

TRESSIE & ALFRED VINET

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EARLY POST OFFICE — Women gather outside one of the early postoffice's in the Kleskun Hill district. This building was the forerunner to the building which is being restored in the Pioneer Village near the Grande Prairie museum. This 1929 picture shows, from left: Mrs. Mabel Secrest, Mrs. Dumas, Mrs. Ike Boyer, Mrs. Betsy

Tempest, Mrs. May Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Ruth Melner, Mrs. W. M. Purvis, Mrs. Martha Wager, Mrs. Bessie Thompson and Mrs. Tressie **Vinet**. In front are Mrs. Charlie Brown, Alberta **Vinet**, Gertrude Fitzpatrick and Jeanette **Vinet**. This picture was loaned by Mrs. Tressie **Vinet** who now lives in Grande Prairie.

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Margaret White

Throngs of people gathered Thursday, Dec. 28 at Teepee Creek to pay final tribute to Mrs. Margaret White. Services were held fittingly in the auditorium of the school where Margaret had taught grades 1-2 for 22 years of her 34-year teaching career. The large attendance (many of them former pupils) was evidence of the very high esteem in which she was held in the community upon which she so evidently left her mark.

Margaret was born in Rosemary, Alberta & came with her family, the Alfred Vinets, to the East Kleskun District in April, 1928. After living there for two years the Vinets moved to their homestead in the Fitzsimmons area.

Shortly after Margaret began her teaching career Cupid shot his dart and it wasn't long before a young Teepee Creek lad, Bob White, claimed her as his bride. On July 18, 1944 Margaret became Mrs. Bob White and the newlyweds settled down to farm at Teepee Creek. Soon a baby boy and a little daughter joined the family and they began the task of bringing up children.

Besides teaching school and raising a family, Margaret was always very involved in community projects and for many years has been a loyal booth organizer & worker at the Teepee Creek Stampede. During the early 40's Margaret was a member of the Musical Raiders, a group of girls & their horses who formed a Mounted riding club run by Rusty Hollingsworth. In the last few years she was one of the key workers on the Smoky to Grande Prairie history book — serving as secretary until her illness forced her to resign.

In the last year Margaret has fought a valiant struggle against cancer, but on Dec. 23 peace came at last and Margaret passed away.

She is survived by her husband, Bob, her son Ken (Donna) White of Teepee Creek, her daughter Lorraine (Marv) Keeper, of Calgary, and three grandchildren. Also left to mourn are her mother, Mrs. Tressie Vinet of Grande Prairie, two sisters, Alberta (Pete) Kebalo of High Level & Jeannette (Francis) Macalister, of McLeese Lake, brother Frank (Jeanne) Vinet of St. Pierre, Man., several nieces & nephews.

Funeral services were conducted by Canon E.P. Williston with special readings by Marion Steinke and Darwin Eckstrom, Teepee Creek school principal. Mrs. Harry Morgan was pianist.

Pallbearers were Gordon Rycroft, Bud Gaboury, Harold Steinke, Dick Hoag, Jeff Dillabough & Betty Johnson.

Honorary pallbearers were Carolyn McLeod, Kay Mackey, Marvin Ecker, Dorothy Rycroft, Phyllis Johnson, Muriel Ecker, Marion Steinke.

Interment was in Glen Leslie Cemetery.

If desired contributions in memory of Margaret White can be made to the Canadian Cancer Society, Box 704, Grande Prairie.

12 Card of Thanks

The Bob White and Tressie Vinet families of the late ~~Margaret May~~ White wish to express our sincere appreciation and thanks to friends and neighbours who helped during our time of bereavement. Special thanks to Rev. Canon E.P. Williston, pianist Mrs. Harry Morgan, Pallbearers, Oliver Funeral Chapel, Lunch by Teepee Creek Ladies Club, R.C.M.P., Doctor Paterson, Nurses & Staff at the Grande Prairie Hospital, V.O.N. nurses, County of G.P., all those who sent cards and flowers and messages of sympathy. Thanks to you all. Bob & Grandma & families.

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