



## Lloyd and Dorothy Askew

Askew's had been a significant name on the Shuswap landscape since 1929 when R.B. (Dick) Askew purchased a meat and provision store from the Palmers, a pioneer family in the Salmon River Valley. They also acquired the Salmon Arm abattoir and stores in Revelstoke, Salmon Arm and Chase.

Business got off to a shaky start in Salmon Arm. Soon after opening, a fire destroyed the store—including a granite counter, and a cooler chilled with ice cut from the Lake! But in 1931 the company was re-established in a new location under the name of Salmon Arm Meat and Produce Co. Ltd.

Many changes took place over the years: The stores in Revelstoke and Chase were closed, and others were established in Vernon and Kamloops. When Dick Askew died in 1951, his son Lloyd (the eldest of 8 children) closed the Vernon operation, and took over management of the Salmon Arm store.

In the mid 1960s, Lloyd and Malkins (his major supplier) struck a deal with Marathon Realty, and opened a new supermarket "Askew's Shop Easy". In 1980 the name of the business was changed to Askew's Foods. By this time a new store had been built in Armstrong. Lloyd began to talk "retirement" in 1988, so his daughter, Karen Angove undertook to manage the company. Lloyd never did really retire, however, and was in on initial discussions with Karen, Brian Hoshizaki (Armstrong), and Roy Daniel to build another store in Sicamous. Sadly Lloyd died before that store was completed.

Lloyd, strongly supported by wife Dorothy, was the driving force behind the solid and very significant support and resources that the Askew family has given back to their community. They were Foundation Founders, and over the years have involved themselves in hundreds of community projects.