

Learned to make sausage

Hi Everyone,

Tina Schuitema, wrote an article in *The Senior Paper* about the small grocery store and butcher shop on 13th Ave at Elphinstone St. in Regina.

We lived at 3528 13th Ave. from 1942 to 1948, and I worked part-time at that store for Mr. Duncan and Mr. Dawkins.

I delivered groceries for Mr. Dawkins and served as a general factotum for Mr. Duncan. He was a fine gentleman, chewed Juicy Fruit gum, and had a *verry brrroad* scottish accent.

Mr. Duncan would say "Cal, while you're resting, bone out that hind quarrrterr of beef." He also taught me how to make sausage.

One day while making sausage, my sister Elaine and brother Allen (Oop) came into the shop.

I took my bro into the back of the shop and brought out a huge link of sausage and told Elaine it was our brother Al. She was very upset, and ran home (next door) crying.

In that block on 13th Ave was the White Spot Cafe, Fultons Drug Store,

and later on the Blue Line Tailors Dry cleaning, owned by Chet Rouland.

In later years I worked for Chet as a presser, with a hand steam iron.

The landlord for the store, I forget his name, also owned a butcher shop on Albert St. called the Rex Meat Market.

My brothers, Don, Les , and Al (Oop) are still alive and kicking. My sister, Elaine, died a few years ago and is sorely missed. We all attended Connaught School at various times.

Al (Oop) and I are still in the music business, playing and writing/arranging.

My wife, Toots, and I have many fond memories of Regina and Saskatchewan.

Our children, grandchildren and great grandchildren are spread out from Winnipeg, Calgary, Kelowna, Green Lake, and Kamloops.

I'd be glad to hear from any of my old friends who may see this letter.

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