L. Wilson</i>	<i>Rocanville</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>E. Mclelland</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>McCutcheon Bros.</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>E. Mills</i>	<i>Moosomin</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>G. A. Griffen</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>R. S. Jackson</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Geo. Richardson</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Ed. Kears</i>	<i>Rocanville</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>J. W. Park</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Geo. Williamson</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Wilbert Lindsay</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>D. F. Reavie</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>John Christian</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Geo. Christian</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Jack Rushton</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>
<i>Will. Palmer</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>1</i>

John M. Sworth	Rocanville	Farmer	1
S. A. Isher	Redjacket	"	1
L. A. Acton	Rocanville	"	1
V. A. Brown	Wapella	"	1
J. H. Harrison	Moosomin	"	1
Geo. Burden	"	"	1
R. Logan	Rocanville	"	1
H. Smart	Moosomin	"	1
D. D. McDonald	Redjacket	"	1
F. Ramsdale	"	"	1
E. Dickens	"	"	1
W. Smith	Moosomin	"	1
R. Talmy	Rocanville	"	1
D. L. Wilson	Rocanville	"	1
E. Mclelland	"	"	1
McCutcheon Bros.	"	"	1
E. Mills	Moosomin	"	1
G. A. Griffen	"	"	1
R. S. Jackson	"	"	1
Geo. Richardson	"	"	1
Ed. Kears	Rocanville	"	1
J. W. Park	"	"	1
Geo. Williamson	"	"	1
Wilbert Lindsay	"	"	1
D. F. Reavie	"	"	1
John Christian	"	"	1
Geo. Christian	"	"	1
Jack Rushton	"	"	1
Will. Palmer	"	"	1

Total shares taken 37

Dated at Orangeville in the Province of Saskatchewan  
this Twenty-ninth day of January 1936

Witness to the above signatures:  
Geo. Burden of Moosomin Sask.



*The Orangeville Co-operative Association, Limited, having first a duly certified Memorandum of Association, so registered under The Co-operative Associations Act, this 10th day of March 1936*  
B. M. Duce  
Acting Registrar of Co-operative Associations for Saskatchewan

CANADA  
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN  
To Wit: I, GEORGE BURDEN, of the post-office of Moosomin in the Province of Saskatchewan, Farmer make oath and say:

1. That I was personally present and did see the within instrument and duplicate thereof duly signed and executed by Herbert C. Watson; John A. Kaeser; Clarence B. Hill; F. F. Hutchinson; and Geo. H. Blyth.

2. That the said instrument and duplicate were executed at the district of Orangeville, in the Province of Saskatchewan.

3. That I know the said parties and each of them is over the age of twenty-one years.

4. That I am a subscribing witness to the said instrument and duplicate.

Sworn before me at Moosomin in the Province of Saskatchewan this sixth day of March, 1936.

Geo. Burden  
(Signature)

B. M. Duce  
A Commissioner for and for the Province of Saskatchewan.

Memorandum of Association

OF THE  
MOOSOMIN CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED

(Name)	(Address)	(Occupation)
W. GEORGE BURDEN	MOOSOMIN	FARMER
D.D. McDONALD	RED JACKET	FARMER
W.E. SMITH	MOOSOMIN	FARMER
W.Z. PRESTON	MOOSOMIN	FARMER
H.F. KIDD	MOOSOMIN	TEACHER

J. K. HOGARTH MOOSOMIN GRAIN BUYER  
and the other persons hereto subscribing desire to form an association under the provisions of The Co-operative Associations Act. The corporate name of the association is to be

MOOSOMIN Co-operative Association, Limited, and the objects for which the association is to be formed are to

establish and operate a business for procuring and selling supplies and rendering services of pecuniary value to consumers with the exception of motor vehicles, automobiles, and truck accessories.

upon the co-operative plan. The capital stock of the association is to consist of FOUR HUNDRED shares of TEN dollars each. The names of the directors who shall manage the affairs of the association until their successors are appointed under the bylaws of the association to be formed are:

GEORGE BURDEN, D.D. McDONALD, W.E. SMITH, W.Z. PRESTON, H.F. KIDD, J.K. HOGARTH

The head office of the association is to be situated in MOOSOMIN in the Province of Saskatchewan.

We agree to take the number of shares in the capital of this association set opposite our respective names.

Name	Address	Occupation	Shares taken
Geo. Burden	Moosomin	Farming	1
D. McDonald	Red Jacket	Farmer	1
W. E. Smith	Moosomin	Farmer	1
W. Z. Preston	Moosomin	Farmer	1
H. F. Kidd	Moosomin	Teacher	1
J. K. Hogarth	Moosomin	Grain Buyer	1
P. H. Barnes	Moosomin	Farmer	1
J. D. Lynd	Moosomin	Farmer	1
J. A. Griffin	Moosomin	Farmer	1

F.M. Hargill	Moosomin	Farmer	1
S. D. Buekley	Moosomin	Farmer	1
C. D. Schonenberg	Moosomin	Farmer	1
Sam. Rgibert	Moosomin	Farmer	1
E. Crispson	Moosomin	Farmer	1
J. D. Lynd	Moosomin	Farmer	1
P. H. Barnes	Moosomin	Farmer	1
R. C. Logan	Moosomin	Farmer	1
Tom Maffutney	Moosomin	Farmer	1
W. F. Smith	Moosomin	Farmer	1
W. F. Fisher	Moosomin	Farmer	1
Alex. Brown	Moosomin	Farmer	1
J. S. Mautney	Moosomin	Farmer	1
J. A. Griffin	Moosomin	Merchant	1
Howard Jordan	Moosomin	Farmer	1
Norman Thomas	Moosomin	Farmer	1
A. E. Muir	Moosomin	Farmer	1

Total shares taken: twenty seven

Dated at Moosomin in the Province of Saskatchewan this twenty sixth day of June 1937

Witness to the above signatures: J. A. Griffin, Moosomin, Sask.

Washington Elmore

The Moosomin Co-operative Association  
21, 22nd St. W. of July 1937  
B. M. Brunson  
Registrar of Co-operatives for Saskatchewan



(OVER)

CANADA  
PROVINCE OF SASKATCHEWAN

I, George Alfred Griffin of the Town of Moosomin in the Province of Saskatchewan,

make oath and say:

1. That I was personally present and did see the within instrument and duplicate thereof duly signed and executed by GEORGE BURDEN, D.D. McDONALD, W.E. SMITH, W.Z. PRESTON, H.F. KIDD, J.K. HOGARTH

2. That the said instrument and duplicate were executed at the Town of Moosomin

3. That I know the said parties and each of them is over the age of twenty-one years.

4. That I am a subscribing witness to the said instrument and duplicate.

Sworn before me at Moosomin in the Province of Saskatchewan this 26th day of June, 1937

George Alfred Griffin (Signature)

Justice of Peace in and for the Province of Saskatchewan.



# Memorandum of Association

OF THE

Maryfield CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, LIMITED.

(Name)	(Address)	(Occupation)	Shares Taken or Fee Paid
1. <u>Chas. Franklin</u>	<u>Maryfield</u>	<u>Barner</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>Chas. Radke</u>	<u>Maryfield</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>H. J. Neal</u>	<u>Bygon</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>E. J. Hitchcock</u>	<u>St. Mary</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>George Page</u>	<u>Maryfield</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>10.00</u>
<u>E. R. McAdoo</u>	<u>Maryfield Sask.</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>10.00</u>

(At least five persons must subscribe for one or more shares each or pay the membership fee.)

- desire to form an association under The Co-operative Associations Act.
- The corporate name of the association is to be Maryfield Co-operative Association, Limited.
  - The head office of the association is to be Maryfield, Saskatchewan in the Province of Saskatchewan.
  - The objects for which the association is to be formed are:
    - For ~~purchasing, procuring, selling, exchanging, and dealing in petroleum products, coal and wood, binder twine, and rendering to its members and patrons services of any kind whatsoever incidental to its objects.~~
    - (a) purchasing, procuring, selling, exchanging, hiring and dealing in goods, wares and merchandise;
    - (b) rendering to its members and patrons services of any kind whatsoever incidental to its objects.

5. The capital stock of the association is to consist of 3,000 shares of \$5.00 dollars each.

6. The association is to be organized without share capital and          persons are now willing to become members and have paid their fee of          dollars each.

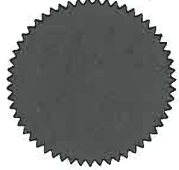
The basis on which the interest of each member of the association will be computed is as follows:

6. The liability of the members is limited.  
Dated at Maryfield in the Province of Saskatchewan, this Fifth day of August 1947

Each of the incorporators must sign below.

Chas. Franklin  
Chas. Radke  
H. J. Neal  
E. J. Hitchcock  
George Page  
E. R. McAdoo

E. Longman  
WITNESS



The Maryfield Co-operative Association, Limited, having filed a duly executed Memorandum of Association, is incorporated and registered under the Co-operative Associations Act, this seventh day of September 1947.

Longman  
Registrar of Co-operative Associations for Saskatchewan

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CANADA  
Province of Saskatchewan,  
To Wit:

I, James Wilson Jay Longman  
of the Village of Maryfield  
in the Province of Saskatchewan, Edward Farmer  
make oath and say:

1. That I was personally present and did see the within instrument and duplicate thereof duly signed and executed by

Chas. Franklin of Maryfield Sask  
Chas. Radke of Maryfield Sask  
H. J. Neal of Bygon Sask  
E. J. Hitchcock of St. Mary Sask  
George Page of Maryfield Sask  
E. R. McAdoo of Maryfield Sask

2. That the said instrument and duplicate were executed at the Village of Maryfield in the Province of Saskatchewan.

3. That I know the said parties and each of them is over the age of twenty-one years.

4. That I am a subscribing witness to the said instrument and duplicate.

Sworn before me at Maryfield in the Province of Saskatchewan, this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1947.

E. Longman  
(Signature)

Edward Farmer  
in and for  
the Province of Saskatchewan.

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My Commission expires Dec 31/1948.

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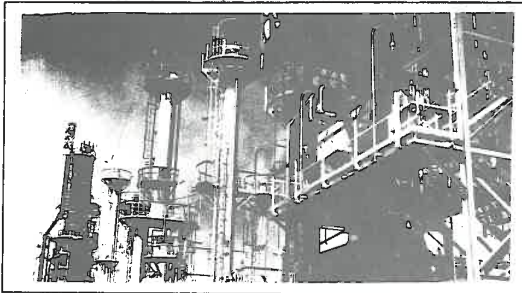
## The First Twenty Years.....

The following yearly statistics show the healthy growth of our organization during the past twenty years.

YEAR	MEMBERS	GALLON/AGE	SALES	SAVINGS
1936	63	34,158	\$ 9,465	\$ 947
1937	81	45,287	12,682	948
1938	94	65,205	15,061	2,877
1939	133	100,943	22,740	3,779
1940	148	110,500	24,655	5,142
1941	187	116,991	30,987	5,617
1942	207	136,853	33,091	6,285
1943	226	153,824	39,118	5,962
1944	235	178,240	52,744	5,073
1945	272	168,474	56,388	6,003
1946	278	199,552	61,807	8,155
1947	305	211,387	74,040	8,833
1948	310	202,877	75,705	4,209
1949	315	208,522	75,027	2,754
1950	327	200,075	70,371	2,171
1951	342	254,486	81,795	7,092
1952	355	324,647	97,455	10,642
1953	374	351,477	107,025	12,693
1954	376	329,042	100,434	7,549
1955	408	402,028	115,628	10,585
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,794,569</b>	<b>1,154,219</b>	<b>\$ 1,154,219</b>	<b>\$ 117,316</b>

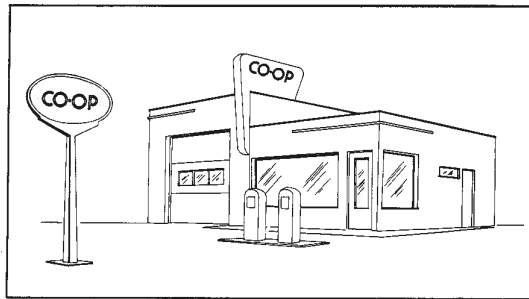
## Rising Towers.....

Rising high above the Regina Plains, the towers of the World's first Co-op Refinery established in 1934, are a monument to the foresight and determination of pioneer prairie Co-operators. Down through the years, Orangeville Co-op members have played a proud part, with members of other Co-operatives, in building these "Sentinels on the Horizon".



## ORANGEVILLE CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED

### Souvenir Program for Official Opening



Saturday, June 2, 1956, 3.00 p.m.

Chairman: H. C. WATSON, President, Orangeville Co-op.

O CANADA

Remarks by Master of Ceremonies—B. FILUK

Introductions:

H. C. WATSON, *President*  
 C. B. HILL, *Vice-President*      J. KYDD  
 F. F. HUTCHINSON                  C. A. MURRAY  
 R. E. HARRISON                      G. WILLIAMSON  
 E. E. KIVELL                          J. G. CLEGHORN  
 LEN MOUNTNEY, *Secretary-Manager*  
 IVAN BURDEN, *Service Station Manager*

Special Guests

Guest Speaker: H. L. FOWLER, Secretary, FCL

PRESENTATION OF CEREMONIAL KEY

Cutting Ribbon—F. F. HUTCHINSON

GOD SAVE THE QUEEN

OPEN HOUSE—Refreshments served by Moosomin Co-operative Women's Guild.

## The Co-operative Movement in Our Community

### THE CONSUMER STORY

#### THE IDEA:

The story of Consumer Co-operation in the Orangeville district goes back more than two decades. Spearheaded by George Burden, a local Wheat Pool delegate, the idea of a consumer co-operative to serve the community became the topic of conversation in many farm homes and at social gatherings during the fall and winter months of 1935-1936. The Co-op Refinery at Regina (the World's first Co-op Refinery) had gone "on stream" in that year. It had been established to supply the "power for the plough" by farmer Co-operators from other parts of Saskatchewan. By simply organizing a local association, farmers of the Orangeville Community could join with these prairie co-operators and share in the economic benefits of "Ownership in Production."

#### THE BIRTH:

The first public meeting called to discuss the idea of forming a local Co-operative Association was held in the Orangeville School on December 11, 1935. So keen was the enthusiasm that the twenty farmers in attendance decided a second meeting should be held, and Harry Fowler, then manager of the Co-op refinery, invited to attend. At this second meeting, held on December 13 in the Orangeville Church, D. Logan moved and A. Fisher seconded that "we organize ourselves into a Co-operative Association to handle petroleum products." A provisional board was elected as follows: H. C. Watson, Geo. Burden, D. Logan, J. A. Kaiser, J. Harrison, Geo. Blyth, H. Smart and F. F. Hutchinson. The Charter is dated March 10, 1936.

#### THE START:

At the December 13 meeting, \$52.00 in cash was raised, and by January 15, 1936, 59 shares had been subscribed and \$162.00 in cash received. With this amount of money, the provisional board decided to purchase storage tanks and "get into business." No site was available but J. Harrison agreed to act as manager and the tanks were erected in his farm yard. Sales in the first year amounted to nearly \$10,000. By 1938, gallonage volume had doubled and the tanks were moved to a more convenient location at the "Junction." Len Mountney was selected to manage "our business."

#### OVER THE YEARS:

The record of our Co-operative has been one of steady progress. About \$1 1/5 million in sales volume has been rung up. The actual cash put into our Co-ops by members has been about \$1,200. Members have received back close to \$80,000 in cash and in addition have amassed an equity of nearly \$60,000. All this was done just by buying together—it's as simple as that.

#### THE LATEST CHAPTER:

The erection of our new Service Station on the Trans Canada Highway at Moosomin highlights the latest chapter in expansion of Co-operative services in the community.

Visions are being fulfilled. The idea of "co-operation" as a dollar and cents proposition . . . and as a movement with a mission to improve the world . . . is growing to manhood in the Moosomin Community. In our Co-operative partnership we are building for a better tomorrow.

*Working Together for a Better Community*

### OUR CREDIT UNION

Our Credit Union, organized in 1940, opened its doors with a membership of 12 people and assets of \$39.50. In fifteen years, membership has grown to 415 and assets have climbed to over \$130,000. It serves the entire trading area around Moosomin.

As the financial arm of our Co-operative family, it is designed to fill an increasing and important role in our community.

### OUR CO-OP CREAMERY

Prior to becoming a Co-operative in 1916, the Moosomin Creamery was in operation under private ownership even as long ago as 1905 when Saskatchewan became a province. In addition to churning cream, handling eggs and poultry, the Co-operative operates a killing plant, distributes milk and cream, ice cream and frozen food. As one of 31 branches of Saskatchewan Co-operative Creamery Association Ltd. throughout the province, the Moosomin Creamery with its 40 years of Co-operative service has made an important contribution to the welfare of the area.

### OUR POOL ELEVATOR

Our Pool Elevator story is one of steady progress. Purchased from the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company by the Saskatchewan Wheat Pool in 1926, the original elevator had a capacity of 25,000 bushels. In 1946 it was replaced with the present 45,000 bushel elevator and in 1953 a permanent annex was erected, bringing total storage capacity to 85,000 bushels. Since 1926, the Moosomin Pool Elevator has handled 3,600,000 bushels of grain.

Like other Wheat Pool Elevators throughout the Province, our Pool Elevator has demonstrated that most of the problems in grain handling can be solved through co-operative action.

### OUR CO-OP STORE

Moosomin Co-operative Association, our community's Co-op Store, received its Charter on July 23, 1937. Handling groceries, meats and hardware, and operating a Locker Plant and a Lumber Yard, member equity has grown to over \$40,000. Sales volume of all departments neared the \$1/4 million mark in 1955. Total sales since incorporation amount to over \$2 1/2 million.

The Co-op Store as a partner to our petroleum co-op rounds out our retail co-operative service in the community.

Memorandum of Association  
of the  
Rocanville Co-operative Association, Ltd.  
(Name) (Address) (Occupation)

We J. J. Thurston Rocanville Farmer  
James Baynes Rocanville Farmer  
W. E. Currie Rocanville Farmer  
John B. Crawford Rocanville Farmer  
W. J. McMillan Rocanville Farmer

and the other persons hereto subscribing desire to form an association under the provisions of the Agricultural Co-operative Associations Act. The corporate name of the Association is to be Rocanville Co-operative Association


to produce, purchase, sell live stock, farm products & supplies upon the co-operative plan. The capital stock of the Association is to consist of 1000 shares of 100 dollars each. The names of the Directors who shall manage the affairs of the Association until their successors are appointed under the by-laws of the Association to be formed are:

J. J. Thurston Chairman  
W. E. Currie President  
John B. Crawford Secretary

The head office of the Association is to be situated in Rocanville in the Province of Saskatchewan.

We agree to take the number of shares in the capital of this Association, set opposite our respective names.

(Name)	(Address)	(Occupation)	(Number of Shares)
<u>J. J. Thurston</u>	<u>Rocanville</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>James Baynes</u>	<u>Rocanville</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>W. E. Currie</u>	<u>Rocanville</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>John B. Crawford</u>	<u>Rocanville</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>W. J. McMillan</u>	<u>Rocanville</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>John J. Johnson</u>	<u>Rocanville</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>John B. Johnson</u>	<u>Rocanville</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>
<u>John B. Johnson</u>	<u>Rocanville</u>	<u>Farmer</u>	<u>100</u>

Witness my hand and seal this 18th day of January 1918 at Rocanville Saskatchewan.  
  
W. E. Currie Registrar

(Form for Affidavit verifying signatures to Memorandum of Association. Attach to Memorandum of Association.)

Canada: Province of Saskatchewan, To wit: I, Chas. Robinson of the Village of Rocanville in the Province of Saskatchewan, do hereby make oath and say:

- That I was personally present and did see the annexed instrument and duplicate thereof duly signed and executed by J. J. Thurston, James Baynes, W. E. Currie, John B. Crawford, W. J. McMillan, C. J. Johnson, W. E. Johnson, W. E. Johnson the parties thereto
- That the said instrument and duplicate were executed at the Village of Rocanville.
- That I know the said parties and each of them is over the age of twenty-one years.
- That I am a subscribing witness to the said instrument and duplicate.

Sworn before me at Rocanville in the Province of Saskatchewan this 18 day of January 1918  
Chas. Robinson  
 (Signature)  
 A Commissioner in and for the Province of Saskatchewan.

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Saskatchewan Co-operative and Co-operative Development

1194 Registered Number

## Certificate of Status

The Co-operatives Act

I hereby certify that:

Borderland Co-operative Limited, Moosomin, Saskatchewan, incorporated July 23, 1937, is a subsisting co-operative under the laws of Saskatchewan, with its name in the register of Co-operatives, and according to the records of this Department, is in good standing with regards to filing its annual returns, in accordance with The Co-operatives Act.

Given under my hand and seal  
 this 30th day  
 of January 1985

  
W. E. Currie  
 Registrar of Co-operatives

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December 6, 1977.

### CERTIFICATE RESPECTING CHANGE OF NAME

This will certify that the registered name of The Moosomin Co-operative Association Limited, was changed to that of the Borderland Co-operative Limited, by Special Resolution of the Association, duly approved by the members thereof and examined and approved by the Registrar of Co-operative Associations for Saskatchewan, under seal on October 18, 1977.

All provisions of The Co-operative Associations Act were complied with in connection with this change of name.

Certified correct,

SEAL

L. E. Lokken  
 L. E. Lokken, Acting Deputy Minister and Registrar of Co-operative Associations for Saskatchewan



MOOSOMIN CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION LIMITED,  
Moosomin, Saskatchewan

INTEGRATED INCOME AND SURPLUS STATEMENT  
for the year ended December 31, 1940.

Exhibit B

<u>Sales</u>			\$4,555.10
<u>Cost of Products Sold: (Schedule 1)</u>			
Inventory, January 1, 1940.	\$129.90		
Purchases	3956.40	\$4,096.30	
Freight In	1403.08		
Less: Freight Allowance	49.27	353.81	
		\$4,450.11	
Less, Inventory, Dec. 31, 1940.		317.58	4,132.53
			\$ 422.57
	Gross Saving		
<u>Operating &amp; Administrative Expenses:</u>			
Managers' Commission - Hill	\$139.68		
- Hogarth	15.00	\$154.68	
Rent		90.00	
Taxes		26.77	
Accounting - 1940		25.00	
Auditing - 1940		20.00	
Stationery		17.34	
Labor		15.00	
Lights		12.45	
Fuel		11.00	
Delivery Expense	\$23.50		
Less Delivery Revenue	23.15	10.35	
Postage		9.50	
Telephone		4.47	
Insurance on Stock		.70	397.26
	Net Operating Saving		\$ 25.31
<u>Add: Other Income:</u>			
Discounts Earned		\$39.44	
Commission Earned		30.49	
1940 Refinery Patronage Dividend		42.37	
S.C.W.S. Dividends - 1939		21.63	133.93
			\$159.24
<u>Less: Other Charges:</u>			
Interest			1.99
	<u>Net Saving carried forward to Surplus</u>		<u>\$157.25</u>

Excerpt from The World-Spectator, Moosomin,  
Wednesday, February 11, 1947, Volume 37--No. 16

### Co-Op Members Hear Frank Statement

The financial condition of the Moosomin Co-operative Association was presented in frank detail at a special meeting of that organization, attended on Saturday afternoon by over one hundred of the members. President Guy Stilborn read the report, setting forth the 1947 operations of the various departments, giving losses and gains in each. While operations in almost all departments showed a very serious decline in the first nine months of 1947, in most instances these had been checked to a large extent, and, in one or two cases, profits were being shown by the close of the year. Better business methods had apparently been responsible for sharp improvements. The report was presented clearly, and gave assembled members a complete picture of the condition of their co-operative.

Two visitors, both well-known in the co-operative movement, spoke on the situation as outlined, and suggested steps to be taken to remedy the present serious plight of the organization. B. N. Arnason, Deputy Minister of Co-operatives, reminded the members that fine organization work had been done to build up a co-op of eight hundred members, and great assets; and that, with loyal support by the members, and sound business practices by the staff, the fine organizational work would pay off in a steady return to solvency and stability. He saw no cause for dismay, simply a crying need for sound management and member loyalty.

Harry Fowler, secretary of Federated co-operatives, told the audience that their plight was not a new one in the movement. Other co-ops, he said, had reached similar depths, but support and determination, with good business methods, had won these groups back to solidarity. He saw an immediate need for new money to relieve the present pressure of demands, and, following that, good management and business conduct to relieve the long-term weakness.

Both speakers urged a wide re-financing of the demand loans into Co-Op Savings Bonds payable in ten years, at a lower interest rate. A sharp increase in share payments, and new loans from members, are needed right away, and then a steady plan of re-finance over a period of ten or more years. The President reported progress already made on re-financing demand loans with co-op savings bonds.

Members then discussed the situation, from financial and business angles, and offered suggestions, criticisms and remedies. It was decided that the finance plan would have to be left to the new directors, who are to plan the campaign, and then advise the members of the plan, enlisting their support and energy.

The old board resigned in a body, to give the members free reign in selecting their successors. President Guy Stilborn, and some of the former board were re-elected, but some new faces are now included on the new board:—Guy Stilborn, R. Ramsdale, E. E. Kivell, N. White, E. Asselstine, L. Mouniney, F. M. Hewgill, Tom Axten, Arthur Purdy.

### FILLING STATION AT MOOSOMIN

Under the chairmanship of H. C. Watson, long-time president of the Orangeville Co-operative Association Limited and director of Federated, the members of the Orangeville Association, at a special meeting, decided, by an almost unanimous vote, to build a modern filling station on No. 1 highway, in the town of Moosomin.

The Orangeville Association was incorporated on March 10, 1938. Its business premises have been at the junction of No. 1 and No. 8 highways, eight miles north of Moosomin. It has served the farmers in the surrounding area with petroleum products and other farm supplies. In the period since incorporation it has transacted over \$1,000,000 in business with savings in excess of \$100,000.

With the movement of No. 1 highway on a direct line, the Orangeville members felt they should have a new location for their filling station so that they could adequately serve their members and the travelling public who wish to patronize co-operative facilities. The old station north of Moosomin will still be operated.

The meeting debated whether a coffee shop should be part of the new station. The decision was to sell gasoline and let other companies sell the coffee.

H. L. Fowler, secretary of Federated, and R. L. Ketchin, of the FCL Petroleum Department, spoke to the meeting. Mr. Fowler, who was at the original incorporating meeting 19 years ago, indicated the need for balanced refinery production in order to get the optimum of savings from refinery operation. It was indicated that a large proportion of automotive gas as other companies, savings would be increased by a quarter of a million dollars.

# Prominent Speakers Heard Friday at Co-Operative Forum

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Co-Operation in All Its Branches Reviewed and Discussed

A Co-Operative Forum, the first of its kind held here, was a gratifying success Friday despite inclement weather. The afternoon session drew a crowd of about a hundred, while many more attended in the evening. Persons interested in co-operation attended from as far away as Percival.

By means of addresses and films the sponsors, the local Wheat Pool committee, Livestock Pool, and other local co-operative associations in the district, gave a great deal of information on the meaning, activities, and progress of co-operative associations.

Mr. Brownlee, of Rocanville, acted chairman during the afternoon, and George Burden, Moosomin, during the evening.

Rev. T. K. Ferguson, of Rocanville, opened the day session with a comprehensive address on co-operation as he knew it in England and Sweden. He traced the history of co-operation back to its source, which is the Rochdale Co-Operative, formed in England a hundred years more ago. The principles of that day, said Mr. Ferguson, hold good today with but few additions.

Wheat Pool director, L. Widdup, was unavoidably absent, so a talk

on Wheat Pool work was given by Lindsay, Rocanville, who spoke of educational work along co-operative lines that the Wheat Pool committees are doing, and of the help these committees have given in relief work.

Geo. Gordon, Oak Lake, Man., a director of the Manitoba Poultry Pool, spoke of the progress made by that body in its short lifetime in the marketing of poultry and eggs.

Mr. Noren, Kipling, could not appear to report for the Sask. Livestock Pool, so this was shared by George Burden, Moosomin, and B. N. Arnason, Regina. Mr. Burden said the local co-operative had shipped seven tons of stock from here and with money derived therefrom intended erecting a coal shed in Moosomin. Mr. Arnason was then heard on the subject of Co-Op. wholesaling. He said, he had made progress in the past few years, but needed the authorization of the co-op retail trade in Saskatchewan for rapid expansion. He outlined a few of the important things to be remembered in operating a co-op. institution.

L. Fowler, President of the Co-operative Trading Associations of Saskatchewan, gave the progress of Consumers' Refineries since be-

ginning, mentioning the special gasoline they had prepared for tractors.

A sumptuous banquet was served by the ladies of the Baptist Church in the basement at 6. After all had partaken of the many good things, short speeches were made by Mayor J. G. Wright, Bert McKay, P. Lindsay and A. T. Procter, K. C., M.L.A.

The evening session opened with reels of pictures showing progress of co-operation in Sweden.

B. N. Arnason gave an informative address on "Credit Unions", giving their set-up, function and benefits.

Following more pictures on co-operation H. L. Fowler gave a general address on co-operative associations. The cost of goods to the consumer could be cut, said Mr. Fowler, by eliminating costly useless services and goods from trade channels.