

## X. CLARENCE LLEWELLYN CAVERLY 1898 - 1966

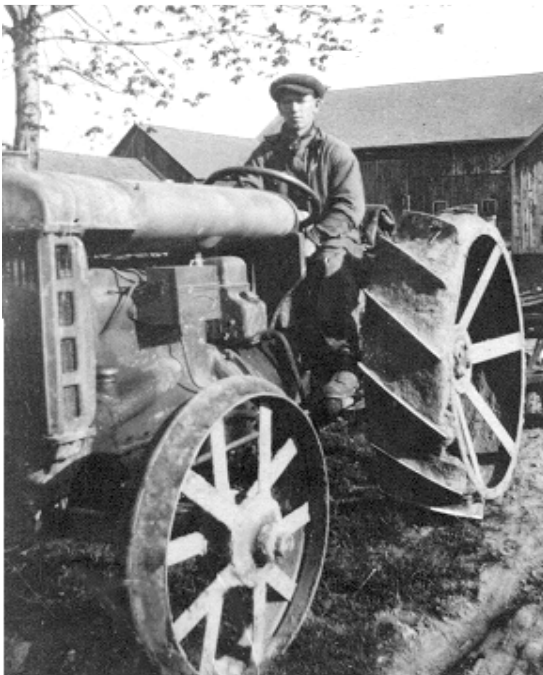
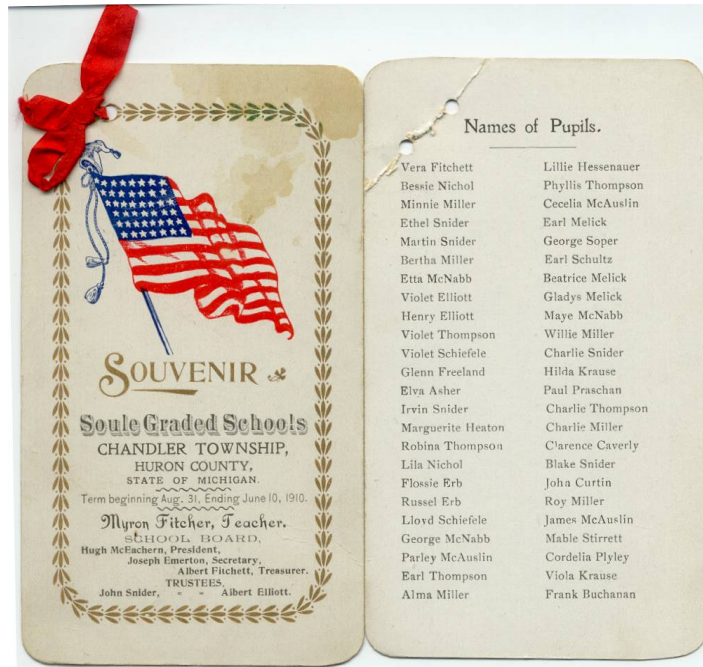
(William C., Redford, Charles H., Philip Jr., Philip Sr., John Sr., Peter I, Peter Gerardus, Jean)

Clarence was born in Elkton, MI on Jan. 27, 1898 to William C. and Mary (Feekings) Caverly. He grew to adulthood on his parents farm in Chandler Township. While working on the farm of Franz Chilsolm in Owendale he met his future wife Cora Dhyse who was a younger sister of his employer's wife Dora. She had worked for a short time as a telephone operator in Detroit. But the big city life did not suit her and she returned to the thumb area and did domestic work. They married on Dec. 29, 1922 in Kinde, MI and moved to Saginaw shortly thereafter.



Clarence and brother Thomas, 1903

At first they lived with Clarence's great-uncle Joseph Caverly on Myrtle Street. Clarence was aware that the Grey Iron Foundry was close to completion and would be hiring. In the interim he worked as a clerk at Morley Brothers. When the foundry opened, both he and Cora became employed there. But when it became



Clarence on Franz Chilsolm's tractor.

obvious after a few months that Cora was pregnant, she had to leave. They had two children, Marjorie and John R. Jack was born July 22, 1926 and died Feb. 22, 1983.

It wasn't long before they were able to buy a house in a new area on Thatcher Street. At the time there was only their house, one to the north, two to the west, and some at the north end of the block. For entertainment they went to Riverside Park in Saginaw which had rides and a dancehall.

During the Great Depression, Clarence like all his co-workers was downsized to working three days a week to minimize layoffs. During the summer the family would camp at Lupton, MI and pick huckleberries and blackberries. They would take them back to Saginaw to sell, and the proceeds were used to buy one school outfit and one good (Sunday) outfit each, for Marjorie and Jack.