

A TRUE LOVE STORY, HAROLD DOUGHERTY AND MARJORIE HOWARD

Back in the thirties, it was inevitable to find romance within your own close-knit community.

My parents, Harold Dougherty and Marjorie Howard lived about two miles from each other. They met at the square dance at the local Orange Hall in Beachburg.

Every Friday night Billy Davidson organized a dance and the hall overflowed with happy dancers enjoying the good music. Walter Barr, the Smith boys and George Condie often played the violin. They danced many squares together.

During their courtship, they skated on the outdoor rink that Irvin Brown operated.

At Fair time, square dances were held in the big round hall in the Fairgrounds before it burned, while the Orange Hall hosted the round dancers.

They formed a foursome with her brother Melville and his girl, Edna Dougherty. Harold and Marjorie were attendants at their wedding and after that they became a "pair".

By Eleanor McLaughlin, daughter

