

## Some Memories by George Burgess.

In the early days the only entertainment was dancing and they were held about once a week in the winter. We all went in moccasins as no one had shoes. The women would make up sandwiches and some would take a cake. They would dance until midnight, stop for lunch and dance again, usually until day break. They would take up a collection to pay for the music.

They didn't have the facilities that we enjoy to day. One thing was there was no funeral home. Consequently it fell to the members of the church to care for anyone in the community who died. Victor Hatch and George Burgess built contoured boxes out of boards and the women would cover them with white material. The material on the outside was neatly pleated down the sides and across the ends and inside was padded with wool or cotton quilt bats and then covered with a lighter, filmier white fabric. The coffins looked very beautiful and quite professional. The body was usually kept at Victor and Susan's place where Susan and Annie Burgess would dress and prepare it for burial. George remembered one time he had to shave a person before he was buried.