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01-20	Introduction by interviewer
21-2:57	<p><b>Gillies' auction [1928]:</b> George and his father were at the Gillies' auction to buy purebred pigs. They were Yorkshire pigs. Gillies was a neighbour nearby. He had 1200 acres to start with. He finally salvage about a half section out of it. He had gone bankrupt. "There were a lot of bankruptcies then." George was six or seven when he went to the Gillies' auction. His father "took me everywhere."</p>
2:58-9:31	<p><b>Winter river crossing:</b> His father took him to the municipal meetings in Fort Saskatchewan. They met in a lean-to from a chicken house. His father was not involved in politics but he was anxious that things were "run right". "I remember going to the meetings at the county office. At one of the meetings they hadn't decided on the river crossing. In the wintertime, it was like a highway, everybody crossed the river. They [the Fort Saskatchewan council] sat there for two hours arguing over \$5.00." The money was for two men and four horses to make a grade on the other side of the river. Joe Doles was a surveyor; he worked for the county for quite a few years, off and on. George asked him once how wide was the river crossing and Doles said 210 yards. To make the crossing, the ? brothers "were working on the gravel" to put on top of the ice. No lives were ever lost in the river crossing. Once though, one night the boss from the gravel outfit went to go home and had his wife with him. He got half way across and he went down. All that saved her was a 10-gallon oil drum in the back and he got one arm around that and one arm around her. He ran all the way to our place and we went and got her. That truck was basically junk. "I had a set of cable blocks and we hung them on one of the big poplars and sent a diver down and he hooked a cable on the truck." "It [the truck] wasn't good for anything." They were pouring so much chemical in [the river]. It ate all the wiring in the truck. If you knew what you were doing there was no danger [regarding spring and autumn crossings]. No one manned the crossing to tell people if it was safe to cross. The county spent about two weeks making the crossing, dumping straw, and water, about five feet on the ice, and then dumped gravel on the roadway. This took place in the 1940s.</p>
9:32-21:56	<p><b>Charlie Bremner's death:</b> "The morning after Gillies' sale, Dad went to Bremner's to pick up the boar that he bought at the auction. Got there at a fairly good time in the morning about 11:00 o'clock and there was quite a bit of activity in the yard. [Bremner's] farm manager at the time was Huntley Roth. George doesn't know whether Mrs. Bremner was there at the house or whether they took her to town. She didn't associate with any of the women around. She was a "high falootin' English woman". George and his father had no trouble picking up the boar because Bremner told Huntley about the deal. [His father] paid him for the boar at the sale. George's father had bought three sows at Gillies' [auction] and the auctioneer had said that Bremner's boar could be sold at the same price as the three sows. In answer to the question about how newsworthy Bremner's suicide was "I don't think anybody told that he shot himself. The news got "round afterwards". George knows Ray McGhan well. [William] Schroter used to run a truck to haul the milk and in the afternoon he hauled whatever anybody wanted him to haul in the truck and Ray drove that truck for about a year before he joined the air force. "\$15.00 a month, lifting cans the first half of the day ... The fella before him was Jim Pree?" (his pix was in the newspaper a few years ago) (Jim Jenkins joins the interview session). George does not know the story about Ray McGhan seeing the bullet hole through the bathroom window in the Bremner house. "It could have happened though". Ray's father, a good</p>

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	<p>carpenter, built a lot of barns throughout this area. George and Ray knew each other well but did not serve on boards together. At that time the old man [George's father] needed George at home to help [with the farm].</p> <p>George does not think that there was a sale of the Bremner livestock or equipment/machinery. It was a seizure. He had quite a few horses. "I know that he got the lumber to build the horse barn from B.C. Gillies was buying lumber from the same outfit in B.C. Buy it by the car load, put it on the rail." (Jim interjects to say that Ray's father built the Schroter's big barn. A discussion follows about the origins of that barn and Bremner's barn). "Always did things on a grand scale." Ray McGhan is younger than George.</p>
21:57-23:08	<p><b>Huntley Roth:</b> had a farm over on Highway 21 on corner from... Bremner owned that. (Jim interjects) Huntley was out of a job when old Bremner shot himself and farmed up there where the Allans have their dairy farm. (Jim interjects).</p>
23:09-29:38	<p><b>Adam Mark and Huntley Roth:</b> Adam Mark was George's neighbour. His Dad's partner came from the same district in the old country as Bremner and "I remember Dad's partner and old Mark would get together and jaw about back home." Adam Mark had a big family and when old Adam came over with Charlie he left his wife in the old country with a baby. And then he brought her out. He kinda got the boot because when the Galloways moved out he was living in the buildings along the back side so he bought the quarter next to on the back side, 90 acres of breakable land. (Jim interjects to say Adam Mark got a Master Farmer award) "He was a real good farmer." You couldn't beat him and I think that is why old Charlie [Bremner] brought him out. (Jim interjects to say that there is a space 1915-1920 between Adam Mark and Huntley Roth being managers.) (George tries to recall the name of the man who lived with Huntley in the early years and Jim chatters) (Jim says that after Bremner's death Huntley went to work for the County.) When they got that first big Cat, Huntley drove it part of the time. Huntley did roadwork for the County mostly. There was nothing to do in the wintertime. In the winter Huntley picked up odd jobs. Huntley had his own farm after a while.</p>
29:39-33:00	<p><b>Bremner Corner's grain elevators:</b> "There were four there at one time. Fort Saskatchewan there were seven at one time." The only grain company elevator that George can recall, though, is Gillespie because his father did business there. "If he needed money to take the crop off in the fall, ....the head office was in Edmonton and he would go there and pick the money up and then in the winter time he would haul the grain [to the elevator] to pay it [the advance] off." "There was only one elevator there [Bremner] when they had the train wreck [in 1964]. One of them [grain elevator] they took down to southern Alberta and the other one, I don't know what happened to it." George remembers a grain elevator fire at Griesbach.</p>