

WALTER & ANGIE WALDNER

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Gathering around to cut the cake from left to right (front): Mrs. Walter Waldner, Mrs. Willis Johnston, Mrs. Gordon Thompson, Mrs. Julian Jobson, Mrs. Harvey Bulford, Mrs. Bohdan Hawryluk, Mrs. Elmer

Bulford, Mrs. Glen Ames. In outer row, Mr. Waldner, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Johnston, Harvey Bulford, Mr. Hawryluk, Elmer Bulford, Mr. Ames.

Eight couples celebrate 25th

BEZANSON

It's a rare thing when anyone celebrates 200 years of married life.

When it happens, it calls for a gigantic celebration.

And that's exactly what occurred here last weekend as eight couples — including two brothers — combined to celebrate their 25th Wedding Anniversaires together.

To help them celebrate the occasion, more than 200

local residents, relatives and friends turned out to the Bezanson community hall for the event.

The eight couples who between them have 31 children and five grandchildren: Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Bulford, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bulford, Mr. and Mrs. Bohdan Hawryluk, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Ames, Mr. and Mrs. Julian Jobson, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Waldner and Mr. and Mrs. Willis Johnston.

They're off!

The Grande Prairie Racing Association has set its dates for the 1976 racing season.

There will be nine days of pari-mutuel racing this year, with four days at the spring meet starting May 27 and five days at the County Fair meet from July 31 to Aug. 4.

These races will include thoroughbreds, quarter horses, standard breds and something new this year, appaloosas.

There will be a number of feature races including a derby and a futurity for quarter horses and the reinstating of the Grande Prairie Derby for thoroughbreds. All areas still in the planning stages.

Anyone wanting further information can call Don Hawkes at 532-2699 for thoroughbreds, Ray McMillan for quarter horses at 532-0345 and **Walter Waldner** for standardbreds at 532-6186.



Old-fashioned ride

Staff Photo by Peter von Stackelberg

Lotti Parlee and Joe Holmes of the Central Park Lodge were among half a dozen people who took the opportunity to ride in a horse-drawn cutter yesterday afternoon. The horse, Sawdust, is a registered pacer owned by Mark Adams of Grande Prairie. The driver was **Walter Waldner**, an employee of the Lodge.

GP racers doing OK

With summer racing well underway, local harnessman Denny Lank who is the secretary-manager of the Grande Prairie Agricultural Society, is having a successful campaign in Edmonton's Northlands Park.

The first harness meet which started July 1 and ends Saturday has given some recognition to what is being done in Grande Prairie.

Lank has two horses, Man's Pilot, a six-year-old pacer, and Joe Richard, a 14-year-old pacer who unfortunately will have to retire from the "A" circuit later this year.

These horses have had quite a few wins against horses from Ontario, California, and Nevada. Hopefully, they will do just as well when they return again in September for the start of the fall campaign which continues from Edmonton to Calgary, and on to Cloverdale.

Joe Richard's latest showing was a second in the fourth race at Northland Saturday.

Other local people campaigning in Edmonton are **Walter Waldner**, Mark Adams, and Fred Hutton from Peace River.

Dul, Dobbyn win races

Harness Racing competition at the Grande Prairie County Fair began yesterday with Stan Dul of Peace River taking the first heat and Fred Dobbyn of Grande Prairie winning the second heat.

Peace Country Sulky Club began their sixth year of competition at the fair with two heats with six participants

from Grande Prairie, Peace River and Clairmont.

Although there is no prize money in the offering, the competition is being held to encourage spectator interest, club vice-president Chuck Curr of Peace River said.

The highlight of the first race was Wendy Curr, age 12, of Peace River and her pony

Ceejay Lady, who gave competitors a run for their money. Although she came in last, yesterday's race was her second competition. She won her first race in Manning (258 km north of Grande Prairie) July 28.

She says her love for horses as well as influence from her father, who also harness races, made her decide to start practicing the sport two years ago.

Here are the six placings of the first heat of harness racers by driver and name of pony: 1. Stan Dul and Ceejay Comet, Peace River; 2. **Walter Waldner** and Private Bill, Grande Prairie; 3. Fred Dobbyn and CD Falls, Grande Prairie; 4. Todd Dobbyn and Peggy Sister, Grande Prairie; 5. Darrell Waldner and Man's Pilot, Grande Prairie and 6. Wendy Curr and Ceejay Lady, Peace River.

The following is the listing of the second heat results: 1. Fred Dobbyn and Andy's Cuttie, Grande Prairie; 2. Art Lippelt and Senga Invader, Clairmont; 3. Todd Dobbyn and Titaness, Grande Prairie; 4. Earl Robinson and Be Prepared, Peace River; 5. Darrell Waldner and Queen's Kee and 6. **Walter Waldner** and Wee Might Grande Prairie.

Harness racing begins at 4:30 p.m. today.

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Dul wins harness final

Harness Racing competition at the Grande Prairie County Fair ended yesterday with Stan Dul of Peace River winning the finals and 12-year-old Wendy Curr of Peace River taking the semi-finals.

Peace Country Sulky Club competition held a finals race yesterday involving the top three placings of Tuesday's two heats and a semi-final race of the bottom three placings.

A mistake in grouping the entries however saw Man's Pilot, which took fifth in one of Tuesday's heats, entered in the finals and C D Falls, which took third Tuesday, entered in the semi-finals.

Dul had a winning time of 2:18.5, while Curr held a time of 2:19.

Here are the six placings of the final race of harness racers by driver and name of pony: 1. Stan Dul and Ceejay Comet, Peace River; 2. Darrell Waldner and Man's Pilot, Grande Prairie; 3. Walter Waldner and Private Bill, Grande Prairie; 4. Art Lippelt and Senga Invader, Clairmont; 5. Fred Dobbyn and Andy's Cuttie, Grande Prairie; 6. Todd Dobbyn and Titaness, Grande Prairie.

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Prairie; 3. Fred Dobbyn and Peggy Sister, Grande Prairie; 4. Earl Robinson and Be Prepared, Peace River; 5. Darrell Waldner and Queen's Kee, Grande Prairie; 6. Walter Waldner and Wee Might, Grande Prairie.

Dul received a \$60 cooler stable blanket donated by Keith's Small Engine Repair of Grande Prairie. Fred Dobbyn won a \$60 cooler stable blanket donated by Leyman Distributors Ltd. during the second heat Tuesday.

The club has 15 racing members in the Peace Country and will be attending their final season meet August 12 at Peace River for the Lawrence Park Trophy given to the best timed horse and an award for the most improved driver.

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By RICK CHARLTON
of our staff

WEATHER DIDN'T HELP

Typifying the problems arising out of the spring-like temperatures was the sno-pitch competition, which drew only five teams.

"I think the weather conditions had a lot to do with it," commented organizer Mark Whelpton. "Everyone's been outside having fun already this winter — they didn't need anything extra."

A 10-team limit had been placed on the event after the experience of last year when close to 20 applied. For the record, the City Slickers upset Starcrest Printing to take the 1984 title.

Cabin Fever did have many bright spots, including Sport-o-rama, a \$1 million RV and boat sale featuring travel trailers, motor homes, and motorcycles which attracted droves.

The 1984 IceVision carnival, staged by the Swan City Figure Skating Club, was a smash hit with both weekend performances. Approximately 200 skaters, including Cabin Fever mascot Freddy Fever and Ronald McDonald, used television commercials as the basis for many

Costumes were also in abundance at Nitehawk ski hill yesterday where even veterans of the sport were seen to fall off their skis at the sight of a bigger-than-life Miss Piggy — with unusually large, muscular arms — driving the facility's new grooming machine. Weekend Molstar events drew heavy interest, as did the suitcase race, won by Jerry Bauer (men's), Myrna Barber (ladies') and Brent Sedore (under 16).

St. Patrick School was judged to have the best overall float in the highly successful Cabin Fever days which wound through the downtown area on a busy Friday night. The Oilwives had the best commercial float while Makeshift Truck Accessories Ltd. took the most original category. The best-dressed team (horses) went to **Walter Waldner** of Grande Prairie and Ed Lightfoot was first in the best horse and rider display.

Flapjacks could be had at the Recplex as early as 8 a.m. yesterday morning, but the first trickle of customers to the Knights of Columbus feast didn't show up until an hour later. After that, the trickle became a steady stream, keeping workers busy until noon.



Fever winners

Photos by Bill Kinderwater.

Belle Maskymetz (left) of the Golden Star won the Cabin Fever mixed drink contest co-ordinated by Glenda Patrick (right) — part of the overall weekend activities. Parade winners posing with Freddy Fever included **Walter Waldner** (left), Don Cousins, Lynn Petuh, Lynne Fiege and Linda Smoke, representing various groups, and from St. Patrick school, Chris Kinderwater (left), Kris McPeek, Debbie Steinke and Leigh Ann Mayer. Absent from the ceremony were Ed Lightfoot, Mike Lett and Ron Ferworn.

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Staff Photo by Paul Van Peenen

Just out of the gate and going by the grandstand in race number five.

Races end Monday

By Herald-Tribune staff

The first night in the final week of pari-mutuel racing came to a soggy ending at Evergreen Park last night.

The dust didn't even have a chance to settle after the last race. As soon as the race was declared official rain started pouring down.

But all eight features got off as the Grande Prairie Racing Association opened its third and final five-day stand.

The fourth race turned out to be the most exciting with four of the five horses finishing in virtually a dead heat.

However, the camera showed Ole Mr. Buzz Bar, ridden by James Roebuck, finished by a nose over Got to Give, Mamietime and Horton's Dondi Bar, ridden by Darcy Smith, Wayne Supernant and Barry Hope respectively. Miss Huallen Embar with Tim Constant up finished fifth, about 1½ lengths back.

Ole Mr. Buzz Bar paid \$6.80 to win and \$3.20 to place. If you were lucky enough to guess the exactor, the payout was \$146.10.

The first race of the night, a one-mile

pace for standardbreds, ended with Walter Waldner yelling a hearty "Yahoo" as he crossed the finish line last with Senga Caye after fading badly during the last quarter mile.

The seventh race, a futurity quarter horse consolation going 350 yards and sponsored by the Peace River Quarter Horse Association, raised some controversy and ended with the number two horse, Horton's Cause ridden by Wayne Supernant, being disqualified.

Scott Sterr, on Sizzling Wind, claimed a foul on Supernant and it was allowed by the stewards. The winning horse was Doc's Brandy Moon, ridden by Bill Couch. A two-dollar bet paid \$11.60 to win and \$5 to place.

Sterr was thrown from his mount several times before the race got underway and some equipment repairs resulted in the race being delayed several minutes.

All in all, the night proved to be an exciting one for the approximately 450 people that showed up. The handle was \$20,157 for the night.

Racing resumes today at 6:30 p.m. with eight races scheduled.

Historic site designation sought

Bezanson closer to rising again

By KATHY MURRIE
Herald-Tribune staff

The old Bezanson townsite, occupied from 1906 to the early 1920s, has taken another step closer to becoming a provincial historic site.

With an entourage of about 50 people, including several former residents, Smoky River MLA Marvin Moore handed over the "intention to designate a registered historic resource" from Alberta Culture to county councillor Phyllis Stewart on June 14.

The drive to have the area, near the confluence of the Wapiti, Smoky and Simonette Rivers, has been going on for the past year and a half. The Bezanson Agricultural Society has led recent efforts to not only declare the site a resource, but to develop it as a campsite.

At one time a growing hamlet of over 200 people, the site was slowly deserted after an anticipated railway line never arrived. The last residents left in the early 1920s and the site is now barren of buildings, either moved to the new Bezanson seven miles north and east on Highway 34, or left to crumble with time.

But foundations and outlines of the stores, homes and livery stables that once graced the flat stretch of land overlooking the rivers, still remain.

Oldtime residents like Ellis Turner of DeBolt have been helping the society's committee determine where the original buildings were. The plan is to have markers with period photos and capsule histories identify the sites in the future campground.

The designation opens up the prospect of access to provincial funding towards the site as a provincial recreational and tourist area, explained Moore. There could be \$50,000 in capital improvement grants available by next year with \$10,000 annual operating grants also available for care and upkeep of the park.

Coun. Stewart, accepting the designation on behalf of the county (which holds title to the land), addressed the gathering.

"This is a recognition of the people who originally settled here — a dedicated, determined and adventurous lot," she said.



Old townsite visitors outline the foundations of what is believed to be founder A.M. Bezanson's first home, which would have been built about 1906.



Special guests take a ride on **Walter Waldner's** wagon. He is third from the left, helping Gertrude (Bezanson) Mattinson get seated comfortably, along with Bezanson resident Hazel (Patterson) Weegar. Standing on the wagon are agricultural society rep Janet Sarmaga (left) and county councillor Phyllis Stewart (right), with Smoky River MLA Marvin Moore in the background.

Among the visitors to the site were former residents Gertrude Mattinson, now living in Califor-

nia, and Walter Peterson of DeBolt. Agricultural society committee

chairman Janet Sarmaga arranged the tour, which coincided with the new hamlet's Sports Day.

Sterr the star opening night

By JOANNE McQUARRIE
Herald-Tribune staff

The first night of pari-mutuel racing at Ever Green Park was a wet one. A downpour at the beginning of the races made the track muddy and betting was slightly off because of it.

The first night of racing attracted 400 people who wagered a total of \$15,390. The top \$2 return came in the eighth race for three-year-old horses producing an exactor return of \$150.90.

The star of the evening was Scott Sterr, a jockey who is in second place in leading jockey standings. Sterr has placed first 11 times out of 72 starts and last night, he added four more wins to his record.

Dally Breeze Home, a standardbred, with driver **Walter Waldner** aboard, won the first race, a one mile pace. The horse paid \$6.20 to win and \$3.30 to place. The quinella returned \$10.30.

In the second harness race, a one mile pace exactor, Fred Dobbyn drove Victorious Stream to a win. A win pick returned \$12.30 and a place returned \$5.30. The exactor paid \$27.30.

Sterr, on thoroughbred Steve's Ego, got his first win of the evening in the third race, a half-miler. The payout was \$14.90 to win, \$4.20 to place, and the return on a \$2 ticket in the quinella was \$39.70.

BEATS OUT FOUR

Among Thieves, ridden by Sterr, beat out four other horses over three furlongs to pay \$63.00 on the exactor in the fourth race. A win pick brought in \$11.30 and a place earned \$4.80.

It was win number three in the fifth race for Sterr, who rode Jet Valley Joaquin over 350 yards. The race for three-year-olds and up paid \$5.60 to win and \$3.50 to place. The quinella returned \$12.00 on a \$2 ticket.

The sixth race featured three-year-old thoroughbred maidens. Peter McAleney rode Hyfice over 5½ furlongs to win the race four lengths ahead of the second place finisher. Hyfice paid \$11.80 to win and \$6.50 to place, and the exactor returned \$65.40.

Imbarcatore, ridden by Sterr, won race number seven, a 5½ furlong quinella. Sterr got his fourth victory of the evening and the payout was \$7.30 for a win and \$3.50 for a place. The quinella paid \$7.30 on a \$2 ticket.

The final race of the evening saw jockey Wayne Supernant ride Burgundy Lad over six furlongs to a first/place finish. A win paid \$15.20 and a place paid \$7.60. A \$2 ticket returned the largest payout of the evening, \$150.90.

The races continue tonight at 6 p.m. Admission is free for all senior citizens.

Saturday will feature the first of three Labbatt's Marathon Races for thoroughbreds, and the Grande Prairie Futurity Trials. The horsemen's dance is also being held Saturday evening.

Races begin at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday. The Darryl Hawkes Derby Trials for thoroughbreds will be run, as well as the Northern Arabian Stakes Race. Admission is free for all senior citizens.

The weekend will be full of activity at Ever Green Park and it'll be an opportunity for everyone to come out and enjoy the fun and excitement of pari-mutuel racing.

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OBITUARY

Walter Waldner, 68 of Bezanson

Mr. Walter S. Waldner, a long time resident of the Bezanson and Grande Prairie, Alberta areas, passed away suddenly at the Queen Elizabeth II Hospital, Grande Prairie, on Thursday, July 9, 1992, at age 68.

Walter was born in Guernsey, Saskatchewan, on October 14, 1923. In 1927, the Waldners arrived in the Clairmont, Alberta area, where Walter grew up. He attended several schools, including McHenry, Twilight, and 5 Mile. As a young man he worked for several people in the area, and became known as an avid horseman.

His love of horses was evident throughout his entire life. In the early years of farming, he always had a team of work



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horses, and later on, Walter was instrumental in the sport of harness racing coming to Grande Prairie. He enjoyed travelling around the province, driving his horses in races. He went as far as driving in Regina on the "A" Circuit and was an active participant in the sport until, July, 1990.

He and Angie were married

on November 5, 1947. In 1957, Walter and Angie bought the Olson family farm in Bezanson, where he resided until his passing. Walter was employed as an orderly at the auxiliary hospital, Central Park Lodge, and Pioneer Lodge. He was a favorite among the patients. He was a kind and compassionate man.

Perhaps Walter's legacy is his sense of humor and remarkable memory. Everyone who knew him was touched by his wit, and his uncanny ability to remember people, dates, and events. During his last few years, Walter spent time reacquainting himself with relatives still in Saskatchewan.

Walter leaves to mourn his passing his wife Angie; daughter Carol (Mark) Adams; son Darrel (Janet); grandchildren: Nicole, Scott, Chelsie, and Kyle; and great-grandson Cody; sisters: Olga, Maggie,

Ann, and Tina; brothers: Andy (Marion), and John; and numerous nieces and nephews, cousins, and sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

He was predeceased by his sister Sarah in 1988; mother Sarah in 1966; and father John in 1946.

Public visitation will be held at Oliver Funeral Chapel, Grande Prairie, on Monday evening, July 13, from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Funeral service for the late Walter Waldner will be held on Tuesday, July 14, 1992, at 2:00 p.m. in St. Paul's United Church, Grande Prairie, Alberta (please note change in location), with Pastor Michael McWhinnie officiating. Interment to follow in the Glen Leslie Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation would be appreciated by the family.

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GPRA betting on economic lift

Organizers hope new race season proves profitable

HORSE RACING

By JEFF McCOSHEN
Herald-Tribune staff

The Grande Prairie Racing Association is banking on a turnaround in the local economy for what they hope will be a recovery year at the bettor's window when 16 days of live racing begins Friday.

Last year's handle — the total amount of money wagered during the meet — suffered a drop-off of about \$100,000 from the previous year.

"We're hoping the economy has turned around and it seems like it has in Grande Prairie," says GPRA president Darrell Waldner.

There are already some signs from the business sector that things are on the upswing.

The GPRA has added six more race sponsors, bringing the total for the 1993 meet to 60.

"We got real good support from the business community," said Waldner.

The GPRA was able to stomach the disappointing season last year with the help of funding from the Alberta Racing Commission. The money allowed the GPRA to return money to the horse people that was originally shaved from the total purses of races.

The association also raised significant amounts of money through fundraising and bingos during the year and when all



Staff photo by Jeff McCoshen

Scott Adams puts Mark's Mecca through its paces at Evergreen Park in preparation for the race season which begins Friday night at 6:30 p.m.

was said and done, Waldner says the GPRA actually showed a profit of some \$6,000.

He credited a hard-working executive and tireless volunteers for allowed the association to withstand the off-year at the betting window.

"There's a meeting every month from September getting ready for the next

year," Waldner said of the behind the scenes work that goes into it. "It's kind of a never-ending structure."

This year's meet will feature an average of eight live races per evening with simulcast racing from Edmonton Northlands offered on Friday nights after the live card.

Among the highlights of the racing this year will be a feature race on July 9 in

honor of Waldner's father, who passed away on July 9 last year.

The first annual Walter Waldner Memorial race will highlight harness racing — a sport in which Darrell's father was instrumental in developing in this area.

The first live race goes at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Evergreen Park and there are cards through to Monday night.

Scott is Walter & Angie's grandson

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October 14, 1923
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Although your life here on earth is
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Your jokes, your laugh and stories
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As time goes on and we find our-
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We'll be proud to say you're my
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We miss you truly and miss you dear-
ly.

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Forever loved, Forever missed,
Your Family.

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YOU WILL always be remembered
Aunt Lizzy, Randy Matlock.



In loving Memory of
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We love you truly,
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written by Janice Waldner

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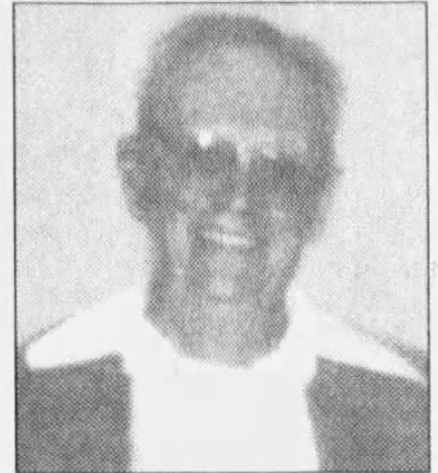
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We love you truly,
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From your family.

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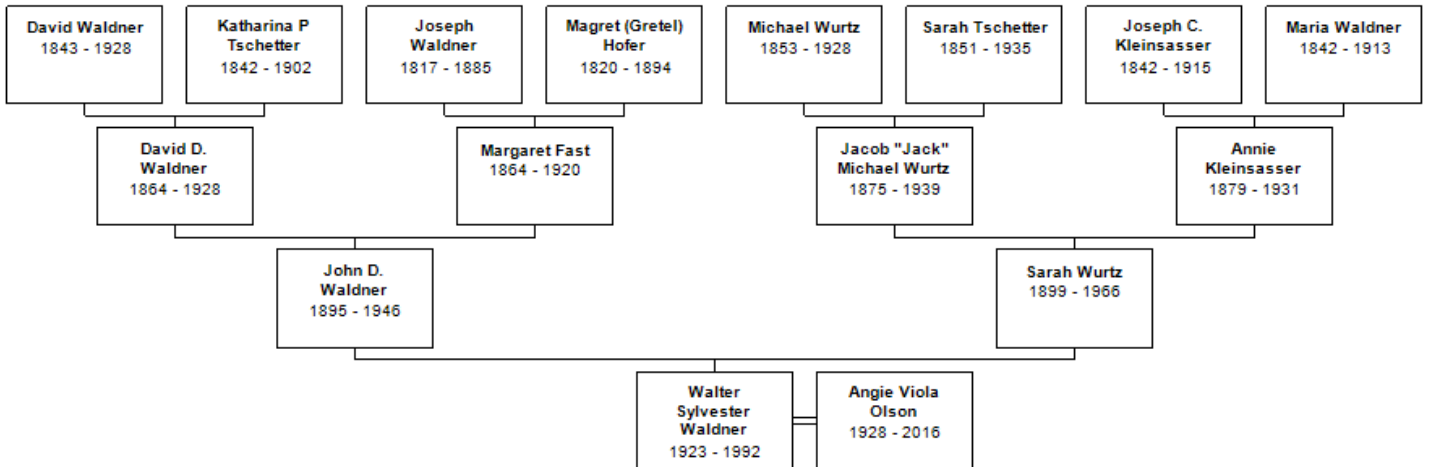
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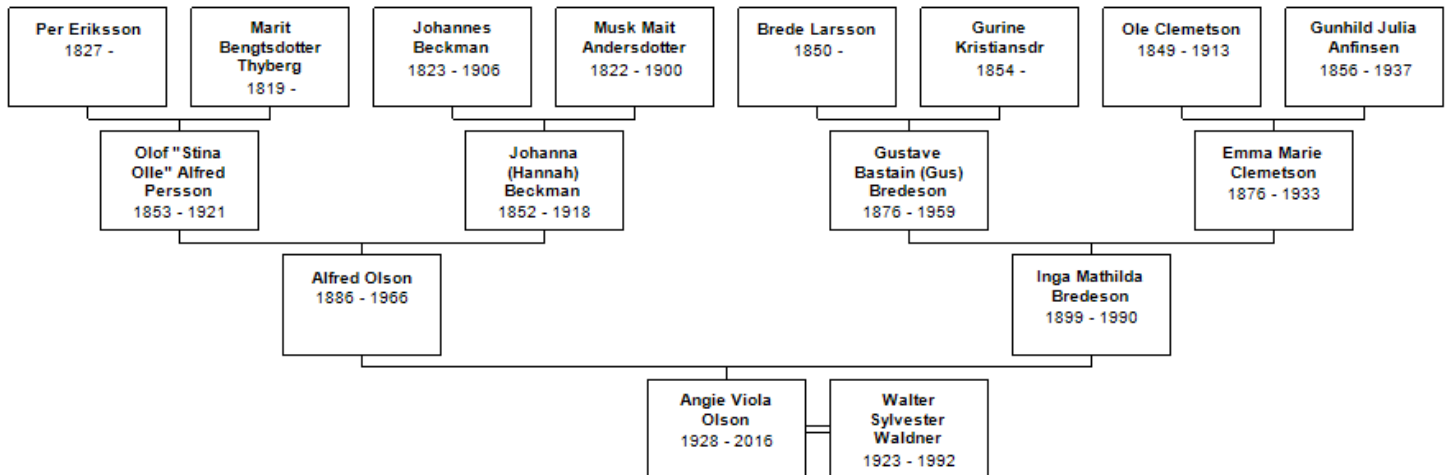
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Vertical Pedigree Chart for Walter Sylvester Waldner



Vertical Pedigree Chart for Angie Viola Olson



The following from South Peace Regional Archives

Schools Walter attended.

Item 0063.02.058.1 - McHenry School

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- McHenry School



The McHenry school house (district #2851) was built on SW 16-73-6 W6 and was closed in 1943

Item 0063.02.058.2 - McHenry School Barn

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- McHenry School Barn



A barn on the McHenry school property.

Item 0063.02.096.1 - Old Twilight School

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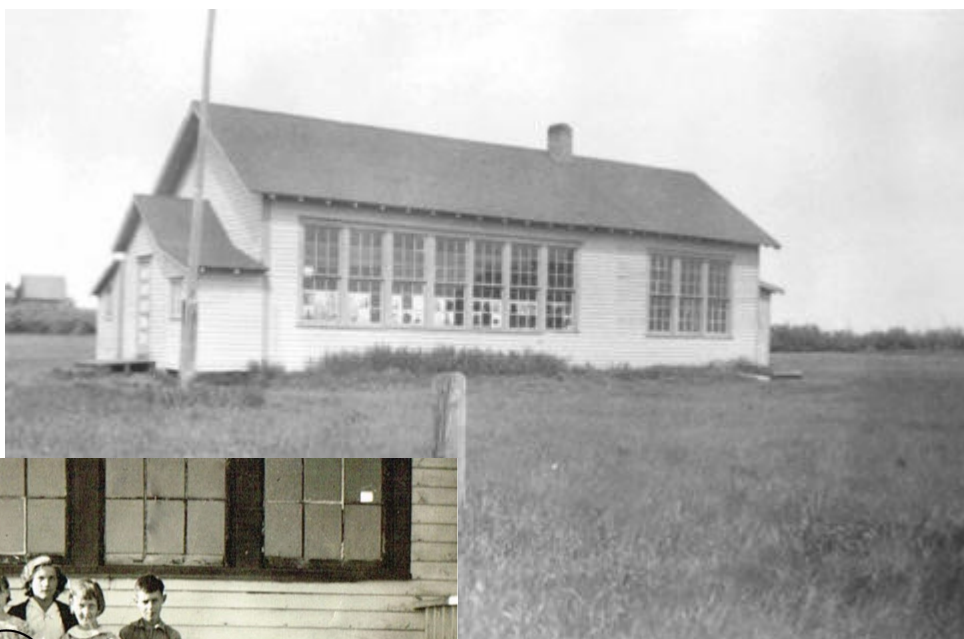


Item 0059.02.03.01d - Five Mile Creek School

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- Five Mile Creek School



5 Mile School—1932 Walter Waldner 3rd row, 3rd boy

School Angie attended.

Item 0063.02.089.1 - Somme School

[Grande Prairie School Division No. 14 fonds](#)

- Somme School



The Somme school house (district #3634) was built in 1930 north-east of Grande Prairie and was closed with consolidation in 1956.