



**Barrhead District
Co-operative Limited**

The Rainbow Flag

The Rainbow flag is the emblem of co-operatives everywhere. It was adopted by the World Co-op Leaders at the International Co-operative Congress held at Basil, Switzerland in 1921.

It symbolizes the fading of political divisions and the union of peoples. Composed of the primary shades of the rainbow, the Rainbow flag contains all the colors of the flags of the world. All peoples merged under this colorful pennant are united into one international brotherhood.

Each of the seven colors in the flag has a special meaning:

Red stands for courage.

Orange offers the vision of possibilities.

Yellow represents the challenge that green had kindled.

Green represents growth, a challenge to co-operators to strive for growth of membership and of understanding of the aims and values of co-operation.

Sky Blue suggests far horizons, the need to provide education and help to unfortunate people and to unite in good faith with all peoples of the world.

Dark Blue suggests pessimism. It reminds us of the unfortunate peoples of the world who need to be shown how to help themselves through co-operation.

Violet, a colour of warmth, beauty, and friendship.

THE CO-OP CREED:

- C ...Co-operation, a way of life
- O ...Opportunity, equal to all
- O ...Open membership
- P ...Peace-by all nations living the Co-operative way
- E ...Each for all, and all for each
- R ...Regardless of race, color or creed
- A ...Allocation of savings based on patronage
- T ...Tolerance among members (politics and religion)
- I ...International Association
- O ...Organized for service and savings, not for profit
- N ...No favoritism, fairness to all and unlimited possibilities

Message From The Board Of Directors

Your present board of directors is made up of nine people from the Barrhead area, who are elected by you, the members. Our only purpose is to represent you from one annual meeting to the next and to be good stewards of your enterprise. As we reminisce and look back to 1944 it is noted that directors were dedicated, astute individuals interested in developing the Barrhead Co-op into a thriving retail, making available goods and services to its members. Special mention should be made of the Board and other interested individuals for their efforts in selling Co-op shares, and the idea of a Co-op store, in Barrhead in 1945. Their efforts netted the organization about \$4,500.00 in share capital.

About \$2,000.00 of this amount was available for store fixtures and inventory. Some of the directors felt that this sum was not adequate to start a viable store. However, more optimistic minds convinced the Board to proceed.

Since all share canvassing was done by volunteers, the Board further volunteered labour to get the building in shape for business. The Board continued to volunteer their time until the Co-op moved into the new store on the east side of main street. About this time a policy was approved to pay a small honorarium, and mileage allowance, for those attending regular board meetings.

Barrhead Co-op from its beginning has experienced many good operational years as well as some poor ones. Throughout all these years the membership has shown loyalty and commitment to the Co-op association.

Today the Co-op has about 6,000 active members, employs some 80 staff members and has assets of 5.6 million dollars of which 75 per cent is member owned. The operational year of 1993 has sales of 15.5 million dollars with savings of 1.3 million. By working together we have reached goals that could not have been attained individually.

Barrhead Co-op is part owner of Federated Co-operatives Ltd., the Co-op wholesale. Through ownership in this wholesale we have the benefits of volume buying and sharing in the profits of that organization. These profits are reflected in our earnings and the members allocations. Your Board of Directors and management are striving to keep up with new developments and services to our members. We must be prepared to meet all challenges without jeopardizing the basic principles and values that we have built our existence on.

With the continued support of the Barrhead Co-op membership, the future looks very encouraging.

Your Board of Directors
Dave MacKenzie, President

Certificate of Incorporation

Name of Association

*Barrhead District
Co-op. Limited*

Date of Incorporation

April 12th, 1944

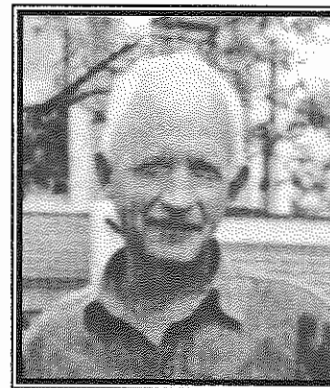
Location of Head Office

Barrhead

Amount of Fees \$ *5.00*



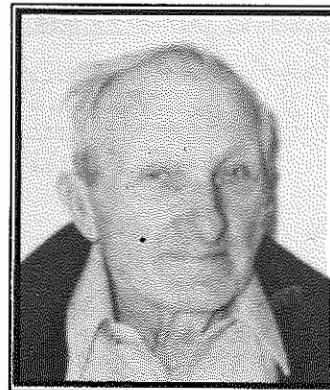
Carl Burke, first president and later first manager, taken in the 1960's



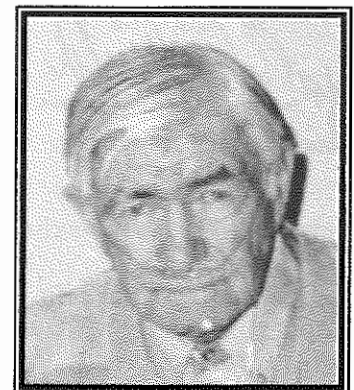
Lloyd Harden, member of the Provisional Board



Olive Harden, secretary for the Provisional Board



Carl Gallatin, surviving member of the first elected Board of Directors, June 1945



Adolph Littke, surviving member of the first elected Board of Directors, June 1945. Also secretary.

And the name of the place where the Head office or principal place of business is to be situated is Barrhead

Dated at Barrhead in the Province of Alberta,
this 1st day of April, 1944

Signatures:

1 Carl Burke
2 Chas. C. Peterson
3 P. Ronsasen
4 Arthur E. Lees
5 L. G. Harder
6 E. W. Enders
7 Grant Longthorn
8 Frank Johnston
9 Fred Cook
10 G. D. Fountain

Olive L. Harder
Witness to Signatures

Examined and recommended
for registration

J. C. Gould
Secretary of Cooperative Activities
Date 6 April 1944

Signatures of the Provisional Board

Isn't It Funny

When the other fellow takes a long time to do something, he's *slow*. But when I take a long time to do something, I'm *thorough*.

When the other fellow goes ahead and does something without being told, he's *overstepping his bounds*. But when I go ahead and do something without being told, that's *initiative*.

When the other fellow states his side of the question strongly, he's *bullheaded*. But when I state my side of a question, I'm being *firm*.

When the other fellow makes a mistake, he sure *had it coming to him*. But when I make a mistake, *man! That's bad luck*.

When the other fellow overlooks a few rules of etiquette, he's *rude*. But, when I skip a few rules, I'm being *original*.

Funny, isn't it — that it's hard to correct faults? Maybe it's because we don't even recognize them *except in others*.

The Things You Cannot Buy

The best and sweetest things in life are things you cannot buy, The music of the birds at dawn, the rainbow in the sky.

The dazzling magic of the stars, the miracle of light, The precious gifts of health and strength, of hearing, speech and sight.

The peace of mind that crowds a busy life of work well done, A faith in God that deepens as you face the setting sun, The boon of love, the joy of friendship, as the years go by, You find the greatest blessings are the things you cannot buy.

Little Prizes

Most of us miss out on life's big prizes. The Pulitzer, the Nobel, the Oscars, Tonys and Emmys.

But we're all eligible for life's small pleasures. A pat on the back. A kiss behind the ear. A four-pound bass. A full moon. An empty parking space. A crackling fire. A great meal. A glorious sunset.

Don't fret about copping life's grand awards. Enjoy its tiny delights. There are plenty for all of us.

Co-op in Mellowdale District

Carl Burke, having been raised with Co-op principles in Sweden, was instrumental in organizing shipments of hogs and cattle to Edmonton via N.A.R. This was during the depression years and it saved precious dollars on freight. This cooperative minded person gathered others of like inclination and organized a co-op enterprise. He was elected manager to sell farm supplies from his farm base at SE 31-60-3-W5.

A permit was required from the municipality prior to obtaining a license from the Department of Trade and Industry. Having accomplished this, Carl Burke and an unknown person went to Edmonton to make the necessary arrangements to obtain a license. It was imperative to become acquainted with the management to establish a credit rating with the Alberta Co-op Wholesale as all purchases were charged and paid on a somewhat "Gentleman's agreement" when the money came in. According to the books, on July 16 and Aug. 7, 1944, Carl Burke took \$160.00

and \$82.14 out of his pocket when cash flow was too slow.

The wholesale complimented these gentlemen for their efforts and they were given words of encouragement to go forward. These supplies were trucked from Edmonton to the farm and sold from a garage used for supplies only.

Perhaps this venture was the forerunner of 24 hour convenience shopping as business was transacted until late in the evening seven days a week if friends happened to be visiting, and, knowing the Burkes, the coffee was always ready! This Co-op may not have been set up according to Alberta Co-op by-laws but it was a true Co-op in every sense of the word with very determined and dedicated members.

Some items of interest on the books in 1944:

5-100 lb. bags of hog supplement and calf meal.....	\$17.45
180 gallons of crank case oil (4-45 gal. drums).....	120.60
#40 lube oil per gallon.....	0.67
Transmission oil per gallon.....	0.57
25 lbs. gun grease.....	3.15
Spark plugs each.....	0.50
500 lbs. growing mash.....	17.00
25 lbs turkey starter.....	0.80
V15 plate battery.....	7.40
6 squares of shingles.....	31.90

Freight was 98 cents per 100 pounds and 2 per cent was deducted if paid within 30 days.

In Feb. 1945 the board voted \$60.00 be given to C. Burke for the 1944 year. At this time these far sighted farm members were looking farther afield and decided to sell shares in the Barrhead area with intentions of starting a store in Barrhead.

In June a board of directors was established on a three-year basis. This was in compliance with Co-op by-laws. This first board of directors consisted of

Carl Burke, Edward Enders, Carl Gallatin, John Bredeson, Adolph Littke, Edward Rendfleisch, Pete Ronaasen, William Schalm and Edward Weisgerber.

The two surviving members of this board are Adolph Littke and Carl Gallatin.

The Co-op Association would like to acknowledge the fact that many people have spent many years of faithful service as managers, employees, and board directors. Their dedication has made it possible for this venture to be the success it is today.



Original garage, Mellowdale, from which Barrhead Co-op sold merchandise. Taken December 1993.

Alberta Wholesale Co. op Limit.

44	mis 21	2 Chick starter	300	✓	6.00	✓
		5 Hog Supplement 1 cask meal	300	✓	17.45	✓
		2-25 lb Sulphur 2 lb Heat lamps	205	✓	5.75	✓
	28	180 gal Lub. oil #30	60	✓	120.60	✓
		45 " " " " 20	67	✓	10.05	✓
		45 " " " " 40	67	✓	30.15	✓
		40 Transmission oil 140	57	✓	22.80	✓
	1	24 Pig starter 5 Hog starter	1425	✓	20.75	✓
		50 lb calf meal	165	✓	3.30	✓
		3-1 " " " " " "	175	✓	5.25	✓
		4 spark Plugs	50	✓	2.00	✓
	6	Check	216.15			
	16	2-25 lb Gun Grease No. 290	580	✓	6.50	✓
		2-25 " " " " L.M. 275		✓	5.50	✓
		200 " " " " "	975	✓	19.50	✓
		100 " " " " "	825	✓	8.50	✓
		100 " " " " "	725	✓	7.25	✓
		45 Gal. Transmission oil	57	✓	23.65	✓
		1 " " " " "		✓	6.00	✓
	mis 29	6 " " " " "		✓	36.00	✓
		1 Hog		✓	6.00	✓
	10	580 lbs of Freight	104	✓	58.20	✓
		Check	370.00		154.47	
	17	5 Pig starter	325	✓	16.25	✓
	18	1 drum oil 45 gal	67	✓	30.15	✓
		100 lb Grease 975 2025 lb Grease 550		✓	15.25	✓
		Freight from Regina		✓	1.77	✓
	26	19 Rolls of Roofing	395	✓	75.05	✓
		7 " " " " "	176	✓	12.52	✓
	28	200 Chick Starter	200	✓	6.00	✓
		500 Growing Mash	340	✓	17.00	✓
		2-25 lb Turkey starter	80	✓	7.60	✓
		Brought forward	3706.20		546.00	

Cash account

1944

Dec 14

		Cash forward	4112.86	4011.20
		W. Kalmbach	6.80	
		G. Wagner	6.40	
		R. Cross	4.25	
		C. Burke	1.85	
	16	R. Mahman	2.35	
		P. Ronassen	10.85	
		Paul Kalmbach	12.30	
		Carl Lindquist	16.60	
		G. Faulder	9.90	
	21	A. Harfelder	1.85	
		Carl Kalmbach	1.85	
		L. G. Harden	22.10	
	27	A. Kalmbach	2.00	
		A. Bernhardt	1.00	
		A. Paskey	13.40	
	28	Carl Burke	9.60	
		R. Lindquist	1.35	
		Chas. Schert	10.00	
		P. Ronassen	5.50	
		A. Williams	1.00	4.50
	April 26	Thompson Hardware		4.75
		Hamellau Station		1.65
	July 18	F. Johnston return on		1.15
	Sept 27	Alberta Cattle Wholesale		27.25
		Credit Union		30.00
				20.00
	Oct 27	Freight to Fisher		10.15
		from Bank		2.40
	Dec 21	Savings Credit Union		120.40
	24	loan from Credit Union	117.97	
		Alberta Cattle Wholesale		117.97
		Cash forward	4365.83	4351.08

Barrhead Co-op First Store on West Side of Main Street

When the total Barrhead area had been canvassed it was felt that with the potential support the move to town was imperative.

The board looked at several possibilities some of which were Mr. Segall's O.K. Store, the Benesch Bakery and a building owned by Mr. Garrioch, which was then occupied by Holmberg's Ladies Wear and Beauty Salon, and the Barrhead Leader, whose editors were Arthur (Pop) and Ed Larkins. In Oct. 1945 the board approved the purchase of the Garrioch building. This property consisted of a lot, or lots, on the west side of main street. The building was 36x40 ft. with a 12 ft. addition on the back. Purchase price was \$3,700.00 payable as follows: \$700.00 cash as down payment, \$250.00 at completion of sale Nov. 15, 1945, \$200.00 shares purchased by Mr. Garrioch and the balance payable at \$100.00 per month with interest at 6 per cent and repainted with the name **BAR-HEAD DISTRICT CO-OP LTD.**

The board advertised for a manager through newspaper advertisements and with the Alberta Co-op Wholesale Association. In Nov. 1945 Mr. Carl Burke was chosen to continue as manager at a wage of \$75.00 per month, plus 1/4

per cent of sales and 3 per cent of saving. This was to take effect in Jan. 1946. Some store fixtures were bought from Mr. Chas. Bassett of Barrhead. Inventory from the Mellowdale operation was moved to the new store. Mr. Harold Gallatin was hired as store clerk at \$18.00 per week.

It should be understood that the Wartime Prices and Trade Board was still in effect and prices could only be marked up a certain percentage. Each item had to show the purchase price in code and the selling price clearly marked. Government officials dropped in at their convenience.

Shares in the Barrhead Co-op were set at \$10.00. Members could buy any number of the \$10.00 shares, although the co-op rule of one member, one vote, remained in effect.

The Barrhead store opened for business Monday, Jan. 21, 1946. Within a short time changes to the store building were necessary. A 14x28 foot lean-to was added to the north-west corner of the main building at a cost of \$548.00. Ed Weisgerber was in charge of construction. This was used for storage of flour, and like items. Also, an enclosed area in the store was used for oil storage. A further 22x28 foot addition to the warehouse, with concrete

foundation and floor, was built. Carl Gallatin was in charge of this project, and the cost was \$547.54. A heater was purchased for \$50.00 from Mr. M.R. Hardy, real estate agent.

With these additions it became a fair sized area and it was difficult to keep produce from freezing as there was no thermostat on the old coal heaters. Carl stayed there many nights keeping the fires going.

By Oct. this venture was really doing well and it was apparent a younger manager was needed. Carl Burke resigned and was given a vote of thanks for his splendid service, and Mr. Martin Hauca was hired as manager, effective Oct. 16, 1946. He was paid a salary of \$175.00 per month.

The A.C.W.A. patronage on purchases from the wholesale for 1946 was \$1,341.00.

A safe was purchased from the Neerlandia Co-op for \$200.00. In Nov. 1947 the association bought a cash register for \$165.00 with a one year guarantee, and a buy back agreement of same machine for \$100.00 after two years.

In April 1948 a Co-op Group Insurance plan was purchased for all members who had made purchases of over \$100.00 in 1947. Audit cost for 1947 was \$186.50.

In Oct. 1948 the Barrhead Co-op entered into a management agreement with the wholesale, A.C.W.A. In this agreement A.C.W.A. would supply a manager to operate the

store, and was to supply accounting and audit services for an agreed fee. This left the local board to look after membership related business and local policy making. The benefits to the local store by this agreement may have been a better selection of managers, and more uniform merchandising under the direction of the wholesale. The wholesale was assured of the constant support from the local association in the field of inventory purchases. It would appear that the down side was a loss of direct control of the local operation, however in this time frame there were about 25 retail co-ops in Alberta with management agreements. Many lasted for only a few years, while some continued successfully for years.

In Jan. 1949 an "all purchases by cash only" policy was incorporated.

The annual meeting statement in 1949 showed savings for distribution of \$5,131.00. There was also a motion from this meeting to instruct the board to purchase suitable property for a new store. A resolution was passed re share capital — all members must have \$100.00 in shares before cash payment on patronage dividends.

In May 1949 Mr. J. Coffey became our new manager. Mr. Ollie Bredeson sold the Co-op a house for \$3,000.00 which was used as the store manager's residence.

Co-op Store on East Side of Main Street

Expansion was discussed and passed by the membership at the Annual Meeting on March 5, 1949. A committee of Bob Mohrmann, Henry Loitz and Carl Gallatin was authorized to purchase two lots from the U.F.A. for the sum of \$2,500.00. This was the site of the Town (U.F.A.) Hall which was destroyed by fire.

At the June 14, 1949 meeting it was decided to borrow money at 4% interest from Co-op members to help pay for the cost of building. It was agreed by the Co-op and Avarad Oulton, who was building next door, to have a common wall to save costs to both parties. Cement was scarce at the time, but blocks were plentiful, so the buildings walls and basement were made of blocks. In later years when the street was packed for paving, the west wall had to be reinforced. Al Schulte was in charge of construction for a cost of \$28,000.00

The store opened October 24, 1949.

Up to 1957 there were the usual problems of two minor break-ins, a leaking roof, and some small upgrading. The stoker for the coal furnace malfunctioned and caught fire, causing considerable smoke damage.

Management Services with Alberta Co-op Wholesale

Association were cancelled in April of 1957.

Maximum amounts of donations to groups, authorized by the board, was \$2.00.

Sales advertisements were to be put in the local paper every two weeks in 1959. An agreement with A.C.W.A. was struck to sell fertilizers on consignment.

In 1960 A.C.W.A. was amalgamated with Federated Co-operatives of Saskatoon.

A board room in the basement was made available in January 1961 for the use of the Co-op Guild.

The finance committee took an option on land, which was owned by Mr. Schneider, for a lumber yard.

The annual meeting of 1961 took the form of a Smorgasbord with a meeting to follow and has maintained that format to date.

June 1, 1961 saw the opening of a fresh meat department.

The basement was renovated for hardware, small gift items and all dry goods, and opened in September, 1961.

New double pane windows were installed, doors to go with the new entrance, and a stairway leading to the basement. A coffee bar was installed on the north side.

Land was purchased for a fertilizer complex south of the railroad tracks and F.C.L. built

a shed in November, 1965.

In November, 1966, plans for a Service Centre were approved. This opened July-August, 1968.

The large fertilizer warehouse plans were approved in November, 1967.

Busby Co-op asked to amalgamate with Barrhead. Rich Valley and Mayerthorpe were also interested in amalgamation, but after investigation, the Board decided it was not feasible.

In 1970, the decision was made to open a petroleum outlet. There was also discussion on a new store.

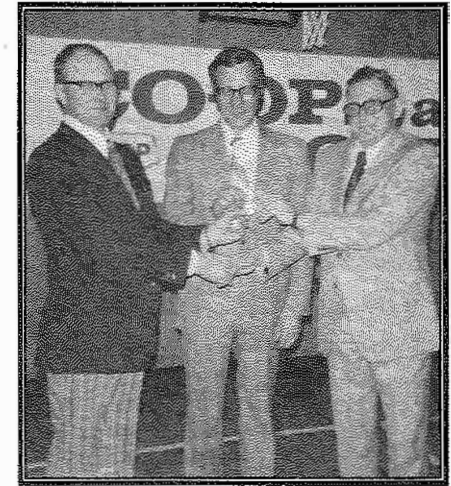
The north side of the service centre was to be extended.

In March, 1973, the fertilizer sheds and equipment, owned by F.C.L., were purchased outright by the Barrhead Co-op Ltd. Also in 1973, the tires, batteries and accessories department was opened May 1st, and land was purchased from Jack Koch for the service center.

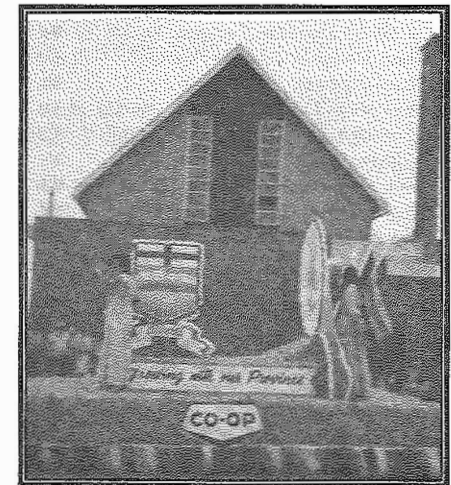
March 5, 1974 the mortgage of the uptown store was burned at the annual meeting. Land was purchased for the new store.

The year 1975 was busy with plans and financing, via bonds, debentures, mortgages and loans for the construction of the new store.

We were saddened by the sudden death of manager Ernie Kulmatyski in June, 1975. Larry Rupert was hired by the board as new manager.



*Pin presentation.
Left to right: Allan Geis, Ernie
Kulmatyski, Leonard Lindquist*



*Co-op float
with Catholic Church in background*

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

BARRHEAD CO-OP

Our final effort to clear out the last of the dead stock left over from our old store!

Most of these goods are dirty, some are faded and none are worth the original prices. But at our sale prices, good worth-while value is represented. Most stores have "shop worn" or "shelf worn" goods but most of ours is "mouse worn" having been slept on by mice for "God only knows how long." And everything is going to be moved out even if we have to burn the items that our customers won't buy!

ONE DAY ONLY
SATURDAY, Jan. 28th

2 bolts Blue Seersucker reg. 50c yd.	yd. 39c	15 mens Doeskin Jackets zipper and buffalo fronts 2 tone and plain colors reg. 2.95 to 3.95	1.50
1 bolt Blue Cotton Twill reg. 50c yd.	yd. 25c	12 mens Checked Jackets all wool, zipper front reg. 8.75	\$4
1 bolt Light Cotton Twill reg. 59c yd.	yd. 45c	5 mens odd line Jackets reg. 4.55 to \$8	\$3
1 bolt White Cotton reg. 45c yd.	yd. 29c	10 mens Jackets some lined, some wool reg. 3.95 - 7.50	\$2
3 ladies white wool Head Shawls reg. 75c	45c	3 mens brushed wool Sweaters reg. 5.95	\$3
2 girls Parka Hoods reg. 75c	25c	2 mens Sport Shirts 100% virgin wool reg. 10.50	\$2
16 girls Parka Hoods some fur trimmed reg. 1.25	50c	13 mens brown Dress Shirts sanforized reg. 3.50	\$2
10 childrens Wool Scarves gay colored reg. 96c	75c	2 mens striped Dress Shirts size 15 reg. 1.95	75c
4 ladies 2 tone Coats wool blanket cloth 5.25 - 8.50	\$4	24 mens Sweaters some pull-overs, some zipper front plain and 2 tone reg. 3.75 to 6.95	2.50
5 pair ladies white cotton Bloomers reg. 95c	50c	8 mens sleeveless wool Sweaters reg. 3.15	75c
6 pair ladies crepe Silk Stockings reg. \$1	50c	4 mens striped Overall Smocks reg. 4.60	3.50
2 ladies "Dorsay" Jersey Dresses reg. 12.95	8.95	7 mens striped Bib Overalls reg. 4.95	3.50
1 ladies Coat size 16, words will not properly describe this monstrosity reg. 27.95	\$5	2 pair mens Khaki Coveralls reg. 6.75	\$4
34 boys Wool Sweaters reg. \$2 to 4.50	1.50	13 pair mens Breeches assorted styles reg. 5.95	\$2
24 boys unlined Doeskin Jackets reg. 2.55	\$1	12 pair mens Brown Dress Pants reg. 5.45	\$1
4 boys lined Doeskin Jackets reg. 4.10	1.50	18 pair mens cotton Dress Pants reg. 2.95-4.95	\$1
6 boys Wool Jackets reg. 4.95	\$2	6 pair mens heavy wool Winter Pants 7.95	\$4
20 pair boys wool Dress Trousers reg. 4.95	2.50	24 pair mens "poor" Dress Trousers 7.95-12.95	\$5
5 boys all wool zipper Jackets 2 tone reg. 7.95	\$3	6 pair mens "poorer" Dress Trousers \$3-\$6	\$1
5 boys Pullover Jackets all wool reg. 5.75	\$3	3 mens wool worsted 3 pce. Suits brown, 2 size 40 1 size 42 reg. \$39	\$25
19 pair boys Dress Trousers reg. 4.25 to 4.95	\$2		
3 boys long wool Dress Coats reg. 12.50	\$5		
2 boys Wool Suits sizes 31, 32 reg. 14.50	7.50		
100 only Towels 18"x36" each	39c	A few 4 oz. hanks 4 ply Wool each	40c

GROCERIES

1 gal. Orange Nectar Syrup Reg. 3.50	50c	Gibsons Face Tissue Reg. 3 for 50c	3 for 39c
8 gals. Mince Meat in glass Reg. 2.00	1.35	Choice Tomatoes 28 oz. 2 for 39c	case 4.75
100 1/2 gal. jars Honey jar plus 5lb. honey Reg. 1.50	69c	30- 1 gal. tins Choice Prune Plums	each 75c
FOR ONE DAY ONLY! Nabob Coffee 3 lbs.	2.60	Choice Prune Plums 20 oz. tins	2 for 29c
KAM Special Price 2 for	73c	Choice Tomatoe Juice 20 oz. tins	2 for 25c
Co-op Red Label Coffee	3 lbs. 2.50		

NOTE- If weather is 40 below or colder, we will serve ice cream and frozen strawberries to all of you who must stand in line to get in the doors.

BARRHEAD CO-OP

Phone 48 Jean Coffey, Manager Free Delivery

Leader Ad, dated January 19th, 1950

BARRHEAD CO-OP

Weekend Specials For
Saturday, March 4th, 1950

SOAP FLAKES- Maple Leaf, Princess, Chipso, Super Suds	
Giant reg. 75c to 90c	sale 65c
Large reg. 38c	sale 30c
Toilet Soap Maple Leaf and Odex	reg. 10c 3 for 25c
Toilet Soap Cashmere Bouquet	reg. 15c 2 for 25c
Toilet Soap Ivory Personal & Giant	reg. 10c and 20c
	3 for 25c & 2 for 25c
Hand Cleaners Linx and Flaxoap	reg. 35c 20c
Bleach Javel & Javex	2 for 25c
Water Softener	reg. 15c 5c
Wall & Flour Cleaners Linx, Champ, Solvental tin	20c
Sodas Barkers and I.B.C.	2 lb. pkg. 50c
Prairie Maid Cereal Like Sunny Boy	reg. 45c 25c
Witrim Baby Cereal	reg. 49c 25c
Roman Meal	reg. 35c 25c
Cheese Brookfield, Peerless, Maple Leaf reg. 1.10	2 lbs. 85c
Cheese Brookfield, Goldenloaf, Maple Leaf reg. 29c	1/2 lb. 22c
Blue Ribbon Coffee	3 lbs. 2.25
PEAS Ungraded and size 4	Special 2 tins 27c

Our hardware stock is being built up every week with new supplies arriving steadily. We hope you will take full advantage of your Co-op store to purchase all your hardware needs as well as groceries and dry goods. Our hardware specialist, Leo Beebe, is here to serve your needs, so please bring your problems to him.

A full line of Guffa Percha 1st Grade Tires & Tubes at Reduced Prices
Also a 32 volt Co-op Washer at \$110. Electric Waffle Irons, Toasters, Hot plates and Irons at 20 p.c. Off.

Phone 48

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

Free Delivery

Leader Ad

Co-op Service Centre

Manager Allan Fretts was a great sales promoter. In later years of his stay at Barrhead he pushed fertilizer sales. This was Indian brand bag fertilizer manufactured by Consolidated Mining and Smelting for the western Wheat Pools, and F.C.L. The Barrhead Co-op and a few other co-ops in Alberta lead sales of fertilizer through the Co-op retails. As we, at Barrhead, were handling fertilizer on an off car basis it was decided that the Co-op should look into some type of facility for bulk and bags. The area west of the U.G.G. elevator to the rail crossing was looked at. Study showed the area to be too small for any development other than fertilizer.

About this time the need for an addition to the main street store caused the board to rent land on the south side of N.A.R. tracks, and next to the west crossing. The warehouse from behind the store was moved to this property, and also a shed was built. These sheds are still in use by the Wheat Pool. These warehouses being on trackage enabled the Co-op to bring in cars of bag fertilizer and some lumber, as well as truck lots of salt, feed, grass seed, barbed wire, posts, etc. The sales from these commodities were very encouraging, and indicated that bigger and better buildings were needed.

About 1965 F.C.L. and the Western Wheat Pools formed Western Co-op Fertilizer and built a plant in Calgary. F.C.L. was promoting bulk and bag fertilizer sales. They implemented a policy whereby F.C.L. would build bulk and bag storage for the use of the local retail Co-op if the board would supply land which was on trackage. In 1966 Barrhead Co-op purchased land from Curly Goheen, where the present service centre and lumber yard are located. The initial five acres was in the form of a triangle minus a half acre in the southwest corner. The half acre in the corner

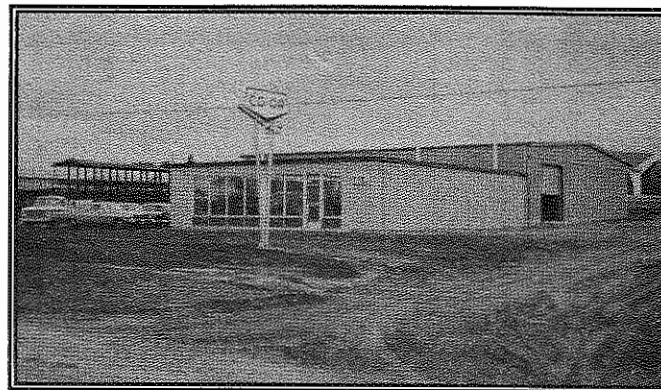
was owned by Jack Koch, and he was not prepared to sell at that time. However, the co-op board was offered a rectangular two acre plot south of the eastern part of the triangle. This purchase proved to be a wise decision as it gave a much larger working area in the back.

In the spring of 1967 F.C.L. built the bulk fertilizer storage, and soon after, the bag fertilizer storage. Now Barrhead Co-op was in the fertilizer business, with the only bulk facility in town, serviced by a spur track on the property. Sales were excellent the first few years.

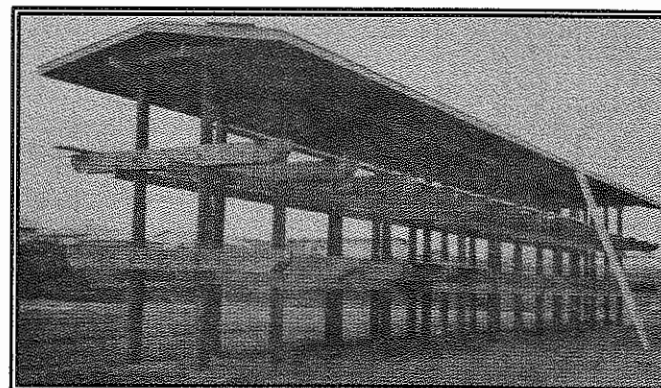
F.C.L. began to encourage service centre types of business in the rural retails. With the success of our small sales area at the west end of town, and also with the land already acquired, the board was interested. They circulated questionnaires to the membership. Response was positive, and work on plans was started. Financing was supplied by the Barrhead Co-op membership through the purchase of 15 year debenture certificates, and a F.C.L. Service Centre loan. Board members, with the help of many of the membership, did an excellent job of canvassing members for finances and also selling the idea of the service centre.

F.C.L.'s construction department was hired as general contractor. The steel warehouse was built as it stands today. It is believed to be the first steel building of its kind in Barrhead. The sales area itself was a little less than half the present size. Also in the package was a tree shed for lumber. This was a structure designed to house fork lifts of lumber individually, up to three lifts high with a roof covering.

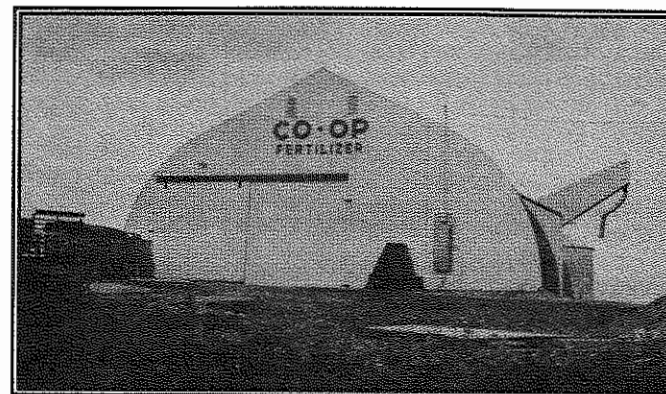
The grand opening was in the fall of 1968. Many comments were heard, both pro and con, on the merits of opening a service centre south of the tracks.



Original Service Centre



Lumber tree shed



Bulk fertilizer storage

Barrhead Co-op now had facilities to handle hardware, lumber, fencing materials, feed and fertilizer.

Manager, Ray Beedle, hired Stan Bezushko as service centre manager. Sales soon exceeded expectations. In fact the financing proved to be inadequate, because of the demand by members for additional types of merchandise. An additional loan from F.C.L. was acquired to help finance the additional inventory.

By the fall of 1970 it became evident that the sales area was far too small. The Service Centre building was expanded to its present size. This provided space for a tire bay and additional heated storage.

As the 15 year agreement between U.F.A. and A.C.W.A. re petroleum and consumer goods had expired, Barrhead decided to enter the petroleum field. Two retail pumps were placed in front of the Service Centre, bulk fuel tanks at the rear of the acreage, and an oil shed. A new fuel truck was purchased for bulk delivery. F.C.L. had a petroleum financing policy which enabled the Co-op to get into the field. This move enabled Barrhead to get acceptable patronage refunds on petroleum from the Co-op Refinery in Regina.

By 1972, once again, expansion was desirable. This time a small T.B.A. (tires, batteries, accessories) sales and storage building was built on the north side of the service centre. The retail pumps were moved to the front of the T.B.A. This move created a new department with auto items, batteries, tires, retail pumps and bulk fuel deliveries. For many years sales were good, and earnings were the best in the Co-op. As money became scarce because of other priorities the centre lacked any major upgrading.

A new fork lift and other equipment was bought in 1991. That same year plans were made for a major upgrading consisting of the sales area being enlarged by taking in the tire bay and storage area. The T.B.A. building was taken over for hardware storage. In the meantime a new gas bar was built between the Centre and

the department store. Further to this the main traffic area was paved. In all, the old place doesn't seem the same. Sales have shown that members like what they see. Most departments have had good increases, especially at the retail pumps.

In retrospect it would seem that the initial move south of the track in 1966 was a very good one for the Barrhead Co-op.

Co-op To Open New Building August 16th

The official opening of the new Barrhead Co-op Service Centre is another milestone in Co-op service in the Barrhead district and features a number of firsts in service and design.

The main warehouse (opposite the Creamery) is the first all-metal clear-span building, 80x70 ft., to be built in Barrhead.

One feature is that this is the first time in this area that a fork lift and pallet system will be used to handle most of the merchandise. The 6,000 pound fork lift will make fast and easy handling of all of the heavy merchandise such as lumber, feeds, plywood, etc.

The new facility features the first "tree shed" for the storage of dimension lumber.

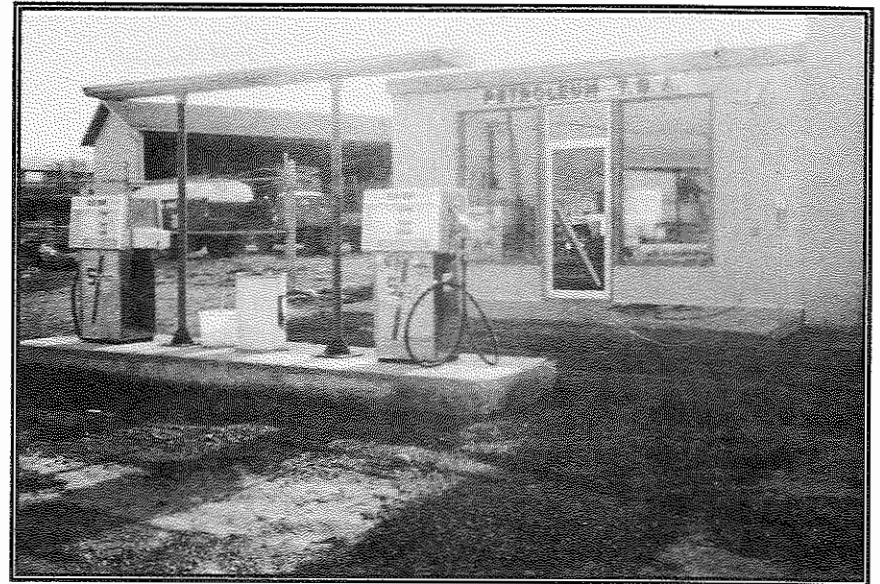
The 500-ton capacity fertilizer warehouse, which was built last fall, is the first of its kind in this area and has proved to be a much needed service here.

A modern sales area of 45x60 ft. will carry items such as farm and builders' hardware, paint and floor coverings, etc. It is set up to make your shopping easy by being attractively displayed.

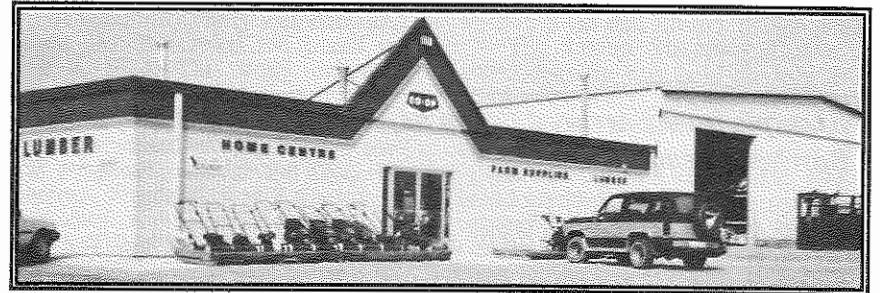
This Total Complex is located on six acres of land which provides plenty of parking space as well as room for future expansion.

In setting up a venture of this magnitude it is quite evident that the members of the Barrhead District Co-op Association are truly community builders and have faith in the future of their own community.

...article in the Barrhead Leader



Co-op gas pumps, T.B.A. department, 1974



Service Centre after renovations in 1992

That's Not My Job

This is the story about four people named Everybody, Somebody, Anybody and Nobody. There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it. Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it. Somebody got angry about that, because it was Everybody's job. Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody wouldn't do it. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.

Barrhead Co-op Shopping Centre

In the early 1970's the Co-op experienced prosperous times, and sales and business grew. At the Feb., 1974 meeting with the auditors, while reviewing the years operations, it was pointed out that they were now doing more business per square foot than was economically feasible. They were also advised that maybe they should be thinking of expansion.

The directors at this time were Leonard Lindquist, Margaret Barton, Harvey Bentz, Norman Bakker, Thomas Dodgson, Allan Geis, William (Rod) Wallace, Raymond Meunier, and Douglas Horn.

As these directors were progressive minded, a motion was made at the regular Feb. 1974 meeting asking F.C.L. development for a feasibility study on expansion in Barrhead.

A feasibility study was done and Bruno Hofelt briefed the board on June 6, 1974. This study indicated that Barrhead was definitely large enough to support a shopping centre. Bruno presented information on several proposed sites at the Oct. 4th meeting. Available was 1.4 acres of land south of the service centre property, however, due to a sewer easement on the building site, discussions ceased until more land was bought. By March the land purchases were completed.

In February an inquiry survey was done on the new property (Wahl's).

At the March 3, 1975 meeting a motion was made to approve plans for the new shopping centre.

By May it was clear that the plans had to be extended from 25,000 sq. ft. to 32,000 sq. ft. The preliminary plans were completed by June.

In June, manager Ernie Kulmatyski passed away very suddenly. This was a tremendous shock to all who worked with him. He was very much missed by all.

The board contacted F.C.L. asking their assistance in finding a reli-

able manager. They suggested Larry Rupert. After interviewing Larry, the board hired him as general manager. During July, and by August 21, the financing for the project was completed.

By Sept. 15 building tenders were called, and shortly afterward site preparation started. Site preparation cost more than expected because of wet saturated ground. Laying of the cement pad for the floor went well, and the walls were erected very quickly as they were precast concrete. The building was roofed in in November. During the winter the various subtrades completed their work. At the May, 1976 meeting the board decided to have the member with the lowest share number cut the ribbon at the opening. Mrs. L. Brade with share number 2 cut that ribbon.

The Co-op Shopping Centre's grand opening was held on July 21, 1976, featuring grocery, produce, meat, bakery, drygoods, and furniture departments, and a cafeteria.

It was decided at the Sept. 1977 board meeting that a garden centre be opened in the spring of 1978, and the Co-op has carried on this service every spring since.

As both Westlock and Barrhead stores were moving a fair amount of appliances, it was suggested at the Dec. 20, 1979 board meeting that a service shop to provide better service and warranty work be provided. By mid March, 1980 a bay in the Sveen building was rented and provided that service. By November it was clear that this department was not making its way and it was closed Nov. 15, 1980.

The drygoods and furniture departments were struggling to operate in the black in 1982 and the board was looking at better ways to use the shopping centre to provide services. By Nov. 24, 1983 contracts were let for renovations which would increase food floor space by 3,100 sq. ft., and



New gas bar, 1992

Excerpts from Barrhead Co-op ad, January 28th, 1950, in the Barrhead Leader...

Most of these goods are dirty, some are faded and none are worth the original prices. But at our sale prices, good worthwhile value is represented. Most stores have "shop worn" or "shelf worn" goods but most of ours is "mouse worn" having been slept on by mice for "God only knows how long." And everything is going to be moved out even if we have to burn the items that our customers won't buy!

NOTE: If weather is 40 below or colder, we will serve ice cream and frozen strawberries to all of you who must stand in line to get in the doors.

cafeteria by 500 sq. ft. At this time furniture was eliminated and dry-goods remained.

Drygoods continued to be weak and was replaced by a drug department. The grand opening was held in Dec. 1988. This department was well received and is doing well.

The Barrhead Co-op Shopping Centre from its opening in July, 1976 to the present time has served the needs and wishes of the community well, and hopes to continue this service for many years to come.



Grand Opening of the drug store, December 1988



Drug Store, 1988



Produce Display

Stan Barton says, "If nothing else we've had a lot of fun playing store."



Parking Lot and Store, January 1994

Barrhead Co-op Westlock Branch

In 1974 word came via F.C.L. to Co-op general manager Ernie Kulmatyski that the Lindahl store in Westlock was for sale. With that information the manager and some of the board members went to have a look at it.

There were some people in the Westlock area that would have liked to see a Co-op store located there, but were unable to get into a venture of this sort by themselves and without assistance.

F.C.L. strongly proposed a branch of Barrhead Co-op be established and that a complete shopping centre be built there.

In the meantime manager Ernie Kulmatyski passed away in 1975, and Barrhead was without a manager for a time until Larry Rupert was hired.

In 1976 a feasibility study was done on the shopping area of Westlock which showed it to be a very viable area of operations.

A number of meetings were held in Westlock and an interim board was set up consisting of Louie Paquette and Gilbert Pollard, also a steering committee with the following members: Mike Myziuk, Don Lang, Andy Wynnychuk, Albert Calkins, Sardin Semeniuk, Dorine Scott, Joe Moreau, Lawrence Rimmer, Joe Fuchs, Wally Ford, and Jim Edwards for the Westlock area.

Financing had to be set up and a debenture drive was undertaken with board members from

Westlock and Barrhead working in pairs to canvas the Westlock area. With the goal being reached in debenture sales, the next step was that F.C.L. had a private developer that would build the shopping centre and this co-op would rent this facility with an option to purchase. The rental rates were tied to the inflation rates of those years and started at \$4.50 per sq. ft.

The Westlock Mall had its grand opening in March of 1979 with a total area of nearly 66,000 sq. ft. The Co-op rented 40,000 sq. ft. of the mall area. Then, in June of 1990, after about 11 years of operation, it was found to be an uneconomical venture with rental rates having nearly doubled at \$8.50 per sq. ft., and the high interest rates prime plus two per cent. The board and management saw fit to close this operation.

There was a fair response and loyalty to the Co-op by the Westlock area people, but not quite up to what the feasibility study had suggested.

In the late 1970's and the early eighties we were told that if you were not expanding you were standing still and if you were standing still you were actually going backwards.

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

The Barrhead Co-operative Women's Guild

The Guild was inspired by Mrs. Russell Sparling during the period when her husband was working out of Edmonton as a District Representative for the Barrhead Co-op. This motivation to start a guild in Barrhead was carried out by Billie Mohrmann and Margaret Barton. An organizational meeting was held at the home of Billie (Mrs. Bob) Mohrmann, on May 29, 1953.

Mrs. Russell Love and Mrs. C.C. Gant came from Edmonton to explain about the guild and its purpose. After a lengthy discussion it was voted to form a guild. Mrs. Evelyn Davis (now Horn) was secretary-treasurer, Margaret Barton was president, Billie Mohrmann was vice-president and Lois Burke was Educational Convenor. This was the first guild to be formed in Alberta.

On Nov. 19, 1953 another meeting was held in the banquet room of the Stehelin Auditorium. The Co-op Store manager, Merv Hill, was invited to speak. A successful meeting was held and 16 ladies joined; Margaret Barton, Evelyn Davis, Billie Mohrmann, Lois Burke, Susie Burke, Helen Smith, Agatha Kalmbach, Bessie Wright, Mrs. Merv Hill, Mildred Litke, Philippine Albers, Miriam Slaughter, Peggy Thompson, Mary Staniland, Mrs. Dan McKeeman Sr., and Alma McKeeman. Four of our chartered members are still with us; Susie Burke, Evelyn Horn, Lois Burke, and Margaret Barton. Before her death, Miriam Slaughter was made an Honorary Member for

life. Each meeting was opened by repeating the...

Co-operative Guild 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.

Many of the members lived 25 miles apart, so a suitable meeting place was a real problem. Having them in the homes did not seem to work out, so meetings were held in the boardroom of the store, and later back in the homes. Many picnics were held on meeting days. For perfect first year attendance a Co-op pin was presented, and a Co-op spoon thereafter.

The main objective of the guild was to help the Co-op Store whenever possible, serving coffee, helping with promotional and educational programs, and giving demonstrations. The Co-op board donated \$25.00 to get a book rental project started. It earned quite a nice sum of money, proceeds of which were donated to charity including the local hospital and nursing homes. The books were later donated to the Senior Citizens Drop In Centre as there was no space for them in the new store.

In their infancy there were many study sessions on co-op principles, co-op labeling, credit unions, women and the law, just to

mention a few. The guild assisted the Public Relations Department of Federated Co-op by sponsoring baking contests for the young people, by co-op label testing, and by touring co-op warehouses where they were treated to a free meal. The guild catered to many of the Co-op annual meeting suppers, served coffee on many occasions, helped with pancake breakfasts, with wieners and coke promotions, held workshops, and had several house warmings.

In later years young people were sponsored to Gold Eye Camp. Members visited and played bingo at the Nursing Home and Hillcrest Lodge. Every two weeks the Co-op Store donated fresh fruit which the guild delivered to the Hillcrest Lodge and Nursing Home.

Co-op consumer information books, which were provided by the Membership Relations of the F.C.L. for customer reading, were delivered by the guild to various

offices in town. Several 4-H trophies were donated, also Student of the Year trophies for the grade ten student with the highest marks.

Susie Burke, a guild member, was in charge of the thrift shop in the basement of the Co-op Store. There was no rental fee, but due to overcrowding the thrift shop had to find a new location.

In 1973, in commemoration of their 20th year, Federated Co-op presented the 20th year Guild Plaque.

The local guild's annual meeting was held in November, and at that time a turkey supper was prepared by the members. A gift exchange took place at these meetings.

One summer a school bus was hired for tours to the Muttart Conservatory, Storyland Valley Zoo, and Fort Edmonton Museum.

In 1976, in memory of Philippine Albers, a beautiful oil



Thirtieth Anniversary of Guild, 1983. Back, left to right: Marge Carlson, Edna Wallace, Agatha Kalmbach, Emma Bakker, Joan Desrochers, Susie Burke, Rose Vandervaate, Lillian Skirrow. Front, left to right: Lavern Brinton, Olga Heberling, Margaret Barton, Mrs. Slaughter, Katie Bentz, and Mary Barton.

painting by Carol Brinton, was presented to the Home of New Hope.

In memory of Olga Heberling, two new Bibles were presented to St. John's Lutheran Church, and some church music was presented in memory of Emma Bakker. Also, in memory of Edna Wallace, two hymn books were donated to the United Church.

The Barrhead Guild also belonged to the Provincial Guild of which Margaret Barton was president for many years, up to, and including, the time the guild folded in March, 1987. Conventions, which were fun to attend, were held in the various cities and towns, each one taking their turn. The last executive of the Provincial Guild included Margaret Barton as president, Alice Verhaest as treasurer, Marg Carlson of Barrhead as secretary, and Marge Marsh of Medicine Hat as vice chairman. Alice Verhaest

and Mary Deering from Medicine Hat were signing authorities. The balance of their money was donated to the Women's Shelters in Medicine Hat and Red Deer.

There were only three guilds left in Alberta at this time. Barrhead Guild continued until Sept 29, 1989 when it was decided that they would also disband. It seemed they were no longer needed by the Co-op Store, and with no new members, the ladies were getting tired of working. The balance of their money was donated to the food bank in Barrhead.

The last executive for the Barrhead Guild was: President, Katie Bentz; Vice-president, Lavern Brinton; Treasurer, Lillian Skirrow; Secretary, Margaret Carlson.



Co-op Guild members, 1977. Back, left to right: Katie Bentz, Lavern Brinton, Lillian Skirrow, Joan Desrochers, Olga Heberling, Emma Bakker, Agatha Kalmbach. Front, left to right: Margaret Barton, Edna Wallace, Edna Ernst, and Susie Burke. Missing is Rose Vandervaate.

If something is urgent, do it yourself. If you have time, delegate it. If you have forever, form a committee.

THE GUILD

The Women's Co-operative Guild is an organization of co-operatively minded women banded together to further their knowledge and understanding of the Co-operative Movement so that they in turn may pass this knowledge on to others and help in the well-rounded development of the movement.

OBJECTIVES

- (a) To unite women in the study of consumer and producer problems.
- (b) To spread and promote progressive understanding of the Co-operative Movement.
- (c) To increase volume of consumer buying and producer selling through co-operative channels.
- (d) To promote the interests of the Co-operative Union and the Federation of Agriculture.

HOW DOES THE GUILD ENDEAVOR TO CARRY OUT THESE OBJECTIVES?

- 1 To take an active part in the Co-operatives in their Districts.
- 2 To become Shareholders (Members in their own right).
3. To attend meeting and take part in the discussion.
4. To serve on committees.
5. To accept office.
6. By working with other guildswoman throughout the world and thus help to build worldwide Co-operation.
7. By urging women to help

spread the ideas and principles of co-operation in their homes and in the community by:

- (a) Training their children in these ideals and principles.
- (b) Taking an active part or giving leadership to any activity that will help to build their community into a better place in which to live and bring up children. Here they can demonstrate that co-operation is a "Way of Life" and not just another way of doing business...that is: has a social and spiritual side as well as a commercial.
- (c) Working for World Peace because whatever affects the home, whether war or building the peace is the concern of women — therefore, as Co-operative women, we must work unceasingly for Peace through International Co-operation.

Swap Session

It's too bad we can't exchange problems.
It would be so beneficial and wise...
After all, it's a simple matter
To solve the other guys.

All things come to he who waiteth
— if he worketh like heck while
he waiteth.

All too often opportunity presents
itself disguised as hard work.

Co-op Staff

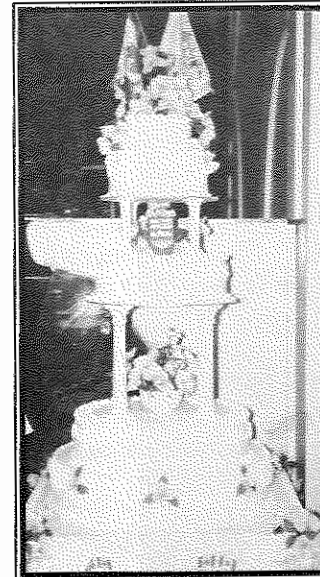
We are sure that many readers of this history booklet will wonder why there is not a list of staff members to compliment the other lists. Unfortunately there are no employment records available for most of the past years. No one director or group of members could possibly recall in detail a complete list of all employees. Rather than offend some by unintentional omission, it was decided to dispense with a listing.

Some co-op members get to know individual staff better than managers and directors. Weekly, or more frequent shopping, enables staff and customers to become well acquainted. As member customers we appreciate the many services that are offered to us. These are some of the little extras that Co-op customers tend to expect from their organization

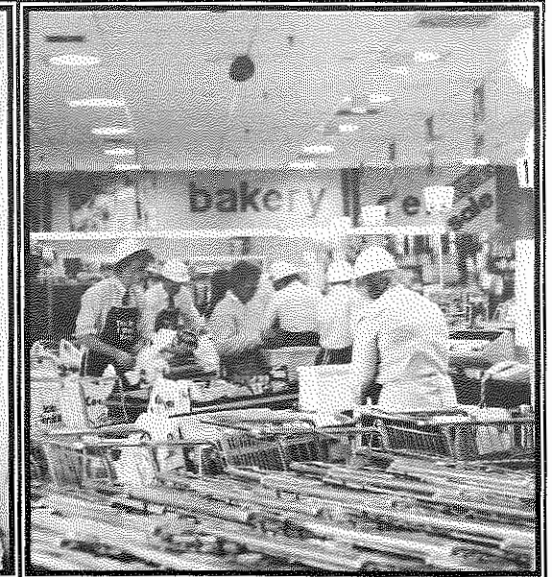
— service with a smile, prompt attention at the office, deliveries made on time, service in the lumberyard, deliveries of supplies to what are often inconvenient construction sites, and quick and efficient service at the gas bar. Grocery carry out and long service cashiers remembering share numbers are bonus services received by customers.

Not to be forgotten are the department managers and senior staff who are ready to help customers with some particular problem, whether they be in the main store, service center or gas bar.

With this small write-up we hope member customers will appreciate the role staff has played in the 50 years of Co-op business. Please make our anniversary year a time to say thanks to your favorite staff members.



Cake decorated
by the bakery department



Check-out counters



Staff Christmas Party, 1993

Co-operating with our Community

A vital ingredient to the success of any business venture is the active and visible participation in community activities and organizations. Being a good "Corporate Citizen" means accepting the responsibility of giving something back to the community within which you generate your livelihood.

Although contributions must be balanced within a budget, and carefully monitored as to what is fair to all concerned, it has been the policy of the Barrhead District Co-op for most of its 50 years to provide assistance, whenever and wherever possible, to all worthy causes including fire victims.

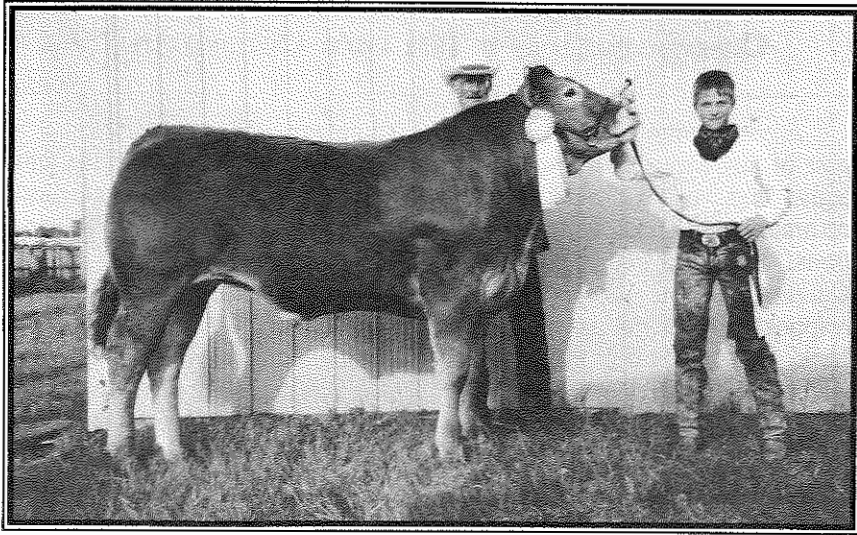
Primary emphasis has always been with the youth. This is best illustrated by the long history of our association with the 4-H movement which is extremely active in the Barrhead area. For instance, the Co-op has always been a major purchaser of 4-H calves at Achievement day. The Co-op has also been sponsoring young people to the Co-operative Youth Seminars at Camp Goldeye for well over 20 years. Whenever possible uniforms have been purchased for minor hockey and minor baseball and significant contributions have been made to figure skating and other

sports organizations.

Church groups, service clubs and other non-profit organizations have benefitted through the use of the shopping centre foyer for bake and craft sales, raffles, and information displays. In the course of a year approximately 150 - 200 merchandise donations are made to community functions for door prizes, auction sales awards and fund-raising projects. Hundreds of pounds of wieners and dozens of hotdog buns are supplied for school projects each year. At times fund-raising, combined with public relations activities, such as our popular "Loonie Breakfast," have helped support causes like the food bank, Santa's toy box, junior achievement, victim services, summer games, etc.

However, perhaps the best contribution a corporate citizen can make is to become involved. Throughout its history, management and staff have been encouraged to join community service clubs and assist with organizations, such as the Chamber of Commerce, Fire Department, Scouts, Minor Hockey, and church groups. By co-operating with the community of Barrhead, the Barrhead District Co-op will continue to grow and prosper.

The most gracious person in the room is the one who makes it a point not to say anything that will make a member of the group wish he were somewhere else.



4-H calf purchased by the Co-op



Hockey sweaters donated by the Co-op

IT CAN'T BE DONE

The man who misses all the fun
Is he who says "It can't be done."
In solemn pride he stands aloof
And greets each venture with reproof.

Had he the power he'd efface,
The history of the human race;

We'd have no radio, bus or cars
No streets lit by electric stars.

No telegraph nor telephone,
We'd linger in the age of stone.
The world would sleep if things were run
By men who say "It can't be done."

Secretaries

Andrews, George
Barton, Frank
Barton, Margaret
Bentz, Harvey
Harden, Mrs.
Hauch, Herman
Horn, Evelyn Davis
Littke, A.W.
Macaulay, Karen
Samuel, Ed.
Shipton, Allan
Wahl, Karl

Presidents

Anderson, Hubert
Barton, Stan
Bentz, John
Burke, Carl
Gallatin, Carl
Geis, Don
Lindquist, Leonard
MacKenzie, Dave
McMillan, Don
Rendfleisch, Ed.
Roberts, Evan
Scott, Dorine
Skirrow, Art
Thompson, W.S.
Wallace, Wm. (Rod)
Weisgerber, Ed.

A.C.W.A.

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Wholesale

Association)

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Arndt, M.
Baier, Bill
Bakker, Norman
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Barton, Stan
Barton, Steve
Bentz, Harvey
Bredeson, J.
Brown, Lyle
Burke, A.
Burke, Carl
Burke, Herman
Davis (Horn), Evelyn
Dodgson, A.
Dodgson, Tom
Enders, E.
Foster, Tom
Gallatin, Carl
Gallatin, E.
Geis, Allan
Geis, Don
Harden, Lloyd

Hauch, Adam
Hauch, Herman
Heberling, Andy
Hofmann, Doreen
Horn, Doug
Hutchison, John
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Kilshaw, Wm. T.C.
LaBonte, Wanda
Lindquist, Leonard
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Loitz, Henry
Macaulay, Karen
MacKenzie, Dave
McKeeman, Dan
McLean, Bill
McMillan, Don
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Meunier, Ray
Miller, Lawrence
Mohrmann, R.E.
Mueller, R.A.
O'Brien, Gilmour
Pollard, Gilbert
Rendfleisch, Ed
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Ronaasen, P.
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Schalm, William
Schneider, S.
Scott, Dorine
Seater, Bill
Selles, Peter
Shield, Dixon
Shipton, Allan
Skirrow, Art
Skowronski, Mike
Smith, Joe
Sutherland, Wm.
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Thompson, G.B.
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Tiemstra, A.
Tomm, Oscar
Wahl, Karl
Walker, W.C.
Wallace, Florence
Wallace, Robin
Wallace, Wm. (Rod)
Weeks, Norman
Weisgerber, Ed
Wimmer, Erwin
Wynnychuck, Andy

Managers

Carl Burke.....	April 1944 - Oct. 1946
Martin Hauca.....	Oct. 1946 - May 1949
Jesse Coffey.....	May 1949 - July 1950
Russ. Sparling.....	July 1950 - June 1951
Merv. Hill.....	July 1951 - March 31, 1955
Bob Umari.....	Sept. 1955 - April 1956
Russ. Sparling.....	May 1956 - Oct. 1958
O. Djuve.....	Nov. 1958 - April 1960
Alan Fretts.....	May 1960 - April 1964
Ben Rudolfson.....	Aug. 1964 - Dec. 1965
Ray Beedle.....	Jan. 1967 - April 1971
Ernie Kulmatyski.....	May 1971 - June 1975
Larry Rupert.....	Sept. 1975 - March 1984
Bob Rode.....	April 1984 - Dec. 1986
Gerry St. Pierre.....	Feb. 1987 - present

#1 The number one news item of the year in Barrhead was the very successful hosting of the Zone V Alberta Summer Games which were staged here on a nice weekend in July.



An event of this magnitude just does not happen without a successful plan devised by those responsible, and carried out by the hundreds of volunteers who participated.

Therefore, the *Barrhead Leader* has picked Gerry St. Pierre and the more than 600 volunteers who helped with the planning and staging of the Summer Games as the Number One Newsmaker of the Year.

Just to give an example of how well the games we organized, and the confidence St. Pierre had in his staff, a *Leader* reporter spotted Gerry golfing in the rain the evening before the games began.

...as published in the *Barrhead Leader*

The successful man keeps looking for work after he has found a job.

You can't spend a lifetime just going along for the ride.
Sooner or later, you'll have to help pull the wagon.

The Guy in the Glass

When you get what you want in your struggle in life
And the world crowns you king for a day
Then go to the mirror and look at yourself,
And see what that guy has to say.

For it isn't your father, or mother, or wife,
Whom judgement upon you must pass —
The fellow whose verdict counts most in your life —
Is the guy staring back from the glass.

He's the fellow to please; never mind all the rest.
For he's with you right up to the end:
And you've passed your most dangerous, difficult test,
If the guy in the glass is your friend.

You may be like Jack Horner and "Chisel" a plum.
And think you're a wonderful guy --
But the man in the glass says you're only a bum.
If you can't look him straight in the eye.

You may fool the whole world down the pathway of years,
And get pats on the back as you pass;
But your final reward will be heartaches and tears,
If you've cheated the man in the glass.

Author - Unknown



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