

# The MEIKLE Family

The Meikle family moved from Peachester to Maleny around 1936. **Norm** and his wife **Bessie**, who were descendants of the early pioneers of Peachester, settled into their first home in Coral Street. Norm, a blacksmith, set up his own business next to the family home. They subsequently had five children, **Mona, Hazel, Ron, Marion** and **Heather**. In 1951, the old home was demolished and a new home was built and stands on the same site today. The family lived in the garage whilst the house was being built. The new home was built by **Nev Anning** and **Jack Francis** from Peachester. Many years later, the old blacksmith's shop was demolished and Norm went to work with the Railways. In the early 60's Bessie was employed as a cook at the Maleny Hospital.

The children all attended the local school, firstly at the Cedar Street site and later at the new site in Bunya Street. Mona was a student in the first class of the Maleny Secondary Department in 1954. She was later employed in the office at the Maleny Butter Factory until her marriage to local lad **Raymond Daley**. Hazel began her teaching career at the Maleny State School in 1960 until her marriage to **Greg Woods** from Kenilworth in 1965. Ron, a sheet metal worker, travelled to New Zealand where he married **Carol Barton**. Marion, a teacher, met her husband **Chris Hunt** whilst teaching in the N.T. Heather, a nurse met her husband **Ian Dauth**, whilst nursing in Beaudesert. Heather and Mona still live in Maleny.



Marion, Hazel, Ron, Mona & Heather



Above:  
Teacher - Hazel Woods (nee Meikle) at Maleny School



**Mrs. Emily Emblidge**, mother of Bessie Meikle, purchased the house on the corner where the Bank of Qld. stands today. Both Mrs. Meikle and Mrs Emblidge, offered rooms in their houses for teachers to board.