James Alvin Hansen was born of goodly parents Ezra Alvin and Mary Milson Hansen, Pioneers of 1895, took up homestead N w 4 - sec. 12 - T 2 S - R 25 W 4 N.D. Was born June 10, 1896.

Later purchased Six quarters of the St. Mary's River, where James grew up from childhood, enjoying the life of a pioneer child with sick horses and rock cattle.

As year rolled on, enjoying the mixed farm life, he was soon ready to settle down by choosing a bride, it turned out to be an Irish girl by the name of Margaret Jane Harkness, which a few years earlier came to Utah, later into this district, so on Dec. 10 - 1913, James and Margaret were married. And to this union were born eight children, three girls and five boys, in order of birth are:

Alvin Sea. Married Norma Cossey
Edna Retta
Kenneth Wood
Shelde Taun
Frederick
Summit Olden
War Casualty
Aaron W. 15  Evalyne Gregor
Kibler 11  Harry W. Smith
Glenn Arden 11  Donna Jones
Edward Harkness 11  Blanche Moore

James pays tribute to his wife
Margaret for bringing forth and
raising such a good family of children.
They had three boys in the air force,
Delilah, Muldoon, and Aaron during
the Second World War.

The cold winter of 1956 James
was moving his father's horses in the
afternoon to another field. They acted
as if nose flies were bothering them
would shake their head and rub
their noses on other horses.

When James got home checking
the thermometer it showed 62 below zero.
That was the answer.

Two years later, June 1958 the rain
came down in sheets for two weeks.
a real flood. almost washing out
the Hansen Ranch building.
Last Summer a report came on the TV from Lethbridge. A report came by way of TV from Lethbridge stating in 1908 the flood crest on the Oldman river at Lethbridge was five feet higher than any record. Ezra Hansen had an irrigation ditch. After the water subsided, the headgate of blank eight feet long, and two to three feet square, lodged in the branches of a tree eight above ground.

After about sixty years of mixed farm work, was forced to retire, health reasons of both James and wife. Are now residing in the Grand View Nursing home at Cardston Alberta. James is still writing for publication, and active in church work also remining of the good old days. He said his father was an honest dealer, paid five dollars more for a neighbor than calves than was asked as he said they are worth it.