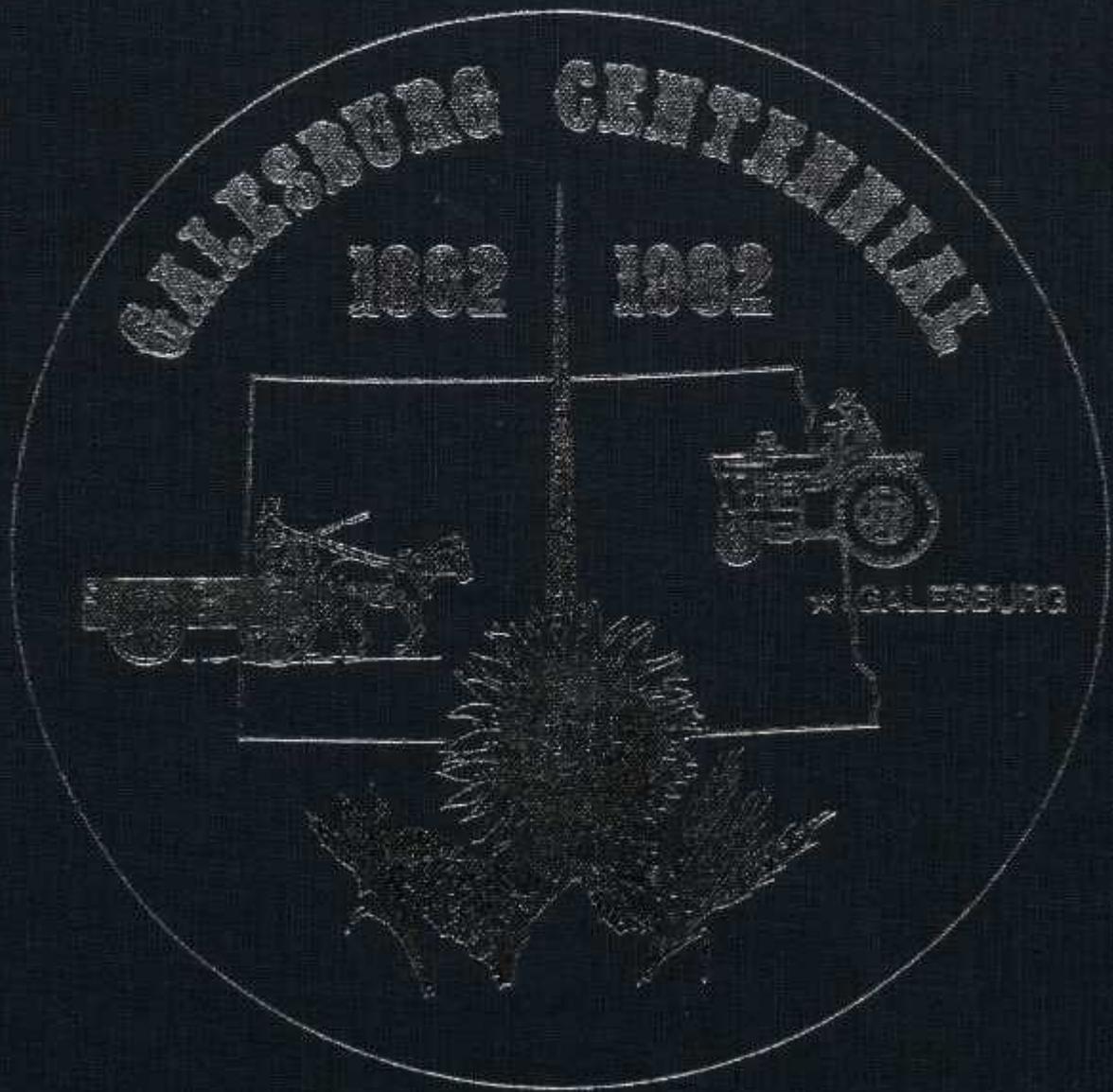




Footprints Across the Prairie

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THE GALESBURG CENTENNIAL LOGO

The Galesburg Centennial logo represents a span of years beginning with horse-drawn vehicles — wagons, plows, binders — and stretching across the prairie years to modern farming techniques and huge machines that eat up the acres in a way undreamed of by the early pioneers.

The sunflowers and the grain indicate that this area is agricultural and helps to feed the world.

The TV tower brings us right into a modern world of satellites, transistors, computers, and probes into the mysteries beyond our sphere into the outer reaches of our galaxy and beyond into an era of excitement and challenge.

We can only wonder at the changes that will take place in the next 100 years.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS: The City of Galesburg has existed and flourished for one hundred years, and

WHEREAS: Hardy pioneers came and stayed to establish a city on these fertile plains; and

WHEREAS: Descendants and friends of these pioneers acknowledge their contribution to the growth of Galesburg and the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS: Celebrating this event is recognized by the present population;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, C. O. Haakenson, Mayor of the City of Galesburg do hereby proclaim the year of 1982 as
"GALESBURG CENTENNIAL YEAR"
and June 11, 12, and 13, 1982 as
"GALESBURG CENTENNIAL DAYS"
and urge all residents to join in the celebration.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of GALESBURG, NORTH DAKOTA to be affixed this first day of January, 1982.

ATTEST:

Ardis Halvorson

ARDIS HALVORSON, City Auditor

C. O. Haakenson

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DEDICATION

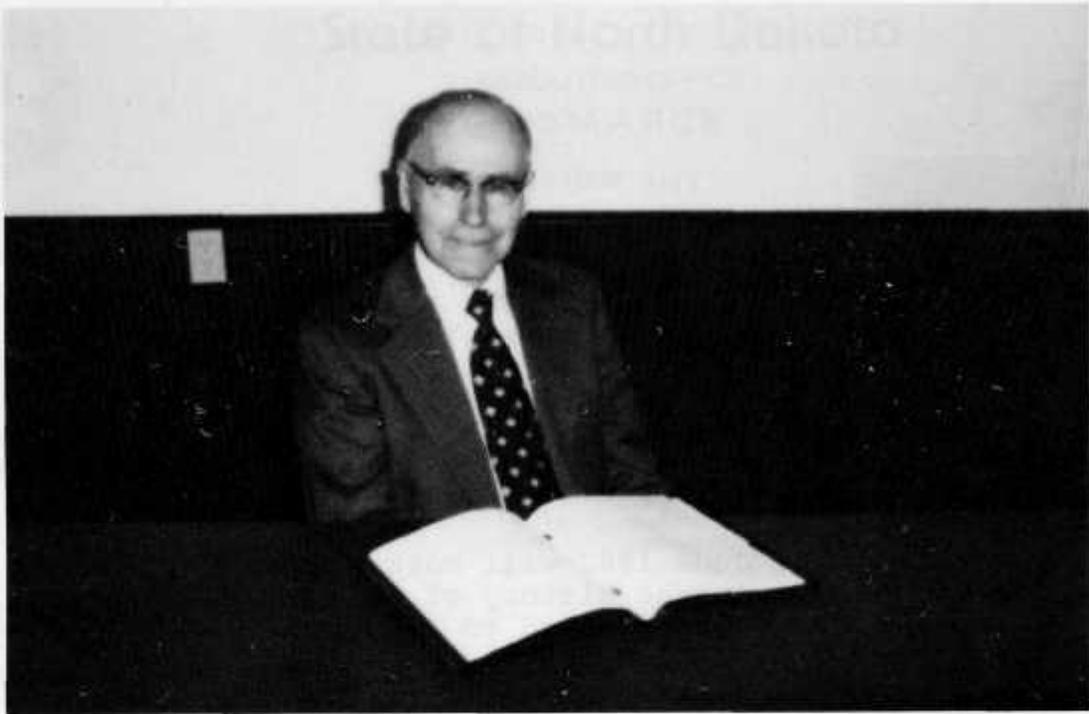
We are beholden to all those who made FOOTPRINTS ACROSS THE PRAIRIE, but we are particularly indebted to those who stopped, liked what they saw, had visions of a permanent home, and stayed. It must have been a temptation to see what was over the next rise, to wonder whether or not there may be “something just a little bit better up ahead.”

Some pioneers stayed for a short time and moved on; some stayed for several years and then moved on. This was the pattern all throughout the westward expansion. There are those who came and never left and their land is farmed or their businesses carried on by son and daughters, grandchildren, and great grandchildren without a break in the family succession of ownership.

There are those who came later and even quite recently who have established themselves and have helped to make this region a better place in which to live.

We are indebted to all of these far-sighted “settlers”.

This book is respectfully dedicated to the fearless and dedicated men and women, the earliest pioneers, who came and stayed, who saw and loved what they saw, who struggled and overcame, so that we might enjoy the fruits of their far-sightedness.



GREETINGS FROM THE MAYOR

The city of Galesburg extends a warm welcome to all who will return to help celebrate the Centennial of our town. The various committees have been busy preparing a celebration that will provide a time of fond reminiscing and renewing of friendships. We are proud of our city and our people who founded it and preserved it so that we can observe this 100th year.

C.O. Haakenson

The officers of Galesburg Township extend their congratulations to the City of Galesburg on the Celebration of their Centennial. The township was a joint governing body with the village for sixty-five years and it is with much pride that we view the prosperity of the area.

John Satrom, Chairman
Dale Moen, Supervisor
Al Elliott Jr., Supervisor
Harold Rud, Clerk-Treasurer

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

February 8, 1982

To the Citizens of Galesburg, North Dakota:

I know that June 1982 will mark a special anniversary in the history of Galesburg, North Dakota, and I am pleased to send my congratulations on your Centennial.

The spirit which has built and sustained your community reflects the energy which has forged America into a land of wonder. As a community held by fellowship and goodwill, Galesburg has become "home" to many who love it dearly and stands as an example of our blessings of liberty and freedom around the world.

Again, my warm congratulations on this proud, historic occasion and my best wishes in the many years to come.

Ronald Reagan

Galesburg Centennial History
Book Committee
Galesburg, North Dakota 58035



ALLEN I. OLSON
GOVERNOR

State of North Dakota

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
BISMARCK



Greetings:

In the 100 years Galesburg has been a community, our state has gone through many changes. North Dakota has been transformed into a modern, progressive agricultural state.

Hope brought the settlers to North Dakota. Faith helped them to stay. Hope, faith and stamina kept the settlers going, despite the experiences of tremendous weather changes, the isolation and the uncertainties of farming. However, the potential of our rich soil and the togetherness spirit of people fighting the elements must have convinced our ancestors that North Dakota was worth the struggle.

I am proud to offer my congratulations to the people of Galesburg on your 100th birthday. As we remember the tough pioneers who began Galesburg and North Dakota, let us remember to be tough survivors for the next 100 years.

I wish you much joy in your 100th celebration.

Sincerely,

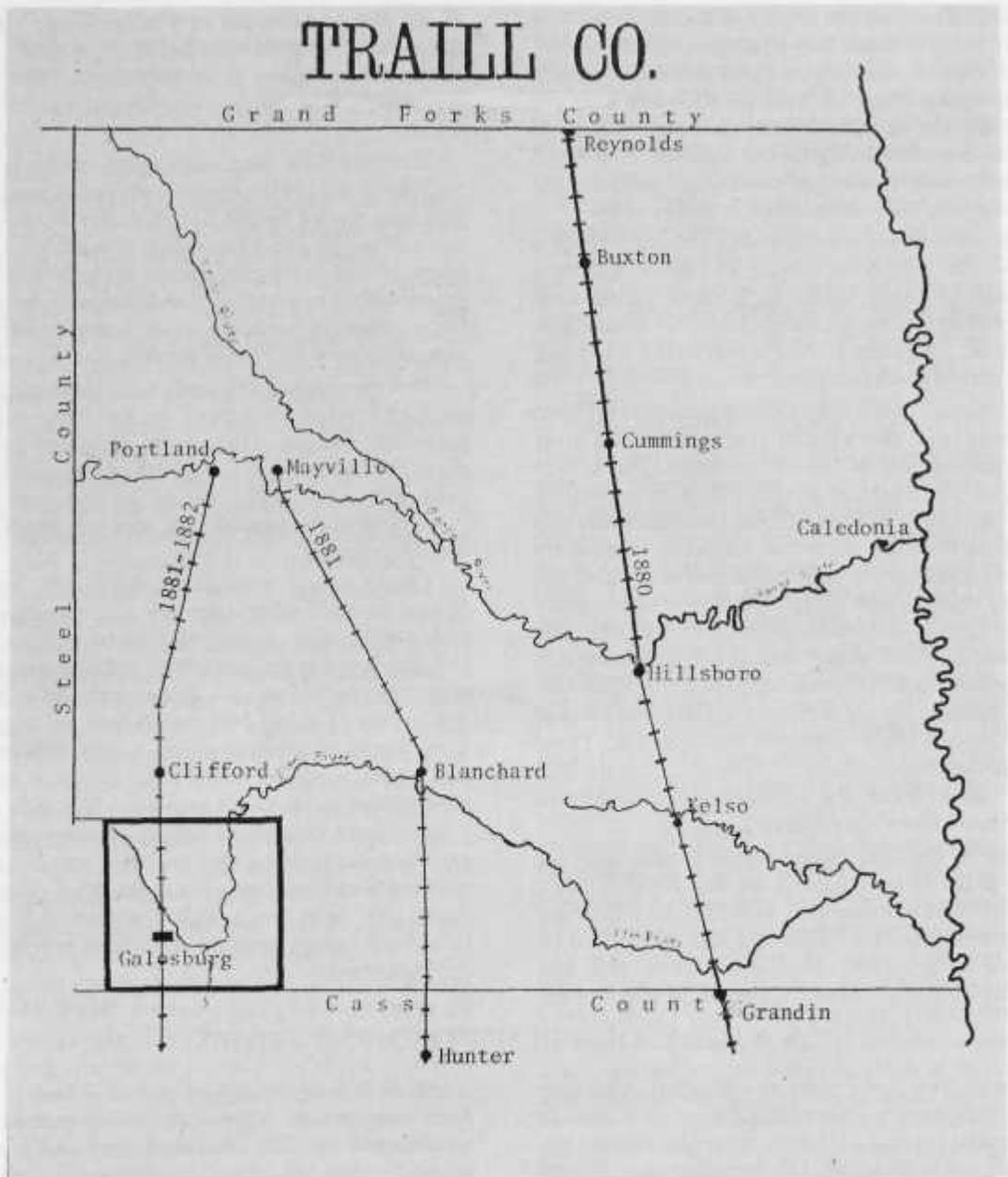
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Allen I. Olson".

ALLEN I. OLSON
Governor

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FOOTPRINTS ACROSS THE PRAIRIE

This is a vivid and descriptive phrase that by itself tells the story of westward migration. Miles and miles were literally covered on foot to relieve the loads beasts of burden had to pull or carry. But it is the visible FOOTPRINTS: the building, the growing, the overcoming of overwhelming obstacles, and finally the settling of this vast area of which Galesburg and surrounding farms is a part. And so we see permanent "footprints" across the prairie — the churches, the schools, the farmsteads, and the towns.

As we dig and delve into the history of Galesburg we first wonder, "What brought those hardy pioneers to this area?" There had to be a specific drawing card and that was perhaps a chance to make a good living for their families. We who live here now know without any doubt that this is a good place to live, a good place to make a living for our families. This we all owe to those hardy pioneers who had the courage and foresight to recognize this area as a wonderful place to settle and live.

Generally we can say our state of North Dakota is really a fine place to live. Its temperate climate and fertile soil have brought thousands of people within its borders, people from other states as well as foreign countries. Here, no matter how poorly they farmed, for North Dakota is essentially a farming state, they were almost always sure of getting good crops.

Galesburg is located in the very southwestern part of Trail County. This area is in the western edge of the Red River Valley and the eastern edge of the Drift Prairies. The land in the Red River Valley is almost as level as a floor. It is probably the most fertile part of North Dakota. This beautiful valley was formed by a glacier from the north that visited us many years ago. The glacier picked up top soil and deposited it along the way as it traveled south. Much of the topsoil here was actually donated to us by Canada and carried here by the glaciers. The valley was deepened by this glacier and as the glacier melted, water was dropped in much of the area to make a lake. This lake was called Lake Agassiz. As the surface of the lake was lowered from time to time new beaches formed new margins. These sand beaches together with deltas of rivers flowing into the lake are the only irregularities in the otherwise perfectly formed level floor of the Red River Valley today.

The landscape of the Drift Prairie region is quite different from the nearly perfectly level floor of the Red River Valley. The land is rolling, that is, moderately hilly, although there are some fairly long level stretches. This area was also visited by glaciers, carrying large quantities of glacial drift, that was dropped when the ice melted, covering the entire area. As the

glacial drift was dropped very unevenly, and the surface of the ground was not level even before the glacier came, the surface of the Drift Prairies is quite uneven, with many hills and depressions. The hills are all rounded and have gently sloping sides.

The soil is a deep, rich loam, with clay subsoil and a mixture of sand in the eastern part and is practically inexhaustible as is shown by the fact that after heavy crops have been taken from the land a succession of years, the last one is always equal, and in many cases better than the first. The soil being exceedingly fertile produces in abundance, wheat, oats, barley, flax, sunflowers, soybeans, pinto beans, and corn. All kinds of vegetables grow well in the gardens as well as small fruits.

One river drains the land in the Galesburg area and this is the Elm River, a tributary of the Red River which flows northward into Canada. There is an abundant amount of timber along the river's edge, along with all the tree claims and shelter belts that have been planted by the area farmers. Trees indigenous to the area are oak, elm, soft maple, box elder, ash, and cottonwood.

Owing to our position in the North American Interior Plains, we have what is known as a continental climate, one with a wide range of temperatures. In summer it gets as hot as one hundred degrees Fahrenheit and in winter it gets as cold as thirty degrees below zero. Because the air is dry, hot days do not feel very hot and cold days do not feel very cold. We have many hours of sunshine which is very important not only for the heat it gives but also for the chemical effect that it has. Plants need sunshine to manufacture starch and sugar. Our long summer days (some having as many as sixteen hours of sunshine) make this a very favorable area for agriculture. Our growing season enables most of the grain crops to mature and ripen. We have fewer inches of rainfall than many other neighboring states but it comes when it is needed — during the growing season.

Submitted by Audrey Hochgraber

A STORY OF PRESETTLEMENT TIMES

This centennial book is the story of individuals who have been a part of Galesburg's community life at one time or another over the past century. There is, however, another history which should not be forgotten. On these next pages we will examine the era of presettlement which spans many centuries.

The soil upon which Galesburg is built was once the center of a vast untouched wilderness of forests, mountains, and plains stretching from ocean to ocean. Before man was ever aware of a North American continent the land we now use was here. The hours, the days, and the seasons passed then as they do now. Thousands of sunrises, sunsets, rain storms, blizzards, fires, droughts, and perfect sunny days have come and gone unseen by man. This was a land of tall grasses, fragrant wildflowers, noisy marshes, waterfowl, shy animals, and dangerous animals all carrying on the endless task of survival. There were people here too. They were a different kind of people. They were a people who lived in harmony with the land and felt a profound reverence for it and for all it produced.

The history of our land as we recognize it today begins with the roar of crashing waves as the endless winds churn the icy waters of Lake Agassiz. It is a barren land of sand ridges and glacial rubble. The air is cold and rains are frequent. Off to the

north on a clear day a faint ribbon of blue is visible running from east to west. This is the southernmost edge of the retreating glacier. The towering glacial wall itself is a scene of continual chaos and drama as million-ton avalanches break off and slide into the giant lake amidst a thunderous roar and icy spray. This is a new and hostile place. Two or three centuries later would find the glacier edge far to the north as it continues to lose its battle with the warming climate. The retreat of the ice mass is allowing the melt water it has held back to find new outlets to the northeast. The old beaches are abandoned and rows of new ones are started off to the east only to be marooned in turn as a rapidly shrinking Lake Agassiz makes its descent. The ragged piles of glacial till left abandoned two miles west are being rounded and smoothed by the erosive forces of wind and rain. A few hundred years later finds the ice mass gone and Lake Agassiz reduced to a much smaller but still not-so-small lake which will one day be named Lake Winnipeg. The once barren ground now sports a lively cloak of green. Pioneer plants and soil microorganisms have become established and through harmonious interaction have already begun the centuries-long process of building humus. These silent, unseen members of the ancient soil ecosystem should be given recognition. They

are the unsung heroes of our story. They have produced the rich top-soil for which we are famous and upon which the prosperity of our community depends.

Indians

One sometimes wonders if human eyes ever gazed across the endless expanse of Lake Agassiz or if anyone witnessed the great wall of ice. It is very possible early nomadic hunters following rivers had found this region not too many centuries after the lake had gone. Their eyes were perhaps the first to look upon this endless sea of grass. If there was game to be found here they would have stayed. It is highly possible the mammoth grazed on the rich grass of these prairies in those days.

Many arrowheads and hammer stones have been uncovered by plows over the past century in the Galesburg area. These artifacts provide ample evidence that man inhabited or at least hunted this area at some time or another in the dim past. The last Indians to dominate this region called themselves the Dakota Nation. They were called Sioux by their enemies. The people of the Dakota Nation were relative newcomers to the plains being chased out of the Minnesota forests by the Chippewas in the early 1700s. It is doubtful that in the span of little more than one century the Dakota people could have lost so many stone implements in one tiny area, especially in light of the fact this area was on the northern edge of a vast hunting ground extending into the present states of Iowa and Nebraska. Very likely these artifacts are the contributions of many separate Indian nations who roamed these plains at different times over a span of many centuries. This land has likely seen a great diversity of Native American cultures come and go over the thousands of years since the last glacial era.

The Indians who lived on this land 300 years ago and before were quite unlike the colorful, acrobatic warriors of the plains most of us have pictured in our minds. These ancient Indian nations did not have the horse and so did not enjoy the mobility of the later people. Their hunting range was limited and they seldom ventured off the rivers. Most of these ancient tribes have been classified by historians as Mound Builders. They were primarily people of the forests who lived in earth lodges. The heavily wooded streams of the Red River Valley allowed this culture to penetrate deep into the prairie. Archeologists have found the remains of several earth lodges built by Mound Builders centuries ago on the banks of the Red and Sheyenne Rivers. The Mound Builders seem to have been a peace loving people who subsisted on hunting, gathering, and planting.

Indian Nations of the prairie such as the Cheyenne, Crow, and Dakota were woodland Indians in ancient times and practiced the culture of the Mound Builders. These and many other Nations passed through this region at one time or another on their separate migrations toward the west in search of new hunting grounds. Out on the open plains they discovered the vast herds of buffalo. They became nomadic hunters, constantly in pursuit of these ever moving animals. The people quickly adopted the portable skin tepee. The buffalo became the great provider. A new culture was born. On the heels of this great change came another event that would transform these lowly hunters into the best known and most feared Indians on the continent. This event was the arrival of the horse on the

northern plains about 300 years ago. Almost overnight the Indians of the prairies became expert riders. No longer was the security of river bottoms needed. The Indians of the plains were to enjoy domination of the land for nearly 200 years. With hunting made easier there was more time for leisure. There was a dramatic upsurge in cultural improvement. Elaborate ceremonies were developed. Beautiful poetry and new songs were composed. Clothing, tepees, and other articles began sporting paintings and fancy designs. There was time for contemplation and visions. They became obsessed with warring against distant tribes. Through heroic deeds amidst the confusion of battle they gained new honors. This is the Indian of the plains the first white explorers encountered — a far cry from the lowly mound builders who preferred the security of hidden ravines.

Many of the arrowheads found around Galesburg were likely lost by the earlier Mound Builders who lived along the Red River but periodically made trips up the winding channels of the Elm and other tributaries in search of game. There must have been many years in a row when the presence of these primitive hunters was a regular occurrence. There likely were other times when game was scarce and decades passed when no hunters came. Tree ring studies in Central North Dakota show a half century of drought from 1471 to 1518. The parched, barren country would be abandoned and forgotten. Decades later when life had returned to the land another tribe would come along only to rediscover the hunting grounds of the upper Elm River. Other arrowheads found along the banks of this river were no doubt lost by the more recent horse-riding Indians who sought out the sheltered ravines for the best hunting and camping grounds.

How many times did the spectacle of Indian camps grace the Galesburg prairies? How many people of the past looked upon these hunting grounds as the permanent possession of the tribe? This land saw days of joy and celebration as songs and dances continued far into the night. This land welcomed newborn babies and watched as these children grew and learned the ways of their People. The open sky with its soaring eagles and the green earth with its endless horizons was their classroom. These isolated prairies witnessed times of hardship and sorrow. This land saw the stark outline of burial scaffolds left behind as sorrowing families departed for their wintering grounds far to the south. What type of people were these who knew no other life than the solitude of an endless wilderness? What names did these people have? What were the meanings of their names? Was the beauty of this land appreciated or did the endless quest for game and the continual struggle for survival diminish this appreciation?

We do know there were people here before us. The total number over the centuries we do not know. There could have been hundreds or even thousands. Each had beliefs, feelings, dreams, and a story to tell. Perhaps the spirits of these long departed people still dwell among us but we don't know for sure because we are products of a culture that has grown unaware of such things. There are special moments in the out-of-doors when our prairies take on a mystical nature and we can almost sense the presence of these ancient spirits. Early pre-dawn hours, times of thick fog, silent moonlight nights, and days of melting snow, when the music of geese fills the sky, are times when this feeling is strongest. At such times one experiences a heightened awareness of the beauty of the countryside and a special feeling of reverence for the land. It is as if we are for a

few precious moments one with these spirits and are seeing our land through their eyes. For just a little while these long forgotten people of the spirit world seem to come alive. There are still arrowheads to be found along the Elm River and each one has a story to tell. There are many different arrowheads and many different stories, stories known only to those who dwell in the spirit world, stories that may perhaps one day be retold if there are any willing to listen.

The Indians left no written records except for mysterious symbols and picture stories done on skins and rocks. The bulk of our information comes from the journals of early White explorers. The most comprehensive research was done in 1804-1806 by Lewis and Clark. They were not the first to reach the Northern plains by way of the Missouri. Almost daily they met fur traders, some of whom had worked the territory 20 years. These traders traveled widely and knew the prairies well. From these men Lewis and Clark learned the location of nearly every river and Indian tribe from the Great Lakes to the Rocky Mountains. A map they drew up and forwarded to President Jefferson in 1805 shows the Red River and most of its tributaries in remarkably accurate proportion. The Goose River is shown and so named. The next river to the south appears shorter and is called Tres River. There can be little doubt the Tres River of the fur trade era is the Elm River of today on which the town of Galesburg is built. The nearest tributaries to the Elm are the Wild Rice River and the Buffalo River which enter the Red from the east. On the Lewis and Clark map they are named Wild Oats Creek and Rice Straw River. This old map indicates the Sioux hunted to the south of the Elm River and the Plains Chippewa hunted to the north. This places the Galesburg area right in the center of a no-man's land which probably saw little Indian movement in the 1800s. Stories of encounters between Indians and early settlers in the Galesburg area are noticeably absent, no doubt because of its location in no-man's land. Certainly there were occasional hunts in this area, especially when the big herds were seen moving through the ravines of the Elm. There must have been times when this in-between region saw armed conflict between the Chippewa and their enemies, the Sioux. Perhaps some of those arrowheads uncovered by the plow were lost during battle. Perhaps a few of these claimed human lives.

The Fur Traders

As in nearly all of North America the first Whites to open up and begin exploiting this wilderness were the fur traders. By the 1780s the Northern plains were an arena of intense competition between several British fur companies. The Indian had mixed feelings toward these Whites but became desirous of obtaining the strange and wonderful trade goods they brought. Most Indians cooperated and in a sense became employees of the traders. The Indian began hunting and trapping far in excess of his family's needs in order that he might trade skins and pelts for the White Man's wonderful tools — especially firearms and powder. With hundreds of Indians bringing furs to the trading posts game was becoming noticeably scarce in many places. As the Indian continued to use the White Man's firearms and metal traps he began to forget the old ways. For the first time the tried and tested ways of life gained through centuries of experiences were not being handed down to a new generation. The Indian soon found himself dependent on the

trader. A remarkable harmony that had existed between man and nature for centuries had been thrown severely out of balance. A culture was being destroyed. The alcohol and disease brought in by the White traders only threw more fuel on the fire of destruction that had already begun. By the time the large and pompous military expeditions of the 1860s and 1870s arrived on the scene for the purpose of exterminating the Indian and his culture there was little left to do.

In most of the United States the push of White civilization was from east to west. In the Red River Valley it came from the north in the form of French trappers and fur traders. The French had reached the center of this continent at a very early date. As early as 1660 they had reached Lake Superior and learned that a string of lakes continued far to the west. The earliest documented visit of Frenchmen to Lake of the Woods took place in 1688 but certainly others must have come through earlier. It would hardly take twenty-eight years to search out the two hundred mile route from Superior to Lake of the Woods. By the late 1600s these adventurous French explorers could have very possibly traveled the entire length of the Red River and explored many of its tributaries for fur potential. There is a remote possibility a French trapper stood on the site of Galesburg before the year 1700. This is before the United States was even an idea and there were only a few scattered British and Spanish colonies along the coasts. The rest of the continent was pristine wilderness. For perhaps as many as seventy years the Red River and its tributaries were the domain of the French trapper. Little is known or written of this era because these brave and hardy individuals were nearly all illiterate and left us no journals, maps, or dates. They knew the country well. They generally got along very well with the Indian, especially the Chippewa, and often lived with them. As in the case of the Indian, however, their story too has been lost.

Until 1730 the volume of furs taken from the Red River and shipped east would have been very insignificant if any was shipped out at all. The fur potential of the region was well known, however, and during the 1730s French trading posts were springing up on Rainy Lake, Lake of the Woods, and Lake Winnipeg. With these new outlets trapping activity along the Red and its tributaries would have increased substantially. In 1760 the northern fur country became British territory and the French trading posts were abandoned. The movement of furs out of the region slacked off until the British got organized and built new trading posts over a much wider area in the 1770s and 1780s. These years marked the beginning of an era of very intense trapping and trading activity with huge shipments of choice furs hauled out by birch bark canoes. Unlike the French the British fur companies kept meticulous records of furs hauled out and trade goods brought in. Many of their managers were highly educated men who kept fascinating journals describing the wilderness they traveled. These men who could write apparently never traveled beyond the trading posts so we have no vivid descriptions of the upper Red. One can be sure, however, that the trappers who couldn't or didn't write knew this region well.

The eighteenth century trapper who plied his trade along the upper reaches of the Elm River lived in a very lonely place. The nearest post was many days travel to the north. Out here isolation and danger were a way of life. The country teemed with wildlife in those days. Most notable were the buffalo whose

numbers were so great it might take several days for one herd to pass by. There would also be periods of many weeks when no buffalo would be seen. Another very large animal that stalked these prairies and must have given the solitary trapper tense moments now and then was the unpredictable grizzly bear. The grizzly was originally an animal of the plains but today is found only in the Rocky Mountains because this is the only region where sufficient wilderness habitat, needed by the bear, exists in the lower forty-eight. Another animal who needs vast areas of wilderness to survive is the wolf which was once common here. Other animals whose furs the trappers gathered included beavers, black bears, brown bears, red foxes, fishers, otters, martens, and mink. These trappers of the past knew a different land than what we see today. This was a wilderness of wildflowers and grasses teeming with animals. It was also a relentless land of mosquitos, eternal wind, bitter cold, storms, unfriendly Sioux, and crushing loneliness. Surely there were trappers who ventured out on these hostile plains never to be heard from again. His final resting place would never be known. His story would never be told.

Oxcarts

As the fur trade was drawing to a close another colorful phase of Red River Valley history could have been witnessed from the site of Galesburg. This was the long lines of squeaky oxcarts that made their way hundreds of miles from Canada and posts on the Pembina River to the newly established city of St. Cloud. This became a more profitable way of hauling furs to markets in the East. This pageant was part of the prairie scene from the 1840s to the early 1870s. These carts were piloted by interesting people of mixed parentage known as the Metis. These people at one time made up the bulk of the Red River Valley population. Most of these people were of French and Chippewa ancestry and their strange language was an unusual blend of these two tongues. They held yearly buffalo hunts and would slaughter many hundreds. Because of this intense hunting buffalo were no longer seen in the Red River Valley. One would have to go to the James River and beyond to find the herds and this is what the Metis did. The Metis could best be described as a rugged, easy-going, innocent, and fun-loving people who were at home on this ocean of grass. They loved the music of the violin. Many of the Metis were excellent fiddlers. There were, in fact, several full blooded Chippewas who not only became known for their fiddling ability but composed music besides. Likely the first instrumental music to grace this land was the lilting melody of a French Canadian reel issuing from an evening camp on the oxcart trail.

There were dozens of oxcart trails across the Red River Valley. The route chosen depended on the year and the season. In wet years the trail followed the west edge of the Red River Valley and then at some point just a few miles south of Erie the trail may have already been heading cross country toward Fort Abercrombie. The higher elevation and sandy soil of this trail made cart pulling easier than it would have been in the gumbo country to the east. Possibly oxcart trains passed right through what is now the town of Galesburg. It is also possible they may have passed over a ridge of hills west of town or somewhere along the eastern slope of the hills. An early diary contains this note: "Half way between the Goose and the Rush Rivers travelers came upon a cluster of hills of considerable elevation and often stopped at the edge of a gentle slope where they

paused to admire the view." The writer was traveling north. The hills west of Galesburg fit this description quite well.

The early traveler across the plains depended on landmarks for guides. The Red River Valley, however, was notoriously devoid of landmarks. This was a land of sameness where one could keep his eyes closed for one week of travel and upon opening them see the same scene that met his eyes a week earlier. It was easy to become disoriented and lost in this grassland wilderness. The chief landmarks were the wooded tributaries of the Red. These rivers are nicely spaced so that the distances between them were considered a one-days journey by oxcart. Overnight camps were usually in these river valleys where the trees provided fuel for the fires and repair material for the all-wood carts. The Goose River near Portland and the Rush River between Erie and Amenia were thickly wooded and would have been natural stopping places. These two locations are about forty miles apart and the average daily distance covered by an oxcart was twenty miles. These observations would indicate that the Elm River, very close to the town of Galesburg, was the site of an oxcart camp. The upper Elm was quite devoid of timber but it would have been little trouble transporting a few sticks of wood for the evening campfire. In wet years, when this trail would have seen the most use, the Elm River would have plenty of water and no doubt provided excellent hunting for the fun-loving Metis. Perhaps some day a traveler's diary will be uncovered giving us a firsthand description of the Galesburg prairies when this was still a remote wilderness.

There were several diaries written by visitors to this area who rode with the oxcart trains. It is often difficult to determine which trail they used and exactly where they were when they made their entries in their journals. Because of the sameness of these prairies the exact locations probably makes little difference. Their entries could have been made anywhere. The overriding theme of these accounts of travel seems to be monotony, yet many were thrilled by the grandeur of these vast open plains. A traveler who took the west trail passing through our area wrote: "As far as the eye can reach on every side sweep the level lines, slowly darkening as they approach the horizon. Nothing obstructs or limits the view of the sky". This was in 1859. A less enchanted traveler writes: "We plunge from a shore of wood in the morning to bury ourselves for a few hours in a sea of grass, and to emerge at evening on apparently the same dark shore again". Another traveler summed up his trip this way: "I felt I had been dead a hundred years or so, and had woke into another existence, in a strange new world, in emerging from the sleepy days and sleepless nights of a journey down the Red River Valley". Many travelers had a sensation similar to that of crossing the ocean in a frail canoe with no shoreline in sight. There was a feeling of uneasiness being out in the midst of these featureless grasslands with no place to hide or seek shelter should a storm appear. The appearance of the thin, blue line of trees on the distant horizons ahead was always a welcomed sight. This meant they would be reaching the next river in an hour or two. Like the Mound Builders of an earlier time the people of the oxcart trails sought the security of the rivers.

The location of the so-called Ridge Trail passing through the Galesburg area has never been pinpointed as it has in some other parts of the Valley. There are a few places where tiny

plots of original prairie sod has been left undisturbed and the ruts left by these unique carts can still be seen. With the ridge of hills west of town serving as a landmark visible for several miles it was not necessary to follow right in the tracks of the previous party in order to avoid getting lost. The cart drivers perhaps drove wherever they pleased in the Galesburg area so that permanent tracks were never formed. Toward the end of the oxcart era the Ridge Trail seems to have been abandoned. The Red River itself was becoming an arena of activity as steamboats and trading posts were becoming part of the scene. Most drivers were choosing this more interesting area to travel and cart trails became well established on both sides of the Red River. By this time there was a military trail running from Georgetown to Devil's Lake crossing the Ridge Trail about five miles north of Clifford. The few travelers still using the old trail began cutting across country on the military trail and that was the end of the oxcart era for the Galesburg area. When the government survey crews arrived on the scene one of their duties was to record the location of the old oxcart trails. This was in 1864. Even at that early date not a trace of the trail could be located in what was to soon be Galesburg Township.

The Newcomers

The individuals who made up the 1864 survey party were among the last of a long line of individuals to see the Galesburg area as a virtually untouched wilderness. The silences and unbroken horizons were seen as they had always been. The potholes and ravines were still the same noisy and exciting places. Here the day by day drama of survival was being carried on by a multitude of creatures as it always had. The same grasses and colorful wildflowers that the ancient Mound Builders admired and utilized still flourished. In the Spring and Fall they would have seen the skies darkened by endless waves of migrating waterfowl. In the summer the surveyors would have surprised hundreds of nesting ducks as the men paced off distances and drove stakes in the ground amongst the life-giving prairie potholes.

Even as early as 1864 some things had changed. The countryside still appeared as it always had but there were some important elements missing. The vast buffalo herds were gone. The once seemingly inseparable herds and prairie were now only a memory. By now the herds were far to the west being ever pursued by the professional buffalo hunter and sport hunters. By the late 1880s the buffalo were all but extinct with less than a hundred animals known to exist in the whole Great Plains. Also missing was the Indian. They were still feared, nevertheless. The recent Indian problems to the southeast in Minnesota made the landseeker hesitant about venturing any further west. Had it not been for the 1862 Sioux uprising along the Minnesota River, settlement may have occurred eighteen years sooner. Dakota Territory was opened to homesteading in 1863 but it was 1881 before it came in full force. By 1864 many Indians had regrouped and were far to the northwest and west escaping the wrath of military expeditions. The plains Indian had come the full circle and was back to hiding in ravines once again.

With the Indian and the buffalo gone a certain tameness came over the land that had never been there before. The absence of the bears and wolves may have also contributed to this feeling. There was another factor that would have contributed to this feeling of safety and well-being. No longer was this land cut off by hundreds of miles of wilderness. There were several trading posts along the Red River only a day's journey to the east. The military road passed by only ten miles north. This was also a road some oxcarts still used. Oxcart traffic was at its peak. The land was still lonely and had changed little but man was no longer a solitary figure out here. The crushing loneliness was no longer felt. Not too far away there would be other people.

The next few years saw land speculators come and go. The coming of the railroad to the Red River spurred new interest in the land. The 1870s saw a new railroad only a scant twenty-five miles south. The city of Wheatland had a new elevator on this railroad. The early farmers who were growing crops in this area before the railroads came north would have hauled their grain to the Wheatland elevator by horse and wagon. Grain was being hauled to Wheatland from as far away as the Portland area. The early 1870s saw many new settlers along the Goose River. The trail they used when hauling grain to Wheatland was called the Goose River Road. This road passed two miles to the east of Galesburg and was no doubt much used by our earliest settlers. In 1881 a branchline of the railroad reached Galesburg. Almost



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overnight a town appeared, farms sprang up, and the land was inhabited.

Epilogue

We have taken a brief look at a millennia of human activity that remains shrouded in mystery. Human events were a rarity on this land but when seen over the span of many centuries much has happened. This was a region of nomadic people who left few marks on the land. It was a place virtually uninhabited. Until a century ago this land was truly a wilderness. With the sudden appearance of the 1880's settlers, all that was changed. With settlement a new and different culture swept the land. Here was a type of people never before seen on these prairies. This was an agricultural people who intended to remain. They saw potential in the rich soil and were determined to find a good life here. These people left their mark on the land. They plowed the sod, planted trees, built homes, started schools, organized churches, set up businesses, and developed the town of Galesburg. These are the people we meet on the following pages. These are the people whose names are remembered and whose stories are told.

Submitted by James Abelin

THE LAND

The flat, treeless landscape and rich soils that attracted farmers to the Galesburg area are geologically very recent, being formed only a few thousand years ago. In contrast an underlying layer of sedimentary rock is estimated to be sixty-five million years old. For millions of years these ancient rocks lay at the surface and were carved by wind and water into a stark, rugged landscape much like that of western North Dakota today. The forerunner of the Red River is believed to have flowed nearby through a spectacular gorge as much as six hundred feet deep. With the coming of the ice age slightly less than a million years ago a series of glaciers, advancing southward over much of the continent, dramatically altered this appearance.

The most recent glacial advance began about fifty thousand years ago when once again cooling climatic conditions caused heavy snow accumulations across Canada. Just as mountain glaciers are formed today, the snows compacted to form ice and the accumulating weight from above eventually caused the base of the ice to flow outward. From a central point west of the Hudson Bay the mountain of ice spread in all directions. Year by year it inched southward, picking up soil and rocks and carrying them along. About twenty thousand years ago the leading edge of the glacier overrode the Galesburg area and continued southward. Debris filled ice, estimated to be hundreds of feet thick, remained over the area until about twelve thousand five hundred years ago when warmer conditions caused the glacier to retreat back to this point. As the ice melted immense quantities of rock, gravel and silt were laid down burying all traces of the previous landscape. A test hole drilled within a mile of Galesburg revealed that the total thickness of debris left by this and previous glaciers of the ice age is nearly three hundred feet.

The retreating ice sheet blocked the normal northward drainage of the Red River Valley, causing glacial Lake Agassiz to form to the south of it. The lake, roughly coincided with the valley, eventually covering two hundred thousand square miles extending from near the Hudson Bay to northeastern South

Dakota. About twelve thousand years ago its icy waters completely covered Galesburg Township. Near the center of the Red River Valley the water was nearly three hundred feet deep, while at the future location of Galesburg, located near the western shore of the lake, the depth was approximately a hundred feet. The sharp rise in elevation seen two miles west of Galesburg today marks the westernmost boundary of the lake.

The natural dam of ice had barely retreated from the Galesburg area when the ancestral Elm River began flowing into the lake from the west. The fast flowing stream carried huge quantities of sand and silt into the lake forming a broad delta. Referred to by geologists as the Galesburg Delta, these deposits covered most of Galesburg and Norman townships producing the light, sandy soils found there today.

About eleven thousand five hundred years ago the level of Lake Agassiz began to drop slowly. The draining proceeded in a series of steps, the water pausing long enough at each level to establish a shoreline beach. Four separate shorelines were formed within the township, each marked by a characteristic scarp or drop in elevation and by wave-washed beach deposits. From the Harvey Erickson farm on the east to the Oscar Groven farm six miles to the west the otherwise flat prairie periodically rises over the telltale shorelines of the old lake. The small gravel pits on the Bring farms east of town are dug into one of its broad shallow beaches.

A fifth shoreline is noticeable by a very prominent scarp about eight miles east of Galesburg in Greenfield Township. Following the formation of this beach shortly after eleven thousand five hundred years ago the lake dropped rapidly. A temporary resurgence of the glacier caused a refilling of Lake Agassiz but the water never advanced beyond this point.

With the area now free of the glacial lake the Elm River, aided by heavy rains at the end of the ice age, cut its present u-shaped course through the township leaving the landscape essentially as it appears today. Prairie grasses flourished on the ancient lake bed for the next eleven thousand years, building a thick layer of black topsoil. The fertility of this soil stems partly from its mineral content derived from break down of glacial materials.

In the farmlands near Galesburg today the reminders of the ice age are everywhere. Rocks and boulders piled in the fields and along the shelter belts planted to protect the light soil from wind erosion testify to the presence of the glaciers. The gravel pits and long low ridges running through the fields are reminders of the glacial lake that followed them. Even the fertility of the soil, Galesburg's most precious resource, is a legacy of the ice age.

Submitted by Curt Haakenson

THE SETTLERS ARRIVE

Following the Civil War the progression of settlement through the American West approached the Red River Valley. In the 1870's a combination of factors turned the previous trickle of settlers into a flood. The expanding milling centers of Minneapolis and St. Paul created an insatiable demand for hard spring wheat. Railroad construction provided the means of getting it to market and also facilitated the movement of land-seekers into the region. A wave of immigrants from Europe joined Americans and Canadians attracted to the fertile lands of the valley.

GALESBURG, TRAILL CO., D. T.

Situated in the beautiful and productive Elm River Valley, midway between Ripon and Portland, on the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railway. The very central location of Galesburg, in the midst of a rich agricultural country, will secure its merchants and business men in general a healthy, steady and rapidly increasing trade; and here is a splendid chance for all kinds of business. It is estimated that fully 75,000 bushels of wheat will find a market at Galesburg this fall. There will be no attempt by the townsite proprietors to "Boom" Galesburg, but parties wishing lots for business purposes or investment, can secure them at low rates and on easy terms by applying to

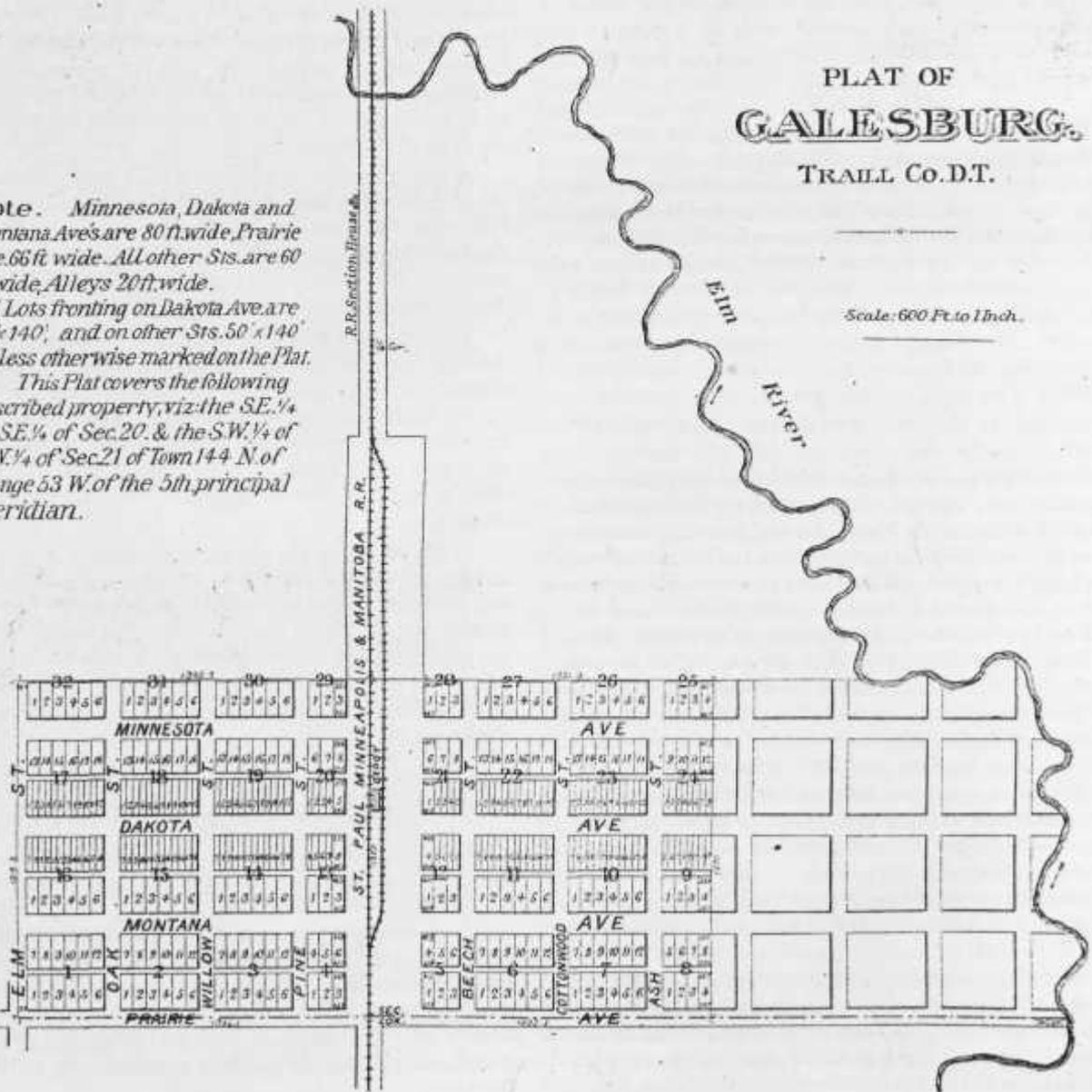
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 J. H. GALE, Hunter. .
 J. S. KEMP, Galesburg. .

PLAT OF GALESBURG.

TRAILL Co. D.T.

Scale: 600 Ft. to 1 Inch.

Note. Minnesota, Dakota and Montana Aves are 80 ft. wide, Prairie Ave. 66 ft. wide. All other Sts. are 60 ft. wide, Alleys 20 ft. wide. All Lots fronting on Dakota Ave. are 25 x 140', and on other Sts. 50' x 140' unless otherwise marked on the Plat. This Plat covers the following described property, viz: the SE. 1/4 of SE. 1/4 of Sec. 20. & the SW. 1/4 of SW. 1/4 of Sec. 21 of Town 144 N. of Range 53 W. of the 5th principal Meridian.



The newcomers could secure land by two methods. He could homestead on government land and receive it free by making certain improvements and residing on it for five years. He could also file a tree claim to acquire an additional one hundred sixty acres by planting and maintaining ten acres of trees. The second option was to purchase land. Much of the Red River Valley lay within the boundaries of the eighty mile Northern Pacific land grant. Here the odd number sections of every township could be purchased directly from the Northern Pacific Railroad.

Settlement in the valley occurred first along the rivers. From 1870-1875 the banks of the Red River became solidly occupied. In 1871 claims were staked along the Goose River as far west as present day Mayville. Settlement in Traill County expanded outward from these two rivers but by 1875 most of the county was still unoccupied. That year the Grandin Brothers, two bankers from Pennsylvania, established their celebrated bonanza farm by purchasing the Northern Pacific sections of two entire townships between the Elm and Goose Rivers. By 1877 they owned more than one hundred sections of land in Traill County as far west as Greenfield Township. During these years settlers steadily claimed the government lands of the county. Not until 1879 was the first claim staked in Galesburg Township. In October Nesbitt Beall filed a claim in section ten near the present Elm River Park. Two more homesteaders, John Erickson and Hogan Olson, filed claims shortly before Christmas but settlement did not begin in earnest until the following spring.

Only forty-eight of the one hundred quarter sections within Galesburg Township were open to homesteaders. Seventy two belonged to the Northern Pacific railroad. The eight quarters of sections sixteen and thirty six were set aside by law for the support of local schools. Of the remaining sixty-four government quarters, sixteen had been taken previously as tree claims.

The Timber Cultive Act of 1873 had been envisioned as a feasible plan to encourage both settlement and the growth of timber on the treeless Great Plains. In reality it aided the land speculators more than the settler. By means of the tree claim he could hold land without residing on it and later relinquish the claim to others for a price. Though illegal, the selling of relinquishments was a common practice in the valley.

In Galesburg Township fifteen of the possible sixteen tree claims — one allowed per section — were filed in 1879 before any homesteader arrived. The sixteenth was claimed the following year. Apparently none of the individuals who filed the claims ever lived near Galesburg with the possible exception of Nesbitt Beall. Three months after filing his tree claim he staked the first homestead claim as mentioned above. Within two years he had disposed of both claims. Half the original sixteen tree claims were relinquished within three years and by 1886 all but one had changed hands. Probably few of these individuals made any effort to plant trees. The group not only contributed little toward settlement of the area, they also made it difficult, or at least more costly, for the genuine settler to acquire a tree claim near his home. David Huston, the only original claimant to prove up his tree claim, faced this problem himself. His farming operation was located near Hunter, North Dakota, his tree claim a mile south of Galesburg.

The settlers who actually proved up the tree claim bore names that have become familiar in the community such as

Satrom, Erickson, Moen, and Kylo. Not everyone in this group farmed, however, Isabel Kemp, Galesburg's first school teacher, filed on a relinquished tree claim a half mile east of town in 1883. No trees had been started so in 1886 she planted five acres with cottonwood and willows and the following year six more acres with cottonwood and box elders. When she proved up at the Fargo land office in 1896 Ole Satrom witnessed that she had eight hundred thirty-eight healthy trees on each acre.

Genuine settlement of the township began in 1880. That spring and summer most claimable quarters in the east half of the township were taken. By the end of the following year the west half had been claimed with the exception of four quarters southwest of town. The last claim in Galesburg was staked here in May, 1882.

In many cases friends and relatives selected claims near each other. William Rintoul, an Ontario farmer with eleven children, came in the spring of 1880. He and his oldest son, Charles, took claims in section twenty-six (Lyle Bring farm) while his second son, James, found a suitable homestead two miles to the west. Two Norwegian brothers, John and Even Lommerud staked a claim on the Elm River northwest of town in section two while Robert and Malcolm Morris from Ontario located near the Elm south of town in section thirty-four (Orville Paulson farm). In the northwest corner of the township one party staked five claims near each other in March, 1881. John and Tor Olstad, Ole and John Jondahl, and Johannes Aasen, all Norwegian immigrants, wished to be neighbors in their new home.

Unlike the tree claim speculators, most of the forty-eight original homesteaders received title to the land. Only eleven claims were cancelled but not all cancellations meant a departure of the settler from the area. When Ole Paulson's claim just south of town was "jumped" in 1882, Ole assumed the claim of his sister, Mary, located a mile to the southwest. Though the original claim of neither was finalized both became life long residents of the community. Following the death of John Lommerud in a February blizzard in 1881, his wife, Kristine, refiled his claim on the Elm in her name.

Conversely, some of the original homesteaders who did receive title to their claims did not become permanent residents. Eleven received them by commuting (the option of paying the government \$2.50 per acre after a minimum of six months residency). Departing settlers often commuted their claims, usually with borrowed money, when they found selling a deed more convenient or profitable than selling a relinquishment. Three of the eleven apparently left soon after commuting, quite possibly to homestead again elsewhere. One commuting settler filed a second homestead claim nearby. James Rintoul paid the government \$382.00 for his claim a half mile south of town in 1881 and then claimed a relinquished homestead adjacent to it.

The remaining original claims, neither proved up nor commuted, changed hands many times and demonstrated the ability of the settlers to manipulate the land laws. One homestead, for example, just west of the present Elm River Park, was claimed by four different individuals before Hogan Julseth made final proof in 1893. The tree claim quarter immediately south of it was held by five individuals. The quarter on which Lyle Bring now resides was also claimed five times, but twice as a tree claim, a third time as a homestead, once more as a tree

claim and finally as a homestead.

The claiming of homesteads occurred rapidly but developing farms was a much slower process. Breaking the sod was a slow tedious job and usually required many years to complete. Thomas Ashford, an Englishman from Ontario, settled in section thirty-four (the Willow Farm) in 1880 and did well to bring one hundred fifty acres under cultivation by 1883. Ole Satrom's progress was more typical. He spent only summers the first two years at his claim northwest of town, earning money elsewhere during the winter. Not until spring of 1883 was he able to turn his own sod with a newly purchased plow and yoke of oxen. He then plowed for others as well.

While the homesteaders struggled to develop their croplands large tracts of Northern Pacific land in the township remained untouched. Most if not all had passed into private ownership before any settlers arrived. Following a bankruptcy, the Northern Pacific railroad offered its land holders the option of trading badly depreciated Northern Pacific bonds at full face value against the company's land grant holdings. This exchange plan brought the actual cost of the land far below the listed selling price and created a lively demand for the bonds by would be bonanza farmers and land speculators. Using this method the Grandin brothers established their huge operation in Trail County between 1875 and 1877 while other capital-

ists bought up large tracts of Northern Pacific land throughout the valley.

In Galesburg Township much of the railroad land was purchased in late 1877. Four sections south and east of town later known as the Clapp land were purchased that December at a list price of \$4.16 per acre. The buyer, a man named John Hunter undoubtedly exchanged Northern Pacific securities for them. Had he purchased these at even their highest market value in 1877, he could not have incurred an actual cost of more than 63 cents per acre. Several of the buyers were from the Minneapolis area such as Isaac Wood, who in 1877 bought two sections. The east half of Galesburg was later platted on one of them.

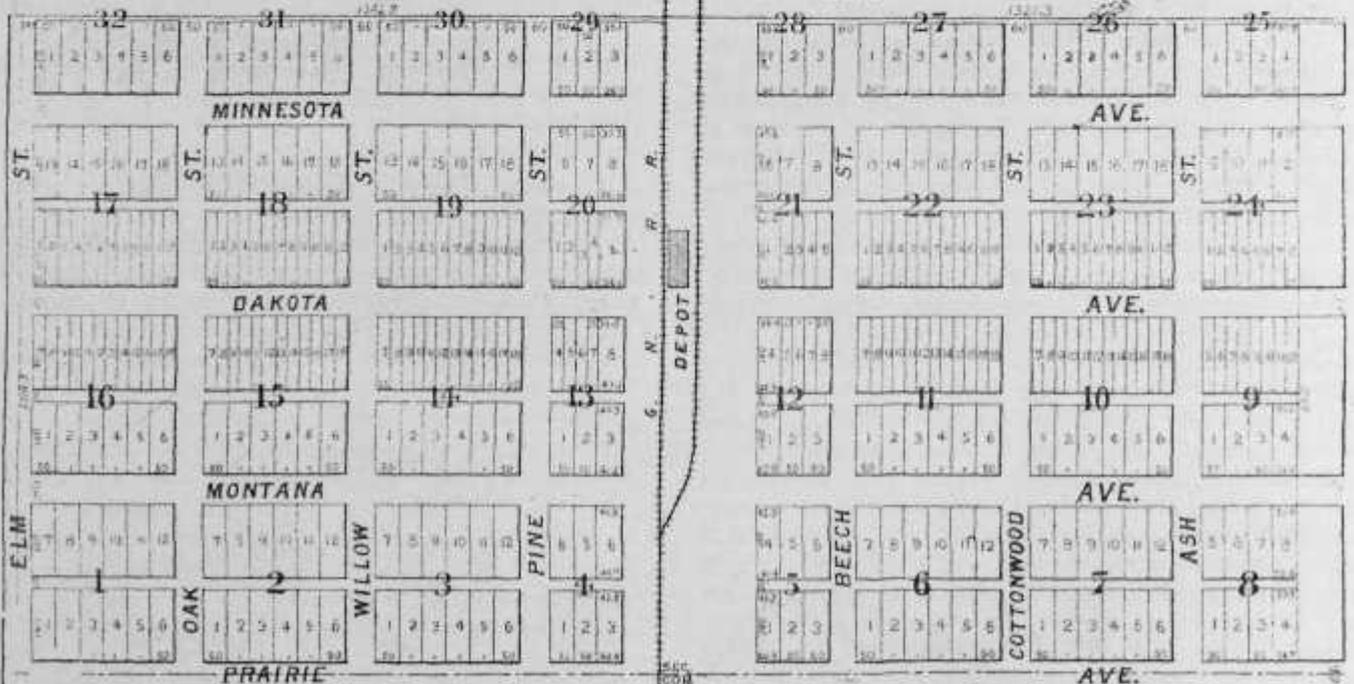
Some of these absentee owners soon resold their land to local settlers. Philip Houghton, a Casselton druggist, purchased two sections close to Galesburg in 1882 and subsequently became a leading figure in the community. Joseph Kemp, Ole Satrom, Walter Taylor, Ole Moen and many others expanded their operations by purchasing former railroad land. At the turn of the century, however, much of it still lay idle. The four Clapp sections were not brought into production until shortly after World War I when they were purchased from Clapp's estate.

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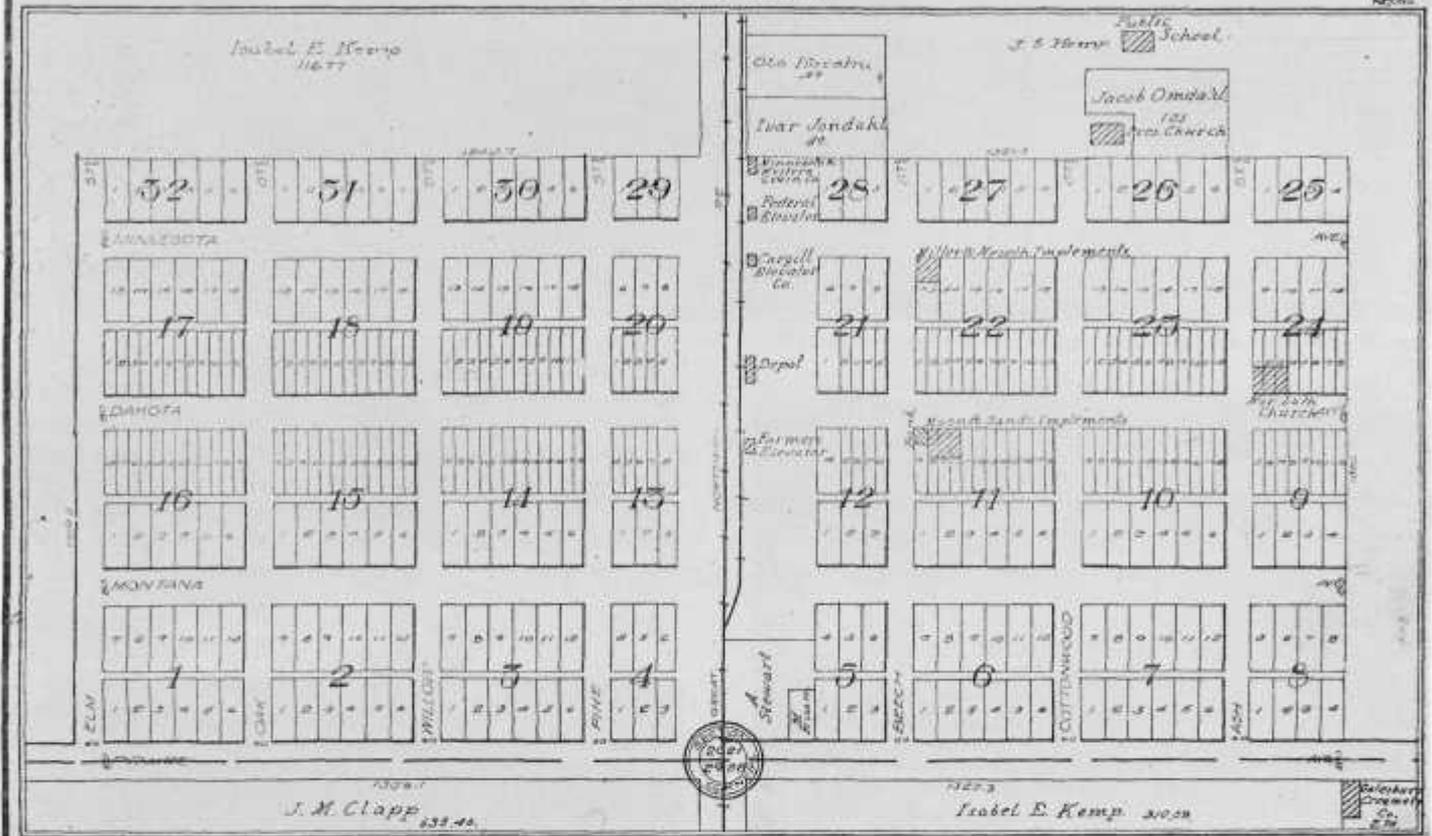
PLAT OF GALESBURG 1892

Scale 300 FT. to Inch



GALESBURG 1909

GALESBURG TWP.
Scale: 300 ft. = 1 inch



Like many towns of the Red River Valley Galesburg owes its existence to the coming of a railroad. In the early 1880's James J. Hill's St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba Railroad (later the Great Northern) competed with the Northern Pacific to furnish a network of branchlines through the Valley. When the Northern Pacific constructed a line from Casselton to Mayville in 1880 and 1881, Hill paralleled it with a line eight miles to the west. His crews reached Portland in 1882 not long after the Northern Pacific tracks had entered neighboring Mayville.

The railroads platted townsites at promising locations along their mainlines but on branchlines their practice was to simply designate siding locations at random, generally eight to ten miles apart. The surveying, platting and promoting of these nonexistent towns was left to the initiative of others. The railroad provided a siding and depot after a viable settlement had been established.

Though details are sketchy, Galesburg's origin appears to be a story cooperation between three individuals. Josiah Hallis Gale, a young businessman from Hunter, North Dakota, filed a homestead claim along the route of the Portland line, supposedly in hopes that a townsite would be located there. Gale claimed the quarter section immediately south of the present town in January, 1882. In so doing he became the only settler in the township to be accused of claim jumping. Ole Paulson had staked this quarter ten months earlier but had filed only a

statement of intent at the Fargo land office. Such statements were normally sufficient to hold a claim but Gale for some reason was allowed to pay the standard \$14.00 fee and register the claim.

In the spring of 1882, however, a townsite was platted a half mile north of his claim. Isaac Wood, a Minnesotan who owned the east half of the town, had the eighty acre site surveyed in May and June. Regardless of Gale's former plans, he was an active partner in this venture, holding a three-eighths interest. Wood named the town in his honor and officially recorded the plat of Galesburg on August 10, 1882.

The west half of the townsite was originally part of a tree claim quarter, held by a man named Henry Davis. His efforts to secure title from the government in May, 1882, involved a complex manipulation of the land laws. Within a thirty day period the claim changed hands three times. First Davis relinquished the tree claim to a second party, who refiled it as a homestead. This individual then relinquished the forty acres in the townsite to a Civil War veteran in Michigan. He was eligible because of his military service to add land to his proved up homestead in that state and receive title immediately. The day he received it he sold the land, which he probably never saw, back to Davis for one dollar. Davis soon disposed of his interest in the townsite but Gale and Wood held their property and promoted its sale for many years.

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GALESBURG'S EARLY YEARS

Contrary to the hopes of its founders, Galesburg did not materialize in an instant flurry of construction but developed gradually as did the agricultural area surrounding it. As surveyors chained off the townsite in May 1882, George Rosel staked the last available claim in the township a mile and a half away. Three years later the business interests of the town consisted of only one store, the depot, and a house. The store, owned by Joseph Kemp, was built shortly after the 1882 platting and is believed to be the first building of the town. Kemp sold lumber, coal, hardware, groceries, and a wide variety of general merchandise and also served as the postmaster. A year or two later Alexander Stewart built a blacksmith shop between the store and the newly installed depot. The shop doubled as his residence with living quarters in the back. Two grain elevators, one on either side of the depot, and the village schoolhouse were also built in these years before 1890.



The first half of the nineties saw little change in this collection of buildings, but the next five years brought several additions. A third grain elevator was built in 1895 and a fourth in 1899. In 1896 a second general store was established, and about the same time a hardware business opened. The year 1897 brought a livery and dray service, 1898 a modest hotel, and 1899 a lumber yard and a second blacksmith shop. The Elm River Lutheran Congregation erected a church building in 1899, while the Presbyterians continued to make do with their parsonage, using the schoolhouse for services. In 1900 after nearly twenty years of existence, Galesburg consisted of these buildings, several houses, and a scattering of barns and sheds.



The progress of the next decade brought to the prairie town a degree of maturity. There were several additions to the business scene including a bank, harness shop, creamery, farm implement dealership, meat market, pool hall and restaurant. In 1904 the Presbyterians ended years of planning and fund raising by building their church south of the school. Three years later the original one room schoolhouse was replaced with a large two story brick structure.

This was Galesburg in 1910.

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SOME OF THE KEY INDIVIDUALS OF EARLY YEARS

Philip S. Houghton

One buyer of the Northern Pacific lands who personally came to farm and subsequently played a major role in Galesburg's early days was Philip Houghton. Born and raised in Detroit, Michigan, he came to Dakota Territory soon after graduating from the University of Michigan's College of Pharmacy in 1879. He settled in Casselton and established a drug store in 1880 at the age of twenty. Here in the midst of the bonanza farms and the stories of fortunes being made in

wheat raising and land speculation Houghton was apparently infected with the "mania". He purchased two sections of the Northern Pacific grant in Galesburg township near the newly erected farm building and raised his first wheat crop.

Shortly later he purchased the general store in Galesburg from Joseph Kemp. He was then dividing his attention between his drugstore in Casselton, his farming operation and his new store in Galesburg. In the course of traveling the region he promoted Galesburg and encouraged several individuals to

locate there. While having plowshares sharpened in Hunter he met Alexander Stewart working in a blacksmith shop and persuaded the young Canadian that Galesburg would be a good place for him to start his own shop. He convinced Joseph Whittemore, then working in a drugstore in Buffalo, North Dakota, to join him as a partner in the Galesburg store late in 1885. In the office of a St. Paul farm machinery company he encountered Gilbert Moackrud, a Norwegian from Wisconsin. Desiring a Norwegian speaking clerk he offered Moackrud a job.

Houghton apparently disposed of his Casselton store and residence shortly after 1884. He and his family then resided full time on their farmstead a mile north and a mile east of Galesburg in section fifteen. By the mid 1880's he was promoting lot sales in the townsite along with Josiah Gale of Hunter and Joseph Kemp. He and his family became active members of the small Presbyterian congregation formed in 1887.

Houghton was always interested in new innovations. He brought Galesburg its first telephone line. The use of private lines between doctors and druggists in the 1880's and between distant units of the large bonanza farms probably sparked his idea to run a line from the store to his farm before 1890. A notable exception among the farmers, Houghton plowed with a steam driven tractor with an upright boiler and for a while he pulled his threshing machine through the field rather than hauling bundles to a stationary thresher.

From his initial two sections of railroad land he steadily expanded his operation. By 1892 he farmed over two thousand acres in the township and later added another six hundred forty acres of the school lands. With nearly three thousand acres he represented Galesburg's nearest claim to a bonanza farmer. In 1891 a Hillsboro newspaper listed Houghton among the country's largest taxpayers and wealthiest citizens.

Houghton's prosperity in the wheat country of Dakota must have seemed phenomenal to family and friends back in Michigan. His good fortune however was soon to end. Like many other large farmers in the valley Houghton's optimism caused him to overextend himself financially. Poor crops, low grain prices and the depressed economy of the late 1890's combined to plague Galesburg's foremost entrepreneur. By 1895 he could evade his creditors no longer and even his taxes went unpaid. In the fall of that year he lost his share of the store and some of his land. The title to much of the remaining land was transferred to other family members, possibly to avoid creditors.

He remained in Galesburg only a few more years. In 1898 he moved to Grand Forks, North Dakota, where he undertook a new venture with his usual enthusiasm. He operated a farm machinery supply house and, as he boasted in Galesburg, sold "anything from a dog cart to a threshing machine". Houghton and his family often returned to Galesburg visiting friends and attending his farming interests. He rented some of his land to others and for a while hired Ed Alberts to manage a portion of it. He returned for each harvest shipping one or two threshing machines ahead by rail to thresh for himself and others. His new rig in the harvest of 1899 caused the well traveled Mrs. Kemp to note in her newspaper column "(it) carries us back to the steamboats on the Mississippi River. It has a toot exactly like them". Even while threshing, Houghton was seldom seen in field clothes and usually wore a suit.

Piece by piece Houghton sold his land around Galesburg and by World War I had disposed of his last of it. Little is known of Houghton afterward but years later a Galesburg resident encountered him farming again near Saskatoon, Saskatchewan. Keeping in character he was then developing a road grading machine that would grade and slope both sides of a road at once.

Submitted by Curt Haakenson

Joseph P. Whittemore

Though perhaps not as flamboyant as his partner Philip Houghton, Joseph Whittemore's career in Galesburg was of much longer duration. Like Houghton he came from Detroit, Michigan and he too was a pharmacist. Whether they knew each other in Michigan is not known. Whittemore took a position in a drugstore in neighboring Buffalo, North Dakota where he met and married Josephine Burgess working in the hotel. She had come from Woodstock, Ontario with her brother and widowed mother.

As previously mentioned he formed a partnership with Houghton that brought him to Galesburg late in 1885. This arrangement lasted until Houghton's bankruptcy in 1895. Though Whittemore himself was not in financial difficulty, his partner's creditors forced a closure of the store that fall. Whittemore resented this imposition and later remarked that Houghton should be thrown in the ocean with a locomotive tied to his neck. He reopened the store as sole owner the following spring but now faced competition from his former clerks, Gilbert Moackrud and Ole Lande who had started their general store in the meantime.

The Whittemores had two sons; Ralph, born in the late 1880's and Lawrence, born in 1891. They lived in quarters above the store which were fashionably decorated and wallpapered. Whittemore lived there alone much of the time, his wife and boys frequently traveling, visiting relatives and spending entire summers at the lakes in Minnesota. In their absence Joe occasionally invited a few pals over for dinner. He was considered a fair chef. Although the state prohibition law was in force, liquor was not unknown at these cozy bachelor parties above the store. In February of 1904, however, he was summoned to Hillsboro for his violations. In the case of North Dakota vs. J.P. Whittemore he pleaded guilty, receiving a fine of \$200, a jail sentence and an order closing a portion of his store for one year. The druggist took his medicine but undoubtedly agreed with a sympathetic Clifford resident who observed in a local newspaper that it is "a queer country. A man divides a pint . . . with a couple of friends and get ninety days". Whittemore's family was just then quarantined with scarlet fever so the sentence was deferred until July. He returned to Hillsboro, sat three months in jail and after a visit with his family at the Lakes, returned to the store for business as usual.

Later that year his youngest son Lawrence, died of pneumonia. Afterwards Whittemore began drinking heavily and his wife seemed restless, traveling more than ever. This probably influenced their decision to homestead the Rainy River area of Northern Minnesota around 1910. Mrs. Whittemore, her mother and son, Ralph occupied the homestead while Joe remained behind to operate the store, living and working alone. Though seldom visiting them he enthusiastically described the region, and especially the good fishing. They became disenchanted with the property, however, when the taxes rose

sharply and after Ralph's death in the flu epidemic of 1918 Mrs. Whittemore returned to Galesburg.

The tragic loss of his last child affected Whittemore deeply. His drinking increased sharply and for a period Ole Sande and Hans Anderson spent many nights nursing him through hallucinations.

People remembering Whittemore often describe him as a "character". He tended to be sharp with people, his patience easily tried. In conversations he often cut people short. A favorite expression was "you talk better than you listen" and a curt sarcastic "Bananas" often terminated a disagreement. He never tired though of penny candy interruptions and the five cent sale of a *Saturday Evening Post* was treated with an air of importance. He especially liked to sell drugs. An avid reader, he was often seen in the store with his feet up on the counter. Young Ray Olstad delighted in slipping twenty-two shells in his hot stove to hear him grumble and mutter about the poor quality of the coal when they popped.

Shortly after his wife's return in 1918 Whittemore bought the house more recently owned by Gordon Jefferson. Over the next fifteen years his daily walk to and from the store became a familiar sight. Though suffering greatly from arthritis he seldom missed a day of work. On Christmas Eve 1935, fifty years after coming to town, he locked the store, walked home and to everyone's surprise never returned. Tired and crippled he rarely left the house after this and was usually confined to his bed. He died four years later at the age of 81. Mrs. Whittemore lived in the house intermittently for two more years and then moved to Fargo permanently.

Before his retirement Whittemore hired Lyle Jondahl to help in the store. Afterwards Jondahl took control of the aging building and inventory but was unable to keep it open more than a year. Mrs. Whittemore then sold it to a Hillsboro party who shortly moved the old landmark out of Galesburg.

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Ember Brovick, Dick Jefferson
Pete Rock, Joe Whittemore



Mrs. J.P. Whittemore

Alexander Stewart

Another key individual in Galesburg's early years was Alexander Stewart, a Scotch-Canadian born in 1859 in Eastern Ontario. He left his parents and fourteen brothers and sisters as a young man, spent some time in Western Ontario and around 1880 traveled to the Red River Valley. He arrived at Fishers Landing, a rough railhead town east of Grand Forks, and spent his first winter working in a Minnesota Lumber camp. He then tried his hand at farming, taking up land near Hendrum, Minnesota. Discouraged by the meager returns for his effort, Stewart left in search of winter work. Stewart never returned to his Hendrum farm and later claimed that frost had ruined his first crop.

The young Canadian found employment in a blacksmith shop in Hunter, North Dakota. Phillip Houghton of Galesburg met Stewart there in 1883, encouraged him to start a blacksmith shop in Galesburg and supposedly promised him assistance with materials. One Sunday shortly after this meeting Stewart walked from Hunter to Galesburg to make arrangements and a short time later the shop was built.

Stewart had met and courted Margaret Ruddy before leaving Ontario. With his business now established he returned with the intention of marrying her. They decided to postpone the marriage one more year; however, to see how well the shop would prosper. She continued to work in a tailor shop while Stewart returned to Galesburg to build up the shop. Business was apparently satisfactory. He met Margaret in Casselton where they were married on August 5, 1886.

Stewart fared well in the nearly twenty-five years he spent in Galesburg. The first eight years he and his family lived in a small addition behind the blacksmith shop, but by 1894 he was able to build a substantial house. In the years before 1900 he devoted himself primarily to blacksmithing. The shop generally

kept him busy, especially during the summer. When business slackened during the winter he puttered with such activities as salvaging discarded lumber. He was a sharp businessman noted for his ability to drive hard bargains and collect bills. His account ledger of 1888 shows that he accepted hay, oats and occasionally livestock as payment.

The Stewarts raised four children. Herbert was born in 1887 and is said to be the first male child born in the village of Galesburg. Harry and Gladys followed and in 1896 Mabell was born. Just as Stewart's buildings occupied the central block of the town, his family seemed to be at the center of the small town's social scene. Like the Houghtons, Kemps and Whittemores, they were members of the Presbyterian Church. The weekly prayer meeting, the Ladies Aid Society, The Christian Endeavor and other meetings were frequently hosted by Mrs. Stewart. Since Galesburg had no reliable hotel, the Stewarts occasionally accommodated travelers with lodging, sometimes for extended periods. In most years Stewart held one or more of the many offices of the church, village, school district and township.

Both Stewart and his wife influenced relatives to locate in Galesburg. Stewart's brother, William, came with his family in 1899 and bought the William Erb farm one mile west of town. Mrs. Stewart's three sisters and father all eventually moved to Galesburg. One sister, Mary Ruddy, became the wife of James Rintoul, a Canadian who homesteaded a half mile south of town. Bessie Ruddy married Richard Jefferson who worked a homestead nine miles west of Galesburg for twenty years, later operated the hotel and restaurant in Galesburg and finally purchased the James Rintoul farm in 1906. Nellie Ruddy lived with the Stewarts for a couple years before marrying Ole Lande in 1899. John Ruddy, their widower father, came to live with the Stewarts in 1897 but died after only a few months in Galesburg.

Stewart never attempted to farm in the Galesburg area though he did acquire land. In the 1890's he bought all of section twenty-three located just south of the Stordahl Church and at least two other quarter sections in the township. He also owned two tracts of land west of Galesburg which are still held by the Stewart family. Stewart often stated with satisfaction that he had never paid more than eleven dollars per acre.

Stewart occasionally had grain to sell, possibly from a share cropping agreement. The grain market prices used by the elevators were telegraphed to the depot agent at noon each day. According to his son, Herbert, Stewart at one time had an agreement with the agent who would either raise or lower his window shade to signal an advance or decline in the new market quotations. Stewart then used the advance information to his advantage in dealing with the elevator.

By 1900 Stewart's business interests had broadened considerably. The previous year he had rented the rear portion of his shop to a barber and a building on the north side of his lot to a harness maker. Neither business survived a year, however. Perhaps Stewart's keen business sense and horse trading nature led to his involvement in the town's first banking venture. In 1901 he joined with four others to establish the Galesburg State Bank. The bank began operations in the building that had housed the harness shop the previous year. According to his daughter, Mabell, this building had been a chicken coop that Stewart moved to his property and remodeled to rent as a

business place. Stewart's chicken coop bank was used for three years before a brick structure was erected on main street in 1904. That year Stewart sold his interest in the bank.

Stewart was continually buying and selling property. About 1904 he bought a competing blacksmith shop which had been built by Harvey and Robert Waggy in 1899. He resold the shop late in 1904 to Hans Anderson agreeing to retire from custom work in his own shop. Except for dabbling in real estate he was essentially retired at the age of forty-five. In 1905 he bought and quickly sold Turner's restaurant building (now Gisvold's Tavern). That same year he purchased a section of prairie land in Saskatchewan, Canada. Stewart's final venture in Galesburg was to move his vacant blacksmith shop south to the street and convert it to the restaurant which served the town under various owners for over sixty years.

As Stewart's children approached high school and college age, he decided to move his family to Fargo, North Dakota for the 1908 school year. The following year they moved there to live permanently. The Stewarts kept in contact with the community after this still having land and relatives in the area. Stewart died in 1921 of a ruptured appendix while visiting his sons who had gone to farm his land in Canada. Margaret Stewart lived in Fargo until her death in 1936.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Stewart

Joseph S. Kemp

Surveyors had barely finished platting the townsite in the summer of 1882 when Joseph Kemp began erecting a general store a few hundred feet from the railroad tracks. This store is believed to be the first building erected on the townsite. He thus became the town's first merchant and was very possibly the first bonafide resident as well.

Little is known of Kemp before this time. He had served in the Civil War and is said to have come from a Pennsylvania family of fairly substantial means. Unlike most newcomers to the area, he had money to invest when he arrived. In the twenty years he lived in the Galesburg area he prospered not only as a merchant but also as a land broker, farmer, grain buyer, and banker.

Kemp's involvement in the 1881-1882 townsite selection process is unclear, but shortly thereafter he was actively

“booming” Galesburg with Josiah Gale and Philip Houghton. His primary success, however, lay in the farm land surrounding the town. He purchased a residence and farm at the west edge of town in 1884 and over the next seventeen years acquired at least fifteen more quarter sections nearby.

Kemp held a position of prominence among the early residents. In 1882 he was appointed first postmaster. Among other offices he often served as justice of the peace. He was tall, somewhat portly, always well-dressed, and took pride in himself and his accomplishments. As justice of the peace he enjoyed being referred to as “the Judge.”

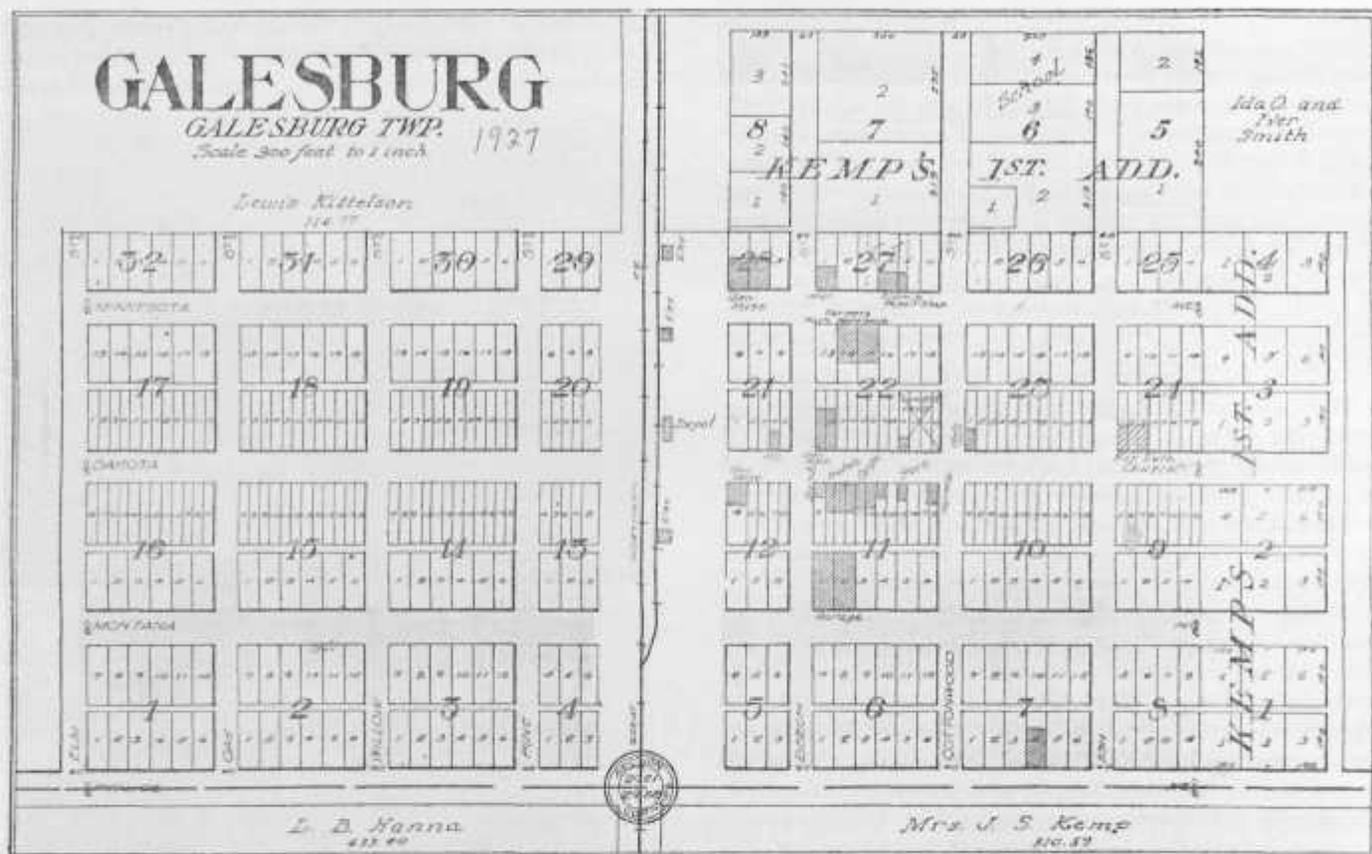
In late 1885 Kemp sold his general store to Philip Houghton and Joseph Whittemore. For a while he managed the Cargill elevator but by 1890 he was devoting his full attention to farming. As a farmer he not only weathered the depression that plagued the nineties, but he acquired the farms of many of his less fortunate neighbors.

Shortly after coming to Galesburg he had married the daughter of a local settler named Elliot but the woman died a

year later leaving no children. Kemp later courted and married Isabel Jones, the village school teacher, a middle-aged woman with two grown children by a previous marriage. After their marriage in the summer of 1891, the couple assumed a central position in the town’s social activities, their residence being unofficially dubbed the “White House”. Kemp began to accompany his wife on many of her frequent trips back east. Around 1900, however, Kemp became disenchanted with Isabel, and after ten years of marriage he divorced her. Prompted in part by the ensuing scandal, he offered most of his farms for sale, auctioned his stock and machinery and moved to Tacoma, Washington in 1902.

Kemp frequently returned, however, to attend to his remaining property and business interests. Though not among the original organizers of the Galesburg State Bank, he bought a part interest and became a director in 1903. In 1913 he platted an addition to the townsite on his property. By 1920, however, he had sold all his land around Galesburg. He lived his remaining years on the West Coast.

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Isabel Eaglefields Kemp

Although Isabel Kemp is most often remembered for the eccentric and often comical behavior of her later years, she had been among the most highly respected of the early settlers and an influential force in the community.

Isabel Eaglefields was born in 1849 and raised in Indiana. She married a man named W.A. Jones and had two children by him. In 1876 he developed a severe mental illness, leaving

Isabel the task of supporting the family as a school teacher. When he was declared incurably insane three years later and committed to the state asylum, she and the children left Indiana. She spent two winters teaching near Portland, Oregon and by 1883 was a high school teacher in Pueblo, Colorado. That year she traveled to Dakota Territory, intending to file a land claim as well as teach school.

In November, 1883, Isabel filed a tree claim on a quarter section of land located one half mile east of Galesburg and at the



Isabel Kemp

same time became the first teacher in the newly built village school. She and her youngest child, Horace, boarded in a small house which stood two blocks south of the school. Isabel's daughter, however, spent little if any time with them in Galesburg.

Galesburg's first school teacher was interested in more than just the three R's and the classroom. While her neighbors struggled with the task of making a living, she sought to bring culture and refinement to her new environment. She was an accomplished musician, playing several instruments and even composing her own music. Under her tutelage, Galesburg soon had an abundance of little violinists, guitarists, and pianists. Never avoiding a chance to display her own talents, she frequently performed at weddings, meetings, and conventions, and even for impromptu gatherings on her lawn where she often practiced on her harp.



Isabel Kemp and Her Harp

She decided that the town needed a library and started a series of benefit concerts in the 1890's featuring herself, her music pupils and other local talent. The books purchased were stored in the school house and could be checked out each Saturday afternoon for five cents. For a while this conscientious librarian was also placing literary magazines in the depot lobby for the betterment of the traveling public.

An aspiring writer herself, Isabel authored many short stories and poems. However, of greater interest to local residents was her weekly column in the county newspapers in which she chronicled local happenings in her amusing and colorful style. Also printed from time to time were her poems, lengthy travelogues, prosaic obituaries, and editorials captioned "A Woman's Opinion". Their content ranged from rational



Mrs. Kemp Entertaining People On Her Front Lawn

discussions of her political views to impassioned demands for woman's suffrage and equality. She audaciously suggested in 1903 that since she was unable to vote she might not pay her property taxes.

She governed her life with strict ethics and strong religious conviction and felt compelled to strengthen the moral fiber of the community as well. She was among the handful of charter members of the Presbyterian Church in 1887 and had probably been instrumental in organizing the Sabbath School three years earlier. For many years she led the instruction and prodded others to do so in her absence. These weekly meetings in the school house, attended by adults as well as children, often doubled as Sunday services when no Presbyterian minister was available. When services were conducted, Isabel played the organ and also directed the choir when she could muster enough singers to form one. Each week her news column dutifully related the details of the sermon, urged better attendance and chided those who had labored or attended baseball games instead.

After her marriage to Joseph Kemp in the summer of 1891 Isabel was able to devote less time to teaching and more time to her other interests. She had always been an avid traveler. In 1889 she had even sailed to Europe to study in Berlin, returning in the fall of 1890. Now accompanied by her husband, she made extended winter trips to eastern cities, touring, visiting relatives and pursuing music studies. In Galesburg her time was consumed by music pupils, an endless procession of house guests, church and literary club meetings and her suffrage and temperance work. By the turn of the century she was secretary of the State Equal Suffrage Association (NDESA) and president of the county chapter of Women's Christian Temperance Union (WCTU).

Isabel promptly resigned these and other offices when Kemp divorced her. Kemp supposedly had become enamored with Isabel's live-in summer harp instructor, whom Kemp, at Isabel's suggestion, had taken for evening buggy rides to alleviate her boredom. The harp instructor departed but the effect of her brief stay was lasting. By the spring of 1902 the divorce had become final and Kemp was boarding with the Alex Stewarts while arranging for a relocation to Tacoma, Washington.



Mrs. Kemp in Front of Her Home
(Now the Beulah Skogstad Home)



Isabel Kemp and Her Dogs

That summer *Hillsboro Banner* subscribers were treated to spicy reading as each week Isabel wrote scathing indictments of Kemp, his great moral wrong and the suffering it caused her. The following excerpt from the June 13, 1902 issue was typical:

"Mr. Pete Nesseth has done a most excellent job of raising the Kemp home. The annoyance caused by uneven floors and half opened doors over the years has been great, but the wise head of the house said it could not be remedied, but like other false things about him this has been proven an untruth and a little woman, unused to such work has accomplished what the big domineering egoist did not do."

In subsequent issues Kemp was described as vane, lazy, indolent and lustful, as a cigar-wagging, wine-bibbling glutton and as an unscrupulous individual who owed all his "influence in the community to money and that mainly obtained through the misfortunes of others," a reference to land secured cheaply from bankrupt neighbors. Reporting a local crime later that year she wrote:

"Constable Stewart brought in two peddlers last Friday accused by W. J. Taylor's housekeeper of gagging and assaulting her and then robbing the house. We understand they were . . . foreign and their language not well understood. It is said they cried pitiously and begged the grand mogul (Kemp), whom they imagined to be sheriff, to help them. Poor creatures, he has committed more deviltry in his fine underbanded fashion than they could ever think of, much less commit, but he goes scot free, while they, perhaps innocent of the crime adjudged them, were taken to jail in Hillsboro."

Isabel returned to teaching that winter even though the divorce settlement of several quarters of land left her financially secure. In the fall of 1903 she taught a term of school in Broadlawn Township, her last in the Galesburg area. At the age of fifty-four she amazed townspeople each Monday morning by mounting her bicycle and peddling to the school many miles west of town. The next year she became an instructor at a music conservatory in Minneapolis where she spent her winters for many years. Though advancing in age, she traveled more than ever. In 1904 she toured the Mediterranean region and the Holy Land, visiting a sister in Paris on the return trip. Later she traveled to the Orient.

Although Isabel was away from town much of the time during the ensuing years, she always maintained her residence in Galesburg and returned each spring. Her arrival caused exasperation among the depot employees who had to unload her harp and other baggage. Over the years her behavior became progressively more eccentric, each return bringing more of the colorful episodes for which she is now so well remembered. She often lost her way home and on one occasion while in Fargo she hired a taxi-cab to find it for her. It undoubtedly was the only taxi-cab ever seen driving the streets of Galesburg. Her clothes, out of fashion for decades, looked odd enough but on occasion

she topped them off by wearing a lampshade as a hat. Sometime after World War I Isabel and a young helper erected a small shack behind her house. For some unknown reason she spent her remaining summers living in this shabby, mouse-infested structure which she referred to as her bungalow.

Mrs. Kemp died in Los Angeles a few years later while on one of her extended absences. Although her image may have been clouded by the eccentricity of her later years, she was a dynamic individual and had figured prominently in the early years of the community.

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A TRADITION OF COOPERATION

At the turn of the century the telephone came to Galesburg through the efforts of four individuals. In 1898 the Traill County Telephone Company was formed for the purpose of connecting Galesburg via Clifford to other towns of the county where phones were already in service. Most of the financial backing was provided by four men from Galesburg, Joseph Kemp, Alexander Stewart, Ole Lande, and Gilbert Moackrud. When the lines reached Galesburg in the summer of 1898, calls could be made all the way to Hillsboro, and the privileged position of the town switchboard operator came into being. Few households in town, however, had phones before 1904, and wires were not strung to surrounding farms until 1906.

The bank was another product of group effort. In 1901 three Galesburg residents, Walter Taylor, Andrew Knudson and Alexander Stewart, joined two Casselton men, George Churchill and M.A. Baldwin, to organize the Galesburg State Bank with a capitalization of only \$5000.00. John Wadman, a cashier from Minneapolis, operated the bank which was temporarily quartered in a small wood building located just northwest of the present Memorial Hall. The bank prospered. The first year \$20,000.00 in deposits were realized, and additional funds were secured from eastern firms for local borrowers. The bank also sold insurance and mediated tax collections and land sales.

Animosity developed in the community toward the bank and its directors, and by 1904 a group led by Ole P. Satrom and Robert Morris planned the formation of a second bank. The plans were scrapped when the first group offered to sell them the existing bank. Shortly after the change of ownership a new brick building was constructed on Main Street which housed the bank for twenty-six years and then served as the post office for many more.

The same decade saw the first of many cooperative ventures by the farmers. In the early 1900's many farmer's elevators were established in North Dakota to combat the abuses of line elevators. The line elevators, built and operated by grain marketing and milling firms based primarily in Minnesota, were notorious for underweighing, undergrading, and overdocking the grain they purchased. The extent to which the four elevators in Galesburg were guilty of these practices is not known, but local farmers held them in suspicion. In 1901 they formed the Galesburg Scale Company which installed a special scale on Main Street just west of the Whittemore Store. Farmers were charged a fee to weigh their rigs before and after unloading grain at the elevators. In September 1901 the local

news correspondent to the *Portland Republican* reported that "a more pleasant relation exists between the farmers and the elevators as they now know they are being treated right."

The farmers did not wholly agree for in February they discussed the construction of their own elevator. One of the organizers aptly explained that they were "tired of being filched." When two of the line companies offered to sell their existing elevators in June, 1902, the St. Anthony was chosen and became the Galesburg Farmers Elevator.

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A CENTURY OF FARMING and RURAL LIVING

For a century Galesburg has been basically an agricultural community. This century of existence has seen unparalleled development in farming techniques. Rural living has also undergone considerable transformation. A brief decade by decade historical review of these changes follows.

The farms of the Red River Valley had a unique beginning. Much of the land was owned by the railroads who were encouraging settlement of this vast region in the 1880's. The railroaders had high expectations for this potential farmland and built branchlines and platted townsites up and down the valley. The merits of this rich valley soil and the invigorating climate were advertised far and wide. Here was farmland that needed no clearing. Good grain prices and favorable growing conditions of the 1880's created a spirit of enthusiasm among potential land buyers. Large bonanza farms had demonstrated the productivity of the soil. The state of Minnesota experienced a sudden influx of Norwegian immigrants who were hoping to find land in Dakota Territory. Land could be purchased very cheaply from the railroad or one could also claim a quarter section by living on it five years or planting ten acres of trees. All of these events combined to make the Red River Valley one of the most quickly settled regions in the United States.

1880's

Before the arrival of the railroad in 1881 few acres had been plowed and planted to crops in the Galesburg area. It was not until the railroad had come and the townsite of Galesburg had been established that real progress began. Some settlers arrived by train and others came by wagon. Some arrived with families and others came alone and would send for their families later. One of the first jobs would be the construction of some sort of dwelling. Most of these were low, one or two-room structures that would hopefully tide the family over for a couple of years. With the availability of lumber by railroad it is doubtful many sod houses were constructed. Many of these simple homes had only one layer of boards to keep out the cold. On the inside the 2 by 4 studs were visible beneath a thick plastering of old newspapers. One wonders how these people could survive the terrible winters of the 1880's in these flimsy buildings with not a single tree to block the howling winds. It is even more amazing that after surviving one endless winter on these plains these pioneers stayed around for yet another year. There were many who did not stay, however. The 1880's must have been a decade that saw many people come and go. There are probably



very few quarter sections of land around Galesburg that didn't have a claim shanty on it at one time or another during the 1880's.

Rural life was a test of survival. Many a farmer and his wife must have wondered if they had made a wise choice as they gazed across the bleak horizons and contemplated the enormity of the task before them. If the farmer had land ready for seeding, one of his first tasks in the spring would be to plant his precious seed by the hand-broadcast method and then cover the seed with several trips by his ox-drawn harrow. In those first years weeds were not a problem. The shipping of unclean seed brought the first weeds. During the two or three month wait for his grain to grow the farmer occupied himself from dawn to dusk breaking sod behind a lumbering pair of oxen. With persistence a good plowman could break a quarter section in one summer. Some time during the summer a few small stacks of prairie hay would have to be put up. Most farmers would try to have at least one milk cow and some chickens to supply some food for his family. A well would have to be dug. Quite shallow wells would reach the water table in those days. Soft water was collected by placing a board under the eaves and running it into a wooden barrel. Fire wood and coal for the cookstoves were brought in by train.





When the grain finally ripened it was most likely cut by oxen-drawn binder but some could have been cut by scythe and piled in a cone-shaped stack to cure and await the arrival of the threshing machine. The few people who owned threshing machines would have been kept busy until late in the fall. These early threshers were very small and made almost entirely of wood. Most would have been powered by a horse-driven sweep or tread mill. The tread mills were harder on horses. The grain bundles were hand fed at the feeder end and straw was pitched away by hand at the other end. The grain was fed into sacks which were then loaded on a wagon and hauled away for storage or sale. Wheat was about the only grain grown at first. Yields were probably around 15 bushels per acre which was considered quite satisfactory.

1890's

By this time it appeared that the community of Galesburg was here to stay. There was a feeling of permanence. Successful businesses had been started and would remain. The children of the pioneers had begun reaching school age. Schools as well as churches were organized. The community was taking on character. The location of farmyards had been pretty well established. Larger buildings and tree groves were beginning to break up the horizons. Permanent roads, however, were absent. There was still much unbroken prairie so that trails cut across country. One such wagon trail connected Hunter and Galesburg. Cutting across country was especially common in the winter months. There were no ditches to hurdle every mile as there are today.

Farming techniques underwent rapid improvement during this time. Horses were replacing oxen. Plows and other field equipment were being equipped with seats. Steam engines came on the scene although few farmers could afford one. Most of these early steam engines were not designed to pull themselves but were mounted on wheels and pulled from place to place. The owner of the steam engine needed a water wagon to transport water from the nearest water source to the engine boiler. These early engines often burned straw. The threshing machines were of wood construction but were now larger. By this time nearly every farmer had his own binder and was able to cut and shock his own grain. He might still have to wait until late fall for the threshers to arrive.

Livestock raising was on the increase. Many farmers were increasing the size of their herds. Many animals that were butchered were sold locally. There were still many acres of unbroken prairie where herds could be grazed. Often young children were given the responsibility of watching these herds

during the summer months. The farmers of the Galesburg area were largely self sufficient foodwise. Most had large gardens, poultry, milk cows, beef cattle, and pigs.





1900's

The first decade of the new century saw continued improvement in farm machinery and methods. The newer steam engines were self-propelled but were mainly used as stationary power sources for the threshers or separators as they were also called. Some farmers were trying steam plowing. The big improvement in threshers was the addition of self feeders for receiving bundles and a wind stacker which eliminated hand pitching of straw except for cleaning up around the machine. The huge straw piles were a part of the harvest scene. It was especially colorful to see them burning on a still fall night lighting up the countryside for miles in every direction.

Now the threshing machines were larger and required 20 to 30 men to satisfy the monstrous appetites of these prairie behemoths. These men were a colorful lot representing many nationalities and walks of life. They were provided board and most likely lodging in the haymow. How the farm women could cope with a task of that magnitude — feeding 20 to 30 men —



will forever remain a mystery to most of us. They did it without electricity, running water or refrigeration.

Many of the harvest hands and a few farmers found winter employment as loggers in the white pine forests 100 miles to

the east. Horses were fed a leaner diet of prairie hay in the winter months and were used for chores or an occasional trip to town or over to the neighbors. When available straw manure was used to bank the house. Hauling it away in the first warm days of spring was practical.

Homes were getting larger, as were barns with haymows. Steel windmills, granaries, and even wood-frame machine sheds were becoming commonplace. The tree groves were reaching a respectable size. Roads, however, were still little more than wagon ruts.

1910's

The beginning of this decade saw the arrival of the automobile. In the beginning there was only one automobile in Galesburg, but near the end there were dozens. People's horizons were expanding. They now visited towns like Portland, Mayville, and Hillsboro returning home the same day. When the snow came or the rains the horse became the most dependable means of getting from one place to another. Roads were still a problem.



At this time the gas-powered tractors and the stationary engine were the biggest news in farm improvement. The small stationary engines could be used to pump water, elevate grain, and grind feed. The gas tractors were huge cumbersome machines shaped much like the steam tractors. The gas tractors were not as powerful as the steamers but they were easier to operate and did not require firing up for an hour or two before using. Perhaps the pros and cons of these two machines was the subject of many a debate among these early farmers. Tractors were being used more and more for heavy field work such as plowing. Horses were still preferred for lighter duties such as

mowing and raking, pulling hayracks and grain tanks, cultivating corn, cutting and planting grain. The grain drill with its large packing wheels had replaced the old broadcasting method years before. A large wheel on the binder called the bull wheel powered the canvas, sickle, reel and tying mechanism thus requiring two or three teams for the heavy pull.

Visiting the neighbors during the long, dark winters was still a prime source of entertainment at this time. A covered wagon or an open one with heated rocks, irons, blankets, and buffalo robes, brought neighbors together. After a night of visiting and playing games they would return home with happy thoughts of the evening's fun.

Often several families would get together for a night of dancing to violin or accordion music. All the furniture would be cleared from one room and the dance would begin. The sounds of waltzes, schottishes, and polkas would go on late into the night. Children played and as the night grew late they would often fall asleep on any convenient bed or chair. Little did these children and their parents realize that they were witnessing a way of life that would soon be history. The party finally would be over and teams and sleighs would depart in all directions with the sound of harness bells filling the night with music.



Other entertainment included traveling musical groups that would perform at the school or church. Students put on programs under the guidance of the teacher. Church dinners were popular. The summer season saw baseball between neighboring towns. Kids on farms and in town would get a game going at the drop of a hat. Baseball was popular everywhere. Either in Galesburg or in some neighboring town there was always a carnival, circus, or a horse race sometime during the summer. Chautauquas featuring vaudeville type entertainment were enjoyed by all.

1920's

The 1920's saw continued modernization. Automobiles were becoming more sophisticated and better roads were in demand. Elevated roads with ditches were replacing some of the rutted trails on some of the more heavily traveled routes. Roads mainly followed section lines now as virtually all the prairie had been plowed or fenced in. Winter travel was still a problem and sleighs still cut across fields where the old trails had once been.

The radio arrived. The first models were crystal sets, but the first real battery-powered radio with earphones that you had to take turns listening to took the country by storm. Radio stations began to spring up almost overnight. Then the radio that had a speaker that could be heard without earphones came into existence. When the battery got weak it was taken into

town for recharging. Now the latest in entertainment and news was available. The rural community was at last in touch with the rest of the world. Nothing would ever be the same again.

Rural life was undergoing profound changes in the 1920's. However, life in the farm kitchen continued on much as it always had. The farm wife continued to be faced daily with a variety of tasks. She pumped and carried water, milked cows, separated milk, made butter, helped butcher, smoked and canned meat, rendered lard, made soap, baked bread, made cakes and pies, grew vegetables, canned produce, cleaned lamps, made clothing, and washed clothes and dishes with wood-heated water. Through all these activities she kept the ash buckets and slop pails empty and the wood bin full. Of course there was the endless succession of meals prepared over the wood-burning stove. She could control those fires with expertise. Perishables such as milk and butter could be kept quite cool down in the well. Meat could be kept in the smokehouse with a little smoking every two weeks to slow spoilage. Soft water was stored in a cement cistern usually located under the kitchen. A hand pump brought the water to the kitchen. Rain gutters with a system of pipes kept the cistern filled. An overflow to the outside kept it from running over. Hard water had to be carried from an outside well. Near the water or in it was the ever-present dipper.



Improvements in farm machinery continued. Tractors were mainly gas powered and came in smaller more affordable sizes. More and more farmers were becoming owners of at least one tractor. Steam tractors continued to be a common sight at harvest time. Farmers were beginning to use trucks to haul their grain. It was no longer necessary to spend hours behind four horses to get one load of grain to town. Trucks travelled 20 miles per hour or better. The age of speed was dawning. Most field work was now being done by tractor power. Horses were still very important being used mainly for bundle hauling, haying, and chores. The harvest scene continued pretty much unchanged. More farmers owned their own threshing machines and harvest was becoming more of a family operation. The huge machines of the custom thresher and his large harvest crews were gradually being phased out. When driving up to a

threshing machine with a team of horses and a load of bundles one had to get close enough to the feeder so that bundles would not have to be pitched so far but not so close that one of the horses tails got caught in the whirring belts of the machine. Sometimes a team would get spooked and take off running. These runaways had their moments of danger and excitement until finally they were brought under control.



1930's

These were rough years for nearly everyone. The farmer needed the same grit and determination his pioneer ancestors possessed if he was to survive. The economy had collapsed causing banks to fail and money to be scarce. To top this off there were several very hot summers. In place of crops there were dust storms. Nothing escaped the dust that was everywhere. Yards and fence rows were covered with sand. Fields lost tons of topsoil. These were trying times for agriculture. The government got into farming. Shelterbelts were planted, and other measures were taken to preserve the land. Farmers had food during this time because they were self sufficient. But these were hard times.

Despite the uncertainty of the times, changes and improvements still kept up their former pace. Tractors could now be had with rubber tires. They were becoming easier to handle and maneuver. A very few farmers were trying combining. Cars and trucks were more streamlined and faster. Roads were still improving but not keeping up with the demand. The main crops grown were wheat, oats, barley, corn, and hay. Most farmers raised livestock.

1940's

These years are remembered as the war years with their shortages of fuel, machinery, and parts. These were good growing years in contrast to the thirties and grain prices were generally good. Dairy products and livestock sales continued to make up a substantial portion of the farmers' income. In 1948 rural electricity became a reality. Homes rapidly filled with appliances. Electric motors, tools, welders, and lights became indispensable to the farm operation. Rural living was much easier now. The coming of REA changed life more than any other event of the previous seventy years.

Farm machinery continued to improve. Electric starters and lights had become standard equipment on most tractors. Hydraulic loaders were taking care of most lifting jobs. Grain trucks were being fitted with hoists. There was still a mixture of old and new. During harvest both combines and old-time separators were being used. Horses weren't used much any

more but were nice to have around. When this final generation of horses grew old and useless they would not be replaced.

1950's

This decade stands between the quiet, unhurried ways of the past and the frenzied pace of the space age. The old familiar steam locomotive was making its final runs through Galesburg. Television came in 1953. Life styles were changed. There was little difference between rural and urban anymore. In 1959 the old wooden crank phones were taken out and replaced with a modern dial system. The Co-op Shoppers were still regular features on noon time radio but their days, too, were numbered. Farm machinery was comparatively small. A plow with five bottoms was considered large. Self-propelled combines and swathers became popular. Steel grain bins and quonsets replaced older buildings. Most farms had livestock. Farmers were using weed sprays and fertilizers. Small-scale milking operations were being phased out. Farm wives, for the first time, were buying milk and butter in the stores. Cars and trucks were fast and powerful. Roads were greatly improved but the nearest pavement was still 25 miles away.

1960's to the Present

More powerful tractors were being produced. Four-wheel drive tractors made their debut. Tillage and harvesting equipment grew ever larger. Most field tractors had cabs.

Cattle operations were dropped by all but a few farmers. New crops such as beans and sunflowers were being tried with success. Wheat and barley fields abounded while oats, corn, and hay fields were few and far between. The practice of summer fallowing was disappearing. A wider variety of chemicals were

being used. An era of wildly escalating land prices had begun. Farm units were growing larger. Cash rent became an accepted practice.

Technological advancements continue to be incorporated into the farming operation. Computers, radio communication between farm vehicles and buildings, comfort cabs, and more, are all a part of the changing farm scene. Ammonia trailer tanks seem to be everywhere. Tandem axle trucks with huge all-steel boxes are replacing the old. Snappy looking four-wheel drive pickups abound. Vans have become popular vehicles for the farm family. Snowmobiles have revived cross-country travel. Old wooden buildings are being razed while pre-fabricated steel structures appear in their place. A generation of beautiful homes grace many farmyards. Many fine older houses have been totally modernized and remodeled. Farmsteads are fewer and farther between as the size of operations increase. Neighbors aren't as close anymore.

Many old farmsteads that once were alive with activity now stand forlorn and forgotten. Many have disappeared before the dozer blade. Memories alone remain. It is well that events of the past are recorded in books such as this while memories are fresh.

The farm community of today is a far cry from the ox-powered walking plows and wooden separators of a century ago. This has been an interesting century. There have been good times and bad times. Today as we wrestle with the problems of every-spiraling expenses and an enormously complex economy and market place, one can only wonder, as the pioneers did, what lies ahead. The next century promises to be as interesting and challenging as the last.



REPLICA OF GALESBURG

How do you go about making a scale model replica of a building that has been gone for forty years? I faced that dilemma when I decided to model some of Galesburg's first buildings. Fortunately I had the benefit of some old photographs and of Gordon Jefferson's incredible memory. I first became interested in the project in 1973 after listening to several discussions of Galesburg between Gordon and my brother Curt, who was working on a history project at that time. Gordon's vivid description of the people and buildings of Galesburg at the turn of the century almost made that era come alive.

Actually I sat in on only a few of their discussions but I thoroughly enjoyed listening to the two of them feeding each other's interest. Each time Curt discovered some interesting historical record or wrote up something on Galesburg for

Gordon to review, they would have another opportunity to rehash much of the same material. Annie also had a good memory but her poor hearing limited her part in these conversations. I always felt somewhat ignorant as I sat there but their enthusiasm was infectious. Consequently when Gordon showed me an old photograph of the train near Galesburg in about 1900, I thought it might be fun to build a model of it. At first I intended to build only the train and trestle shown in the picture, but soon I was working on the depot and Whittemore's store as well. I measured the depot and trestle, but to build Whittemore's store I had to work from photographs. Gordon and Annie seemed delighted each time I brought a railroad car or building for their inspection. Annie, of course, would pull out her trusty Kodak while Gordon usually provided additional



Clair Haakenson working on this replica of Galesburg from the 1900 era.

details not apparent from photographs.

These visits were made doubly enjoyable by Gordon's dry sense of humor and his good-natured reminders of incidents from my childhood. I personally do not recall that Curt and I occasionally threw Annie's cat into the rain barrel. I find it hard to believe we could have gone into Annie's pantry and helped ourselves to her raisin cookies while she and Gordon were downtown. I always thought it best to claim ignorance when Gordon would ask if we remembered anything about screaming cats or a trail of broken cookies on his front steps.

Anyway, with Gordon's encouragement I had planned to build all of downtown Galesburg. But my move from North Dakota made progress difficult and when Gordon and Annie died in 1979 so did my enthusiasm. The same was true of Curt's history project. Curt and I had discussed what a great loss their passing would be to Galesburg as well as a personal loss to us.

Now the approaching centennial celebration has provided some of the spark Gordon used to supply. Curt has pulled out his old notes and has written several pieces for this book. I have resumed work on my models and hope to display some of them this summer. The going is a bit harder now without Gordon and Annie and the interest they showed in these projects.

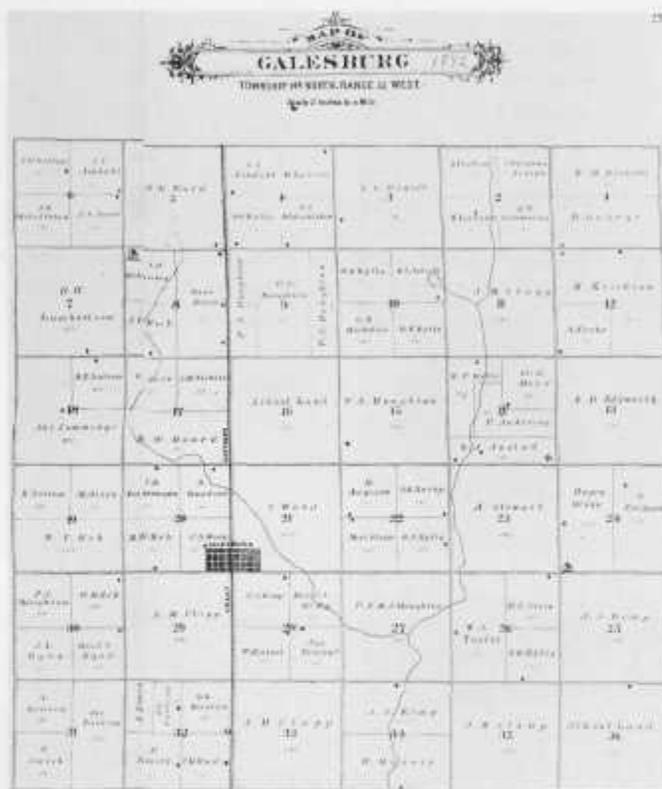


Great Northern train one-half mile north of Galesburg ca. 1900 (taken by Mrs. J.P. Whittemore)

I heard some discussion recently about which of the old settlers best represented the spirit of the town. Many came here earlier and others may have lived here longer, but for me, Gordon and Annie Jefferson will always be Mr. and Mrs. Galesburg.

*Submitted by Clair Haakenson
January, 1982*

GALESBURG TOWNSHIP and VILLAGE



Townships maintained their own roads. Monies were paid for road and bridge work. A resident of the township was hired to be road overseer receiving three to four dollars a day. Men were paid two to three dollars per day for his work and one and one half to three dollars per day for his team. Fifteen dollars for road and six hundred dollars for expenses was the levy in 1925. Ten years later estimated levy was seven hundred dollars for the general fund and eight hundred dollars for the road fund. H. Bjrgan was paid fifteen cents per load for gravel. In 1930 the township paid 25% of the cost of graveling county roads, not to exceed two hundred fifty dollars per mile. The township paid W.J. Road of Moorhead, Minnesota seven hundred ten dollars for road work in 1928. A shed for storing road equipment was built in 1909 behind the town hall. Some of the road equipment purchased was a Western reversible road machine for four hundred fifty dollars (1909), four # two scrapers for forty dollars each from Moen and Sande (1912), road grader from Lande Brothers (1912) and a road grader patrol for twelve thousand nine hundred sixty-seven dollars (1948). Seventy-five cents per roll was paid for putting up snow fence and fifty cents per roll for taking them down (1935). In 1942 the township raised money to help build Galesburg-Greenfield road (Red Owl Road). Donations were given by area residents.



THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. *6875*
APPLICATION *16861*

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate or the Register of the Land Office at *Fargo North Dakota*, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of *Harve Morrison* has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the *North East quarter of Section eight in Township one hundred and forty four North of Range forty three West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in North Dakota containing one hundred and forty acres*

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General:

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said *Harve Morrison* the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *Harve Morrison* and to his

heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.



In testimony whereof, *Benjamin Harrison* President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the *thirtieth* day of *November*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *ninety two*; and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and *seventeenth*.

By the President *Benjamin Harrison*
By *L. M. Workman* Secy.
D. O. Roberts Receiver of the General Land Office.

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THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Homestead Certificate No. *6451*
APPLICATION *11876*

Whereas There has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a Certificate or the Register of the Land Office at *Fargo North Dakota*, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 20th May, 1862, "To secure Homesteads to Actual Settlers on the Public Domain," and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of *Gumild J. Smith formerly Gumild Jordahl* has been established and duly consummated, in conformity to law, for the *South West quarter of Section thirty two in Township one hundred and forty four North of Range forty three West of the Fifth Principal Meridian in North Dakota, containing one hundred and forty acres*

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the Surveyor General:

Now know ye, That there is, therefore, granted by the United States unto the said *Gumild J. Smith* the tract of Land above described: To have and to hold the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said *Gumild J. Smith* and to his

heirs and assigns forever; subject to any vested and accrued water rights for mining, agricultural, manufacturing, or other purposes, and rights to ditches and reservoirs used in connection with such water rights, as may be recognized and acknowledged by the local customs, laws, and decisions of courts, and also subject to the right of the proprietor of a vein or lode to extract and remove his ore therefrom, should the same be found to penetrate or intersect the premises hereby granted, as provided by law.



In testimony whereof, *Benjamin Harrison* President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the *first* day of *April*, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and *ninety two*; and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and *seventeenth*.

By the President *Benjamin Harrison*
By *L. M. Workman* Secy.
D. O. Roberts Receiver of the General Land Office.

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Polar Rural Telephone was granted the right to construct, operate and maintain the telephone service in 1956 and a lot was sold to them and a telephone building was erected.

Improvements were made on the ball diamond; planks to go around the ball diamond and wire for lower half of both wings.

A park board was nominated in 1956. The village was divided into three zones and a member appointed from each zone. These were; Raymond Olstad, Otto Mielke, and John Soholt. A parking lot for trailers at the ball park and necessary outlets were hooked up in 1958. The charge was fifty cents a day for less than a week or two dollars and fifty cents per week. On March 6, 1972 an ordinance was adopted creating a Park District. The first Park Board were: Lynn Wolff, Ronald Flaten, Ione Martin, Sarah Anderson and Marilyn Henry. Both the Park Board and City contribute to the summer recreation program each year.

In 1954 the speed limit was changed from twenty to twenty-five miles per hour.

A revolver and belt were purchased for the village constable in 1954. Albert Gisvold served for many years as constable resigning in 1958.

The village participated with the county on rat control in

the 40's. They became a member of the League of Municipalities in 1948. Warming house and rest room buildings were erected at the ball diamond and skating rink (1958). A part was taken in the statewide "Unite and Fight Traffic Accidents" program (1959). A board of Budget Review was appointed in 1962 comprised of the following: Otto Mielke from the Park Board and Richard Rygh and Iver Smith members at large. Galesburg Village Civil Defense Organization Plan was adopted (1962). A fire works display permit was granted to Rygh Brothers (1962). A well was dug at the Memorial Building in 1963. Dogs were licensed by city law in 1963 at a cost of five dollars for females unless spayed and one dollar for male and female dogs if spayed. The county was contacted about black top through town in 1964 and in 1966 this became a reality.

The main Project for 1960 was the building of the Galesburg Memorial Building which replaced the Town Hall, Fire Hall and American Legion Hall. A six man committee consisting of Ole Soholt, Gordon Jefferson, Victor Smith, O.M. Smith, Otto Mielke and Hartman Ulland acted in behalf of the community in obtaining Galesburg's share of the County War Memorial Fund. This Memorial Building was dedicated May 30, 1961.



Veterans' Memorial Hall

In March of 1966 the Federal Housing Administration was contacted to discuss sewer and water system. Resolutions were passed for Water Main Improvement and Sewer Improvement. The preliminary sewer and water costs were received and inquiries were made for federal assistance. The cost of the water and sewer project was \$203,830 and an initial federal grant of \$83,780.00 was received and additional grants received later. \$120,050 was borrowed from the Farmers Home Administration to be repaid in thirty years. C.O. Haakenson, Otto Mielke, and Raymond Olstad were appointed to serve as the assessment commission. Soil Exploration Company was paid \$696.85 for soil testing for sewer and water project. Bids were opened July 22, 1968 and awarded to J.A. Shaw Company and Kirkham, Michael and Associates. Eighty percent of the borrowed amount of money was to be paid by benefited property owners to be levied for thirty years at a rate of six percent. The lagoon site was purchased from Irene Bring. The sewer and water rates were set and have never been changed. The installation of the water and sewer project was a boon to the city. The availability of this encouraged the building of many new homes and construction of new businesses and additions to current ones. The city moved to construct when the price was right thus avoiding high cost construction and interest rates.

A Farm-All H tractor was purchased from Galesburg Implement Company for two hundred fifty dollars in 1969 and a Ford Tractor was purchased from Alinder Used Farm Equipment for two thousand eight hundred fifty dollars in 1972.

A trailer court was established in 1974. At present time there are ten units for hook-ups at the court.

In July of 1971 the village became a city and the governing body was called City Council. Later the office of treasurer was eliminated and combined with the auditor's.

Ole Soholt retired in 1972 after serving from 1938-1947 as township officer, 1947-1968 as mayor and 1969-1972 as alderman. A party was given by the City Council in his honor at the Galesburg Memorial Hall upon his retirement.



Nikka and Ole Soholt - 1972
Party for 34 years of service in Township and City Government



City Council - 1972
Don Caswell, Richard Rygh, Al Martin, Ole Soholt, Orren Anderson, Victor Smith, Dorothy Smith.



Ole Soholt

Victor Smith was elected mayor following Ole Soholt in 1969.

A contract with Fraedrich Garbage Service of Enderlin, North Dakota was signed in 1973. Garbage pick-up is every Monday.

The city issued its first gambling permit in accordance with the new state law regarding gambling in 1977 and in 1979 signed a contract with Trail County Sheriff Department for police protection. Because of complaints by residents, a dog ordinance was passed in 1979. Building permits were issued in accordance with the zoning ordinance in 1980. In January of 1982 the fiscal year for cities as determined by state law was changed to January 1-December 31. The present Galesburg City Council is Mayor, C.O. Haakenson, Aldermen, Alfred Martin, Herbert Bennett, Don Caswell, and Victor Smith. Ardis Halvorson is City Auditor.



Galesburg City Council - 1982
 Don Caswell, Herbert Bennett, Al Martin
 Ardis Halvorson, C.O. Haakenson, Victor Smith

GALESBURG PARK DISTRICT

The Galesburg Park Board District was started in April, 1972. The first board members elected were Lynn Wolff, Sarah Anderson, Ione Martin, Ron Flaten, and Marilyn Henry. Other members of the Park Board since were Jerry Sandbeck, Otto Satrom, and Keith Hochgraber.

Some of the projects that the Park Board undertook were: improving the ball diamond, building the trailer court, building the horseshoe court and horse show arena. When the Park Board first originated, they also arranged some summer recreation for the kids. Since 1976, the Park Board has been in charge of Galesburg Community Days.

Present members are Greg Boreen, Don Havelange, Sarah Anderson, Don Jacobson, and Leonard Treinen.

The past and present Park Board appreciates what the community has done in support and contributions to enable improvements in the park area.



Keith Hochgraber, Don Jacobson
 Ione Martin, Sarah Anderson



Greg Boreen, Don Havelange
 Don Jacobson, Sarah Anderson

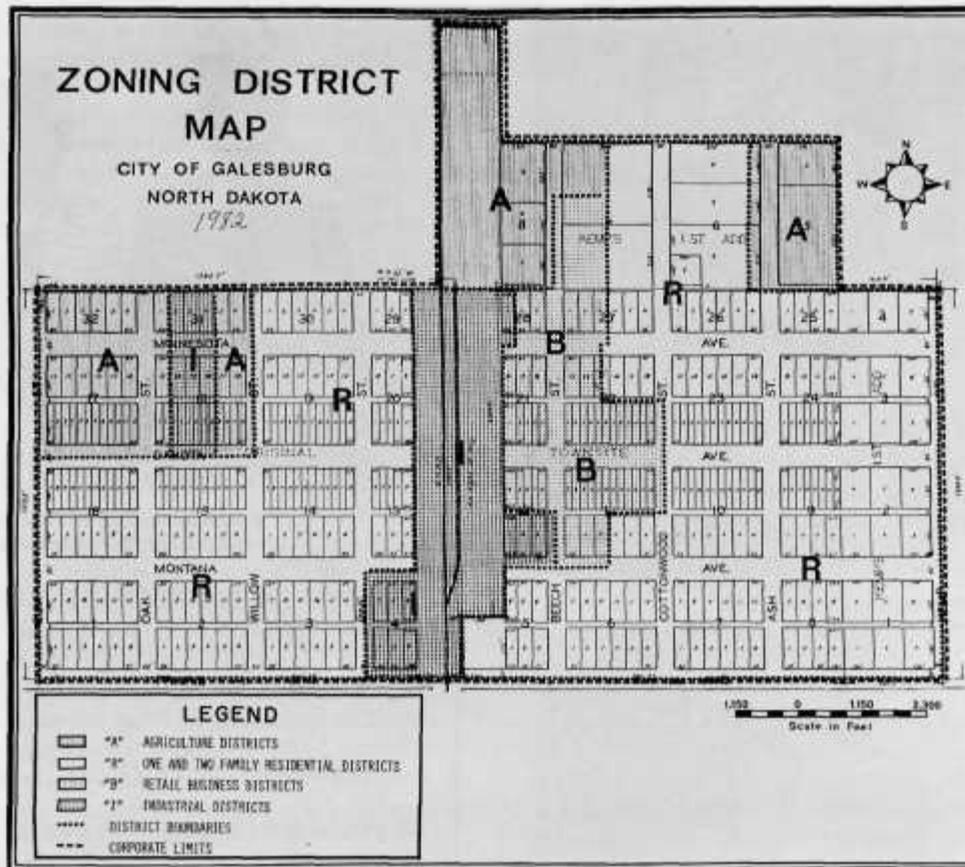
What Kind of Town?

*If you want to live in the kind of town
 Like the kind of a town you like,
 You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
 And start on a long, long hike.*

*You'll only find what you left behind
 For there is nothing that's really new,
 It's a knock at yourself, when you knock
 your town,
 It isn't the town, it's you.*

*Real towns are not made by men afraid
 Lest somebody else gets ahead.
 When everyone works and nobody shirks
 You can raise a town from the dead.*

*And if while you make your personal
 stake
 Your neighbors can make one too
 Your town will be what you want it to be
 It isn't the town, it's you.*



TOWNSHIPS

GALESBURG TOWNSHIP

The township was reorganized in March 1947 with Iver Smith, Osmond Satrom, H.M. Erickson, supervisors; S. Orville Severs, treasurer; Kenneth Prien, assessor; Albert Norby, Justice of the Peace; and Arden Bring, constable. J.R. Toliver was clerk.

The Town Hall was used as previously for elections, school gym, etc.

An Austin Western road patrol was purchased from N.W. Equipment in 1948 at a cost of \$12,967.00 which included a snow plow, wing and scarifier. In 1952 the price of patrol road work was six dollars per hour in Galesburg Township and seven dollars per hour outside the Township. The main order of business for several years pertained to road maintenance, graveling, and equalization of personal property taxes.

In 1956 the township sold the property behind the Town Hall for \$50.00 to Polar Telephone for a dial house.

The first township meeting in the Galesburg Memorial Building was January 12, 1961.

For many years the township owned a maintainer with snow plow and wing. Much of the road work was done by the township hiring an operator. This equipment was sold in 1975. Wages for snow plowing were raised in 1968 from one dollar and twenty-five cents to one dollar and fifty cents per hour. Some years the county was hired to maintain the roads. Robert Conrad also was hired to maintain the township roads and plow

the snow. Spraying of township roads is done by farmers or someone is hired to spray them. Spraying has been done for grasshopper control and also leafy spurge. In 1965 the Board agreed to rent a pocket gopher machine from Rent and Buy at Hillsboro for three years. Bait was obtained from the county agent. Later the township purchased their own machine.

At a meeting in 1960 the organization of North Dakota Water Users Association was explained. A donation was sent to this organization to promote the Garrison Diversion Project. Civil Defense meetings were attended at Hillsboro and Mayville Armory. The assessor was the collector for the Multiple Charity Drive. The township went on record in 1966 to help where needed on the recreation development project south of Augustadt Dam. Since 1975 the township has given donations to help support the summer recreational program.

In 1963 the Galesburg Village and Township agreed to each pay three hundred dollars to the Galesburg Fire Department. They continued to donate to the fire department for several years. The township also shared in the cost of fuel for the Memorial Building.

June 28, 1966 the board met for the purpose of setting valuation on the tower near Ralph Bring's and set the valuation at sixty-five thousand dollars.

The township hall was sold to Galesburg Implement. The township shed and lot were sold to Chris Anderson. Elections have been held in the Galesburg Memorial Hall.

Since 1976 the clerk and treasurer offices have been combined. The present township board is: chairman, John Satrom; supervisors, Dale Moen and Al Elliott Jr.; clerk-treasurer, Harold Rud.

GREENFIELD TOWNSHIP

Greenfield Township begins four miles east of Galesburg, North Dakota. In the early years the township was known as the west half of Bohnsack Township. The Greenfield Township and City was located just west of the present Doug Andre farm. The Weible Post Office was located there for many years and later moved to Hunter, North Dakota. Two elevators were in business at that time. One was known as the Saint Anthony and Dakota Elevator. The first elevator agent was George Clunis and followed by Duseth, George Oldham, C. Lerass, John Hanson, S. Nicholas, and J.W. Johnson. The other elevator was owned by the Weible Farms which was later sold along with the farms to A.J. Thompson. The Red Owl Incorporated owned the grocery store. There was a Town Hall which was moved the J. McGregor farm. There were three schools in the township which were consolidated in 1921 and at that time a new school was built just south of the present Floyd Erickson farm.

Present Officers are: Arden Paulson, Chairman; Arhlen Aarsvold and Merle Widley, Supervisors; and Ole Aarsvold, Clerk and Treasurer.

BROADLAWN TOWNSHIP — STEELE COUNTY

Broadlawn Township was named after the Broadlawn Farm which held a prominent place in the county in the early '80's. Originally the land, which consisted of the odd numbered sections of Broadlawn Township, was purchased by Geo. M. Young of London, England in May 1882 from the Pacific Railroad Company, the purchase price being \$50,758.00. The land changed hands several times in a short space of time without any attempt to settle or improve it until H. E. Fletcher of Minneapolis (who named the farm) and P.H. Smith of Fargo purchased sections 7 and 17. They were owners of a ranch in Montana known as the Green Mountain Stock Ranch. From this ranch they brought western broncos to Broadlawn Farm to be broken for harness and saddle. The farm had the appearance of a small village as there were three cottages and a large boarding house with a bell on top which was rung when meals were ready. There were also the foreman's house, two large barns, a blacksmith shop, granaries, and machine sheds. Section 17 was fenced. The large barn was almost 100 years old when it was dismantled in 1979. It had been built facing the northwest since it was felt it would withstand the severe winters better if built in that manner. In the summer of 1886 an attempt was made to sink an artesian well. In June the well was down 250 feet. In September it was down 600 feet and in November 800 feet when the job was abandoned as hopeless. An accident occurred in May in connection with this work. The first death in Broadlawn Township was a young man, John Smith, who lost his life because of the premature explosion of dynamite used in sinking the well. In March, 1889 the farm was sold to H. E. Brown of Minneapolis for \$100,000 and in May 1889 it changed hands again, this time to Mr. John O'Hare, said to be an eastern capitalist, for the consideration of

\$50,000. It changed hands several times after that. The farm is now owned and occupied by the Gilmore and Philip Jondahl families.

The community around Broadlawn Farm advanced rapidly. In 1886 good schools were established, church, Sunday School, and social societies organized, and a library was started thus giving it the appearance of having been settled 40 years. The township was organized March 22, 1886, and the first town meeting was held on the Broadlawn Farm April 6, 1886 with the following elected: Supervisors — M.D. Henry, Hugh Davidson, Jas Whisnand; Clerk — E.E. Morrison; Treasurer — W.D. Pope; Justice of Peace — C. H. Newton, Samuel Webster; Constables — Wm. Leitch, Martin Swartz; Overseer of Highway — E.D. Hunt; Overseer of Poor — W.H. Roney; Assessor — R.A. Pope.

Cellins L. Pratt filed the first tree claim of record on Section 22, June 2, 1881. He obtained cuttings of trees from Illinois which he planted on his farm. He also raised trees which he sold to other settlers and helped them plant the trees. As an inducement to the N.P. Railroad to build a road west across North Dakota, the government had granted them each alternate section of land for 25 miles on either side of the railroad right-of-way. Every other section was open for homesteaders, or they could file a tree claim. The Tree Claim Act required you to plant 10 acres of trees and take care of them. After five years you could make final proof by going before the U.S. Commissioners with two witnesses that you had complied. You were required to have a specific number of trees on each acre. You were then issued patent to the land which was as good as a deed. Several farms in Broadlawn Township were established under this act before it expired in the late 1880's.

The first homestead was filed by Thos. McPherson on Section 34, June 20, 1881. The first school was held in the Robert Pope home. Mrs. Pope was granted a certificate, and she taught her own children. In the spring of 1883 Miss Minnie Whisnand taught a term of school in the Howard McGovney shack, and she had eight pupils.

In the summer of 1883 a Sunday School was organized with J.M. Whisnand, superintendent, and his daughter, Minnie, as choirster. Church services were held every two weeks with Rev. J.H. Baldwin as the pastor, who traveled from Tower City 30 miles away. This church was organized under the Presbyterian Board. The first wedding in Broadlawn Township was Mary E. Roney to Wm. E. Whisnand on March 16, 1886. The first child born in the township was Clara Pope, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.A. Pope, on August 5, 1884. Catholic services were held in the Andrew Hugh's home during the summer months beginning June 1888. Father Majerius of Casselton was pastor, and the congregation numbered about thirty-five.

The first school of Broadlawn was No. 1. It was 30' x 50' with three windows and coal shed and cost \$1,200. It was built on what had been government land and then purchased by R.A. Pope, who gave it to be used for a church or school. The first teacher was J.M. Murray with 20 pupils. The second teacher was Eva Pope, who walked or drove 5½ miles to school. Blackboards were painted boards. Teachers were given a certificate for teaching, and those issued first grade certificates received \$40 per month for teaching, a second grade certificate \$35 per month, and third grade certificate \$30 per month. In 1900 Broadlawn Central School was built with basement and hot air furnace. There were 2 rooms downstairs, and the upper floor

was used as an auditorium. The building cost \$3,500 and was insured with the Farmers Mutual Insurance Co. for \$3,000. Five hundred dollars worth of books were purchased. Four buses were fitted up to transport the pupils from all parts of the township. The first term was taught the spring of 1901, and it was a three month term. Clarence E. Bristol was principal, and Mrs. Rebecca Austin taught the primary grades. Fifteen pupils were enrolled in the upper grades and twenty-five in the primary. H.L. Moody and Mrs. Austin taught the school year of 1901-02. About 35 pupils were enrolled in each room. School Board was R.A. Pope, Jacob Omdahl and Wm. Henderson. Joe Knight was clerk.

Mrs. Lydia (Paulson) Fisher who resides in Hope, North Dakota is one of the few surviving persons who attended the Central School, and the following are some of her reflections:

"There was a well and barn on the property, and students planted many trees. The school was used as a clinic for vaccinating all youngsters. The funeral for infant Milo Parker was held there, and Mrs. Austin, teacher, made two satin roses for the baby's dress. The students returned to their studies after the funeral. One day a skunk got into the basement. The boys chased it into a pipe; then one boy stepped on one end and another on the other end, trapping it. They then carried it out on a shovel. The last day of school would be a picnic held on the C.L. Pratt farmstead with its beautiful grove of trees. One of the men remembered so well was Roy Parker. He had a bicycle with a large front wheel and small rear wheel which fascinated everyone."

The school year of 1902-03 was an unsatisfactory term as opposition had developed against such a school since some parents objected to the distance their children rode before they got to school. It resolved into a factional fight, and when the building burned in July 1903 it was considered a piece of spite work.

Prudence Circulating Library, Broadlawn Township, was started in 1884 and was named in honor of Mrs. C.H. Newton who was instrumental in getting it started. An oyster supper was put on at the Newton home, and the proceeds were used to start the library. Twenty-five books were purchased at this time. Funds were raised by having dances at the school house during the winter. John and Joe Webster and Mrs. R.A. Pope furnished the music. At one time the library contained about 300 volumes and continued for many years.

Storms were frequent and very severe and it was often risking one's life to go to the barn and feed the stock. More than once they could not get from the house to the barn for three or four days. An amusing incident, though it might easily have become a tragedy, occurred one winter. A young man who was batching in his father's cabin went to bed one night and forgot to take the shovel in the house. During the night a bad storm came up and when he woke up, he found himself completely snowed in with no way of digging himself out. Luckily a neighbor noticed the absence of all activity there and decided to go over and investigate. He found the shack completely covered with snow and finally succeeded in digging him out. During the winter months a great many muskrats and occasionally a mink were trapped. Trappers thought they got a good price when they sold a muskrat at 3¢ and 25¢ for mink. The gathering of buffalo bones to sell for fertilizer was quite a source of income the summer of 1884. They sold at \$10.00

per ton. Sometimes one or more carcasses would be found in a group, and there were many buffalo paths and wallows. It was no uncommon thing to find arrowheads, whitstones, and skinning knives near these carcasses. Arrowheads and hatchets were often unearthed in the cultivation of the land. Next to the dread of Indians (who never did show up) prairie fires seemed to strike the worst terror. In 1885 a bridge over a branch of the Goose River was destroyed by fire. Sid Fuller and Sher Walden succeeded in getting enough money by subscription to replace it.

The Broadlawn census in 1960 was 118 and in 1980, 73.

DOWS TOWNSHIP

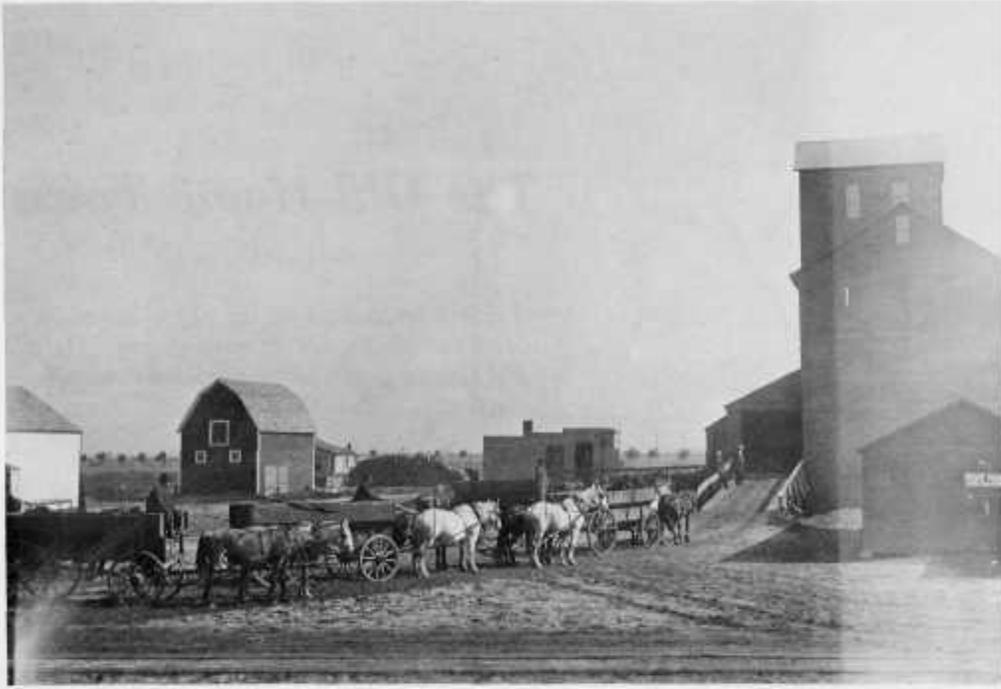
Dows Township was organized June 27, 1887 and was named after Mr. Edwin L. Dows for the simple reason that he was the first one to present a petition to the county Commissioners at the Cass County Courthouse in Fargo, North Dakota. The names on this petition were: E.L. Dows, Walter Wright (crossed out), Thos. J. Sampson, Burr A. Clark (crossed out), G.A. Pettit, Joel Franklin, Theodor Lutze, David Nimock, Oliver Nimock, C.F. Meyers, E.J. Erb, Peter Erb, A.L. Powelson, A. Severson, E. Morrison, Walter Taylor, Blasius Galliger, L.J. Larson, James Rutherford, W.J. Hill, H.H. Meyers, C.G. Meyers, Daniel Mechtel, D.O. Elliott, W.M. Steele, John Erickson, and John Kiefs. This petition was approved on the same day by the County Commissioners. The schoolhouse on section four held the first town meeting on Saturday, July 16, 1887.

Names of the earlier settlers and land owners that should be mentioned and that may not be written up elsewhere in this township chapter are: Bernart Hogan, Herman Arnt, Ole Korshus, Reverend Beito, Wallace Francis, Otto Zelmer, Several Rosevold, Mrs. (Nellie) Shepperd, and David and Oliver Nimock, to name some. Their stamina and faith in the land should certainly be admired.

In about 1915 or shortly after, J.C. Miller of Page built a grain elevator along the east side of the railroad; at that time it was the Great Northern Railway property. This was a good and convenient grain market and place to buy coal, feed, and seed. Most of the grain and other commodities were hauled by teams of horses. I believe the first manager was Henry (Hank) Tenneson; then his brother Charles (Butch) Tenneson was manager for quite a few years when he was moved to Litchville, North Dakota as manager of another J.C. Miller elevator. Ember Brovick was then made manager until harvest time in 1936 when in attempting to start the diesel stationary engine the room caught fire and the whole elevator burned down. There was a sign put up between the main track and side track, perhaps by the Railway Company, in big letters it read MORTIMER. There was a house across the road for the manager, otherwise there was nothing to the place except a brother of Mr. Miller who lived on a farmstead on the north quarter of the west half of section sixteen.

In the time that the elevator was in operation, Mr. Miller took interest in the elevator operation and also the customers. Incidentally, if you have not become aware of it, the elevator was never rebuilt, also there have never been any other business or churches in this township except Reverend Beito who held Lutheran services in his home when he lived on Section four which now belongs to Leon and Inez Nelson.

Submitted by George Benzmilller



Laying the First Sidewalks in Galesburg



Pete Rock's Threshing Crew



Building Addition to Rygh's Mobil Station



Plowing near Galesburg



The Old Home Town

Letitia Morse Nash

I'd like to go back to the old home town
And see all the old friends there;
I'd like to grasp all the friendly hands
And say, "How do you fare?"

I'd like to visit the dear old school,
And the church where I often prayed;
And stroll once again down Lovers Lane,
Where, hand in hand, we strayed.

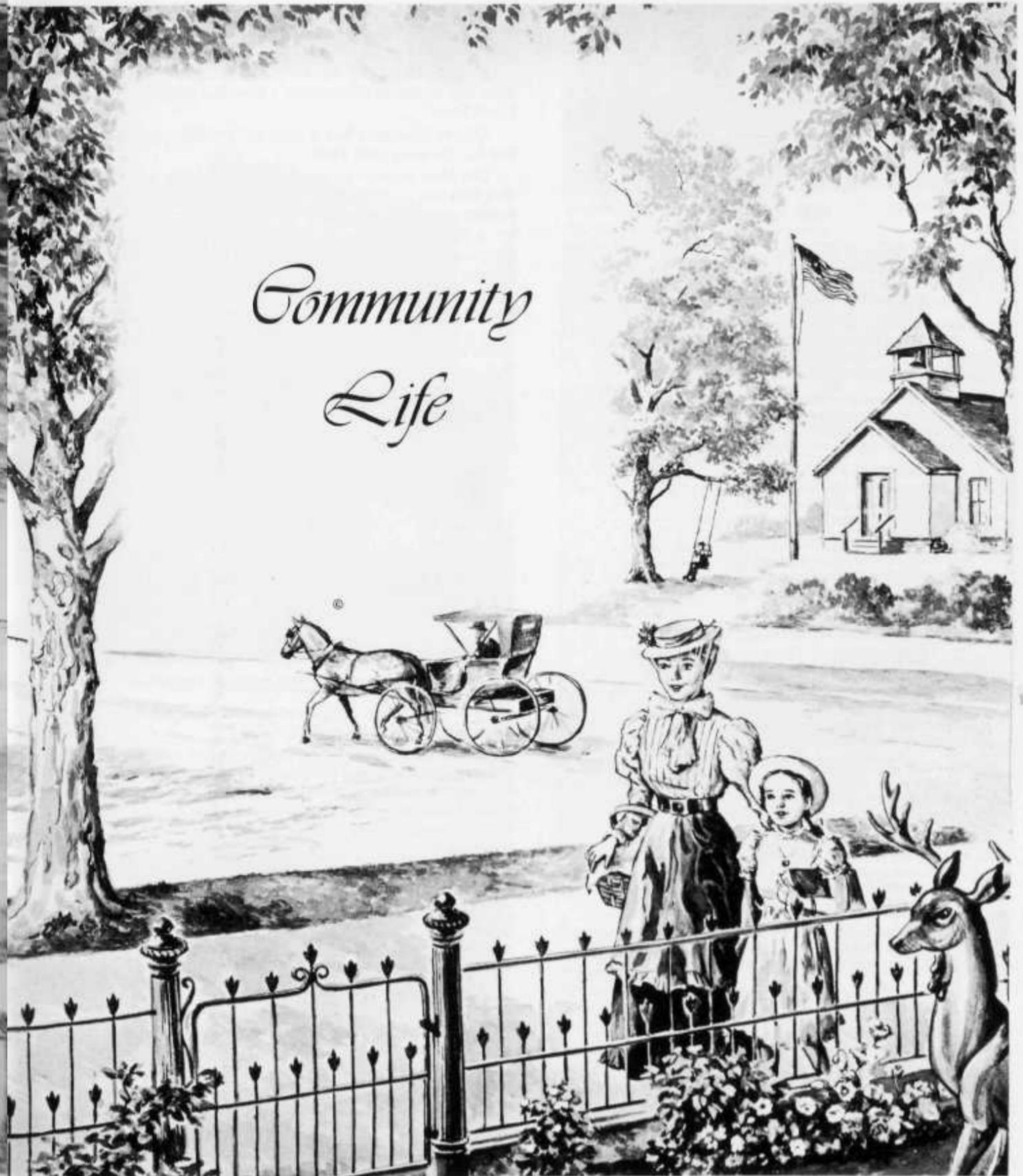
I'd like to recall the tricks we played,
The parties and all the fun;
The sleighing, the skating, the gay hayrides,
E'er serious life had begun.

Yes, I'd like to go back to the old home town,
'Twould be such a joy, I know,
To pause for a while in life's busy whirl
And go back to the long ago.

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Community Life



BUSINESSES



OUR BURG

by Mabel Ness

*We have Galesburg full of folks
That aren't grouchy but full of jokes.
Be it dry or be it wet
They don't lose their temper, you bet.*

*Tolliver, the operator, with a grin on his face
Must like it in Galesburg, for he won't move from this place.
He will play whist with any man at a glance,
But when his wife is around, he don't get the chance.*

*Jenson and Jennie went out riding one day,
And got stuck in the mud so I heard someone say.
So after that with many young ladies he did shine,
But that didn't last, so now its Sweet Albertine.*

*Einer Foss he is that funny old jigger,
But how cute he would be if his whiskers grew bigger,
With a nice little twist and a pert little curl,
I'm sure would attract some sweet little girl.*

*Big talkers, the three Johnsons right here in a string,
By looking at them you'd think they don't know anything.
But stop a few minutes and come over this way,
You'll wait, look, and listen to hear what they say.*

*The butcher has rented a small yellow house.
And early in the morning he is hard to arouse,
For it keeps Johnson No. 1 busy all night to slice meat,
To pay his high house rent and sell the meat cheap.*

*Johnson No. 2 is the clerk at the bank
He is tall as a fence rail and straight as a plank,
He cracks more jokes than any man here in town,
But puzzles the strangers if he is the clerk or the clown.*

*The third Johnson we have is here for to preach,
The Gospel to all the strong and the weak.
He swims like a shark and sings like a lark,
Early in the morning and long after dark.*

*When you get rich and also quite old,
You'll move to California away from the cold,
Like Knudson and wife have done right along,
But hereafter you'll see. Andrew Jr., will also go along.*

*I surely regret I can't find room for them all
But Galesburg is large, and the paper is small.
For it would fill up a moderate book
To tell all these people just how they look.*

POST OFFICE



Joe Kemp was the first postmaster in the Galesburg area in 1882. The post office was moved around to quite a few places.

Philip S. Houghton was postmaster from 1886-1896. The office was started in Whittemore's store and was later moved to Lande Store.

Gilbert Moackrud had it from 1896-1900, and Ole Lande had it in the store until 1908.

Ole Ness became postmaster in 1908. The post office at that time was south of Main Street. It was moved north by the lumber yard.

A fire destroyed that building in 1920, and Omdahl, the postmaster at that time, moved it into a corner of the old restaurant. Mrs. Gusta Soholt had the post office there also in 1928. In 1930 the bank closed, and when Ed Moe became postmaster in 1933 it was moved into the old bank building. Ed Moe was postmaster until his sudden death in 1935 when Joe Moen became postmaster.



Ole Ness Family standing by the old Post Office

When Joe Moen transferred to rural mail carrier in 1944 he was succeeded by Oline Moe.

At the death of Oline Moe, Helen Olstad, who was clerk at the time, became acting postmaster in 1958-1960; then Alton Bjelverud became postmaster. During Alton's service a new building consisting of post office and bank was erected. The post office was moved out of the old bank building which was later demolished.

In 1906 the farmer patrons of the Galesburg post office petitioned for rural free delivery. Gunder Rindahl was the first rural carrier succeeded by Ole Ness, Chris Kringle, and Lars Larson. These carriers used horses for many years until cars were used. Lars Larson used to change horses when he was half way through his route.

It was found in the *Hillsboro Banner* that due to a blizzard there was no mail service from Monday until Saturday in February of 1928. During the heavy snows of the thirties roads were bad, and mail was delivered part way on horseback.

Lars Larson hauled mail west of town, and Willis Johnson had the east route. The routes were consolidated, and Lars Larson took over both routes, and Willis was moved to Clifford.

After Larson's retirement Joseph Moen became carrier. In recent years the Clifford and Galesburg routes have been combined with Amos Pladson of Clifford taking over as carrier.



Last day the flag flew over the old Post Office

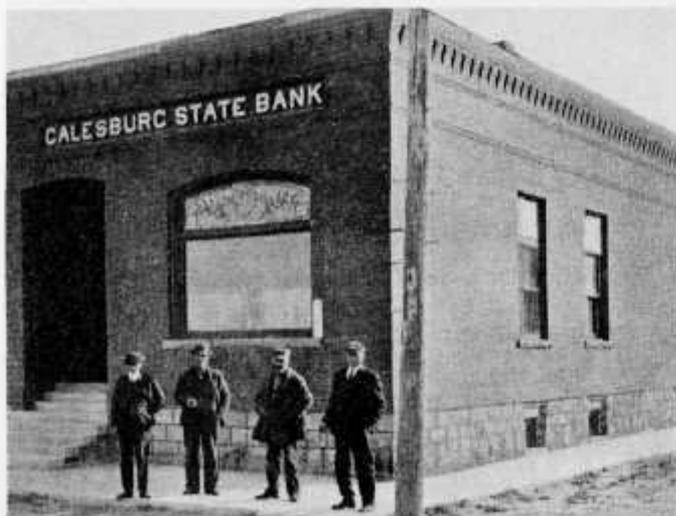
POSTAL RATES FROM 1913

1st class (letters or matter)	2¢ an ounce
2nd class	1¢ for 4 ounces
3rd class	1¢ for 2 ounces
4th class	1¢ an ounce
Postcards	1¢
Registration	10¢
Special Delivery	10¢

Postal money orders — Sums not exceeding

\$ 2.50	3¢	\$ 40.00	15¢
\$ 5.00	5¢	\$ 50.00	18¢
\$10.00	8¢	\$ 60.00	20¢
\$20.00	10¢	\$ 75.00	25¢
\$30.00	12¢	\$100.00	30¢

BANK



Galesburg State Bank — 1901

The original bank in Galesburg was in a building across from what became the Moackrud Store, now the A and J Store. It was built in 1901 with Alex Stewart, Walter Taylor, Kemp, Baldwin, and Churchill operating it. In 1902 a new safe was put in the bank. O.P. Satrom, Andrew Knutson, and Moackrud bought out the first owners in 1904 and together with Robert Morris and Oliver Nimock built a brick building, the Galesburg State Bank on Main Street, which closed in the depression year of 1930.

Cashiers included: Wadman, Moackrud, Andrew Knutson, Oscar Johnson, and E.O. Moe who was there at the time when the bank closed.

Report of the Condition OF THE GALESBURG STATE BANK	
AT GALESBURG, IN THE STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 15, 1902.	
RESOURCES.	
Loans and discounts	\$ 29,491 21
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured	3000 00
Banking house, furniture and fixtures	731 06
Current expense, taxes paid, over undivided profits	129 88
Due from other banks	\$ 10,673 86
Checks and other cash items	57 00
Cash	5,458 28
Total	\$ 37,580 29
LIABILITIES.	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 5,000 00
Individual deposits, subject to check	\$ 20,581 09
Demand certificates of deposit	1,316 20
Time certificates of deposit	683 00
Notes and bills re-discounted	none
Bills payable	none
Total	\$ 37,580 29
STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, ss. County of Traill.	
I, John Wadman, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.	
JOHN WADMAN, Cashier.	
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 18th day of Sept., 1902.	
JOS. P. WHITTEMORE, Notary Public.	
Correct—Attest.	ALEX STEWART, J. R. KEMP, ANDREW KNUDSON, Directors.
[SEAL]	

RAILROAD DEPOT

A main part of the early railroads was the depot and the man who operated this place, the depot agent. It was his job to see that all the freight was sent or delivered to the right person or place as well as taking and sending telegraph messages. Near the depot stood a water tank which was needed to supply the early train engine with water to provide the steam power.

Very little is known as to when the first depot was constructed in Galesburg. It may have been in 1881 when the first railroad was built through the town. We do know that an unloading platform was constructed on the east side of the depot in 1899.

When J.R. Toliver came to Galesburg as agent in 1917, he and his family lived in the depot for a while until they moved to their home which is where Ted Ryghs live today.



Original Town Depot with Water Tank and Windmill in the Background

During the time Clarence Erickson was agent (1950-1962), they remodeled the building and made very comfortable living quarters there.

The building was later torn down but the loading platform remains and is still used today to unload machinery that comes into town by rail. We are also told that the loading platform provided the only hill in Galesburg for children to use on snowy days for sledding.



Galesburg Depot



John Gisvold and the Road Master



Galesburg Water Tower and Windmill

STORE



J.P. Whittemore Store

The first store was built by J.S. Kemp and operated by P.S. Houghton, who brought in J.P. Whittemore, a druggist to work there. In 1887 P.S. Houghton and J.P. Whittemore bought Mr. Kemp's interest in the establishment, and later Mr. Whittemore assumed full possession.

In early days Mr. Whittemore transacted practically the entire business in Galesburg. He had the post office, general store, drugstore, and handled fuel, lumber, and machinery.

On June 26, 1931 J.P. Whittemore was the oldest general store operator in Traill County. He had operated the general store for forty-four years. He was believed to be the oldest registered pharmacist in the state.

At this time bananas were shipped in by large bunches and hung from the ceiling by a rope with a pulley. A curved banana knife was used to cut off the number of bananas a customer ordered.

White, brown, powdered sugar, dry beans, and many other products were kept in drawers in the counter and weighed out for the customers. Large coffee grinders were used to grind coffee.

For several years the Iver Jondahls ran the store when J.P. Whittemore was ill. After his death the store was sold to Lyle Jondahl. He sold out all the merchandise, and the building was sold to a seed company and moved to Hillsboro to be used as a seed cleaning plant.



J.P. Whittemore Store — 1890

DOCTORS

Dr. C.F. Heinze was the first doctor of our recollection. He lived in Clifford but also served our community.

In 1908 we have found information of a Dr. Hobart, who lived in the old Melting house; as the following excerpt was taken from the *Hillsboro Banner* in 1908.

"The two baby daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Iver Jondahl have been very dangerously ill the past week. Maxine, the elder, with an affection of the brain and the baby with cholera infantum. Dr. Wadel was called in consultation with Dr. Hobart."

Excerpt from *The Record*, North Dakota State University.

"Dr. Henry H. Critchfield is a local surgeon of the G.N.R.R., examining surgeon for United States pensions and member of the medical societies of the county and state and a successful practitioner."

"He practiced medicine one year in Minneapolis and then moved to Hunter. The doctor enjoys an exceptionally large practice and in the past two or three years has ridden over two hundred thousand miles. His rides extend to Arthur, Amenia, Galesburg, and other points — a circuit of country twenty to thirty miles in every direction. The doctor has a team well adapted to his work

and has frequently driven to Fargo, forty-one miles in three hours, driving back the same day. He is successful in practice and seems to have won from the start the confidence of everyone."

October 4, 1913.

"It has been reported that Dr. Critchfield and family have moved into the Stewart residence. The many friends of the genial doctor will be pleased to learn he decided to remain."

Dr. Critchfield had his office in the Whittemore store. After a few years in Galesburg he spent a year of hospital practice in Chicago. He afterwards located in St. Paul as specialist in children's diseases.

Dr. Joel Swanson had an office in Clifford serving this community before he became a bone specialist in Fargo. Ray Olstad broke his leg at the age of seventeen. It was set by Dr. Swanson without any x-ray. It was a perfect job.

Dr. Hjelle succeeded Dr. Swanson. Many a tonsilectomy was performed in his office in Clifford. Some were even done on the dining room table in the homes.

These country doctors were a very dedicated lot and many times were paid very little for their services. They were on call night and day, seven days a week, in winter or summer. The roads were sometimes blocked, and Dr. Hjelle was known to walk for a half a mile or more to reach his client. No wonder he died at an early age from a serious bone ailment. He never sent a bill. He had a real compassion for his people.

In later years we were fortunate to have doctors at Portland and Mayville where folks could go in time of sickness. The time of house calls is past.

Dr. Waydeman from Hunter and Dr. James of Page also served our area at one time.

DENTIST

Early days the citizens of Galesburg were fortunate in having a dentist come by train from Fargo. On certain days Dr. Edison would bring his own chair and set up his office in the north room of Whittemore's Store near the drug department. A Dr. Christianson was also an early dentist.



H.E. Allen Store, later owned by G.A. Moackrud

G. A. MOACKRUD STORE



Mr. and Mrs. Pete Rock, Peter Severs, G.A. Moackrud

Mr. H.E. Allen built a hardware store in 1895. Later an addition was added to the east side. Moackrud bought this store in 1900 and made it into a general merchandise store. The upstairs over the west side was the first dance hall and meeting place in town. Later Mr. Moackrud used the upstairs for a display of caskets. He sold coffins and was the funeral director of the day. A buggy in the summer and a sled in winter pulled by two black horses was used to carry the corpse to the cemetery. Mrs. Moackrud had a millinery department in the store. There was a hitching post in the front of the store where farmers tied the horses while they did their business in town. Pete Severs worked in the store from 1907-1912. Knute Lande later worked in the Moackrud Store and continued working for him until Mr. Moackrud's death. In 1941 Knute bought the store from Mrs. Moackrud. He continued in business until 1960 when he sold to Ruth Anderson and Esther Johnson. It is now called the A & J Store.

DRESS MAKING and FASHIONS



Anna, Laura, and Minnie Groven

Mrs. Ludvig Moe was an early dress maker. She made Inga Larson's wedding dress.

Rose Korshus and Inga Larson worked together sewing for other ladies.

Mrs. Whittemore had a millinery shop upstairs over the Whittemore Store.

Excerpts from the *Hillsboro Banner*:

1889

"Mrs. Moackrud and daughter Grace went to Minneapolis to secure new styles in millinery and other articles in the ladies department in the G.A. Moackrud Store."

October 3, 1902

"We are just in receipt of Mrs. G.A. Moackrud's announcement of her fall and winter millinery opening, and acknowledge the courtesy by assuring the public you will find all you want in that line in her department."

1907

"Miss Inga Olson went to Minneapolis last Monday and will remain away about a month visiting relatives and looking up new styles in dressmaking."

Mrs. Pete Severs worked in the millinery shop in Moackrud Store and sewed dresses for others in her home. Tillie Hanson started dressmaking after Mrs. Severs moved away.

In later years Annie Anderson and Annie Olstad sewed for many people.

Inga Groven also was a great seamstress and sewed for others long after she moved to Bismarck. She was still sewing for others at the age of eighty.



Inga, Emma, Mary Jystad

OLE LANDE STORE

Ole Lande was employed at the J.P. Whittemore store for a time. He had been employed at the Kraabel store in Clifford before coming to Galesburg. In 1896 Ole Lande and Moackrud started the Lande Store.



In 1900 Moackrud bought out the hardware store which was then owned by Allen and made it into a general store. Ole went into partnership with his brothers Lars and Tore, and the store became the Lande and Larson Store. Mr. Larson did not remain in this country but went back to Norway. Lars later started a store by himself. Ole, together with his sons, Lester, Milton, and Earl, operated the store until Ole's death in 1949. Lester continued in the store until 1951.

Lester used to buy and sell cream and eggs. After the creamery closed many of the stores would buy butter from the farmers, and they would take it out in trade.

In 1951 Lester sold the store to Charles and Pat Givold. The store was known as the U-Save Store when Charles and Patsy operated it.

A fire destroyed the inside of the store so the store was discontinued. Ted and Richard Rygh bought the building in 1960. Ted moved his TV business into the store. The partnership was dissolved. Ted continued in the TV business there until the elevator bought the building and used it for storage. The elevator later tore the building down and the area is used for parking space today.



The U-Save store being Remodeled by the Rygh Brothers to be used for Ted's TV Shop.

LARS LANDE STORE

Lars Lande was in partnership with his two brothers, Ole and Tore, in the early 1900's. He later started a small grocery store of his own located between the meat market and the harness shop on Main Street. Due to ill health he had to retire. The shop was later turned into a cafe run by Mrs. Ed Gustafson and, later, Ardith Alberts. Then it was moved to the eastern part of town where Lars Lande raised chickens.

K. O. LANDE'S FOOD MARKET



K. O. Lande Food Market

In 1941 K.O. Lande, known to young and old in Galesburg as Knute, purchased the G.A. Moackrud Store. After Mr. Moackrud's death, Knute bought the store from Mrs. Moackrud. This store was not new to him as he had worked many years for Mr. Moackrud. But his store business dates back to about 1906 when he gained six years clerking experience at a store at Kragnes, Minnesota. In 1912 he moved to Galesburg where he began working in the Lande Brothers Store for his second cousins, Ole and Lars Lande.

Store hours were long. For many years the store was open every evening.

This was not only a food market but a general merchandise store. Groceries, dry goods, men's clothing, shoes, dresses, hardware, Aladdin and other kerosene lamps, school supplies, and gift items were sold. Kerosene was pumped from a tank in the back room. Fresh meats were supplied by Portland Meat Market. The train was met on Thursday nights to pick up the cured meat shipped by freight from Fargo. It was an improvement when the refrigerated meat case was added. Lutefisk was bought in fifty and one-hundred pound barrels. It took some patience and skill to get this quivery fish weighed and wrapped in paper for the customer. At Christmas there was a supply of toys.

Inventory was always taken on New Year's Day and finished the following week. Every item — can, nut, bolt, shoe lace, etc. — was counted. One year there were more than one thousand pairs of shoe laces in stock.



Interior of K.O. Lande Store

OLUF E. SANDE

There was no self-service or shopping carts. Many trips were made from the counter on the north to the different areas in the store to pick up the items ordered by the customer.

Eggs were bought from the farmers, counted, and placed in crates.

The store was heated by two coal stoves. The large stove with the jacket stood near the middle of the east part of the store and was moved in and out in the fall and spring. The coal was stored in the back room.

A unique revolving round glass case stood to the right of the front door. Many a child gave this case a whirl while the merchandise within tipped and went flying around.

During his many years in Galesburg, Knute served many people. He served five generations in one family.

Knute gave many candy bars to children when they came shopping with their parents.

Viola Miller worked in the store from 1942 until the store was sold.

In 1960 Knute, at the age of seventy-seven, sold the store to Ruth Anderson and Esther Johnson. It is presently the A and J Store.



Moen and Sande Implement Company

Oluf E. Sande, the son of Endre and Ingeborg Sande, was born October 7, 1867 in Molde, Norway. While he was still a small boy, the family moved to Surendalen, a valley below Trondhjem. The small farm owned by his father was near Follasagen, so called because there was a river and a mill at that site.

In his boyhood he shared the usual tasks on a farm with his two brothers, the care of the cattle and chickens and in putting up stacks of meadow grass in due season. He enjoyed the experience of taking the cows up to the saeters, a pasture area up in a neighboring mountain range and helping his sisters in the making of cheese.

With a river nearby there was good fishing, and there were sports, especially skiing during the winter.

He received his elementary education and instruction for confirmation in the neighboring parish of Rindalen.

Migration to the United States began to attract residents in the valley. His sister, Ingeborg (later to be Mrs. I. Moen), was the first to leave from the Sande family; she left in 1889.

It was in 1891 that Oluf and his brother George left for "the new country" where there were assurances of employment and a more secure future. Oluf and George went to Duluth where Oluf remained for some time before setting out for North Dakota. George remained in Duluth for the rest of his life. The other members of the Sande family, the parents, two sisters, and a brother remained in Norway.

F.O. Lande
3/10
 Date 3/10 1914
 M Orville Paulson
 Address _____

Reg. No.	Clerk	Account Forwarded
1	<i>Cup...</i>	<i>12</i>
2	<i>...</i>	<i>7</i>
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 Your account stated to date. If error is found return at once.
 FORM 101



Oluf Sande in his Office — 1909

Ingebrigt Moen, also from Surendalen, Norway, had migrated in 1889 to what is now Richland County in North Dakota. In 1893 he and Ingeborg Sande were married, and in 1894 he owned the farm implement business in Hunter.

It was to the I. Moen home that Oluf Sande came, and he was employed in the farm implement shop. A picture taken in 1900 shows I. Moen, Emil Moen, and Oluf Sande standing in front of the building.

In 1903 a partnership between I. Moen and Oluf Sande established an implement business in Galesburg with Mr. Sande as the manager.

He went on a trip back to Norway, but the exact date of that visit is not available. It did occur before 1915 because during that visit he purchased a number of things which would serve later as gifts, one of them a gold engraved pin with a pendant heart which the writer received as a confirmation gift in May of 1915.

The farm implement business continued under the name Moen and Sande until 1945 when Oluf Sande retired and the business was sold to Clarence Haakenson and Victor Smith.

During the years he was in business in Galesburg he was actively interested in community and surrounding area activities. He was a member of Elm River Lutheran Church, Harrison Lodge AF and AM at Erie, El Zagal Temple of the Shrine in Fargo and of the Sons of Norway Lodge in Galesburg.



Oluf E. Sande

After his retirement he spent periods of time in Minneapolis; he found at the Gardner Hotel in Fargo a home away from home and he also visited in the Duluth home of a niece and her husband as well as in the home of his sister, Mrs. I. Moen in Hunter. He had several travel experiences in the western states.

He was hospitalized in Duluth on April 14, 1953 and died there on June 5, 1953. He was buried in the Hunter, North Dakota Cemetery.

He was a kindly, generous man, concerned about the well being of his many friends who were farmers. He and I. Moen owned a section of land together and a Sunday afternoon during the growing season would find him driving around the section to note the progress of the crops.

On opening his Bible with the text in Norwegian, the writer observed several things that reveal something about Oluf

Sande. On the flyleaf is his signature Oluf E. Sande, Surendalen, Oluf, not Olaf as it has often been written. Between the pages of the Bible are a number of pressed leaves, very possibly from trees in the shelterbelt on the farm where he found shade from the afternoon's sun. Then too, there are three entries on the flyleaf: Duluth, Minnesota, 19. February, 1951; Hunter on the farm, May 7, 1951; Hunter in the shelter belt, August 8, 1951. Very simple entries, but they reveal something concerning what was meaningful to Oluf E. Sande.

Submitted by Myrtle I. Moen

EDWIN C. MOEN



Edwin C. Moen

Edwin C. Moen, familiarly known as Ed, the son of Mr. and Mrs. I. Moen, was born in Hunter, North Dakota, March 16, 1903. He attended the public school in Hunter and during his high school years participated in the sports there available, particularly basketball.

He attended St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minnesota in 1921-1923. During the school year 1923-1924, he taught in the Moody School west of Hunter. He then attended the University of North Dakota and graduated with a degree in Business Administration in 1926.

He was associated with his uncle Oluf E. Sande in the Moen and Sande Implement Company from 1926-1940. During one of the first years he was in Galesburg he did substitute teaching in the high school in Galesburg.

In 1940 he joined his brothers, Emil and William, in the I. Moen Implement Company in Hunter. He continued there until the business was sold in 1959 to Henning Pearson after sixty-five years of ownership in the Moen family.

On retiring he continued to live in the family home except for visits for two to three months in the winter in Mesa, Arizona. He and Orville (Duke) Satrom traveled together to Arizona and also to Texas, California, and Hawaii.

He thoroughly enjoyed fishing, and there were many expeditions with Hunter friends to the Lake of the Woods. There was also at least one trip to Flin Flan in Saskatchewan, Canada. He always returned with fish properly filleted and frozen, and he relished the meals they provided.

He had farming interests in the Hunter and the Galesburg areas, and he followed farming activities with a great deal of interest.

He followed the Minnesota Twins and the Minnesota Vikings games on television and radio and also attended some games in the cities. He was also interested in hockey and basketball.

He was a member of First Lutheran Church in Hunter. He was a member of El Zagal Shrine and the Elks in Fargo.

While he was in Arizona in the winter of 1971, he was hospitalized in Scottsdale and suffered a heart attack and died on March 3, 1971.

Ed enjoyed visiting with people, and it is the writer's opinion that they enjoyed knowing Ed with his good sense of humor.

Submitted by Myrtle I. Moen

HOTEL



Galesburg Hotel

According to information received, the first hotel was the house west of the track (where Darroll Holt's live). It was owned by John Kittleson and operated by his wife. In 1902 the new hotel was open for business east of Moackrud's store.

Lodging was a necessity as many salesmen traveled by train with their trunks of samples and stayed for days while they were selling farm to farm and to the businesses. The hotel was their headquarters using the livery stable for transportation to travel to other towns.

Some of the hotel operators have been Emma Jystad with the help of her sisters, Inga and Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, Richard Jeffersons, Gammelgaards, Paronto, and Emma and Charlie Rock. John Kittleson was owner of this building for many years.

It later was used as a living house. The telephone office was operated by Manda Gisvold when Albert Gisvold's lived there.

This and many other homes in town have also provided room and board for people.

EARLY ELEVATORS

Early notes of elevators in Galesburg taken from the *Hillsboro Banner*:

1899 — Minnesota and Western Grain Company are erecting an elevator in the northern part of town.

In February of 1902 a committee of farmers met in Galesburg and filed with the Secretary of State articles of incor-



Galesburg Farmers Elevator in 1909

poration of the Galesburg Farmers Elevator Company. The amount of capital stock was \$5,000. The following seven directors were the incorporators: H.P. Kyllö, Ole P. Satrom, Robert Morris, Andrew Knudson, J.P. Satrom, John Rutherford, and Fred Dresher. The officers for the ensuing year were: Ole P. Satrom, President; Robert Morris, Vice-President; Andrew Knudson, Secretary; and H.P. Kyllö, Treasurer. All who wished to buy shares were to apply to the officers of the association. A report later on in September of that year said the elevators were full, and it was difficult to get cars.

In April of 1906 the Minnesota and Western Grain Company reported to have built a large addition to their elevator here. The Cargill Elevator Company put a new foundation under their elevator and substituted a gasoline engine for their old blind horse power. In May the Cargill put a new stone foundation, entire new machinery, new woodwork, a new office, new approaches, and a new engine house.

In August of 1924 the Victoria Elevator purchased the National Elevator. The Victoria now has two elevators here with A.H. Anderson as manager. N.E. Haugen operated the Victoria Elevator for many years up until the time it was sold to the Galesburg Cooperative Elevator Company.

In 1929 Ember Brovick was appointed manager of the elevator at Mortimer.



Old Elevator

LIVERY STABLE



Hotel and Livery Stable

Galesburg's livery stable was tops in the area. It was the taxi service of the day.

Mike Kildeen was the first to have the livery stable. It was located across the street from the hotel. Iver Jondahl was the next owner. It was a busy place where people could rent horses and buggies or leave their horses for a time. A barn boss was on duty at all times with his sleeping quarters upstairs. The office was downstairs.

A log was kept on every team. Information written on a pad for each trip included: name of team, name of driver, name of barn boss, time of departure, and time of return. George Bjelverud was a barn boss. John Peterson, Johnnie Holen, and Alex Mykland were some of the workers in the barn.

Iver Jondahl was a dealer in horses. He shipped in carloads of horses from the western part of the state and Montana. Iver bought, sold, and traded horses. Later he began to deal with machinery. He sold Hart-Parr tractors, and Minneapolis Moline equipment and cars. The use of the livery stable diminished.

HARNESS SHOP



Harness Shop
John Kittleson, Einar Foss, Christ Jensen

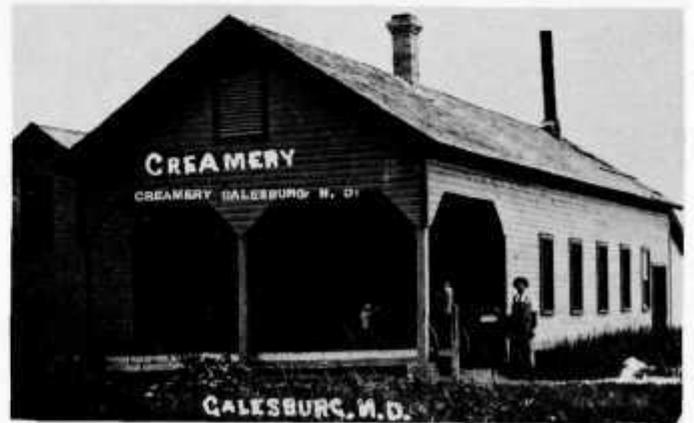
The Galesburg Harness Shop moved from place to place during the early years. The first harness making and repairing seems to have been done in a shed located on a north corner of the lot on which the hotel stood. It burned down, and work was carried on in the Stewart barn located about where the Memorial Hall is now. Ole Ness had a vulcanizing shop in there too, and hired Einar Foss to do the harness work. Ness had bought the business from a Mr. Sandvik. The shop again moved several times; to the rear of the old cafe, to a shed where the old town hall is now, to a building across from the blacksmith shop, and finally into the small building on main street that had once been Lars Lande's Grocery Store. Carl ("Charlie") Smith owned it while across from the blacksmith shop but for a very short time in 1907. Einar Foss, who had worked in all these places, finally bought it from Smith, and later moved it to the Lande shop. After Foss died the shop was closed and never reopened.

Some shoe repairing was also done in the harness shop. At one time Magnus Olson had a shoe repair shop in his barn.



Harness Shop
Einar Foss and Christian Jensen

GALESBURG COOPERATIVE CREAMERY



Galesburg Creamery

In 1906 a creamery man representing the Commissioners of Labor and Immigration addressed the farmers in the area on the proposition of establishing a creamery at Galesburg. This was favorable with the farmers of the area. They incorporated the Galesburg Cooperative Creamery Company. The Creamery

was erected on the west bank of the Elm River, east of Galesburg, where the Arden Brings reside. A well was dug and an ice house built adjoining the building on the east side. The first manager was a man named Plummer, and later it was under the management of Hans Jensen.

Most of the farmers in the area had a few cows and would haul their cream in and sell it to the creamery. It was noted in the *Hillsboro Banner* in 1907 that one farmer made sixty-five dollars per month from selling his cream.

The dray man at that time was Leon Brown. With his team and wagon he would drive to the creamery and pick up the butter and ice cream, haul it to the depot, and try and meet the train so it could be loaded into an ice-refrigerated railroad car.

The creamery was successful for a number of years. It closed in 1917. Later it was purchased by Ed Alberts, and he remodeled it into their home.



Tubs of Butter Being Hauled to the Depot from the Galesburg Creamery

MEAT MARKET



Ole Kalvik and the Meat Market

In the early 1900's a meat market was built and operated by Morrison. He was there only a short time selling his business to P. Holmquist. This meat market was located south of the Galesburg State Bank.

In 1904 Ole Kalvik bought out Holmquist, and he operated a successful market until his poor health forced him to sell. Andrew Neset was the next owner. He moved the market east

of the pool hall. Andrew Neset ran a delivery service which delivered fresh meat to the farm homes during harvest. A team of horses pulling a wagon was used. This wagon had a large box with ice to keep the meat cool. Deliveries were made twice a week, and orders for next delivery were made when meat was delivered. Pete Holen ran the delivery wagon.

The slaughtering was all done by the butcher. The slaughter house was located about one-fourth mile east of Galesburg. One room was used for butchering, and the other room was used to hang the meat overnight. The next day it was brought up to the walk-in cooler at the market.

They had their own ice house. Ice was cut from the river in the winter and stored in buildings for further use.

In 1918 Martin Johnson moved from Clifford and took over the meat market in Galesburg until 1941 when he retired.

Martin Johnson had a successful meat market and will be remembered for his clean shop.

Julius Kylo bought the building and moved it across the street to the present location of the post office and bank. Julius operated a plumbing business from this building for some years.

TELEPHONE



Josie Rock, Switchboard Operator
Mrs. John Rock at desk

Houghton had the first local telephone. Back in the early days when he operated the store, he ran a private line out to his farm, one mile east and one mile north of Galesburg.

In 1904 the Traill County Telephone Company of Hillsboro came here with service. A number of families had the central office in their homes. Pete Rock helped build and maintain the line for a number of years.

Mrs. Pete Rock was one of the first to have the telephone office in her home. She was assisted by Josie Rock (Henry). Some other early operators were: Mrs. Ole Ness, Mrs. Gusta Sohlt, and Ruby Lande.

Manda Gisvold became the next telephone operator. Traill County Telephone Company installed the office in her home in September of 1943. A.T. Nicktowsky was general manager. The Company was sold to Pioneer Telephone Company and then sold to Polar Telephone Company in 1956. During Manda's thirteen years of operation she was employed by three different companies. A fire alarm was also installed in Manda's office which she faithfully took care of for seven years.



Manda Gisvold, Telephone Operator

Back in the days when there were no private lines, the telephone was not only a means of communication, it was entertainment, as neighbors would "rubber neck" on all the news and gossip of the neighborhood.

Your number was reached by cranking the handle on the side of the telephone box, so many shorts and so many longs. When an emergency arose, four long rings would be heard, and everyone would rush to get the message.

In 1956 Polar Telephone Company became the new operators. The Galesburg exchange, which includes Clifford, was the first to receive the "Polar Progress Package" of service improvements. The package of service improvements included private lines, direct distance dialing of station long distance calls, and extended area service to neighboring communities. Another first was the touch tone service and underground wire.

Orville Hochgraber was director of Polar Telephone Company for fifteen years and also served as President of the Board. Because of his efforts, the communities of Clifford, Hunter, and Galesburg received prompt and efficient service.



Orville Hochgraber

BLACKSMITH SHOPS

It seems that at one time there were two blacksmith shops in town. One was on the Memorial Hall lot and the other just west of it across the tracks.

Alexander Stewart built the next shop close to the livery stable. Hans R. Andersen bought this shop in 1905 or 1906.



Blacksmith Shop

At this time horse shoeing was an important business, and Andersen was a skilled farrier. He operated this shop until his death in 1946.

The shop was then sold to Mike Smith who ran it until it burned down in the late 1940's. It was never rebuilt.

A committee was chosen to try to get a blacksmith back into town. Elroy Amundsen was contacted and met with them. He had served as an apprentice under the G.I. Bill learning blacksmithing from Clarence Fugleberg of Mayville, North Dakota. It was decided to put up a building if Elroy would start his blacksmith shop there. He served as our blacksmith until 1957. His shop was located across from the Galesburg Garage.

Orin Moen was our next blacksmith in the same building.

El Bergh succeeded him and remained in that building until the elevator bought the lot and moved the building behind the Ted Rygh TV Shop where it was used for storage. El then moved into the Galesburg Garage as Ray Olstad had retired. He continued his work there until his death in 1976.



Hans Anderson

ALBERT GISVOLD'S BARBER SHOP



Ole Dahl in his Barber Shop



Albert Gisvold — 1912

A deal was made in 1913 whereby M.J. Paranto disposed of his restaurant stock to Ole Kvalvik. M.J. Paranto moved his barber fixtures into Kvalvik's restaurant.

Ole Dahl had been barber before this with his office in his brother's restaurant. He went to Clifford in 1912.

The barber shop east of the restaurant was built in 1916. It was called Al's Shop. Albert worked in his barber shop until October 1968 when he became ill. The building was torn down in 1974 when they started building the new restaurant.

Al's Shop was a meeting place for the men. They would gather there to visit and swap stories. There was much baseball talk as Albert was up on all the professional players.

Ed Svegaarden spent a year here as barber when Albert took some time off.

Albert was barber for fifty-eight years.

We were without a barber for several years. A beauty and barber shop was set up between the bank building and Great

Plains sponsored by the Galesburg Improvement Association. Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Mjolsness from Valley City opened the shop on Fridays and Saturdays.

Kristi's Kutaway was opened in 1980 when a part of West Trail Cafe was made into a beauty salon. Kristi Vadnie is operator.



Al's Barber Shop



Albert Gisvold and grandson, Mike

DRAY LINE



George Bjelverud and his Dray Line

In the early days freight was shipped by train and transported by the dray man. His mode of transportation was usually horses and wagon in the summer and horses and sled in winter. Before the star routes the mail came by train, and the dray man delivered the mail to and from the post office. He was at the depot at the time of the arrival of the train to deliver merchandise to the stores, and produce was taken to the depot.

Traveling salesman's samples and trunks were taken to and from the hotel. Box cars of coal and lumber were shipped and unloaded. Ice blocks were hauled in the winter and stored in the town ice houses. The dray man often delivered these ice blocks to people who had ice boxes used for home refrigeration.

Some of the people remembered as dray men in the area were Albert Brown, Carl Hanson, George Bjelverud, Ruches Miller, Palmer Gisvold, and Jack Paulson. George Bjelverud hauled gasoline by wagon before gas trucks were used.



Palmer Gisvold and his Dray Line

POOL HALL



George Alberts in Pool Hall about 1914



Palmer Gisvold in his Bar

The Pool Hall was built in 1903 by Turner. It was purchased by the Sons of Norway Lodge who put an addition to it and used the upper story for their meetings.

For a time it was used for a coffee shop and also a barber shop. Pool was played there, also whist and rummy with a charge of twenty-five cents for playing. The one who won got a chip worth twenty-five cents to be used in trade.

With the legalization of liquor the place eventually became a liquor store.

A number of men operated the pool hall. The first information we have is Pat Garrity followed by Pete Berg, Nels Nelson, Oscar Holen, Henry Gisvold, Emil Dahl, Mel Hanson, Julius Kylo, Palmer Gisvold, and at present, Marvin Gisvold. The food and liquor divorcement law came into effect when Palmer had the pool hall so it was changed to a liquor store. Since 1941 when Palmer took it over, it has been called Palmer's Place.

POWER PLANT

Paul and Otto Korshus built a building and bought a gasoline motor driven 110 volt light plant in 1918. This was located west of the Korshus home, where Jim Borud now lives, on the southeast corner of block seven.

Otto died a few months after the project was started. Paul continued and furnished electricity for the town of Galesburg. In 1924 the Steffarud brothers bought the plant, and Paul operated it, furnishing light and power for the town until 1935. The power plant was a favorite hang out for the men and young boys of the area. Many a card game and many a wild ghost tale was told there. The power would be supplied all day, going off at midnight, and sometimes would not come on early enough in the mornings to please the women. Steffarud also had the Ford car agency, selling and servicing cars.

In 1935 Otter Tail Power Company built a line from Page, North Dakota to Galesburg, and they have been furnishing Galesburg with power ever since.

CAFE



Galesburg Cafe

The cafe building was built by Stewart. It was first used as a blacksmith shop, and it was converted to a restaurant. Galesburg has always had a cafe but the first information we can find is that Richard Jefferson was operator. The Jeffersons moved out to the farm, and in 1911 and 1912 Mrs. Oscar Paulson

managed it followed by Mr. Chris Brekke. Our next information shows Omdahl as operator. Simeon Jørgenson was there in 1923 succeeded by H.K. Anderson. The next operator was Fred Pratt before Ed Byes took over in 1947 to 1963. When they retired Casey Stark took over the management followed by Evy Thompson, Lois Worsley, and Rosemary Thompson.

Rosemary moved the business over in the Memorial Hall until the new building called the West Traill Cafe was erected. The board of directors of the Galesburg Improvement Corporation hire a manager who operates the cafe and hires the help.



West Traill Cafe

GALESBURG GARAGE



Galesburg Garage

Galesburg Garage was built by Matt Kvam for his son Willie. He ran it as a repair shop for a short time. It was bought by Iver Korshus.

Oscar Satrom bought it from Iver Korshus. It was sold to Ole Sorteberg in 1936. He ran it as a repair and service station. He also sold Pontiac cars. Later he started selling Case Machinery. About 1950 Lefty Bjelverud went in as partner with Ole.

Kenny Olson worked for Lefty and Ole as mechanic. After Kenny left Ray Olstad started working there, and when Ole retired, Ray bought out Ole and went into partnership with Lefty. Ray ran the garage until 1968 when he retired after his heart attack in 1966.

Loren Halvorson bought the building and is now known as Galesburg Farm Supply.

BYEN

by Mabel Ness

*Galesburg består nok af mange slags folk,
Men det beste af alt, man behøver ingen toik,
Thi norske er alle, baade store og smaa.
Paa engelsk kan ku ikke faa saa meget som en skraa.*

*Broder Moe han gaar her saa felt og fuggen,
Og Oline hun følger den store skuggen.
De hover sammen, det kan nok vare,
Thi de tror nok begge, at de er ganske svaerer.*

*Lande Bros., de tar nok mange i naesen,
Og det gjør nok andre foresten,
For 90c yarden, for du duken som sliiter,
Du lægger dem paa bordet, saa fillene fiker.*

*Men hvad i al vaerden tror du, Moackrud har gjort,
Haaret hans kommer da aldeles bort
Jeg undres om hans frue ham i luggen tar,
At derfra han bliver saa forskrækkelig bar.*

*Broder Sande, han har kjørt grave i hauger stor,
Vi venter et nyt hus i byen vor.
Han tar sig en tur til Minneapolis hvert aar,
Jeg undres om der han en kjøering faar.*

*Fine jenter har smeden mange,
Og kjøerester har dem baade store of lange.
Hans, han er lit sur, spytter, og siger "aa tvy,"
Men Marte, hun laer og er nok saa bli.*

*Broder Ness vandrer omkring med krogede knaer,
Som om hele byens byrder han baer.
Kjører med Lizzie Ford baade tidlig og sent,
Og hans kone huns synes det er kije pent.*

*Byens sidewalk er nok rigtig en pest
For fede kjøeringaer den alle verst.
De falder omkuld, stoder armer og ben,
Saa de maa spytte i lomme-kia og torke sig ren.*

*Men Galesburg den er nok det bedste af alt,
Thi ogsaa af en stormand er den igjen kaldt.
Vi kan ikke rose den for meer end den er,
Der er ingen by bedre, hverken fjernt eller naer.*

(Translation of "Byen")

THE TOWN

*Galesburg is made up of many kinds of people.
But the best of all, one needs no interpreter
For Norwegians are all, both large and small
On English you can't get as much as a chew of tobacco.*

*Brother Moe he goes here so fat and round
And Oline she follows that large shadow.
They keep together, it can be
For they both think that they were made for each other.*

*Lande Brothers, they take many by the nose
As do many others for that,
For 90c a yard a tablecloth pulls apart
You lay it on the table, so the rags just fly.*

*But what in the world do you think Moackrud has done,
His hair is disappearing entirely
We wonders if his wife is pulling his hair,
That is why he is getting so awfully bare.*

*Brother Sande has gathered together a pile
We are waiting for a new house in our town
He takes a trip to Minneapolis each year
We wonder if he a woman will get.*

*Pretty daughters the blacksmith has many
And sweethearts they have both large and tall
Hans, gets a little sour, spits and says "aw shucks"
But Martha she laughs and is just as happy.*

Brother Ness wanders around with crooked knees
 As tho' the whole town's burdens he bears
 Drives his Lizzie Ford both early and late
 And his wife, she thinks it's not very nice.

The town's sidewalks are really a pest
 For fat women it is really the worst
 They fall down and bruise their arms and their feet,
 So they must take out their handkerchiefs and wipe themselves clean.

But Galesburg it really is best of all
 For there is no one who calls himself great
 We cannot praise it for more than it is.
 There is no town better, either far or near.

BULK FUEL DEALERS



George Bjelverud and his Standard Oil Wagon

George Bjelverud was the first Standard Oil dealer in this area about 1912. Driving a team of horses and wagon he hauled fuel to Galesburg and Clifford, later purchasing a Maxwell truck with solid rubber tires to make his deliveries.

After George, George Stevens was the dealer followed by Art Moen, Sophus Aasen, Cy Jongeward, Otto Meilke, and Carl Hertwig. Hertwig Oil Company of Blanchard is the present dealer.



George Bjelverud's Maxwell truck

Bertina Steffarud, Gina Bjelverud, Mary Johnson, Beulah, Juliet, and Kenneth Bjelverud.



Otto Mielke and his Standard Oil Truck

GALESBURG BUSINESS HOSTS TO FARMERS

On January 6, 1926, the Galesburg Community Club sponsored by the local businessmen gave a "Good Fellowship" banquet and Smoker to about four hundred fifty farmers of this community.

Country and towns people mingled, visited, and feasted and smoked until the wee hours of the morning, all happy and contented in the feeling that at last all misunderstanding had been swept away and there is good feeling between town and country.

This event was held in the Sons of Norway Hall and was ablaze in colored decorations. Portland Orchestra, under the direction of Ben Rockney played the opening selection.

E. O. Moe officiated and gave the address of welcome. The orchestra played and the following people appeared on the program: Reverend Karl R. Koldahl of the Elm River Lutheran Church, attorney G. McLain Johnson of Hillsboro, Professor P.J. Johnson of the A.C. Fargo Ole O. Moen, farmer and resident of this community. All the speakers spoke about the community spirit and cooperation between country and town and how whatever benefits one benefits the other and likewise what hurts one hurts the other. The program closed at 10:30 at which time a banquet was held. Following the banquet, after-dinner talks were given by the following when called upon by the toastmaster: J.E. Paulson, S.H. Taylor, Albert Larson, Elmer Bring, Wm. Baldock, Omer Thompson, D.G. Rutherford, Andrew Erickson, O.E. Sande, H.P. Kyllö, G.A. Stevens, Otto Jystad, Chas. Meyers, and Phil Gugel.

The success of the event was due to the perfect cooperation of all businessmen and women of the town. The heads of the committees were: Food - G.A. Stevens; refreshments - Iver Jondahl and O.M. Holen; tables and chairs - Ole Sobolt and Art Alberts; disbes - M.J. Johnson and Ole Lande; decorations - G.A. Moackrud; program - E.O. Moe; invitations - O.H. Johnson; checkroom - N.E. Haugen; usher - O.E. Sande. Each of these committee heads had a staff of assistants thus making it possible to go efficiently and smoothly carry out the proceedings without a hitch.

The above article was taken from an area newspaper issue of January 15, 1926.

Although the committee does not know the reason for this misunderstanding, it was felt that it would be of interest in this book. It should be noted that this type of cooperation still exists between the town and country folk.

GALESBURG STOCKYARD

There was a stockyard in Galesburg in the early years. It was located in the north end of town about where the bean plant is now. It had two pens large enough to hold three train car loads of livestock. It had a roof over part of it and was close enough to the railroad tracks so livestock could walk up along an alley and right into the railroad car. There was a scale on the outside of the yard so livestock would be weighed.

There were a few livestock buyers who would buy livestock and ship them to St. Paul.

A shipping association was organized in about 1920; John Bring was manager, and Hogan Groven was secretary-treasurer. People would bring their livestock into town by wagon or

sled. On Monday evening or Tuesday morning they would be marked with Roman Numerals by clipping the hair, and they would load them in the railroad car and ship them on the train. One person would get a free ride to St. Paul with each car of livestock.

The Commission Company would send a check to the Galesburg Shipping Association for the load of livestock, and then the secretary-treasurer would pro-rate the expense and mail a check to each farmer.

The Shipping Association was active until about 1927 when trucks took over, and most of the livestock was hauled by truck to West Fargo. The stockyards were demolished in about 1950.

PLUMBING

In the early years life in the Galesburg area did not call for much work from a plumber. Everyone had their own well. There were many homes that did not have a pump. The wells were wood curbing, and many of them were dug by hand with a spade. They would have a rope on a pail and would pull up water with the pail, but most of the people soon had a pump and would pump water by hand. Many people would use the well for a refrigerator and would keep buttermilk and other perishable items in a box hanging in the well. Then gasoline engines and windmills came into being. Most of the windmills were aeromotor with the name "Moen and Sande" painted on them. In the early 1920's when electricity came into town and farmers bought light plants — modern facilities came into use, and there began to be work for a plumber.

Julius Kylo did some plumbing in the late 1930's before he moved into Galesburg about 1940. In the early 1940's Julius moved the old meat market to the lot where the bank and post office are and moved a storage building that was sitting on the north side of that block east of the old John Deere building. He hired Ed Gustafson, and they did the plumbing in town and the area until about 1960 when he retired. Both buildings were demolished in the late 1960's when the bank and the post office were built. Great Plains took over the plumbing business then and has done it ever since.

GALESBURG

by Mabel Ness

*Her graat og her lo jeg for første gang,
Her digta jeg og min første sang,
Og det skal fuldjøres naar det er begynt,
Thi ingen skal glemmes som ikke blir sint,
Ole Satrom er en rigtig spræk kar,
En Minneapolis dame til husholder han har,
Han triller nu sagdust i en stor trillebor,
Og er lige saa sterk som han har vort for.*

*Omdahl han selger nu alle slags varer,
Fra stamps til en kaffeskvet til kvinder og karer,
Nok candy han selger, saa tandlaegen for job,
At saette guldaender in i enhver mands flab.*

*Og Iver Jondahl med den gule vesten,
Han vilde syne sig fram for presten,
Omen saetter naesen saa hoit en kan,
Saa saetter ikke nogen den hoiere end han.*

*Stor mave som Louie Larson's maa vaere lit leit,
Men det han ikke ved, det er ingen som veit,
Han boier sig over med meget besvaer,
Maa sikkert laa ondt, naar han plukker joedbaer.*

*Og "Sprett" han Albert med den pene tvehagen,
Saa rundleift og svart-haara, har jeg ikke saet magen,
Med kvasse aalbogar, ryggen saa stram,
At den krokede sjorta hun glitter sig fram.*

*Hr Sande og Fru Melting de spiller nok kort,
Men om dette jeg synes de ved ikke stort,
Naar taater de faar nu, naar de har blet stor,
Paa daarlig kort-spilling det sikkert beror.*

*Trina hun skratta, og Anton han lo,
Men det er jeg som raader dette nu,
For her vox jeg op, her var jeg glad,
Og ailrig saag jeg saa fager en stad.*

GALESBURG

(English translation)

*Here I cried and I laughed for the first time,
Here I wrote my first song,
And it shall follow when I begin
That no one shall remember and get mad,
Ole Satrom is a real sprightly man,
A lady from Minneapolis for a housekeeper he has
He pushes now sawdust in a big wheelbarrow,
And is just as strong as he always has been.*

*Omdahl, he sells all kinds of wares,
From stamps to a coffee drop to women and men,
Enough candy he sells, so the dentist gets a job,
To set in gold teeth in every man's flab.*

*And Iver Jondahl with the gold vest
Wanted to show himself before the preacher
He sets his nose as high as he can
No one sets it any higher than he does.*

*As big a stomach as Louie Larson has must be hard
But what one doesn't know, it is no one who knows,
When he bows over with much distress
It must really hurt when he picks strawberries.*

*And frisky Albert with his pretty double chin,
So round with black hair, have I never seen the like,
With sharp elbows and back so erect
That the crooked shirt really shows up.*

*Mr. Sande and Mrs. Melting, they really play cards,
But of that I don't think they know very much,
When children they get, and they get big,
Poor card playing will they surely have.*

*Trina, she laughs, and Anton, he smiles
But it is me who is talking foolish now,
For here I grew up, and here I am glad,
And never have I seen a more beautiful place.*

PAULSON'S TEXACO SERVICE



Paulson's Texaco Service

This garage was built in about 1936 by Oscar Satrom who operated a Texaco Service station for several years. Orville Paulson took it over in 1939 and operated it until 1942. The building was sold to Galesburg Implement. They added it on to their building to use as their shop. It was in that shop the fire started when the Implement was burned in 1947.

RYGH'S SERVICE



Rygh's Service
Richard, Ted, Elmer — 1950



Rygh's Service — 1970

Rygh's Service was started in May 1946 with the partnership of Ted and Richard Rygh, who operated an automotive service station with electrical and radio service.

Lots on the corner of main street and the county highway were purchased from Knute Lande. Used lumber from the "old mill" in Clifford, North Dakota was used for most of the building as lumber was scarce after World War II. The walls were covered with brick siding. A pit was put in for servicing vehicles. The building was built by Rudy Jystad as the main carpenter with the help of the Ryghs and much appreciated volunteer help. Elmer Rygh wired the building. Living quarters were made upstairs over the east part of the building where Ted, Elmer, and Richard lived.

Ryghs' neighbors from east of Galesburg organized to line up their cars at the gas pumps the opening day for the first exciting sales of the new business.

Prior to the coming of television in this area, Ted took a correspondence course in television theory and practice and a short course at North Dakota State University.

Television was new. A set was usually on in the station. The town youngsters often came early in the evening to see their favorite programs.

TV sales and service became a full time business for Ted. In 1960 Ted and Richard purchased the Gisvold Store (old Lande Store) building. Ted moved his business into the store building. The partnership was dissolved in 1962.

Richard continued in the service station. In 1963 he had an addition added to the north end of the station and a hoist was installed.

Competent part-time local help was usually available whenever it was needed. Richard's wife Vi, was bookkeeper and worked part-time at the station after 1965.

Richard and Vi enjoyed the boys and girls who came to the shop with bicycle problems — a loose bolt or a dry chain.

This is an ad from a Galesburg Booster Club promotion in the early 1960's:

RYGH'S SERVICE

RICHARD RYGH, PROP. TEL. HU. 8-3421
 Mobilgas Mobiloil Mobilubrication
 Hastings Oil and Air Filters Gates and Gillette Tires
 Motor Tune Ups Brake Repairs

Don't Lubricate Your Car Before You See Me

A lube job at my place consists of pressure lubricating all fittings — check trans. and differential — battery and radiator, check tires and other parts that require attention.

All This For Only \$1.25 See 'Mobil Dick'

On September 14, 1976 a large crowd attended the appreciation day at the station. After thirty years in business Rygh's Service was sold to Robert and Vickie Arneson in September 1976. It is presently Del's Service operated by Del Moen.

ERNIE FOLDEN'S CAFE



Ernie Folden

The old Legion Hall was a building brought down from Clifford and placed on the west side of the cafe. After the new Memorial Hall was built it was sold to Ray Olstad who sold it to Ernie Folden in about 1965.

Ernie put in a pool table and sold hamburgers, etc. It was a gathering place for the young folks. It was also a gathering place for the men as they loved to play pool.

Loren Halvorson helped out when Ernie was not available. It was an especially busy place after basketball games. Everyone really missed it after Ernie closed up as he ran a good place.

The building was later sold to Chris Anderson who used it for storage.

GALESBURG WELDING



Ellsworth Bergh

Ellsworth Bergh operated a blacksmith shop in the old Galesburg Garage for about ten years filling the need in this area for blacksmith work.

He was born at McVillie, North Dakota on May 8, 1920 to Edwin and Inger Bergh. He grew to manhood in the Sharon, North Dakota area. He served in the Army during World War II. He was a blacksmith and welder by trade and had shops in Moorhead, Fargo, and Sharon before coming to Galesburg around 1970.

Ellsworth died December 16, 1976.

RYGH'S TV SHOP



Ted's TV Shop

Ted Rygh purchased the old Lande Store after it was damaged by fire. Chuck and Pat Gisvold had a grocery business in this building until a fire destroyed it. Ted remodeled it for a TV shop and TV sales and operated in this building until about 1977 and then sold the building. The remodeling was done in 1960.

Ted started selling and servicing TV's and related products in 1953. He has been semi-retired since 1974. He has a shop at home where he services TV's when they are brought in.

LUMBER YARD

In 1899 Mr. Wright was manager of a lumber company in Galesburg.

Grant Miller had charge of the lumber yard in 1902. It was while he was manager that an office was built. He also repaired clocks and watches.

Gangness and Delemeter were also early managers.



Old Lumber Yard



Galesburg Lumber Yard about 1915
Mr. Sloan - Manager, Carl Hanson (Hans Anderson's nephew) - teamster, Simon Jensen - on load.

H.E. Allen, a contractor and store owner, started a lumber yard which was located north of his store. He also sold coal. This lumber shed was sold to St. Anthony and Dakota Elevator Company and was moved to main street to the east corner of the lot where the present lumber yard is. There was a square of cottonwood trees planted by Kemp north and west of where Hans Anderson later built his home. It is remembered a gap was cut through these trees so that this lumber shed could be moved east and then south to Main Street.

St. Anthony operated the lumber yard until the early 1940's when it was sold to Grain Terminal Association. The name was later changed to Great Plains Supply Company.

Harry Sloan was manager for several years. In 1919 he moved to Finley, North Dakota to manage a lumber yard.

In October 1920 the lumber yard and office and the post office and confectionery store west of the office were destroyed by fire. A new lumber yard office was built that fall with some additional storage for cement and hardware supplies. Henry Jensen was employed as manager.

During the depression there was very little construction. In 1935 a cyclone destroyed several barns in the area which increased the sale of lumber for rebuilding.

Eddie Emerson was manager during the early 1930's followed by Ervin Rogne. In 1940 Harry Sloan returned as manager and continued until his retirement in the early 1950's.

Since 1963 Great Plains has employed building crews. They have built many buildings in the area, and modular homes have been built in the yard and moved to the site.

City water and sewer systems were installed in Galesburg in 1968 which encouraged the building of new homes and modernizing older ones.

Great Plains were awarded the contract to build the twelve unit housing project under the management of John Jorgensen. A construction center was built on the south side of Main Street, and a new office and a lumber shed were built on the north side.

Other managers of the lumber yard were: Art Henne, Gerald Carson, Sam Nesvig, Darroll Holt, John Jorgensen, and the present manager is Greg Boreen.

Form No. 100-1-28-7

INVOICE REPORT
LUMBER DEPARTMENT
The St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Co.

Invoice No. *4218* Date *4/2/73*
Invoice Number *118*
Shipper *Bergquist Co*
Consignee *John Haagen*

It is hereby certified that ALL items are from an ALL LUMBER source and that no wood and containing 10% resin or otherwise of foreign origin, under the U. S. or any country.

QUANTITY	DESCRIPTION	FEET	PIECES	PIECES	REMARKS
			1/2IN	3/4IN	QUALITY AND CONDITION
20	1/2" Lumber				OK

Excess or Recp. No. _____
Storage & Storage District J. S. No. _____

Weight _____ Seal Record _____ Car Spooled _____ M.
Size _____ Side Door _____ Car Unloaded _____ M.
Advance Charges & _____ Side Door _____ Amt. Demerage Paid _____ J. S. No. _____
Total Freight Paid & _____ Side Door _____ (Include amount and received as shown)
Freight Collected on J. S. No. _____ Side Door _____

GALESBURG COOPERATIVE ELEVATOR COMPANY

Originally a total of four elevators and a small stockyard were stationed by the railroad siding in Galesburg. Two elevators and the stockyard were torn down. The St. Anthony & Dakota Elevator Company also had a lumber yard in Galesburg. Their elevator was sold to the farmers, and this was the beginning of what is known today as the Galesburg Cooperative Elevator Company. It was incorporated September 20, 1917.

The Galesburg Cooperative Elevator Company purchased the Victoria Elevator, which burned down in August 1967. A dry fertilizer storage house and scale are now located on that site with anhydrous facilities added nearby. The original elevator building was torn down, and a new elevator was built in 1928 by T. Ibberson Construction Company of Minneapolis. In 1952 a new Annex was built on the north side. In 1968-69 a small annex was removed, and a large new elevator unit was added adjoining the structure built in 1928. The new structures were built by John Haagen Construction of Minneapolis.



Main Elevator Built in 1968



Great Plains Supply



Great Plains Supply Company



Fertilizer Plant

There have been several poor years in the grain business, together with many good years. Perhaps 1931 to 1936 were about the weakest years due to the depression, a severe drought statewide, and a grasshopper problem. Farmers were unable to pay their taxes, and there were many farm foreclosures before a moratorium on such foreclosures was put into effect in 1934. Most farmers were able to redeem their farms before the moratorium ended in 1941. The Elevator handled coal in addition to grain, and this continued into the 1940's. An early-day grain buyer, George H. Bristol, came to Galesburg in 1902 to operate the Cargill Elevator. The power used to operate the elevator at that time was supplied by horses which were blinded to prevent them from being distracted while working. There have been drastic changes in grain handling from the time the farmers hauled in their grain by horses and grain tanks, and at times sacked up their grain, to the present time when grain is hauled by large trucks and semi's and dumped by modern devices.

We have been very fortunate in having good managers through the years. Past managers were William Gibbs, Clarence O. Haakenson, John Jensen, and Henry Gisvold. Ronald Flaten is the present manager. In 1976 the Elevator had a home constructed for the purpose of renting it to the manager. In recent years the Elevator Company added a new addition for the office and also acquired two bin sites. Additional storage to house chemicals and supplies was purchased from Galesburg Implement Company which had vacated their building in the center of Galesburg when they built new facilities on the outskirts of the town. The volume of grain handled increased from 48,000 bu. in 1932 to close to 5,000,000 bu. in 1981. In 1981 the stockholders voted to approve construction of facilities to handle sunflowers and corn at an estimated cost of \$1,300,000.00. About 2,000 ft. of railroad siding was added which will handle 26 cars, or one-half of a unit train. The farmers in the community believe in keeping abreast of the times and making improvements. The year 1981 rewarded us with another good crop.



Sunflower Piles



New Plant Built in 1981

THE GALESBURG IMPLEMENT COMPANY



The Old Galesburg Implement Company

Clarence Haakenson and Victor Smith purchased the implement from Olaf E. Sande in 1945. The building stood between the old Post Office on the corner and Palmer's Place. The same year a shop was added to service the tractors. The building burned in February 1947. Otto Moen's Case tractor was in the shop at the time, so that was lost along with all other possessions. The same year Clarence and Vic decided to build. Since they got the lots one block north of the old Post Office in the first purchase deal, this would be the location for the new building. Since building material was hard to come by at that



Wheat Piles across from Cemetery — 1976



Barley Pile — 1976



1941 Show Room

1947 Model M one row cultivator purchased by Elmer Bring. Irene Bring still owns it.

time, they were fortunate to get a building that the Kindred Implement had ordered and later decided not to use. Ole Soholt and his crew erected the quonset type structure (40' x 100'). This included a parts room, show room, and storage. A shop (30' x 40') was built of cement blocks. In the future more storage and shop area (30' x 40') were added. The first years cream separators and milkers (deLaval) were sold along with the John Deere line. Over the years other lines were added: Dual, Westgo, Speed Queen washers and dryers, Kirshman fertilizers, Gleanco cultivators, Standard Oil Company products, Aero windmills, Melroe equipment, Goodyear and Firestone tires, and Reitan plows.

It was customary to have a John Deere Day every year. This was a big attraction as movies of the John Deere line and comedies were shown. Also the door prizes and lunch were enjoyed by the many farmers and their families.

In 1970 Neil Haakenson acquired part interest of his father's share. At the same time Clarence, Vic, and Neil formed a corporation.



John Deere Tractor Drive In — 1974

In 1974 John Deere Company informed Galesburg Implement Company that when C.O. Haakenson retired, the John Deere Company would not renew the contract to the Galesburg Implement. This created such an upheaval among the farmers and town people that a tractor drive-in was organized by the Galesburg Improvement Corporation. On May 1, 1974 John Deere Company executives of the Minneapolis

branch were invited to Galesburg to witness the feelings of the community. There were about one hundred John Deere tractors, large and small, all lined up on the streets of Galesburg. A meeting was held at the school gym with a full house. After listening to some speeches and questions and answers, the community was consoled that the company would not cancel out. The meeting adjourned, and everyone had coffee and visited. At the close of the year of 1975 Clarence O. Haakenson retired from the business after thirty-eight years. Alan G. Smith, Victor's son, purchased the Haakenson's half interest in the business in 1976. There seemed to be a need for the service and the business, thus it kept expanding, and they gradually outgrew the facilities. Plans were made for a new building. A ten acre site south of the county road number one was purchased from Howard Satrom. The 118' x 125' building houses an accounting office, display area, wash bays, crane system, etc. It is modernized in many areas including Dart (a new computer parts ordering system in the parts department to speed handling of orders), central air conditioning, electric heat in the floor, etc. In 1980 a 54' x 108' warehouse was added to the facility.



The new Galesburg Implement Company

Grand opening for the new building was held December 10, 1979. Over five hundred people attended the gala affair. It was an exciting time for the Smiths, their employees, the farmers, the city of Galesburg, and the whole surrounding area. The day included complimentary dinners, special displays, films, and door prizes with lunch following. That evening local business people and their spouses, area implement business people, and personnel from the Minneapolis branch were guests to see the new facilities. Music and refreshments were furnished.

John Deere Day is still held every year, now being called Farming Frontiers. Many still look forward to coming for that day as the attendance averages about two hundred and fifty. Movies of the latest farm equipment are still being shown each year along with the prizes, displays, and noon luncheon.



These are part of the nineteen new and used 4 wheel drive tractors the Galesburg Implement Company sold in 1979.



Alan and Victor Smith

GALESBURG FARM SUPPLY



Galesburg Farm Supply

In 1977 Loren Halvorson purchased the former Galesburg Garage from Ray Olstad. It had been used as a blacksmith shop by Ellsworth Bergh for several years until his death in December 1976.

The first year Loren used it as a shop to repair his own farm machinery. As time went on, people began to inquire if Loren could get certain things to sell, and gradually the business began to grow, so at the present time he has a small hardware line plus a small line of farm machinery, mainly edible bean equipment. This includes bean cutters, rakes, and his own invention which is a pinto bean re-cutter called the Big "H" Bean Cutter.

Not only is Loren's shop a retail business but a place where farmers and town folk spend time visiting. In 1982 Loren built an addition on the south side of his building.

A & J STORE

Ruth Anderson and Esther Johnson purchased the K.O. Lande general merchandise store from Knute Lande April 1, 1960.

Chris Anderson remodeled the store when they took over, and later a new warehouse was added. In later years Chris again remodeled the inside and outside of the store.



A & J Store

THE GALESBURG STATION of the SECURITY STATE BANK of HUNTER



Galesburg Station of the Security State Bank of Hunter

The Galesburg Station of the Security State Bank of Hunter opened for business on Monday, September 16, 1968. This marked a major accomplishment by the people of the Galesburg Community who worked very closely with Mr. R.D. Fredrickson, then Cashier of the Security State Bank of Hunter, and the Community Improvement Association, sending many delegations to Bismarck to meet with the State Banking Commissioner before the Charter was approved by him to open the banking facility in Galesburg. The Charter was granted on August 28, 1968, and the station opened for business on September 16, 1968 with Robert Rasmussen as its first manager. A new concrete block building with special facing was built by the Galesburg Improvement Association and leased to the Galesburg Station of The Security State Bank of Hunter, housing the new banking facility. Linda Martin operated the Station during the illness of Robert Rasmussen, and Al Martin was named the manager in 1971. In July of 1981 new State Banking laws enabled the Station to become a full service branch of the Security State Bank of Hunter, thereby enabling it to serve the people of the community with all their banking needs.

MIDWEST BEAN COMPANY

Midwest Bean Company of Galesburg opened for business by leasing an office in the West Traill Cafe in August 1975. Beans were just received at the Reed Satrom farm three and one half miles south of Galesburg. The beans were graded there and



Midwest Bean Company

transferred to semi-trailers, then hauled to the main plant at Midwest Bean Company of Hector, Minnesota.

In July of 1976 Arlin Buchholz became manager. A one hundred thousand bushel storage facility and dumping station was built.

When Arlin Buchholz moved back to Wyndmere, North Dakota to manage the Midwest Bean Company plant at Barney, North Dakota in December of 1977, Leonard Treinen took over as manager.

Midwest Bean Company expanded in 1979 with the purchase of the old implement machinery building. It was bought from Howard Satrom and used to store odd varieties of edible beans.

In June of 1981 further expansion began on an additional one hundred fifty thousand bushel storage with two more dumping stations. Included in the project was a bagging warehouse, a driveway truck scale, and a two thousand four hundred square foot shop and office complex.

The present facility has full receiving, storage, and processing capabilities.

CHEAPO CAR WASH

Cheapo Car Wash, owned and operated by Paul Moen, was built in the summer of 1980. It is located on the outskirts of Galesburg where Annie Paulson's house was located. It is widely used by people in the area to wash vehicles and is also equipped for use by farmers to wash their farm machinery and also semi trucks. To wash your vehicle at this time it costs seventy-five cents.

GALESBURG'S AUCTIONEER



Howard Satrom, Auctioneer

Galesburg can boast having its own auctioneer in the person of Howard Satrom. Having an interest in becoming an auctioneer, Howard attended Reisch American Auctioneer School in Mason City, Iowa in 1948. He cries many of the area auction sales and also donates his talents to community and church auctions. He has been auctioning now for thirty-four years.

KXJB TV TOWER



KXJB TV Tower

The KXJB transmitter building and tower is located three miles east of Galesburg, North Dakota. Construction began in 1965 and the Galesburg site was put on the air in 1966, with previous operation from a site near Pillsbury, North Dakota.

In February, 1968, a Marine helicopter struck and toppled the tower, taking the lives of four Marines. The standby transmitter was then dismantled and taken to the old Pillsbury location, with temporary operation there until the new tower was erected in June, 1968.

Operators who have worked at the Galesburg site include: Robert Ridgeway, Lloyd Erickson, Jack McClure, Don Schroeder, Norman Bakken, John Davis, Bob Zachariason, Harry Himmerich, Tim Anderson.

The transmitter was operated locally until 1973, when remote control equipment was installed and the operators were moved to the Fargo studios. Two engineers remained at the transmitter site until 1975, when Don Schroeder went to work at the Fargo studios, leaving Jack McClure as the remaining maintenance engineer. Jack maintained with impeccable standards at the transmitter until an unfortunate accident took his life in 1980. Tom Taylor now works as the maintenance engineer.

The two thousand sixty foot height of the KXJB tower makes it one of the tallest structures in North America.



KXJB TV Tower Control Room

CHURCHES



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GALESBURG



Presbyterian Church
Galesburg, North Dakota 1913

The Galesburg Presbyterian Church was organized in the spring of 1887 by the Reverend Mr. Baldwin of Tower City.

The charter members were: Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford, Mr. and Mrs. Houghton, Mr. and Mrs. Ashford, Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. J.S. Kemp and Mr. Tom Leach.

The first trustees were P.S. Houghton, J.S. Kemp and Robert Morris.

Services were held in the school house.

Prior to this time there had been a Sabbath School, established in the summer of 1884.

In 1889 it was decided to build a parsonage and a barn. Members pledged either money and or work. Isaac Wood donated one hundred fifty dollars in lots, and various members pledged in various amounts from four dollars to fifty dollars. The Presbyterian Board was asked for seven hundred dollars, for which a mortgage was given. The Ladies Aid supplied seven hundred dollars. Ice Cream Socials, suppers, etc. were money making projects.

Estimated cost for a thirty by thirty building was nine hundred dollars. To complete the lower story was estimated seven to eight hundred dollars. It was decided to complete the lower story unless, "funds be on hand to complete the whole."

In 1893 the plastering on the parsonage was falling off and the builder was asked to make it good. Insurance on the parsonage at that time was nine dollars for three years. The certificate of incorporation was six dollars.

At various times, Galesburg shared ministers with Erie, Broadlawn, Colgate, Blanchard, Clifford, Hunter, and Grandin. Most board meetings were held in homes.

In 1899 thirteen trees at fifty cents per tree were purchased and a fund started to build a church. November 24, 1899, the ladies of the Galesburg Presbyterian Church gave a sociable supper consisting of oysters and other delicacies of the season, also a bazaar and a good musical and literary entertainment "Dat Water Million" by Mrs. Welsh and attendant and a darkey song by Ralph and Lawrence Whittemore was rendered.

Ministers were hired by the year and most ministers served a year or two and were granted a four or five week vacation each year. Sometimes students were secured for four or more months.

The committee: Messrs. Dengart, Stewart, McPherson, Morris and Mrs. Miller were elected to make plans for building a church. The building committee voted to leave the building site to the Ladies Aid, but the Ladies Aid decided to leave it to the building committee: Money and work were secured by subscription. In 1904 furnishings were selected for the new church. In 1906 a "bee" was called to tear down the church barn. Members Nimock, Ole Lande, Taylor and others are mentioned in the records of about this time.

In 1915, Anna Morris was organist and Mrs. E.C. Green was Secretary. In 1916, a committee of Mrs. Morris, Mrs. Green, and Mr. Lande was to confer with Clifford and Broadlawn in regards to retaining Reverend Haas, hours of service, and if the church could support a minister. The Clifford Committee was: Mrs. Van Duyn, Mrs. Elgar Cox, Mr. Hauser, and Mr. Bristol. The Broadlawn Committee was: Mr. Dresher, Mr. Plain, and Mr. Henderson. Mr. Haas was retained for another year and he was to decide the time of services. Each congregation took four months of evening service.

In May of 1916, a minister was given a call for a year, but on August 20 was dismissed by Dr. Hunter at the request of all three congregations. Reverend Mr. C.A.L. Johnson was sent to fill out the year. The Sunday School, the only one in the community at that time, was quite active. Mrs. Lande and Mrs. Green were in charge. In 1922 the average Sunday School attendance was thirty-seven, largest fifty-five. The average collection was \$2.10 — largest \$3.10.



Presbyterian Ladies Aid
Ruth Carson, Louetta Green, Anna Anderson, Hazel Bring, Josie Henry, Alma Jones, Helen Morris, Nettie Henry, Lucinda Miller, Nellie Conklin. Not pictured, Anna Jefferson.

A Christian Endeavor Society was organized during the summer of 1921. During these years the church saw fit to make more donations to worthy causes, such as, Pt. Barrow, China Famine Fund, and S. Humane Society.

In 1922, first mention seems to be of Reverend and Mrs. Doty, and they continued to visit and conduct a service now and then for many years. Reverend Johnson left in 1923 and received a hearty vote of thanks for their faithful and loving work for six and one-half years, and "Be it further resolved that the goodwill of all will go with them to Mapleton where they go to continue the Work in His Name".

This year a motion was made and carried that a disposition be made of the old church lamps to various members of the church. We wonder — are there any left in the community?

In April 1924, a man rented the Manse for fifteen dollars a month payable in advance. In November he moved out owing twenty dollars. James Arnett rented the Manse for ten dollars a month and the Ladies Aid reserved one room upstairs for storage. In October 1924, a committee from Hunter, Clifford and Galesburg gave a call to Reverend Black. Hunter offered to assume one-half of his eighteen hundred dollar salary and the minister to reside in Hunter. In January of 1929, Reverend Black left our field to accept a church in Wessington, South Dakota.

In 1929, Reverend Taylor came as minister for the church year. B.C. Bollman, student pastor, gave his first sermon on May 11, and remained for seventeen Sundays. That year the



Mrs. Ole Lande's Sunday School Class
 Alma Rock, Myrtle Neseth
 Jordice Anderson, Esther Anderson, Grace Felsin
 Ovedia Rock, Gladys Anderson, Mrs. Ole Lande, Eva Jefferson
 Beulah Jensen

Galesburg Church was combined with Clifford, Hunter, and Blanchard. Doris Armstrong and Ethel Bring were organists.

During the summer of 1931, a furnace room was built in the church, the inside of the church redecorated and later a furnace was installed by the Ladies Aid. At that time the electric charge was five dollars a month.

Reverend Colvin came some time prior to March, 1937. Delegates regularly attended Presbytery. During the 1930's services were not held regular due to the shortage of money.

When H.T. Andersons were leaving town, the church wanted to give her a gift of appreciation for her many services for the past several years. The gift was to cost two dollars and fifty cents to five dollars and the Sunday School was asked to help with a contribution.

Reverend Roy served as pastor for a few years and left in 1954. Reverend Donald Taylor was the moderator and could be called and students filled in. During these years the Ladies Aid was very active. Meetings were held at the parsonage or individual homes. Little ones accompanied their mothers and others with their friends came after school. The men often came for supper. Bazaars and suppers were held, sometimes in the town hall.

In 1961, some members had moved away, some had joined either Stordahl or Elm River Churches, and there were few children for Sunday School and the matter of disbanding was considered. The move was put before the ministerial committee. Some members transferred to Hunter Presbyterian Church, but most joined either Elm River or Stordahl Lutheran Church where their children were already attending Sunday School.

Reverend Elkin recommended that the Ladies Aid donate some of their money to the community, consequently, among the donations, Elm River and Stordahl Sunday School were given one hundred and fifty dollars in appreciation of our children attending their Sunday School. The school library was given one hundred dollars for reference books, twenty-five dollars was given for a tree on the Memorial Hall grounds and a check was given to the Galesburg Fire Department and one hundred dollars to the Elm River Cemetery Association. The Presbyterian Church building later became the Faith Lutheran Church.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH



Faith Lutheran Church 1982
 Galesburg, North Dakota

On November 5, 1962 a group of people met at the H.M. Erickson home in Galesburg, North Dakota for the purpose of making plans to organize a new church to be located in Galesburg, North Dakota.

The former Presbyterian was purchased by the congregation and with minor repairs the building was made suitable for use. The new church was named, Faith Lutheran. Reverend Herman Engebretson, who was Pastor of Ebenezer Lutheran Church, in Mayville, North Dakota was called to serve the congregation and he accepted the call.

Faith Lutheran is an Independent Lutheran Church and gives support to the Lutheran Brethren Synod.

January 6, 1963 the new congregation held its opening dedication service. Sunday School was organized under the co-leadership of Orville and Harvey Erickson. H.M. Erickson served as first president of the congregation and served for many years following.

In the fall of 1969, the interior of the church was completely remodeled by the members of the congregation.

Pastors and their families, who faithfully served the congregation are as follows: Reverend Herman Engebretson, 1963-1968; Reverend Wallace Jackson, 1968-1974; Reverend Randall Paulson, 1974-1978; Reverend Al Baderman, 1979- to the present date.

The following people were confirmed at Faith Lutheran Church; In 1965 — Serene Erickson, Charlotte Erickson, John Bring, Daniel Rud. In 1966 — Jeanne Erickson, Wayne Rud. In 1967 — Ranae Erickson, Randa Rud, James Bring, Joel Halvorson. In 1968 — Dean Erickson, Rueben Rud, Harlyn Erickson, Lorene Erickson. In 1970 — Paul Erickson, Paulette Erickson, Sonja Rud. In 1972 — Wesley Erickson, Kandiss Nelson, Sandra Nelson. In 1974 — Linette Erickson. In 1976 — Dewey Halvorson.

STORDAHL CHURCH HISTORY



Stordahl Lutheran Church
Galesburg, North Dakota
1881

BACKGROUND

When the first ship bringing Norwegian immigrants to America landed in 1825, the first seeds of Norwegian Lutheranism were planted in this country. As immigration continued and these new settlers began to establish homes and churches, the old country influence was clearly marked. There were three principal tendencies. One was to transplant the state church of Norway with its "High Church" ritual and formality. Another was deeply influenced by the Hauge revival movement in Norway, and according to their conviction the new church in America should be moulded according to that movement.

It was a movement of strong emphasis upon personal spiritual experiences of faith and life in God, and its method of work in the congregation was that of "Low Church" tendencies with little emphasis upon ritual and formality. In between these two extremes was the third tendency which sought a moderate position. As the Lutheran Church advanced its members were drawn by personal preference and conviction to one another of these forms of church life. The group of settlers who organized the Stordahl Congregation were among those who favored, or had previously been members of the Hauge Synod here in this country.

ORGANIZATION

On June 6, 1881 a group of pioneers who had settled east of what is Galesburg, met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson to organize a Christian congregation. Pastor Bersvend Anderson, the first Hauge Synod pastor to visit the Red River Valley, had ministered to the needs of these settlers and was instrumental in the organizational meeting. A constitution was adopted according to the form used in the Hauge Synod and the congregation, at the suggestion of Pastor Anderson, took the name "Stordahl Congregation, Traill County, North Dakota." The charter members were Mr. and Mrs. Ole Jystad and five children, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Sather and two children, Mr. and Mrs. John Erickson, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Erickson, Martin Erickson, Otto Erickson and Peter A. Auran.

The first officers of the congregation were: Ole Jystad, President; Ole Sather, secretary; John and Martin Erickson, Deacons; Rev. B. Anderson served as pastor the first year although he did not accept a permanent call.

Other pastors who have served the congregation are; Evenson 1882, Nesheim 1883-1890, Reitan 1890-1894, Njust 1894-1897, Hjertaas 1898-1904, Malkervik 1904-1916, Sveen 1917-1926, Olaf Braseth 1928-1940, Manley Gjerde 1940-1953, Waldemar Anderson 1953-1964, Thomas Steenberg, 1964-1966, Gaylen Ose 1966-1970, Omar Nelson 1971-1978.

Our congregation has been served for the past two years by Reverend Michael Grabenstein (Pastor Mike) as he is known in our community. He serves the Stordahl and Aurdal parishes. At the present time our membership consists of about sixty families. Since the organization of our church two hundred eighty-eight young people have been instructed and confirmed in their faith. From the time the church was founded in 1881 until the year 1928, services and confirmation were conducted in Norwegian, from that time on they have been conducted in English.

Pastor Steenberg, who served our congregation from 1964 to 1966 left that year to study for the mission field. Since that

time he and his family have been living and working among the Japanese people. We continue to support them with our prayers and finances.

CHURCH BUILDING

In the early years of the congregation, the members met in their homes for services and later in a school house, but this arrangement could not continue if the congregation was to have any future security. The building of a church was on the hearts and minds of the members and had been a matter of prayer for some time but not until the year 1898 were definite steps taken to build. Then a bid of one contractor, which was \$1713.13 was accepted and the building operations got under way. The building committee consisted of Martin Erickson, Ole Jystad, Ole Moen, H.P. Kylo and J. Omdahl. During the year of 1898 ten special business meetings, beside the regular annual meeting were held to consider matters necessary for the progress of the building. Among those special matters was the building site which was finally decided after a special prayer meeting in which God's will was sought. The location would be on the west portion of the lot which had been donated to the congregation by Ole Jystad for the church and cemetery. By late fall of that year the building was nearly completed. There was some anxiety on the part of some of the members to get windows installed before the winter set in and with a little pressure upon the contractors this was done. The church was ready for use by the first part of 1899 when the annual meeting was held there, a two day meeting . . . January 9th and 10th.

The original church underwent some remodeling about the turn of the century during the ministry of Reverend Malkevik. The present gothic arches over the chancel were built at that time. Until the year 1939, the church had no basement except room for a furnace. During that year, from a memorial from the family of Martin Erickson, a basement was dug and finished to provide an attractive dining room and kitchen. The excavation of the basement was done with a hand operated scraper pulled by a horse owned by Gerhard Rygh. "Bluch" the horse was driven under the church to remove the dirt. But during the years the structure of the church began to show signs of wear. After careful consideration the members decided that a simple surface repair was not sufficient. Various plans and ideas were proposed until the annual meeting in January of 1948 when a decision to repair and remodel the church building was made. The plan adopted called for extensive repair and remodeling which amounted to practically rebuilding the church. Members of the building committee were Otto Jystad, Otto Moen, Bennie Kylo, Tony Erickson and the pastor. The work got underway on June 12th, 1948, under the guidance of Reverend Manley Gjerde and was completed the first part of December when re-opening services were held. The work was done by members of the congregation with Arthur Moen in charge. Much of the labor was donated. During this time an extensive remodeling was done, with the addition of a sacristy, chancel and a Sunday school room. The main entrance was moved to its present location. There was some remodeling done in the basement as well as the addition of new pews and carpet to the church proper. During this remodeling period Pastor Gjerde designed and constructed the altar which we have in our church today. A re-dedication service was held in July of 1948.

The congregation voted to purchase a Wurlitzer Organ in 1954 at a cost of \$1632.00. Through generous gifts the funds were received without solicitations.

In 1956 the church celebrated its 75th Anniversary. At that time Rudy Jystad was commissioned by the church and Ladies Aid to build a new pulpit. In later years, as memorials to his sister, Mrs. Herbert Halvorson, who served so many years as our organist and to Arthur Moen, he was to build our baptismal font and two matching flower stands.

On June 6, 1971 (90 years to the day of the congregation's organization) we celebrated our 90th Anniversary.

In 1972 a new Baldwin Organ was purchased.

In 1976, with the help of donated labor and funds raised by the American Church Women another extensive remodeling was undertaken. The congregation voted to build an addition to the north side of the church which would provide us with two large restrooms. At this time also our basement was improved with the addition of some new cabinets to our existing one, new linoleum in the kitchen and carpet in the dining room. These improvements, along with running water and paneling added to the walls a few years earlier, help to make our basement a very pleasant place to work.

The congregation received a generous memorial gift from the estate of Mabel Kylo in 1978. It was voted to use these funds in the following ways . . . for perpetual care of the cemetery . . . for siding on the church . . . for repair of the shingles on the church . . . for repair of the steeple . . . to improve the cemetery grounds . . . and to add an enclosed entry way to the south side of the church. During 1978 and 1979 Duane Bring and Harvey Kylo drew up the plans and with the help of Great Plains Lumber Yard and donated labor, this remodeling was completed. On January 27, 1980, a dedication of the new narthex was held. At that time a plaque was purchased to be hung in the entry way that will contain a list of memorials given to the church.

Our church has been working for several years on a plan for perpetual care of the cemetery and in 1980 this was activated.

The congregation voted in 1978 to discontinue the use of the Concordia Hymnal and to begin the use of the Lutheran Book of Worship.



Stordahl Sunday School, 1981

ORGANIZATIONS

Sunday School

During the early years of the congregation, terms of parochial school for the religious instruction of the children were conducted. The Sunday School however was not definitely organized until 1898 when Ole Jystad became the first superintendent and Henry Kylo the assistant. For a number of years Sunday School was held during the summer and fall months. Recently the term has been from September until the first part of June to correspond with the public school. Mrs. Gary Halvorson is the present superintendent. Other teachers are Mrs. Harold Rud, Mrs. Marvin Sand, Mrs. Ronald Kylo, Mrs. Arden Paulson, Mrs. Lyle Bring, Mrs. Lynn Bring. During recent years the children have been attending a summer Bible School at the Elm River Church in Galesburg. A special program is presented each Christmas by the Sunday School.

Luther League

The Luther League (Young Peoples Society) was organized April 4, 1904, with Mr. Otto Jystad as the first president. Besides the programs given for spiritual inspiration, the Luther League contributed the steel fence and archway for the cemetery and also bought the first light plant. At present there are eighteen members who meet with the pastor.

Dorcas Society

Dorcas Society was organized in May of 1946 by Mrs. Manley Gjerde for the purpose of giving the young girls an active part in the support of missions and creating a keener

interest in that work. Miss Emlyn Moen was the first president.

Ladies Aid

The Ladies Aid was organized by Mrs. Ole Jystad about the year 1891 and has continued through the years aiding in both a spiritual and material way in the progress of the congregation. In the early years the Ladies Aid met in the homes and served their lutefisk suppers in the basement of the Greenfield School. In 1962, with the merger of our church with the American Lutheran Church, the womens organizations name was changed from Ladies Aid to American Lutheran Church Women. We have two work groups who serve for special occasions and two circles who meet once a month for Bible study. We meet once a month, as a group, or a business meeting. A special program is held for each member when they reach the age of sixty-five to honor them for their years of faithful service. There are twenty-four active and ten associate members. Mrs. Marvin Sand is our president at this time. Some of the things our members do are . . . support missions and school . . . support and do volunteer work at the Luther Memorial Home . . . hold annual bazaars . . . and food sales for fund raising . . . hold work days to provide help for world relief . . . give financial and other types of aid to the church when needed.

SYNODICAL AFFILIATION

As long as the Hauge Synod existed the congregation remained faithful to that Synod. But since the union in 1917, the congregation has maintained an independent status affil-



Stordahl Lutheran Church, 1982
Galesburg, North Dakota

ated with the Portland Parish of the Lutheran Free Church receiving its pastoral services from Portland except during the years 1926-1928 when both the Aurdal congregation in Portland and the Stordahl congregation were served temporarily by other pastors. In September of 1962 a merger with the American Lutheran Church was approved and on February 1, 1963 we were affiliated. In 1970 it was decided to become a two-point parish with the Aurdal congregation in Portland.

THE OLD COUNTRY CHURCH

*On Christmas mornings long ago
The Church bell's joyous sound
Awakened all the countryside
For miles and miles around.
And families came from far and near,
Despite the wintry weather
To fill the little country church
And worship there together.
How wonderful it was
To be among that congregation
As friends and neighbors
Joined their hearts
In humble adoration.
To feel the warmth and unity
Of souls in true accord
And hear the lovely story
Of the birth of Christ the Lord.*

Eleanor Leah Woods

STORDAHL CELEBRATES 100TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 7, 1981 our church celebrated its 100th Anniversary. A special program consisted of musical numbers and short talks from many former pastors and friends of the congregation. Former pastors and friends returning for the day were: Waldemar Anderson of Fergus Falls, Minnesota; Gaylen Ose of McIntosh, Minnesota; Mrs. Manley Gjerde of Woodburn, Oregon; Kenneth Gjerde of Great Falls, Montana; Arvin Halvorson of Starbuck, Minnesota and Torgney Jystad of Ulen, Minnesota.

LIST OF PRESENT OFFICERS OF CONGREGATION AND ALCW OFFICERS

DEACONS Gary Halvorson, Duane Bring, Harold Rud
TRUSTEES Floyd Erickson, Ronald Kylo, Harvey Kylo
PRESIDENT Marvin Sand
VICE PRESIDENT Lynn Bring
TREASURER Jim Bring
SECRETARY Lyle Bring
BENEVOLENCE TREASURER Denis Moen
ORGANIST Mrs. Dale Moen
ASSISTANT ORGANIST Deb Kylo
SUNDAY SCHOOL
SUPERINTENDENT Mrs. Gary Halvorson
HEAD USHER Kevin Kylo
SEXTONS Duane Bring, Harold Rud

ALCW OFFICERS

PRESIDENT Darlene Sand
VICE PRESIDENT Lynda Rud
SECRETARY Marion Kylo
TREASURER Viola Rygh
SECRETARY OF EDUCATION Ilene Kylo

CONFIRMANDS — 1887-1981

1887-
Julian Jystad
Kristian L. Ryum
Otto Rostad
Emma O. Jystad
Martha M. Norby
Marn Elisa Norby

1889-
John O. Jystad
Oluf H. Olson
Juliane B. Ryum
Emma M. Olson

1891-
Ingvald H. Haugen
Peder M. Knudson
Edward O. Jystad
Johan J. Vold
Ella K. Folkenhagen

1892-
Josias H. Olson
Anna J. Wold

1893-
Johan H. Sather
Louis H. Olson
Bethsi O. Norby
Julie M. Haugen
Sofie N. Lerfald
Johan L. Lerfald

1895-
Julie Louise Johnson
Serine Mathilda Kylo
Johan Folkenhagen
Martin Edward Folkenhagen
Emil Olson
Ole Herman Norby
Marie O. Jystad
Marie O. Sather

1899-
Otto Jystad
Ole B. Sather
Emil Ranstad
Ole Mertin Ranstad
Peter Bye
Joseph Edward Solberg
Hanna Julia Olson
Ida Mathilda Folkenhagen
Inga Christine Johnson

1900-
Olga Regine Anderson
Inga Nikoline Jystad
Janna Petrine Johnson
Gina Arlette Kylo
Pauline Sofie Kylo
Anna Amalie Erickson
John Martin Vold
Paul Martin Johnson
Soren Fredrik Olson

1903-
Johan Herman Kylo
Albert Martin Norby
Mabel Otilie Olson
Anna Sather
Josephine Anderson
Elvine Erickson

1905-
Alfred Sather
Karl Johnson
Oscar Kylo
Anna Mathilda Kylo
Betsie M. Moen
Olga M. Erickson
Emilie Folkenhagen
Signe Marie Erickson
Gusta A. Kjervold
Karl Sather

1906-
Julius Kylo
Ida B. Kylo
Esther M. Omdal
Sigrid Elise Rud
Klara M. Johnson
Johanna Gilseth

1908-
John G. Rud
Edward Erickson
Martin Olson
Olga Ida Moen
Selma Marie Stokmo
Rosa Heline Kylo
Methe Regine Vold
Nora Pauline Sather

1910-
George Kylo
Haltdan Erickson
Leonard Stokmo
Sidney L. Olson
Bernr Kylo
Sigvald Kylo
Marie E. Omdahl
Bessie M. Olson
Bertha A. Jystad

1911-
John Stokmo
J. Caspari Malkevick
Petra Alida Moen
Anna Johnson
Marie Erickson

1912-
Clarence Omdahl
Edward Jystad
Emil Sather
Jennie Folkenhagen

1913- Otto Moen Alf Miriam Omdahl Herbert Halvorson Samson Malkevick Robert S. Kylo Olga S. Kylo Emma Stokmo Lydia M. Jystad Inga M. Kylo	1936- Ethyl Betty Bring Evelyn Mae Burkholder Bernice Margaret Clevon Mabel Rygh Viola Ardellia Jorgenson Cori Lillian Kylo Clara Sina Jorgenson Orin Allen Moen Harvey Myron Erickson Earl V. Jorgenson Chester Roy Olson Orville George Erickson	Bernie Elroy Kylo Rosella Marian Kylo Dale Hilard Moen	Arlis Laverne Nelson Eileen Marie Vos Evelyn Marie Kylo Donald Ray Moen	Karry Paul Kylo Paul David Moen Lonette Ann Paulson
1915- Johannes Jystad Sophie Stokmo Sare Halvorson	1937- Adeline Beulah Erickson Gerald Sidney Kylo Wilmer B. Moen Vernon Olson	1948- Gerhart Orlin Anderson Marian Ovidia Gorum Helen Audrey Halvorson Darlene Marjorie Kylo Theodore Harold Kylo Ethyl Ann Moen	1961- Gary Lynn Erickson	1973- David Lloyd Erickson Don Mathew Erickson Kelly Scott Kylo Kevin Harvey Kylo
1916- James Olaf Rustad John Edwin Halvorson Joseph Stokmo Hilmer Moen Edwin Kylo Ruth Josephine Omdahl Alice Kylo	1939- James Magnus Clevon Betty Joyce Kylo Gordon Benjamin Kylo Irene Marian Moen Ivy M. Moen Elsie M. Paulson Virgie Mae Stockmoe Arden W. Jorgenson John Carlton Jorgenson Lorraine Bertha Jorgenson Eleanor Alice Olson	1950- Shirley Ann Gorum Carol Ann Kylo Ronald Verdell Kylo Dennis Eldon Moen Delno Eldon Sand Marvin Paul Sand	1962- Marlow Odin Rud Henry Richtsmeier Pearl Richtsmeier	1974- Suzanne Marith Kylo
1918- Lydia Kylo Arthur Moen	1942- Thomas Arnold Clevon Floyd S. Erickson Lloyd W. Erickson Merl R. Kylo Emlyn Jean Moen Hilma Pearl Paulson Hulda Orva Paulson Viola Constance Olsen	1952- Bonnie Gayle Moen Gloria Diane Moen June Annette Moen Patricia Olive Sand Corliss Jerome Fritz Duane Arden Bring Kenneth J. Bring	1963- Jacalyn Ann Severs Vicki Lee Moen Renee Susan Moen	1975- Todd Douglas Burley Linda Audrey Erickson Barbara Jo Paulson Wanda Kay Sand
1928- Dagny Emelia Jystad Ida Luella Rygh Erma Kylo John Arnold Rustad	1944- Harvey Duane Kylo Beverly Corinne Kylo Esther Ovidia Kylo Arden Maynard Paulson Eldon Noel Jorgenson	1955- Lyle John Bring Jeanette Helen Bring Joanne Karina Sand Jerry Gale Sand Bonita Marie Kylo David Larry Moen	1964- Lyle Dean Nelson Lawrence Keith Moen Lyle Wendell Erickson Peggy Jean Vos	1976- Robin Michelle Knudson Wade Donald Jacobson Korey Verdell Kylo Kent Marvin Sand
1930- Sylvia Elaine Jorgenson Arnold Howard Olson Gladys Olson Richard Rygh Gladys Pauline Kylo	1946- Lillian Harriet Anderson Hazel Mae Erickson Arlene Marjorie Gorum Arvin Herbert Halvorson	1956- Curtis Ray Bring Ervin Peter Sand Scott Orville Severs Orlin Evarel Rud	1966- Viola Rygh James Wilmer Moen Dean Hillard Moen Helen Louise Kylo Cheryl Marie Erickson	1977- Dawn Marie Bring Tracy Alice Bring Cherry Dee Ann Knudson
1932- Orville Halvorson Sigvald Olson Lester Kylo Edna Rygh Inez Erickson Irene Vos Shirley Vos Kenneth Severson	1948- Harriet Nelson Cheryl Moen Harold Rud Ilene Rud Gary Halvorson	1958- Harriet Nelson Cheryl Moen Harold Rud Ilene Rud Gary Halvorson	1967- Deborah Cheryl Kylo Cynthia Mara Moen Debra Anne Moen Del Richard Moen	1978- Wendy Jean Bring Shawn Michael Knudson Kirby Allan Kylo Steven Paul Kylo Alan Duane Paulson
1934- Gladys Rygh Adella Henrietta Erickson	1959- Alvin Norby	1960- Daryl Marlin Severs	1969- Steven Michael Erickson Geraldine Kay Kylo Randy Scott Kylo Bonnie Gail Paulson	1979- Mark Burnell Bring Michael Charles Bring Darla Jean Moen Jennifer Kay Moen Lisa Marie Sand
			1970- Kris Ann Kylo Carlton Dana Moen Roger Steven Moen Sharon Marie Nilles	1980- Jesse Lee Bring Richard Duane Bring
			1971- Donna Jean Erickson Julie Marie Moen	1981- Jason Allen Bring Laura Janette Bring Jane Estelle Halvorson
			1972- Doreen Kay Erickson	

ELM RIVER LUTHERAN CHURCH HISTORY

Church services were first held in this area in the homes and later in the Galesburg Public School building which became the old town hall. Pastor B.A. Harstad served the early settlers from 1882 to 1892. In May 1891, one of Pastor Harstad's assistants, Pastor Hans Allen, organized the Elm River Congregation and construction was begun on the old church which served seventy-five years until 1966.

On August 12, 1891, the following families were listed as charter members of the congregation: Ole Groven, Anton Satrom, Anders Groven, Charlie Rust, Iver Sveum, H.P. Smith, John P. Satrom, Ole Paulson, Rolf Anderson, Mathias Olstad, Abraham Jorgenson, Olaf Moe, Didrik Aageson, Knute Satrom, Gilbert Moackrud, and John Haugen. Four

years later in 1895, the following families were added: Fred Tanger, Hans Jacobson, John Johnson, Lewis (Lars) Satrom, John Moe, Peder Nesseth, Ole Langdalen, Hans Erickson and John Bjelverud. Mrs. Rose Haugen was the first regular church organist.

In May of 1892, Norman, Hunter and Elm River were organized into a parish. Confirmation classes were entirely in Norwegian until 1914 during Pastor Turmo's ministry. In 1919 members of the congregation voted to have one-third of the sermons given in English. Towards the close of Pastor Brudvig's ministry in 1943, the congregation voted to have all services in the English language. During these years confirmation for the entire parish was generally rotated among the churches.

During the first winters, a stove in the front section of the church provided heat. Later a furnace with one register was



Our Lutheran Church



An old time choir in the Norwegian Lutheran Church

installed, adding to the physical comfort of the congregation and in 1940 an improved furnace with a stoker was installed. The church was damaged by fire twice and each time was repaired promptly. It was wired for electricity in 1919-1920. The church basement was equipped to provide a meeting place for the Ladies Aid, Luther League and other organizations.

A Hammond organ with two sound boxes was purchased by the Ladies Aid in 1946.

In 1952 during Pastor Ylvisaker's ministry the Parish was reorganized to include only Elm River and Norman congregation.

A Parish Education building had been discussed off and on for many years. A decision to build was finally made and ground was broken for this building April 27, 1958. The building was dedicated nearly one year later on April 27, 1959. The cost of the building, exclusive of furnishings, was about \$43,000. The men of the congregation assisted in the construction and the Ladies Aid purchased much of the furnishings and equipment. The mortgage was burned just three years later in 1962.

Kenneth Rust, the grandson of one of our Charter Members was ordained into the ministry June 18, 1961. To date he is the only one of the congregation in the ministry.

In 1966 plans were made for a new church building. Ground breaking was held on June 19, during the 75th Anniversary. The last service in the original church was held September 18, 1966. In October work was started on the present church. The altar painting by Gulbrandsen was framed and placed above the balcony. This painting was purchased by the young girls society which was the forerunner of the Luther League. The new church was dedicated on May 14, 1967. The bell tower was dedicated November 10. In 1904 the women served a Fourth of July dinner to raise funds to purchase this bell. It is a Stuckstede bell, made in 1904. It measures forty-three inches across, weighs 1500 pounds, has an F pitch and had an estimated value of \$4,500 fourteen years ago, in 1967. It was carefully salvaged from the old church and was installed in the new bell tower. In January 1971 the church mortgage was burned, five years after it was built.

In March of 1973 the Elm River and Norman Congregation voted to build a new parsonage. Ground was broken in September and one year later, September 29, 1974 the new parsonage was dedicated. The mortgage was burned six years later in May 1980. In 1979 a storage room was completed and dedicated. In 1980 a new Allan computerized organ was installed and in 1981 a new heating system was added.

The pioneers realized the necessity of establishing a church. For many years all activities revolved around the church and the schools. We have been fortunate to have been brought up in a community where this has been the case, as until these later years we have led sheltered lives. We realize that when we lose sight of the church as our first love, we see the crime rate of our country rise and even little towns such as ours can become victims to vice which was never found in pioneer days. In our Centennial may we decide to follow the ideals of our pioneer ancestors and let our light also shine.



Elm River Lutheran Church

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

1894 Ludvig Moe	1906 October 28 John A. Paulson Edwin Bye Karl Louis Satrom Peter Satrom Oluf (Melvin) Smith Karin Groven Mina Olstad Anna Holen Olga M. Korshus Gurine Gisvold Emma M. Kittleson Alma A. Dahl	Anna Severson Gertrude A. Nesseth	1918 No Class	Elgin Erickson Beulah Bjelverud Violet Bowers Anna Moe Gladys Gisvold Alice Moe Josephine Botten Cora Smith Ruby Olstad Alvida Satrom
1897 John Edward Rust Martin Gisvold Hogan Groven	1907 November 3 Clara J. Thompson Edwin M. Thompson Inez R. Soldal Olina Dullum Alma Satrom Anna M. Smith Clara Groven Edward Severson Olaf Mykland John W. Tanger Melvin Olstad Peder B. Brovik Benjamin I. Satrom	1912 December 1 Harold Anderson Ingvald Sveum Milo O. Tanger Lindie H. Bjugan Ida Jacobson Olga Jorgenson Oline Olstad Mina I. Severson	1919 January 26 Pauli Olstad Hjordis Anderson Alma K. Erickson Marion E. Jorgenson Myrtle E. Nesseth Mable E. Satrom John Holen Bjorkum A. Moackrud Julian O. Botten Raymond C. Satrom Gladys E. Langdahl Grace M. Langdahl Ruth M. Melting Ovida J. Rock Alvida J. Satrom Alice S. Stockmoe	1925 Marjorie Brovik Sadie Rock Kira Sharlotte Ege Iver (Douglas) Jondahl Joseph Hongdo Chester P. Larson Louis Satrom Lawrence Larson Hans K. Jr. Anderson (Chris)
1898 Carl Smith Haaken Groven John Peter Johnson Mathias Groven Christine Rust Pauline M. Paulson	1908 November 22 Simon V. Jorgenson Charles Tanger Karl Jacobson Georgine (Gena) Sveum Laura Groven Minnie P. Korshus Nora Paulson Tilda M. Kittleson Selma Olstad Rosa O. Jondahl Alma L. Stockmoe Emma Dahl	1913 November 30 George E. Johnson Paul L. Jorgenson Alvin O. Langdahlen Leonard K. Larson Elmer A. Nesseth Alma (Cecilia) Paulson Gilmer I. Satrom Ragna Cecilia Satrom Bertina A. Brovik	1920 Mable Olstad John Jr. Satrom Milton Brovik Clarence Larson Thomas Larson Evelyn Erickson Lillian Erickson Phyllis Erickson Palmer Gisvold Myrtle Olstad Ovidia Langdahl Inga Bratholt Esther Anderson	1926 Helen O. Smith Ragnar O. Satrom Laurence S. Lande Ardith Paulson Isabelle A. Stevens Irvin R. Lande
1901, June 16 Iver Smith Robert Smith Oscar M. Rust Sigurd I. Botten Ida Louise Satrom Martha Mykland Ingeborg M. Groven (Lostegard) Anna O. Anderson Oscar Paulson Anton Korshus Erik Gisvold John M. Ryum	1909 November 7 Victor L. Smith Bertina Holen Josephine Jacobson Inga Satrom Clara Jorgenson Manda M. Satrom Petra F. Storseth Alma P. Satrom	1914 December 13 Oscar M. Holen Carl A. Johnson Henry Sveum Anton F. Thompson Jenny B. Mykland Albertine Olson Olga Olstad Olga Olstad Josephine M. Paulson Olga Satrom Rosa O. Satrom Ruth V. Solberg Rosa Sveum	1921 Maxine P. Jondahl Joseph I. Moe Fredrick Jorgenson Annie Stockmoe Hilda J. Stockmoe	1927 Oswold O. Kolvik Juliet P. Bjelverud Ellen L. Skogstad Alice J. Gisvold Helen Larson Clara E. Larson Paul Erickson Melida C. Lostegaard Oscar Rostad Sylvia V. Satrom Marion Larson Norma A. Lund Mildred E. Lund
1902 Mable Severson Severt Severson Axel M. Paulson Ingevoid P. Jondahl Anna H. Brekke Gena J. Smith Ingeborg A. Olson Clara M. Olson	1910 February 12 Irving O. Bratholt Osvold Olstad John Sveum Clinton Tanger Pauline Olstad Vera M. Moackrud Grace A. Moackrud Laura A. Lund Astri (Ester) Paulson Clara Brovik	1915 November 21 Oscar M. Groven Ernest H. Erickson Sigrid G. Langdahlen Petra J. Rosevold Clara M. Satrom Ruth M. Jondahl Ingrid Anderson Effie J. Lund	1922 Hilmar L. Ness Helen Johnson Hazel Johnson Palmer M. Satrom Marian G. Smith Arthur C. Larson William H. Hoover Burnam H. Gisvold Myrtle R. Higgins Inez Erickson Gladys S. Anderson Palmer O. Olstad Morris I. Satrom Raymond Olstad Helmer O. Satrom Ruby I. Lande Prudence L. Lande	1928 Palmer Stockmoe Irvin J. Gisvold Arthur I. Satrom Osborne Anderson Ingvald S. Brovik Helen C. Rust Anna M. Satrom Marion Olstad Freda M. Ege Esther O. Lostegaard Oscar Smith Ruby P. Rust
1903, December 6 John H. Jacobson Tina K. Groven Carl J. Osterdal Clara R. Rust Henry P. Smith Mina R. Jondahl	1911 November 26 Andrew Anderson Peter O. Holen Orto B. Korshus Nils G. Jorgenson Oscar M. Satrom Almer K. Thompson Ganelia K. Bratholt	1916 November 26 Ember M. Brovik Hjalmar T. Jacobson Orin J. Larson Joseph I. Stockmoe Olga Bratholt Cathrine Jorgenson Ellen C. Jorgenson Alma Olstad	1923 Ruth G. Bjerke Sydney R. Stockmoe Sigfjord Marshall Agnes C. Halvorson Julia A. Thompson	1929 - No Class
1904 November 20 Thorval M. Thompson Paul Korshus Olaf R. Satrom Ole Olstad Karl Joseph (Charley) Rust Elbert Gisvold Axel Mykland Selma J. Anderson Rosa A. Holen Mella S. Salberg Marie B. Stockmoe Mathilda F. Paulson	1905 November 19 Johanne Jorgenson Charlie Jorgenson Anna Jacobson Clara Olstad Anna Mykland Mina Groven George O. Bacon Olaf Jondahl Abinus O. Bang	1917 October 23 Elvin M. Brovik Norman C. Rosevold Almer P. Satrom Philip R. Satrom Mabel A. Botten Gladys M. Bratholt Minnie Dyrdal Aline I. Erickson Agnes Kylo Olive C. Rostad Eleanore P. Satrom Lydia I. Satrom Ruth C. Stockmoe	1924 November 30 Lyle Jondahl Allvin Bowers	1930 June 1 Joel O. Moe Roy H. Bowers Theodore P. Smith Orville M. Satrom Kenneth J. Bjelverud Osmund C. Satrom Thelma O. Johnson Louise I. Lande Lillie P. Bowers Grace O. Smith Cecil B. Sutton

1931 June 14
Vernon A. Johnson
Blanche C. Lostegard
Leona A. Paulson
Ruth A. Olstad
Minerva O. Jensen

1932 June 5
Justin Foss
Harris R. Borud
Reuben Borud
Adolph M. Matson
Leland S. Gisvold
Howard Satrom
Alma L. Smith
Molfred J. Moe
Margaret (Vivian) Anderson
Kenneth O. Paulson

1933 July 2
Alton M. Bjelverud
Julia R. Lostegard
Bertha H. Robberstad
Louise B. Robberstad

1934 June 3
Elroy J. Trockmann
Rosella M. Anderson
Olga A. Kjelmyhr
Olga Foss
Evelyn (Lorraine) Dickson
Orlin H. Gisvold
Victor G. Smith
Otto B. Satrom
Orva A. Steffarud
Sivert K. Smith
Herman Borud

1935 June 14
Irene F. Satrom
Eleanore G. Bjelverud
Lillian C. Smith
Iola K. Lostegard
Selmer K. Haakenson
Kathleen E. Larson
Sylvia B. Aasen
Orville J. Aasen

1936 July 19
Milton F. Hochgraber
Kenneth Erickson
Donald A. Gisvold
Myrtle I. Kjelmyhr
Nora Borud
Adult Class
Jacob E. Robberstad
Arthur Robberstad
Mrs. Esther Robberstad
Grace Moe
Mrs. Clara Haakenson

1937 June 27
Marvin Haakenson
Orin Larson
Ruth I. Smith

1938 June 26
Donald R. Satrom
Myron A. Bjelverud
Orville E. Hochgraber
Raymond I. Aasen
John M. Haugen
Clara S. Foss
Joyce Y. Dickson

Eunice D. Gisvold
Genevieve O. Satrom

1939 May 7
Gilmore E. Jondahl
George D. Smith
Louis I. Larson
Katherine T. Smith
Imogene H. Bye
Florence J. Gisvold
Blenda M. Gisvold

1940 - No Class

1941 June 29
Arno Donald Satrom
Philip O. Jondahl

1942 June 28
Marjorie A. Olstad
Avis I. Gisvold

1943 November 29
Alice J. Jondahl
Helen M. Olstad

1944 July 2
Donna M. Bjelverud
Delores J. Dickson
Neil M. Haakenson
Irene Johnson
Eleanor H. Lean
Mary Ann Norby
Melvin Jr. Olstad
Lois G. Skogstad
Madelyn M. Workin
Marlowe M. Workin

1945 May 13
Vernon Bratholt
Nola Haakenson
Orpha E. Kylo
Alton E. Lean
Sylvia J. Olstad
Kenneth P. Rust
Ellen S. Satrom
Molfred V. Smith

1946 May 12
Harold Bring
George (Morrel) Dickson
Marlys B. Olstad
John A. Olstad
Richard O. Workin
Adult Class
Gunder Bratholt
Irene Bring
Glen Holter
Anna Paulson
Harriett Paulson
Orville Paulson
Kermit Warner
Regina Warner

1947 May 11
Gustav Kjelmyhr
Delores L. Lean
Marcella A. Olstad
Beverly J. Thoen

1948
Vaida Lean
Elizabeth J. Johnson
Eloyce Johnson
Evelyn J. Olstad

Edris Rust
Arlene Workin
Arland Workin

1949
Thomas O. Alberts
Emery O. Bye
Delores Haakenson
Douglas R. Hanson
Douglas D. Olstad
Irene G. Olstad
Bernice M. Ostby
Arnold J. Satrom
Adult Class
Mrs. LaVonna (Barber)
Hochgraber

1950 May 12
Inez A. Amb
Ina (Marilyn) Moen
Winnefred R. Ness
Francis O. Workin

1951 March 18
Howard M. Anderson
Dorothy F. Bye
Calvin M. Eggers
Joyce M. Eggers
Dale A. Haakenson
Lorraine D. Lean
Marie A. Warner

1952 April 20
Clinton A. Amb
Evelyn Amb
Vernon O. Dahle
Elvira Anderson
Ilene M. Hochgraber
Barbara E. Johnson
Oline (Marie) Olstad
Jane E. Warner
Raydon L. Workin
Adult Class
Mary D. Kenny
Gordon C. Johnson

1953 April 5
Roy L. Anderson
Evelyn I. Bring
Lloyd V. Lean
Lulu M. Lean
Donald J. Olstad
James O. Olstad
David P. Workin

1954 April 11
LeRoy G. Whitson
Sandra C. Olstad
Karen M. Stibbe
Judith A. Hochgraber
Roy D. Rud
John G. Eggers
James Eggers
Adult Class
Edward Gustadson
Philip (Carl) Henry
John Rud
Lloyd Rud
Walter Stibbe

1955 May 22
Esther I. Anderson
William J. Gibbs
Connie L. Olstad
Vincent K. Olstad
Karen J. Thompson

1956 June 3
Pearly A. Anderson
Judith M. Eggers
Synneva I. Engesether
Fredrick C. Gast
LaVonne H. Hochgraber
Judith R. Klai
June A. Lean
Eugene D. Mielke
Lawrence L. Moss
Myrna L. Moss
Kathleen A. Stibbe
Carol J. Workin

1957 May 19
James M. Ahrlin
Mary J. Johnson
Orlin (Warner) Moen
Dwight E. Olson
Willis O. Paulson
Irene L. Rud
Bonnie Jean Satrom

1958 June 1
Delores M. Amb
Bonnie J. Engesether
Patsy A. Gast
Bonnie K. Gibbs
James F. Haakenson
Ruth E. Lean
Geneva Warner

1959 May 17
Jeanette K. Eggers
Robert M. Jerkatis
Gary M. Johnson
Linda Mielke
Rebecca F. Paulson
Karen L. Satrom
Wayne D. Satrom

1960 June 5
Janice M. Amb
James L. Gisvold
Anita M. Hochgraber
Carol O. Lean
Ruth H. Olstad
Ronald D. Satrom
Alan G. Smith

1961 May 21
Denise E. Ahrlin
Ralph H. Gast
Kent O. Hochgraber
Norman Rud
Elizabeth A. Satrom
John G. Satrom

1962 June 3
Clair M. Haakenson
Curtis O. Haakenson
Edward D. Lean
Susan D. Mielke
Jerry L. Rud
Connie S. Satrom
Roger P. Satrom
Terrence K. Smith

1963 May 26
Naomi C. Moen
Bryan M. Ulland

1964 June 7
Marilyn K. Eggers

Nola A. Satrom
Penny R. Satrom

1965 May 30
Diane L. Haakenson
Rickie L. Halvorson
Zane R. Rud
Adult Class
Donald C. Caswell
Shirley M. Caswell

1966 June 5
Julie J. Borud
Sally M. Gibbs
Kaye L. Halvorson
Daniel K. Henry
Janice L. Hochgraber
Janet M. Mielke
Sharon A. Satrom
Pamela Ulland
Pamela J. VanZee

1967 May 28
Alice A. Borud
Geraldine R. Carson
Keith A. Hochgraber
Douglas O. Moen
Joy Annette Ulland
Joyce Ann Ulland

1968 June 2
Laurel J. Ahrlin
Georgian I. Carson
Denise R. Henry
Shirley M. Johnson
Jean A. Satrom
Lora H. Satrom
Patricia L. VanZee

1969 June 1
Karla K. Borud
Donald K. Haakenson
Danae H. Smith
Michael P. Workin
Adult Class
Mrs. Wayne (Virginia) Satrom

1970 May 17
Lori K. Bjelverud
David L. Caswell
Wayne E. Carson
Patricia A. Johnson
Julie C. Olstad

1971 May 30
Christine A. Bring
Stewart C. Carson
Jane L. Haakenson
Jan L. Halvorson
Barbara K. Henry
Randy A. Johnson
Brid H. Ulland
Clair L. VanZee

1972 May 21
Richard N. Henry
Edwin P. Judish

1973 May 20
Karl E. Bring
Grace E. Carson
Scott W. Holt
Gail M. Olstad
Crystal K. VanZee

1974 - No Class	Debbie Windom Gail Carson
1975 May 18 Ellen E. Borud	1979 Bradley Flaten David Jondahl Michael Johnson Roy Nelson Nancy Olstad Donna Windom
1976 May 23 Peter H. Bring Annette R. Jondahl	1980 Robert Henry Duane Judish John Paulson Nancy Satrom Jeffrey Workin
1977 Daniel Caswell Amy Bring Nora Satrom Robert Olstad Paul Jondahl Joel VanZee David Windom	1981 Wendy Holt Mark Jondahl Shawn Satrom Murray Smith
1978 Daniel Holt Joan Jondahl Lauri Jo Paulson	

PASTORS

1891-1892	Reverend B. Harstad
1893-1896	Reverend G. Beito
1896-1910	Reverend P.A. Hendrickson
1910-1920	Reverend O. Turmo
1920-1928	Reverend K.O. Kildahl
1928-1943	Reverend A.N. Brudvig
1943-1947	Reverend E.O. Barsness
1947-1954	Reverend R.E. Ylvisaker
1955-1963	Reverend W.M. Tolo
1963-1971	Reverend Edward Leivestad
1971-	Reverend Roger Paulson

HISTORY OF THE ELM RIVER A. L. C. W.

As no records prior to 1916 are available, the early history of Elm River Ladies Aid is very incomplete. Some facts related have been told by charter members and some taken from old records of the congregation.

Pastor G. Beito, the first resident pastor of the congregation called a meeting in the fall of 1894 at the home of Mrs. Aageson Vodin for the purpose of organizing a Ladies Aid. The following ladies were present: Mrs. Ole Groven, Mrs. G.A. Moackrud, Mrs. Matt Olstad, Mrs. Ole Paulson, Mrs. A.P. Satrom, Mrs. K.P. Satrom, Miss Ragnhild Satrom, Mrs. H.P. Smith, Mrs. Aageson Vodin.

Mr. Charley Rust represented his wife who was unable to be present at the meeting.

The following officers were elected: President - Mrs. G.A. Moackrud, Secretary - Miss Ragnhild Satrom, Treasurer - Mrs. Aageson Vodin.

Within the next few years, the following became members: Mrs. Jorgen Anderson, Mrs. Gust Bratholt, Mrs. Knute Erickson, Mrs. John Johnson, Mrs. Abraham Jorgenson, Mrs. Lars Lande, Mrs. Lars Larson, Mrs. E.O. Moe, Mrs. John Moe, Mrs. Olaf Moe, Mrs. Magnus Olson, Mrs. Thor Olstad,

Mrs. J.P. Satrom, Mrs. Louie Satrom, Mrs. Paul Satrom, Mrs. Iver Sveum.

In 1904 the women served dinner at the 4th of July celebration in order to raise funds to purchase a bell for the church. Lacking equipment, they made tables from rough boards and brought dishes from home and also cooking utensils to prepare the meal. That year they raised \$500.00. These pioneer women worked hard and faithfully despite many handicaps. They spun, knit, held socials, church dinners, and made quilts. Each member entertained the aid three or four times a year. Proceeds from each meeting averaged from \$2.00 to \$4.00. In 1914 the Aid members took the lead in getting a basement built under the church. Throughout the years the ladies have helped financially with many projects of the Aid as well as of the congregation.

In 1945 the Elm River Ladies Aid joined the Women's Missionary Federation, and now the Aid, besides helping support the local congregation, also helped support various mission projects of the church. Contributions were sent through Mission, Self Denial and Thankoffering Boxes, T.V. and Radio offerings, also Cradle Roll, Life Membership and In Memoriam offerings. In a small way this helped spread the Gospel throughout the nations of the world.

In 1955 work committees were added to help the officers of the Aid, each committee consisting of a chairman and four helpers, served for one month at a time.

On July 9 and 10, 1960 a Constituting Convention was held at Northfield, Minnesota to form a new organization for the women of the church. Replacing the Ladies Aid, was the American Lutheran Church Women's Auxiliary, or in short ALCW. The membership of the ALCW consists of all confirmed women of the congregation. In order to attain wider participation, greater efficiency, and closer cooperation, the auxiliary is divided into Circles which meet monthly to study the Bible and related subjects, and to provide programs for the regular Auxiliary meetings. We also have work groups that take care of work of serving meals, and serving at various church functions.

In 1963 it was decided to start a church library with members of the ALCW in charge. At that time, church libraries were quite a new venture. Early libraries were for the theologians and scholars with no concrete relations to every day life. In order to reach a wider variety of readers a change was made to select books for different age groups with a variety of interests and to make available good reading material for all. In 1981 our Library is in a special room in the Parish Hall. Furnishings were made available by gifts of new book shelves given in memory of Walter Bellin by his wife Emma, and for comfort underfoot, carpeting was given in memory of Harold Bring by his wife, Esther and children. We have about 600 books which are available to the members of the congregation and others who care to read them.

In 1966, the Elm River church celebrated the 75th Anniversary of its existence with the ALCW contributing much in the way of food and finances. A booklet was made to honor the event.

The following years many efforts were made to carry on the work that was started so many years ago.

In 1970 we purchased paraments for the church and also carpeted the church entry.

In 1971 we said farewell to Pastor Lievestad and family with a party at the Parish Hall.

New Testaments were purchased in 1972 and placed in the church pews for use in all worship services. We also had a welcome reception for the new pastor, Roger Paulson and family.

April of 1973, we hosted the ALCW Conference Convention in which 200 delegates and visitors attended.

We sponsored and served many dinners to help pay for the new parsonage.

We served a Father and Son Banquet in 1974.

In 1975, after an inspiring visit with Mary Haakenson, niece of Clarence Haakenson, we decided to support her by sending with her a donation of money and boxes of children's clothing and 35 quilts that we had made, to her mission work in Africa. We continued to support her with donations of money until her return to the states.

The Bicentennial year of our country, 1976, we served a Mother and Daughter banquet using as a theme the Bicentennial.

Together with the Norman ALCW we furnished a room in the new addition at the Luther Memorial Home in Mayville.

In 1979 new tableclothes were made for all the tables we use for serving in our church.

During all of this time, many hours were spent by devoted women at their sewing making quilts. Over 600 have been made at this time. We also have been knitting, crocheting, and sewing baby garments to use in the many layettes that we have included in our stewardship work. All of this to be sent to world relief, and other places that are needful of these supplies.

In 1980, we purchased a new lamp for the new organ. This was given in memory of three former organists: Mrs. Rose Haugen, Mrs. Christ Brun, and Mrs. Oline Moe.

We celebrated the 20th anniversary of the ALCW with a special program honoring our senior members and also the officers of the 1960 ALCW who were: President - Adeline Stibbe, Secretary - Manda Gisvold, Treasurer - Pauline Rust, Sec. of Ed. - Annie Olstad, Sec. of Stewardship - Marian Hochgraber.

In 1981 Joanne Wold, who along with her husband, spent several years in Russia gave an interesting program, with slides and artifacts, to us about her life and times in Russia.

We continued with plans to complete our paraments for the church with hopes to have them by Galesburg's Centennial celebration.

Being a concerned organization, we continue to sew and assemble quilts, layettes, kiddie and klenli kits for world relief.

Our church was formally organized in 1891. The women of the congregation have always been active in all departments of the church. Working in their own way, with the help of God always in their minds, for the betterment of the church home, people of the world both near and far being proud citizens of the Galesburg area.

In 1982 the officers are: President - Mrs. Gudrun Zimmerman, Vice Pres. - Mrs. Jan Moen, Secretary - Miss Anna Johnson, Treasurer - Mrs. Inez Nelson, Sec. of Ed. - Mrs. Mary Halvorson, Sec. of Stewardship - Mrs. Lilah Jondahl.

There are about 70 members of the auxiliary today.

Although we have become an auxiliary of the A.L.C., many of us still cannot give up the term "Ladies Aid" because that is what we do. We aid those in need, we aid the church when it needs something special or needs cleaning, we aid the oppressed with donations of money, clothing and quilts, we aid the shut-ins at Christmas with food boxes, we aid the church supported schools and colleges and nursing homes with our money and our time. In so many places we have given aid which we will continue to do for all of time. God has richly blessed us with so very much and it is our way to help.

We are proud to be members of the American Lutheran Church Women's Auxiliary, while we humbly admit we are the "Ladies Aid."

PAROCHIAL SCHOOL

Parochial school was held about six weeks every summer. The first classes were held in Norwegian. The children were taught many songs and recitations and held picnics in Kvams Park. Later the classes were taught in English.



Parochial School about 1911
Mr. Torgus Mykland, Instructor

THIS IS MY CHURCH

It is composed of people like me. We make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, if I help to fill them.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring other people into its worship and fellowship if I bring them.

It will be a church of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble spirit — if I, who make it what it is, am filled with these.

Therefore, with the help of God, I shall dedicate myself to the task of being all the things that I want my church to be.

SCHOOLS



The following articles in regard to schools were taken from the Hillsboro Banner:

1908

GALESBURG'S NEW SCHOOL BUILDING

Very few people outside of the vicinity of Galesburg are aware that the district has just erected a fine new school building. The building was to have been completed about December 1, but as often happens there were some delays and the school finally moved into the new building about January 15. It is situated on the high ground in the northeast part of town and commands a view of the country for miles around. From a distance it impresses one with its massiveness, solidity and probable durability. A closer examination shows it to have been built with a cement block foundation, while the walls are of Hebron pressed brick. On entering the building, one at once sees that the interior, with its maple floors, oak stairways and balustrades, and yellow pine finishings, is in keeping with the quality and appearance of the exterior. There are four large rooms, each hygienically lighted, with ample blackboards low

enough to be used by small as well as large pupils, and the walls tinted with the colors most restful to the eye. The basement extending under the whole building has cement floors throughout and is divided into two parts, one for club swinging classes, and playroom, the other containing coal bins and a furnace which heats and ventilates the whole building. The building completed has cost \$10,500 and is a credit to the village and to the school spirit of the whole community.

The schools of Galesburg are in excellent condition, probably the best they ever were in, and the people would be glad to continue Mrs. McBride as principal for years to come. Miss Port in the primary is also doing nice work. The spirit of teachers, pupils, and community bespeaks a school in keeping with the new building."

1914

"Next month our village school will again enter upon its work and everything is auspicious for another successful year. The school board has been exceptionally fortunate this year in securing an excellent corps of teachers, who, no doubt, will maintain the high efficiency of the school. As principal, the board was able to secure the services of Prof. Emil Estenson, of Menominee, Wis. Prof. E. is a young man with splendid qualifications, having graduated from Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, from which institution he received the degree of B.A. Prof. E. has also had a number of years successful experience as teacher in the public schools. Miss Jessie Forsythe, who is a graduate of the Normal school at Mayville, has been secured to teach the intermediate department while Miss Alpha Enge, of Portland, who successfully held the position as primary teacher last year, has been reengaged for the ensuing year. The



Galesburg School 1916

Department of Public Instruction recently made a ruling that all high schools or such schools that offer high school subjects shall in the future, open two weeks later than formerly. This ruling was passed in order to so adjust the school year that the high school examinations, held in June of each year, should fall within the term of school, as under the previous early opening of school, the high school term would be out in the spring before the time set for the examinations. Consequently, in as much as the school board has decided to offer a course in the first year high school subjects in our schools, then this ruling will apply here, and our school will accordingly open on September 15 in order to comply with this ruling."

1924

"The school election of Galesburg School District held last Tuesday resulted in a record vote being polled and the following were declared duly elected: E.O. Moe, director for three years, L.L. Lande as Treasurer for two years. The board of education as now constituted comprises the following: Directors, Ole O. Moen, J.O. Satrom and E.O. Moe; Clerk, H.A. Groven; Treasurer, L.L. Lande.

The Galesburg Public Schools closed the school year on Thursday, May 29. The graduation exercises were held in the evening of that day in the Presbyterian Church, where a program was rendered by the graduating class and the seventh grade class. The following program was rendered by the graduating class: Salutatory, Christian Anderson; Class History, Sofia Botten; Class Will, Francis Miller; Class Prophecy, Laurence Lande; Valedictory, Anna Moe. Prof. Leamer of the Mayville Normal delivered the principle address of the evening and diplomas were thereupon presented to the graduates by Ole O. Moen, president of the Board of Education. The following are the graduates: Christian Anderson, Anna Moe, Laurence Lande, Orville Paulson, Sofia Botten, Lyle Jondahl, Francis Miller and Cora Smith."

GALESBURG SCHOOL

The history of the Galesburg School dates way back to the year 1883, when the first grade school was started. The first two teachers were Mrs. Kemp and Miss Hauser. The first high school was started in 1902 with Mrs. McPherson the first teacher. The first school board members were: Mrs. Alex Stewart, John I. Jondahl and Ole Moen.

The old town hall was the first schoolhouse from 1889 to 1908. It was located in the same place as our schoolhouse is now. It was bought by the town in 1908 and moved to where it stands at the present time.

In 1902 the school by Rusts was moved in and added to the old schoolhouse, as they did not have room enough for all the classes. It took sixteen to eighteen teams of horses to transport the school into town, which was done by W.J. Taylor. The building was placed east of the school and a hallway was made to connect the two buildings. Mr. Morrison did the work.

In 1907 there was a proposition to bond the district for \$8000 to build a new school. H.E. Allen's bid to construct the school was accepted. On August 9, 1907 the foundation for the new school was being laid. Allen built the brick part of the school and Korshus finished the inside.

In 1909 a new bell was purchased for the school.

Eighth Grade Commencement Exercises of the Galesburg Public School Monday Evening July 1st, 1918

Program:

"Not a Man in the House"

CHARACTERS

Mrs. Maria Bings, who has had a rough experience with a cruel husband, and after his death declares that no man shall enter her house..... Alma Rock
Miss Lucy Ryder, her timid maiden sister..... Mabel Botten
Jessie Ray, a pretty niece who has come on a visit..... Eva Jefferson
Aunt Belloda, an old fashioned elderly lady who sympathizes with the young..... Myrtle Nesseth
Kate, a servant who has a gentleman cousin whom she greatly admires..... Jordice Anderson

Song—"Voices of the Woods".....
Recitation—"My Prairies"..... Jessie Miller
Recitation—"Sterilized Country School"..... Elmer Bring
"Americanism"..... Milton Lande
Song—"America for Me".....
Address.....
Presentation of Diplomas.....

Class Roll

Jordice Anderson Mabel Adelia Botten Elmer Fredrick Bring
Eva Bessie Jefferson Milton Lande
Jessie Vioqua Miller Myrtle Alida Nesseth Alma Bernice Rock

CLASS MOTTO—"On To Victory."



Pupils

Gina Smith
Clara Rust
Anna Smith
Henry Smith
Melvin Smith
Victor Smith
Paul Korshus
Olga Korshus
Minnie Korshus
Nora Paulson
Charley Rust
John Paulson
Axel Paulson
Clara Groven
Henry Sorenson

In 1934 the town hall was rejuvenated so it could be used for basketball. Other towns playing here would call it "the cracker box" since it was so small.

It is told that under Emil Estenson, who was a dynamic educator, a four year high school was established with Harold Anderson and Elmer Nesseth graduating in 1916.

Evidently a four year high school was dropped after that until in 1925, when the next four year graduation was held.



Galesburg School 1911

Front row: Left to right, 1. Hilmer Moen, 2. Porter Gisvold, 3. George Garrity, 4. Oscar Hølen, 5. 6. 7. Ralph Gisvold, 8. Elvin Brovick, 9. Bjerkmø Moackrud, 10. Harold Jensen, 11. Milton Lande, 12. Montgomery Elliott, 13. John Hølen. Second Row: 14. Ember Brovick, 15. Gladys Jefferson, 16. Jennie Mykland, 17. Ralph Elliott, 18. Eva Jefferson, 19. Vida Rock, 20. Cora Pratt, 21. Lena Røstad, 22. Myrtle Nesseth, 23. Jordice Anderson, 24. Alma Rock. Third Row: 25. Grace Moackrud, 26. Milton Cochran, 27. Elmer Nesseth, 28. Harold Anderson, 29. Bertina Brovick, 30. Bennie Lund, 31. Lottie Falkenhagen, 32. Josephine Garrity, 33. Josephine Paulson, 34. Ruth Omdahl, 35. Isabel Jystad, 36. Myrtle Gisvold, 37. Katherine Garrity, 38. Effie Lund, 39. Inga Anderson, 40. Eva Ivory, 41. Eddie Jystad, 42. Jennie Falkenhagen. Fourth Row: 43. Albina Olson, 44. 45. Jennie Iverson, 46. Clara Brovick, 47. Vera Moackrud, 48. Gertrude Nesseth, 49. Hazel Jefferson, 50. Esther Paulson, 51. Ida Brovick, 52. Clarence Omdahl, 53. Floyd Jefferson, 54. Celia Paulson, 55. Lindie Bjugan, 56. Aleda Moen. Back Row: 57. Lund, 58. Clarence Garrity, 59. Alf Omdahl, 60. Gordon Jefferson, 61. Andrew Anderson, 62. Emil Lund, 63. Miss Turmo, Teacher, 64. Miss Brandenburg, Teacher, 65. Miss Benson, Teacher, 66. Victor Smith, 67. Everett Bairy, 68. Horatio Morris, 69. Otto Moen.



Galesburg Grade School — 1928

Front Row L. to R.: Leland Gisvold, Alton Bjelverud, Vernon Johnson, Warren Toliver, Woodrow Miller, John Burkholder, Howell Kvam. Second Row L. to R.: Unknown, Alma Smith, Marjorie Stevens, Orva Steffarud, Kenneth Paulson, Vivian Anderson, Doris Armstrong, Thelma Hagen, Juliet Bjelverud. Third Row L. to R.: Bill Vos, Mollfrid Moe, Minerva Jensen, Louise Lande, Thelma Johnson, Ethel Bring, Leona Paulson, Anna Satrom. Fourth Row L. to R.: Mrs. Casper Lura, Red Brovick, Irvin Hagen, Kenneth Bjelverud, Allen Stevens, George Fanning, Osmund Satrom, Miss Strom.



Sitting: Richard Rygh, Ernie Holm, Osborn Anderson, Minerva Jensen, Mrs. Hoganson, Alice Gisvold, Ellan Skogstad, Marion Larson, Grace Smith, Marjorie Brovik, Marion Oistad. Standing: Dale Hull, Roy Bowers, Bill Burkholder, Palmer Smith, Orville Satrom, Joel Moe, George Fanning, Oswald Foss, Oscar Smith, Harris Borud, Sylvester Miller, H.T. Anderson, Osmund Satrom, Cecil Sutton, Ruth Oistad, Dagny Jystad, Melida Lostegaard, Leona Paulson, Blanch Lostegaard, Thelma Johnson, Esther Lostegaard, Louise Lande, Cora Smith, Sylvia Satrom, Luella Rygh, Helen Rust, Ethel Bring.



1938

Back: Mabel Rygh, Florence Gisvold, Josephine Jongeward, Margaret Hanson, Myrtle Kjølmyhr, Imogene Bye, Olga Kjølmyhr, Adeline Erickson, Iola Lostegaard, Clara Foss, Eunice Gisvold, Lillian Smith, Gladys Rygh, M.F. Peterson. Middle: Lillian Kyllø, Blenda Gisvold, Della Erickson, Katherine Smith, Inez Erickson, Edith Kvam, Genevieve Satrom. Front: Orville Erickson, Cyrene Jongeward, Charles Gisvold, Melvin Hanson, Wilmer Moen, Louis Larson, Donald Gisvold, Orin Moen, George Smith, Raymond Aasen, Orin Larson, Howard Kvam, Gilmore Jondahl, Myron Bjelverud, Charles Vos, Orville Hochgraber.

Sarah Anderson remembers they played softball when she was going to school. They had a game with the married men in town. Since the girls had no catcher, a man dressed up in bloomers and dress like a girl. With his catcher's mask on, no one knew the difference until he threw the mask off to catch a ball. The married men were very indignant and said the women would never have won if they had not had him for a catcher.

B.M. Hanson started the hot lunch program with Josie Henry as cook and Avis Workin as helper. The children walked from the school to the town hall for hot lunches.

Before the bus routes began each family was responsible for their own transportation. The school district paid fifty cents per child, but the maximum was a dollar and a half per day. You also had to be at least two and one half miles from school.

The gymnasium was built in 1949 and the additional school rooms such as library and science rooms were completed in 1958.



Avis Workin and Josie Henry Cooking for the School Children in the Old Gym.



1938 Glee Club

Back Row: Eleanor Bjelverud, Mabel Rygh, Irene Satrom, Eunice Gisvold, Genevieve Satrom, Sylvia Aasen. Middle Row: Miss Burhman, Josephine Jongeward, Margaret Hanson, Ruth Smith, Grace Moe, Imogene Bye, Edith Kvam. Front Row: Gladys Rygh, Iola Lostegaard, Kathleen Larson, Edna Rygh, Lillian Smith.

The first custodian of our school was Andrew Neseth. Other custodians were: Magnus Olson, Arnt Melting, George Bjelverud, Carl Henry and presently Don Caswell. George was janitor for thirty years or more. Magnus Olson was janitor in 1913 with wages of \$25 per month. At the same time the Superintendent of the school received \$80 per month. Arnt Melting became janitor in 1924 with wages of \$40 per month. In 1936 George Bjelverud's bid as janitor was accepted at \$50 per month, being paid for ten months.

In 1930 bids were received for building a new school east of town. One hundred dollars was paid to Ole Moen for the site where the school was to be built. Hence it was always called the "Moen's School." Ole Soholt's bid was accepted. The total cost of the building including furnace, toilets, etc. was \$4185.25.

In 1935 Dows District school children were brought into Galesburg.

The budget in 1930 was \$7544.07 and in 1982 it is \$477,462.



Due to the debt of the school in the thirties the salaries were all cut fifteen percent and the teachers did not always get their salaries on time.

In 1961 the Clifford and Galesburg Schools were merged. The first six grades in Clifford, with junior high and high school in Galesburg. It was then called Clifford-Galesburg School.

It was at this time the bus routes were started with bids taken for bus drivers.

Shortly after the merger a lunch room was added to the Clifford school and in later years an oil furnace was put in, so the coal room was rejuvenated into a room for the kindergarten.

In 1980 an Industrial Arts building was added to the school in Galesburg.

The present board members are: Ervin Ust, President; Mike Elliott, Duane Bring, and Carsten Haugen. Keith Hochgraber resigned as of January 1 with Mike Kozojed taking his place. Shirley Holman is clerk and treasurer.

In 1907 there were four teachers. In 1982 with the two schools we have eighteen teachers, one teacher's aid, three bus drivers, four cooks, and two custodians.



In 1979, 80, and 81 the Music Mothers under wrote expenses for musical plays put on by C-G students. The musicals have been great crowd pleasers as well as good money makers. Profits have been used to buy theatrical lighting and a piano.



Clifford-Galesburg Paper Staff, 1976

Standing: Laurie Ust, Susan Bjerke, Donalee Volla, Doreen Erickson, Suzanne Kylo, Lonette Paulson, Diane Brenna, Crystal VanZee, RoseMary Erbstoesser, Carol Mosher, Gloria Domier, Kristi Elliott, Kandiss Nelson, Barb Craig, Grace Carson. Back Table: Ellen Borud, Margaret Elliott, Sandy Nelson, Donna Erickson, Mary Anderson. Front Table: Jan Halvorson, Terry Kraling, Rick Thompson, Brad Ulland, Patricia Bjerke, Janet Mosher, Chris Bring.



Clifford-Galesburg Marching Band 1968-69

MUSIC MOTHERS

Remember when you went to P.T.A. and after the meeting you'd take your coffee and head to a corner where the 'Band Mothers' were meeting. Band Mothers, those ladies who had children in the school band, worked at projects to raise money so our band could include those expensive instruments that an individual found impossible to purchase. Some remembered through the years were a glockenspiel, sousaphone, oboe, tenor sax, drums, cymbals and many more.

In later years the Band Mothers became Music Mothers because it wasn't only band students who benefited. The Music Mothers give moral support to the school music department as well as monetary support through food sales, craft sales or even a spaghetti supper. In addition to band instruments, band uniforms and the risers used for chorus have also been purchased by the Music Mothers.

FHA (FUTURE HOMEMAKERS OF AMERICA)

Future Homemakers of America/Home Economics Related Occupations (FHA/HERO) is a national youth organization that promotes leadership and decision making for high school boys and girls. Members work at national, state, district and chapter level to promote a better understanding of the organization as a self-betterment, personal growth group and not a group of people who get together to sew and discuss their latest recipes. Each July, there is a National Meeting held to "fire-up" states for the upcoming year. Then during the first week in February, the North Dakota State Officers prepare the annual state convention to aid individual chapters.

The Clifford-Galesburg chapter has been very active since its beginning. Members take part in various money-raising, school, community, and chapter projects. Some favorites are Grams, Gramps, and Me Night, the Traveling Supper, Daddy

Date Night, National FHA/HERO Week Activities, Slumber Party, and Installation Ceremony and Mother's Day Party.

In recent years, Clifford-Galesburg has had the 1978 District XI Presidency with Annette Aarsvold, who was also the 1979-80 State Vice President. In 1980, Wendy Bring served as District XI President and in 1981-82 was the state officer. In February of 1982 Darla Moen was installed as the new state officer from District XI.

Probably the greatest undertaking of the Clifford-Galesburg FHA Chapter was when they raised money to send Darla Moen and Debbie Windom to the Virgin Islands to work at the Queen Louise Home run by Bruce and Julie Swanson in St. Croix.

ADULT EDUCATION

In January of 1971 a Vocational Education program was organized. A committee called the Vocational Education Advisory Committee helped set up Adult Education classes which were taught by area people and professionals. The concern of this program is the preparation of youth and adults to meet the responsibilities of home and family life. A small fee is charged for the classes, enough to cover expenses. Some of the classes taught were: sewing, crocheting, cooking, handicraft, income tax, insurance, typing, first aid, metric system, cameras, coronary disease.

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR SCHOOL

Over the years our school has taken part in many extra curricular activities.

As a Bicentennial project the junior class of Clifford-Galesburg school buried a capsule with various articles in it. In twenty-five years the class was to reunite to open the time capsule.

Many of the various activities besides sports in which they have taken honors are essay contests of the Red River Historical Society, poster contests, spelling bees, State Honor Roll, science fairs both locally and nationally, music contests, talent plays, pom pom competition, and a few years ago, declamation contests.

Several outstanding musicals have been put on such as: "Main Street - USA" in 1969, "Oklahoma," 1979, "Babes In Arms," 1980, and "Annie Get Your Gun," 1981.



Governor Allen Olson giving Laura Bring first place award for 1981 Keep North Dakota Clean Poster Contest.



Nancy McClure received an award for her Science Fair Project.



Randy Brandstedt won honorable mention in an essay contest sponsored by Red River Valley Historical Society.



Governor Arthur Link presenting Wendy Holt with North Dakota State Pollution Poster award.



Clifford-Galesburg Junior Class buries Time Capsule - June 1976



Red River Valley Historical essay winners — Jane Halvorson and Stacy Knudsvig.



Dawn Bring named to state honor roll of math students.



State Music winners:



1981 Clifford-Galesburg High School Pom Pom Girls



Representing Clifford-Galesburg School at National Science Fair in Milwaukee — Brent Richtsmeier



County winners in spelling contest — Murray Smith and Nancy Satrom



1981 Clifford-Galesburg musical "Annie Get Your Gun"



Trail County winner in "No Smoking" poster contest — Joni Elliott



Trophies and trophy case



Outstanding FHA Chapter in North Dakota — 1972



State Music Qualifiers — 1973-74

SPORTS

In 1934 the high school students were practicing basketball outside and playing games in the old Town Hall. There was a stove in one corner to heat the hall and the players were constantly aware of this as they only had one ball and to touch the stove would be the end of the ball and the ball game. A great improvement came when the old Julseth School, northeast of Galesburg was moved in and attached to the north side making a kitchen and eating place for hot lunches available. The stove in the corner was replaced by a furnace in the north end. The spectators sat on the stage, the walls were out of bounds. Even playing in the "cracker box" as it was called our 1935 girls' basketball team made history when they won Trail County Championship. The boys won the Trail County Championship in baseball that same year. The baseball diamond was on the school grounds at the time. In 1936 our girls were champions again. In 1937 and 1938 our school won trophies in volleyball and track. In 1941 the boys won again in baseball and the girls were basketball winners. In 1951 the girls won district and went to the state tournament. In 1952 the girls won again and took fourth place in the state tournament. In 1954 the boys took second in the district and the girls basketball team won championship in Goose River Conference. In 1955 and 1956 the girls won in the district. The boys won second in the district play-off. The boys were Goose River Valley Conference winners in 1959. In 1961 the boys were Cass Valley Conference winners. In 1963 our school became class B and since then the teams have won many trophies and awards in track, basketball, and girls pom-poms.



1935 Boys Basketball Team — Back: Alton Bjelverud, Arthur Lusche, LeRoy Hochgraber, Coach H.T. Anderson, Vernon Johnson, Kenneth Paulson. Front: Orville Aasen, Warren Tollver, Lester Kylo.



1935 Galesburg Girls Win Trail County Cage Title. Galesburg High School won the Trail County Championship for 1935 in County Tournament. Front: Eloise Kvam, Kathleen Larson, Orva Steffarud, Eleanor Bjelverud, Sylvia Aasen. Back: Geraldine Van Rossen, Molfrid Moe, Coach H.T. Anderson, Alma Smith, Doris Armstrong.



Galesburg Junior High Basketball Team of 1937, last year for H.T. Anderson. Standing: Melvin S. (Bud) Hanson, Jr., Marvin Haakenson, Superintendent and Coach Henry Anderson, Charles Vos, Orin Moen. Seated: Keith Jongeward, Donald Satrom, Louis Larson.



1941 — Back: Coach M.F. Peterson, Keith Jongeward, Gilmore Jondahl, Charles Vos, George Smith, Donald J. Satrom. Front: Helmer Haagenson, Raymond Aasen, Myron Bjelverud, Howard Kvam, Orville Hochgraber.



1941 — Back: Josephine Jongeward, Clara Foss, Adeline Erickson, Katherine Smith, Coach M.F. Peterson, Eunice Gisvold. Front: Patricia Morris, Florence Gisvold, Blenda Gisvold, Genevieve Satrom, Betty Killo.



Kenneth Rust, Richard Workin, Arden Paulson, Coach B.M. Hanson, Dale Moen, John Olstad, Harold Bring, Earl Larson.



1947 — Back: Mary Ann Norby, Orpha Killo, Nola Haakenson, Mildred Ulland. Front: Eleanor Lean, Delores Lean, Madelyn Workin, Molfrid Smith, Lois Skogstad, Coach - Mrs. B.M. Hanson.



Unknown, Harold Bring, Alton Lean, Ronnie Killo, Bun Satrom, Bernie Killo, Clair Bergene, Truman Sundeen, Kenneth Rust, "Punky" Gerald Bratholt, Palmer Gisvold, Manager.

GIRLS' BASKETBALL

Galesburg Girls' Basketball teams of 1951 and 1952 were unique in that they are the only Galesburg High School girls' team ever to participate in state tournaments. As members of District Five in Class C competition, they played teams such as Buxton, Reynolds, Sharon, Hope, Clifford, and Caledonia in the February 1951 Championship Tournament at Casselton. While they were being defeated by Courtenay and next by Maxbass, Wheatland became the State Champ of 1951.

In 1952, they again became District Five Champs defeating Clifford thirty-six to twenty-five. In the regional they again met Rogers, defeating them for the Region Three spot at the State Tourney in Casselton. There they defeated Newburg in the first round but lost to Bowdon and then to Dickey to claim fourth place. Wheatland again became State Champions that year.

Girls' basketball was then played with three forwards and three guards on half-courts and they were not allowed to cross the center line. A few years later, rules were changed to resemble the boys' game.

The 1951 team was coached by Superintendent A.E. Darkenwald, and team members were: Ethel Moen, Arlene Workin, Edris Rust, Irene Olstad, Marilyn Moen, Marie Warner, Delores Haakenson, Inez Amb, Frances Workin, Mary Ann Richtsmeier, and Vaida Lean.

The 1952 team was coached by Superintendent T.H. Risdal. Since Arlene and Edris had graduated, Dorothy Bye, Shirley Gorum and Marie Olstad were added to the team that year.



The 1951 Team — Back: Superintendent A.E. Darkenwald, Marilyn Moen, Marie Warner, Delores Haakenson, Inez Amb, Frances Workin, Mary Ann Richtsmeier, Vaida Lean. Front: Ethel Moen, Arlene Workin, Edris Rust, Irene Olstad.



1956 Basketball Team Second in District — Standing: Coach Olaf Lilleberg, Duane Bring, David Workin, Kenneth Bring, Jerry Elliott, Jimmy Olstad, Roy Andersen. Sitting: Donald Olstad, Lynn Bring, Lyle Bring, Gary Erickson.



Back: Patricia Morris, Mildred Kylo, Iona Haakenson, Margaret Groven, Clara Foss, Florence Gisvold, Beverly Hanson, Blenda Gisvold, Viola Miller. Front: Lyle Moore, Louis Larson, George Smith, Keith Jongeward, Ray Kvam.



Back: Jeanette Bring, Connie Olstad, Patsy Gast, Linda Mleike, Mary Johnson, Bonnie Satrom. Front: Bonnie Gibbs, Delores Amb, Betty Henry, Rebecca Paulson, Judith Eggers.



Back Row: Betty Kylo, Patricia Morris, Mildred Kylo, Margaret Groven, Arlene Hanson, Phyllis Dalen, Viola Miller. Front Row: Kenneth Satrom, Martin Vos, Keith Jongeward, Ray Kvam.



Cass Valley Conference Champions 1961 — Harold Rud, Wayne Satrom, Warner Moen, Curtis Bring, Willis Paulson, Jimmy Haakenson, Gary Halvorson, Alan Smith, Al Elliott, Daryl Severs, Coach - Jerry Sandbeck, Manager - Jim Ahrlin.



Back: Lois Skogstad, Molfrid Smith, Eleanor Lean, Darlene Green, Orpha Kylo, Donna Bjelverud, Mary Ann Norby, Margaret Vos, Eilene Moore, Nola Haakenson. Front: Neil Haakenson, Roland Satrom, Donald Vos, Kenneth Rust, Harold Bring, Merlin Satrom, Jerry Bratholt.

SCHOOL DAYS



Front: Murphy Bjelverud, Howard Kvam, Burnce Anderson, Orin Larson. Middle: Ray Kvam, Louis Larson, Florence Gisvold, Katherine Smith, Audrey Johnson, Clara Foss, Eunice Gisvold, Genevieve Satrom, Raymond Aasen, Blenda Gisvold. Back: Kenneth Johnson, Donald Gisvold, Donald Satrom, Chester Miller, Charles Gisvold, Irene Gisvold, Every Vos, Charles Vos, Ruth Smith, Miss Zeller.



Back: Eilene Moore, Sylvia Dalen, Phyllis Dalen, Joyce Haugen, Arlene Hanson, Lorraine Aasen, Avis Gisvold. Front: Richard Vos, Marvin Gisvold, Jimmy Kvam, Martin Vos, Kenneth Satrom, Merle Henry.



Galesburg School, Grades 5-8, 1945-46 — Jackie Gisvold, Tommy Alberts, Carl Henry, Douglas Hanson, Gerhardt Anderson, Leroy Henry, Marilyn Moen, Delores Lean, Delores Haakenson, Evelyn Olstad, Edris Rust, Irene Olstad, Vaida Lean, Marie Warner, teacher - Audrey Anderson (Hochgraber), Not shown - Lillian Anderson.



Back: Nola Haakenson, Mary Ann Norby, Marjorie Cox, Neil Haakenson, Richard Vos, Lorraine Aasen, Donna Bjelverud, Avis Gisvold, Lois Skogstad. Front: Molfrid Smith, Darlene Green, Margaret Vos, Orpha Kylo, Eleanor Lean, Marvin Gisvold, Merle Henry, Kenneth Rust, Donald Vos, Alton Lean.



Galesburg High School 1947 — Front: Dale Moen, Molfrid Smith, Hazel Erickson, Frances Klai. Second: Lois Skogstad, Marlys Olstad, Adolph Kjelmlyr, Madelyn Workin, Evelyn Olstad, Ellen Satrom, Eleanor Lean, Mary Ann Norby. Third: B.M. Hanson, Harold Bring, Mildred Ulland, Delores Lean, Nola Haakenson, Earl Larson, Mrs. B.M. Hanson. Back: Neil Haakenson, Arden Paulson, Orpha Kylo, John Olstad, Marvin Gisvold, Kenneth Rust, Richard Workin.



Back: Duane Bring, Bill Elliott, Evelyn Bring, Marie Warner, Jim Olstad, Lynn Bring, Jane Warner, Marie Olstad, Barbara Johnson, Judy Hochgraber, Jerry Elliott, Shirley Gorum, Connie Olstad, Mary Ann Richtsmeier, Clinton Amb, Evelyn Amb, Lyle Bring, Ilene Hochgraber, Kenny Bring. Front Row: Dorothy Bye, David Workin, Roy Anderson, Sandra Olstad, Jeanette Bring, Dale Haakenson, Bernice Ostby, Carol Workin.



Front: Ronald Gustafson, Orlin Rud, Scott Severs, Eugene Mielke. Second: LaVonne Hochgraber, Pearl Anderson, June Lean, Barbara Burkholder, Carol Workin, Judith Klai. Third: Connie Olstad, Sandra Olstad, Judith Hochgraber, Karen Thompson. Back: William Gibbs, Jr., Lyle Bring, Esther Anderson, Jeanette Bring, Vincent Olstad, Lloyd Lean.



First and Second Grade — 1953 — Back Row: Walter Faubion, Lyle Amundson, Norman Rud, Mike Elliot, Richard Jerkatis, Alan Smith, Daryl Severs, Jimmy Gisvold, John Satrom, Kent Hochgraber, Teacher - Marion Moen. Front Row: Yvonne Gustafson, Carol Lean, Ruth Olstad, Elizabeth Satrom, Denise Ahrlin, Eileen Vos, Anita Hochgraber, Janice Amb, Donna Anderson, Mary Engesather.



Second Prom in Galesburg School, May 1958. Note - orchestra in center of floor.



Fifth and Sixth Grade — 1961. Back Row: Naomi Moen, Lyle Erickson, John Bring, Bryan Ulland, Warner Moen, Lyle Nelson, Danny Rud, Edward Lean. Second Row: Nola Satrom, Vicki Moen, Jackie Severs, Marilyn Eggers, Penny Satrom, Peggy Vos. Front Row: Mary Elliot, Cathy Benzmiller.



Eighth Grade Graduating Class — 1961 — Back Row: Norman Rud, Evelyn Kylo, John Satrom, Denise Ahrlin. Front Row: Mike Elliott, Mike Benzmiller, Kent Hochgraber, Ralph Gast, Elizabeth Satrom.



1963 — Eighth Grade — First row: Karen Domier, Gary Thompson, Catherine Benzmiller, Renae Moen, Naomi Moen. Second row: Mr. Orville Halvorson, Bryan Ulland, David Holman, Vickie Moen. Third row: Gloria Satrom, Edward Lean, Mary Elliott, Jackie Severs, Rosalie Viken, Beth Mosher (not pictured).



Row 1: Lori Bjelverud, Donna Erickson, Kriss Kylo, Lesley Snyder, Patricia Bjerke, Margaret Elliott, Allison Craig, Christine Bring, Georgian Carson, Tracy Snyder, Jan Halvorson. Row 2: Sandra Nelson, Karla Borud, Patricia Johnson, Lois Satrom, Julie Moen, Geraldine Kylo, Jane Haakenson, Carrie Haugen, Shirley Johnson, Kathy Nelson, Mrs. Jorgensen. Row 3: Julie Olstad, Denise Henry, Janet Mosher, Lora Satrom, Patricia Van Zee, Bonnie Paulson, Carmen Satrom, Danae Smith. Mary Anderson, Barbara Henry. 1972 FHA Girls.



Mary Anderson and Jan Halvorson — 1975



Elementary School Baton Twirlers — 1981 — Back Row: Donna Olstad, Christi Sand, Michelle Holman, Stacy Thompson, Denora Kylo. Front Row: Kathy Motter, Heather Holman, Angie Bjerke, Becky Ust, Marcia Elliott, Inez Haugen.



Kindergarten Graduation — 1981 — Blair Martin, Marsha Holman, Curtis Ust, Jerri Olson, Jason Rud.



Seniors - 1982 — Row 1: Peggy Anderson, Julie Erbstoesser, Wendy Bring, Brad Flaten, Brent Richtsmeier, Lisa Aarsvold, Teresa Gisvold, Linda McClure. Row 2: Jordan Ege, Kirby Kylo, Steven Kylo, Alan Paulson, Roy Nelson, Michael Bjerke, Mike Johnson.



Fifth and Sixth Grades - 1982 — Row 1: Eric Satrom, Mark Paulson, Tammy Dahle, Stacy Thompson. Row 2: Janel Ust, Daniel Satrom, Jason Taylor, Daniel Knudsvig. Row 3: Jason Smith, Steve Elliott, Jim Richtsmeier, Donna Olstad. Row 4: Doug Caswell, Todd Brend, Denora Kylo, Kaye Hinkley, Kristi Sand.



Juniors - 1982 — Row 1: Jeff Workin, Rob Henry, John Gisvold, Lori Knudsvig, Jennifer Moen, Darla Moen. Row 2: Mark Bring, Susan Motter, John Paulson, Mike Bring, Nathan Martin, Nancy Satrom, Lisa Sand.



Fourth Grade - 1982 — Row 1: Donald Satrom, Larry Motter, Curt Halvorson. Row 2: Angela Lovas, Stacy Holman, Muriel Satrom. Row 3: Keith Knudsvig, Nathan Satrom, Tracy Paulson. Row 4: Paul Borud, Treva Sand. Not Pictured Jody Nelson.



Sophomores-Freshmen - 1982 — Row 1: Laura Bring, Ellaine Craig, Shirlee Pladson, Karen Ust, Stacy Knudsvig, Jane Halvorson. Row 2: Kathy Olstad, Jason Bring, Kurt Elliott, Johan Aarsvold, Mike Flaten, Darrin Bjerke, Mark Johnson, Noreen Satrom. Row 3: Mary Reynolds, Shawn Satrom, Brenda Elliott, Wendy Holt, Rodney Brend, Jesse Bring. Row 4: David Ust, Dean Richtsmeier, Doug Olson, Murray Smith, Randy Brandsted, Paul Knudsvig, Richard Bring, Renae Dahle.



Third Grade - 1982 — Row 1: Peggy Olstad, Heather Rud, Matthew Martin. Row 2: Lori Brandsted, Kelly Olson, Douglas Windom. Row 3: Kirsten Satrom, Michelle Havelange, Linda Lammers. Not Pictured Beth Richtsmeier, Tracy Sand.



Seventh and Eighth Graders - 1982 — Row 1: Peter Ege, Danny Reynolds, Stephanie Elliott, Joni Elliott, Paula Smith, Nancy McClure, Dennis Dahle, Strack Elliott. Row 2: Heather Holman, Angela Bjerke, Randy Martin, Lance Satrom, Corey Martin, Eric Anderson, Frank Craig, Brian Lovas, Chad Satrom. Row 3: Kathy Motter, Marcia Elliott, Becky Ust, Julie Taylor, Corey Satrom, Inez Haugen, Mark Holman, Phillip Sand, Joel Brandsted.



Kindergarten, First and Second Grade - 1982 — Row 1: Leah Treinen, Sonny Elliott, Laura Halvorson. Row 2: Stacy Mapel, Angie Humphrey, David Thompson, Troy Sand, Jeremy Kainz, Danielle Olson, Adam Anderson, July Hinkley, Teresa Kozojed. Row 3: Blair Martin, Jason Rud, Curtis Ust, Marsha Holman, Jeri Olson. Row 4: Jennifer Newman, Joel Carson, Kevin Elliott, Richie Thompson, Brian Bjerke, Matthew Olstad, Shawn Sand, Tracy Sand.

GALESBURG SCHOOL #3

Galesburg School #3 in Galesburg township was located in the northwest corner of Section eight. Presumably the first term of school was the year of 1888. Mr. John Jondahl and Mr. John Olstad attended school to learn the English language.

One of the first teachers was a Mr. Morrison. A list of names of teachers that taught there were; Mrs. Penholla, Mrs. Dickenson, Mrs. Kemp, Mrs. June O'Brien, Mrs. Dan Gum, Mrs. Ed Green, Mrs. Christ Aasen, Mr. Smith, Emma Aasen Englestad, Miss Inga Rygg, Oline Olstad Moe, Sophia Johnson Ulland, Randa Boe Ernest, Gunda Larson Haisley, Clara Nelson Elster, Anna Woie, and Mrs. Alma Killie Fritz.

School No. 3 was closed in 1919. The school house was sold to Mr. and Mrs. John Landet. They moved it to their farm home in Steele County which was two miles west and one half mile south of its present location. They remodeled it into a dwelling house. John Jondahl, John Olstad, Ole Satrom, and Hans Kvam served as directors.

The first term Emma Aasen taught, her salary was thirty-five dollars a month. The year 1914 Minnie Olstad taught in Norman Township her salary was fifty-five dollars a month.

GALESBURG SCHOOL #4



Julseth School Students about 1925

Galesburg school district Number 4, known as the Julseth school, had an early beginning as the Martin Erickson children attended this school. Elvina was the oldest of the children, born in 1888. The school was there when she started school.

After Elvina was married to Charlie Jorgensen they lived on the John Erickson farm one-half mile east of the Stordahl Church so five of their children went to this school, even if it meant driving five miles to the school.

Mrs. Ned (Kate E.) Green was probably the only teacher over the years as the Martin Erickson children had her and so did Elvina's and H.M. Erickson's children. She taught until they closed the school in 1930. She was a very strict teacher. Mrs. Green's husband farmed about two miles west of the school, so the district didn't have to find a home to board the teacher.

The school district only had seven months of school each year. There were double desks with two children seated at each desk. A long bench like a church pew was at the front of the school near the teacher's desk where each class met in session.

There was no play ground equipment so the children played tag, pom-pom-pull away, and anti-eye-over, which was a game where a ball was tossed over the small barn that was used for the horses which the children drove to school. There were four stalls, two on each end of the barn. In the winter the games were fox and geese, and digging caves in the high snow banks that drifted around the school house. In the early spring the ditches had rubber ice and children played on it until someone fell in and got wet. The school yard was a low spot so had lots of water in the spring. The school house was banked in the fall, in the spring the children played on the banking and often fell off into the water and of course got soaked to the skin. There were two outdoor privies.

The children each brought their syrup tin pails with their lunch and a jar of water to drink. In the winter the school was cold and often the sandwiches were partly frozen by noon. Families took turns bringing potatoes which were put in the ashes of the big wood and coal burning stove that had a large jacket around it. This was done at morning recess and by noon everyone had a hot baked potato.

The first family to school in the morning would get the fire built if it had burned out during the night.

Every spring before school let out the school yard had to be raked. On this special day every family brought their rakes from home and took turns raking. Also every year on this day Mrs. Julseth, who lived one-half mile south of the school, invited the children to a hot family style dinner, which Lena Rostad helped her cook. She always gave each child a handkerchief. The children and Mrs. Green walked to the farm and back again to continue raking.

There was always a picnic the last day of school. It was held in the shade of the north side of the school building as there were no trees on the grounds.



Moen School 1930

In the summer of 1930 a new school building was erected, but not on the same location. It was built on a piece of land about one mile north of Stordahl Church, close enough so most of the children walked the one and one-half miles every spring and fall. The parents took them during the winter months.

1930 brought a new school building and a new teacher. They hired Marion Smith of Galesburg for the new school and also added one more month of school, making an eight month

school year. Marion boarded and roomed one year at Otto Moen's and one year at Gerhard Rygh's. The school was then known as the Moen School. The school had a basement where the pupils played in the winter, also two chemical privies with two large tanks in the furnace room, that were emptied once a year.

There was no play ground equipment. A softball diamond was made and much ball was played.

This young teacher often planned parties for Friday night when either her father, Charlie Smith, or brother, Oscar, came to bring her home for the weekend. These three people taught many singing games which were played in the basement. Games like Farmer-in-the-Dell, Skip-to-my-Lou, etc. Many families in the neighborhood were invited. A lunch was served afterwards. It was very much fun for the young people and the children.

Some of the teachers who taught in School #4, Galesburg District were Edith Delf, Mavis Fisk, Mr. Harold Anderson, Ruth Olstad, Mrs. Paul Craig, Kathleen Larson, Dorothy Kuball, Barbara Kuball, and Mrs. Violet Lande. During the time Dorothy Kuball taught there a carnival and basket social were held.

The children of Tony Erickson, Charlie Jorgenson, Gerhard Rygh, Olson, Otto Moen, Arthur Moen, Walter Ness, Ted Kylo, Peter Sand, Ralph Bring, Howard Bring, and Bertha Ostby attended school there over the years.

School No. 4 was closed in 1948.



Moen School

Back: Inez Erickson, Gladys Rygh, Bill Moen, Adele Erickson
Front: Mable Rygh, Irene Moen, Ivy Moen, Harvey Erickson

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SCHOOL NEWS

Galesburg No. 4

January

Editor and Chief — Mable Rygh

Assistant Editor — Ivy Moen

Sports Editor — Wilmer Moen

Business Manager — Irene Moen

SOCIAL ITEMS

We have had very poor attendance following the Christmas vacation because of sickness, snow storms, bad roads, etc. Irene Moen is the only one who has been at school every day since school began after Christmas.

Wilmer walked to school one morning when it was sixteen below, he froze both cheeks.

We made a weather chart at school. We mark every day how cold it is and we plan to keep it up until the last of February. The coldest its been is thirty-seven below and the coldest since we started is six above.

THE ESKIMO HOUSE

by Lloyd Erickson

One cold day Tim and Frank played that they were Eskimos. They planned to build an ice house. "Where shall we build it?", asked Tim.

"I think here beside the fence.", replied Frank. Tim then said, "We can get the water over there from the pond, and we can carry the snow from here on a sled."

"Where is your sled?", asked Frank.

They were soon hard at work on the Eskimo house.

MR. TURKEY GOBBLER

by Emlyn Moen

Early one Thanksgiving morning, Mr. Turkey Gobbler saw a man. The man said, "I am going to kill that Mr. Turkey Gobbler for Thanksgiving, he is big." Mr. Turkey Gobbler heard the man say that and he ran away. He did not like the man therefore he ran away. The man came to find Mr. Turkey Gobbler and he looked for Mr. Turkey Gobbler but he was gone and the man was mad.

ONE BITE

by Irene Moen

One day a little boy was hungry. He asked his grandmother if he could get an apple. He went down to the basement. When his grandmother came down she said, "There is a bite out of each apple, what is the meaning of it?" She called Bobby, "Did you do this?" He answered, "No." After a long time the boy admitted he did it. He began to cry. His grandmother told him then he could have one if he would help her empty the barrel. He had only taken bites off first layer so it wasn't so bad after all.

INSPECTION CONTEST

We are having an inspection contest and we are inspected every morning. We must have a clean handkerchief, clean face, hands, etc., teeth brushed, shoes polished, hair combed, and desk clean.

We have two sides, the name of one side is C.C.C., clean, cleaner, cleanest, and the name of the other side is W.P.A. Washing, Perking, Always. Those on the C.C.C. side are Mavis Fisk, captain, Irene Moen, Emlyn Moen, Beverly Kylo. Those on the W.P.A. side were Mable Rygh, Ivy Moen, captain, Wilmer Moen and Lloyd Erickson.

GREENFIELD CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL



Greenfield School



Greenfield School in the Early 1900's

The Greenfield Consolidated School was built in 1921 on the northeast quarter of section twenty-one in Greenfield Township, at the cost of \$40,000.00. It was a light colored structure with brick used as building material. The school consisted of five class rooms and a library. It was completely modern with hot and cold running water and lavatories.

The school opened in the fall of 1921, with Margaret Cormack of Blanchard, Nettie Skue of Hunter and Lydia Sherrett as the first teachers. The school board members were; J.A. Frank - President, Hans P. Piehl - Clerk, and Mrs. Hans P. Piehl - Treasurer.

The teachers lived in the school and did all the janitor work. The living quarters were on the first floor and a room in the basement was used for cooking and dining. The basement also consisted of a gymnasium with a stage on one side. The building was heated with a steam heating coal fired furnace, later years the building was converted to oil heat.

Electricity was originally powered by a thirty-two volt light plant and a wind charger and the later years it received electricity from Rural Electric Co-Op.

Elementary and high school were offered the first year. Three class rooms were used and the attendance was between fifty and sixty children. Later years as the population depleted high school was discontinued.

During the 1930's and the 1940's Greenfield School was a very active place for social activities. A community club was



Greenfield School 1940 Sportsman and Consolation Trophies
Left to right: John Jorgenson, Gordon Kylo, Merle Kylo, Thomas Cleven, Arden Paulson, Floyd Erickson, Parnell Jorgenson.

organized and they held whist parties, basket socials and square dances besides all the school programs and other activities.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Teie taught here a few years. He was very interested in sports and he coached some very good elementary basketball teams. During his years of teaching here Greenfield elementary boys won some trophies.

An independent basketball team was organized and between this team and elementary basketball and the other activities Greenfield School was a pretty popular place.

Stordahl congregation used the Greenfield gymnasium to hold church suppers, ice cream socials, ladies aids and other social events before they had a basement in their church.

The school closed in 1960 due to the reorganization of the school district. Orville Halvorson was the last teacher to teach in this school.

The Greenfield School was torn down in later years and the bricks have been used to build fireplaces and patios for many people throughout the area.



Back: Kenny Anderson, Emery Bye, Margaret Gall, Marian Gorum, Helen Halvorson, Katherine Johnson, Hilmen Aarhus, Teacher.
Front: Ron Kylo, Bruce Aarhus, Mary Ann Richtsmeier, Dorothy Bye, Jimmie Johnson, Joanne Anderson, Darlene Kylo.

BROADLAWN SCHOOL #1

Broadlawn School #1 was built in 1914 and was written up in *Cosmopolitan Magazine* in about 1918 as an example of what a country school should be. One of the men remembered so well was Roy Parker. He had a bicycle with a large front wheel and small rear wheel which fascinated everyone. The last day of school would be a picnic held on the C.L. Pratt farm.



First Row L. To R.: Palmer Olstad, Walter Johnson, Myrtle Olstad, Elsie Johnson, Esther Erickson, Alma Erickson, Edith Johnson. Second Row L. To R.: Hjalmer Jacobson, Rose Sveum, Lilly Erickson, Ida Sveum, Ingrid Erickson. Third Row L. To R.: Henry Sveum, Oscar Groven, Carl Johnson, Ruth Satrom, Olga Olstad.

BROADLAWN SCHOOL #5



Last Day of School May 1932

Back: Olga Kjelmyhr, Sidney Haagenson, Julie Lostegaard. Front: Gertrude and Irving Johnson, Myrtle Kjelmyhr, Iola Lostegaard and Genevieve Johnson.

Selma C. Hilluson was one of the first teachers in Broadlawn School #5. In the County Superintendent's report it was mentioned that she had so many pupils it was hard to keep order.

Some of the early pupils under Laura Banley were Laura and Anna Groven, Ida, Carl, and Josie Jacobson, Oswald, Selma, and Olga Olstad, John, Eddie, Gena, Rose and Henry Sveum and Ruth Satrom.

Many of our local people taught school in these country schools. All one needed to teach was six weeks of Normal School. It was no easy task as you might have all eight grades, do your own janitor work, build your own fires in the stoves and put on basket socials or some entertainment to make money for supplies. In one report it showed the teacher made thirty-six dollars a month. Some of our home town people who taught in these country schools were; Oline Moe, Minnie Olstad, Mrs. Kate Green, Alma Jondahl, Edna Holm, Marion Morstad, Helen Olstad, Anna Johnson, Ruth Olstad, Christ Aasen, Emma Aasen Engelstad, Nora Omdahl Satrom, Violet Lande, Iola Lostegaard, Orva Steffarud, Oline Olstad Haugan, Esther Lostegaard, Beatrice Jefferson, Vernon Plaine, Eva Jefferson, Eldice Satrom, Marion Smith Tordsen.

Vivian Kindseth Satrom was the last teacher in 1946-47.

The school was later moved in to Howard Satroms to be used as a garage.

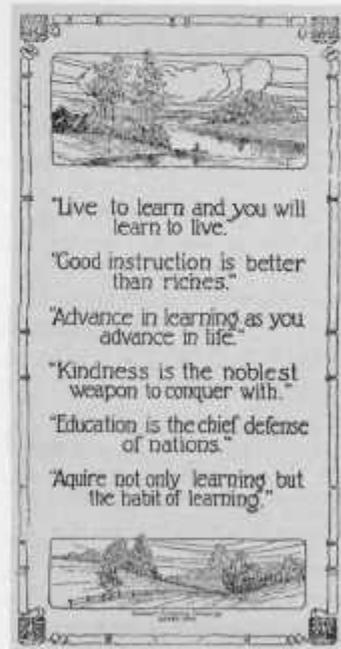
Hot lunches were introduced in later years. Before that each one brought their own lunch buckets. Pupils took turns bringing one thing for hot lunch. At one time tapioca was brought to make pudding. Since the teacher had never had experience with this she didn't realize how tapioca would swell. Before the pudding was done the kettle was overflowing. There was no problem of getting rid of it as the pupils were all hungry and something warm tasted good.

The main subjects taught were reading, arithmetic, geography, history, physiology, and spelling. The classes were usually ten to fifteen minute periods.

School terms did not run for nine months. In one report it showed school ran from May 4, 1908 to June 26, 1908 with one teacher, then June 29, 1908 to July 24, 1908 with a different teacher. Some months were Norwegian school and other months English school. One record showed from September 23, 1907 to March 20, 1908. Evidently there was no school at the busiest times of the year on the farm.

The old Julseth school in Galesburg Township was moved in and added on to the town hall during W.P.A. days in the 30's.

The Bowers school #4 is being used as a garage on the Heino Vosgreau farm.



"Live to learn and you will learn to live."

"Good instruction is better than riches."

"Advance in learning as you advance in life."

"Kindness is the noblest weapon to conquer with."

"Education is the chief defense of nations."

"Acquire not only learning but the habit of learning."

DOWS TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS

Apparently Dows School District Number Ninety-Three was organized in 1880 with a schoolhouse on the southeast corner of Section Four and included all of Dows Township. This building was later moved to the southside of Section eleven at about the half mile line in about 1903, I believe, and later moved to the present location on section nine. In June of 1935 a tornado came in from the northwest and destroyed the old building scattering it for about a half mile or more to the



Dows School about 1920

east. The present building was built in the summer of 1936. There was another schoolhouse on the southwest section eight, this was moved later to southwest quarter section twenty and was there until perhaps the early 1940's; the last thing I heard of this building used for was a man used it for storing stolen sheep, needless to say he was caught. Also there was a school on the northeast quarter section thirty-three perhaps built in the early years of District Number ninety-three.

On January 28, 1886 J.F. Gleason, Cass County Superintendent reorganized District ninety-three in a letter E.L. Johnson, Cass County Auditor which read as follows. "Dear Sir: I have this day reorganized School District Number ninety-three and rearranged the boundaries of the former territory so that it now includes Sections one to eighteen inclusive of township one hundred forty-three north of Range fifty-three west." This was approved February 23, 1886. This district was in

operation until it was merged into the Clifford-Galesburg and Hunter districts in 1955 with Clifford-Galesburg having possession of the building and lot. Dows used it until the late sixties when the polling place was changed to Erie, in the American Legion Memorial Hall. Since then the site has been deeded to Orville Satrom the owner of that section at that time.

Some of the last teachers at Dows ninety-three were Janice (Peterson) Borud and Irene Olsen.

The letter of formation of School district one hundred twenty was dated April 3, 1889 and reads, "To the Auditor of Cass County, You are hereby notified that I have this day formed a new school district to be known as School District Number one hundred twenty Cass County, comprising of sections nineteen to thirty six in township one hundred forty-three Range fifty-three being the south half of the town of Dows. Signed by W. Mitchell Superintendent of Schools Cass County." This district had two schools one time as mentioned before, the one in section thirty-three was in operation until 1937, some of the pupils went to Erie and some went to District ninety-three. Wayne Kyser of Erie Township now has the building on his farm.

Some of the teachers were Mrs. Bruce Brewer, now a resident of Erie; Evelyn Cleary who later married Harry Meyers and lived on Section twenty-one and is a resident of Hunter at the present time. The last two teachers in this school were Lenore Jones, she later married George Schur and lived on Section nineteen until his death; and Emma Gotfredson, who married Walter Bellin and lives on Section twenty-nine.

by George Benzmilller

**Graduation Exercises for High School and Eighth Grade Classes
Galesburg School at the Presbyterian Church
Monday June 12, 1916 - 8 o'clock P.M.**

PROGRAM

1. Processional March—"Evening Reverie"
.....Eva L. Felsing
2. InvocationRev. Malkewick
3. Salutatory.....Harold Anderson
4. Class History.....Ruth J. Omdahl
5. Instrumental Duet—"Golden Rod March"
Vera L. Paranto and Josephine M. Paulson
Paulson
6. Declamation—"The Swann Song"
.....Gladys Ann Jefferson
7. Recitation—"Miles Standish's Encounter
With the Indians.....Otto J. Melting
8. Song—"I Know a Bank".....Class
9. Essay—"The Temple of a Successful Life"
.....Harry R. Armstrong
10. Music—"Valse".....Jennie A. Mykland
11. Reading—"How Tim's Prayer Was An-
swered".....Sarah J. Miller
12. Class Prophecy.....Vera L. Paranto
and Josephine M. Paulson
13. Valedictory.....Elmer A. Nesseth
14. Presentation of Diplomas.....
County Superintendent Guri Wambheim
15. Song—"Love's Old Sweet Song".....Class

GRADUATES

Harold Anderson*
Elmer A. Nesseth*
Harry Ralph Armstrong
Gladys Ann Jefferson
Sarah Jane Miller
Otto J. Melting
Jennie Albertina Mykland
Ruth J. Omdahl
Vera Lanny Paranto
Josephine Margaret Paulson

*High School Graduates

SCHOOL BOARD

S. D. Felsing Mrs. Iver Jondahl
John Ostad Harry L. Sloan, Clerk
Ed. Moe, Treasurer

CLASS OFFICERS

President.....Otto J. Melting
Secretary.....Ruth J. Omdahl
Treasurer.....Harry R. Armstrong

CLASS MOTTO

"Climb tho the rocks be rugged."

Class Flower—Yellow Rose.

Class Colors—Olive-Green and Pale Yellow

ORGANIZATIONS



SONS OF NORWAY LODGE # 128



Sons and Daughters of Norway, building and members
Galesburg, North Dakota — 1925

Sons of Norway Lodge was organized in 1912 as an organization of people of Norwegian descent. An organizer from the Sons of Norway Lodge in Minneapolis, Minnesota, came to help get this lodge started. Meetings were held twice a month, one social and one business. Meetings were held over the pool hall. In 1914 this building was purchased through sale of shares. In 1916 an addition to the south was added. It was later sold to Palmer Gisvold. Daughters of Norway was an Auxiliary to this lodge.

Chicken dinners were served between Christmas and New Years. One of the purposes of the Sons of Norway Lodge was to help members who needed help. They had a special committee to do this.

Ole Soholt was a member of this lodge and in 1964 was presented a fifty year membership plaque given him by the Supreme Lodge in Minneapolis. At present time he has been a member over sixty years.

Later the lodge was disbanded because of a decrease in membership. Those who wanted to remain members transferred their membership to Minneapolis or other active lodges in the area. This was also true in regard to membership in the Daughters of Norway Auxiliary.



Tofte Lodge No. 128 Sons of Norway

Front: Hans Anderson, Oluf Sande, Louie Satrom, Ole Soholt, Ed Moe, Olaf Wolden, Louie Larson, Matt Brovick. Back: Phillip Satrom, Ole Bratholt, Chirst Suxzel, Milton Brovick, Christ Jensen, Martin Johnson, Andrew Wigger, unknown, Ole Lande, Knute Lande, Ben Workin, Henry Jensen, Oscar Holen, Thorwald Foss, Oswald Olstad, Iver Bratholt, Anton Mykland, Ole Byjordet, Anton Byjordet, Magnus Olson.



Daughters of Norway

Mrs. Erick Gisvold, Mrs. Hans K. Anderson, Mrs. Magnus Olson, Mrs. A. Neseth, Mrs. Matt Brovick, Mrs. Carrie Bratholt, Mrs. Ole Ness, unknown, Mrs. Anton Korshus, Minnie Korshus, Mrs. Iver Jondahl, Lora Lund, Josie Henry, Carrie Moe, Mrs. George Bjelverud, Mrs. Louis Satrom, Mrs. Pete Johnson, Mrs. Ole Aasen.



Front Row: Mrs. Oline Moe, Mrs. Trina Korshus, Mrs. Martin Johnson. Second Row: Mrs. Gina Bjelverud, Mrs. Carrie Bratholt, Mrs. Martha Anderson, Mrs. Gusta Soholt. Back Row: Mrs. Lewis Satrom, Mrs. Clara Soholt, Mrs. Tillie Olstad, Mrs. Bertina Steffarud.

THE GALESBURG WHIST CLUB—



1936 Championship Whist Team

Fritz Haugan, Orville Paulson, Palmer Gisvold, Nels Haugan

A Whist Club was organized in Galesburg in the winter of 1928. That first year they played in rooms above H.K. Anderson's restaurant. It started with a few young fellows, but mostly the old timers were the main contenders. By the time we quit in the spring the membership had grown and the club rooms were too small. The next fall when whist was started it was moved to the Sons of Norway Hall above the Pool Hall and continued there for the next ten or more years. Whist night was Monday night. There was great competition with twelve to fifteen tables and each pair of players trying to gain the top score for the season. E.O. Moe was score keeper and everyone's score was posted the next morning in both the Pool Hall and Post Office. Whist had become popular in all the neighboring towns and they all had teams, one town playing the other each week. This continued until the later part of March when one town was selected to host a tournament including eight towns. Galesburg held this tournament two times and had to use both the Sons of Norway Hall and the Town Hall.

Galesburg had many very good whist players and can boast of never losing a tournament. Many of the same pairs played together for many years.

In 1932 the first Northwest Norwegian Whist Tournament was held in Fargo and was played the last part of March each year for about fifteen years. This tournament was duplicate whist where the hands were put up in boards and all teams played the same hands. It was open to the first one hundred, four man teams to enter. Galesburg was always well represented and made a very good showing having the championship team one year and over the years winning several second, third and fourth places.

BOOSTER CLUB

The Galesburg Town and Township Booster Club was organized in 1946. The purpose was to see if some improvements could be made for our town and community. They incorporated a set of bylaws, allowing only men, with a minimum age of twenty-one. Sixty members joined the club. Regular meetings were held once a month with special meetings to be held between regular meetings if necessary.

Committees were appointed or elected for the following: to see if a bus route could be routed through Galesburg, to see if a blacksmith could be found to serve our community, to see if speed limit signs through town and directional signs pointing to

Galesburg could be obtained from the North Dakota State Highway Department. We received word back that all road signs would have to be purchased from the State Penitentiary.

A committee was appointed to contact R.E.A. to see if electricity could be brought into our community, also to see if we could get a sidewalk from downtown to the Galesburg School. Many other projects were brought before the club.

Occasionally they were entertained with a program. One time they were entertained by the Texas Ranger, a WDAY radio entertainer. The hat was passed to pay his expenses to come to Galesburg.

At one meeting the secretary, who was C.O. Haakenson, forgot to nominate a lunch committee. Everyone who wanted lunch had to go to the cafe and buy their own lunch. It was decided right then that the old secretary would not be renominated.

Whether this club did a great deal for our community will never be known. All these things have been done but some of them were some years later.

One good thing realized from this Booster Club, it proved how to work together which the people of this community have done ever since.

GALESBURG'S FIRE DEPARTMENT ORGANIZED IN EARLY 1920's

(From the Hillsboro Banner by Jim Collins)



Palmer Gisvold with Fire Truck

Galesburg's volunteer fire department was organized February 23, 1928. Its first officers were: Chief - M.J. Johnson, Assistant Chief - G.A. Stevens, and Secretary-Treasurer - O.H. Johnson. Before this officially organized fire department you could become a member by donating one dollar for the privilege.

The first fire fighting equipment was an old acid-soda extinguisher tank mounted on a push cart with old wagon-type wheels. You could not go too fast or the axels would heat up.

Two long shelves along one wall of the fire hall contained rows of red metal buckets. These were used in the bucket brigade, an early form of fire-fighting activity. The first real fire truck was purchased in 1929 and the acid tank was mounted on it. This was later sold to the Clifford fire department.

Two big fires in 1948 served to awaken community interest in upgrading their fire department. The Mike Smith Blacksmith Shop, and the Moen-Sande Implement which had just been purchased by Vic Smith and Clarence Haakenson, were both totally destroyed. Private donations were collected to purchase a new fire truck.



Back: Alan Smith, Ron Flaten, Orville Paulson, Marlowe Workin
Front: Leon Nelson, Ron Kylo

On June 30, 1969, a meeting was held which resulted in the formation of the present Rural Fire Protection District structure. This for the first time, resulted in a totally tax supported fire department.

Replacing the acid-soda tank and the red buckets, are two pumper trucks of which the 1971 model is one of the best for rural fire fighting.

An auxiliary pump is available to pump water from distant sites to trucks on the fire scene. Scott air packs allow firemen to enter smoke filled areas for fire fighting rescue work. The department also has resuscitation equipment to provide on the scene oxygen to heart attack or smoke inhalation victims.

The department has several meetings a year to familiarize members with equipment and to do maintenance work.

There are no dues for belonging to the fire department. There is a five member Board of Directors. They are Orville Paulson, Leon Nelson, Ron Kylo, Ron Flaten, and Marlowe Workin. Fire chief is Leonard Treinen and assistant fire chief is Alan Smith.

The area served by Galesburg's department include all of Galesburg Township and parts of Greenfield, Broadlawn, Dows, and Page Townships.



Galesburg Fire Department, Fire Truck 1972

R.E.A. (Rural Electric Association)

The farmers of the Galesburg community settling here in the early 1900's, read the newspaper by kerosene lamps, carried a kerosene lantern to do their chores for years. Around 1920 a few farmers bought thirty-two volt light plants which gave them a sample of modern living with lights in the houses. Small motors were purchased to pump water, operate washing machines, radios, yard lights, and a light or two in outdoor buildings. In the early thirties and early forties a few farmers bought wind chargers to furnish electricity.

The March 15, 1941 storm damaged many of the local wind chargers so the farmers were glad to hear R.E.A. was coming soon. The first R.E.A. came to North Dakota in 1937 but the farmers of the Galesburg area did not receive it until 1949-1950.

Many farmers own standby plants to rely on in case of power failure.

HISTORY OF ELM RIVER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

The Elm River Scandinavian Evangelical Lutheran Church Cemetery was the original name of the cemetery and was organized on January 7, 1893. Land was bought from Joseph and Isabel Kemp. On July 20, 1927 John and Lewis Kittelson donated what we call the west section.

The Presbyterian church started what was called Hillsdale Cemetery Association, which is the southeast section. The cemetery did not have a caretaker so each individual family took care of the lot. As several families had moved away and hence some graves were left uncared for, it was decided by the Ladies Aid that someone should take this on as a project. Mrs. John Soholt was chairman, Mrs. Oscar Rust secretary-treasurer. Elgin Erickson and Morris Satrom were appointed from Luther League. Names were taken down of persons who had relatives buried there and they were asked for donations.

A very good response was received and the money taken in was used to buy the first lawn mower. One day when the men of the Lutheran church had met to work at the cemetery, the members of the Presbyterian church were also cleaning their cemetery, and it was then decided to take up the fence separating the two cemeteries.

The cemetery was greatly improved. George Bjelverud was hired to mow and did that job faithfully for many years until his retirement. At that time Almer Satrom took over and mowed, until his death in 1979, and since then Herb Bennett has been doing the job. Mrs. Oline Moe was secretary-treasurer for many years. There have been many serving on the cemetery board since then. In 1948 a well was dug and the Ladies Aid donated \$100 toward this project.

When the Presbyterian church in Galesburg disbanded, they contacted the Elm River Cemetery Board and asked them to take over the care of the Presbyterian cemetery. After many meetings and discussions, an agreement was reached and the Presbyterians paid the Board the sum of \$1,400 which was put in a trust fund for the care of the cemetery.

Mrs. Gina Iverson, a former member of the church, told O.M. Smith that she would give \$200 if trees were planted around the cemetery. On May 30, 1963 this offer was accepted by the members. This planting project was made possible not

only by generous donors, but by those who helped in the digging and planting of the trees. The old well did not have enough water so a new well was dug. An electric pump was installed and pipes laid so all lots can be reached with a garden hose.

C.E. Jones gave \$500 in memory of Alma Jones to start a perpetual care fund and since then many have given generously to the cemetery fund. In 1980 Almer Satrom left \$5,000 to the cemetery which helped greatly towards the perpetual care fund. This money is invested in the American Lutheran Church Stewardship Department, thus being put to good use while drawing interest, and also Certificates of Deposit with the local bank. Since the perpetual care fund has been built up, it has become possible to hire help to care for graves of those whose families do not live in the area. At present Anna Johnson is performing this job.

In October 1976 a vault was erected on the premises with the three community churches (Stordahl, Faith and Elm River) sharing in the cost.

Present directors are Paul Erickson, Orville Paulson, Clarence Haakenson and Mrs. Raymond Olstad is Secretary-Treasurer.

\$500.00 was recently left in Sigrid Landet's will for cemetery upkeep.

HISTORY OF THE S. B. AASEN POST # 210 OF THE AMERICAN LEGION



Legion Hall

On April 2, 1921 a group of ex-servicemen met to organize a post of the American Legion for the veterans of the Clifford-Galesburg area. A vote was taken and chose the name of the post to be the Sigvard B. Aasen Post. A constitution and by-laws were then set up to govern the new organization, and election of the following officers took place: Commander, Ragnar E. Krabel; Vice-Commander, Alf M. Omdahl; Adjutant, R.S. Rygh; Historian, O.H. Olson; Finance Officer, W.L. Moen; Chaplain, John J. Jondahl. The annual dues were set at \$3.00.

May 24, 1921 marked the approval of a Women's Auxiliary Application.

On December 12, 1922 the post split into two separate groups, the Galesburg Post and the Clifford Post.

In 1940 the building of a home was first discussed and three lots were then purchased, four years later the barber shop building at Clifford was purchased and moved to Galesburg, remodeled and this became the new home of the post.

In 1942 a War Bond was purchased and this is still the property of the Post.

1942 also saw thirty men drafted to serve as home guards with two men on duty each night from 11:00 p.m. to 5:00 a.m.

On March 30, 1946 the Post secured ten rifles for use in Memorial Programs and military funerals.

February 13, 1947 the first lady member of the Post, Beulah Webber, was introduced by Sidney Anderson.

A program celebrating the Fiftieth Anniversary of the founding of the American Legion was held in April 1969 and special recognition was given to the World War I Veterans still belonging to our post: Sidney Anderson, Edwin Bye, Otto Dahle, Ivar Haugen, Melvin Smith and Ole Soholt. Albert Gislvold and Axel Mykland, two other World War I Veterans had passed away during the year.

A new Community Memorial Hall had been built in the community from Veteran Memorial funds available to each community for that purpose and this is the present home of the post.



Honoring World War I Veterans on Memorial Day — 1976
Otto Dahle, O.M. Smith, Ole Soholt



The Clifford-Galesburg School Band on Memorial Day — 1976



American Legion on Memorial Day — 1976

In June of 1980 the Post purchased a lot and secured an M114 Armoured Command Carrier from the Army Tank Corps for display in Galesburg.

The success of the post over the many years of existence is due to the efforts of all our loyal members, money raising projects, to help fund the many projects through the years for our Nation, our youth, our homes and our community in the true meaning of the Preamble to the Constitution of the American Legion.

For God and Country we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America;

To maintain law and order;

To foster and perpetuate a 100% Americanism;

To preserve the memories and incidences of our associations in the great wars;

To inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation;

To combat the autocracy of both the classes and masses;

To make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on Earth;

To safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy and to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY



American Legion Auxiliary

Victory over Germany was just one year in the past when the young American Legion met in Minneapolis, Minn. on Nov. 10, 11, and 12 for its first National Convention.

Among the many questions up for consideration was the proposal to establish a Womens Auxiliary of the American Legion.

Representatives of a number of women's organizations appeared urging the recognition of their organizations as the Legion's affiliate. After careful consideration, the committee appointed, recommended that, "The American Legion" recognize an Auxiliary organization to be known as the "Women's Auxiliary of the American Legion". That was the beginning of one of the largest and most influential women's organizations in world history. The name of the organization was later changed to "American Legion Auxiliary."

The first Auxiliary Convention was held at Kansas City, Missouri, Nov. 1, 1921 with delegates from every state. At that convention, the poppy was adopted as the memorial flower.

Their aim is to welcome back the veterans who return, to help rehabilitate the sick and the wounded, the blind and the maimed, and to give support and help to widows, wives and children of our soldiers and for the rehabilitation of the same. The Auxiliary has added its strength and influence to the Legion's efforts to help them get a fair start in civilian life and to have equal opportunity with those who remained at home. A continuous educational program is carried out to help develop the type of citizenship necessary to make democracy a success under the rapidly changing conditions of modern life. To protect America from foreign tyranny the Auxiliary advocates adequate preparation for the nation's defense. Enduring peace always has been of paramount concern to the women of the Auxiliary who know what war means to womanhood.

Our veterans felt that organizations were needed here, so on May 23, 1921, together with the Galesburg veterans, they applied for a charter. Mrs. C.W. Shirley of Clifford was acting president. This unit was referred to as the Auxiliary unit of Clifford and Galesburg to be attached to Sigvard B. Aasen Post No. 210, Department of North Dakota. It was signed May 24, 1921, by Ragnar Kraabel as Post Commander and R.S. Rygh, Post Adjutant. The permanent application was dated March 10, 1923.

Later, finding there was enough members to organize their own unit, the Clifford members applied for a temporary charter on Jan. 20, 1923.

The Galesburg Unit then became known as "The American Legion Auxiliary" an Affiliate of the Galesburg American Legion Post known as Sigvard B. Aasen Post #210, Department of North Dakota.

Some of the charter members of the Galesburg auxiliary were Mrs. Hans Anderson, Ingrid Anderson Klamt, Annie Anderson, and Mrs. Anna Smith.

Monthly meetings were held and required business was taken care of. There have always been required contributions that were made. The auxiliary always works with the Legion. In the late fifties and early sixties the Legion and auxiliary put on lutefisk suppers as a money maker. The auxiliary also does different things for community service.

The auxiliary sells poppies for Memorial Day. The poppy is made by disabled veterans. They order as high as five hundred and fifty poppies.

In the Galesburg Auxiliary they have had four gold star Mothers: Mrs. Anna Smith, who is still a member and lives in Galesburg, and those who have passed on, Mrs. Ed Alberts, Mrs. Annie Haugen, and Mrs. Julia Gisvold.

Interest in the auxiliary sort of waned for a number of years, but after World War II it gained in interest and a number of eligible women joined, so since that time the auxiliary has had a membership of from twenty-nine members to a low of twenty-five members.

Some of the activities of the auxiliary are that they have an adopted child that they remember on birthdays, Christmas, and any other help that may be needed for the child. In the later years they have been short of children to adopt. They have been sending a child to summer camp and a girl to Girl's State. A few years back they always served dinner on Memorial Day but the community recently took over this task. The auxiliary places flags on the veterans' graves plus wreaths which are made with some of the poppies. The auxiliary works with the Legion at bingo parties where they serve the lunch and the profits are shared by both organizations. Other means of financing are three bake sales, selling flag pins, earrings, rings, and knives. They also have served for banquets.

The auxiliary goes to the Vet's Hospital once a year and furnishes lunch and bingo prizes for the vets.

The auxiliary made a float for the Clifford Centennial in 1981 and plans to have one for the Galesburg Centennial too.

The auxiliary is quite active in the winter but they don't meet in July and August because of the farming interests, as many of the members are farmers' wives.

There are two former members who plan to rejoin this year so we hope the auxiliary can carry on for many years to come.

WILDLIFE



Clayton Ahrlin and Kermit Warner

Fabulous hunting as well as trapping in the Galesburg area was a well-established and a widely recognized fact in the early days around 1890. The reason for the excellent wildlife numbers was habitat. There were many potholes, a river and some creeks plus much grassland. Ducks and geese were plentiful — this was truly pothole country. Besides ducks and geese there were the year-around residents of the plains, the prairie chicken. They were everywhere. On a spring day one could hear them drumming in their courting dances from any farm yard.

Then there were the furbearers. The finest furs came from this northern state. There were coyotes, fox, mink, skunk, badger, muskrat, beaver, and weasel. One trapper, Martin Swartz, made a living trapping in those early days. Later Phil and Fred Alberts trapped each fall and winter for many years. It was said they they dropped all other activities when the season for fur taking began. Carl Henry was another local man who trapped every year almost as long as he lived. Bud and Ruth Carson have taken furs for the past fifteen years. In 1970 they caught eight hundred muskrats. They hold active membership in Fur Takers of America. Trapping is not a lost art nor a dying one. For the past several years Mike and Jeff Paulson have carried on the tradition doing quite well. There are others who trap, not for a living so much today as for the sport and a little extra income.

J.P. Whittemore and J.S. Kemp kept hunting dogs and would often entertain traveling men and city men on hunting trips by horse and buggy. They always came back with all the ducks, geese, and prairie chickens they wanted. There was both a spring and a fall season for ducks and geese in the early days with no bag limit.

Prairie chicken populations declined as the long grass disappeared for this is what they required for nesting. The geese changed their migratory routes as the potholes were drained and so vanishing game and disappearing habitat went hand in hand.



Tame Pheasant at Orville Paulsons



Hunting Trip in 1980

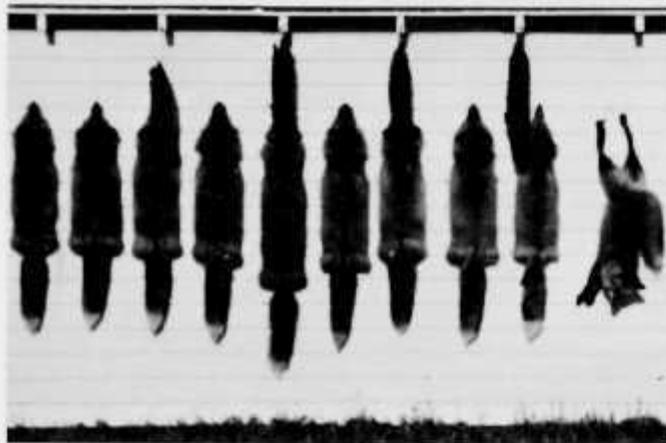
Jeff Paulson, Curt Jorgensen, Mike Paulson, Bill Paulson, Orville Paulson, Barry Olson.

Pheasants were introduced in North Dakota and by the late thirties they were well established. From then on into the forties this colorful bird provided many thrills for the hunters. One could drive around a section and have a limit of these flashy game birds. Pheasants, too, need cover. They, however, never quite adjusted to our harsh winters, snow storms, and sleet storms, especially as their habitat decreased.

The Hungarian partridge, on the other hand, has adjusted quite well and has survived in adequate numbers so that there has been state-wide hunting of this explosive bird for many years.

The first deer season opened in 1945. The hunting was spectacular right from the first and the success ratio of those licensed has been consistently high. The white-tail deer has adjusted well to the ever-changing countryside. The numerous farm shelterbelts have played a large part in survival of the deer population. It is a fine sporting animal that provides good shooting year after year.

In the thirties and forties jackrabbit drives were very popular as a means of raising funds for various organizations. It also provided many an exciting day for hunters. One hundred fifty to two hundred rabbits would often be taken as well as two or three fox on a good day. Fargo Iron and Metal would buy them, load them on a truck and return to Fargo for processing. In the early days the jackrabbit was often used for food. Those who remember those meals say they were delicious.



Mike and Jeff Paulson's Fox trapped in 1981



Fish Caught At Brewer Lake

The Galesburg Wildlife Club has been active for many years in backing good causes for the promoting of better hunting and fishing in this area and all over North Dakota. Some of its projects; pheasant planting, Elm River Recreation Park (shelters, graveling, sanding the beach), donated to Brewer Lake area with funds raised from a buffalo feed, and many other things including cooperation with the North Dakota Game and Fish Department.

As a result of the activities of this and other clubs throughout the state we are assured of the best hunting, fishing, and trapping possible in the fragile environment in which wildlife exists today.

GALESBURG HOMEMAKERS



Left to Right: Mrs. Orville Severs, Ruby Lande, Mrs. M.F. Peterson, Mrs. Albert Gisvold, Mrs. Palmer Gisvold, Mrs. Albert Skogstad, Mrs. Earl Lande, Mrs. Willis Johnson.

The first Galesburg Homemakers Club was organized in 1936. The Galesburg Club was instrumental in organizing the Elm River Homemakers.

At the Seventieth Anniversary of the Goose River Settlement in Hillsboro the club presented a pageant in folk dancing. They are pictured here in their costumes.

They disbanded in 1971 and some members who still had an interest in some kind of social club formed the Town and Country Club which is not affiliated with extension service.

ELM RIVER HOMEMAKERS



Elm River Homemakers - 1946

Back row left to right: Pauline Rust, Audrey Hochgraber, Mildred Severs, Petra Rust, Hazel Bring, Gladys Bring, Regina Warner, Mary Norby. Front row left to right: Ruth Moen, Nettie Henry, Annie Jefferson, Gunelia Dickson.

County Agent, R.L. Nelson, organized the Elm River Homemakers Club on May 1, 1941, at Galesburg, with the Galesburg Club, which has since disbanded, hosting the event.

The following were Charter Members: Mildred Severs, Christine Rust, Esther Bratholt, Alma Jones, Regina Warner, Petra Rust, Hattie Groven, Marion Cox, Pauline Rust, Nettie Henry, Gladys Bring, and Hazel Bring. Five of these, namely; Mildred Severs, Pauline Rust, Nettie Henry, Gladys Bring, and Hazel Bring are still members.

The first officers were; President, Mildred Severs, Vice President, Nettie Henry, Secretary-Treasurer, Hattie Groven. Some early rules were: yearly dues twenty-five cents and lunch each meeting ten cents. Now the yearly dues are three dollars and they don't pay for lunch. If they run short, they collect fifty cents or so from each member. No one was to be an officer for two consecutive years. Membership was limited to eighteen members. Membership has sometimes reached eighteen, but membership usually averaged fifteen which is the present membership.

They ruled not to have money making projects because everyone also belonged to aids, PTA, etc. They have tried to stick to this rule, but it has become lax a few times.

Lunch was to be two items and a beverage. The rule has never been changed, but sometimes they don't count too well.

They had two leaders for each of three major project lessons, and these lessons were usually given in two parts. They were: Clothing, Food and Nutrition, and Homemaking. Other lessons were miscellaneous.

Officers were automatically excused from giving lessons. Project lessons were usually held in Hillsboro and the club allowed one dollar for gas and one dollar for dinner. Most lessons now are single leader type and largely miscellaneous. Some are given in Mayville.

Small children accompanied their mothers to Club and school children, with sometimes a couple of friends, came after school. At one time there was a saying, "Seventeen members and thirty-five kids." Sometimes in slack farming seasons some of the husbands would stop for lunch.

During the early years, the club held an annual family party at a home. Some of these homes were: Gordon Cox, Howard Bring, Clarence Jones, and George Dickson. Everyone brought food. Later they discontinued the party and held a family summer picnic at a park or lake or in the hall in inclement weather. As families began to "Grow up" this custom was discontinued.

In 1945, the present meeting day, the third Tuesday of each month was established. In 1947 they started drawing names for "Secret Sisters" and singing the Table Prayer before lunch.

In 1950-51 the club let a rule become lax and served lunch for the P.T.A. Christmas program, and with the proceeds, bought plastic material, rods and shades for the school dining room. The drapes were sewed and put up at a pot luck coffee in the dining room.

They have always given annual donations to a few worthy causes, such as Crippled Children's Home, etc.

In 1951 several of the husbands directed by their wives, dressed the part and put on a short skit as part of a March of Dimes Program.



Elm River Homemakers

Back, left to right: Marion Kylo, Janice Borud, Gudrun Zimmerman, Junelle Moen, Mildred Severs, Gladys Bring, Audrey Hochgraber and Jean VanZee. Middle, left to right: Harriet Paulson, Pauline Rust, Hazel Bring and Nettie Henry. Front, left to right: Lorraine Elliot, Inez Nelson, Ethyl Bring.

There is usually a County Achievement Day held once a year.

This Club helped to organize two other Clubs; Prairie Rose Club at Greenfield School, which later disbanded, and Prairie Gals Club in 1974 which is an active club.

In 1976 this club together with the Prairie Gals Club decorated a float to participate in the Bicentennial parades in Clifford and Galesburg.

The Club has a Club Scrapbook with summary and pictures for each year.

This year the club let their rules become a bit lax again and had a lunch and food sale with The Town and Country Club, and sponsored a Tour of Homes with the Prairie Gals Homemakers Club. The proceeds of this went toward the Centennial Fund.

The Club's current members are; Janice Borud, Jean Van Zee, Marion Kylo, Inez Nelson, Junelle Moen, Gudrun Zimmerman, Ethyl Bring, Audrey Hochgraber, Lorraine Elliott, Harriet Paulson, Pauline Rust, Nettie Henry, Mildred Severs, Gladys Bring and Hazel Bring. Election of officers is held in July with new officers taking over in October. Present officers are; President - Junelle Moen, Vice President - Jean VanZee, and Secretary Treasurer - Ethyl Bring.

May, 1981, marked the Fortieth Anniversary of the club. In September the members celebrated the Anniversary with a day spent in Fargo viewing the Indian Summer Quilt Show and eating at a restaurant. Original Charter Members were honored with a corsage and a homemaker pin.

PRAIRIE ROSE HOMEMAKER CLUB

In August of 1954 the Elm River Homemaker Club initiated measures to sponsor a sister club. The club was called the Prairie Rose Homemaker Club and held its first meeting in September of 1954. They continued on as an active club until May of 1972, taking part in the Extension Service program for Homemaker Clubs. Members of the club were; Mrs. Fred Gall, Mrs. Magnus Clevens, Mrs. Henry Richtsmeier, Mrs. Donald Stibbe, Mrs. Marlowe Workin, Mrs. Orlando Enger, Mrs.

Alton Bjelverud, Mrs. Bernie Kylo, Mrs. Arnie Satrom, Mrs. Gerald Kylo, Mrs. Paul Erickson, Mrs. Elgin Erickson, Mrs. Gene Richtsmeier, Mrs. Carl Henry, Mrs. Floyd Erickson, Mrs. Orville Erickson, Mrs. Gerald Carson, Mrs. Ronald Kylo, Mrs. Alf Johnson, and Mrs. Mortiz Gorum.

PRAIRIE GAL HOMEMAKERS CLUB



Seated: Vicki Satrom, Lori Satrom, Virginia Satrom, Ella Mae Satrom, Marilyn Holman. **Standing:** Karen Havelange, Barb Dakken, Carol Treinen, Laurel Erickson, Karen Paulson, Carol Boreen, Janice Olstad, Linda Martin, Jennie Smith, Geri Voltz, Bertha Sand, LeAnna Aarsvold, Marilyn Elliott, Jennifer Rud. **Not pictured:** Gykala Mitchell, Leslie Bring, Pat Hochgraber.

The Prairie Gal Homemakers Club was organized in September 1974 with the assistance of the Elm River Homemakers Club, Galesburg.

Charter members were: Marilyn Elliott, Kay Lutz, Patty Elliott, Vicki Holman, Maxine Martin, LeAnna Aarsvold, Shirley Schroeder, Jennie Smith, Lori Satrom, Carolyn Windom, Barbara Olson, and Karen Paulson.

Some of the activities they have done are: Bicentennial interviews of the older women in the Clifford-Galesburg community, in an effort to learn more of their heritage, hauled newspapers for recycling, participated in the County Homemakers Day, and in preparation for Galesburg's Centennial they sponsored with the Elm River Homemakers Club a Tour of Homes.

Every year they have a Christmas party with their husbands, they take a tour and supper out in June and in between they learn and share with each other. The club helped the women of Hunter when they had their centennial in 1981. They prepared forty-two pails of potato salad for them.

TOWN AND COUNTRY CLUB

The Town and Country Club is a craft and hobby oriented group that meets the fourth Tuesday evening each month.

When the club organized it was a spin-off of the Galesburg Homemakers Club which had been dissolved. The first meeting was held in the Elm River Parish Hall in mid 1971.

Book reviews, travel slides, family and area histories, as well as crafts are program choices.

Present members are Frances Erickson, Mae Bennett, Lucille Rygh, Ardis Halvorson, Ruth Anderson, Esther Johnson, Ingrid Klarnt, Ellen Olstad, Lillian Satrom, Marion Kylo, Edith Satrom, and Helen Olstad.

GALESBURG WILLING WORKERS BOYS' 4-H CLUB



**Duane Bring
Grand Champion Steer 1952**

The Galesburg 4-H Club was first started in 1944 and continued through 1947. Clarence Haakenson, J.R. Toliver, Harry Henry and Arden Bring served as leaders.

Some of the first members were: Kenneth Rust, Harold Bring, Marlowe Workin, Alton Lean, Dennis Stutrud, John Olstad, Melvin Olstad Jr., Dale Moen, Carl Henry, Tom Alberts, Gerhard Anderson, Dale Haakenson, and others were members.

The club was disbanded until 1953 when Harold Bring and Albert Elliott, Sr. took over as leaders and was given the name of the Galesburg Willing Workers 4-H Club.

Many of the boys have won grand champions in cattle, sheep, and pigs. Through the years they have won many awards in showmanship also.

In the early years, 4-H projects consisted mainly of livestock. It now has changed to a large variety of projects such as electricity, mechanics, gardening, grain, welding, even now some of the boys are enrolled in cooking and sewing.

In the 1950's Achievement Days were rotated between Hatton, Hillsboro, and Mayville. Now a permanent sight has been acquired in Hillsboro.



Willing Workers Boys 4-H Club

Other leaders who have served since are: Orville Hochgraber, Willis Paulson, Larry Martin, Jerald Elliott. The present leaders are Duane Bring, Wayne Satrom, and Chester VanZee.

Each year a 4-H Tour is held. This consists of going to the members' homes and observing how their 4-H projects are progressing.



1963 4-H Tour

GALESBURG GINGHAM GIRLS 4-H CLUB



Galesburg Gingham Girls — 1972

Members include the following: Annette Aarsvold, Ellen Borud, Karla Borud, Diane Brenna, Amy Bring, Christine Bring, Georgian Carson, Grace Carson, Terry Ege, Kim Elliott, Kriss Elliott, Margaret Elliott, Linette Erickson, Joell Gisvold, Jan Halvorson, Brenda Haugen, Jane Haakenson, Patty Johnson, Barbara Remore, Robin Knudson, Geraldine Kylo, Suzanne Kylo, Kriss Kylo, Candy Nelson, Sandy Nelson, Jean Satrom, Lora Satrom, Nora Satrom, Crystal VanZee, and Patty VanZee. Leaders are Mrs. Leon Nelson, Mrs. Herman Borud, and Mrs. Loren Halvorson.

Head, Heart, Health, Hands are the 4-H's motto. Girls and boys have been saying that pledge since 1944 in Galesburg when the first clubs were organized.

The girls were organized as the Merry Maids with Irene Bring as leader and Alma Jones as assistant. Nola Haakenson, Mary Ann Norby, and Madelyn Workin were members of that first club. In that year blue ribbon winners at Achievement Days received a premium of fifty cents, a red ribbon was worth thirty-five cents, and a white twenty-five cents.

In 1949 after a couple years without girls 4-H, the Galesburg Gingham Girls were organized with Mrs. Hartman Ulland as leader and Irene Bring as assistant. Marie Warner, Jenell Lande, Barbara Johnson, and Evelyn Bring were members. The Gingham Girls have continued each year since

with the exception of the 1958-1959 club year. Mrs. Esther Johnson was another of the leaders during those pre-59 years.

In the fall of 1959 a group of girls with the help of Anne Greene, Home Extension Agent, tried to get the Gingham Girls going again. It was necessary to have more than one leader because the program had been divided into different age levels and there was a large group of girls. A list of potential leaders was drawn up and then the asking began. Four women consented to be 4-H leaders by promising each one she would not be alone. Those women were: Mildred Severs, Gladys Bring, Irene Vos, and Lillian Satrom. When the club was reorganized Anne Greene told them if they wanted a strong club they should pick a meeting date and time, and stick to it every month. That is when the club initiated the second Monday of each month, which they still have.

Through the years our leaders have changed as families grow up and new people become involved. Since the four women who started in 1959, they have also had Ardis Halvorson, Janice Borud, Inez Nelson, Barbara Olson, LeAnna Aarsvold, Darlene Sand, Bonnie Bring, and Pat Satrom.

GREENFIELD 4-H CLUB



Visiting Fargo and *The Fargo Forum* plant, where this picture was taken, were members of the Greenfield 4-H Livestock club at Hunter, N.D. Pictured are: Back row, left to right, Earl Jorgenson, Orville Erickson, Merlyn Anderson, Gerald Kylo and John Anderson, the latter club leader; middle row, John Jorgenson, James Cleven, Gordon Kylo, Gordon Anderson; front row, Parnell Jorgenson, Thomas Cleven and Floyd Erickson. All are of the Hunter vicinity except Floyd and Orville Erickson, who are from Galesburg, and Gordon Kylo, who is from Blanchard.

In 1938, a 4-H Swine Club was organized in Greenfield Township. In 1940, they changed their names to Greenfield 4-H Livestock Club. The club started out with just boys but later became a mixed club.

To get started in 4-H the members went to Mayville to Elmer Brunsdale who gave them a bred gilt to use. They farrowed and fed the pigs until weaning age. They had to give the sow and half of the pig litter back to Brunsdale and were able to keep the other half.

The leaders in the early years were: Paul Jorgenson, Edward Erickson, John Anderson, Bennie Kylo, Oscar Kylo, and Peter Paulson. Later Gerald Kylo and Chester VanZee were the leaders.

Some of the first members that belonged were: Orville Erickson, Floyd Erickson, Gerald Kylo, Merlin Anderson, Gordon Anderson, Chester VanZee, Tom Cleven, Jim Cleven, Gordon Kylo, Earl Jorgensen, John Jorgensen, Parnell Jorgensen.

SCOUT TROOP 246 — 1952-1961



The Bisons — Cub Scout Pack 246

Back: Kenneth Rust — Cubmaster, Gladys Bring and Harriet Paulson — Den Mothers. **Front:** Skipper Moen, Billy Paulson, Curtis Bring, Jimmy Haakenson, Jimmy Ahrlin.

In February of 1952 Cub Scout Pack 246 was started. Kenneth Rust was the Cubmaster and Gladys Bring and Harriet Paulson were Den Mothers at the beginning. The first Cubs were Skipper Moen, Billy Paulson, Curtis Bring, Jimmy Haakenson, and Jimmy Ahrlin. These five started out together with the rank of Wolf. Through the Wolf handbook the Cubs were introduced to the Cub Scout Promise and the Law of the Pack. The book was filled with activities that were completed at meetings during the year. A popular meeting place was in the roomy basement of the newly constructed home at the Arden Bring farm. Here the cubs played games, learned the Scout laws, and made things. Projects included fancy wood covered scrap books and power driven model boats. Upon completing the Wolf book and their first year of Scouting the Cubs became Bears and the Bear handbook became their guide. The following year the Cubs became Lions.

During this time some of the older boys joined Cubs as either Bears or Lions. These included Butch Olstad, Billy Gibbs, Gene Mielke, and Scott Severs. The nine Cubs were involved in a variety of scouting related activities including a weekend trip to Camp Wilderness, programs and entertainment at the school gym, meetings at different homes, and memorable candle light awards ceremonies. At the final ceremony each



Explorers

Back Row: James Ahrlin, Vincent Olstad, James Haakenson, Curtis Bring. **Front Row:** Billy Gibbs, Scott Severs, Gene Mielke, Warner Moen.

Cub who had completed the necessary requirements received the rank of Webelos and at the age of eleven found himself a graduate of Cub Scouts. By this time there were new faces at the meetings including Wayne Satrom, Gary Johnson, Alan Smith, Jimmy Gisvold, and Daryl Severs.

In 1955 when the first Cubs had attained the rank of Webelos a Boy Scout Troop was organized. Troop 246 was sponsored by the American Legion and the Scoutmaster was Clayton Ahrlin. Olaf Lilleberg also helped out as Scoutmaster during the time he taught here. The meetings were held at the school on Monday nights and consisted of a short business meeting, improvement of Scouting skills, working on merit badges, games in the gym, and a short closing ceremony with the final words being "now may the Great Master of all Scouts be with us til we meet again". The scouts enjoyed several evening cookouts and a couple of overnight camps at area tree groves. Each Memorial day the Scouts marched proudly with the World War I and II and the Korean War Veterans from the school to the cemetery and participated in the honoring of departed soldiers.

Later additions to Boy Scout Troop 246 included Albert and Mike Elliott, Bob and Richard Jerkatis, and Kenneth Kopecky. A 1958 photograph of the Cub scouts shows Bryan Ulland, Clair Haakenson, Curtis Haakenson, Pat Elliott, Terry Smith, John Bring, Byron Benson, Lawrence Moen, and Dean Johnson as members of the Cubs.



Cub Scouts

Back Row: Bryan Ulland, Clair Haakenson, Curtis Haakenson, Pat Elliott, Terry Smith. **Front Row:** John Bring, Byron Benson, Lawrence Moen, Dean Johnson.

The scouting program was quite strong and active in Traill County during the fifties due largely to the enthusiasm and efforts of A.B. Holm of Mayville. This period of activity gave the Galesburg Scouts a number of opportunities to get together with Boy Scouts from other Troops. There were yearly banquets and Courts of Honor. Here awards were distributed and new ranks attained. One such banquet was hosted by our community at the Galesburg School gym in 1958. Also once a year a scout fair was held somewhere in the county. At the fairs various scouting skills were demonstrated and awards given to the troops doing the best job and each year the Galesburg Scouts tossed another yellow ribbon into the Quartermaster's chest. Camporees were organized on a yearly basis offering another opportunity to match camping skills with other area Scouts. Camporees lasted only for the weekend and were held at such locations as the Goose River near Mayville, the Wildrice River near Twin Valley, and at various nearby Minnesota lakes.

Perhaps the single biggest event of the year was a one week stay at Camp Wilderness on Bad Axe Lake. Troop 246 never



Boy Scouts

Back Row: Kenneth Kopecky, Gary Johnson, Bob Jerkatis, Alan Smith, Dick Jerkatis. Front Row: Albert Elliott, Jimmy Gisvold, Wayne Satrom, Daryl Severs.

went in for the more ambitious camping opportunities that were offered there but were instead quite content with taking their meals at the mess hall and following a daily routine of activities including swimming lessons, archery, nature hikes, camping skills, and rifle range. Each day ended with a council fire on the high bluff overlooking the lake. Each troop had to perform a skit for the entertainment of the other scouts. Camp songs were learned and sung with vigor. In the light of the crackling fire the scouts were entertained with stories about old hunters and explorers and they learned old Indian legends. Finally as the fire died the scouts listened as the camp bugler, off in the distance, played taps, once to the background music of rumbling thunder off to the west. Then, with hardly a sound, the campers would scatter in all directions to their tents waiting back in the dark woods.

Each scout troop was required to have one adult accompanying them during the week. Those who took time off to stay with the scouts at Camp Wilderness at one time or another were Clayton Ahrlin, Otto Mielke, and Gordon Jefferson. As the scouts reached their last two or three years of High School summer jobs and waning interest took their toll and very few scouts went to Camp Wilderness toward the last. By the end of 1961 most of the original nine scouts were off to college and the original leaders had left. Lack of interest among those remaining prevailed and Troop 246 after ten years of life faded into history.

CUB SCOUTS



Cub Scout Den Pack 252 — Summer, 1981

From L. To R. Douglas Windom, Nathan Satrom, Keith Knudsvig, Paul Borud, Curtis Halvorson, Matthew Martin, Donald Satrom.

Pack 252 of the Galesburg Cub Scouts was organized on March 31, 1981 with the Galesburg American Legion being its sponsoring organization. Reed Satrom volunteered to be its first Cub Master and Dorothy Satrom and Mary Halvorson its first Cub Leaders. On this date six boys joined the Scouts: Curtis Halvorson, Nathan Satrom, Donald Satrom, Paul Borud, Keith Knudsvig, Matthew Martin. In June Douglas Windom joined the pack.

Some of the special activities the boys participated in this year were: attending the Scout Show and Shrine Circus April 26 in Fargo, carrying the colors in the Galesburg Memorial Day Program on May 25, marching in the Clifford Centennial Parade on June 13; attending Camp Adventure in the West Fargo fairgrounds on August 10-14, and putting on a circus September 16.

WEBELO SCOUTS



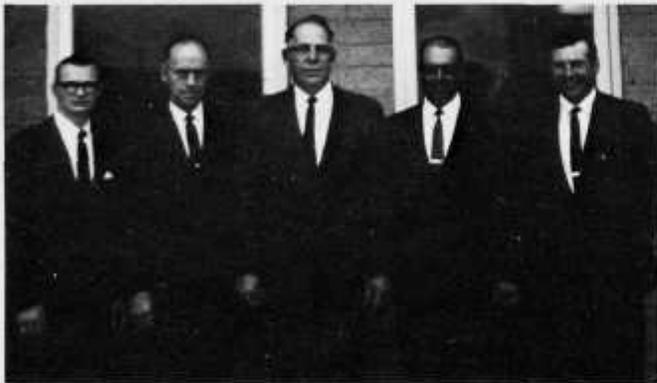
Mark Dakken, Daniel Knudsvig, Mark Paulson, Dan Satrom, Jason Taylor.

The Webelo's scout group was organized in the summer of 1981. Four scouts joined at that time. They were Daniel Knudsvig, Mark Paulson, Dan Satrom, and Eric Satrom. When school started, Jason Taylor joined also. The boys meet weekly and work on activity badges which are awarded for projects completed. The Webelo's leader is Mark Dakken.

COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION OF GALESBURG

On May 3, 1968, interested people of the Galesburg community met for the purpose of organizing to construct a new bank-post office building. This new organization became known as the Galesburg Improvement Association and numbered about fifty-five members. The original board of directors elected consisted of: Orville Hochgraber, president; Harold Bring, vice-president; Richard Rygh, secretary-treasurer; Ron Flaten and C.O. Haakenson. The goal of the association was to acquire and improve property to benefit the community. The leaders of the organization collected and raised one-third of the \$17,000 needed to build the bank and post office complex. The president and secretary signed a lease agreement with Security State Bank of Hunter for the Galesburg Station of the bank. The building was completed and a grand opening was held on September 16, 1968 with nearly five hundred people attending the open house. The manager of the Galesburg Station was Robert Rasmussen of Hunter with Alton Bjelverud continuing

as postmaster in the post office. The complex was owned by the Improvement Association until 1980 when the Security State Bank of Hunter purchased the building.



First Directors of the Galesburg Improvement Association: Ron Flaten, Clarence Haakenson, Richard Rygh, Orville Hochgraber, Harold Bring.



Building the Bank and Post Office



Inside of the New Bank with Robert Rasmussen and Russ Fredrickson



Inside of the New Post Office with Postmaster A. Bjelverud and Wayne Satrom.

In 1969 the Improvement Association along with the Galesburg Civic Club began to discuss the possibility of building low-income housing in the city. The ground work laid by the groups paid off when twelve units were completed and ready for occupancy in the spring of 1978. A spin-off group called the Galesburg Community Housing Corporation was formed to supervise the last planning and construction stages. That original group consisted of Alf Johnson, Harvey Erickson, Donald Olstad, Orville Paulson, Alfred Martin, Alton Bjelverud, and Duane Bring.



Housing Units

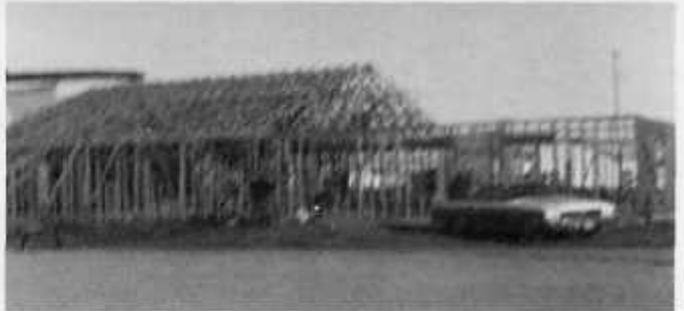


Building the Housing Units

Another project implemented by the Galesburg Improvement Association was the setting up of a beauty-barber shop. In 1969 Mr. and Mrs. Freeman Mjolsness set up shop in a small trailer house with a built-on entry and provided hair care service to the community for a number of years. They were located to the east of the bank building. In 1980 part of the recreation room of the West Trail Cafe was partitioned off to form an area to house a permanent beauty shop. Kristi Vadnie was hired as manager-operator and has been working there since October of 1980.



Temporary Cafe in Memorial Hall



Building the New Cafe



Men Working on the New Cafe



Building the Addition on the Beauty and Barber Shop

In March of 1974 the Galesburg Improvement Association was issued a certificate of incorporation and has since been known as Community Improvement Corporation of Galesburg. A major project undertaken by the group was the planning and construction of a new community-restaurant building. Property was purchased where the barber shop, Legion Hall (owned by Chris Anderson), and old cafe stood. A temporary cafe was set up in the Memorial Hall, and the old cafe and barber shop were razed and the Legion Hall was moved. Construction on the new restaurant was completed in the spring of 1975 with the grand opening held on April 12, 1975. Over four hundred and fifty people toured the facility and ate at the restaurant on that day.

Join us on . . . *Ernsting*
SATURDAY, APRIL 12th
OPEN HOUSE
 From 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
 AT OUR NEW
Trails West Restaurant
 Galesburg, N. Dak.
Free Lunch — Souvenirs — Door Prizes
 Community Improvement Corporation of Galesburg



Tearing Down the Old Cafe



Ladies Working in the New Cafe



The Old and the New

The Community Improvement Corporation of Galesburg has continued to encourage and to provide a climate for business in Galesburg. The citizens of the area have given unending support to all projects with generous contributions of time and money.

NORWEGIAN CLASS



Norwegian Class

Front L. To R.: Carrie Arneson, Vickie Arneson, Mollie Moen, Audrey Hochgraber, Marlys Johnson, Linda Lammers. Second Row L. To R.: Pat Ulland, Marjorie Anderson, Ardis Halvorson, Sylvia Kylo, Mary Lou Pladson, Ethel Bring, Shirley Lammers, Joyce Gisvold. Back: Melvin Olstad, Jr.

An interest by many in the community brought about the beginning of a class to acquaint these persons with the Norwegian language. These classes were started in the fall of 1977 with O.M. (Mike) Smith as instructor.

Classes were held every week at the West Trail Cafe. As many as twenty people attended at one time or another. The books studied were "Spoken Norwegian" and "Norwegian Language Lessons for the Beginner." These classes continued for two years. The class under the direction of Mike and Gudrun Zimmerman even sang some Norwegian Folk Tunes at a "Gong Show" put on by the Music Mothers of the Clifford-Galesburg School.

ELM RIVER TOPS CLUB NUMBER 229



Back: Agnes Benzmiller, Adele Halvorson, Ardis Halvorson, Inez Nelson, Sigrid Erickson, Phyllis Dickson, Marion Kylo. Front: Olga Mielke, Lillian Satrom, Edith Satrom.

Elm River Tops Club Number 229 was chartered July 19, 1971 with ten members. In six months they had lost a total of two hundred and twenty-four pounds. By August 1973, they had all reached their weight goals and had graduated to Kops. In the past ten years, thirty-four people have joined the club. At the present time there are eight members. Four of them are charter members of the club.

GALESBURG TALL TOWERS SENIOR CITIZEN CLUB



Galesburg senior citizens. Front row, left to right: Gunelia Dickson, Isadora Lean, Nettie Henry, Jennie Mykland, Mrs. Otto Dahle and Mrs. Gordon Jefferson. Back: Minnie Olstad, Otto Dahle, Olaf Kylo, Olga Olstad, Gordon Jefferson and Mrs. Joseph Moen.

The Senior Citizens of the Galesburg Community met at the Memorial Hall on Wednesday, October 4, 1972. The purpose being to organize a Senior Citizen Club. Mrs. Joseph Moen acted as chairman and called the meeting to order. Election of officers was held and the following were elected: President — Sarah Anderson, Vice President — O.M. Smith, Secretary — Nettie Henry, Treasurer — Gordon Jefferson. It was decided to meet on the first Wednesday of the month at two P.M. Business meeting would be held with lunch and social time following.

Paid up members the first year numbered seventy-five. The Club chose Galesburg Tall Tower Club as a name, suggested by Pauline Rust.

On April 2, 1975 the club decided to remodel the kitchen at the Memorial Hall when money from revenue sharing was received. The project was carried out later using funds received and volunteer labor from senior citizens and others.

In May 1975 a number of new books were received from the Commission On Aging Inc. toward a library. A stereo including several records was also received. The library also received books from other citizens so the result was choosing a place for a library. A small room at the Memorial Hall was chosen and senior citizens put up the shelves. Nettie Henry was chosen as librarian. Book titles were filed and catalogued with the help of Marilyn Henry, librarian from the Clifford School.

Purchases made during the years include a wheel chair, scales, blood pressure gauge, cane, two walkers, and numerous items for the kitchen. Several chairs and two tables were also purchased.

The club donated toward the Clifford-Galesburg Band Mother's Fund, to the Summer Recreation for Youth Fund and \$150 toward the EMT Program. They also donated towards a new Bingo machine.

An emblem designed by Ethel Bring showing the tall tower was chosen by the senior citizens to place on club's property.

Several members of the club took advantage of the Senior Citizen Tours, namely to Winnipeg, Washington, D.C. and Wesley Acres at Valley City.

Students from Clifford-Galesburg School have presented programs at our club meetings on special occasions which were appreciated. The school athletic department issued passes to the senior citizens to attend basketball games at the school during the season. A thank you to the athletic department as several senior citizens attend the games regularly and enjoy them.



Galesburg Tall Towers Senior Citizen Club

The club held a white elephant and food sale at the Memorial Hall in October, 1980 for the benefit of the 1982 Centennial Book Fund. \$278.95 was donated.

Our club has entertained neighboring clubs and has visited other clubs in the area.

At present they have a membership of sixty-five.

TALL TOWER PROMENADERS SQUARE DANCE CLUB



Galesburg Square Dancers at Bicentennial Parade, 1976

The Tall Tower Promenaders Square Dance club began with a group of Galesburg and neighboring people joining together to take lessons. Leonard and Carol Treinen, Wayne and Joanne Erickson contacted Howard Clemens of Fargo (a square dance caller) and he began giving the group lessons the fall of 1975.

On April 10, 1976, after choosing their names, green and white as their colors, the first and the third Saturday night of the month for their regular dances, September through May, and their officers, they held their graduation dance. Those graduating were: Leonard and Carol Treinen, president; John and Lori Satrom, vice-president; Leon and Inez Nelson, secretary; Herman and Janice Borud, treasurer; Orville and Audrey Hochgraber, Alf and Marlys Johnson, Alan and Jennie Smith, Don and Maureen Jacobson, Harold and Lynda Rud, Arnold and Pearl Olson, Arden and Delores Paulson, all of Galesburg, John Apperson, Lakota; Sonja Neshiam, Mayville; Arhlen and Leanna Aarsvold, Blanchard; Elmer and Dru Lund of Mayville; John and Helen Knudsvig, Carsten and Dorothy Haugen, Clifford; John and Carolyn Motter, Hope; Gerald and Marion Kyllo, Hunter. Carl and Marie Satrom, Joel and Kriss Erickson of Page also graduated at this time.

The club has been represented at their State Convention each year. They have held special benefit dances. They had floats in Galesburg Bicentennial, Clifford and Hillsboro Centennial parades. They have held special dances for nursing homes, Community Days, and other promotion dances.

Their special dance is the one held each New Year's Eve since 1976. They also join Page and Finley in sponsoring an annual dance in Hope, North Dakota.

Howard Clemens acted as the club caller until he asked to be excused. Wayne Erickson is the present club caller.

There have been five classes graduating after taking lessons.

The present club consists of: Woody and Rilla Miller, Jim and Ruth Johnson, Missey Johnson, Leonard and Nell Thomp-

son, Albert and Rita Fondvick, Paul Ponto, all of Blanchard; Reuben and Erna Borud, Hunter; Don and Maureen Jacobson, Pearl Olson, Sarah Anderson, all of Galesburg; John and Helen Knudsvig, Carsten and Dorothy Haugen, Inez Haugen, all of Clifford; Gerry and Candy Huss, Wayne and Joanne Erickson of Page; Scott Erickson, Dawn Erickson, Mark Fondrick, Brian Fondrick, and honorary members, Howard and Evelyn Clemens of Fargo.

CLIFFORD-GALESBURG SNOWMOBILE CLUB

The club was organized in January of 1976. First president was Daniel Thompson; vice-president, Dale Moen; secretary-treasurer, Randy Kylo. The first directors of the club were Duane Bring and Wayne Satrom.

Much was discussed at first meetings and a name for the club was a big topic. Choosing from titles such as: C-G Pink Panthers, Tall Tower Snowmobilers, West Trail Snowmobilers, Snow Flakes, Stump Jumpers, C-G Roughriders and the eventual elected name, Clifford-Galesburg Snowmobile Club.

The purpose of the club was to promote snowmobile safety, recreational fun, sponsoring races and club rides, and also to help in any way possible during winter storms or any kind of bad weather.

Over the past years the club has tried to have a race once a year, sponsor rides for club members, and even sponsor a snowmobile trip to a resort area.

Present officers are: president, Rick Halvorson; vice-president, Harold Rud; and secretary-treasurer, Paul Moen.

In 1982, after a couple of years of inactivity because of lack of snow, the club again sponsored a race and planned some rides and trips for club members.

Also planned is a safety school for young riders, ages eleven to sixteen. This came about because of a North Dakota State law which says this age group must be certified to ride a snowmobile.

GALESBURG PINOCHLE CLUB

The Galesburg Pinochle Club was started in the fall of 1979 as a pastime winter sport. The Club tries to meet once a week during the winter months at the West Trail Cafe in Galesburg.

Between thirty and forty enthusiastic pinochle players from Galesburg and surrounding communities of Clifford, Blanchard, Page, and Erie attend. The season usually ends with a banquet in the spring depending on how soon the field work begins.

EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIANS — THE FIRST RESPONDER PROGRAM

The First Responder Program, helps anyone in need of medical assistance faster than was ever before possible. First Responders are trained volunteers who reach an emergency scene immediately.

First Responders receive the same training as regular ambulance crew members. They have Emergency Care Technician-Emergency Medical Technician (ECT-EMT) training, the skill level between Advanced Red Cross and Paramedic status.

In the fall of 1980 a ninety-six hour course started with students learning medical terms, names of bones, pressure



Back: Karen Havelange, Pat Satrom, Ella Mae Satrom, Don Havelange, Lynda Rud, Jean Ust. Front: Debbie Kylo, Mollie Moen, Sylvia Kylo, Maxine Martin. Missing: Cindy Thompson, Helen Vinje.

points and disease recognition. At completion of course state and national certification and practical tests were taken.

Each volunteer has a kit of oxygen, crash kits with dressings, and suction devices. They have got a mini-ambulance with enough equipment to stabilize any situation.

These kits and the emergency phones were made possible through donations from local businesses, organizations, and individuals in the community.

An emergency number was established for the volunteers in the community with the help of Orville Hochgraber, a director of the Polar Telephone Company.

The twelve responders in our area are on call constantly. All volunteers are on the same line, so the person nearest a call takes it. When hospital personnel receive an emergency call, they dispatch an ambulance and then call the emergency number. The volunteer travels to the scene and does preliminary checks. Upon ambulance arrival, the victim is ready to go.

The following are volunteers in the First Responder Program in the area: Don and Karen Havelange, Mrs. Harvey (Sylvia) Kylo, Mrs. Randy (Debbie) Kylo, Mrs. Allan (Maxine) Martin, Mrs. Harold (Lynda) Rud, Mrs. Larry (Pat) Satrom, Mrs. Paul J. (Ella Mae) Satrom, Mrs. Dan (Cindy) Thompson, Mrs. Harold (Jean) Ust, Mrs. Helen Vinje, Mrs. Dale (Mollie) Moen.

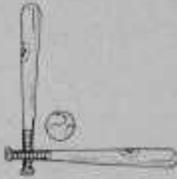
The First Responder Program has been proven successful in the community.

WHAT KIND OF TOWN?

*If you want to live in the kind of town
Like the kind of town you like,
You needn't slip your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
You'll only find what you left behind
For there's nothing that's really new,
It's a knock at yourself, when you knock your town
It isn't the town it's you.
Real towns are not made by men afraid
Lest somebody else gets ahead,
When everyone works and nobody shirks
You can raise a town from the dead.
And if while you make your personal stake
Your neighbors can make one too
Your town will be what you want it to be
It isn't the town it's you.*

Origin Unknown

ENTERTAINMENT



ENTERTAINMENT IN GALESBURG IN THE EARLY YEARS

There has never been a lack of entertainment in Galesburg even in the earlier years. Medicine shows were popular. They usually had a three act vaudeville show, selling candy between acts. They promoted their medicine, salve, foot powder, and various remedies for sicknesses. One mentioned in an early paper was the Fountain Medicine Co.

Early entertainment was held in the Sons Of Norway Hall which was located upstairs of what is now "Palmer's Place."

Chautauquas were held each summer. A traveling company set up a large tent where the present Memorial Hall now stands. Admission was charged and the program consisted of musical numbers and speakers, somewhat like a variety show. These events were usually put on for several days and the performances were put on in the evening.

Silent movies were held in the Sons of Norway Hall. These were put on by a traveling agent named Emil Wadell (Skeezix) who came once a week. Jennie Mykland played the piano to accompany the film. These pictures were mostly westerns and when the action was fast, Jennie would play fast and when it slowed down, Jennie slowed her playing, also.

The Bowery was an open air platform which was set at different locations around town. Dances were held here on the 4th of July and these dances were usually sponsored by some organizations. It had a railing around it with a bandstand in the center. The railing was decorated in red, white and blue bunting. The admission to the dance was by tickets, you had to purchase a ten cent ticket for each dance. Lunch was served at the Sons of Norway Hall. Some of the bands that played were; Svegaarden Band, Christianson Band, and the Nelson Brothers.

Basket socials were held at the Sons of Norway sponsored by various organizations to make money and just for entertainment. Baskets were auctioned off to the highest bidder and the height of entertainment was when someone raised the bid on someone else's girlfriend's basket. Not everyone liked these as you were always afraid of who got your basket. The young ladies preferred to have a double basket with someone as there was safety in numbers.

Dances were held at the Sons of Norway Hall once a month. They also held a banquet between Christmas and New Years and this was considered an important social event of the season as people were home for the holidays. Everyone helped furnish food and the menu always included lutefish, turkey and chicken. Large crowds attended, the cooking was done in the kitchen of the hall as it was fully equipped with stoves, dishes and everything needed to serve a supper. Following the banquet there was dancing. From November until April, the Sons of Norway held a social event the third Friday night of each month

at which time a short business meeting was held followed by whist playing or dancing. Pete Berg, Doc. Bratholt, Art Alberts, Rasmus Sampson and Orville Paulson played at these dances. Posts had to be put underneath the floor to brace it when they danced. When polkas and schottisches were danced the building shook. Everyone brought something for lunch and dancing continued until 2:00 a.m. and often the hat was passed for a collection to give the orchestra to play a little longer. These dances were family affairs, even the children attended.

Out door movies were shown in later years. They were shown on the east wall of Ole Lande's store on Saturday nights. People would park their cars so they could view the movie or else sit on the ground. These movies were sponsored by the businessmen. Ice cream socials were held on this lot also during the summer with homemade ice cream. Various organizations sponsored these events too.

ARTICLE TAKEN FROM AN AREA NEWSPAPER IN THE 1920'S

The dramatic club has received requests from neighboring towns to present the play, "Back to the Farm" in their towns. However, to date, the only invitation accepted is that of Erie, where the play will be presented by the local club Saturday evening, April 28, under the auspices of the Erie commercial club.

The stirring rural drama, "Back to the Farm," presented by the Galesburg dramatic club was played in the Sons of Norway Hall last Friday and Saturday evenings before two capacity crowds. The play and players were individually and collectively accorded demonstrative receptions and approval by the large and appreciative audiences. The consensus of opinion expressed by those attending the performances was that the interpretation and delineation of the roles by the cast were exceptional in their true to life portrayal of the characters impersonated and in recreating on the stage some phases of rural life with its tragedy, pathos and humor. To single out any individual members of the cast for special merit would be an injustice. Suffice to say that all played their roles with remarkable reality and precision. G.A. Stevens, old conservative farmer, played a difficult lead with wonderful realism, supported by Mrs. E.O. Moe in an impressive portrayal of a thrifty and frugal farmer's wife. J.R. Toliver in his actions and inimitable yankee drawl impersonated effectively the shiftless, happy-go-lucky type of farmer. Julian Botten showed great hestronic ability in his portrayal of the farmer's ambitious son in his struggles, hopes and aspirations to achieve success in life. E.O. Moe portrayed the lawyer and real estate dealer. Miss Ingrid Anderson and N.E. Haugen were splendid in their roles as university students and society leaders. Prof. Johnson, as the swede hired man, and Mrs. G.A. Hongslo as the swede maid were great in their side-splitting comedy roles, which kept the audiences in an uproar whenever they appeared on the stage. Miss Julia Smith was splendid as the rural school ma'am in the leading female role. The proceeds of the play amounted to about \$150. The committee of arrangements, Mrs. Anton Korshus and Mrs. M.J. Johnson, are entitled to much credit for their efforts in promoting the play and attending to the various details. M.J. Johnson and Anton Korshus officiated capably as stage managers. The play was directed and coached by Miss Ingrid Anderson, G.A. Stevens and E.O. Moe.



Erl Klessig's Merry-Go-Round — 1925
Bought at Bertha, Minnesota from Henry Hamm

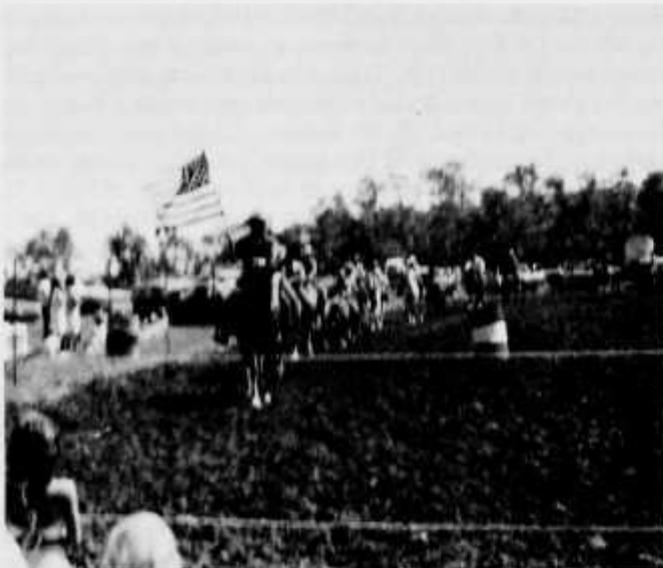
HORSESHOE

Horseshoe pitching has been a source of enjoyment for area men from the early days. Horses were shod certain times of the year. When shoes weren't necessary to protect the horses feet, the horseshoe pitchers used the same shoes for the game of horseshoe. In later years shoes were manufactured specifically for the game.

In 1976 the Galesburg Park Board allowed space for a tournament during the bicentennial celebration. There was a good turnout for the event, and trophies were awarded to the three highest scorers. Two tournaments have been held since. Wednesday night has been horseshoe night for all interested pitchers, men or women, young or old. From the first warm Wednesday evening in the spring to the cooler Wednesday evening in October, the clang of steel against steel may be heard, coming from the horseshoe courts.

In 1981 the Park Board furnished funds to install lighting, and cement was provided for six courts. The work was done by volunteers.

COMMUNITY DAYS



Annual Community Days Horse Show

Since the town celebrated the country's bicentennial in 1976, two days each June have been set aside and called Galesburg Community Days. The general purpose of the days is to give the people of the community a chance to get out and have some fun and to encourage working together to make Galesburg a good place to live.

The days are spent in various ways. On Saturday morning there usually is a time set aside for fun and games for young and old alike. One can always depend on the cafe to serve a noon smorgasbord. In the afternoon a horse show takes place in the horse arena at the west end of town. The evening culminates with a dance. A softball tournament is usually scheduled for Sunday.



Children Hunting for Money During Community Days

You know you're in a small town when . . .

The runway of the airport is terraced.
The polka is more popular than disco on Saturday night.
Third Street is on the edge of town.
Every sport is played on dirt.
The editor and publisher of the newspaper carries a camera at all times.
You don't use your turn signal because everyone knows where you are going.

You know you're in a small town when . . .

You are born on June 13 and your family receives gifts from the local merchants because you are the first baby of the year.
You speak to each dog you pass by name, and he wags at you by name.
You dial a wrong number and talk for fifteen minutes anyway.
You are run off main street by a combine.

You know you're in a small town when . . .

You can't walk for exercise because every car that passes offers you a ride.
You get married and the local paper devotes a quarter page to the story.
You drive into the ditch five miles out of town and the word gets back to town before you do.

You know you're in a small town when . . .

The biggest business in town sells farm machinery.
You write a check on the wrong bank and it covers for you.
The pickups on main street outnumber the cars three to one.
You miss a Sunday at church and receive get-well cards.
Someone asks you how you feel, then listens to what you say.

Thank God for small towns . . . and the people who live in them.

BASEBALL — EARLY DAYS TO PRESENT TIME



Galesburg vs. Erie



All Nations vs. Galesburg Giants at Galesburg, July 7, 1912.



Galesburg Bloomer Girls

Back: Elizabeth Turmo, Nora Omdahl, Anna Smith, Ida (Olstad) Smith.
Middle: Esther Paulson, McLane Critchfield (teacher), Vera Moackrud, Josephine Paulson. Front: Cecilia Paulson, Ida Kyllö, Niva Severson.



Back: H. Jenson, Axel Paulson, Oscar Paulson, Earl South, Chester Barnette, Albert Gisvold, Lewis, Lien Brown, Mr. Sande. Middle: Walter Hashen, Ed Moe, Lund, Leonard Burns, Harry Sloan, Carl Henry. Front: Dr. Critchfield, Willie Frank.

The early settlers of Galesburg did not spend all their time working. The local people decided they needed something for recreation. They organized a town baseball team. The first team remembered was managed by Ole Sande with local people, businessmen, laborers, farmers, and anyone who wanted to play ball. They made a baseball diamond on block seven where Herman Borud and Loren Halvorson now live. They played against other towns in the area and had some good ball teams.

Baseball became the predominant sport in the school also as football was never popular in Galesburg and they had no place to play basketball at that time. The Galesburg School baseball team, under the management of Professor Estenson won the North Dakota championship in 1916.



Lester Lande, Ember Brovick, Porter Gisvold, Harold Anderson, Toot Morris, Andrew Anderson, Floyd Jefferson, Unknown, Unknown, Alf Omdahl, Professor Estenson.



House of David Ball Players

Internationally famous Basketball Team that played in Galesburg.

Galesburg had baseball teams in all the early years and it became more popular. In the 1920's a league was organized and each team could hire two players. Galesburg hired players from Fargo and surrounding areas.

A baseball diamond was developed in the Bank Pasture southwest of town in the early 1920's and was used there until that land was sold in the late 1930's.

After this, baseball was played on the school ground. After the gym was built, baseball died out for a few years as many of the boys had been called to serve in the war. A baseball diamond was developed where the diamond is now.



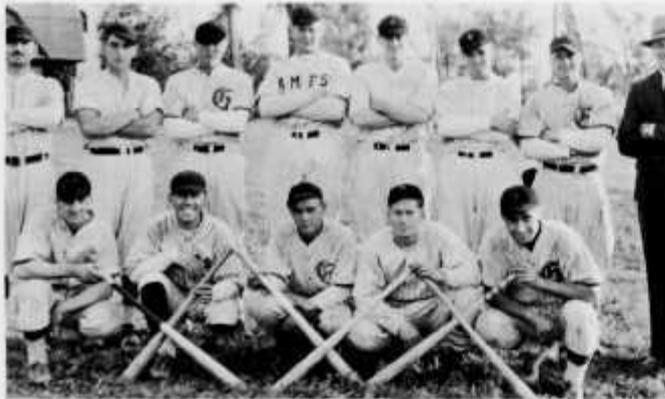
"Champions of the Traill County League 1926"

Stevens, Manager; Harold Anderson, Indian, Orin Larson, Merland Carr, Burkum Moackrud, Walt Collins, Milton Reinan, Mike Knouf, Andrew Knight, Louie Hablas, Eddie Kylo, Douglas Jondahl, Milton Lande.



Galesburg Red Sox Team 1930's

Lefty Gisvold, Beanie Peterson, Lyle Jondahl, Ernie Folden, George Fanning, Swede Paulson, Joel Moe, Abbie Anderson, Doug Jondahl, Lawrence Lande, Palmer Gisvold, Willis Johnson, manager.



Champions Traill-Cass County League 1937

Back: Clifford (Beanie) Peterson, Warren (Bud) Toliver, Lawrence Lande, Joel Moe, Lyle Jondahl, Orville Aasen, George Fanning, Joe Moen, Front: Abbie Anderson, Palmer Gisvold, Kenneth (Swede) Paulson, Ernie Folden, Douglas Jondahl. They had a season record of sixteen wins, four losses, and one tie.

In about 1949 or 1950 baseball became popular for all ages. A pee wee team was organized and the first year games were just played between Clifford and Galesburg. Then the next year a pee wee league with about six teams taking part, Mayville, Portland, Page, Hunter, Clifford, and Galesburg was organized. Junior Legion teams developed and baseball was in full swing. In the 1960's softball became popular in our town and as time went on a park board was elected and lights were installed around the baseball diamond so night games could be played. Donations were given to hire a coach to manage summer

recreation. Swimming, baseball, and softball were the main sports in the summer recreation program. In the late 1970's the program had teeball for the younger boys and girls, pee wee baseball, junior legion baseball, softball, for the young girls, softball for older women, slow pitch softball for boys, also for the thirty-five and older called Old Pro's and a fast pitch softball team. Some kind of ball game could be watched from 4 p.m. to midnight almost every day or night.

BOYS PEEWEE BASEBALL TEAM



1952 Boys PeeWee

Back Row L. to R.: Vincent Olstad, Lyle Bring, Duane Bring, David Workin, Lynn Bring, Jimmy Haakenson. Front Row L. to R.: Gene Melke, Billy Gibbs, Gary Haugen, Scott Severs, Curtis Bring, Orlin Rud. Not pictured: Billy Paulson, Maynard Satrom, Warner Moen.

1952 was the second year that Galesburg has had a PeeWee baseball team. Arden Bring is their manager and coach. This was quite a successful season for the PeeWee's. The only games they lost were to Clifford and Hope. The PeeWee's were presented with new suits. The players were as follows: Billy Paulson, Jimmie Haakenson, David Workin, Butch Olstad, Billy Gibbs, Gary Haugen, Lynn Bring, Gene Mielke, Lyle Bring, Curtis Bring, Duane Bring, Scott Severs, Orlin Rud, Warner Moen, and Maynard Satrom.

CLIFFORD-GALESBURG FASTPITCH SOFTBALL TEAM



Back: Robin Mitchell, Randy Satrom, Brad Ulland, Rodney Gundersen, Rick Halvorson, Karry Kylo, Todd Gunderson. Front: Randy Richards, Scott Holt, Tim Haux, Scott Krating, Reed Satrom, Dean Erickson.

The Clifford-Galesburg fastpitch softball team was organized in 1971. The team played only one-half of a season that year. The next year they played a full year in the Grand Trail Fastpitch League which consisted of Holmes, Buxton, Finley Air Base, Clifford, Northwood, and Galesburg.

The team has had many players come and go over the ten years that it has existed. Only Rick Halvorson, first base; Reed Satrom, pitcher; Randy Richards, catcher; and Dean Erickson, third base are current players that were on the original team. The players on the team have included: Dave Bohnsack, Lyle Erickson, Brad Pladson, Duane Rygh, Randy Johnson, Keith Hochgraber, Mike Workin, Wayne Carson, Steve Erickson, Brad Ulland, Randy Kylo, Dan Thompson, Bob Thuen, Kelly Kylo, Don Zimney, Dale Thompson, Cordell Hanson, Paul Moen, Bob Henderson, Mike Pladson, Scott Holt, Scott Kraling, Robin Mitchell, Randy Satrom, Bruce Olson, Todd Gunderson, Rodney Gunderson, Tim Haux, Karry Kylo, Bob Carlson.

Current players are: Reed Satrom, pitcher; Randy Richards, catcher; Rick Halvorson, first base; Randy Satrom, second base; Scott Holt, short stop; Dean Erickson, third base; Scott Kraling, Robin Mitchell, Brad Ulland, Tim Haux, Todd Gunderson, Karry Kylo, outfielders; and Rodney Gunderson, a former pitcher for Clifford, is the second pitcher on the team.

The team now plays in the North Cass Valley Fastpitch Softball League, which has consisted of teams from Hunter, Arthur, Grandin, Gardner, Argusville, Erie, and Harwood.

The Clifford-Galesburg team has been league champions four times in the eight years they have played, winning in 1975, 1978, 1980, and 1981. They have also done well in State Tournaments over the past years, taking second in 1974 and 1975, third in 1978, and fifth in 1979. They also qualified for the regional fastpitch Class B Tournament in 1974.

Over the ten years that the Clifford-Galesburg fastpitch team has played they have compiled a 198-101 win-loss record in seasonal league games and state invitational tournaments played at Jamestown, Detroit Lakes, Harvey, Bismarck, Devils Lake, Mandan, Fargo, and Grand Forks.

Sponsors for the softball team over the years have been Clifford-Galesburg merchants and New York Life Insurance Company of Fargo. Presently the team is sponsored by Midwest Bean Company of Galesburg.

The Clifford-Galesburg Fastpitch Softball team has been a very popular spectator attraction among the summer activities in the Clifford-Galesburg area.



Trophies won over the years by the Clifford-Galesburg Fastpitch Softball Team.

SUMMER RECREATION



1981 Babe Ruth team. Back row: Johan Aarsvoid, Mike Bring, Mark Bring, Nathan Martin, Murray Smith, Mark Johnson, Jason Bring. Front: Doug Olson, Jeff Workin, Richard Bring, Coach Larry Walker, Rodney Brend, Jesse Bring, Paul Knudsvig.

Way back when all you needed for a baseball game was a ball, a bat and something to mark bases there was no C-G Summer Recreation Program. But times change — rules were getting more sophisticated, wooden bats became aluminum and kids had more time to practice because farm work goes faster with bigger, more efficient machinery. We want our kids to experience the best, when and if it is possible.

In 1973 the Galesburg Park Board initiated an idea, along with representatives from Clifford, that someone be hired to coach baseball and softball, as well as organize the eligible kids for Red Cross swimming lessons at the MSC indoor pool. A board was loosely organized consisting of representatives from townships in our school district and Clifford and Galesburg. The Board is responsible for interviewing applicants for the coaching position. The coach is hired to work June and July.

A program like this takes money — everything is free to the participant except the swimming lessons. Funds come from the City of Galesburg, Townships having residents that participate, and businesses and organizations in Clifford and Galesburg. Individuals are also contacted and asked if they care to contribute.



1981 Clifford-Galesburg PeeWee Team coached by Larry Walker
Back Row from L. to R.: Bryan Lovas, Jason Smith, Todd Brend, Chad Satrom, Randy Martin, Corey Satrom, Phillip Sand, Lance Satrom, Coach Larry Walker, Eric Satrom. Front Row: Keith Knudsvig, Nathan Satrom, Joel Brandsted, Donald Satrom, Daniel Knudsvig, Daniel Satrom, Rodeego Ibara.

Through the years the C-G Summer Recreation has included Babe Ruth and PeeWee baseball, T-ball, softball for girls, swimming and at one time also a crafts class. The crafts were later dropped for lack of interest.

The swimming program consists of ten lessons during a two-week period at the MSC pool. These are Red Cross approved lessons and the students receive a written report plus a completion certificate as they advance from Beginners to Swimmers.

The baseball and softball teams belong to leagues. Games are played during June and July with a tournament the last week in July. Trophies displayed at business places in Clifford and Galesburg attest to the excellence of our teams.

In the last few years a game called T-ball has been added for younger kids. T-ball eliminates the pitcher as the ball is hit off a stationary T. It is felt the strain of pitching is too much for 8-10 year olds, but in T-ball a child can bat, field, run bases and learn fundamentals so they are ready to move up to PeeWee's.

The Summer Recreation program has made opportunities available to all of the community kids that otherwise would have been difficult for some to attain and impossible for others. It's a good program and one we can all be proud of.



Babe Ruth Team Trophies



Clifford-Galesburg Girls' Softball Team
Back row from left: Coach Larry Walker, Stacy Knudsvig, Lori Knudsvig, Tracy Bring, Lisa Sand, and Shirley Pladson. Front Row: Wendy Holt, Joni Elliot, Jane Halvorson, Laura Bring, Dawn Bring, and Kathy Olstad.



Clifford-Galesburg Little Girls' Softball Team
Back Row from left to right: Heather Holman, Kathy Motter, Becky Ust, Inez Haugen, and Marcia Elliot. Front Row: Peggy Olstad, Donna Olstad, Rochelle Holman, and Tracy Paulson. Not pictured is Stacy Holman.

GALESBURG "OLD PROS"



Galesburg Old Pro Softball Team
Back row: Lynn Bring, Alan Smith, Al Elliott, Duane Bring, Arden Paulson, Bill Paulson, Jim Mitchell, Floyd Erickson. Front: Curt Bring, Gary Halvorson, Harold Rud, Ronald Kylo, Lyle Bring. Not pictured: Wayne Satrom, Donnie Olstad, Larry Langdahl.

The Galesburg "Old Pros" softball team was organized in 1980. They played in the Goose River League which consisted of teams of a younger age so their record was not very good.

They did not have a sponsor so each player chipped in and bought bats, balls etc. They also bought new uniforms in maroon with gold trim.

In 1981 an old pro league was formed with teams from Galesburg, Clifford, Hunter, Grandin, and May-Port. They played one night a week with a double header. These teams were more evenly matched. They had a 13-5 record.

They also had a league tournament and took second place. The last weekend in July the team participated in the state Old Pro tournament in Bismarck. We defeated the first team but lost to the next two.

They bought warm-up jackets to keep their old bones warm but the main idea of the game was for everyone to have fun which they all did.

Members of the team the first year were Willis Paulson, Donald Olstad, Floyd Erickson, Ronald Kylo, James Mitchell,

Albert Elliott, Jr., Wayne Satrom, Harold Rud, Larry Langdahl, Lyle Bring, Lynn Bring, Arden Paulson, Ronald Flaten, Herman Borud, and Duane Bring. The second year, Herman Borud and Ronald Flaten decided not to play but Allen Smith, Gary Halvorson and Curtis Bring joined the team.

SLOWPITCH SOFTBALL TEAM

A men's slowpitch softball team was organized by Jeff Voltz and Mike Workin in the spring of 1977. The team consisted of 15 members, and was sponsored by community businesses, and belonged to the Goose River League.

That team was reorganized in the spring of 1981 and was then sponsored by the Galesburg Implement. The roster consisted of Greg Boreen, Dennis Bowers, Mark Dakken, David Erickson, Don Erickson, Paul Erickson, Mark Frost, Don Havelange, Rick Henry, Keith Hochgraber, Randy Johnson, Art Knudson, Jeff Voltz, and Mike Workin. The team is still a member of the Goose River League.

GALESBURG WOMEN'S SOFTBALL TEAM



Back: Marilyn Rego, Carol Treinen, Lesley Bring, Erin Kenward, Randy Johnson, Jane Murch. Front: Terry Elliott, Kristie Vadnie, Crystal VanZee, Karen Havelange. Not Pictured: Joanne Belanus, Carol Boreen, Dawn Bring, Gail Carson, Debbie Windom, Mary Elliott, Teresa Gisvold, Margaret Kozojed.

The Galesburg Women's softball team, known as the Raiders, was organized in the spring of 1980. With various area businesses sponsoring them, they donned their new blue and gold uniforms and went out onto the field under the coaching of Randy Johnson. They played teams from Mayville-Portland, Hillsboro, Buxton, and Hatton.

The Raiders began the 1981 season with several new faces on the team. Randy Johnson was again their coach but a new team from Clifford was added to their list of opponents.

Although the Raiders may lack experience and softball know-how, they have more than made up for it in their team spirit and enthusiasm.

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Pal, The Detective	J. I. Moe
Frank, The Clerk	C. M. Nyquist
Micky, The Farm Hand	E. B. Emerson
Mr. Kent, The Farmer	G. A. Stevens
Belle, The Foster-daughter	Gladys Anderson
Sylvia, The Niece	Alice Piers
Peg, The Cook	Helen Hanger
Kittie, The Helper	Edith Emerson
Mrs. Kent, The Mother	Bella Stevens

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SYNOPSIS

PLACE: The living room of the Kent's farm house.

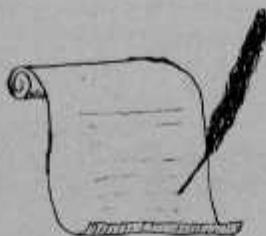
TIME: The present.

ACT I: Late afternoon. Micky sees a "hant." Frank and Sylvia plan to get some money. "As has had hant see minutes." Pa appears on the scene and tells Kate to his helper. "By gary, the good people is on air as thick as duck's eggs." Micky sees the "hant" again. The "hant" haunts Sylvia. "My boy, my boy."

ACT II: This evening. "By gary, me hant are so odd, no longer be be again." Frank, I've lost me pants. Pa tells Belle what he has discovered. Sylvia discusses a secret. "Please don't give it to that." Uncle John Belle is solemnly married. Yimmie finds Sylvia's purse and has a hard time restoring Sylvia's efforts to get it back. "As only she has gone to get me hant." Frank and Sylvia make some more plans in which they are going to get even with Yimmie. Pa to the rescue. "As think the time has come."

ACT III: Late the next day. Kittie and Peg have a confidential chat by which she sees the "hant." Frank, getting desperate, Sylvia's letter is sent. "You waddy-headed Swede let that girl alone, if you mind." Pa and Kittie plan for the future. Pa appears on the scene. "As see Yimmie Yonson from Manassota." By gary . . . and "is said" that a hant can't keep a secret.

FEATURES



The Prairie Gals Homemakers Club wrote a series of articles about some interesting women of Galesburg, their hobbies and interests. Excerpts of these stories along with other interesting material about people and events are included in these articles.

NIKKA and OLE SOHOLT



Ole and Nikka Soholt

Nikka and Ole were married in 1965 and live in a cozy spic and span home on the west side of Galesburg. Nikka speaks Norwegian and Ole will interpret for her. Both Nikka and Ole were born in Norway and have gone to visit Norway several times since their marriage. They enjoy visiting their relatives and friends in Norway and every visit they can see how inflation is affecting the Norwegian way of life. In 1966 a niece of Nikka's, Oddveig Olsbo, came to stay with them and attended Clifford-Galesburg High School for one year.

Food adjustments for Nikka when she came to this country to live are interesting. She was not used to fresh meat, pie or hot

dishes. She likes gardening, house plants and needlepoint and has done several needlepoint works of Soholt and Borgund, Norway, their home towns.

Ole has always been responsible for the skating rink at the Galesburg Park. He floods it and maintains it during the winter months and he and Nikka can often be seen skating on the ice rink near their home.

Ole and Nikka love America and Galesburg. They are both a credit to our nation and to our community's heritage.

OLGA SATROM



Olga Satrom

Olga Korshus Satrom was born at Mankato, Minnesota on March 25, 1892. She married John O. Satrom in 1912 and they were parents to five children.

Olga did a lot of cooking as she was a farmer's wife. Everyday she set a big table for her family, hired help, and any visitors who stopped in. She did her cooking on a woodstove and made lots of Norwegian favorites such as: lefse, flatbread, fattigman, sandbakkles, and krumkaka. Besides cooking she was busy at her sewing machine. Her two favorite interests were refurbishing furniture and needlepoint. She also made soap.

Olga kept scrapbooks throughout the years and these books were a valuable source of material for the Centennial History Book. An interesting article of John and Olga's wedding was found in her scrapbook and proves interesting reading.

On a Wednesday afternoon October 30, 1912 at three o'clock Miss Olga Marie Korshus became the bride of Mr. John Satrom. Reverend O. Turmo read the service in the presence of a large gathering of relatives and friends.

The parlor was beautifully decorated for the occasion. An arch in green and white formed the setting for the service. Miss Mina Groven played the wedding music to announce the bridal party. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Minnie Korshus. Mr. Peter Satrom, a cousin of the groom, was best man.

The bride was gowned in white messaline, trimmed in heavy lace. She wore a veil and carried a shower of bridal roses. The bridesmaid wore a dainty blue dress.

A dinner and reception followed the ceremony.

The bride and groom were the recipients of numerous beautiful and valuable wedding presents.

The bridal couple left immediately afterwards on their honeymoon trip to the Pacific coast where they will travel and visit for a couple months before returning to their home here.

Both the bride and groom are well and favorably known in this community. The groom is the son of O.P. Satrom, prominent farmer and banker, while the bride is a daughter of Ole A. Korsbus, a prominent farmer, contractor and builder, both families being pioneer residents in this community. The many friends of the contracting parties join in wishing them a long and happy married life.

ANNA PAULSON



Anna Paulson
Mark and Tracy Paulson

Anna Gummelgaard Paulson was born near Luverne, North Dakota on March 15, 1890. She married Oscar Paulson, a native of Galesburg, in 1910.

Anna's history is interesting. As a young girl, she preferred outside work and helped with the chores. The school year ran from April to September. They had the standard readers and there were new teachers usually every year. Since her childhood home was close to a river, they had fun sledding on the hills in the winter and fishing in the summer and also picked plums, chokecherries, currants, and juneberries. Anna says that kids had lots of respect then and discipline was not a big issue.

Anna did a lot of house work for other people and also at Laney's Boarding House and Fruit Store in Hope. Anna's husband died in 1921 and so it was her job to raise and provide for a family of five children. She supported her family by baking for the pool hall and providing board and room for the building crew of the Galesburg Elevator. In later years Anna went to the west coast or Fargo to seek employment. She often made Norwegian specialties such as lefse, sandbakkles, fattigmond and krumkaka, helped cook lutefisk for the church suppers and made many wedding cakes for local brides.

Something residents of Galesburg will remember about Anna is her love of flowers and plants which seemed to thrive under her care.

Anna's memory of dates and events about Galesburg's history were valuable in the compiling of the Centennial History Book.

SARAH ANDERSON



Sarah Anderson

Sarah Miller Anderson was born at Clifford, North Dakota in 1901. She was the second oldest in a family of thirteen. She left home at fourteen and found work on various farm homes in the community and later worked in a restaurant in Hope. In 1923 she married Andrew Anderson and since Andrew was employed on a construction crew that built elevators, they traveled from town to town. After Andrew died in 1957, she worked at various restaurants, hospitals and summer camps.

Sarah's hobby is crocheting and she has made numerous table cloths which she has given to members of her family.

Sarah does a lot of walking because of severe asthma and emphysema. Her doctor advised her this would help her condition and so she started walking, gradually increasing her distance up to four miles a day. Her problem now is people stop to give her rides.

Sarah truly enjoys life and people. She is one of the best liked people in Galesburg, always having time to stop and say, "Hello."

ANNA SMITH



Mrs. O.M. Smith taken on her 80th Birthday.

Anna Smith was born in Norway in 1892. She left Norway when she was nineteen. Her first years in America were spent working in various homes helping with the housework which was a big task in those days.

Anna married Melvin Smith at the Elm River Lutheran Church in 1921, and they set up farming southwest of Galesburg.

Entertaining friends and relatives from far and near with more than plenty food has always been a pleasure for Anna. There are always good times around the dinner table. After your last cup of coffee, having your fortune told from your coffee cup is just another way she uses her wit and charm.

Anna is known for her delicious rosegrot and other Scandinavian food. For many years she and Mike always entertained the bachelors of the community with a pre-Christmas dinner.

In 1971 Anna and Mike celebrated their Golden Wedding in March and in June went on a trip to Norway after living here for fifty-seven years.

Anna has a love for flowers, and her yard and gardens resemble a park.

GEORGE BJELVERUD



George Bjelverud

George Bjelverud tells about what Christmas time was like when he was young.

When I was young we always got presents on Christmas, but we got very few playthings. Usually we got clothes, because we needed them.

My mother died when I was three and a half, so my father had five boys to take care of, and it was not easy. When I was six I went to live with the Anton Satroms. I grew up on their farm five and a half miles northwest of Galesburg.

On Christmas Eve everybody hung up stockings. They were long and thin, not like the kind they have now. In our stockings the next morning we got mostly candy and apples, and maybe a pair of mittens or something like that. We went sledding or skating then — we did not have many other playthings.

They were great on cooking back then. There weren't many fancy things, but there were great cakes. On Christmas lutefisk was a favorite of the old-timers, and I guess with me, too. I still like it.

IVER and INGEBORG BAKKEN



Iver and Ingeborg Bakken

The Bakkens live on a farm northwest of Galesburg sheltered by trees and beautified by flowers. The house is decorated with handicrafts such as woven pieces thrown across the davenport and chairs.

Ingeborg came to America as a bride in 1950 and since, Iver and her have built their house and landscaped the yard with hundreds of evergreens. In addition to the evergreens there are miles of shelterbelts. They have received an award for the best farmstead trees from the Soil Conservation District. What is interesting is that the trees around the house were planted in such a way that there is a minimum of leaf raking.

Iver and Ingeborg are interesting people and entertain many visitors. They no longer farm, but spend their time reading, playing cards, and doing handwork. Winter pastime is watching the many birds that stay despite the cold weather.

IDA SMITH, MINNIE OLSTAD, and OLGA OLSTAD



Minnie and Olga Olstad

Ida Smith, Minnie Olstad and Olga Olstad have contributed much to our heritage in the Galesburg area. Through their efforts in teaching, nursing and helping friends, relatives and neighbors when needed, everyone has come in contact with their generosity.

They are daughters of John Olstad and Marit (Satrom) Olstad. There were ten other children in their family. Because their family was of Norwegian descent they had their parochial school and were confirmed in Norwegian language. Olga remembers at the age of five when she told her mother she could not say grace at the table because it was in Norwegian. Her father took her into the bedroom to remind her of her heritage and ever since she has been able to say grace in Norwegian.

Ida went to school at the Bruflat Academy. She married Iver Smith and they moved to their farm which is the Esther Bring farm today. For many years Iver was milkman in Galesburg. They had no children of their own but had foster children. In 1956 they sold their farm and bought the Lars Lande home across the street from Elm River Lutheran Church. Ida's interests included knitting and crocheting. She has made many beautiful tablecloths and bedspreads over the years for herself as well as others. Iver died in June of 1976 and Ida presently resides at the Luther Memorial Home in Mayville.

Minnie graduated from the normal course at Bruflat Academy in 1912. She then taught three terms of school in the Clifford Galesburg area. In December of 1917, she entered St. Paul Hospital School of Nursing in St. Paul, Minnesota. Over the years she worked at many hospitals and did a great deal of private nursing duty in her home territory. She retired from nursing in 1951. Minnie enjoys gardening, crocheting, knitting, and embroidering, besides baking Norwegian goodies.

Olga attended Bruflat Academy and graduated in 1914 from the commercial course. She returned to the home farm and remained as long as her parents lived. She spent many years babysitting with relatives' children. Olga's interests include raising plants, especially violets, reading and needlework. One plant of interest they have in their home is an English Ivy grown from a slip received from a descendant of the John Alden family.

In 1959 Minnie and Olga moved to Galesburg and resided in the Melvin Olstad house. In 1962 they moved into the home they had built east of the Elm River Church where they now reside.

These three sisters' lives have led them in three directions and yet they share common bonds and interests. They are all examples of the character that typifies our heritage. We are glad for the contributions Ida, Minnie, and Olga have made to our community.

GORDON and ANNIE JEFFERSON

A great source of information on the history of Galesburg came from Gordon and Annie Jefferson. Gordon and Annie died in 1979 so the Centennial Committee was not able to have their memories to go by; however, what they have told others was of great help.

Gordon and Annie were married in 1940. She was a native of Galesburg being born of pioneer parents, the Robert Morris' who came here from Ontario, Canada, as did Gordon's parents.



Gordon and Annie Jefferson

They farmed at Larimore for one and one-half years and moved back to Galesburg where they lived until their deaths in 1979.

They never had children of their own, but they had many borrowed children. So great was the impression of Gordon and Annie on these children, young and old, that they have seen fit to write some memories of their own.

MEMORIES OF GORDON and ANNIE JEFFERSON

Rosalie (Bring) Vorlage writes:

It brings back such a warm feeling when I think of visiting Gordon and Annie. Over all the years I was privileged to know them, it was comforting that they just didn't seem to change. Gordon was always the teaser of the young, and be it me or my own kids, his style stayed the same. Annie was so happy to see you. After that first good hug (she did seem to get shorter over the years), it was always, "Can you stay for coffee?"

"Coffee" was a table set with fancy cups and saucers, special demitasse spoons, sometimes the Blue Willow, and always lots of food. If you were lucky, you might get "Annie cookies", those delicious, melt in your mouth molasses raisin roll outs, that can't be duplicated.

Then the reminiscing would begin. One memory would lead to another, and the time would fly by. I think we spent the better part of one afternoon just making a list of all the Oles they could remember, Annie bemoaning the fact that there hadn't been a new Ole for a long time.

They were so clear on Galesburg history and loved to tell it. Their personal anecdotes were my favorites. I can still see Annie laughing until the tears came, listening to Gordon tell about his grade school teacher who pulled the hair on the back of his neck and told him, "Gordon, you don't know a thing, and you never will!" I think they were both pleased he'd proven her wrong. And he most certainly did, maintaining an active interest and understanding of current events, politics, local and state happenings.

They had so many interests over the years. Gordon kept busy with his yard, gardening (those great raspberries), and fishing. Annie had her piano (playing at church and Sunday School for many years), photography, and even as she

approached ninety, a continued role in the housework, correspondences, and prolific needlework. I personally have a supply of hand embroidered dish towels by Annie, that may last me into the next century.

And always over the years a continuous stream of children paraded through their lives. They saw them dressed up on Halloween and followed their latest romances. They took them fishing and on trips. They remembered them on birthdays, graduations, and weddings. For all those "kids", spanning three generations, they left a special feeling; that if Gordon and Annie were any example, growing old isn't going to be half bad.

Viola Rygh writes:

When I think of the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School I think of Annie. She was church and Sunday School pianist, Sunday School superintendent and my loved and devoted Sunday School teacher. These are happy and meaningful memories. In the summer she had a picnic for us at her home, the Willow Farm. Many gifts were given to her pupils such as the spoon I have with the Bible verse Matthew 1:21, "Thou shalt call his name Jesus." I remember the Ladies Aid meetings at her home, the lace tablecloth, pretty napkins, bone china cups, and delicious lunch, the good visits with Annie at our home, the rides to the Clifford Presbyterian Church when we had joint services and the meetings Gordon and I attended as trustee and clerk of the village. Gordon and Annie enriched the lives of many people.

Ruth (Olstad) Stebleton writes:

My memories of Galesburg are fishing with Gordon and Annie Jefferson, Jimmy Gisvold, Ralph and Hazel Bring, Rosalie and Lynn, Hack and Nettie Henry, Betty and me. We never dreamed Betty and Lynn would later marry.

We always had such good food and times. (Annie's raisin cookies).

Gordon and Annie never had any children, but always had children over at their house. They were one of the first to get TV which I thought was great. Annie always let us help her bake and they played many games with us.

Once Gordon was going to shingle his garage roof. He had at least nine or ten children helping him.

Annie was the 4-H grandmother for years which she really enjoyed.

I remember the big fire at food store owned by Chuck and Pat Gisvold. I remember going swimming in the river and building rafts; catching frogs and snakes. One of my big memories is being stuck with a Case tractor hauling junk to the dump; and Victor Smith pulling me into town with a John Deere which really hurt my pride.

Gordon would always get us to be good by telling us a poem, from memory, that he learned when he went to school. The title of it was:

THE OLD outhouse

*When memory keeps me company and moves to smiles or tears
A weather-beaten object looms through the mist of years.
Behind the house and barn it stood, a hundred years or more
And hurrying feet a path had made, straight to its swinging door.
Its architecture was a type of simple classic art,
But in the tragedy of life it played a leading part.*

*And off the passing travelers drove slow, and heaved a sigh
To see the modest hired girl slip out with glances shy.*

*We had our posy garden that the women loved so well,
I loved it, too, but better still I loved the stronger smell
That filled the evening breezes so full of homely cheer,
And told the night o'er taken tramp that human life was near
On lazy August afternoon, it made a little bower
Delightful, where my grandsire sat and whiled away an hour.*

*For the morning glory its very eaves entwined,
And berry bushes reddened in the steaming soil behind,
All day fat spiders spun their webs to catch the buzzing flies
That flitted to and from the house, where Ma was baking pies.
And once a swarm of hornets bold, had built their place there
And stung my unsuspecting aunt — I must not tell you where.
Then father took a flaming pole — that was a happy day
He nearly burned the building up — but the hornets left to stay.*

*When summer bloom began to fade and winter to carouse
We banked the little building with a heap of hemlock boughs.
But when the crust was on the snow and the swollen skies were gray
In sooth the building was no place, where one could wish to stay.
We did our duties promptly there, one purpose swayed the wind,
We tarried not, nor lingered long on what we left behind.
The torture of that icy seat would make a Spartan sob,
For need must scrape the gooseflesh with a lacerating cob,
That from a frost encrusted nail, was suspended by a string
For father, was a frugal man and wasted not a thing.*

*When grandpa had to "go out back" and make his morning call
We'd bundle up the dear old man with a muffler and a shawl.
I knew the hole on which he sat twas padded all around,
And once I dared to sit there it was all too wide I found.
My loins were all too little, and I jack-knifed there to stay,
They had to come and get me out, or I'd have passed away.
The father said, ambition was a thing that boys should shun,
And I just use the children's hole till childhood days were done.*

*And still I marvel at the craft that cut those holes so true
The baby hole, and slender hole that fitted sister Sue.
That dear old country landmark, I've tramped around a bit,
And in the lap of luxury my lot has been to sit.
But ere I die I'll eat the fruit of trees I robbed of yore,
Then seek the shanty where my name is carved upon the door.
I ween the old familiar smell will soothe my jaded soul,
I'm now a man, but none the less, I'll try the children's hole.*

*The following are excerpts from the desk of Melvin Smith
found after his death.*

Our house, when we were kids, was like all of yours. We lived in a small house and there were two rooms. The bed room was an old school house moved in and put next to the first house and that was the kitchen. There were two beds in it. Our bedstead was homemade. We did not have a mattress as we would empty old straw out and then would fill them with fresh straw again. We kids had fun and would jump up and down on them.

Most of our clothes were homemade. Our underwear for winter was made out of course wool and the first time we put them on we would itch something terrible. I believe we cried ourselves to sleep but that was it. Our shoes were button shoes and we used a hook to put it through. They reached over our ankles. Mother made all our shirts and she knit all our socks and mittens from wool yarn. Dad used to card the wool and Mother spun the yarn into thread. They were warm in winter.

Every Saturday night we had baths in a tub in the kitchen as it was warmer there. We did not have running water at that time. It had to be carried from the well. It was a little way from the house.

In the winter time when it was not so busy Dad would read a chapter from the Bible and at eight o'clock we had to go to bed. That was it after we had said our prayers. They were in Norsk and I don't remember it or I would write it.

We made our own toys. At Christmas we mostly got some kind of clothes, a package of candy, and an apple or orange. We used to play hide and seek. In the winter time we used to tame yearling steers and we would get them, as they used to say, so we could drive them. We would make sleighs and then we would get on it and then we would start and push each other off. The one that could stay on longest won. Those steers were not as fast as motor bikes but we had lots of fun. Sometimes we might get a thaw and there would be some ice. We made skates from sickles so we could skate.

I first started school in a country school that was right north of the Rust farm. Our teacher was Mrs. Ed Green. Then they had an election and it was into Galesburg. My first teacher there was Mrs. Kemp. Her husband owned the place where Albert Skogstad now lives.

If all the horses had to be used in the summertime then we walked to school but in the winter time we used to drive to school. There was an old barn there that we put our horse in. We took hay and oats with so that we fed them for dinner.

Taken from History of North Dakota published about the turn of the century — property of Tony Erickson.

Ole P. Satrom, one of Traill County's most prosperous and painstaking farmers conducts a well cultivated tract of eight hundred acres in Galesburg Township. His farm is not as large as other estates of the county, but the land and buildings evidence careful management and strict attention to the details. The buildings are substantial, and he has provided house room for all machinery, stock and grain, and thrift is everywhere apparent. In connection with this sketch a portrait of Mr. Satrom will be found.

Our subject was born in Gudbrandsdalen, Hammar Stift, Norway, November 12, 1859, and was the third in a family of twelve children, born to Paul P. and Engeborg (Korshus) Satrom, both of whom now reside with our subject. In his native land Mr. Satrom worked at farm labor and at railroading, and after attaining his majority came to America in company with two of his brothers to join two other brothers who had preceded them. In the spring of 1881 he arrived at Fargo, North Dakota, with \$25. and in June homesteaded the farm his buildings now occupy. He erected a small eight x twelve foot shanty and went to Cass County to find work, and during two winters worked for his board at Hunter, and attended school in Cass County, gaining a good understanding of English. He purchased a yoke of oxen in the fall of 1882 and the following spring a third ox and began breaking land on his own farm and also for others. His land has raised excellent crops and he has met with success in his calling. His house is commodious and his main barn is a structure fifty-five x eighty-eight feet with storage room for one hundred tons of hay. This building he erected in 1892. Surface water is abundant and a five acre grove of thrifty trees adds value and coziness to his home.

Mr. Satrom's first wife, who bore the name of Annie Brant-haugen, died March 29, 1892. Four children were born to that union, as follows: Paul O., who died March 16, 1894; Gena Olea, who died August 2, 1888; Gina Olie, who died July 22,

1890; John O. Mr. Satrom was married January 29, 1896, to Christine Kraabel. Mr. Satrom is one of the leading men of his locality and is chairman of the Township Board. He is member of the Synod Church and is a man of enlightened views, and enjoys the confidence of the people among whom he lives. He has served on the Republican County Central Committee.

HAPPENINGS IN NORTH DAKOTA

My uncle's house situated at the bottom of a hill was completely covered over in a severe snowstorm. Dad, realizing this, went over to see what he could do. He was able to get onto the roof and clean the snow off the chimney so they could get heat. The eaves were wide enough that he was able to walk between the house and the snow drifts and was able to clear the snow away from the door.

That same year a school boy lost his life in a snow storm because he cut across the field instead of following along the fence.

At Halloween it was a stunt to turn over the out house. One fellow out-smarted them by moving the house ahead and covered the hole with branches, whoever it was that came along intending to push the little house over got the shock of his life, because he fell into the hole.

Another trick they used to play was to sit up in the hay loft after they had connected a wire from the house to the loft. They would then rub it with a rosin and it would make the wierdest sound. The people in the house would go outside to see what was going on and then the jokers would quit. Of course when they went back into the house they would start up again.

Dad had a chimney fire in his house and it was fortunate the dog barked so hard they looked to see, and were able to put it out before too much damage was done. That dog would follow Sariena wherever she went.

One time Dad had taken the boys to town and coming home they gave him a drink and he realized it was liquor so he slacked the reins as he knew the horses would go straight home. It never happened again.

Submitted by Mrs. Pearl Sly of British Columbia, daughter of Pete Erickson.

NORTH DAKOTA NURSE TELLS OF WORK IN SAVING WOUNDED

"This is the first time in all my life I feel I am really of service, and I wouldn't exchange places with anyone in the world." writes Miss Esther Nora Omdahl of Galesburg, N.D. from a hospital just behind the lines in France. Her letter breathes the spirit of the nurses who are caring for the boys "over there".

The letter, which was written August 3, 1918, was received a few days ago by Miss Omdahl's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Omdahl of Galesburg.

Miss Omdahl writes,

"I hope this delay has not made you worry about me. It must be nearly three weeks since I wrote but I have gone too fast to keep track of time.

"We had an awful rush a day or two after I wrote last, and worked for sixteen to eighteen hours a day for over a week. Then we moved to another place not so very far

away. We went by truck and started another hospital for the seriously wounded.

We have our hospital in a very nice chateau. Of course the owner hadn't been there since 1914, and it was used by the Germans for a headquarters of some kind. Later, it was used for billeting both French and American soldiers. It was badly used and the grounds more so, but it made the best hospital we have had, after they got it cleaned up.

"There is most beautiful country scenery around the little village. I was on night duty, so took some long walks and rides the few days I was there.

"One of the other divisions needed nurses pretty badly, and came down at 2:30 a.m. a week ago to borrow some of us. Six of us were sent up, on our move to Berlin.

"The field hospital company had just come in at 5 in the afternoon, and wounded were already here with more coming in steadily, so we found plenty to do. We worked for nearly 30 hours before we got caught up on operations and got a few hours rest. We have been running the operating room nights since. It's mighty hard at a time like this, but it doesn't last forever. We didn't get any wounded last night so we are getting rested up.

"This place certainly shows its treatment by the Germans. It is quite a large town, and I don't believe there is a house that hasn't a shell hole. The stone walls are all broken down in places, gardens and courtyards ruined, and of course all the homes have been looted. I don't know how long it is since the inhabitants were here. They are just beginning to return now.

"Poor people! It certainly takes courage to come back to one's home and find it not only looted, but ruined, scattered all about, and the whole town ruined with it. The most pathetic sight I have ever seen was a poor old lady, trying to clean out her ruined home.

"This building was a French hospital. The Germans used some of the wards to stable horses, so you can imagine what condition it was in, and is, for that matter, yet. We don't use the whole building. We have about twenty beds here. We have been running three operating tables, with two doctors and two ward men to a table, and one nurse to wait on them.

"We have a sergeant running this place. Everything goes like clock work. The boys certainly are efficient.

"Almost all the boys in this division are from the middle west; North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Alabama and New York. I imagine some of the boys from around home are in one of these companies, but we haven't had any of them in here yet. I have met a number of Minneapolis doctors and men.

"Yesterday was quite a star day for us. We had a shower bath (hardly got our faces washed the last three or four days) and got the first mail for three weeks.

"We think possibly we may be returned to our own division to advance with them again. I don't believe this will be used as a hospital very long as it is too far behind the lines now.

"It is all right to talk about nurses not going into the advanced zone, etc., but I say here is where we are needed. The sooner the boys are taken care of after they are wounded, just in that proportion are they saved. Getting them within a few hours, they are in better condition and are so much more likely to have a clean wound.

"Poor boys! They are the most patient, appreciative beings you could ever imagine. It is heartrending to observe their confidence and bravery in pain. When they are carried into the ward and see us, "Sure, an American girl!" "Haven't seen an American girl for months," "Won't you shake hands" they say.

"This is the first time in all my life that I feel I am really of service, and I wouldn't exchange places with anyone in the world.

"Well, it is nearly breakfast time and time to go off duty. No operations last night, so I have been on duty in one of the wards.

"I will try to write oftener, or at least as often as possible. I am well and well cared for, so there is no need to worry about me."

MEMORIES OF KNUTE LANDE

Memories of Knute Lande who operated a General Store in Galesburg for forty-seven years.

Mr. Lande will long be remembered by the people of the Galesburg community for his kindness. One family recalls the time when the mother came into the store at the end of the month to settle their account. She had just had a baby a short while before and her husband had just gone through an appendectomy. When she wanted to settle up, Lande said, "We'll just forget about the grocery bill this month," and that he did.



This 1908 car belonged to Jacob Hanson who won it on a raffle ticket for fifty cents. Alex Stewart wanted to buy it from him for three hundred dollars, but he would not sell it. Driving the car is Gunder Rindahl, beside him Jacob Hanson, in the back seat Minnie Korshus, Mrs. Anton Korshus and Olga Korshus.

TAKEN FROM THE CARL E. RUST HISTORY

One wonders if any of the early pioneers who broke sod two or three miles west of town ever noticed faint traces of old wagon ruts running a north-south direction. One of the oldest Red River Oxcart trails known as the Ridge Trail likely passed

through this area. This road connected the Pembina River area with St. Cloud in the early 1800s. It was a popular route because it was high and dry compared with other trails closer to the Red River. An early diary tells of stopping on a ridge of hills halfway between the Goose and Rush Rivers to enjoy the grand view. The surveying parties who worked this area in the 1860s could find no trace of the trail as it had been abandoned several years earlier in favor of more direct routes farther east. The pioneer farmer, being much more familiar with his parcel of land, may have actually seen the faint ruts of this historic road before his breaking plow erased all evidence of its existence.

GISVOLD'S SERVICE OVER 500 YEARS

While prediction is not a precise science — especially in an election year — we think we have at last found the Great Northern family service story to top all.

Back in 1889, Peter Gisvold, an immigrant from Tronhjem, Norway, joined the Great Northern at Galesburg, North Dakota. Since that time to the present, Mr. Gisvold and his descendants have tallied 555 years of service. All four of Gisvold's sons worked for Great Northern, as did many of their offspring. One of the sons, John Gisvold, retired in 1944 after fifty-three years of service.

While space does not allow a detailed list of the names and service records of each, we can present a partial breakdown. Relatives of Peter Gisvold who worked for Great Northern, in addition to his four sons, include two sons-in-law; thirteen grandsons; three grandsons-in-law, and three great grandsons.

The information about the Gisvold family was advanced by Burnon G. Gisvold, section foreman at Walhalla, North Dakota.

(From "Talking It Over", a Great Northern Railway paper—November, 1960)

LIBRARY

The first library of which any information was found dates back to 1899. The library was located in the office of the lumber company at which time Mr. Wright was manager.

Excerpts from the *Hillsboro Banner*.

November 21, 1902. "As there has been some complaint about the inaccessibility of the library, through the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Rutherford it will be moved to the hotel this week so all will find it convenient. As we are constantly adding new books, as for instance the *Story of the Prairie*, by Prof. Willard, which cost \$1.50. To make the library self-supporting the rule has always been to charge five cents for a book out two weeks."

November 28, 1902. "The school children have always had the use of the library books here free, but must not soil or mutilate them."

December 5, 1902. "A very cursory glance by an intelligent critic would very soon determine the library here is not a school library. The books were not bought for children, consequently are not suitable reading matter for them."

1907. "The Galesburg Public Library was organized in 1902. Officers elected: President, Mrs. Kemp, which position she has continuously and actively filled ever since; Vice-President, Mrs. Houghton; Treasurer, Mrs. Stewart; Vice, Mrs. Drescher; Secretary, Mrs. U.G. Miller; Assistant, Mrs. Erb. There has been no money made for the library for years.

Later the record states that when the library was opened to the public and their care demanded personal superintendence, Mrs. Kemp was appointed librarian. As she was the teacher then, and there was no other place, the books were put in the school room."

In 1906 the public library was in room number one of the Galesburg School. Emil Hoglund was in charge of it during the winter.

In 1909 the Galesburg library was moved to the town hall. By 1913 the library had a small bank account to its credit.

The school has always had a library and have been adding to it every year.

The Senior Citizens have a good sized library, receiving books from the commission of Aging from the Fargo Library and also many donations. It is located in the Memorial Hall and open to anyone who likes to read.

The Elm River American Lutheran Church Women have a good sized library which has been bought by the American Lutheran Church Women and also many have been donated.

PIANO RECITAL

GALESBURG LUTHERAN CHURCH

May 28, 1926, 8:30 p. m.

PROGRAMME

April Song	Howell Kvam
Tinkling Bells	Vivian Anderson
Waltz of the Sunbeams—duet	Joel Moe, Molfred Moe
To Arms	Allen Stevens
In the Merry Go Round	Ethel Bring
Merry Bobolink Duet	Louise Lande, Thelma Johnson
Airy Fairies	Osmund Satrom
Robin's Lullaby—trio	Molfred Moe, Minerva Jenson, Agnes Korshus
Dancing on the Boat	Roy Bower
Warbler's Message	Thelma Johnson
Bird Land Waltz	Marion Larson
Jolly Raindrops	Agnes Korshus
The Little Hero	Anna Satrom
The Mill	Molfred Moe
Narcissus	Minerva Jenson

Part 2

Plantation Dance	Shaefer, Louise Lande
LaBaldine Caprice—Lysberg, duet	Anna Moe, Ethel Anderson
Melody in F—Rubinstein	Joel Moe
Woodland Whispers—Braungardt	Josephine Botten
Pearl of the Sea	Karl Merz, Helen Johnson, Ethel Anderson
Polish Dance—Scharwenka	Anna Moe

RED CROSS BENEFIT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, GALESBURG, N. D.

SATURDAY EVENING, SEPT. 15, 8 O'CLOCK

Cantata, "The Flower Queen."—The rose, Mable Botten; the violet, Ruth Melting; the heliotrope, Esther Anderson; the dahlia, Jessie Miller; the crocus, Gladys Miller; the japonica, Josephine Miller.

1. Duet, "Thais."—Cello, Mrs. Kemp; organ, Mrs. E. O. Moe.
2. Solo, "Miranda's Party."—Miss Ruth Melting.

Contestant 1.

3. Solo, "A little child shall lead them."—Miss Olga Ericson.
4. Duet, "See the Pale Moon."—Mrs. Kemp, Miss Grace Moackrud.

Contestant 2.

5. Duet, "When we enter the streets of gold."—Miss Olga Ericson, Mr. Edward Ericson.
6. "Il Bacio."—Organ and cello.

Contestant 3.

7. "The Rosary."—Mrs. Isabel Kemp.
8. "Oh! She is a proud little girl."—Miss Jessie Miller.
9. Duet, selected—The Misses Ericson; guitars.

10. North Dakota's song—The flower girls.

11. Oh! du Kilda—The Misses Ericson, Guitar accompaniment.

Contestant 5.

12. Duet, selected—Norwegian.

13. Simple Aicie—Organ and cello.

Contestant 6.

Judges decide.

14. "I surrender."—The Misses Ericson, guitars and flute obligato Mr. Ericson.

15. "Goodbye, my lover, goodbye."

Presentation of medals.

THE "OLD SWIMMING HOLE" NORTH OF GALESBURG

The "old swimming hole" north of Galesburg was a favorite spot for young people to go during noon hour and after school. Many will remember the colds they caught because they would go before the water had warmed up in the spring. The boys would build rafts and take chances going down the river. Many of the children learned to swim here.



The "old swimming hole" north of Galesburg. Arthur Korshus and Minerva Jenson couldn't go in swimming! Children swimming: Omer Korshus, Lawrence Lande, Irvin Lande, Louise Lande, Agnes Korshus.

This article was founded in the Hillsboro Banner of January 9, 1903.

GALESBURG POSTOFFICE ROBBERS

Convicted in United States District Court at Grand Forks
and Sentenced to

Six Year's Imprisonment and a Fine of \$1,000 Each

In the federal court, at Grand Forks the case of the United States vs. James Burke and Louis Peterson, accused of having robbed the postoffice at Galesburg, in this county, last August, was tried on Tuesday. Burke claims that he came from Canada here a few years ago, but told different stories that were very conflicting at times. Peterson says he hails from Minnesota, but he, too, got tangled up in his stories regarding himself, and no credit was given to anything he said.

The federal government was represented by Assistant U.S. Attorney Engerud, of Fargo and the entire forenoon was taken up with the examination of United States witnesses. Nearly a dozen of them were examined. The first witness swore to having seen the prisoners at the bar near the haystack the evening before the post office was robbed of \$160 worth of postage stamps, and stated that the morning after the robbery he went to the haystack again and saw the tracks of the two men headed toward Galesburg. Other witnesses were called who swore that they saw the men at other points near Galesburg about that time.

One point on which Peterson was identified was that at the time of the robbery he had a running sore on one of his legs and was compelled to use crutches. He had begged from various people around Galesburg, both in the country and at the small towns. The two men were traced from point to point from Galesburg to Montana, where they were arrested by United States agents. When arrested Burke had \$32 worth of one-cent stamps in his possession. He had no explanation to make as to how the stamps came in his possession. Peterson had no stamps, but the fact that he had been with Burke the entire time was emphasized strongly by Mr. Engerud.

The witnesses were put through a trying and searching cross examination by B.G. Skulason, of Grand Forks, who was appointed by the court to defend the two men. When the case of the United States was concluded against the prisoners, a motion was made by the defense that the jury be instructed to bring in a verdict of not guilty. The motion was made jointly, and for each prisoner separately, but all were over-ruled by the court.

The arguments were then made. That of Mr. Engerud was very brief and to the point. Mr. Skulason made a masterful plea for the two prisoners, emphasizing the fact that all the evidence was circumstantial. In closing for the government Mr. Engerud paid the attorney for the defense a very handsome compliment for the defense he had made, and regretted the fact that the cause for which he had worked was not a more worthy one.

The jury was instructed briefly by the court and returned a few minutes later with a verdict of guilty as charged against both prisoners. The prisoners were at once sentenced to six years in the federal prison at Fergus Falls and \$1,000 fine, the prisoners to stand committed until the fine was paid.

KVAM'S PARK

Have you ever been to Kvam's Park? Younger Galesburgites would say, "Where's that?"

Kvam's Park was the tree-claim of Kvam's farm located two miles north of Galesburg where the Larry Satrom family now live. This tree claim was used for a number of public gatherings, including the annual joint parochial school program of the Clifford and Galesburg churches, Fourth of July celebrations, political speakers such as Governor Bill Langer, and any number of gatherings with softball games, picnic dinners and other outdoor events. Many a romance blossomed here. What a history we could get if this park would talk to us!



Son's of Norway Picnic at Kvam's Park — 1913

PARKS

In the early days good use was made of the many groves of trees that had been planted by early comers.

The Willow Farm by the Robert Morrises was used for Sunday School picnics. Even to this day people go out there in the spring of the year and pick asparagus, which grows wild.

The Erb farm and Pratt farm which were both surrounded by trees were used for family and school picnics.

Another use made of the tree claims was gypsy homes in the summer. They would come with their horse drawn covered wagons and live beside the tree claims for several weeks at a time. They would go to the farm homes and the women would sell lace or keep the owners occupied while the men roamed around outside and pick up chickens, eggs, little pigs, or anything that was easily managed. One did not like to leave the farm when they were around.

PASTURES

CLAPP PASTURE

Clapp Pasture was located on Section 33. Water was piped underground to a tank from the flowing well on the Bank Pasture. In May of 1906 the Clapp Pasture fences were being repaired and the corrals were put in first-class condition. Each of the corrals had a very neat contrivance for catching animals. There was room for more than three hundred head of cattle and horses in the pasture. That land was purchased by O.P. Satrom and Andrew Knudson. Pete Rock was hired to break the sod and Ole Paulson seeded and harvested the crop in 1918.

BLUE GRASS PASTURE

The Blue Grass Pasture was the pasture from Arden Bring's home and east. Blue grass was the native grass, now called June grass. The Blue Grass Pasture with the Elm River running through it and plenty of shade trees made an ideal pasture. This was owned by Kemps.

In 1908, the Blue Grass pasture was open for stock and was under the management of Mr. Ole Paulson Rudelokken, who resided at the Kemp home in Galesburg. Descriptions were taken of the animals before they were entered.

BANK PASTURE

For many years the section southwest of town was owned by L.B. Hanna, who was a banker in Page, North Dakota, and a politician. The entire section of land was fenced in and used for

farmers and local town people to have their cattle feeding on the virgin prairie during the summer months, with the local bank in charge. It was called the Bank Pasture. There was an artesian well in the southeast corner of the pasture, across from the Paulson tree-claim, plus water available in the slough land in the western end of the section. The flowing well was also a source of water supply for the Clapp Pasture. The water was piped underground to the tank, supplying both pastures.

For many years Galesburg had a popular baseball team. The ball diamond was in the northeast portion of the Bank Pasture, with the entrance through the gates opening on the north mile line by the railroad track. The high school ball teams played there also, with the possibility of tripping in a gopher hole.

There are many memories of picking wild flowers in these pastures. The Carl Smith children used to walk across the bank pasture to school. They would pick crocuses, wild sweet peas, grandpa's whiskers, buttercups, tiger lilies, golden rods, and roses. It was fun to bring a bouquet of crocuses to the teacher on a spring morning.

In the fall the fence was open in the southwest corner. All the farmers in that area had a sleigh road through the pasture which was the main road to town in the winter. This was the route for bringing the children to school and the farmers to town to transact their business.

In the spring of 1947 Alfred Hochgraber bought the Bank Pasture, broke the sod and farmed it until he retired and sold it to Albert Elliott Jr.

"ALFALFA BILL"



Alfalfa Bill Brandsted examining a growth of burning bush along a township road. This bushy weed stood over Brandsted's head at several points.

Always a booster of North Dakota and the Red River Valley in particular, W.L. (Alfalfa Bill) Brandsted in running an advertisement for a tenant in the Fargo Forum back in 1949, prefaced his remarks with the following:

"Boys: I saw Sheriff Baker hang Jack McCall. I saw the first train pull into Yankton. I saw the great grasshopper plague in 1875. I saw the Missouri's greatest flood in '81. I experienced the great blizzard of January 12, 1888. I have seen floods, drought, prairie fires, and deep snow. And I still think North Dakota is the best state in the Union and the Red River Valley, the easiest spot to make money."

MEMORIES OF GALESBURG

During the hot summer of 1936, I worked for Gordon Cox, then living on the Nimock farm (later farmed by Herman Borud). One extremely hot and windy day we did not even leave the house after dinner. About mid-afternoon there was a general ring on the party line. Why no one listened in on the phone I don't know, but later that day we learned that the reason for the call was to let people know that the Mortimer elevator was afire. That evening we drove over there and all that was left was a pile of burning grain.

During a heavy rainstorm in the summer of 1949, Swede Paulson and I were playing pool in Palmer's. There was a flash of lightning and an almost instantaneous clap of thunder. We remarked that that one must have struck close by. Not more than five minutes later Alfred Hochgraber stuck his head inside the door and yelled, "Sidney Anderson's barn is on fire." The game ended right there. We and quite a number of others rushed to the barn and quickly put the fire out with very little loss occurring.

Palmer Gisvold and Mrs. Pete Johnson of Clifford used to razz each other and the players at Galesburg-Clifford athletic events. There was more rivalry between them than there was between the teams.

John Soholt and Lars Lee worked together as carpenters for many years. In tight spots where it was easier for a lefthander to hammer or saw, John took care of the job. If it was a place for righthanders, Lars did it.

I can't imagine that anyone who has ever been in or around Galesburg not having a quite vivid memory of Ole Soholt. For twenty-seven years he was the next-door neighbor to my parents — and a better neighbor would be hard to find. I'll always remember his Norwegian "concerts."

—Austin Anderson

CHARLES KLESSIG

Chuck grew up in the depression years and did learn to fly, the year was 1930 and the plane was a Waco nine. He went to Wahpeton Science School. He stayed on as instructor of aircraft engines. Next he managed Fargo's Hector Airport and operated a civilian pilot training program. In 1941 he joined the Royal Canadian Air Force ferrying command to fly bombers overseas. Later he was test pilot and instructor for the Royal Canadian Air Force.

After the war he went back to the farm but flying being his first thoughts, he joined the Department of Agriculture spraying locusts in Pakistan, North Africa, Jordan, Syria, Iraq, and Iran, and on down to Sudan. He spent ten years doing this and he returned to the farm, spending summers at the farm and winters in Arizona, prospecting for the lost Dutchman's Mine. After digging a few mines he began to look to soaring, he built a



Charles Klessig

BG .12 sailplane. He then restored a SMA8 Stinson for a second plane and went to see George Bickerdyke about an old j-1 standard that had been rotting away for twenty-nine years. He restored it after two years and three thousand man-hours. He lifted it off a two hundred foot runway at Ryan Field, Tucson, powered with a otx6. The j-1 cruised at sixty, landed about thirty-seven and could climb twenty-six hundred feet in ten minutes. He now has it in Fargo's Bonanzaville as well as his two gliders and cub. He then built another j-1, with a Hesso motor. Many a friend has had a ride in it. One Sunday morning last summer at his farm he gave forty-six rides as the EAA and Bonanzaville Belles held a get-together serving pancakes and sausages. He flew around giving some their first rides ever. He restored and flew home a 1928 Swallow and that will be going to the Bonanzaville building in Fargo.

He makes violins so of course he played old time music at the big Bonanzaville open house in August.

ODIN RUD'S AIRPLANE

The winter of 1948 was a severe one and Odin often used his plane to take his son Orlin, to school. It was also used to haul parts for John Deere Company and groceries for many stranded people. Arno (Bun) Satrom was snowbound and Odin flew him home, came back and got Donna. Taking off he hit a snow bank and wrecked the landing gear. Bun told Odin if he had been tending to business instead of looking at Donna it never would have happened.



Odin Rud's Plane

GALESBURG The Village of Trees

The Church of Christ— A Tree

We are today the church of Christ
The product of the ages
Unfinished yet
But moving on
To write the future pages.

Our roots are long and deep and firm
Proceeding from creation
And reaching down
Through years of time
To touch the farthest nation.

Our leaves unfolded, one by one
As God revealed his plan
Through Israel
His chosen race
And Christ, his chosen Man.

And when the winds of error raged
And shook the rugged tree
The Spirit conquered,
Truth prevailed
And won the victory.

Down through the centuries of time
The tree remains, unbending
Through strife and war,
In wind and storm,
The sap of life unending.

And so today we celebrate,
The flag of Christ we raise,
And to our God
And to his church
We lift our song of praise.

*Matjorie Klayton Quam
Morgan, Minnesota*



Galesburg, a thriving and prosperous little village with a population of about 350, is located on the Fargo-Portland branch of the Great Northern Railway, 45 miles northwest of Fargo, the metropolis of the state. Galesburg is very creditably represented by the following places of business; a splendid bank, three first class general stores, a lumber yard, a blacksmith shop, a hotel, a meat market, a livery barn, auto livery service, a well equipped barber shop, a confectionery and fruit store, a restaurant and pool hall and a side line of tobacco, confectionery and soft drinks, two excellent machine and implement houses, a commodious opera house, a drug store, a harness shop, a Standard Oil Supply Station, and four grain elevators.

Galesburg is located in one of the most prosperous and flourishing farming communities in the state. The soil is known for its fertility, being a black loam with a sufficient mixture of sand which facilitates its cultivation, and has none of the sticky qualities of the "gumbo" soil so prevalent in the Red River Valley. Large orchards, shade and fruit trees adorn practically every one of the numerous well-kept farms. Excellent roads radiate in every direction. While grain raising is the principal industry, yet raising of thoroughbred stock is being carried on an extensive scale by practically all the many progressive

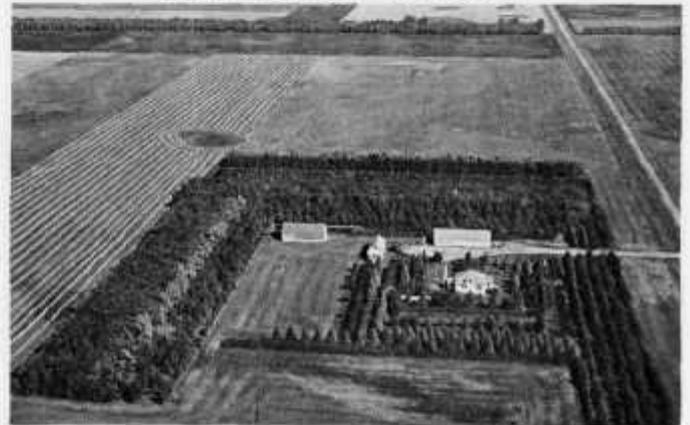
farmers. The soil here is also adapted to the raising of corn and potatoes.

About 400,000 bushels of grain are marketed annually at Galesburg and about sixty car loads of livestock are annually shipped to the St. Paul markets.

Galesburg has excellent educational facilities. It has a large and modern public school where grades and two years of high school work is taught. There are also two churches supported by large congregations, a Presbyterian church and a Norwegian Lutheran church. The community Welfare Club has been organized to further community interests and to provide clean and wholesome recreation and amusements for the people of the village and community.

A fair and conservative estimate of the current value of the land in this community would range from \$50.00 to \$75.00 per acre, according to the improvements and condition of the soil.

SOIL CONSERVATION



Field Windbreaks and Farmstead Trees on the Iver Bakken Farm

When the railroad was built through Galesburg Township, farmland close to the railroad became very much in demand. This land was plowed and farmed for several years. The farmers plowed their land in the fall and it would blow all winter. Much of the top soil would end up in the fence line.

The West Trail Soil Conservation District was organized in 1945 and under this program the federal government would pay eighty percent and the farmer would pay twenty percent of planting field shelterbelts. The Soil Conservation District furnished the trees and planted them where the farmers wanted them. The first twenty years the Soil Conservation District planted almost three million trees in field shelterbelts. That is about seven hundred fifty-five miles of trees. Galesburg area was one of the largest areas of tree planting.

They also planted many farmstead tree belts. The farmers began leaving stubble mulch on the soil and planted a cover crop in the fall so the land would not blow all winter. Many other things were done by the district to improve the methods of farming, drainage ditches were made, grass water ways were seeded, channel improvements on the Elm River, dams were built, and livestock water holes were dug. The farmers would obtain a work plan and set up crop rotations for the future years. This program of the Soil Conservation Service has been in existence now for thirty-six years and the Galesburg area is now rated near the top of farming in North Dakota.

Soil Stewardship

Consider this place —

*It's the land that was settled two centuries ago
By men who surmounted both peril and woe*

*It's the country that's grown across rivers and plains
With factories and farms, building fortunes and fame.*

*It's the nation whose spirit, you and I claim
Has brought forth the finest in liberty's name.*

It's the town of my father, and his father, too;

It's the church and the school, all living we knew.

It's the fields and the forest; the meandering stream;

It's the home of our family; the neighborhood scene.

It has needs and big problems, and goals that we share;

It's a test of our purpose and how much we care.

It's the hope and the promise of future reward;

It's the challenge to work for the earth of the Lord

Consider this place:

Consider it well.

AUGUSTADT DAM



Elm River Watershed Dam No. 2, located 2½ miles northeast of Galesburg, nears completion.

In the early 1960's the United States Soil Conservation Service and the North Dakota Soil Conservation Association approved projects to build three watershed dams on the Elm River, one six miles northwest of Galesburg, one in Cass County just south of Cass County road twenty-six, eight miles south and one mile west of Galesburg and the largest of the three, five miles northeast of Galesburg. As this project was being developed, the Elm River Wildlife Club of Galesburg with the aid of the West Traill Soil Conservation District persuaded them to include a recreation development, stocking of fish on a trial basis, and for boating, swimming, and a picnic and camping area. It was soon found that it was not deep enough for fish to survive.

The dam was named the Augustadt Dam in honor of the late Walter Augustadt, an engineer who worked hard for the development of this project. In this area it is also known as the Elm River Park.

Development of the park was sponsored by the Elm River Wildlife Club and the club members with the help of many other local people built picnic shelters and tables, planted shade trees, sanded the beach and built a boat ramp.

It became a very popular place for the first few years. There were Fourth of July celebrations at the park with fireworks and many other sporting activities. This was an annual event for a few years.

Camping, family picnics, swimming and boating is still quite popular but due to the destruction and vandalism of all the efforts that were put into the park, it has been almost impossible to keep the park in good shape. Hope is that this will change and that the park can be built up again and be enjoyed by all.



Picnicing at Augustadt Dam



ROY HERTWIG

Roy Hertwig built many fire places around the Galesburg area. One he built in the Larry Lovas home from stones picked from the farm. He built it in December of 1980 and it was ready in time for Santa Claus to come down the chimney on Christmas Eve.

Roy was employed at Great Plains Supply for several years.



Roy Hertwig

CHRIS ANDERSON



Chris Anderson Bringing His Boat into Town

In 1979, Chris Anderson, who is retired from construction work, realized his dream come true when he was able to bring his Coast Guard fifteen ton boat to Galesburg. The ride took five days from the Lake of the Woods where the boat was docked to Galesburg where he plans to replank the boat's hull and strengthen the structure with fiber glass and reinforced concrete.

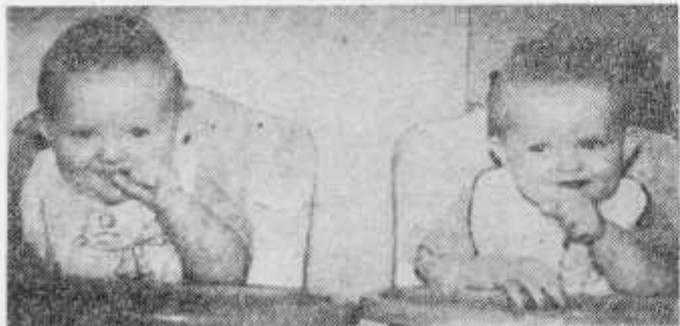
Chris drew lots of puzzled looks and questions along the way home. He was the recipient of a captain's cap when he arrived in Galesburg and his wife smashed a bottle of champagne against the hull christening the boat "Ruth Ardis."

Chris mainly purchased the boat for the fun of it and will spend many enjoyable hours making it seaworthy.



"The Ruth Ardis"

TWINS 42 POUNDS AT 6 MONTHS



Clair and Curt Haakenson

A Galesburg couple has challenged the weight record at six months of a set of twins — a boy and a girl — born to Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Stenzel of Wells, Minnesota, as reported in a recent Associated Press story.

The couple — Mr. and Mrs. Neil Haakenson — say the weight of their twin boys at the age of six months was 42 pounds. That compares with the weight of "slightly over 40 pounds" for the boy and girl twins of Mr. and Mrs. Stenzel for the same period.

The Haakenson twins — Clair and Curtis were born in a Mayville hospital May 20, 1948, and at birth weighed 12 pounds and seven ounces. Mrs. Haakenson said the twins had doubled their weight at two months and tripled their weight at four months. She added that they weighed 54 pounds at 10 months.

CANTATA



1981 Cantata

A Cantata, comprised of members of area churches, first performed in 1974 and has sung every Christmas since. In the past few years people from communities, other than Clifford and Galesburg, have joined in singing in the Cantata. Every year it has been under the direction of Marjorie Anderson with Pianist, Vicki Holman. It has always had a wide variety of age groups, teenagers to senior citizens.

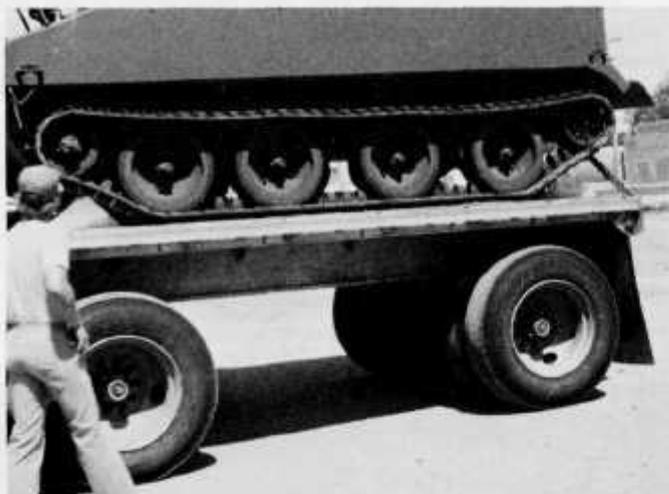
In 1981, Ole Erickson of Page, North Dakota sponsored the group of over seventy members, and they sang on KXJB TV.

Besides singing in Norman Lutheran Church of Clifford and Elm River Lutheran Church of Galesburg, they also go to churches in surrounding communities such as: Portland, Hunter, and Page.

GALESBURG GETS WAR MONUMENT

In 1980 the S.B. Aasen Post 210 of the American Legion of Galesburg secured a war memento for a city landmark. An eight ton demilitarized M1-14 Army Reconnaissance Vehicle which cost around \$42,000 when it was new, was hauled to Galesburg by Billy Elliott. It was received from the Red River Arsenal in Texarkana, Texas. This vehicle, used in war time as an armored scouting vehicle, is sixteen feet long and about eight feet wide. It has had the engine removed and the hatchways were welded shut as part of the demilitarization.

It sits on a cement pedestal in the center of the city as a memorial landmark. The Legion is in the process of erecting a flag pole near the tank with a continuous light shining on a flag donated by the Ed Bye family.



Galesburg's War Monument

MEMORIAL HALL



Galesburg Memorial Hall

The Galesburg Memorial Building in the village of Galesburg was dedicated May 30, 1961. This building replaced the Town Hall, Fire Hall, and American Legion hall.

The County War Memorial Fund was divided giving each city and incorporated village its share. Galesburg's share was \$16,200.00 which was used for this building with an additional \$2,580.00 paid by the village for a total cost of \$18,780.00. The Trail County Commissioners authorized the Galesburg Village Board to supervise the building. A six man committee consisting of three village trustees; Ole Soholt, Gordon Jefferson, and Victor Smith; O.M. Smith, representing the American Legion; Otto Mielke, Fire Chief; and Hartman Ulland, township supervisor acting in behalf of the community in obtaining this money. The bid was given to Wenaas Construction of Hunter.

The Sons of Norway donated some of the kitchen equipment. The drapes were donated by the American Legion Auxiliary. Some donated the use of their trucks in hauling gravel and fill used for the building. Henry Julseth donated the eave troughs. Many donated their labor in building cabinets in the kitchen and in painting the interior of the building.



Arden Bring and Orville Paulson remodeling the Memorial Hall

This building is a great improvement to our community and one of which we are justly proud.

In 1975 the Tall Towers Senior Citizen Club had received a lease to the Memorial Hall for twenty years. They decided the hall was pretty small. They started raising money to build an addition onto the hall.

About \$2000.00 was raised by local activities. They received about \$1900.00 in revenue sharing, donation of \$500.00 from the American Legion, \$500.00 from Galesburg City, and about \$2000.00 from County tax levies that were divided between the eight Senior Citizen Clubs in the county.

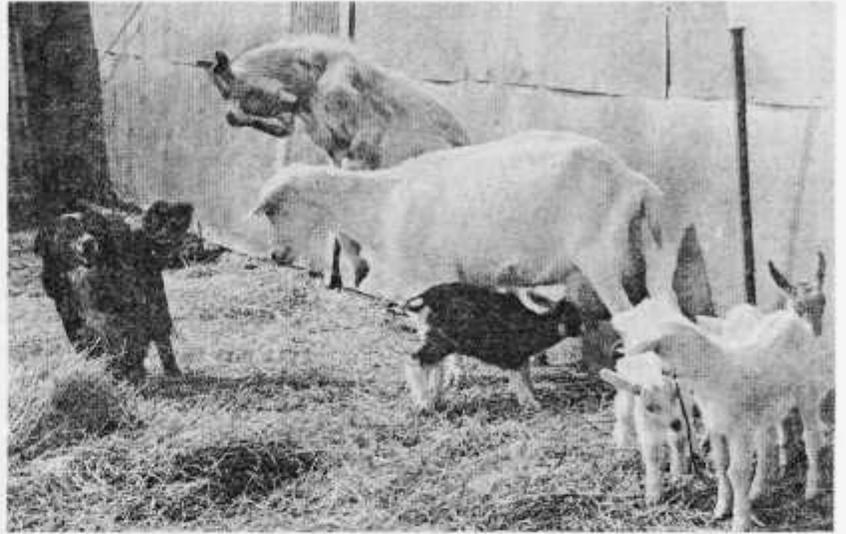
Great Plains with the aid of volunteer help, erected the addition and local men extended the kitchen and made a store room in the northwest corner of the building. A permanent wall was put in where the old curtain wall was and a meeting room was made where the village holds their meetings.



Jennie Mykland - oldest living resident born in Galesburg, 81 years old. Annie Mykland - oldest living resident of Galesburg, 92 years old.



Elgin Erickson played a joke on the mail man by erecting an "air mail" box above the regular one.



Oscar Groven's Goats

THINGS GROW BIG IN GALESBURG



Ralph Bring and his Carrot



Anna Johnson in the Sunflower Field



Herb Bennett's Burpless Cucumber

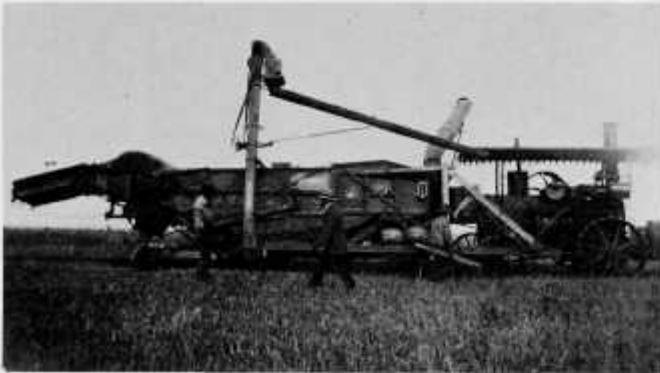


Elmer Rygh and his Watermelon

GALESBURG INVENTORS



HOUGHTON'S INVENTION



P.S. Houghton's Invention

Houghton was a big farmer. He mounted a grain separator and steam engine all together on a steel wheeled wagon. His idea was to go down the field to the shocks and pick them up rather than use bundle haulers or stack threshing. This did not work because it was too cumbersome, slow, and started fire in stubble. The machine was fired by straw. He took the same steamer later on and put several gang plows behind it.

PORTABLE GRAIN AUGER

A few years back Lyle and Duane Bring realizing a need to transport a grain auger from place to place in an easier way, mounted the auger right on the tractor. The auger is powered by the tractor and is permanently left on the tractor.



Duane and Lyle Bring's Auger Invention

GALESBURG MAN GETS PATENT FOR SEEDER

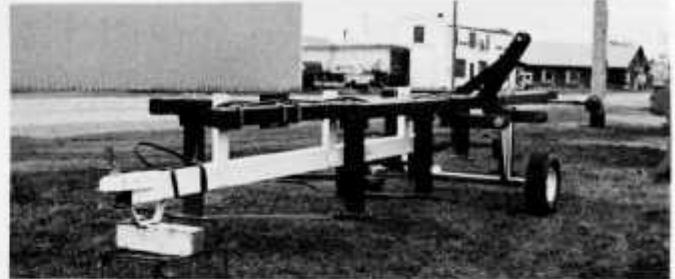
October 31, 1941

Philip W.R. Satrom of Galesburg has been granted a patent for a novel type of packer rim attachment for seeder disks, according to a report received from Robert M. Dunning, St. Paul patent attorney. Mr. Satrom's patent was granted as U.S. Patent No. 2,258,626.

The device described by Mr. Satrom is a seeder disk having a hub which extends on both sides of the disk and which is externally threaded. A pair of rimmed disks of less diameter than the seeder disk are placed on either side of the disk in the center thereof. Nuts are threaded on to the seeder disk hub, so as to hold the rimmed disk in place on opposite side of the seeder disk.

Mr. Satrom's patent was issued October 14 with two claims and was pending for more than a year in the patent office.

LOREN HALVORSON'S BEAN CUTTER



Big "H" Bean Cutter

Frustrated by cutting pinto beans with a front bean cutter and rear rod weeder and leaving beans in the field prompted Loren Halvorson to try a better method of doing this. The front cutter would cut the main root of the pinto, but would leave uncut the gathering roots and a rod weeder behind would just plug up. Faced with these problems and the loss of beans he hit upon the idea of a rear mounted follow-up cutter on the tractor's three point hitch. It took a couple years before the cutter was perfected and placed on the market. Loren has these built at Bil-Bilt Products in Hunter and sells them to farmers and dealers from his shop at Galesburg. At present he has sold three hundred of these which he calls Big "H" Bean Cutter.



Symbol of Our Nation

These pages are dedicated to our men and women who have served our country in the Armed Forces. The sacrifices they have made to render peace and keep it is a tribute to those who gave their lives. Our list of servicemen is not complete, we know, because of records we could not obtain. However, to those who are left out, their services are remembered as well and we acknowledge it here.



Henry Aasen,
Army, W.W. II



Orville Aasen,
W.W. II



Ray Aasen,
Air Force, W.W. II



James Ahrlin,
National Guard



Fred Alberts,
Army, W.W. II



George Alberts,
Army, W.W. I



Jerome Alberts,
Army, W.W. II



Walter Alberts,
Army, W.W. I



Mollfrid Moe Amole,
Navy Nurse, W.W. II



Andrew Anderson,
Army, W.W. I



Austin Anderson,
Air Force, W.W. II



Howard Anderson,
Army, Korean



Osborne Anderson,
Army, W.W. II



Jim Baldock,
Army, W.W. II



Alton Bjelverud,
Army, W.W. II



Kenneth Bjelverud,
Navy, W.W. II



**Myron Bjelverud,
Navy, W.W. II**



**Harris Borud,
Army, W.W. II**



**Herman Borud,
Army, W.W. II**



**James Borud,
Army, W.W. II**



**Albert Bratholt,
Army, W.W. II**



**Jerome Bratholt,
Air Force, W.W. II**



**Curtis Bring,
National Guard**



**Duane Bring,
Air Guard**



**John Bring,
National Guard**



**Kenneth Bring,
Navy**



**Gary Brovick,
National Guard**



**Bert Burkholder,
Navy, W.W. II**



**Earl Burkholder,
Air Force, W.W. II**



**Frank Burkholder,
Army**



**Edwin Bye,
Army, W.W. I**



**Gerald Carson,
Army, W.W. II**



Stewart Carson,
Navy



Wayne Carson,
Army



Alma Smith Church,
Army Nurse, W.W. II



James Clevon,
Army, W.W. II



Emil Dahi,
Army, W.W. I



Otto Dahle,
Army, W.W. I



Albert Elliott, Jr.,
Army, Vietnam



Albert Elliott, Sr.,
Army, W.W. II



Jerald Elliott,
Paratrooper



William Elliott,
Paratrooper



Arthur E. Engen,
Army Air Force, W.W. II



Orlando Enger,
Army, W.W. II



Dean Erickson,
Air Guard



Mrs. Elgin Erickson,
SPAR-USCG



Lyle Erickson,
Air Guard



George Fanning,
Army, W.W. II



Ruth Smith Faubion,
Army Nurse, W.W. II



Ernest Folden,
Army, W.W. II



Justin Foss,
Army, W.W. II



Albert Gisvold,
Army, W.W. I



Alvin Gisvold,
Navy, W.W. II



Charles Gisvold,
Navy, W.W. II



Donald and Leland
Gisvold, Army, W.W. II



Marvin Gisvold,
Air Force, W.W. II



Matthew Gisvold,
National Guard



Orlin Gisvold,
Marines, W.W. II



Paul Gisvold,
National Guard



Helmer Haakenson,
Army, W.W. II



Dale Haakenson,
Navy



Curt Haakenson,
Army



Joel Halvorson,
Air Guard



Loren Halvorson,
Army, W.W. II



Orville Halvorson,
Army, W.W. II



Gunnar Haugan,
Army, W.W. I



Ivar Haugan,
Army, W.W. I



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Army, W.W. II



Fritz Haugen,
Navy, W.W. II



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Navy, W.W. II



Nels Haugen,
Army, W.W. II



Don Havelange,
Air Force



Daniel Henry,
Army



Harry G. Henry,
Army, W.W. II



Leroy Henry,
Army, Korean



Merle Henry,
Army, W.W. II



Kent Hochgraber,
National Guard



Leroy Hochgraber,
Navy, W.W. II



Milton Hochgraber,
Coast Guard, W.W. II



Odean Holter,
Navy, W.W. II



Gena Smith Iverson,
Army Nurse, W.W. I



Donald Jacobson,
Army, W.W. II



Carl Jacobson,
Army, W.W. I



Elizabeth Rud Johnson,
Army



Vernon Johnson,
Army, W.W. II



Douglas Jondahl,
Army, W.W. II



Philip Jondahl,
Army Air Force, W.W. II



Clarence Jones,
Army, W.W. I



Cyrene Jongeward,
Army, W.W. II



Keith Jongeward,
Navy, W.W. II



Vernon and Millard
Jorgensen, Army, W.W. II



Rudolph Jystad,
Army, W.W. II



Charley Klessig,
Air Force, W.W. II



John Kvalvick,
Army, W.W. I



Dale Kvam,
Army, W.W. II



Howard Kvam,
Air Force, W.W. II



Howell Kvam,
W.W. II



James Kvam,
Army



Ole Kvam,
Army, W.W. I



Ray Kvam,
Army, W.W. II



Bennie Kylo,
Army, W.W. I



Gordon Kylo,
Army, W.W. II



Harold Kylo,
Army, W.W. II



Harvey Kylo,
Army, Korean



Ronald Kylo,
Army, Korean



Sigvard Kylo,
Army, W.W. I



Irvin Lande,
Army, W.W. II



Lawrence Lande,
Army, W.W. II



Louis Larson,
Air Force, W.W. II



Orin Larson,
Navy, W.W. II



Lars Lee,
Army, W.W. II



Larry Martin,
Army, Vietnam



Grace Carson McCoy,
Navy



Chester Miller,
Air Force, W.W. II



Lawrence Miller,
Army, W.W. II



Joel Moe,
Air Force, W.W. II



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Arnold Olson,
Army, W.W. II



Chester Olson,
Army, W.W. II



Sig Olson,
Army, W.W. II



John Olstad,
Navy



Esther Nora Omdahl,
Red Cross Nurse, W.W. I



Vincent Olstad,
Navy, Vietnam



Arden Paulson,
Korean



Bill Paulson,
National Guard



**Kenneth Paulson,
Army, W.W. II**



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**Stanley Rock,
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**Arnold Rostad,
Army, W.W. II**



**Gust Rostad,
Army, W.W. II**



**Oscar Rostad,
Army, W.W. II**



**Daniel Rud,
Navy, Vietnam**



**John Rud,
Air Force**



**Lloyd Rud,
Air Force**



**Marlowe Rud,
National Guard**



**Norman Rud,
Army**



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National Guard



LeRoy Satrom,
W.W. II



Ole Satrom,
Army, W.W. II



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Army



Paul T. Satrom,
Army, W.W. II



Peter Satrom,
Army, W.W. I



Robert Satrom,
Navy



Wayne Satrom,
National Guard



Geraldine Carson Saulnier,
Navy



Daryl Severs,
Vietnam



George Smith,
Air Force, W.W. II



O.M. Smith,
Army, W.W. I



Nels Soholt,
Army, W.W. II



Ole Soholt,
Army, W.W. I



Ruth Hazel Olstad
Stebleton, Army Nurse



Cora Smith Sundby,
Army Nurse, W.W. II



Clint Tanger,
Army, W.W. I



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Army, W.W. I



Bud Toliver,
Army, W.W. II



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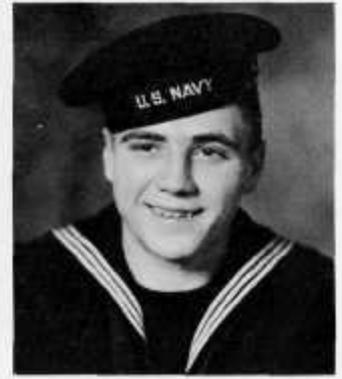
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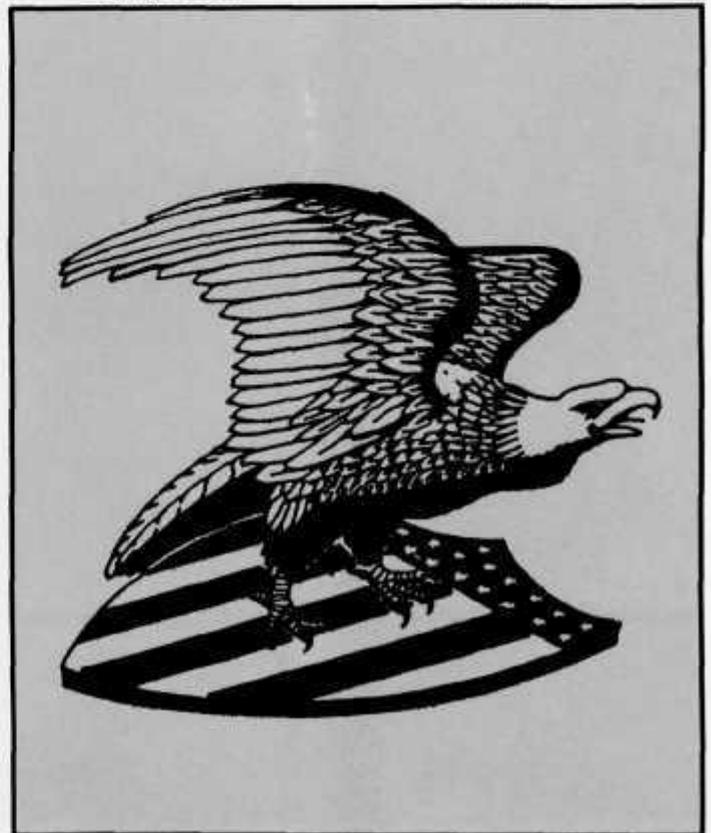


Richard Workin,
Air Force, Korean

SERVICEMEN WITHOUT PICTURES W.W. I

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 Sidney Anderson
 Everet Berry
 John Carlson
 Myron Cox
 Albert Dahl
 Grant Ford
 Henry Gisvold
 Michael Halsparken
 Charles Henderson
 William Henderson
 Jack Hornseth
 John Jondahl

Elmer Kittleson
 Louis Thomas
 Anton Lean
 Ole Lean
 John Melting
 Henry Ness
 Oluf Omdahl
 Thomas Rockman
 Oscar Satrom
 John Stockmoe
 Ingvold Sveum
 Ernest Voss





Oluf Mykland, O.M. Smith, Oluf Jondahl, Army, W.W. I



Gary Halvorson, Harol Rud, National Guard



Front: Bert Johnson, Hartman Ulland, Gordon Kylo, Louis Larson. Second: Carl Jacobson, O.M. Smith, Gilbert Haugen, Ben Workin, Ole Soholt, Bennie Kylo. Third: Edwin Bye, Sidney Anderson, Albert Elliott Sr., Albert Gisvold, Edward Haugen, Burt Burkholder. Back: Myron Bjelverud, Donald Doyle, Kenneth Olson, Milton Hochgraber, Arno Satrom, Alton Bjelverud, Elmer Ames, Fred Alberts.

BICENTENNIAL 1976



On June 18 and 19 in 1976 Galesburg took their part in celebrating our country's bicentennial. The two day observance

began on Friday the eighteenth with an all church service at the Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg followed by a parade with over one hundred units and floats. That afternoon there was a softball game and a demolition derby. In the evening the Magic Globe Players entertained the youngsters with a production entitled "A Salute to America." The evening ended with a family dance and square dancing.

Saturday began with a community auction followed by a horseshoe tournament and a fire fighting demonstration by fire departments from Page, Hunter, Clifford and Galesburg. A community barbeque was served at noon. The afternoon entertainment included a softball game and a horse show. The celebration ended with a historical pageant and a dance.



1. Galesburg Senior Citizens in the Bicentennial Parade 1976. Gusta Soholt, Annie Paulson, Sigrid Landet, Annie Anderson, Annie Mykland, Jennie Mykland.
2. Sisters of the Swish — Connie Bring, Viola Rygh, Hazel Bring, Pearl Olson
3. Loren Halvorson and his Chickens
4. The Old Outhouse Float Sponsored by Galesburg Elevator
5. Gordon and Annie Jefferson in Buggy. Arden Bring on Tractor.
6. Orren Anderson and his Model D John Deere Tractor
7. Brothers of the Brush — Harold Bring, Lyle Bring, Lynn Bring, Jack McClure
8. Richard Rygh with Mobil Gas Truck owned by Keith Johnson
9. Horses in Parade
10. Willing Workers 4-H Club Float
11. Clifford-Galesburg School Band

Family Histories

*The tenderness in mother's eyes, and
the warmth of mother lips.*

*The murmur of a prayer at twilight, and
the waking beauty of another prayer that
greet's the day.*

*Family ties . . . that are blessed by
real affection.*

*The patter of little feet, and the lisp
of baby voices.*

*Eyes that become dim in service, and
hands that grow weary with doing
tasks for others.*

*Childhood and middle age, and the
gentle afterglow.*

And, always, happiness . . .



HISTORY OF OLE and LOTTA AARHUS FARM

This farm home known as the Aasen farm in the Galesburg vicinity is of special interest to Susan Jo and Gary Satrom because their maternal great grandmother, Ingri Aasen and two grandmothers lived here, Grandmother Gina Satrom in her infancy and youth and Grandmother Lotta Aarhus in her later years, in her seventies and eighties. The place now belongs to Susan Jo Satrom and is presently occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Terrance O'Brien. Mrs. O'Brien is the niece of Mrs. Walter Satrom of Page, North Dakota.

The Aasen history began when Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Aasen with their two children, Ole and Betsy, came to this country from Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway in 1879. They first came to Sheyenne and their third child, Christian, was born there the day they arrived, June 17, 1879. They lived with Mrs. Aasen's brother, Hans Knudson, until the spring of 1881 when Johannes and Ingri homesteaded in the Galesburg Township. There were ten children born to Johannes and Ingri: Ole, Betsy, Christian, Sophia, Gina, Emma, Ida, Sigvart, Bennie, and Sophus. Mr. Aasen died in 1901, Mrs. Aasen in 1927.



Home of Johannes and Ingri Aasen Farm built in the early 1900's with members of the Aasen family in the foreground.

Ole Aasen was born on November 30, 1874 in Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. He came to the United States in 1879 with his parents, Johannes and Ingri. In 1881, his parents homesteaded in Galesburg Township. When his father died in 1901, Ole remained at home to help his mother.

Anna Strand, Ole's wife, was born March 8, 1879 in Norway and came to Garretson, South Dakota from Odda, Hardanger in 1907 and to North Dakota in the spring of 1912. She married Ole in the fall of 1912 on November 30.

In 1921, Ole and Anna bought the northwest quarter of Section thirty-three from Dalrymple. They lived on this farm thirty years moving into Galesburg in 1951. Ole died in 1963, Anna two years later in 1965.

The Johannes Aasen farm remained in the estate and was owned by Betsy, Sophia, Gina, Emma, and Ida. They decided to sell. Ole Aarhus bought it and his mother Lotta came to live with him. Ole lived here about twenty years, Mrs. Aarhus a few years less since she died in 1958 at almost the age of ninety-two. Ole continued farming for a few more years. His health failed and when he died the place was purchased by Susan Jo Satrom.

Even though the house has a new finish it still retains the same architectural lines as the original. The homestead had been in the relationship one hundred years.

The place is fondly called "Ponderosa" because it consists of only one quarter of land.



Home of the Johannes and Ingri Aasen farm after it was recently renovated by the Terrence O'Brien's who occupy the home at the present time.

JOHANNES and INGRI AASEN



Front: Ole, Ida Elston, Bennie, Emma, Mother
Back: Gena S., Betsy, Christian, Sophia, Sophus

Johannes and Ingri Aasen came to the United States from Dovre, Norway in 1879. Kari Olson, Ingri's mother, accompanied them. Kari Olson had one brother that drowned and one brother, Knute, who settled in West Fargo. Knute changed his name to Knuteson.

Johannes and Ingri had a son born on the train from New York to North Dakota. They named this son Christian Hero. His second name, Hero, was the initials of the crew members of the train. These members sent him to college all expenses paid. After college he became a teacher.

Seven more children were born in North Dakota. Sophia (Mrs. Martin Bothne), Gena (Mrs. Ole Satrom), Emma (Mrs. Alfred Engelstad), Ida (Mrs. Carl Elston), Sigvard the first (died as an infant), Sigvard Bernard, whom the Galesburg American Legion Post is named after, Betsy (Mrs. S. Nestigan), and Sophus.

SOPHUS M. and ROSE A. AASEN

Sophus was born on a farm near Clifford, March 31, 1894 to parents John and Ingri Aasen. This farm for years was known as the "Aasen farm", three miles north, one mile west and one-half mile north of Galesburg. He married Rose A. Jondahl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Jondahl, who was born June 4, 1894. To this union four children were born, Sylvia, Orville, Raymond and Lorraine. The Aasen's farmed the home farm for a few years. Sophus and family then moved to Clifford and operated a service station for one or two years before moving to Galesburg to manage the bulk Standard Service. Through the following years he worked at the Sande Implement in Galesburg and at the Moen Implement in Hunter after moving there. Somewhere around 1941 the family moved to Glendale, California where they resided the rest of their lives. Rose died May 13, 1971 and Sophus died April 25, 1981.

Sylvia married M.F. Holzer and has five children, residing at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Orville married and they have four children. Orville served in the Air Corps in World War II and is presently owner of an appliance store in Glendale.

Raymond served in the Air Corps in World War II, later married and they have three children and reside in Colorado Springs, Colorado. He recently worked for Lockheed in Saudi Arabia as a pilot trainer.

Lorraine is married, has four children and lives near San Francisco.

CLAYTON and HELEN AHRLIN



Clayton Ahrlin Family
Jim, Laurel, Helen, Denise, Clayton

Clayton Ahrlin was the fifth of six sons born to Adolph and Sophy Ahrlin of Warwick, North Dakota. Adolph was a depot agent. A short time after Clayton's birth Adolph became foreman of a ranch south of Warwick along the Sheyenne River. Here is where Clayton spent his early childhood years. Adolph died in the flu epidemic of 1918. Clayton's mother moved to Hatton where she managed a hotel and later started a restaurant which she operated until 1948. Clayton and his brothers continued their education at the Hatton Public School.

Upon completion of high school Clayton entered college at Mayville where he played on the football team. Here he met Helen Rust of Galesburg who was also attending college. Helen was the second of two daughters born to Ed and Petra Rust. Her

early childhood was spent on a farm just over three miles straight south of Galesburg. In the early twenties the family moved to a new farmstead about one mile further west. This is the present Ahrlin home. Helen and her sister, Ruby, attended a country school two miles west. Fellow classmates included the Rutherfords and Klessigs. This school was the site of many social events in the 1920's. Helen attended high school in Galesburg. She often stayed at the Rust farm two miles south of town during her high school years. Upon completion of high school she entered college at Mayville. She earned her Standard Degree and began teaching. During summers she continued her education earning a B.A. degree about 1941. Helen taught in several rural schools near the communities of Goodrich, Page, Whitman, and Wimbledon.

Clayton and Helen were married in 1940 at Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg. They lived near Wimbledon one year where Clayton taught. They then moved to Felch, Michigan, where Clayton taught three years. Jim was born in Michigan. Being homesick for the prairies of North Dakota the family moved back west and settled in Portland, North Dakota, where Clayton taught another three years. Clayton then decided to leave teaching and tried several occupations including car salesman, furnace business, and life insurance. In the meantime Helen's mother passed away and the family which now included Denise moved to the farm at Galesburg to live with Ed. In 1954 Clayton was hired as Superintendent of Schools at Galesburg and held this position until consolidation in 1961. During this time Laurel was born. In 1961 the family moved to Grandin where Clayton was Superintendent of Schools for the next 15 years until his retirement in 1976. In that year they moved back to their family farm near Galesburg.

Jim, Denise, and Laurel attended school in Galesburg. Denise and Laurel continued their education at Grandin where both graduated. All three attended Concordia College and are teachers. Jim has taught high school science at Forman, Streeter, and Arthur. Denise has taught second grade and is presently teaching social studies at Starbuck, Minnesota. Laurel teaches elementary physical education and life science at Harvey, North Dakota.

ED and ELIZABETH ALBERTS



Ed and Elizabeth Alberts

Ed Alberts was born in Wisconsin in 1867. He came to the Galesburg area where he met and married Elizabeth Norby, born 1873, daughter of Anton and Martha Norby. The Alberts farmed for a time on the former Taylor farm, now occupied by the Lyle Brings. They also farmed at Mortimer.

Seven sons and two daughters were born to them, Harry, George, Walter, Philip, Arthur, Elmer, Fred, Mabel (Mrs. Hartvick Hagen) and Louetta (Mrs. Frank Green).

Ed quit farming and with the able help of his sons went into carpentering. They remodeled the old creamery east of Galesburg, and resided there until they passed away. Ed passed away in 1935 and Elizabeth in 1948.

Philip and Fred remained at this home and for several years they farmed until their death. Philip died in 1959 and Fred in 1978.

The only remaining member of the Alberts family is George who resides at Fargo, North Dakota.

ELMER and ARDITH ALBERTS



**Jerome, Thomas,
Ardith and Elmer**

Elmer Alberts was born June 10, 1903 near Galesburg to Edward and Elizabeth Alberts. He worked on various farms. He was employed by Gardine Bridge Company of Fargo, the Traill County Highway Department and the Great Northern Railroad for eighteen years.

He married Ardith Paulson September 24, 1930 at Moorhead, Minnesota. They celebrated their Golden Wedding in 1980.

Ardith Paulson was born May 26, 1912 at Galesburg to Oscar and Anna Paulson. She was a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Stordahl Lutheran Church Women.

They had two sons, Jerome (Romie) of Fargo, North Dakota and Thomas of Galesburg. Jerome married Rose Freyhof of Fargo, North Dakota. He is manager of the Teamsters Bar in Fargo.

Elmer passed away June 30, 1981 and Ardith passed away November 28, 1981.

FRED ALBERTS

Fred Alberts, son of Edward and Elizabeth Alberts was born November 19, 1905. He served in World War II. Fred and his brother Philip, rented and farmed land in the Galesburg area. Fred and Philip enjoyed hunting, fishing, and trapping. Fred spent his last years in a rest home in Wahpeton, North Dakota and at Clinton, Minnesota where he passed away in 1978.

PHILIP ALBERTS

Philip Alberts was born February 16, 1897 to Edward and Elizabeth Alberts. Phil worked on construction and on farms in the area. He and his brother, Fred, rented land and did some farming also. Phil loved to hunt and trap.

Phil passed away in 1959.

ALBERT and IDA AMB



**Delores, Inez, Clinton, Evelyn, Janice
Albert and Ida Amb**

Albert first came to this community in the early 1930's. Albert was born on September 1, 1898, to Carl and Caroline Amb of rural Portland, North Dakota. Albert had twelve brothers and sisters. His parents came from Norway and homesteaded south of Portland.

As a young man, Albert, spent a few years working in Chicago, Illinois. He didn't care for the 'busy, dirty, windy' city. He returned to North Dakota and took courses at Hanson Tractor School in Fargo before starting a farming career.

In the early 1930's he first rented a farm seven miles south and one mile west of Galesburg. He married the lady who came to be his cook and housekeeper. He married Ida Larson on July 7, 1933. Ida also came from the Portland community. She was the daughter of Ole and Inga Larson and was born November 2, 1906, at Plaza, North Dakota.

In 1942 the Amb's purchased the 'Korshus Farm' in Dows Township. That fall they moved in with their family of three children: Inez, Clinton, and Evelyn. In 1944 Delores was born and in 1946 Janice completed their family of five children.

Ida and Albert continued to farm until 1963 when they retired to Portland. Their daughter Inez and her husband, Leon Nelson, purchased the farm and now live there.

Evelyn married William Elliott in 1958. They live in Fargo North Dakota and have three children: Linda, Lora and Darin.

Delores married John Ludwig in 1964. They reside in Las Cruces, New Mexico, with daughters, Julie and Elizabeth.

Janice married Glenn Larson in 1965. Their home is in Chula Vista, California. They have a son, Brent and a daughter, Brenda.

Clinton lives with his mother, Ida Amb in Portland. Albert Amb passed away in March 1980.

ELMER AMES

Elmer Ames was a farm laborer on many farms in the Galesburg area. He was a World War I veteran and a member of the Legion Post at Galesburg.

Elmer always considered Galesburg his home.

ELROY and BLANCHE AMUNDSON



Front: Elroy, Rena, Blanche. Middle: Gary, Merle, Lyle. Back: Ron

Elroy Amundson was born near Portland, North Dakota to parents Alvin and Jorgina Amundson. There were seven boys and three girls in the family. He attended school at Viking Township and was confirmed at Bruflat Lutheran Church at Portland.

The family being many, all learned the traits of how to succeed by working together in farming. At an early age they were taught how to milk the cows (by the two hand pulling method), cutting of trees, sawing wood to keep the home fires burning and how to be a mechanic by the age of eleven.

Elroy went to work at the neighbors at an early age and worked at several places before entering the service in October 1942. He enlisted in the Navy and served aboard several ships during the time in both the Pacific and Atlantic oceans. He was discharged from the service in October 1945. He was married to Blanche Beck June 14, 1943.

Blanche was born in rural Portland, North Dakota area to parents John and Minnie Beck. She was the sixth child in a family of ten boys and four girls. She attended school in Enger Township and confirmed at Little Forks of rural Hatton, North Dakota. Coming from a large family, she was thankful they lived on a farm. She was also taught how you all work together to bring the food from the ground to the mouth and learn the method of how the milk gets from the cow to the table. There was the caring for babies and children at an early age, plus bread baking, cooking, cleaning, etc. The experience has been most



April 1977 — The Elroy Amundson Family

rewarding for the future. There were many hardships for a large family to survive during the 1930's. With everyone sharing and finding jobs at an early age, they all grew up to be a close knit family. Regardless of where they worked, everyone would congregate at home on Sundays for a ball game or such. Friends were welcome to come also.

Elroy and Blanche became parents upon the arrival of Ron, June 8, 1944. After Elroy's discharge from the service, they made their first home at Mayville, North Dakota. He served as an apprentice for three years under the G.I. Bill, learning blacksmithing from Clarence Fugleberg. After three years on the job, he was ready to leave on his own, so it was time to look for a place of his own. Some of Fugleberg's customers were from the Galesburg area and they were interested in getting a business as such closer to home. A committee was chosen, so Elroy met with them and they decided they would put up a building if Elroy would start his business there.

Two more boys were added to the family in three years at Mayville. Lyle was born September 30, 1946 and Gary was born January 21, 1948. So, in April 1949, the family moved to Galesburg. The farmers kept him very busy at the shop, especially with the sharpening of plow lays, which meant going to work at early morning hours. It was best to work at the forge before the hottest part of the day. Then there were the odds and ends, welding, etc. to be done. During the winter time, there was not much to do in the shop so it was not feasible to keep the building heated. Elroy then did some long distance grain hauling for Orville (Duke) Satrom.

January 21, 1950, Merle was born, so then there were four boys in the family, but June 25, 1952 a girl, Rena, was born. The frilly dresses were then added to the clothes line amongst the shirts and pants. We did not have the convenience of running water, inside plumbing or bath rooms, but we did have a warm oil heated home. We lived in a community of friendly people where our children could walk to school, run errands to the grocery store, bring the lunch to the shop to their dad and no worry or fear of anyone causing them any problems. We did not have a telephone, but had good neighbors who shared theirs and also many a ride to or from the church on Sunday mornings.

Then came the government soil bank program and the throw away lays which meant less work for a blacksmith shop

and with a family of seven to support, decisions had to be made. Elroy was offered a job with a construction firm as a welder and mechanic in the spring of 1957. The family joined him in Fargo the last part of May and resided there until April 1959, when they moved to their present home at rural Hawley, Minnesota. This move gave the boys an opportunity to work on farms and learn the responsibility of a job.

Elroy worked on construction until 1965 when he started a shop of his own on the farm, which was destroyed by fire in April 1966. With the help of neighbors and friends, the shop was rebuilt and is still in operation. The children are now all grown, left home and living as follows:

Ronald served four years in the Navy, most of the time with the Sixth Fleet in the European area. He then attended two years at vocational school at Thief River Falls. He married Joan Tollefsrud of Hawley. He was accepted in computer maintenance at Fargo and transferred to Williston, North Dakota, where they still reside. Joan got a job at Social Services and is presently there. Ron services computer machines at Williston and Minot. They have two boys, Joel and Jeremy.

Lyle married Ruth Burgmeyer. They both attended Mayville State College, graduated and taught school at New York Mills and Bertha, Minnesota. They moved to the Portland, Oregon area in 1979 and presently live at Tigard, Oregon, where Lyle is in insurance sales. They have two children, Mike and Shelly.

Gary, so far a bachelor, lives at Shoreview, Minnesota (St. Paul area), and has been a truck driver for Twin City Freight for eleven years, since his discharge from the Army in 1971.

Merle attended Moorhead Technical and worked at W.W. Wallwork at Fargo. Then he started a business selling Ohio Medical supplies to hospitals in the three state area for several years. He married Cherise Siegel in July 1975 and they resided in Moorhead. September 1979 they moved to New Port Richy, Florida where they still reside. They have one girl, Sarah. He has since traveled many states throughout the south and eastern states selling Ohio products to the hospitals.

Renae attended Interstate Business College at Fargo and worked at Silverline Boat Company at Moorhead. She married Glen Hanson of Hawley and he owns the Hanson Jewelry store. Renae works part time at the store. They have three children, Andrea, Wade and Vicki. Their son at age five had open heart surgery in 1980 and has made a good recovery. They reside in Westgate addition at Hawley.

Elroy worked for Offutt Chevrolet at Moorhead for a couple of years as a diesel mechanic until the firm was sold. He has also done various jobs for companies putting in overhead hoists, etc.

Blanche has been employed by the Clay Wilkin Opportunity Council of Moorhead since 1968. She was first an out reach aid and later worked in the Senior Citizens Program. Since 1975 she has been director and cook for the meals program at the Hawley Senior Citizens Center.

Elroy and Blanche enjoy their summer weekends camping and fishing when possible. They also enjoy the visits with the many friends from North Dakota they meet at such occasions.

ALAN and JOY ANDERSON

Joy Annette Ulland, daughter of Hartman and Madelyn Ulland was born May 10, 1953 at Mayville, North Dakota.

She has a twin sister, Joyce. Her grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Ben Workin living in Fargo, and Mr. and Mrs. Christ Ulland now deceased. Joy attended school at Clifford-Galesburg and graduated in 1971. She married Alan M. Anderson of Rugby, North Dakota, on April 6, 1974. They have two children, Nicole Marie and Jeffrey Alan and reside in Fargo, North Dakota.

Joy is a licensed practical nurse at St. Lukes in Fargo and has worked in the Main Recovery Room for nine years.

Alan is a machinist at Gremada Industries in West Fargo.

ALVIN and DAGNY ANDERSON



Back: Dagny, Jan, Audrey, Alvin. Front: LaVonne, Sonya, Kenneth, Bryan, LuVerne.

Dagny Jystad Anderson, the youngest of the children, born to Mr. and Mrs. Otto Jystad, grew up on the old Ole Jystad farm east of Galesburg. She graduated from Galesburg High School during the great depression and drought in the 1930's. In 1939 she went to Willmar, Minnesota and was employed at the Bethesda Country Home as a nurses aid until she married Alvin J. Anderson in the fall of 1941.

Alvin Anderson was born and raised in the Donnelly, Minnesota area. In 1937 he, together with his parents and brother, moved to the Spicer area.

After their marriage, they lived on a farm near Spicer, Minnesota for twenty-three years. Three children were born and grew up on that farm. Audrey, the oldest is a music teacher at the Olivia Schools at Olivia, Minnesota. LuVerne, one of the twins, is married to Jan Hoffman of St. James, Minnesota. They have one son, Bryan Wade, who is five years of age. LaVonne is Director of Operations at Camp Courage of Annandale, Minnesota. His wife, Jan, is a Home Economics teacher. LaVonne, LuVerne's twin sister, is married to Kenneth O. Erickson of Brooten, Minnesota. They have one daughter, Sonya LaNae, who is fifteen months of age. LaVonne is a beautician and has a shop in her own home. Kenneth is a carpenter-contractor.

In 1966, Dagny and Alvin left the farm and purchased and operated a cafe in Spicer for ten years. They then sold the cafe and moved back in the country where they built a new home and are living in retirement, although they have their hobbies and are kept busy.

ANDREW H. and SARAH ANDERSON



Sarah and Andrew Anderson

Andrew H. Anderson was born to Hans and Martha Anderson April 19, 1896 in Orje, Norway. They immigrated to the United States in 1904 when Andrew was eight years old. They came to Clifford, North Dakota where Hans Anderson was blacksmith and farrier on the Jones farm. In 1906 they moved to Galesburg and Mr. Anderson had his own blacksmith shop.

Sarah was born at Clifford, North Dakota October 10, 1901. She lived on various farms in the Clifford and Blanchard area before moving to Galesburg in 1915 with her parents, Ruches and Lucinda Miller.

Andrew and Sarah attended school together in Galesburg. Andrew helped his father in the shop. George Bjelverud told about Andrew when he was twelve years old. George was livery stable boss in Galesburg and Andrew drove salesmen from Galesburg to Hunter. Andrew would get tired on his way home from Hunter and go to sleep but the horses would take him back to the livery stable safely. George said he would wake Andrew, send him home, and he would take care of the horses.

Andrew grew to manhood in Galesburg. May 24, 1918, he enlisted in the Army. He served with Company G, 307th Infantry. He served in France with the Lost Battalion and was discharged May 18, 1919.

He came back to Galesburg and managed an elevator.

July 6, 1923 Andrew Anderson and Sarah Miller were married.

Andrew was elevator manager a few years. He then joined a construction crew with T.E. Ibberson of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They traveled in five states building and repairing grain elevators. In those days there were no mobile homes or motels to rent so they lived in elevator offices, garages, tents or rooms in private homes if there were any rooms available. They carried a card table and a few dishes with them and would use orange and apple crates for furniture. Andrew would nail a board on nail kegs for chairs. They really enjoyed their traveling outdoor life. They quit traveling and lived in Hillsboro, North Dakota four years where Andrew did carpenter work. Times were hard and they went back on the road again. Andrew received forty-five cents an hour working ten and twelve hour days. They thought that was "good money". They con-

tinued working with the T.E. Ibberson Construction until 1949 when Andrew suffered a heart attack. At that time they were working at Marmarth, North Dakota near the Montana border. Andrew was taken to a Miles City, Montana Hospital where he was hospitalized eight months. When he was able to be moved, he was transferred to Fargo where he was a patient nine months in the Veteran's Hospital. After his discharge from the hospital he was unable to work. He was in and out of the hospital for seven years. Andrew passed away in Fargo, June 8, 1957.

Sarah worked in Fargo at the Nodak Grill, North Dakota State University, Ceres Hall Cafeteria, and St. Lukes Hospital Cafeteria.

She moved back to Galesburg in 1963. She cooked at Camp Trowbridge three summers, did volunteer work at the Veteran's Hospital in Fargo, was a volunteer driver for Traill County Social Services for seven years and still helps part time at the school hot lunch program. She is a member of the Galesburg Park Board.

In 1966, at the age of 65, she retired from St. Lukes to comply with the compulsory retirement law.

A memorable highlight was an open house held at the Galesburg Memorial Hall October 10, 1981 in honor of her eightieth birthday. About two hundred fifty friends and relatives attended.

CHRIS and RUTH ANDERSON



Chris and Ruth Anderson

Chris Anderson, son of Hans and Marthe Andresen, was born in 1911 in Galesburg, North Dakota. He graduated from high school in 1929. He left home at the age of seventeen and spent most of his years in all types of construction, mostly industrial.

Ruth was the daughter of William Auten who was born in Grand Meadow, Minnesota March 21, 1874 and her mother Charlotte Ellsworth born in Jackson, Minnesota, January 6, 1881. Her folks were married in Jackson September 3, 1903. They moved to Bowman, North Dakota in 1906 where they homesteaded in Slope County. He was a grain buyer and miller for fifty years. Two children were born to them; William and Ruth.

Chris and Ruth were married October 30, 1949 and have lived in Galesburg since 1956.

GORDON and MARJORIE ANDERSON

Marjorie (Olstad) Anderson, born January 4, 1928 at St. Paul, Minnesota, graduated from Galesburg High School in 1945 and Concordia College in 1949. She is the daughter of Annie Haugan Olstad and Alvin G. Olstad, granddaughter of Marit (Satrom) Olstad and John Olstad and Annie and John Haugan.

She married Gordon Anderson of Hunter (who was born December 13, 1925 at Gardner) in 1950. She taught school nine years in Clifford High School, two years at Erie High School, and ten years at Page High School.

Marjorie has been active in choir and organ at Elm River Church in Galesburg and Norman Lutheran Church in Clifford continuously since 1942.

The Anderson's operated a farm east of Clifford for seven years and west of Clifford for the last twenty-three years.

They have four children: Deborah Karyl (Anderson) Holbrook, Mary Lee (Anderson) Ambrosen, John Dana Anderson, and Shelley Ann Anderson. They have one grandson, Benjamin Holbrook.

HENRY THOMAS (H. T.) and EVELYN ANDERSON



H. T. and Evelyn Anderson

Hank Anderson was born in Mayville on February 2, 1903, of Norwegian parents. He attended elementary and high school in Mayville and one year of college at Mayville State College. Hank graduated with a B.S. degree from the University of North Dakota in 1927, and received a M.S. from the University of Minnesota in 1938. He was administrator, teacher, and coach in Churches Ferry, Bohnsack, Galesburg, and Hunter, all in North Dakota. Hank moved to Galesburg in 1930 and on June 16, 1931, he married Evelyn Knutson. They moved to Hunter in 1938 where Hank was superintendent of the Hunter School until 1964. After his retirement in 1964, Hank farmed at Hunter. Hank also was a hail adjuster, church treasurer of the Hunter Presbyterian Church, and a fifty year Mason. He died on May 23, 1979.

Evelyn Beatrice Knutson was born in Mercer, North Dakota on May 28, 1907. She was of Norwegian and German descent. She attended elementary and high school in Mercer, graduated with a B.A. from Jamestown College in 1926, and did graduate work at the University of Minnesota. Evelyn

taught English and History at Brinsmade and Churches Ferry in North Dakota, and Boulder and Roundup in Montana. After marrying H.T. Anderson, she taught in Galesburg until 1936. Evelyn was an Elder and Sunday School teacher in the Hunter Presbyterian Church for many years. She was a representative to the Presbyterian Church General Assembly in 1975. She died on January 16, 1977.

Hank and Evelyn had one son, Jon Thomas, who was born on July 20, 1941. He married Jeanette Helen Bring of Galesburg.

HAROLD and BEATRICE ANDERSON



Beatrice Anderson



Harold Anderson

Harold Anderson came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H.K. Anderson from Norway to Traill County in 1904. He attended Galesburg School, Mayville Normal, Valley City State College, and the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Mr. Anderson taught in several North Dakota communities before becoming superintendent at Lansford and Bowdon, North Dakota. He also taught several summers at Valley City State College.

Mr. Anderson was married to Beatrice O'Donnell of Grand Forks, North Dakota in 1927. Mrs. Anderson also taught at Lansford and Bowdon, North Dakota. Both received their Master's degrees from University of North Dakota.

During the depression of the 1930's the Andersons decided to go into business. They purchased the Farmer's Store in Hillsboro, North Dakota, in 1933 and it became Anderson's Food Market until 1958 when they sold the business. After selling the store, Mr. Anderson was a case worker for the Traill County Social Services office until his death in 1961.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Anderson were active in Community affairs. Mr. Anderson served on the Hillsboro Board of Education for more than eighteen years. Mrs. Anderson was a member of the Hillsboro High School faculty from 1958 to 1971.

The Andersons had two sons, James and Thomas. James is financial director and disaster chairman for the American Red Cross in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Thomas is a physician in Portland, Oregon.

HERMAN and LENA ANDERSON

Herman Carl Anderson was born June 3, 1883. Lena Cecelia Rostad was born June 5, 1903. Lena and Herman were



**Back: Lillian, Howard, Esther, Roy, Elvina, Gerhardt
Front: Herman, Donna, Lena, Pearl**

married June 1, 1931. They lived in the Clifford-Galesburg area where Herman was a self-employed carpenter. In 1956 they retired and moved to Fargo, North Dakota. Herman passed away in 1968 and Lena in 1965.

Ten children were born to them: Lillian (Mrs. Norman Hanson of Hawley, Minnesota), Gerhardt (of Baker, Minnesota), Elvina (Mrs. James Nelson of Arthur, North Dakota), Howard (of Sabin), Esther (Mrs. Sprieman of Sabin), Roy (of Denver, Colorado), Pearl (Mrs. Jesse Ocha of Moorhead, Minnesota), Donna (Mrs. LeRoy LaCroux of Moorhead). Twins Myron and May died at infancy.

JOHN and RILLA ANDERSON



Rilla, Joshua, and John Anderson

John Anderson and Rilla Boresky were married December 5, 1981 in Moorhead. John is the son of Gordon and Marjorie Anderson of Clifford. He has lived in the Clifford-Galesburg area all of his life. Rilla is the daughter of Jim and Anne Boresky of Moorhead, but her family is originally from Selkirk, Manitoba, Canada.

John and Rilla have one son, Joshua.

John enjoys hunting, water and snow skiing, snowmobiling, and riding a dirt bike. Rilla also enjoys hunting, skiing, and snowmobiling with John, but also likes to read and travel.

John farms with his dad, but carpenters in the off-season. Rilla is a housewife.

The Anderson family is currently living in the Galesburg Trailer Court.

ORREN and ELLA ANDERSON



Ella and Orren Anderson

Orren and Ella Anderson retired and moved to Galesburg in 1963 from Kloten, North Dakota. They were married in 1923 at Wildrose, North Dakota, and moved to the Kloten area in 1936 where they farmed. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1973. Orren was active in city work, on the city council, and water superintendent. He died in 1977. Ella now lives in an apartment in the Community Housing Units. They have five children, Orville, Kloten, North Dakota; Mrs. Orville Hochgraber, Mrs. Loren Halvorson, Galesburg; Donald, Hays; Kansas; and Eldo, Belevue, Washington; fourteen grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

SIDNEY and ANNIE ANDERSON



Sidney and Annie Anderson

E. Sidney Anderson (his first name was Emerson) was born on December 6, 1894, at his grandfather's farm (now Skatberg's) five miles northeast of Clifford. He grew to manhood in the Clifford area, although he spent several school years at Graceland College in Lamoni, Iowa. During World War I, he served in the Army, spending most of his time playing in the band. When he returned from the service, he became a charter member of the American Legion post first established for veterans of the Blanchard-Clifford-Galesburg area.

In September 1918, while he was in the service, Sidney was married to Anna Lee in a joint ceremony with Walter and Tillie Thompson of Clifford. Anna was born in the Belmont area on July 10, 1887 and spent her early years in the Buxton and Hillsboro areas. When she was grown, she spent a few years in eastern Montana and also in Northwood, Iowa.

After they were married, Sidney and Annie (better known by that name) lived in the Clifford vicinity until 1942 except for two years near Devils Lake and a little over a year in Mayville. In April 1942 they moved to the farm southwest of Galesburg which had previously been the home of the Christ Lostegard family. In late 1942 they moved into Galesburg to a house which had been built by Sidney and their son, Austin. That was their home until Sidney died on July 2, 1975. Annie remained there for another year and then she moved to Redmond, Washington, to live with Austin and his wife Jean. She made her home with them until she died July 11, 1981 — one day after her ninety-fourth birthday.

Austin was born in Clifford on February 16, 1920. He is a graduate of Clifford High School and Mayville State College (1946). During World War II, he served in the Air Force. He taught school at Barnesville, Hendrum, and Melrose in Minnesota and since 1958 has been at Lake Washington High School in Kirkland, Washington. His four children are David, Dane, Charles, and Julie.

Sidney was a very community-oriented person. He was active in the American Legion and was always interested and involved in community activities. He loved music and enjoyed singing and playing the clarinet and the saxophone. From the time that he was fourteen years old, he played in community bands and orchestras in Clifford.

Annie was a home person, her particular interests being raising flowers and doing handwork, in which her specialty was crocheting. She was an expert seamstress, at one time doing that for a living. Two of their wedding presents were a rocking chair and a sewing machine. She said that Sidney got the chair so that he could rest and she got the sewing machine so that she could work.

JON THOMAS and JEANETTE ANDERSON



Tom, Jeanette
Paula, Scott

Jeanette Bring was born in Fargo on May 9, 1941 to Howard and Ethyl Bring. She has three brothers, Kenneth, John, and James Bring. She attended elementary school and high school in Galesburg. She received her B.S. in education from North Dakota State University in 1963. Jeanette taught Home Economics in Plainview, Minnesota in 1963-64 and for eight years in Los Angeles City School system between 1964 and 1978. Jeanette married Jon Thomas Anderson of Hunter on July 10, 1964 and lived in Sepulveda and Granada Hills, California. They moved to Loveland, Colorado in 1981. Jeanette was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in Panorama City, California. Jeanette and Tom have two children, Paula Jean, age fourteen, and Scott Thomas, age twelve.

Tom attended twelve years of school in Hunter, received a B.S. from the University of North Dakota in 1963, and an M.S. from the University of Southern California in 1967. He was an engineer with Lockheed Corporation for eighteen years, engaged in research and development of aircraft propulsion systems. He was an Elder in the Presbyterian Church in Panorama City, California.

HANS K. and MARTHE ANDRESEN



Marthe and Hans Andresen
Wedding Picture, 1894

Hans Kristian Andresen was born in Eidsberg, Norway, June 6, 1868. At the age of eleven he was apprenticed to a blacksmith in Orje, Norway. During his army service, he learned to shoe horses and became a skilled farrier.

In 1894 he and Marthe Jensen were married. Marthe was an excellent seamstress. She had learned her trade in Oslo, then "Christiania".

Four children were born to them while living in Orje, Andreas, Harald, Ingrid and Hjordis.

In 1904 they left Norway for America, never to return. Marthe's mother, Karen Jensen, who was now a widow, accompanied them and lived with them until her death in 1941 at the age of ninety-four.

Hans's trade now stood him in good stead. He immediately went to work on the "Jones Farm", a bonanza farm between Clifford and Mayville.

The Andresen's first home was on Section Three, land owned by Evan and Christine Lommerud. Kristine was a sister of Karen Jensen. From there Marthe walked the three and a half miles into Clifford for groceries, pushing the baby cart holding Hjordis and Ingrid, while the two boys lagged behind. It must have been a harrowing experience for a woman who had never washed clothes or baked a loaf of bread.

After a few months on this farm, they moved into a house in Clifford. From there they moved to Galesburg in 1906, when Hans bought the blacksmith shop from Alexander Stuart. They lived in a small house west of the tracks before moving into three little rooms behind the shop.

In 1913 they built a new large home to house their growing family. Three more children had been born to them, Esther, Gladys and Christian. Two more were to be born, Osborne and Vivian. About 1926 Hans sold the blacksmith shop to John Rusten and bought the local cafe from Sim Jorgenson. His daughters, Esther and Gladys, cooked and served.

The depression came and Hans was forced to take back the blacksmith shop. He sold the cafe to Fred and Edith Pratt. During this trying time, he even worked for a couple of summers with a construction crew. In 1946 the shop was sold to Mike Smith.

Andreas (Andrew) served in World War I. He fought in the Argonne and at Chateau Thierry and upon return, marched with the famed Rainbow Division in a ticker tape parade in New York City.

Osborne was in World War II from the African Invasion to the Battle of the Bulge. He has eight battle stars, the Purple Heart, the Silver Star and the Croix de Guerre.

Hans died in 1946. Marthe lived for twenty more years, dying at the age of ninety-three in 1966, still living in the house that she and Hans had built in 1913.

SAMUEL and LETTIE ARMSTRONG



Samuel and Lettie Armstrong

Samuel F. Armstrong was born in Indiana November 14, 1862. He received his education at Remington, Illinois. He married Lettie Sawyer at Kankakee, Illinois December 12, 1887. Lettie was born in 1868 in Illinois.

They purchased a farm one mile west of Galesburg in 1910. They shipped all their household goods, machinery, and cattle

by rail. Sam purchased a threshing machine about 1918, doing custom threshing for neighbors. There weren't many threshing machines in the area at that time so there was a long run every year. The Armstrongs also milked cows and sold and delivered milk house to house in Galesburg. He retired from farming in 1936, and they moved into the Pratt house in Galesburg.

The Armstrongs were active in community affairs and especially in the Presbyterian Church.

They were the parents of four children, Pierce, Harry, Walter, and Doris (Mrs. Marcus Carlson,) living at Page, North Dakota.

The Armstrongs celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at a church gathering. Following the program, the granddaughter of the couple, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Armstrong was christened.

Samuel passed away in 1949. Mrs. Armstrong moved back to Indiana, passing away in 1965.

Marty will probably remember Sam as driving his 1916 Dodge touring car.

CARL (Swede) ARVIDSON

"Big Swede" as he was known in the Galesburg area came from Aitkin, Minnesota. He did farm labor on the George Dickson farm and also worked for Joseph Moen and Joe Lerfald. Carl became ill and died in the Hillsboro Hospital. He was buried at Aitkin, Minnesota.

TOM and MARTHA ASHFORD

Tom Ashford was one of the early settlers in this area, homesteading the northwest quarter of section thirty-four in Galesburg Township. He was born in England in 1856 and remained in that country until 1875, when he came to America. In 1879 he married Martha Davy of Huron County, Canada. They had two children, Elizabeth Jane and Mary Annie. Mr. Ashford came to Dakota in the spring of 1880. He was the first settler in that immediate vicinity. He had a fine farm of three hundred and twenty acres, with one hundred and fifty acres under cultivation. His crop of wheat for 1883 was sixteen bushels to the acre. He was known for planting trees on his land, planting many trees on the northeast quarter of the same section he homesteaded. The farm is known to this day as the Willow Farm. He probably had one of the first orchards in the area.

Tom was the first justice of peace in the Galesburg Township.

ANITA and DON BAGLIEN

Anita Marion Hochgraber was born October 27, 1946. She graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1964. She attended Saint Lukes School of Nursing in 1968.

She was married to Don Baglien, May 2, 1969. They have two boys, Scott Donald and David Alan.

Anita is employed at St. Alexius Hospital as a patient care consultant and maternity head nurse. Don is the readiness management officer for the North Dakota Army National Guard. Anita is presently attending Mary College, pursuing a Bachelor of Science Degree in nursing. Her hobbies are reading, sewing and cheering for her boys in hockey.

IVER and INGEBORG BAKKEN



Iver and Ingeborg Bakken

Iver Bakken was born in Lesja, Norway December 20, 1889. There were four brothers but Iver is now the only one left. When ten years old, he went to an uncle in another community and worked there until he was twenty-one. Then he left for this country. He came to Galesburg April 17, 1911 and worked for Matt Kvam where his uncle Thore Iverson also worked.

Iver worked as a farm-laborer until he started to rent land and farm by himself. Except for two summers, he has spent all those years in this community. Those two summers he worked for a relative who had a nursery in Sacred Heart, Minnesota. Iver got interested in trees and when he got land of his own he started to plant shelterbelts. He once had the best shelterbelt in west Traill County. When he decided to build on the farm, he first planted trees around the farmstead then moved evergreens from the shelterbelt in on the lawn. He planted evergreens from seedlings. More than three thousand evergreens have been planted by Iver. After World War II, Iver made three trips to Norway. On one of these trips he met Ingeborg Soholt, who later became his wife.

Ingeborg was born in Soholt, Norway, October 21, 1906, the youngest of eight. After she was through grades and high school she worked at different places until she had to come home and help her parents. In the wintertime, Ingeborg's mother and grandmother made yarn on the spinning wheel for socks, stockings, mittens and scarves. At the age of nine, Ingeborg wanted to spin yarn so she could make stockings for herself. Her mother dyed them with dye used from moss scraped from stones. When her mother had something on the loom, Ingeborg liked to try. Her legs were too short, but her mother fixed something with the loom so Ingeborg could try. She learned plain weaving from her mother and later picked up different patterns. She also likes to knit and has made quite a few sweaters since she came over here.

Ingeborg well knows the name of Galesburg as she has heard it as long as she can remember, because her father Hans Soholt, was over here for six years. He was a carpenter and worked for Korshus. Four brothers also came over here. Ole is still living in Galesburg.

Iver and Ingeborg are still living on the farm that Iver built for his bride. It is pretty well sheltered with the big evergreens that Iver planted as seedlings and took really good care of.

WILLIAM and ELIZABETH BALDOCK

William Baldock, born at Lincolnshire Hall, England on June 2, 1870. He came to the United States in 1888 at the age of eighteen and worked near Hunter, North Dakota until his marriage to Elizabeth Smith (daughter of Tom Smith) in September 18, 1893. They then settled four and three fourths miles east of Galesburg, North Dakota, raising seven children, Herbert, George, Frank, Joseph, James, Edith and Bertha.

Elizabeth Smith, born in Grafton, England on February 29, 1872. She came with her parents, George Thomas Smith, from England to Ontario, Canada in 1875, coming to the Greenfield, North Dakota area in 1878.

William farmed until his death on August 13, 1929. Elizabeth (Smith) Baldock died on August 9, 1950.

Tom Smith had three children, George, Elizabeth, and Mary. George married Mary Knudson and they had four children, Nick, Bob, Ethel and Theresa. Mary married Tom Tate and they had ten children, Bill, Tom, John, Vernor, Alfred, Elmer, Edwin, Bob, Anne, and Bessie.

BILL BARTCH

Bill Bartch came from southwestern Minnesota to the Galesburg area in 1902 and bought the east half of section eleven in Dows Township. Bill was a good farmer and raised good crops but this was the depression and prices were very poor. Walter Taylor bought feed grain from him in 1931, oats at seven cents per bushel and barley at ten cents per bushel.

Bill passed away in 1936. He left his car stuck in a snow bank and started walking for help. He was found the next morning by neighbors.

CHARLES and JoANN BELANUS



Charles, JoAnn, William

Charles and JoAnn Belanus moved to Galesburg from Walthalla, North Dakota in the summer of 1980 when he heard of a job opening at Midwest Bean Company. Charles was hired as assistant manager. JoAnn later started working at the West Traill Cafe.

They met at Missoula, Montana, where Charles was majoring in forestry at the University of Montana. They were married at Walhalla in July, 1974. Their son, William, was born in April of 1979.

JoAnn's hometown is Great Falls, Montana, and Charles' is Walhalla, North Dakota.

THE WALTER and EMMA BELLIN FAMILY



Walter and Emma Bellin with son, Curtis

Walter Bellin was born April 23, 1916 on section 29, Dows Township, Erie, North Dakota. He lived his entire life there until he passed away July 27, 1980. Walter was one of nine children born to Minnie and Henry Bellin.

Minnie (Marquardt) Bellin was born in Minnesota in 1884 and passed away in 1926. Henry Bellin was born in Wisconsin in 1875 and died in 1934. The south half of section 29 was owned by Albert Bellin. Because of poor health he sold the farm to Henry Bellin and returned to Wisconsin.

The Bellins lived in a building moved in from Amenia. To this one room another was added. As the family grew more rooms were added to the north side of the house. Modern-day "sunken rooms" had nothing on the Bellins. Walter attended a rural school one mile away which was Dows 120. Here the teacher had full charge of teaching, playground and was her own janitor. How good the potatoes smelled when you came in from recess. Many interesting things were told of the trades made from the lunch pail. Walter served on town, school and church boards. He was buried in Erie, North Dakota.

In 1940 Walter married Emma Gotfredsen of Hunter, North Dakota. Emma was one of four daughters born to Max and Sena Gotfredsen. She attended school at Mayville State Teachers College and taught school for six years in the area.

Walter and Emma had a son, Curtis, born on April 26, 1943. He is teaching at Wood School, Tempe, Arizona. Emma spends some time at Hunter, North Dakota but has purchased a home in Mesa, Arizona.

HERBERT and MAE BENNETT



Herbert and Mae Bennett

Herbert Bennett, son of Henry and Emma Bennett, was born in Dumont, Iowa September 30, 1904. Herb moved with his folks to Winter, Wisconsin in 1921. He came to North Dakota in 1923 where he worked for several farmers near Clifford, North Dakota, for a few years.

Mae Bring, daughter of Charley and Hilda Bring, was born in Oakland, Nebraska May 8, 1906. To this family were born four children, Carl, Victor and Mae born in Nebraska. The Bring family moved to Minnesota near Spirit Lake, Iowa where Faye was born. In 1917 they moved to North Dakota and bought a farm one mile east of Clifford where they settled. Charley and Hilda farmed until 1937 when they retired and moved into Clifford. Carl married a Nebraska girl, Barbara Casal and they moved to Nebraska. Victor married Marie Reynold of Clifford, North Dakota. They retired from buying and selling livestock and live in Bismarck, North Dakota. Faye married Arthur Groven and they lived in Clifford. Her husband passed away in 1976 and Faye cooked in the Clifford school until 1980 when she retired and moved to Galesburg where she now lives.

Herb and Mae were married April 8, 1936. They bought the Charley Bring farm where they farmed until 1974 when they sold the farm and retired. They built a new home in Galesburg and moved here in 1975 where they now live.

GEORGE BENZMILLER



George Benzmiller

George Benzmiller, born in Dane, Wisconsin, was one of six children born to Mathias John and Annie Ellen Morgan. He moved with his parents to Page, North Dakota where they had purchased a restaurant. It was at Page, in 1926, that George received his high school diploma. George's family then moved to a farm known as the "Severson Place" now owned by Harry Grae of Hunter. In 1927 they moved to the farm southeast of Galesburg where George still resides.

George's grandparents, Peter Benzmiller and Kathryn Fredericks were born in Germany. They had ten children, eight boys and two girls. An interesting thing about the family is that at least four of the boys became blacksmiths. George's uncle, John, was a wagon maker with Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey Circus for twenty years.

His other grandparents were Francis Morgan and Mary Agnes Balf. They had twelve children, all of them deceased except George Morgan who lives in Fargo, North Dakota.

LAWRENCE and AGNES BENZMILLER, SR.

Lawrence Benzmiller was born at Nevis, Minnesota April 15, 1904. He was the son of Matt and Annie Benzmiller of Galesburg, North Dakota. He married Agnes Welsh on May 1, 1934 at Page, North Dakota. Agnes was born November 1, 1910 at Bloomington, Illinois, the daughter of Maurice and Mary Welsh of Fargo, North Dakota.

Lawrence and Agnes bought a home at Gardena, California in 1938. They are the parents of eight children: Lawrence, Texarkana, Texas; Bernadette, Ocala, Florida; Margaret, Hunter, North Dakota; Frances, Rapid City, South Dakota; Teresa, Cambridge, Minnesota; Mike, Grand Forks, North Dakota; Catherine, Fargo, North Dakota; Mary, Larimore, North Dakota. All attended the Galesburg school except Bernadette who graduated from Erie High School.

Lawrence worked with Douglas Aircraft Company until selling his home in Gardena, California. He bought the Bill and Erma Weber farm near Galesburg in 1951 where he worked with his father, Matt Benzmiller and brother, George. He sold the farm to Loren and Ardis Halvorson.

Lawrence and Agnes bought a mobile home and moved to Ocala, Florida. Lawrence is a patient in the Ocala Health Care Center at Ocala, Florida. Agnes is working as an R.N. two nights a week to relieve the Night Supervisor at the Ocala Health Care Center where Lawrence is a patient.



Farm home of Lawrence and Agnes Benzmiller

MATT and ANNE BENZMILLER



Paul, Catherine, Peter, Lawrence, Agnes, George
Annie, Matt

Matt Benzmiller was born of parents who immigrated from Germany. His wife, Annie Morgan was born of Irish parents. They were married in Park Rapids, Minnesota on May 1, 1901. They lived on a claim part time and proving up on it they moved fourteen times in three or four years. In 1905 the Benzmillers moved to Rochester Township in Cass County. In the fall of that year they moved to Dane, Wisconsin where Matt worked in a windmill shop. He later established a blacksmith shop at Sterling, North Dakota and also farmed.

Matt and Annie celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary.

CARL BERG



Carl Berg

Carl Berg, the brother of Mrs. Thorvald Foss, emigrated from Norway. He was a farm laborer and worked and stayed with Pete Vodin for many years. He owned the quarter one mile east of Galesburg. He lived with Einor Foss. He is buried in the Galesburg cemetery.

HARLAN and HAZEL BERG

Hazel Erickson was born on November 15, 1931 to Tony and Annie Erickson. She married Harlan Berg of Rock Rapids, Iowa on November 16, 1957. They have been farming near Rock Rapids all of their married life. They have four children, two married daughters, Susan (Mrs. Dan Smith) Dakota City, Nebraska, and Diane (Mrs. Scott Gamble) St. Louis Park, Minnesota; the two boys, Gerald and Daniel are at home.

JERALD and RITA BERNATH



James, Jerald, Jerrod, Rita, and Julian

Rita Nelson Bernath is the daughter of Clarence and Rose Mary Nelson. She was born in Mayville, North Dakota. She has two older half-sisters, Becky Wilde and Mary Linneman and two younger sisters, Kathy Haakenson and Anne Nelson. She graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1971, attended North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton and did her practical nursing affiliation in Grand Forks. After graduating from Wahpeton in October 1972, she worked at St. Lukes Hospital in Fargo in the pediatric ward until April 1973. Then she moved to Hallock, Minnesota where she was employed as a clinic office nurse until May 1974.

On June 2, 1973, she married Jerald Bernath at Clifford. Jerry was born in St. Paul and has one sister, Mary Ann Burley. He is the son of Jim and Dora Bernath, now residing in Nevis, Minnesota. Jerry was a 1969 graduate of Humboldt-St. Vincent High and attended the University of Minnesota, Crookston for one year. He then joined the Army and served in Okinawa for fourteen months. Upon returning, he attended Hanson Mechanical Trade School in Fargo before taking over his dad's farm.

They now live on that farm where they raise sugar beets, sunflowers and small grains. They have three sons: James, Julian, and Jerrod.

Her hobbies are reading, sewing, counted-cross stitch, and hardanger embroidery.

ALTON and GLADYCE BJELVERUD



Alton, Lori, Gladycy

Alton M. Bjelverud was born July 24, 1918 to George Bjelverud and Gina (Gisvold) Bjelverud at Galesburg, North Dakota. He graduated from Galesburg High School in 1936. He went to the service in March 1942, where he earned several medals and commendations. He was discharged in January 1946 attaining the rank of Infantry Captain.

Alton worked for Palmer Gisvold until going into business with Ole Sorteberg as a Pontiac and J.I. Case Implement Dealer. When Ole retired, Alton became partners with Raymond Olstad. In 1960 he became Postmaster at Galesburg and this position he holds today.

Alton (Lefty) married Gladycy Lindberg on March 20, 1953. Gladycy was born in Baudette, Minnesota and graduated from Baudette High School, the Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing. She worked at the Union Hospital and Luther Memorial Home both in Mayville, North Dakota. She is presently employed at the West Trail Cafe in Galesburg.

To this union three children were born. George Alton, February 1954 and Stacy Lee, July 1959 are both deceased. Lori K. was born July 1956 and is now working in Grand Forks.

GEORGE and GINA BJELVERUD



George and Gina Bjelverud Family
Standing: Beulah, Kenneth, Myron, Alton, Juliet and Eleanor
Seated: George Bjelverud, Donna, Gina Bjelverud (1940)

George and Gina (Gisvold) Bjelverud were married March 14, 1910 at the home of Rev. W.A. Larson at Galesburg, North Dakota. This home later became the George Bjelverud home.

George worked in the livery stable for Iver Jondahl before and after his marriage. In 1912 he became the first Standard Oil delivery dealer in the Galesburg-Clifford area. In 1934 he began custodial work at the school retiring in 1961. He was caretaker at the cemetery until 1975.

They were members of the Elm River Lutheran Church. Gina was a member of the Ladies Aid and a Charter Member of the Daughters of Norway and American Legion Auxiliary.

They had seven children. Beulah married Albert Skogstad; they had one daughter, Lois. Juliet married Ole Bratholt; they have two sons Jerome and Gerald. Kenneth married Mildred Palmer; they have two daughters, Mary Kay and Sandra. Alton married Gladycy Lindberg; they have one daughter, Lori. Eleanor married Fred Palmer; they have four children - Fred

rick, Carolyn, Merton and Gayna. Myron married Beverly Kylo; they have two daughters, Gail and Joan. Donna married Marvin Johnson; they have two sons, Gary and Dean. Gina passed away January 23, 1958. George lived in his home until 1975 when he moved to Luther Memorial Home at Mayville until his death in 1979.

JOHN and SIGRI BJELVERUD



John and Sigri Bjelverud and their five sons: John, Olaf, Carl, George, and Matt.

John and Sigri (Kvam) Bjelverud and their five boys came from New Ulm, Minnesota when North Dakota was still a territory and settled northwest of Galesburg. John was a carpenter. Sigri wasn't well and wanted to get near her family, the Kvam's. That fall she passed away and the boys, John, Olaf, Carl, George, and Matt, were raised by relatives. John remarried and moved to White Earth, North Dakota where he lived until his wife passed away. He moved to Duluth, Minnesota, made his home with his youngest son, Matt, until his death.

John, Olaf, and Carl married and homesteaded in Canada where their families still live. George married Gina Givold. Matt retired and moved from Duluth, Minnesota to San Bernardino, California. He is 95 years old and very active.

KENNETH and MILDRED BJELVERUD



Standing: Sandra
Sitting: Mary Kay, Mildred and Kenneth

Kenneth Bjelverud was born in Galesburg, North Dakota June 10, 1915. His parents were Gina and George Bjelverud. There were seven children in the George Bjelverud family; three boys and four girls. Kenneth attended school in Galesburg until he was seventeen, when he joined the Civilian Conservation Corp. He married Mildred Palmer of Ayr, North Dakota in 1939 and they moved to Grand Forks where he worked on the railroad. Mildred worked thirty years in office and administrative work. In 1944 he was inducted into the Navy during World War II. He was in the South Pacific for two years. When he came home he worked for the railroad until he retired in 1977. They have two daughters, Mrs. Jerry (Mary Kay) Elliott, Galesburg, North Dakota and Mrs. Wayne (Sandra) Anderson, East Grand Forks, Minnesota. They have five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

LORI K. BJELVERUD



Lori K. Bjelverud

Lori K. Bjelverud was born July 1956 to Alton and Gladycy (Lindberg) Bjelverud. Lori received her education in the Clifford-Galesburg School System, graduating from high school in 1974. She attended University of North Dakota College of Nursing, graduating in 1978. She is presently employed at the United Hospital in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

MYRON and BEVERLY BJELVERUD



Myron and Beverly Bjelverud

Myron Bjelverud, son of George and Gina Bjelverud and Beverly Kylo, daughter of Ted and Margaret Kylo were married May 31, 1947 at Moorhead, Minnesota. They are parents of two daughters, Gail who is a teacher at Utah State University, Logan, Utah, Joan who was married June 21, 1980 to Gordon Olson of Colfax, North Dakota. They have one son Jeffrey, born March 5, 1981.

Myron has been elevator manager at Brantford, Finley, Rustad, and is now manager of the Farmers Elevator at Bert-hold, North Dakota.

HENRY and ROSE BJUGAN



Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bjugan
Julia (Mrs. George Bower) and Lindie (Mrs. Otto Dahle)

Henry Bjugan and Rose Nilson were married in 1889. Both worked at the Houghton farm several years before settling on their farm near Galesburg in 1892. They built their own home with the help of John Bjelverud. Their farm had spring water and it furnished water for cattle also. They had two daughters - Julie and Lindie. Henry was born near Trondheim, Norway August 11, 1865 and came to America in 1880. He passed away November 25, 1951. Rose was born near Trondheim, Norway August 20, 1857. She passed away July 5, 1917.

Julie Bjugan married George Bowers. She passed away in 1939.

Lindie Bjugan married Otto Dahle and they live on the home place.

GREGORY and CAROL BOREEN

Gregory and Carol Boreen moved to Galesburg from Twin Valley, Minnesota in April, 1981. Greg was transferred here to manage Great Plains Supply Company. He was in the management trainee program at Great Plains in Twin Valley for two years. Before that, he worked construction and had his own business for a couple years. He went to high school in Twin Valley and college in St. Cloud. Carol graduated from Twin Valley, and later went to school in Alexandria. She is a chiropractic assistant; although, now she is at home with their two children, Anne and Nicholas. The Boreens have been married six years.

EVEN A. and JULIA BORUD



Even A. and Julia Borud

Even Borud was born in Lillehammer, Norway, October 6, 1873 and came with his parents to the United States at the age of sixteen. They settled for a time at Canby, Minnesota and at Astoria, South Dakota. While in Astoria, he met and married Julia Knutson. Julia was born in Iowa, March 26, 1879. She and her parents moved to Hendricks, Minnesota and then to Astoria, South Dakota.

Even, his father, Andreas, and brother John homesteaded south of Des Lacs, in Ward County. There Andreas and John lived, raised families, worked and enjoyed the western part of our state until their death.

Even, still a young man, with a bit of wanderlust in his heart moved back to Minnesota with his wife and three small children, Conroy, Viola and James. Moving became a way of life for Julia and Even, living in many areas of Minnesota and South Dakota. They finally moved to North Dakota again in 1924 to what was known as the Fowler Farm located just east of what is now West Acres and I-29. By this time the family had increased to eight children. Milton, Harris, Reuben, Herman, and Angeline made this family complete.

In March of 1930 another move brought the Boruds to the Galesburg area. They lived on the Kittleson farm south of town for two years. Six other farms in this community sheltered this family before they finally bought a quarter of land in Dows Township of Cass County in 1941. Even and Julia lived the rest of their lives in this home, watching the family grow and leave to establish homes of their own. Julia died September 1962 ending a good marriage of more than fifty-nine years. Even died November 1965 still dreaming of homesteading land in Minnesota and taking a trip back to his beloved Norway.

Milton died in February 1975 at the age of sixty-two. Conroy died in 1979. The rest of the family is still living. Viola (Mrs. Lee Lawyer) lives in Page. Harris lives in Duluth, Angeline (Mrs. Vernon Sanders) lives in Republic, Missouri, James, Reuben and Herman all live in the Galesburg area.

HERMAN and JANICE BORUD

Herman Borud, youngest son of Even and Julia Borud, married Janice Peterson, daughter of Albert and Sadie Peterson, of Fargo, on June 5, 1951. They lived in Galesburg for the first year of their married life. They then purchased the old



Herman, Janice, and Paul Borud

Nimock farm south of Galesburg, where they lived until the spring of 1981 when they moved back to Galesburg to their new home to enjoy retirement.

They are proud parents of four beautiful daughters, Julie (Mrs. Gary Johnson), Alice (Mrs. James Conrad), Karla (Mrs. James Werner), and Ellen (Mrs. Scott Kraling), and one handsome son Paul, who is in the fourth grade in the Clifford-Galesburg School. They are also very proud of their three grand sons and four granddaughters, with two more on the way. Also one very charming great granddaughter makes this family complete to date.

GARY and JULIE (Borud) JOHNSON



Back: Lynda, Lee
Front: Julie, Justin, Gary Johnson

Julie Jane Borud, daughter of Herman and Janice Borud, married Gary Herbert Johnson in 1976. They lived in Humboldt, Minnesota, where they both taught school for several years. In 1980 they built a new home on their farm, and are currently farming full time. They have four children; Loree (Mrs. William Wightman), Lee, Lynda and Justin. They also have one granddaughter, Melissa, born in 1980.

JAMES and ALICE (Borud) CONRAD



Jim and Alice Conrad

Alice Ann Borud, second daughter of Herman and Janice Borud, Galesburg, North Dakota, was born July 3, 1953. After graduating from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1971 Alice attended North Dakota State University School of Nursing in Fargo, North Dakota. In August of 1974 she received her R.N. Degree. She worked at St. Lukes Hospitals, until her marriage to James William Conrad, son of William and Marion Conrad of Page, North Dakota in April of 1975.

Jim and Alice live near Page, North Dakota on the Conrad family farm. They raise beans, sunflowers, corn and grain.

JAMES and KARLA (Borud) WERNER



Jim, Karla, Joshua, and Lisa Werner

Karla Borud, third daughter of Herman and Janice Borud was born in 1955. On May 25, 1973 Karla graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School. Later that fall she enrolled as a student at Valley City State College, majoring in Physical Education and Business. Karla was also a charter member of the Sigma Sigma Sigma Sorority, a Greek Social Club on campus.

While attending Valley City State College Karla met James Werner, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Werner, of Jamestown, North Dakota. After dating for a year Karla and Jim became engaged and were married June 7, 1975.

After they were married they made their home in Fargo where Jim was attending North Dakota State University. While living in Fargo Karla worked as a cook at Haugen's Ice Cream Parlour and Restaurant. Jim and Karla lived in Fargo for two years. Then they moved to Jamestown where Jim worked for Haybuster Manufacturing.

On December 5, 1977 Jim and Karla became the proud parents of their first child, Joshua James.

In the fall of 1978, Jim and Karla decided it was time for their big move to Spokane, Washington.

While living in Spokane, Jim worked as a machinist for Valley Manufacturing and Karla worked as a technician for a telephone refurbishing plant.

After living in Spokane for a year they bought their first home. In January of 1980 Karla left her employment to prepare for the birth of their second child. Also in January, Jim changed employment and began working for E.A. Sprow where he is currently employed.

On April 14, 1980 Karla and Jim again became the proud parents of a little girl, Lisa Marie.

Jim and Karla and family are members of St. Peters Lutheran Church in Spokane and members of organizations affiliated with the church.

SCOTT and ELLEN (Borud) KRALING



Scott, Ellen, and Valerie Kraling

Ellen Elizabeth Borud, daughter of Herman and Janice Borud, married Scott Arnold Kraling, son of Raymond and Dorothy Kraling in 1978. They lived on a farm northeast of Clifford for the first nine months of their marriage. In June of 1979 they moved to a farm northeast of Mayville, North Dakota, where they now reside. They have one daughter Valerie Ellen, who was born in February of 1979.

JAMES BORUD

James E. Borud was the third child of Julia and Even Borud. He was born November 12, 1909. He moved with his family to South Dakota, Minnesota and finally to North Dakota and the Galesburg area. He served his country in World War II in the Military Police. After the war, he returned to the Galesburg area to farm in partnership with his brother Herman until his retirement. The only bachelor of the family, he lives in a small house in Galesburg.

REUBEN and ERNA BORUD

Reuben Borud, son of Julia and Even Borud, moved with his family to the Galesburg area in 1930. He worked for different farmers in the Minnesota, South Dakota areas. He farmed in partnership with Herman and James, until he met and married Erna Griesbach of the Bohnsack and Hunter area. They have two children, Linda (Mrs. William Witkowski) of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Bill and Linda have one child, Jill, which is the pride and joy of Grandpa and Grandma Borud. Larry lives at home, having bought the home place to continue farming. Reuben and Erna are building their retirement home in the city of Hunter, North Dakota.

OLE and ROSE BOTTEN



Ole, Mabel, and Rose Botten

Mr. and Mrs. Ole Botten lived on the Stewart farm northwest of town. He was caught in the belt of a gas engine, losing his life.

They had three children: Julian, Mabel, and Josephine.

After Ole's death they moved into town in the house presently owned by Al Martin.

After graduating from Galesburg High School Julian was in the restaurant business at Valley City and Thief River Falls. He was married and they had three children: Robert, Shirley, and Connie. Julian passed away several years ago. Robert lives in Kansas City, Kansas. Shirley lives in Roseville, Minnesota. She is married to Gary Humes.



Mabel and Kenneth Miller

Connie is married to Gordon Hillstad and lives in Cambridge, Minnesota.

Mabel married Kenneth Miller. They had no children. They reside at Freewater, Oregon.

Josephine was married. They had two children, Freddie and Joan. Josephine is deceased. Fred lives in Seattle, Washington.



Julian, Stella, Robert, Shirley, Connie Botten



Fred, Josephine, Joan, Freddie

FRANK and SYLVIA BOWER

Frank Bower, son of John Bower, was born in 1892 in Broadlawn Township, Steele County, where his father homesteaded in 1882. He graduated from St. Thomas College at St. Paul, Minnesota and attended the University of Minneapolis, Minnesota. On February 5, 1918, he married Miss Sylvia Fay of Milwaukee, sister of the first Page resident Catholic pastor, Father Charles Fay. She was a stenographer for Mr. Courtney, a lawyer in Page. They farmed many years and Mrs. Bower passed away in 1935. He continued to farm for some years and retired and moved into Page. They had two children, Fay a teacher who taught for a number of years then lived with her father in Page. Their son, Gerald graduated from North Dakota Agricultural College, was in World War II and was overseas during that time. Gerald was one of the first to be with the Elm River Credit Union which was organized in 1954. His love for the Credit Union will always be remembered. He married Doris Keltgen, who is currently manager of the credit union. They had two boys and four girls: Dennis, John, Joan, Mary Ellen,

Patricia and Eileen (Mrs. David Haoff). They are members of St. James Catholic Church in Page. The Bowers still farm north of Page.

GEORGE and JULIE BOWER



George, Julia, and Violet

Mr. and Mrs. George Bower moved to Galesburg in 1909 from their home in Page Township.

George worked at the Olaf Sande Implement and at various places around.

They had four children: Violet, Alvin, Lillie, and Roy, all attended school here. Alvin and Lillie also attended college at Mayville. Lillie taught school for several years.

George Bower passed away in 1942. Mrs. Bower died in 1939. Violet (Mrs. Auran) died in 1938 and Alvin at Portland Oregon in 1967. Lillie (Mrs. Wallace Erickson) passed away at Alexandria, Minnesota in 1951. Roy lives at Ventura, California.

George overhauled machinery and ran threshing machines. He lost one hand in a corn shredding machine leaving only his thumb. This did not slow him up, he continued as usual.

GERALD and DORIS BOWER

Doris Bower is the former Doris Mae Keltgen of Fargo, North Dakota. She graduated from NDSU in 1947, BS in Home Economics. Gerald C. Bower was the son of Frank Bower who was a native of Page, North Dakota. Gerald and Doris were married October 18, 1952.

Gerald Bower was a NDSU graduate, BS in Agricultural Economics. He served in the military service during World War II. Gerald passed away in March, 1977.

The Bowers have six children: Dennis, Joan, Mary Ellen, Eileen, John and Patricia.

Dennis is presently farming on the home farm, attended NDSU for three years.

Joan, BS at SSC in Duluth, Minnesota, is Chief Medical Record Administrator at St. Vincent's Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin.

Mary Ellen, BS at MSU, Elementary teacher at St. John, North Dakota.

Eileen (Mrs. David Hauff), BS and MS at MSU, is Speech Pathologist in Orano, Minnesota.

John, BS at NDSU in 1981 Agricultural Economics.

Patricia, Junior at St. Scholastica College in Duluth, Minnesota.

The Bowers are member of the Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Fargo, North Dakota.

WILLARD and REGINA BOWER

Willard C. Bower was born in Page, North Dakota on July 16, 1898 and Regina Martineau was born in St. John, North Dakota December 19, 1899. Willard and Regina were married September 5, 1921 at St. John. They farmed at Page, North Dakota until 1930 when they moved to St. John where Willard operated a General Store until 1940. He then purchased a Red Owl Grocery Store in Willow City, North Dakota until he retired in 1966. They have four surviving sons and one daughter.

W.F. Bower was born August 11, 1922 and resides in Sunland, California.

John E. Bower born March 5, 1924 is deceased.

Theodore C. Bower was born February 5, 1926 and lives in Sunland, California.

Joseph M. Bower born October 23, 1928 lives in Minot, North Dakota.

Grace (Bickel) Bower was born March 29, 1931 and resides at Willow City.

James H. Bower born September 19, 1935 lives at Williston, North Dakota.

There are twenty-two grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Regina passed away July of 1960 and Willard in April of 1969.

FRED and LUCILLE BRANDSTED



**Ron, Ed, Frances
Lucille, Gene, Fred**

Fred Leo Brandsted was born December 7, 1904, at Alpena, South Dakota, the son of William L. Brandsted and Irena Rankin Brandsted. He was one of seven children. He was educated at a rural school near their home and at Brookings, South Dakota. Fred was a farmer in South Dakota and in Arthur and Amenia, North Dakota. He farmed with his brothers.

Fred married Lucille Trego on June 3, 1939. She is the daughter of Edgar C. Trego and Esta Snelson Trego of Arthur,

North Dakota. Lucille was born July 28, 1921, in Fenton, Iowa. The Trego's came to the Arthur area in 1924, where they were engaged in farming.

Fred and Lucille moved from Arthur to Kathryn, North Dakota, in 1949, where they farmed and ranched. In 1955 they moved to the Clifford-Galesburg community. They were active in church and school activities. Lucille also worked in the local restaurant and Mayville State College cafeteria.

They had four children.

Ed Leland, born March 29, 1940, attended school in Clifford and Wahpeton State School of Science. He married Diana Kleinsausser of Casselton on July 7, 1964. They have three children: Randal, Joel and Lori.

He operates the farm formerly owned by his father and grandfather. To some it is also known as the J.L. Jondahl farm.

Frances Rae, born October 13, 1941, attended school at Clifford and the New York School of Hairdressing in Fargo. Her hobbies are remodeling and decorating homes.

Frances married Donald Holman on July 1, 1960. They have three sons: Todd, Rodney and Chad. Frances and Donald were divorced.

Frances married LeRoy Peterson. One daughter, Kriss Ann, was born to them. Frances and LeRoy were divorced.

Frances married Robert Reinke at Granite Falls, Minnesota, where they are presently living. They are the parents of one son, Nathan Lee. Robert is employed as a draftsman for the County Highway Department.

Ronald Jay, born December 13, 1942, attended Clifford School, Mayville State College, Vermillion University, South Dakota, and Ames University in Iowa. He married Janice Torkelson of Grafton, North Dakota on June 12, 1966. They have two sons: Greg and Kent. Ronald is school principal at Rolfe, Iowa. Janice is a teacher and coordinator for adult education at City College, Fort Dodge, Iowa. Their home is at Rolfe, Iowa.

Gene Lee was born March 16, 1947. He attended school in Clifford-Galesburg, Mayville State College, Willmar Junior College, and Granite Tech. He married Kathleen Brophy of Montevideo, Minnesota, December 24, 1969, at Watertown, South Dakota. Gene has worked as a restaurant owner-operator, accountant, and is now manager of a food establishment. Kathy is also employed in the business. They have four children: Jeremy, Mitchel, Jason and Kjersti.

Fred Brandsted passed away on March 3, 1966.

WILLIAM and IRENA BRANDSTED

William (Bill) Brandsted was born June 26, 1868 in Centralia, Wood County, Wisconsin. Bill's father was Frans Oscar Brandstedt who was born August 4, 1843 in Parish of Rogberga, Sweden. He immigrated to the United States and came to Centralia, Wisconsin in 1886. He married Sara Jane Parkhurst in 1867 who was of English descent. She was born in Centralia, Wisconsin in 1850.

The Brandsteds left Wisconsin in 1869 for the "Dakotas" in search of land to establish a home. They homesteaded a quarter section (northwest quarter, section six). The land was deeded by a patent signed by U.S. Grant.



Joe, Frank, Hester, Bill, Charles, Fred

When the family moved to South Dakota, they traveled on foot and by wagon. Bill was one year old at the time. Besides Bill there were Frank and Minerva (Minnie).

Bill married Irena Rankin (Irish descent) in Yankton, South Dakota March 28, 1893. She was born May 18, 1869 in Kirkland, Illinois.

Bill was a progressive farmer, owning heavy machinery, building roads, breaking sod, and owning a modern farm home near Alpena, South Dakota. He later farmed near Miller, South Dakota and Courtney, North Dakota. Irena died in Courtney on December 13, 1928. He later farmed at Arthur and Amenias with his sons before moving to Galesburg where he owned and operated the former Jondahl land, northwest of Galesburg. He acquired the nickname "Alfalfa Bill" because of his interest and research in alfalfa.

He also worked for the Greater North Dakota Association of Fargo. He gave talks and demonstrations on building "hog heavens" or farrowing houses for very little cost.

William and Irena had a family of seven: Charles Glen of Arthur who married Lucretia and had three children; Janet (Mrs. Floyd Calkins) of Concord, California who had three children, and is deceased; Joseph Edward and wife Mayme and two children and he is deceased; Franklin Ired and wife Blanche and four children of Arthur, North Dakota; Fred Leo and wife Lucille and four children of Galesburg, North Dakota (he is deceased); Hester (Mrs. Gordon Wendt) of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; and Dorothea who died an infant.

Bill died October 29, 1957 at Mayville, North Dakota.

GUST and EMMA BRATHOLT

Gust Bratholt was born in Hadeland, Norway, November 16, 1868. He came to Northwood, Iowa to live with an aunt and uncle. In 1894, he married Emma Engebretson, who was born in Ness, Romerike, Norway July 28, 1867 and came to America in 1887. They farmed in Iowa until 1900 and then they moved to a farm southwest of Galesburg. Gust Bratholt brought his machinery, furniture, and horses in a box car from Iowa to North Dakota and Mrs. Bratholt came by train with her two children, Irving and Gunelia.

Two daughters were born to the Bratholts after they came to Galesburg: Olga, Mrs. George O. Brekke, and Inga, Mrs. S.L. Johnson, of Eyota, Minnesota. Gunelia married George Dickson in 1918 and Irving married Esther Erickson in 1931.



Mr. and Mrs. Gust Bratholt

In 1930 the Bratholts retired and moved to Galesburg. Mrs. Bratholt passed away in 1933. Mr. Bratholt married Anna Wang in 1940. Gust passed away in 1948 and Mrs. Anna Bratholt passed away in 1964.

IRVING and ESTHER BRATHOLT

Irving Olson was born at Northwood, Iowa to parents, Gustav and Emma Olson, who had come from Norway. He was born June 16, 1896. When he was about six years old the family moved to Galesburg, North Dakota. Two brothers, Iver and Otto, moved from Iowa also and the three brothers bought quarters of land, adjoining sections south of Galesburg.

When the three brothers, Gustav, Iver, and Otto, decided to go to Fargo to take out their citizenship papers, they surprised their families. When they came back they had changed their names to Bratholt, the name of their farm home in Norway. Irving often told how difficult it was to go to school the next day and have to tell everyone his name had been changed. It was also much harder to write. As he grew up he heard of others who had done the same thing.

The three sisters, Gunelia, Olga, and Inga, all attended college and became teachers. Irving worked on his father's farm until he was married.

Esther attended high school in Galesburg. This was achieved through the generosity of good friends, the John Moes. Esther had waited five long years for her dad to say she could go. He had always said she was needed at home. Alice was very helpful with Algebra, as it was no easy task to start school after being out that many years. After high school she attended Valley City College. She taught three years in rural schools before getting married. She will always be grateful to Mrs. John Moe for persuading her parents to let her come to live in their home and attend high school, those two years, at no cost to her dad.

Their three children, Lois, Morris, and Kermit, were all born at Page but all graduated from Hunter High School. They bought a farm near Hunter, moving there in March of 1947. Esther taught two more years after the children were in school in a rural school near Galesburg. They were all excited to finally have their own farm home with the conveniences of electricity, modern plumbing, good roads, and close to school.

After graduation, Lois attended St. Lukes School of Nursing for eight months but chose to go to business school instead. After three months at Interstate Business College she became bookkeeper at State Oil and Auto at Hunter, where she remained for five years. She married Tom Gaffney in June 1953. They have six children. Steven and John are married and live at Dickinson, North Dakota, Paul is at Marshall, Minnesota, and Karen at St. Cloud, Minnesota, while David and Ann are at home with Lois and Tom in Sioux Falls. Tom is branch manager for G.T.A. where he has been for twenty-five years.

Morris attended North Dakota State University graduating from a four year course in business administration in 1955. He was employed by Dun and Bradstreet for about a year before being drafted. He served in the Army, being stationed at Fairbanks for almost two years. After being discharged he again joined Dun and Bradstreet where he still remains. He married Virginia Nelson at Fargo. They have two sons, Stuart and Douglas. They are living near Eugene, Oregon.

Kermit also attended North Dakota State University and was in the Army also. He chose to farm with his father instead of finishing college. He is still farming on the place they bought near Hunter. He married Ellen Nordmark in December 1963. They have four children: Kim, Kevin, Kent, and Kurt.

Irving and Esther moved to Fargo in 1964. Irving continued to go out to the farm and help in the spring and fall. Each winter they went to Arizona, also visited California, Oregon and Seattle until his death in 1970. Esther still resides in Fargo.

IVER and CARRIE BRATHOLT



Iver and Carrie Bratholt
Back: Herman, Ole, Gunder
Front: Gunile, Albert, Anne

Iver Bratholt was born in Hadeland, Norway, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Bratholt. His birthdate is unknown. He and two brothers, Gust and Otto, came to this country and lived in Northwood, Iowa for several years before the three of them came to the Galesburg area. Iver farmed south of Galesburg near the Mortimer elevator.

Karen (Carrie) Hanson was born in Opstad, Norway, on April 25, 1877. She also lived in Northwood, Iowa and it was there she met and married Iver Bratholt.

They had the following children:

Ole was born February 24, 1901 and died October 14, 1966. He married Juliet Bjelverud March 25, 1931 and they had two sons, Jerome and Gerald.

Gunder was born June 17, 1902 and died September 14, 1955. He married Ida Jacobson and they had one son, Vernon.

Herman was born August 18, 1903 and died March 31, 1976. He married and had two sons, Roy and Terry, and a daughter, Karen.

Albert was born January 1, 1905. He worked many years for Great Northern Railroad. He resides in Galesburg.

Gunile was born December 5, 1906 and died March 26, 1975. She married Arthur Bjerke February 19, 1927 and they had one son, Arthur Jr.

Anne was born January 15, 1908. She married Carl Peterson August 28, 1928. They had one son, Reuben.

Mrs. Bratholt (Carrie) was a hard worker as most of the early settlers were. She was a cook in the old cookcars during threshing times. She worked in laundries at Austin and Albert Lea, Minnesota. She was an active member of the Sons of Norway Lodge and cooked many pounds of lutefisk for their annual suppers in the hall above Palmer's Place.

Carrie was midwife too in her day. She used to assist Dr. Hjelle and later on Dr. Swanson when they needed help. One of the babies she brought into the world was our local auctioneer, Howard Satrom. She probably was the first to hear his "cry." He is living testimony that she did good work. She also went to peoples' homes and cared for them when they were ill. Among those in Clifford were the Ole Wick and Carl Haugen homes.

Carrie's talents were varied. She called herself a "wood butcher" and tackled many home projects. She remodeled her house, moving walls and stairways, doors and windows. She also built "little buildings" for special uses. Mrs. Bratholt did beautiful needlework and gave most of it away. Her grandnieces received crocheted tablecloths and pieced quilts as wedding gifts. She won first prize at the fair one year with a crocheted pillow top of the United States flag.

Youngsters in the community liked to go to her home on Halloween night because she gave them lefse instead of candy as their treats.

Townpeople remember seeing Carrie walking downtown. If there was a pond of ice she would take a run and slide across it.

Iver and Carrie worked very hard on the farm and raised their family. The children all attended rural school in Cass County and were all baptized members of the Elm River Lutheran Church of Galesburg.

In 1929, Mrs. Bratholt and son Albert moved to Galesburg. Iver continued to live on the farm with his son Gunder

until his death on September 8, 1942. Mrs. Bratholt resided in Galesburg until her death at the age of 86. She passed away in St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, North Dakota on March 24, 1964.

OLE and JULIET BRATHOLT



Gerald, Jerome, Juliet, Ole Bratholt

Juliet Bjelverud and Ole Bratholt were married March 25, 1931, at Moorhead, Minnesota. Ole followed construction work in the summer and made his home in Galesburg the winter months. They had two sons, Jerome and Gerald. In 1943 they moved to Hunter purchasing the cafe and bar which they ran for seventeen years. They sold to Fred Quittschreiber and returned to Galesburg. After that they operated a bar at Blanchard, North Dakota. Ole died in 1966 and Juliet in 1977.

Jerome married Margery Anderson of Hunter. They had four children: Roxanne, Terri, Scott, and Todd. He spent twenty years in the Air Force retiring at Phoenix, Arizona.

Gerald married Shirley Grothmann of Arthur. They had two children, Danny and Debbie. Gerald was in the United States Army and works for the Park Department at Fargo, North Dakota.

ARDEN and GLADYS BRING



Arden and Gladys Bring

Arden was born in Nebraska in 1909, son of John and Helen Bring. The Bring family moved to Galesburg in 1917. Gladys is the daughter of Josephine Rostad and was born in Galesburg, North Dakota in 1919.

Arden and Gladys both received their education in the Galesburg school. They were married in 1938. They farmed and fed cattle three miles east of Galesburg until 1966, when they moved to their new home just east of Galesburg. They retired in 1972.

The Brings are active members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church. Arden has been a supervisor on the West Traill Soil Conservation Board for thirty-six years. He served on the Galesburg Township Board for nine years. He was one of the first 4-H leaders in Galesburg. He also coached Pee Wee baseball for several years.

Gladys is a charter member of the Elm River Homemaker Club. She was a Cub Scout Den Mother and a 4-H leader for many years.

They are the parents of three sons, Duane and Lyle, who farm in the area. Curtis lives in Fargo, North Dakota and teaches Computer Science at Moorhead State College.

CURTIS and SUSAN BRING



Curtis Bring Family
John, Susan, Curtis and William Bring

Curtis Bring (born April 11, 1943) and Susan Bring (born February 8, 1945) daughter and son of Arden and Gladys Bring, Galesburg, and Marian and William Conrad, Page, live in Fargo with their two sons, William, age nine, and John, age five. Curtis graduated from Galesburg High School and Susan from Page High School. Both are graduates of North Dakota State University. Curtis earned his Doctorate in Mathematics and Education from the University of Northern Colorado in 1971 where they lived and taught for several years. After two years residence at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon, Canada, they returned to Fargo in 1973. Curtis is presently a professor of Computer Science at Moorhead State University. They are members of Messiah Lutheran Church, Fargo, North Dakota.

DUANE and CONNIE BRING



Richard, Duane, Connie, Dawn

Duane Arden Bring, son of Arden and Gladys Bring and Connie LaVonne Olstad, daughter of Pauli and Alma Olstad have lived all their lives in the Galesburg area.

After graduating from Galesburg High School, Duane attended North Dakota State University while Connie worked for American Life and Casualty Company.

They were united in marriage on September 30, 1960, at the Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg. They reside on a farm one-half mile west of Galesburg, known to many as the "Erb Farm". They have been blessed with two children: Dawn Marie, born July 26, 1963, who is a student at North Dakota State University and Richard Duane, born June 20, 1966, who is a student at Clifford-Galesburg High School.

Duane farms in partnership with his brother Lyle who lives on the home farm, three miles east of Galesburg.

Duane belonged to the North Dakota Air National Guard for six years, served several years as Township treasurer, is a 4-H Leader, member of the school board, American Legion, and on the Stordahl Church council.

They are members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church, rural Galesburg, where they have been active in the various organizations.

F. ELMER and IRENE BRING

Elmer was the oldest of the four sons of John and Helen Bring.

He was about thirteen years old when they moved from Minnesota to Galesburg, North Dakota.

He married Irene Pearson from Winter, Wisconsin. They farmed the Walter J. Taylor farm three miles east of Galesburg. Later he purchased land just east of Galesburg and they built a new house there. Elmer had a livestock trucking business there. They bought more land joining their home and Elmer started farming again.

Elmer and Irene were the parents of a son, Harold, and a daughter, Evelyn.

HAROLD and ESTHER BRING



Back: Peter, Harold, Karl
Front: Amy, Esther, Christine

Harold Bring was born June 7, 1931 to Mr. and Mrs. F. Elmer Bring. He attended Sunday School in the Presbyterian Church. His parents joined the Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg and he was confirmed there. He graduated from high school in 1947 and attended college at North Dakota Agricultural College in Fargo. In 1951, he graduated from there with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture. He came home to farm with his dad. He married Esther Olson on November 23, 1956 in the Norman Lutheran Church at Clifford, North Dakota. Esther was the daughter of Olga and Elvin Olson of Blanchard, North Dakota. She attended high school at Clifford. She was also confirmed in the Norman Lutheran Church. She graduated from Mayville State Teacher's College with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education. She taught English for four years in Lisbon, North Dakota, one year in Hannaford and the year they were married she taught at Clifford High School.

Harold and Esther moved in to the Iver Smith farmhouse as Iver had sold his farm to Harold and Elmer and had retired. Harold and Elmer were farming in partnership in a grain and livestock operation.

Their first child, Christine Ann, was born September 7, 1957. Karl Elmer was born May 26, 1959; Peter Harold, July 25, 1961; and Amy Esther, September 12, 1962 on her mother's birthday.

Harold took an active part in his community's development. He and Albert Elliott, Sr. re-activated the Willing Worker's 4-H Club, and Harold served as one of the 4-H leaders for thirteen years.

He served on the Galesburg Township board, the Galesburg Improvement Association, and was chairman of the Community Improvement Corporation. He served as president of the Traill County Farmers Union. He was for three years Program Chairman to the North Dakota Farmers Union Convention and also the National Farmers Union Convention in 1977.

Harold was president of the Elm River Lutheran Church Council and was a member of the Board of the Lutheran Memorial Home at Mayville.

In 1979, November 27, Harold was stricken with a heart attack and died the next day.

Chris graduated from North Dakota State University in June of 1981 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Architecture. She lives and works in Fargo.

Karl and Peter are students in engineering at North Dakota State University and plan to complete their studies this coming year. They are members of the Farm House Fraternity.

Amy married Curtiss Hovde June 26, 1981. They live on a farm west of Portland, North Dakota. She is a student in elementary education at Mayville State College.

Esther lives north of Galesburg in the house that was formerly known as the Julseth house which she and Harold, along with their children, renovated and remodeled during the last four years of Harold's life.

Esther is currently a member of the Traill County Farmers Union board and a participant in the Master Gardener Program. She is a member of the Elm River American Lutheran Church Women and is on the church council.

HOWARD and ETHYL (Burkholder) BRING



Howard and Ethyl Bring

Howard Edward Bring was born in Bertha, Nebraska on September 3, 1908. He moved to North Dakota with his folks in March 1917. They moved to a farm three miles east of Galesburg, North Dakota that his parents, John and Helen Bring, had purchased.

Howard married Ethyl B. Burkholder, eldest daughter of Bert and Bessie Burkholder, on July 11, 1933. They moved to the Ole Jystad farm which they purchased from the State in 1935. This farm is three-fourth of a mile west of Stordahl Church.

Howard and Ethyl have three sons and one daughter.

Kenneth Jon was born November 26, 1938. He married Sandra Olstad September 1, 1961. They have one son, Scott, born May 6, 1964 and a daughter, Michele Alane born February 22, 1968. Kenneth is a carpenter by trade and Sandra is a teacher. They live in Glyndon, Minnesota.

Jeanette Helen was born May 9, 1941 and married J. Thomas Anderson of Hunter, North Dakota on July 10, 1964. They have one son, Scott T., born April 23, 1970 and one daughter, Paula Jean born September 7, 1967. Jeanette is a

teacher of Home Economics and Tom an Aerospace Engineer. They live in Loveland, Colorado.

John Howard was born April 1, 1950 and married Cheryl Erickson September 9, 1972. They have one son, Matthew J., born March 3, 1978 and one daughter, Tanya Marie, born March 16, 1980. John is a teacher of Science and Cheryl is a Registered Nurse. They live in Cooperstown, North Dakota.

James Ralph was born November 10, 1952 and married Lesley Snyder September 20, 1974. They have one son, Jeremy James, born June 20, 1979. They live in Galesburg and Jim is a farmer by trade. Lesley is a full time homemaker.

Howard and Ethyl, though retired, still reside on the family farm. Both are members of the Stordahl Church. Howard had been Assessor for many years and also served four years on the School Board in Galesburg.

Howard won the Bond, Flag and Plaque for superior achievement in Agriculture, given by the Skelly Oil Company in October 1945.

As a hobby, Howard still lends a helping hand with the farming when needed. Ethyl's hobby is plants and more plants and sewing.

JIM and LESLEY BRING



Jim, Jeremy, Lesley Bring

Jim Bring, son of Howard and Ethyl Bring was born November 10, 1952. Lesley, daughter of Roger Snyder and Jeanette (Mrs. Joe Anderson) was born October 4, 1955. Both Jim and Lesley graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School.

Jim went to College at the University of North Dakota four years. He and Lesley were married September 20, 1974. They moved to Wimbledon, North Dakota where Jim worked as head cashier and loan officer at the Farmers and Merchants Bank. Lesley worked at Great Plains Supply where she was a full time bookkeeper and sales clerk.

They moved to Galesburg, North Dakota to farm in March of 1979.

Jim and Lesley have one son, Jeremy, born June 20, 1979. The Brings are active members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church of rural Galesburg.

JOHN P. and HELEN BRING



John P. and Helen Bring

John P. and Helen Bring and family came to Galesburg from southern Minnesota in 1917 and bought a farm 3 miles east and a half mile north of Galesburg. John was born in Sweden and came to the United States with his parents at the age of 4. Helen Peterson was born in Illinois and later moved to Nebraska.

John P. Bring and Helen Peterson were married in Nebraska in 1902. Later they moved to Minnesota where they lived until coming to North Dakota with their five children - Elmer, Ralph, Howard, Arden and Ethel. They were active in the Presbyterian church and community activities.

John passed away in 1925 and the family continued to live on the farm until 1938, when Helen Bring and Ethel moved to Fargo. Ralph and his wife settled on the home farm. The other boys established homes in the vicinity.

Helen Bring died in 1940. Ethel, with her husband Max Gelfan, lives in Inglewood, California. Elmer passed away in 1966.

KENNETH and SANDRA BRING

Sandra Camille Olstad, daughter of Alvin Olstad was born July 24, 1940. She attended first grade school at Broadlawn country school number five. The rest of her grade and high school education was received in Galesburg, North Dakota. Sandra graduated from Galesburg High School in 1958. She attended Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota 1958-1962.

Kenneth Bring, son of Howard and Ethyl Bring, was born November 26, 1938. He received his education in Galesburg, graduated from Galesburg High School in 1957.

Ken and Sandra were married September 1, 1961. They have two children, Scott Thomas born May 6, 1964 and Michele Alane, born February 22, 1968.

They moved to Glyndon, Minnesota in 1962. Sandra taught high school English until 1967 and Ken was with K-Mart Sporting Goods. Ken got transferred to Rapid City, South Dakota in 1967 for one and one half years, then to Des Moines, Iowa for two years. They moved back to Glyndon in 1970. Sandra returned to part time teaching in Glyndon in 1971,

then she went to college for a year after which she returned to the Glyndon-Felton schools in Special Education and is currently Coordinator of Special Services for the Glyndon-Felton School.

Ken continued with K-Mart until 1973 when he became self employed as a carpenter and has continued until the present time.

LYLE and BONNIE BRING



Jason, Bonnie, Lyle, Jesse, and Wendy

Lyle Bring, son of Gladys and Arden Bring married Bonnie Satrom, daughter of Otto and Hazel Satrom on May 29, 1963 at Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg. Lyle graduated from Galesburg High School in 1959. He attended NDSU and has farmed at Galesburg since. Bonnie graduated from Galesburg High School in 1961. She took a one year business course at Mayville State College and worked one and one-half years for GTA at Hunter, North Dakota.

Lyle and Bonnie have three children: Wendy, born July 4, 1964; Jesse, born December 21, 1965; Jason, born June 15, 1967. The family is active in Stordahl Lutheran Church, rural Galesburg.

They live on and work the farm east of Galesburg that was bought from Walter Taylor by Arden Bring in 1938.

LYNN and BETTY BRING



Back: Mark, Mike
Front: Laura, Lynn, Betty, Tracy

Lynn Bring, son of Ralph and Hazel Bring, and Betty Henry, daughter of Harry and Nettie Henry, were married in September of 1962. They both graduated from Galesburg High School and attended North Dakota State University with Lynn graduating in 1963. Since 1963 they have been living on the home place engaged in farming. They are the parents of four children: Tracy, (born October 13, 1963) a student at North Dakota State University, Michael and Mark, (born February 10, 1965) and Laura, (born October 15, 1967), all students attending Clifford-Galesburg High School.

They are active members of Stordahl Church. Lynn has also served on the Galesburg elevator board.

RALPH and HAZEL BRING



Ralph and Hazel Bring

Ralph J. Bring was born in Burt County, Nebraska to John and Helen (Peterson) Bring and came to the Galesburg area with his parents in 1917. He attended Galesburg School and later farmed.

Hazel was born in Todd County, Minnesota to Louis L. and Irene (Werner) Woell and came to the Clifford area with her parents as a small child. She attended Mayville State College and taught in rural schools in Traill and Steele Counties.

Ralph and Hazel were married in 1938 and settled on the Bring home farm, and his mother and sister moved to Fargo, where Ethel was a nurse. They are parents of two children, Lynn and Rosalie.

In 1968 their son, Lynn, his wife, the former Betty Henry, and their four children moved from their mobile home located on the farm to the house. Ralph and Hazel built another house across the road and a bit farther north on the same farm, where they still reside. After the closing of the Galesburg Presbyterian Church, they became members of Stordahl Lutheran.

Rosalie married William Vorlage of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. They live in Boulder, Colorado, and are parents of three children.

RICHARD and JANE BROKKE

Jane was born August 10, 1937 on a farm near Page to Kermit and Regina Warner. She moved with her family to the farm southwest of Galesburg where she lived until her

marriage. She attended country school and graduated from Galesburg High School in 1955.

She attended Concordia College for two years where she met Richard A. Brokke whom she married August 31, 1957. They lived in Grand Forks where Dick was employed by First Federal Savings and Loan. They moved to Omaha in 1966 where Dick now has his own business.

The Brokkes have four children: Beverly is married to Thomas G. Stratton who is a graduate student at M.I.T. in Massachusetts. Bev attended Concordia College before her marriage. She graduated from Boston University in May 1981. She is now attending Boston University on a fellowship doing graduate work in mathematics. Greg is a sophomore and Scott is a freshman at the University of Nebraska. Gail is an eighth grader. Jane is the bookkeeper for the Omaha Community Playhouse.

CHRISTIAN and MINNIE BRUN



Minnie Brun, Adeline and Joyce

Christian Brun was born in Norway May 21, 1886. After coming to this country he stayed around Galesburg where his sister, Mrs. Ole Botten lived. He left for Montana where he homesteaded near Plentywood. Later he went to the west coast where he worked in the ship yards. He returned to Galesburg and married Minnie Groven. They moved to Fargo where he worked as a carpenter.

They had three girls. Adeline, the oldest, was killed in a car accident along with her cousin Oscar Smith in 1936. Joyce married Martell Erickson. They farm by Kindred, North Dakota. Donna married Ben Lenzen. They live at Grand Forks.

Minnie was the photographer in the Groven family. One room in the house was kept as a dark room for developing pictures. She was also the organist in the Lutheran Church for many years. Oscar remembers one cold blustery day on New Years. It was thirty degrees below zero and Ole had to take Minnie to church as she was organist. All they had to drive was a pair of work horses. Olaf Moe, the sexton, was there and had the church warmed up. Hans Jacobson, being the klokker, was there to lead the singing which was sorely needed as Ole and Oscar were the whole congregation. Reverend Turmo; nevertheless, gave the whole sermon.

Christ passed away in 1941 and Minnie in 1971.

JIM and MARCELLA BUBB

Marcella was born to Pauli and Alma (Erickson) Olstad. She was married to Tom Ritland who is deceased. They had two children, Kandas (Mrs. Steve Diamond) of Akron, Colorado and Timothy Ritland who lives in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Marcella married Jim Bubb and they have three children: Kimberly Bubb of Dickinson, North Dakota, Michael and Andrea Bubb both at home. Jim and Marcella farm north of East Grand Forks. Marcella works as a registered nurse at the Warren, Minnesota Hospital.

ARLIN and HARRIET BUCKHOLZ



Harriet, Jacqueline,

Valerie Buckholz



Arlin, Jacqueline,

Valerie Buckholz

Arlin was born and raised at Wyndmere, North Dakota. Harriet was born and raised at Velva, North Dakota. They were married at Wyndmere in 1973 and lived there until they moved to Galesburg, North Dakota in 1976. Arlin was manager of Midwest Bean Company for a time. They are presently living in Wyndmere and are parents of two daughters, Jacqueline and Valerie.

BERT and BESSIE BURKHOLDER



Back: Frank, Edyth, John. Center: James, Bill, Bert, Earl. Front: Evelyn, Bessie, Bert Sr., Ethyl.

Bert Burkholder, son of James P. and Zelda Burkholder, and wife Bessie (DeLopp) moved with their family of five, namely Ethyl, James, Bill, John and Bert Jr. from Alpha, Iowa in March of 1919. They came at the insistence of Bert's father,

J.P. Burkholder — to try his luck at farming too. They moved to the half section called the Foss Farm located one mile east of the Stordahl Church.

Bert shipped all his machinery, milk cows, horses and household goods to North Dakota by train. His Bates Steel Mule was one of the first gas tractors in the area. He left a beautiful farm in Iowa only to lose his first venture at North Dakota farming in the "dirty thirty's", the depression years.

While on this farm four more children were born — Evelyn, Edyth, Earl and Frank. While living here the four older children married local boys and girls.

In the fall of 1937 Bert, Bessie and family moved to the Alfred Swanson farm south of Clifford. They lived in this area about twelve years before fire destroyed their home in the spring of 1948. That fall the family moved to a farm that Bert had purchased at Gary, Minnesota in 1945. At this move, there was only one child at home to make the move with the folks.

Ethyl married Howard Bring and still lives in the immediate area.

James farms and lives near Gary, Minnesota with his wife and family.

Bill married and is a mechanic at Hunter, North Dakota.

John married and lives at Mayville, North Dakota where he is in road construction.

Bert married and lives in West Fargo where he still enjoys farming near Clifford.

Evelyn married Ray Clairmont and lives in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Edyth married Leon Thompson and they live near Clifford, North Dakota.

Earl is an electrician and lives in Grand Forks, North Dakota with his wife and family.

Frank married and lives in Grand Forks. He is an insurance salesman.

All nine of the Burkholder children still live in a radius of two hundred miles of each other.

Bert Burkholder Sr. died at the age of seventy-four on February 14, 1961.

Bessie Burkholder died at the age of ninety-one plus on July 14, 1981.

They left survivors of nine children, forty-nine grandchildren, ninety-five great grandchildren and three great-great grandchildren.

JAMES P. and ZELDA M. BURKHOLDER

James P. Burkholder and Zelda M. Walker were married in June, 1884. They resided in the state of Iowa where they raised thirteen children. In 1917, they moved to North Dakota bringing with them six of their younger children. They settled in the Clifford-Galesburg area. The Burkholder family remained in North Dakota until 1925 when they moved back to Iowa where they lived until 1939 when a home fire caused their deaths.

James was a farmer and his wife Zelda was a mid-wife. She is credited with helping with over one thousand births, some in this area.



James and Zeld Burkholder

Their eldest son, Bert, and his wife, Bessie, and five of their children namely: Ethyl, James, Bill, John, and Bert Jr. moved from Alpha, Iowa, to make their home in North Dakota in 1919.

JACOB and MARION BYBERG



**Back: Diane, David, Beth
Front: Jake, Marian**

Marion married Jacob Byberg on June 19, 1955. Jacob passed away July 11, 1981. They have three children, Elizabeth and twins David and Diane.

Elizabeth lives at Valley City, North Dakota and is secretary to the President of Valley City State Teachers College.

David is attending Mary College at Bismarck, North Dakota.

Diane married Kent LaVake and resides at Devils Lake, North Dakota.

EDWARD and HANNAH PATTERSON BYE

Edward Bye came to America, the Galesburg area from Sarpsborg, Norway, in about 1888. He was a self taught Lutheran Evangelist who went from home to home singing, accompanying himself on various instruments and bringing the "Word" to the new settlers in the area. He stayed with the Ericksons, Jystads, Petersons, Julseths and many more area homesteaders. About four years later he sailed back to Norway and returned to America with his family, which was his wife, Hannah Patterson Bye and their three sons, Pete, Olaf, and Edwin.

The family name in Norway was Helgebye, but it was changed to Bye at the Cass County Courthouse in Fargo, with the entire family attending the ceremony.

In the ensuing years it is thought Edward Bye moved to Minneapolis. Hannah Patterson Bye went to Canada for a time, returning to the United States in time to remain a United States citizen. She worked in family homes and in her later years she lived with her son Edwin and family and at the Bethany Home in Fargo. She died in 1950 at the age of 83.

Pete left for the Williston-Bonetrail area to homestead. Joe Stockmoe took him to the depot at Preston on the Great Northern Railroad line between Hunter and Blanchard and he was never heard from again, in spite of detectives searching for his whereabouts. Olaf was working for and living at the Norby (John Lerfald) family home. While working at carrying potatoes up from the cellar, he collapsed and died, presumably of pneumonia, at about 18 years of age.

EDWIN and ALMA BYE



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Bye

Edwin Bye was born July 18, 1892, at Sarpsborg, Norge, close to the Norwegian-Swedish border. He could speak Swedish as well as Norwegian, as a youngster, probably a mixture of both. He tells of having the mountains on one side of them and the water and valleys on the other side. They skied, skated, and swam and fished with the Swedish neighbor children at a very young age.

Upon his arrival in the United States, he and his family lived with area families and he attended grade school in Greenfield and Bohnsack townships. He served in the United States army during World War I in France. Upon his return from the war, he worked for John Stockmoe of the Hunter rural area in Cass County and also rented land by Galesburg.

On March 27, 1923, he was united in marriage to Alma Stockmoe of rural Hunter, the second daughter of John and Ingeborg Stockmoe, at the farm home. To this union were born four daughters and one son, these being: Imogene, Mrs. Wallace Hertwig, Blanchard, North Dakota; Joyce, Mrs. Louis Larson; Dorothy, Mrs. Paul Norgaard, both of Fargo, North Dakota; Emery, married to Marlene Brainard, Moorhead, Minnesota; and a daughter that died in infancy. Also immediate descendants are: the Hertwigs with Larry, Jerome, Susan, Janet, and John. Jerome is married to Theresa Teegarden and

they have Karie, Pennie, Cynthia, and Christy. The Larsons have Diane, Randal, and Curtis. Diane is married to Kip Erickson and they have Stacey and Johnathan. The Norgaards have Dwight, Wanda, and Douglas. The Byes have Timothy, David and Robert. Timothy is married to Jean.

The Edwin Byes lived in a house in Galesburg which stood on the site of the present Lutheran Parsonage, when they were first married, and they rented land for farming south of Galesburg. In the spring of 1924, they moved to a farm in Greenfield Township that they purchased from the Emil Sathers. They farmed here until 1943 when they moved to Hillsboro for one year due to Ed's ill health. In 1944 they moved back to an adjacent farm owned by Roy Larsen and farmed the rented acreage and their own until 1947 when they sold the farm to Harvey Erickson and moved to Galesburg and operated the Galesburg Cafe until 1963 when they retired.

They built a house in Galesburg on "Social Security Avenue E" where they resided until 1976 when illness made it imperative they move to the Moorhead Manor. In the fall of 1980 they moved to the Bethany Nursing Home in Fargo where Ed resided until his death. Alma passed away in March, 1981. Edwin was Treasurer of Greenfield Township and Treasurer of the Greenfield School Board. The family were members of the Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg. While living in Galesburg they enjoyed their neighborhood get togethers. Edwin played the accordion, violin, and harmonica and Alma played the organ for their own enjoyment and entertainment.

GERALD and RUTH CARSON



Stewart, Wayne, Geraldine, Georgian
Grace, Ruth, Gerald, Gail

Gerald (Bud) Carson, son of George and Delta Carson was born in Madison County, Nebraska, in December, 1920. His wife, Ruth, daughter of Edward and Rose Thayer, was born in December, 1932 in Platte County, Nebraska.

Both grew up on farms in their area until Bud went into service in World War II. When he returned he lived at Plainview, Nebraska, where he worked for Great Plains Supply Company. In October, 1951, he went to Rolette, North Dakota, to become manager of Great Plains Supply Company. In March, 1952, he went back to Osmund, Nebraska where he married Ruth. They both went back to Rolette where they lived until they moved to Galesburg in October, 1952. Bud was manager of Great Plains Supply Company in Galesburg until

the spring of 1965 when he went to work for himself as a carpenter. Since 1970 Bud has been employed by Galesburg Coop Elevator.

They have seven children. Their oldest daughter, Geraldine, married Michael J. Saulnier February 8, 1975. They have two sons, Kenneth and Raymond. She is stationed with the navy at Long Beach, California.

Georgian lives in Grand Forks, North Dakota where she is employed at Valley Memorial Home.

Wayne is in the army and is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky, next to where all the gold is kept.

Stewart is in the navy stationed on the USS Long Beach, a ship, outside of Bremerton, Washington.

Grace married Ray McCoy from Mississippi in June, 1979, and is stationed at Shagg Island in California.

Gail is a student at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Joey lives at home and attends the Clifford-Galesburg Elementary School.

DONALD and SHIRLEY CASWELL

Don Caswell was born in 1935 at Pine River, Minnesota to Raymond and Wilma Caswell. At the age of six the family moved to Wheatland and Amenia, North Dakota where Don grew up and attended school at Amenia.

Shirley Wagner Caswell was born in 1935 at Erie, North Dakota to Elde and Florence Wagner. Shirley grew up and attended school at Erie, North Dakota.

Don and Shirley were married in 1955. They lived at Casleton where Don was employed at a Texaco Service Station and Henry Johnson's Plumbing and Heating. They moved to Galesburg in 1960. Don worked at plumbing and heating for Great Plains, later he was service man for Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company. In 1977 Don was employed as custodian and bus driver for the Clifford-Galesburg School.

The Caswells have three sons. David, age twenty-five, is employed at Midwest Bean Company in Galesburg. Daniel, age nineteen, is in diesel mechanics at Wahpeton State School of Science. Douglas, age twelve, is in sixth grade at the Clifford-Galesburg School.

Shirley has been baby sitting for the past fifteen years. The Caswells are members of the Elm River Church. Shirley has taught Sunday School and Don has served on the Church Council, has been on the City Council for the past thirteen years. He is also a member of the Galesburg Fire Department.

Mrs. Florence Wagner, Shirley's mother, has made her home with Don and Shirley since the death of Elde in 1965. She has worked at the cafe and is employed now as a cook at the school.

RAY and WILMA CASWELL

Ray and Wilma Caswell came to Galesburg, North Dakota in October 1979 from Remer, Minnesota where they had been caretakers at a private resort for eight years. This resort was owned by the Graco Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota and only the employees and their families of Graco Company came to the resort.



**Dan, Harold, Bill, Dean
Joann, Wanda, Phyllis, Marion
Wilma, Raymond**

Before going to the resort they had been employed at the Methodist Hospital of St. Louis Park, Minnesota for several years.

Ray and Wilma were married in Walker, Minnesota on February 19, 1935 and they have eight children: Donald of Galesburg, North Dakota; Harold of Perkiomenville, Pennsylvania; Bill of Taylor, Texas; Earl of Maple Grove, Minnesota; Marion Boehner of St. Louis Park, Minnesota; Phyllis Banker of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Wanda Toohy of Apple Valley, Minnesota; and Joanne Boehner of Perham, Minnesota.

Ray and Wilma have twenty-four grandchildren, five step grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

When they moved to Galesburg, North Dakota they planned to retire but as it seems both have been busy. Ray worked two summers on the farm for Arhlin Aarsvold and Wilma has worked about one and one-half years at the West Trail Cafe. They are so thankful that they are both able to work and keep active.



**Dean, Harold, Don, Bill
Marion, Wanda, Joann, Phyllis**

B. T. CHRISTOPHERSON

Bud Christopherson was born on the farm near Blanchard on February 24, 1920. He attended country school near his home. He farmed near Clifford for several years. He was married to Jeanette Snyder. He had five step-children: Kim,



LouAnn (Mrs. Gary Brovick), Lesley (Mrs. James Bring), Tracy (Mrs. Jamie Stenerson), and Kirk.

Bud drove school bus. He was on the elevator and school board.

He retired from farming in 1980 when he sold the land and moved to Galesburg.

He died November 12, 1981.

LAWRENCE and ALMA CHURCH



Lawrence and Alma Church

Alma Louise Smith, daughter of Carl and Tena Smith, was born October 7, 1917 near Galesburg where she attended school through high school. Girls basketball was started under H.T. Anderson and Alma played basketball with the top team at that time in the district.

Alma graduated from nurses training at Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis. She worked there for awhile and later at Union Hospital at Mayville. She entered the Nurses' Corps in March, 1945. She received her training at Camp Carson, Colorado, Schiek General Hospital at Clinton, Iowa and Fort Jackson, South Carolina. She served on the Republic, the world's most modern and second largest hospital ship. Alma was stationed at the Philippines when she met Lawrence Church.

Alma and Lawrence were married June 28, 1946 in the Elm River Lutheran Church at Galesburg. They have lived at Petersburg, New York for thirty-five years. Lawrence works in the woods and in construction. He owned a garage but sold that a year ago.

They had three sons, Peter, Bruce and Alan. Bruce passed away in 1979. Alan is married and has one daughter. Peter married in 1981.

MAGNUS and HILDA CLEVEN



Thomas, Bernice (Mrs. Orlin Bensen), Magnus, James and Hilda Cleven

Magnus Cleven came to this area (Fosston, Minnesota) from Stavanger, Norway in 1913.

Hilda Jorgenson was born at Barnesville, Minnesota, July 10, 1904, to Jorgen and Bertha Jorgenson. At age 15, she came to Fargo to work at the Great Northern Cafe. There she met Magnus.

Hilda and Magnus Cleven were married September 29, 1921, at Moorhead. Their children include: Bernice (Mrs. Orlin Bensen, Sr.) of Bismarck, North Dakota; James of Phoenix, Arizona; and Thomas of Fargo, North Dakota. All were born in Fargo. In 1928 the family moved to a farm near Arthur, North Dakota. A daughter, Delores Betty Joyce, was born in 1932 on a farm northwest of Hunter. She died in infancy.

The Clevens lived in this area until 1964 when they moved to Moorhead, Minnesota, and a year later to their present home in Fargo, North Dakota. Magnus was a faithful employee at the Concordia College kitchen. He walked to work when his car didn't start in cold winter weather. In 1979, Magnus retired from Concordia.

Hilda baby-sat for several families until recently. She now is an active member of the Pontoppidan Lutheran Church quilting group that meets every Wednesday during the colder months.

The Clevens have fourteen grandchildren and twenty-six great-grandchildren. They celebrated their Sixtieth Wedding Anniversary in 1981.

WAYNE and DENISE COCHRAN

Denise was born January 12, 1954 to P. Carl and Marilyn (Moen) Henry. Her grandparents are Mrs. Nettie (Skue) Henry and Joseph and Alice (Moe) Moen. She attended school and graduated from the Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1972. She graduated from St. Lukes School of Nursing in Fargo, North Dakota, August 16, 1974 and married Wayne Cochran of Page, North Dakota on August 23, 1974. Wayne attended North Dakota State School of Science where he studied electrical technology. Wayne and Denise have one son, Patrick, who was born September 10, 1979.



Wayne and Denise Cochran
Patrick Wayne

They are presently living on the Iron Range of Northern Minnesota in the city of Gilbert, Minnesota. Wayne is employed as an electrician for United States Steel in Mountain Iron, Minnesota. Denise is an obstetrical nurse in the hospital in Virginia, Minnesota.

JAMES and NELL CONKLIN

Mr. and Mrs. James Conklin and daughter, Mary, came from Indiana in 1911. They lived a few years on farms in the Clifford and Hope areas before coming to Galesburg in the 1920's. They farmed on section fifteen (the Houghton farm) until the late 1930's when they retired into Galesburg.

Jim was born in 1868 and died in 1943. Nell was born in 1875 and died in 1965. They had one daughter, Mary, who married Charley Kvam.

Nell's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Richie, came to North Dakota in 1928 and lived with the Conklins until their deaths. Mr. Richie passed away in 1929 and Mrs. Richie in 1938.

Nell made her home in the Presbyterian Parsonage for several years. Her doors were open to all church, Ladies Aid, and Sunday School activities. Sunday School classes were also held there. Nell moved to California and spent her last years with her daughter, Mary. She passed away in 1965.

THE COOLEY FAMILY

Known as "Grandma Cooley" to her Galesburg, Clifford, and Hope neighbors, Martha Tina Brennan Cooley lived for many years on the old "Cooley Farm" — the northeast quarter of Section 16, Broadlawn Township, plus the southwest quarter of Section 10, which was called "Bertha's Quarter." The farm is now owned by Margaret Satrom, widow of Palmer Satrom.

Through her skills as a volunteer midwife, "Grandma Cooley" helped bring several present residents of the Galesburg area into the world.

Although official family records are incomplete, Martha Cooley is said to have been born in Boston, Massachusetts, in 1854, the only child of a stonemason from Ireland named John Oliver Brennan and of Jessie McElroy Brennan, who was also of Irish descent and who came from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Martha's father was killed in an accident when she was a small



Martha Brennan as a young woman, prior to her marriage in 1874 to Amasa Cooley. In her later years, Martha was known to her Galesburg neighbors as "Grandma Cooley".



Bertha Eliza Cooley, pictured in Fargo shortly before she died there in 1952. Following a farm accident, Bertha spent her final days in Fargo as an invalid.



Kathleen ("Katy") Cooley, around the time of her marriage to John Lloyd Jones of Barnes County in Seattle, in 1912. The Joneses later moved to Beloit, Wisconsin.

child (in 1858 or 1859). Her mother having died previously, the little girl then became the ward of a family of Swedish origin, the Jonas Olsons (later of Brooklyn, New York). The Olsons took Martha with them to St. Paul, Minnesota.

In St. Paul, Martha met her future husband, Amasa Walter Cooley, and was married to him there in 1874.

Amasa Cooley was born in 1848 at Plattsburgh, New York, where his father, Charles Edward Cooley, owned a sawmill. Charles Edward Cooley came from England; his wife (born Florence La Fontaine) came from Canada; and Amasa Cooley was of French, English, and Irish descent. After their children were born, the Charles Edward Cooleys moved to Newport, Minnesota; and Amasa's several brothers and sisters continued to make Minnesota their home.

The Amasa Cooleys lived briefly in Newport, Minnesota; in Prescott, Wisconsin; and in Mapleton, North Dakota. They then settled as homesteaders on the old "Cooley Farm" in the late 1880s, when Dakota was still a territory.

Having acquired a love for trees during his youth, much of which he had spent in heavily forested country, Amasa planted shade trees and orchards on the Cooley farm that made it visible for miles around.

The couple had eight children: Bertha Eliza (the oldest, born in 1875), Walter (1877), Charles (1879), Harry (1881 —

who died in 1907), Kathleen (1884 — also known as Florence), Clarice (1886 — also known as Edith), Benjamin (1889 — also known as Bertrand or Bertrum), and Olive (1894 — also known as Elsie).

Amasa died in 1908. From then until her death on the farm in 1930, Martha continued to run the farm herself, with the devoted help of her oldest daughter Bertha, and the help of her sons Walter and Charles.

Bertha, Walter, and "Charlie" continued to live in the area and were well known to their neighbors. All remained unmarried. Walter died in Finley in 1943 and Charles in Hope in 1949. As the consequence of an injury by a horse, Bertha spent her last years as an invalid in Fargo and died there in 1952. Six members of the Amasa Cooley family are buried in the Elm River Cemetery, Galesburg: Amasa and Martha, Harry, Bertha, Walter, and Charles.

Two of the younger daughters — Kathleen ("Katy") and Clarice ("Clara") — as well as the youngest son ("Ben"), attended what is now Mayville State College. For a time in the early 1900s, Katy and Clara were teachers in various North Dakota schools.

In 1912, Katy was married in Seattle to John Lloyd Jones. Until 1924, they lived on a farm near Sanborn, North Dakota; and later in Beloit, Wisconsin, where Mr. Jones worked for various manufacturing companies. Katy died in Glenview, Illinois, in 1964, leaving three children: Donald Jones of New York City; Marian Wallace (Mrs. Carl Wallace) of Alexandria, Virginia; and David Jones of Evanston, Illinois.

Clara was married to Hugh Jewell of Devils Lake, North Dakota, and died in Portland, Oregon, in 1925. She leaves one daughter, Beatrice (Mrs. Frank Sanchez), who lives in Spokane, Washington.

The youngest daughter, Olive, was married to William Bergen. She lived for many years in the state of Washington and in Alaska, and died in Seattle in 1972, leaving two sons, Donald and Neal.

The youngest son, Ben, lived in San Francisco for a time and was married and divorced there. He had no children. The last word the Cooley family had from Ben was in 1916, when he was visiting his uncle Levi Cooley in Austin, Minnesota. At that time, Ben had been working for the Oliver Typewriter Company. All efforts to locate him have been unsuccessful; and he is now presumed to be dead, perhaps a casualty of World War I.

Submitted by Donald Jones

Memories of the Cooley Family

The Cooleys never owned an automobile but they did have a surrey with a fringed top. They always hired two men through a Fargo employment agency to help with the haying and grain shocking. When these men came to Galesburg on the train, the Cooleys would use the fringe-topped surrey to get them and also to return them to the train. John O. Jondahl, a neighbor, bought the surrey at the sale, which was held in 1937.

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Another neighbor remembers the beautiful orchard. In the fall Mrs. Cooley loaded the buggy with apples and delivered these to the neighbors. The neighborhood children waited for

those apples. Some of these same children would sneak over to the Cooley's on the Fourth of July and Mrs. Cooley would give them cookies.

JOHN and LORA CUNNINGHAM



Lora and John Michael Cunningham

Lora Hazel Satrom, daughter of Hazel and Otto Satrom, attended the University of North Dakota from 1971-1975. She married John Micheal Cunningham, son of John and Pat Cunningham of Grand Forks, on August 9, 1975, and graduated from the University of North Dakota in December. "Mike" graduated in May of 1976.

Lora and Mike spent about a year in Phoenix, Arizona, before moving to Riverside, California. Lora works for Riverside Unified School District in special education and is furthering her education in the study of learning disabilities.

Mike is the ticket office manager for the University of California, Riverside. As a union theatre technician, he has worked at Arizona State University, the Phoenix Suns Coliseum, and Disneyland.

EMIL and TILLIE DAHL



Emil and Tillie Dahl

Emil Dahl was born in Norway in 1889. He settled in the Red River Valley, coming from McVille, North Dakota.

He served twenty-one months during World War I at Camp Logan, Texas and Fort Sheridan, Illinois.

He operated a restaurant in Clifford, North Dakota before coming to Galesburg in the winter of 1929 to operate the restaurant and pool hall.

He married Tillie Linstad.

The back part of the building was living quarters and this is where the Dahl's lived. The Sons of Norway Hall with its many activities was above the pool hall.

Emil was a good restaurant and pool hall operator. Every morning he cleaned the place. Every morning he put on a clean white shirt. Anna Paulson did the baking for the restaurant. He operated the business until 1937.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, American Legion and the Sons of Norway.

Emil died in the Veteran's Hospital in Fargo in 1937. He was buried at Thief River Falls, Minnesota.

OLE and MARIE DAHL



Ole Dahl

Ole Dahl was born in Seel, Gudbrandsdal, Norway June 28, 1882. In 1900 he came to the United States. He worked on farms in the Audubon, Minnesota area before coming to Galesburg as a farm laborer. He attended barber school. Ole opened a barber shop in Galesburg. He boarded and roomed at the hotel. In 1912 he moved to Clifford, North Dakota.

He married Marie Anonby in 1913. They operated the restaurant-pool hall, had "roomers" and Ole had the barber shop. He continued barbering until 1929 when they moved to their farm and started farming. They continued farming until 1946 when they again moved to Clifford.

Ole passed away April 30, 1970. Mrs. Dahl moved to the farm of their adopted daughter, Maxine (Mrs. Art Martin) after Ole's death. Mrs. Dahl died March 22, 1979.

OTTO and LINDIE BJUGAN DAHLE

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Dahle were married at Galesburg December 15, 1937. Otto was born April 18, 1896 at Fertile,



Otto and Lindie Dahle

Minnesota. Lindie (Bjugan) Dahle was born at Galesburg July 13, 1897.

They have an adopted son Vernon. He is married to Violet Friesz of Elgin, North Dakota. They have four children.

The Dahle's retired several years ago, but they continue to live on their farm.

VERNON and VIOLET DAHLE



**Vernon and Violet
Dennis, Tammy, Larce, and Renae**

Vernon Ordean Dahle born March 20, 1937 is the adopted son of Otto and Lindie Dahle. Vernon married Violet Friesz of Elgin, North Dakota on September 9, 1964. Violet is the daughter of August and Alvina Friesz of Elgin. She was born June 14, 1948.

They have four children; Ranae Jane born April 28, 1965, Larce Lee born June 13, 1966, Dennis Vernon born January 12, 1968 and Tammy Lanette born June 26, 1970.

The Dahles lived at Elgin, North Dakota for several years returning to Galesburg in 1981.

JOHN T. J. DALEN

John T.J. Dalen was born October 17, 1882, on Lofoten Island on the west coast of Norway. He came to America as a young man and worked on the Louie Satrom farm during the summer months. He spent the winters in the woods in Minnesota as a lumberjack.



John T.J. Dalen

He bought the south west quarter of section 23, known as the Hans Jacobson land. He farmed for a number of years, had it in Soil Bank for awhile, and also rented it out for awhile.

He never married and spent his later years on the Louie Satrom farm with his cattle, his cats, and his dog, Betty.

John passed away December 2, 1965, at the age of eighty three years.

ERIC and DANAE (Smith) DELMAN



Danae & Eric Delman

Danae Helen Smith was born in the Union Hospital, Mayville, North Dakota on April 22, 1955, daughter of Victor and Dorothy (Kuball) Smith. She was a first grader the first year of the Clifford-Galesburg reorganization of school. She was baptized and confirmed in the Elm River Lutheran Church and graduated from the Clifford-Galesburg High School. She enrolled at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota and later transferred to Augustana College, Sioux Falls, South Dakota where she received her B.A. Degree in special education and elementary. She taught junior high for two years at the Illinois State School for the Deaf in Jacksonville.

Danae married Eric Martin Delman, son of Edward and Edith Delman, Alexandria, Virginia on August 18, 1979 in Galesburg. Eric and Danae were classmates at Augustana. He attended school in Alexandria and graduated with a B.A. Degree in aviation administration at Augustana. He then went on to Embry Riddle Aeronautics University in Miami, Florida where he obtained a Master's Degree in aeronautical science. He's in wholesale electric business with his father in Alexandria, Virginia.

Danae teaches sign classes for the Fairfax County Adult Education and at present is a student at Gallaudet College in Washington, D.C. She will graduate May 17, 1982 with a Master's Degree in Multi Handicapped Hearing Impaired. She then plans to continue teaching.

Eric and Danae enjoy coming home as often as possible especially when Eric gets to fly their Cessna 210.

He loves to fly and golf and Danae's hobbies are golfing, swimming, cooking and needlework.

GEORGE and JOSEPHINE DICK



Josephine and George Dick

Josephine Miller, daughter of Ruches and Lucinda Miller, was born December 25, 1907. She had a twin brother, John. They lived on farms in the Clifford and Blanchard area before moving into Galesburg in 1915.

She and George Dick were married in Long Prairie, Minnesota. They lived at Hunter, North Dakota, in Oklahoma and in Washington. They farmed and George worked in a saw mill in Washington. They returned to Minnesota. George died in August 1971 in Clarissa, Minnesota, where Josephine presently lives.

There are three children: Ethel (Mrs. Dominic Spychalla), Stella (Mrs. Ervin Warner) and William Everett.

GEORGE and GUNELIA DICKSON



George and Gunelia Dickson

In 1918 George Dickson married Gunelia Bratholt and they moved to the home his father, Kernahan, built when he and his wife, Sarah McCall, came from Belfast, Ireland. They lived on this farm, which is five miles south and two miles east of Galesburg, until their death. George died in 1968 and Gunelia in 1979.

George and Gunelia had three daughters and one son: Mrs. Lyle (Lorraine) Ramstad, Mrs. John (Joyce) Jorgensen, Mrs. Ronald (Delores) Berkvam and Morrell. Morrell still lives on the home farm. He married Phyllis Wenaas in 1950. They have three sons and a daughter: Rick, who farms with his father; Randy, who works in Fargo; Mark and Wendy who are at home.

MELVIN and BURNETTE DOMIER



Gloria, Charlene, Karen
Burnette, Melvin

Melvin Howard was born to William and Clara Domier on October 22, 1921 at Clifford, North Dakota. He attended school in Steele County and Clifford. He married Burnette Grandalen of Portland on March 15, 1947. They have four daughters; Karen Jean (Mrs. James Ford) of Elk River, Minnesota; Charlene Ann (Mrs. Donald Hunt) of Santa Monica, California; Jane Marie, who died three days after birth; and Gloria Jane of Fargo, North Dakota.

They have three grandchildren; Angela, Scott, and Brian, children of Jim and Karen. They moved into Galesburg in 1971 but continued farming in the Clifford and Galesburg area until his retirement.

FRED and JULIA DRESHER

Fred Dresher was born February 19, 1857 at Johnsburg, New York. His wife, Julia Morris, was born January 5, 1861. They were parents of two sons, Clayton and Frederick and two daughters, Helen and Edith Mae.

They lived on the northwest quarter, section 21, Galesburg Township. In 1901 they moved to a farm six miles west of Galesburg, where they lived until retiring to Page, North Dakota. Their daughter, Helen and her husband, Nels E. Haugen, lived on this farm when they were first married.

Mrs. Dresher died June 22, 1922. Mr. Dresher and his daughter, Edith Mae, lived in Page. He also stayed for a while with Nels and Helen Haugen in Galesburg.

Mr. Dresher died April 23, 1939.

LOUIE DULSKI

Louie Dulski spent most of his life in the Galesburg area. He came to North Dakota as a young boy. He was foreman for Walter J. Taylor, managing one or more of his farms from the beginning of this century. He was a good operator with horses and was very prompt in getting the work done. He was a good neighbor and a very capable man, especially with all kinds of livestock. He was always willing to help his neighbors.

He married Maude Montieth in the early 1900's. They moved many times to different farms, wherever Louie was needed to serve his duties.

They had one daughter, Agnes, and an adopted son, James Arnett, who stayed with the Dulski's and worked for them until some years after Jim was married.

Louie passed away in 1938. Maude moved to California where she owned and operated a home for the elderly for many years. Her grandson, Louis Jenson, lived close by and she depended on him for aid in her later years. Maude passed away in California in the late 1970's.

CHARLES and ALEDA EBERLE



Aleda and Charles Eberle

Charles F. Eberle was born January 20, 1888 at Mt. Carroll, Illinois, to parents John M. and Amelia Polker Eberle. He had one brother and two sisters.

Charles married Mabel Carlson in 1919 at Breckenridge, Minnesota. She died in 1927. They had one daughter, Lily Berthine (Mrs. Donald McIntyre, Casselton, North Dakota) and three grandchildren: Paul R. McIntyre, Wright, Wyoming; Duane W. McIntyre, Wheatland, North Dakota; Mrs. Harvey (Marlyce) Pyle, Casselton, North Dakota and seven great-grandchildren.

Aleda Moen was born November 25, 1896, at the Moen farm east of Galesburg, North Dakota. The third daughter of Ole and Inga Moen, she was baptized and confirmed in Norwegian by Reverend Malkevick. She attended local schools. In 1943 Aleda moved to Los Angeles, California, where she worked two and a half years at the May Company Department Store. Charles and Aleda met in Los Angeles and married on April 1, 1945. They returned to North Dakota in 1946 where they began operating Aleda's farm southeast of Galesburg.

They were members of the Stordahl Church. Aleda was also a member of the Elm River Homemakers Club for many years. Charles and Aleda were well known for their large vegetable and flower gardens. Aleda canned a lot of fruit and did a lot of baking. She won many prizes for baking, canning, and pickling entries at the Red River Valley Fair through the years.

Charles died in 1967 and Aleda later moved to the Lutheran Memorial Home at Mayville, North Dakota, where she lived until her death in 1979.

GILMAR and VIRGINIA EGGE



Virginia and Gilmar Egge

Virginia Hanson Egge taught grades one through four at Galesburg School in 1947-48.

She was born May 21, 1925, at Clifford, North Dakota to Mabel (Anderson) and Hector Hanson. At the age of thirteen, she went to make her home with her uncle and aunt, the Alf Brend's, at Portland, North Dakota.

After High School graduation, she attended Mayville State Teachers College where she received her Standard Degree.

She married Gilmar Egge at Portland June 8, 1948.

April 1977 she, her husband, and their two sons, Steve and Billy moved from Fargo, North Dakota to Glendale, Arizona.

On December 14, 1979, while on her way to buy a Christmas tree, she was seriously injured in a car accident and January 29, 1980, she died in a Sunnyslope, Arizona hospital at the age of fifty-four years.

JAMES and MARY EGGERS

James Thomas Eggers was born at Page, North Dakota on July 13, 1940. He was the son of George and Margaret Eggers. At the age of two he moved with his parents to a farm about five miles south of Galesburg, where he grew to manhood. After graduating from Galesburg High School "Class of 1958" he served in the Army National Guard for eight years.

In 1966 Jim went to work as Assistant Manager in the Miller Elevator at Fingal, North Dakota. He worked at the elevator for twelve years, then accepting a position as bookkeeper in the Miller Elevator Office in Valley City, North Dakota in 1978.



James, Mary Eggers, Peggy Stacey and Brian

Jim married Mary Berndt, daughter of Ervin and Mae Berndt of Erie, North Dakota. Mary is a graduate of Erie High School and attended Valley City State College for two years.

Jim and Mary moved to Valley City, North Dakota in 1979. They are the parents of three children, Peggy Sue, thirteen years old, Stacy Lynn nine years old and Brian James five years old.

ALBERT JR. and MARILYN ELLIOTT



**Albert Elliott, Jr. Children
Sonny (5 1/2), Joni (12 1/2), Jill (4) and Cody (11 days)**

Al was born in Georgia at Fort Benning while his father was serving in the military. He then moved with his parents and two brothers back to North Dakota. He moved to Galesburg when a small boy of three or four. Eight more brothers and sisters joined the family through the years. Al went to grade and high school in Galesburg. After high school, he attended North Dakota State University in Fargo for four and one-half years. He graduated in March of 1968 with a double major—Agricultural Economics and Vocational Agriculture. He was also in the R.O.T.C. program, so he graduated as a Second Lieutenant. He served in the military for two years. He was stationed at Fort Lee, Virginia for six months; Fort Hood, Texas for six months and in Vietnam for one year. He was promoted to First Lieutenant. After returning from Vietnam, he worked on his Masters Degree at North Dakota State Uni-

versity for two years. He then moved to Galesburg to start grain and cattle farming.

In July of 1967 he married Marilyn Kraling. She has worked as a secretary for nine and one-half years. They have four children: Joni, thirteen years; Albert III (Sonny), six years; Jill, four years and Cody, six months.

ALBERT and LORRAINE ELLIOTT SR.



George, Mary, Larry, Jenice, Bill, Evelyn, Mike, Margaret, Albert Jr., Marilyn, Bob, Carol, Donald, Terry, Lorraine and Albert Sr., Mary Kay, Jerry, Mary, Pat, Patricia, Mike, Mary, Keith.

Albert Elliott, son of George Albert and Jennie Elliott, was born at Grandin, North Dakota in 1915. He married Lorraine Diemert from Eckelson, North Dakota in 1935.

After graduating from North Dakota State University, he was principal and coach at Grey Consolidated High School, and Sarles, North Dakota for three years.

As a reserve officer with the Army he served as subaltern and commander of various C.C.C. Camps, namely Kramer, North Dakota; Mandan, North Dakota; Fort Meade, South Dakota; Kenmare, North Dakota; and Huron, South Dakota.

William George was born in 1936 and Jerald Lee in 1938.

He was border patrol officer at Mexico and Pembina, North Dakota. The day after Pearl Harbor he was called to service in World War II. He served overseas for two years during which time his wife and the two boys lived in Valley City, North Dakota. After his return to the states they lived in Hattiesburg, Mississippi; Phenix City, Alabama; and Columbus, Georgia. Another son Albert, Jr. was born at Ft. Benning, Georgia in 1945. In February 1946, the family moved back to North Dakota and farmed north of Hillsboro for two years. Michael was born in 1946 and in 1948 they purchased the farm known as the Smith farm two miles south of Galesburg and have lived there since.

Patrick, Mary, Jenice, Robert, Donald, Margaret, and George increased the family to thirteen.

Albert has always been a cattleman; first dairy and then herefords and still has cattle.

William George Elliott was born January 20, 1936. After graduating from Galesburg High School and North Dakota State University he taught school for a time. He also farmed for a while. He married the former Evelyn Amb. They have three children: Linda, a dietician in Detroit; Lora, a student at the University of North Dakota; and Darin, an eighth grader in Fargo where they live now. Bill runs B&E Trucking and Evelyn is employed by the Home Extension Service.

Jerald Lee Elliott was born February 16, 1938. After high school he was a paratrooper, then he farmed for a number of years, before going into the trucking business. He married Mary Kay Bjelverud. They have four children: Mrs. James Chandler (Kim) who is a registered nurse in Minot where they live. Kim and Jamie have one child, Tiffaney Rae. Mrs. Fred Vadnie (Kristie) who operates Kristie's Kutaway in Galesburg where they live. They also farm near Clifford and have a son, Brandon David. Mitch, who is married to the former Patrice Kozojed. They live in Fargo. Mitch attends North Dakota State University and Patrice attends Moorhead State University. Strack is an eighth grader at Clifford-Galesburg School.

Michael John Elliott was born August 30, 1946. After high school he continued his education to receive his masters at North Dakota State University. After working for a time as a statistician in Fargo he returned to the Clifford-Galesburg area to farm with Al. Mike and his wife, Patricia Anderson, live north of Clifford with their four children: Brenda, Kurt, Marcia, and Kevin.

Patrick Joseph Elliott was born March 13, 1948. After graduating from Clifford-Galesburg and North Dakota State University he started farming. He is married to the former Mary Halvorson from Hillsboro. They live northwest of Clifford and have two children, Stephanie and Steve.

Mary Jane Elliott, born December 10, 1949, graduated from Clifford-Galesburg and Mayville State College. She started teaching at Cunningham Elementary in Beloit, Wisconsin. She married Keith Keller of Beloit. Keith is presently employed by Frito Lay. They have one son, Ryan James.

Jenice Ann Elliott was born July 20, 1951. Following graduation from Clifford-Galesburg she attended Josef's School of Hair Design and later graduated from North Dakota State University. She married Larry Boulger who is a mortician for Boulger Funeral Home in Fargo. Jenice now works at The Beauty Hut in Fargo. They have one child, Bridgett.

Robert James Elliott was born November 12, 1953. After high school he attended North Dakota State University and the University of Veterinary Medicine in Minneapolis. He married Carol Lier in Minneapolis and after graduating they moved to Fargo where they live now. Bob has his own Veterinary Service and Carol works for Gibb and Sons.

Donald Mark Elliott was born January 26, 1955 and graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School. While attending North Dakota State University in Fargo he met and married Terry Moeller of Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. After graduating from college they moved to Galesburg where they are now farming.

Margaret Joyce Elliott was born January 1, 1957. After graduating from high school she attended North Dakota State School of Science and later married Michael Kozojed of Hillsboro. They now live in Galesburg where Mike is employed by the Galesburg Cooperative Elevator. They have two children, Teresa and Timothy.

George Henry Elliott was born January 28, 1958 and graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School and attended North Dakota State University. He married Mary Viseth of Mayville. George is presently working for Elliott Brothers and Mary will soon graduate from Mayville State College. They have one child, Micayla.

ARTHUR E. and ALICE ENGEN

Arthur Edwin Engen was born in Folden Township, Minnesota on April 19, 1905. He came to Trail County in 1934 and went to work for John Moe who farmed near Galesburg. Mr. Engen is of Norwegian ancestry. After serving in World War II, he worked for the Trail County Highway Department, North Dakota State Highway Department and Dakota Tractor and Equipment Company. He was educated in Folden Township school in Minnesota.

On November 21, 1952 he married Alice Benson, who was born and raised in Hillsboro. They have one son David Arthur Engen, born February 24, 1954. The Engen family are members of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Hillsboro.

Art considered the John Moe farm as home. Often when asked where he was from, he would reply, "Galesburg, North Dakota", but then would add that he was born in Minnesota. Before he was married, when Alice was meeting his family, he not only took her to Vining and Fergus Falls, Minnesota, but Art took her to Galesburg to make the announcement to Alice and Joe Moen and their family. Art was as close as a brother to Alice and an uncle to her children. Art also chose Joe Moen to be his best man at their wedding. They were married in Clifford, November 21, 1952, with Reverend Yivisaker officiating.

When Art went into the United States Air Force during World War II, he was living at Galesburg. He returned after his discharge and became a charter member of the Galesburg American Legion Post. Art passed away on December 17, 1977, one month after their silver anniversary.

ORLANDO and LOIS ENGER



Orlando, Georgine, Lois, and Jay Enger

Lois Skogstad married Orlando Enger January 3, 1952 at Moorhead, Minnesota. They had two children, Georgine and Jay.

Lois, born October 19, 1929, was raised at Galesburg, graduated from Galesburg High School and Deaconess School of Nursing at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Orlando, son of Melvin and Mildred Enger, was born June 11, 1930 and raised at Hatton. He attended school there and was a veteran of the Korean War. After their marriage they farmed in the Galesburg area and she was employed at the

Union Hospital, Mayville, North Dakota. Then they moved to Cambridge, Minnesota. She was supervisor at the State Hospital at Cambridge and a member of the Cambridge Lutheran Church, American Legion Auxiliary, and Minnesota State Nurses Association.

Orlando was manager in the grocery department at Super Value in Cambridge and later at Shoppers City.

Lois passed away at Cambridge May 4, 1975. They had one daughter, Georgine, born August 8, 1952 and a son, Jay, born April 8, 1969. Georgine married Joe Pogones at Cambridge and they have one son, Justin, and reside in Anoka, Minnesota. Jay is with the United States Navy on the ship Brumby.

MRS. JOSEPHINE ENGESETHER



Mrs. Josephine Engesether

In 1953 Mrs. Josephine Engesether came to Galesburg to teach in the fifth and sixth grade room. With her came her three daughters: Synneva, a sixth grader in her mother's room; Bonnie, fourth grader in Mrs. Nelson's room; and Mary, a beginner in Mrs. Moen's room. Mr. Ahrlin was the superintendent, Mr. Pallin, the coach and seventh and eighth grade teacher. Mr. Simmons taught band. Both Synneva and Bonnie were beginners in band. They all attended the Lutheran Church in Galesburg. Both Synneva and Bonnie were confirmed in the church by Pastor Tolo.

They first moved into the old Bower's house, which was halfway between Neil Haakenson and his father's place. Their first evening in their new home they had a surprise. Without a knock, the back door opened. A little boy walked in, strolled through the house and out the front door. Immediately he reappeared coming in through the back door with a little sister and repeated the same performance. It seemed like magic for the boy could not have had enough time to get around the house. The mystery was solved when the Engesethers learned that the Neil Haakensons had twins. All the while they lived there, the Haakenson twins continued to use their house as a short-cut to Grandpa's.

In 1958 they left Galesburg and moved to McIntosh, Minnesota. Within the twenty-three years that have passed, all the girls have gone on to school and have acquired a profession. They have all married and Synneva has three children and Mary has two. Synneva received her R.N. from Deaconness in Minneapolis, and her B.S. degree from the University of Minnesota.

Bonnie taught junior high school for five years. She got her Masters in business and has since been in that field. She also has a C.P.A. and a license to sell real estate. She lives in Florida.

Mary graduated from the Cass Lake High School in 1965. She received her nurses training at St. Lukes in Fargo, and her anesthesia training in Minneapolis at the Northwestern. She married James Landes whom she met while in high school. The Landeses live near Bemidji and Mary works part-time at the Bemidji Hospital.

Josephine Engesether, after leaving Galesburg, taught one year at Ayr, North Dakota, three years in Winger, Minnesota (Special Education), three years at Cass Lake. After Mary finished high school and went to Fargo, Josephine went to Oregon, where she taught in Klamath County for thirteen years. She retired in 1977 and has since made her home in Portland, Oregon where her home place has a small orchard and a lot of flowers.

*Dear Folks of Galesburg — many are gone,
Or like ourselves, have just moved on.
For many days have passed since those Galesburg years,
We remember them yet with smiles and tears.
They left many memories, some happy some sad,
But we remember best the good times we had.
To all we send our love and greetings too,
For we wish the best for all of you.*

The Engesethers

ALFINE ERICKSON



Alfine Erickson

Alfine Erickson was born at home January 12, 1903 to Knut and Sigrid Satrom Erickson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Galesburg Lutheran Church, attended Broadlawn schools and in 1921 left for St. Lukes Hospital, Fargo to start nurses training, graduated in June 1924 and passed the state boards in the fall. In October she went with a classmate to Washington where they worked in hospitals in Auburn and Longview, returning to North Dakota in 1926. She nursed at a hospital in Hutchinson, Minnesota before going to Rochester, Minnesota to do private duty in 1927, which proved to be challenging and interesting, meeting patients and co-workers from all over the United States and many foreign countries, as well as seeing unusual cases.

Her most rewarding nursing was helping to take care of her mother and dad during their last illnesses.

Retirement has provided more time to participate in church activities at Zumbro Lutheran Church and Senior Citizen Center in Rochester, Minnesota where she now resides. Elder Hostel programs for senior citizens attended at Macalester College, St. Paul, Minnesota and Gustavus Adolphus College, St. Peter, Minnesota were educational and enjoyable.

She has enjoyed trips and tours through the United States, Canada, Alaska, Hawaii, the Scandinavian countries, Europe, Australia, New Zealand and the South Pacific Islands.

DEAN and KRISS ANN ERICKSON



Dean and Kriss Erickson
Nicholas and Adam

Kriss Ann Kylo, daughter of Harvey and Sylvia Kylo, born January 10, 1956, in Grand Forks, North Dakota, attended the Clifford-Galesburg School graduating in 1974. She attended North Dakota State University and St. Luke's School of Nursing, graduating in 1975 as a Certified Respiratory Therapy Technician.

She married Dean Erickson, son of Floyd and Mildred Erickson, on March 27, 1976. Kriss works part-time at St. Luke's Respiratory Therapy and Dean works part-time as a Civil Engineer at the North Dakota Air National Guard. He also farms. They are making their home in Fargo, North Dakota.

Dean and Kriss have two sons: Nicholas Dean, born February 1, 1979; Adam Lance, born January 14, 1981.

They are members of Stordahl Lutheran Church at Galesburg, North Dakota.

EDWARD and BETSEY ERICKSON

Edward was born on a farm four and one-half miles east of Galesburg in Greenfield Township, the son of Otto and Gusta Erickson. This was in the year 1892. He attended school one-half mile east of the Erickson homestead. He lived and farmed in Greenfield Township all his life.

In about 1920 he met Betsey Sanness of Thompson, North Dakota, who came to teach Daily Vacation Bible School at the Stordahl Church. They were married shortly afterwards and lived on the Erickson farm for a number of years. To this family



Edward and Betsey Erickson

four children were born. Orville, the oldest was born in 1922. He attended schools at Greenfield, Galesburg, Concordia College, and Mayville State. He married Anita Unruh of Casselton, North Dakota, and lived on a farm in Greenfield Township. Adeline, the only girl in the family, graduated from the Greenfield, Galesburg and Mayville State Schools, having also attended Bob Jones University. She presently lives and teaches in Sacramento, California, and is married to Kenneth Jones. In 1927, another son, Floyd, was born. He also attended Greenfield and Galesburg Schools and graduated from Oak Grove High School in Fargo. He is married to Mildred Ulland and they live and farm with their family in Greenfield Township. Another son, Edgar, died of pneumonia at the age of three years. This death in the family was followed soon afterward by the death of Betsey, wife and mother of the family. This made things very difficult for the young family and Dad, but Adeline did a magnificent job of taking a mother's place in the home.

Shortly after Betsey's death the family moved to a farm across the road from the Greenfield School. This was home until the death of Edward in 1952, who passed away in Kalispel, Montana, where he had gone to get relief from a severe case of asthma. Floyd and Mildred and family presently live on this farm.

ELGIN and FRANCES ERICKSON



Elgin and Frances Erickson

Elgin Erickson was born May 21, 1910 on the family farm to Knut and Sigrid Erickson. He attended number one and five schools in Broadlawn Township. It was not unusual then for boys to miss some school in the spring and fall in order to assist on the farm. Horses were used at that time instead of tractors and it was essential that farmers have milk cows, beef cattle, pigs and chickens.

On July 2, 1964 Elgin married Frances Ofstad Aaby. She was born in Angora, Minnesota, a small logging and lumber mill community in north central Minnesota. Her parents were Nicholas Ofstad who was born in Norway and Edna Nord Ofstad who was born in Sweden. Frances was employed as an accountant in Seattle, Washington and had taken a tour to Hawaii where she met Elgin who had taken the same tour out of Fargo.

They live on the family farm where Elgin was born and he continues to be engaged in the farming business. He has been active in community, county, and church affairs, serving on several Boards.

ERNEST and ADA ERICKSON



Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Erickson

Ernest Erickson and Ada Carlson were married at Mjølby, Sweden. After hearing from Gust and John Erickson, his bachelor brothers, who had come to America in 1885 they decided to save for the day, they too could come to America. John rented Section fifteen in Steele County from Alec Stewart.

In March 1902 Ernest, Ada and Ingrid, who was only six months old, arrived at the landing in Boston after a long boat trip. It had been very rough and many were quite sick. Many Russian immigrants came at the same time. They landed at Ellis Island where they were under quarantine for a few days.

Train service from there was slow, when arriving in Fargo the streets were muddy and flax straw had been strewn to walk on. The streets in Galesburg were also muddy. They walked from the depot to the hotel, which still stands east of A&J Store which in their day was the G. A. Moackrud Store.

They went to live with John on the Stewart Place. Gradually they became acquainted with neighbors; the Fred Tangers, Frank Paulson's, Langdahl's, Jefferson's, Fred Kaitfors, to name a few.

Ernest worked for Mr. Pratt one year before renting his own farm. There they shared the farm home with the Pratt's who were so good to Ingrid as they had only boys in their family. Oxen were used to plow and they could be very obstinate, especially if they thought it was time to go home.

In the spring of 1907 Ernest rented the Jacob Omdahl farm and moved there. The family had now grown to three girls. Lilly was born in 1904 and Esther in 1906. In June, 1907, the first brother, Ernest, was born to be followed by Henry in 1913 and Kenneth in 1919.

Mr. Omdahl had a steam threshing rig and threshed for quite a few. That was the highlight of the season and it was work from daylight to dark when the weather was good.

They had lived on the Omdahl farm for only a few years when several of their acquaintances decided to go out to Ralph, South Dakota to homestead. Among them were Carl Smith, H Harry and Inga Groven, Otto and Fred Kaitfors, John and Gust Erickson, and Christ Lostegaard. The girls especially missed the Kaitfors, as they had three girls about the same age. The families kept in touch and in 1920 drove out to visit. They were surprised to see buttes and badlands.

Nora Omdahl was Lilly's first teacher and since they knew her it made it much easier to start school.

They left the Omdahl farm in 1915. Ernest rented a farm from J.C. Miller which was about seven and a half miles from either Galesburg or Page. Ernest bought his first car in 1918 as seven and a half miles to town with horses was a long ways.

All six of the children from Ingrid to Kenneth had their eighth grade education in rural schools of Steele County except Henry and Kenneth went one year to Colgate. Phyllis Erickson and Esther shared a double desk together. Some of their teachers were Anna Waie, Alma P. Satrom, Mable Rygh and Mable Floberg. All except Miss Floberg were from the Galesburg-Clifford area. Most of the time they walked to school or rode horseback. Outdoor games played at that time were stealing sticks, ante over (ball thrown over barn or outhouse), pump pump pull away, hide and seek, leap frog and drop the handkerchief. Spell downs and math contests were exciting and much emphasis was on memorization.

Basket socials were held in the fall and income from them was used for new books, hot lunch equipment and necessary supplies.

So the family all grew up. Ernest and Ada discontinued farming. Henry and Kenneth were drafted in the Army in 1942.

Ernest married and moved out to Seattle in 1941 going to work at Boeing's and remained there until he retired. He passed away in February of 1979. He had three children. Ernest and Ada also lived in Seattle for several years. Ada passed away while there. Ernest moved back and lived with Kenneth at Breckenridge, Minnesota.

Ingrid married Harlan Gloyd and moved to Elkhorn, Wisconsin. She resides in a nursing home there. They had three children.

Lilly married Loren Jones, who passed away three years ago.

Esther married Irving Bratholt, who passed away in 1970. They had three children; Lois, Morris and Kermit.

Henry who has never married lives at Fort Worth, Texas. Kenneth lives at Breckenridge, Minnesota and they have six children.

Ernest and Ada are buried in Seattle, Washington.

FLOYD and MILDRED ERICKSON



Charlotte, Don, Floyd, Dean, Mildred, and Paulette

Floyd S. Erickson was born October 2, 1927 at Hunter, North Dakota to Edward and Betsy Erickson. He attended grade school in Greenfield and his freshman and sophomore years of high school at Galesburg. He transferred to Oak Grove High School, Fargo, North Dakota where he graduated in 1945. He played on the basketball team and acquired the nickname "Sharkey." He farmed with his dad and on October 2, 1949 was married to Mildred Ulland at Elm River Lutheran Church, Galesburg.

Mildred Ulland was born July 12, 1930 to Christ and Lyverina Ulland at Hillsboro, North Dakota. She attended grade schools at Hillsboro, Buxton, and Reynolds. She moved with her parents to Galesburg in 1944, attended high school there and graduated in 1948. She enrolled at Interstate Business College and worked for PCA of Fargo, North Dakota.

On July 20, 1950, a daughter Charlotte was born at St. Luke's Hospital, Fargo, North Dakota. She attended grade school at Greenfield and Hunter, North Dakota, graduated from high school in 1968 and attended North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, graduating in 1971. She taught school at Page, Tower City, and Valley City before moving to Seattle, Washington in 1976. In January, 1977 she was married to Jerry Rempfer in Bellevue, Washington. She is employed for Continental Telephone Company of Bellevue in public relations and also teaches management classes to other affiliated district employees. Jerry is a real estate appraiser in Bellevue.

Dean was born April 1, 1953 at St. Luke's, Fargo, North Dakota. He attended school at Hunter and graduated from Dakota Hunter-Arthur High School in 1971. He attended North Dakota State University and Wahpeton State School of Science. In 1972, he joined the Fargo Air National Guard and is currently employed there and also farms with his dad. He was married to Kriss Kylo (daughter of Harvey and Sylvia Kylo of Blanchard) March 27, 1976, and have two sons: Nicholas — two and one-half years and Adam — six months. They reside in Fargo, North Dakota.

Paulette was born April 7, 1955 at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo. She attended grade school in Hunter and graduated from Dakota High School in 1973. She enrolled at North Dakota State University and graduated from Moorhead State College in 1977. She taught school at Minto, North Dakota and is currently teaching at Minnewaken, North Dakota. She married Daylen Ramstad, son of Lyle and Lorraine Ramstad, Hunter, North Dakota, June 17, 1977. He is associated with the law firm of Hovey, Bekken, and Ramstad of New Rockford, North Dakota where they reside.

Don was born July 23, 1958 at St. Luke's of Fargo, North Dakota. He attended grade school at Hunter and graduated from Dakota High School in 1976. He attended Wahpeton State School of Science and graduated in 1981 with an electrical technology degree. He resides at home.

Floyd's paternal grandparents, the Otto Erickson's, were early settlers in the Hunter Galesburg communities. He was one of the founders of Stordahl Church, of which Floyd and Mildred are members.

GARY and BONITA ERICKSON

Gary was born to Clarence and Zola (Stein) Erickson April 22, 1939 at Fordville, North Dakota. In 1950 he moved with his parents to Galesburg where his father was employed as Great Northern Depot Agent until 1962. Gary attended grade and high school in Galesburg. On August 12, 1961 Gary and Bonita Kylo were united in marriage. Bonita is the daughter of Edwin and Bernice Kylo.

Gary and Bonita live at Mayville, North Dakota where Gary was self-employed as a painter contractor until 1972 when he became a dealer with "Miracle Water". They have two sons, Shane born March 25, 1969 and Wade born June 30, 1972.

H. M. and ANNIE ERICKSON



H. M. and Annie Erickson

Halldan (H. M. or Tony Erickson as he is known) son of Martin and Sigrid (Werness) Erickson was born July 10, 1895 near Galesburg, North Dakota. He grew up on his father's farm, leaving only a short time to attend a school in Detroit, Michigan.

He married Annie Ness, daughter of Charles and Inger (Gramstad) Ness on September 25, 1917. Annie was born September 18, 1898 near Mayville, North Dakota.

The couple have five children, Inez, Adella, Harvey, Lloyd and Hazel. All live on farms near Galesburg, except Hazel. She and her husband farm near Rock Rapids, Iowa.

Halvdan farmed all his life until retiring a few years ago, moving into Galesburg, letting his sons take care of the farming operations.

Tony and Annie celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on September 25, 1977 with an open house in the Galesburg Memorial Hall.

The Erickson's family is growing with twenty-three grandchildren and twenty five great grandchildren.

HANS and MARY ERICKSON



Hans and Mary Erickson

Hans Erickson was born in Dovre, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway in 1873, son of Erick Loke and Annie Venge. He came to the Galesburg community in 1892 and stayed with his brother Knute and his sister Sarah (Mrs. John Johnson) while he worked on farms. In 1897 he bought his first half section of land in Page Township, Page, North Dakota.

He married Anne Marie (known as Mary) Halvorson in 1899 at Gardner, North Dakota. She was born at Twin Valley, Minnesota in 1879, daughter of Halvor Halvorson and Bertha Olson who came from Trondheim, Norway in 1877 and homesteaded at Twin Valley.

After their marriage Hans and Mary came to the farm in Page Township and started their life together and fashioned it into a one thousand two hundred and eighty acre productive farm. As the family grew they built on to their house and in 1913 they made it modern with electricity, running water and sewage. They lived there until 1945, when they moved to Fargo.

By 1902 Hans' two brothers, three sisters, and his father moved here from Norway. His father lived with Mary and him and the others settled in North Dakota and Montana.

Hans and Mary were members of the Elm River Lutheran Church of Galesburg and some of the older children were confirmed there. They transferred to the Page Lutheran Church in Page, North Dakota in about 1917.

They had ten children: Ernest of Page, died in 1968; Blanche (Mrs. Raymond Dahlin) of Hunter, North Dakota, died in 1980; Lester of Fargo, died in 1960; Lillian (Mrs. Fordyce Pengilly) of Kalamazoo, Michigan; Evelyn (Mrs. Sam Sheets) of West Carrollton, Ohio; Helen of St. Paul, Minnesota; and twins, Kenneth of Wayzata, Minnesota and Frances (Mrs. Charles Burley) of Page.

Mary died in 1962 when eighty-three and Hans died in 1966 at the age of ninety-three.

HARLYN and LAUREL ERICKSON



Harlyn, Laurel, Marilee, Valerie Erickson

The Harlyn Erickson family resides and farms six miles northeast of Galesburg. Harlyn and his wife Laurel, are parents of two girls, Marilee, three years old, and Valerie, one year old.

Harlyn and the former Laurel Lilleberg of Cummings, North Dakota were married November 23, 1974 at Mayville, North Dakota. Laurel graduated from Hillsboro High School in 1971. She attended Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota for two years and graduated from Mayville State College with a degree in Elementary Education.

Harlyn, son of Harvey and Eleanor Erickson, graduated from Galesburg High School in 1972. He attended Wahpeton State School of Science and Mayville State College. The family attends Faith Lutheran Church at Galesburg.

Laurel's outside interests include being a member of the Prairie Gals Homemakers Club, singing, and collecting antique dishes.

Harlyn is currently vice-president of his church, board member of the Galesburg Improvement Association, and president of the Traill County Farm Bureau. He enjoys fishing, snowmobiling, and attending auto races.

HARVEY and ELEANOR ERICKSON

Harvey's parents are Halvdan and Anne Erickson of Galesburg, North Dakota. He was born on August 15, 1923. He married Eleanor Thoreson of Mayville, North Dakota, on June 12, 1948, at North Prairie Lutheran Church, rural Buxton. Eleanor's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Peter Thoreson Sr. of Mayville, North Dakota. Harvey began farming with his father as a youth and in 1952 Harvey, Eleanor, and infant daughter, Ranae, moved to the farmstead in Galesburg Township once owned and operated by Harvey's grandfather, Martin Erickson



Wesley, Linette, Harvey, Eleanor

and father, Halfdan Erickson. Four children were born to this family.

Ranae Diane was born June 4, 1952, at Mayville Union Hospital. She graduated from Wahpeton State School of Science as a Licensed Practical Nurse. She attended Bemidji State University and Thief River Junior College, graduating as a Registered Nurse with a degree in nursing and a B.S. Degree in Health Education. She married Patrick Bohan from New Haven, Connecticut, on November 26, 1977. Patrick is employed by the United States Public Health Service. They have one son, Brent Patrick, born September 25, 1980. They reside in Bemidji, Minnesota.



Patrick and Ranae (Erickson) Bohan and Brent

Harlyn Mark was born March 24, 1954, at Mayville, North Dakota. He attended Wahpeton State School of Science and Mayville State College. He married Laurel Lilleberg of Cummings, North Dakota, on November 23, 1974. Laurel attended Concordia College and graduated from Mayville State College. They have two daughters, Marilee Dawn, born January 16, 1979, and Valerie Ann, born February 12, 1981. They are farming at Galesburg.

Wesley Allen was born March 29, 1957, at Mayville, North Dakota. He graduated from North Dakota State University at Fargo, North Dakota and is engaged in farming at Galesburg and a part-time employee of H & R Block Tax Service.

Linette Marie was born May 17, 1959, at Mayville, North Dakota and at the present time is a junior at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

The Ericksons are active members of Faith Lutheran Church at Galesburg, North Dakota.

JOHAN (John) and ELLEN ERICKSON



John and Ellen

John Erickson was born in Strodendalen, Norway, June 8, 1821. He married Ellen Pearson. Ellen was born in Norway on July 27, 1820. Six children were born to this union: Peder, Otto, Martin, Clara, Ingaborg, and Annie. The baby passed away at sea on their way to America.

The family left Norway in 1866 to make their home in the United States. They settled in Goodue County near Red Wing, Minnesota. Here they lived until 1879 and then came to Traill County, North Dakota. John was one of the first men to claim a homestead in Galesburg Township, settling on land one-half mile east of the Stordahl Church on the south side of the road.

Their son, Peder, went to Canada to take a homestead claim. The last time he came back for a visit was in August of 1949 and he was nearly 100 years old. Stordahl congregation had a special day on Sunday, August 21, so that relatives and friends could visit with him. He lived to see his 100th birthday.

John passed away February 15, 1893, at the age of seventy-two years. Ellen passed away December 23, 1912 at ninety-two years of age. Both are buried in Stordahl cemetery.

KNUT and SIGRID SATROM ERICKSON

Knut (Brualokken) Erickson was born March 2, 1870 on the Grealokken Gard (farm) located between Dovre-Grennhaug in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. To this day the farm bears the name. He was one of eleven children, eight of whom came to America; four brothers and four sisters. He was baptized and confirmed in the Dovre church and attended the local school. His work consisted of transporting passengers by carriage to distant points in the Valley. He left in 1890 during the time of the mass emigration to America. After a month of traveling, he arrived at Clifford on June 10, 1890 and stopped at the John Olstad farm — a haven for many when first arriving. He carried a small wooden chest with food needed on the ship. The ticket



Knut and Sigrid (Satrom) Erickson

from Christiania (Oslo) Norway to Clifford, North Dakota cost fifty-eight dollars.

The first years were spent working on farms in the area. In 1894 he broke sod five miles west and three-fourths mile north of Galesburg (N.E. ¼, Sec. 21-144-54). In March 1902 he married Sigrid Satrom in Galesburg.

Sigrid Satrom was born November 5, 1870 on the Satrom farm located between Dovre and Brennhaug in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. Together with her parents and five younger brothers and sisters she emigrated to the United States in 1886 at the age of fifteen. The journey from Oslo to New York took four or more weeks. They brought their own food, utensils and bed clothing. Facilities were poor and crowded and many were seasick. They came to the Clifford-Galesburg community where most of the six early family members had settled. Getting work was of first importance. She helped brothers where there was illness but by working for others who spoke only English, she learned the language and customs. She gave much credit to Mrs. J.P. Whitmore of Galesburg for her patience and help in the transition. While working on the Pope farm on section twenty, Broadlawn Township, a prairie fire headed directly for the house. There was great concern since one person in the home was an invalid, but fortunately the fire was put out before it reached the home. Sigrid also did considerable dressmaking for herself and others.

Knut and Sigrid Erickson were members of the Elm River Lutheran Church. Five children were born to them; Alfine, Phyllis, Inez (Mrs. Sig Hongslo), Elgin, and Paul. Knut died April 28, 1954 and Sigrid died February 2, 1961. They are buried in the Galesburg Cemetery.

LLOYD and AUDREY ERICKSON

Lloyd Erickson, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.M. Erickson is a lifelong resident of Galesburg Township. He married Audrey Koppang of Portland June 26, 1949. To this union seven children were born. Lyle who married Pam Haugo of Aneta on June 15, 1973 and has one daughter, Heather Jean. They reside on a farm near Aneta, North Dakota. Cheryl, a registered nurse, married John Bring September 9, 1972 and they live at Cooperstown, North Dakota where her husband teaches science. They have two children, Matthew John Howard, and



Back: Jack, Michael, Steve, Mark, Lloyd, Lyle, Matthew, John, David. Front: Donna, Teresa, Michelle, Doreen, Audrey, Pam, Heather, Cheryl, Tanya, Linda.

Tanya Marie. Steven farms with his parents and married Teresa Vosgerau of Page, North Dakota June 18, 1976. They have two children, Michael Jason and Michelle Leigh. Donna, a kindergarden teacher at Clifford, married Jack Vadnie July 9, 1977. They have one daughter, Dara Jean. Doreen, a registered nurse, married Mark Paulson June 8, 1980. Mark is a medical student at the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, North Dakota. David is at home and farms with his dad. Linda has completed two years at Mayville State College for a degree in legal secretary.

MARTIN and SIGRID ERICKSON



**Signa, Halfdan, Elvina
Martin, Sigrid**

Martin Erickson, son of Johan and Ellen (Pearson) Erickson, was born in Strodendalen, Norway in 1853. He was the fifth child in a family of ten children, and came with his family to America in 1866. They settled in Goodhue County near Red Wing, Minnesota. In 1879 at the age of 26 his family came to the Galesburg area and they were one of the first pioneer families to homestead in Galesburg Township, located in the southwestern part of Traill County, North Dakota.

Martin filed claim to land in the spring of 1880 and built a 12' x 14' board shanty where he lived alone until 1883. He dug a well with very good water at a depth of twenty-five feet. The farm was two miles north and one-half mile east of Stordahl church.

In 1883 he built a better house and married Sigrid Werness that same year. Sigrid, daughter of Haoken Werness, was born May 1, 1865 in Trondheim, Norway. She came with her parents to America when she was sixteen years old.

Six children were born to this couple. The two oldest and the youngest passed away in infancy: Johan, born and died in 1884; Edwin J. born in 1886, and Eliot, born in 1897. Elvina was born March 15, 1888 and passed away June 4, 1949; Signe Marie, born October 10, 1890, lives in Moorhead, Minnesota; Halfdan (or Tony as he is known), born July 10, 1895 lives in Galesburg, North Dakota.

In 1881 Martin, along with a group of pioneers, felt the need for a Christian congregation, so organized the "Stordahl" congregation. They so wanted a church building as they were holding services in their homes and later in a schoolhouse. Eighteen years later in 1899 their dream came true and the church was built, with Martin being one of the charter members.

At one time Martin had a race track on his farm where he and the neighbors raced horses. Around 1904 he built a very fine elevator with a pit, etc. like the town elevators and it is still being used today. He built a big barn and had a good blacksmith shop.

In 1902 the family took a trip back to Norway to visit their homeland, staying six months. They often spent their winters in Flat Head Valley, Montana where the weather was milder than the prairie winters in North Dakota.

Martin retired in 1918 and bought a home in Fargo, North Dakota, letting his son, Halfdan, take care of farming operations. He passed away January 27, 1922, at the age of sixty-nine. Sigrid continued to live in the home until 1938 when she sold it. She died at the home farm, February 7, 1941, at the age of seventy-six years.

Martin and Sigrid Erickson and the four deceased children are buried in the Stordahl cemetery.

ORVILLE and ANITA ERICKSON

Orville G. Erickson, son of Edward Erickson was born in Greenfield Township in 1922. He grew to manhood there, graduated from Greenfield School and also Galesburg High School in 1940. His schooling at Concordia College was interrupted by the War when he enlisted for about two and one-half years in the Merchant Marines. Shortly after coming home in 1949 he married Anita Unruh of Casselton. They settled on a farm one quarter mile east and three quarter mile north of Greenfield School. It was like homesteading for them. They built or moved every building and planted every tree on their farmstead.

To their union four children were born. The oldest, Serene, was born in March 1950 in a severe snow storm. Many neighbors in the community played a big role in getting Anita to the Mayville Hospital. From car, to Halvorson's tractor, to the Baldock Brothers' horse drawn sleigh, to Tony Erickson's jeep, the neighbors literally lifted and pushed the vehicles through the drifts. Serene became a teacher, teaching several years. She married Tom Ystebøe, who works with Advanced Business Machines in Grand Forks. They have two children, Jodie and Jay.

Jeanene was born in 1951. She, together with the other children attended Greenfield, Hunter, and Hillcrest Schools and graduated from Mayville State College. She also became a teacher, teaching in New York City and Minneapolis schools. She married Richard Engebretson, a Certified Public Accountant. They reside in Minneapolis with their two children, Megan and Thaddeus.

Lorene was born in 1953. She graduated as a registered nurse from Trinity School of Nursing in Minot. She is presently a nurse for Dr. Jamison at T.N.I. in Fargo. She is married to Douglas Anderson, an architect.

Paul was born in 1955. He attended grade school in Hunter, graduated from Hillcrest Academy and attended North Dakota State University. He is presently farming with Orville.

PAUL and SIGRID ERICKSON



Paul and Sigrid Erickson

Paul Satrom Erickson was born October 31, 1912 at home on the family farm to Knut and Sigrid Satrom Erickson. He attended schools in Broadlawn Township and started helping with the farm work at an early age. He is still actively engaged in farming.

While on a trip to Seattle in the fall of 1965, Paul met Sigrid Johnsen. They were married March 19, 1966. She was born and raised in Seattle and was employed as a secretary at the time she married Paul. Her parents, Gustav and Anna Johnsen, were born in Bergen, Norway.

Paul and Sigrid live across the road from the home farm on what is known as the "Parker Place" and are active in church and community affairs. Paul is still on the township and cemetery boards and the church council.

PHYLLIS ERICKSON

Phyllis Erickson was born February 25, 1906 to parents Knut and Sigrid Satrom Erickson. She was born on the home farm west of Galesburg. She attended country schools through the eighth grade, was baptized and confirmed in the Elm River Lutheran Church at Galesburg and attended high school at Galesburg and Mayville, graduating in 1925.

In August 1927 she entered nurses training at Fairview Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota and graduated in 1930. Her nursing career included private and staff nursing in St. Paul, Minneapolis and Rochester, Minnesota; Los Angeles, California; Portland, Oregon and Fargo.



Phyllis Erickson

Highlights have been tours to Europe and the Mid-East; especially Norway and the Holy Land. Her interests include geneology, Norwegian history and embroidery, study of historical places and events in the Mid-East.

She retired in 1972 and now resides in Fargo.

In 1980 she received the Fargo Y.W.C.A. "Woman of the Year" Award for church activities.

EMIL and ESTHER ESTENSON



Esther Estenson



Emil "Prof" Estenson

Emil "Prof" Estenson was born in Menominee, Wisconsin in 1887. He attended Luther College. Emil came to Galesburg in 1913 as Superintendent of Schools; his first teaching job.

Emil married Esther Paulson, daughter of Ole and Anna Paulson of Galesburg, North Dakota in 1914. Esther was born May 7, 1896. They had six children: Lyle, Adelene, Donald, John, Bernice and Jean.

Prof Estenson was Superintendent of Schools at Petersburg and Velva, North Dakota and East Grand Forks, Buhl and Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. While at Petersburg he coached a state high school championship basketball team in 1919. While at Galesburg he coached a championship baseball team in 1916. Prof Estenson served on the Minnesota High School Athletic Board.

After thirty nine years as an educator Prof Estenson retired at Blooming Prairie, Minnesota. Four days later he passed away on July 4, 1952. Esther continued to live in Blooming Prairie until her death January 3, 1981.

ESHAM EVANS FAMILY

Esham Evans was a cook in General Sibley's Army. After his enlistment was up he came to this area. He worked for a wealthy man named Giddings. In the spring of the year he had seen herds of buffalo as far off as the eye could see.

They were a black family. After some time as a laborer he wanted to have some land of his own, so he took up a homestead on section twenty-two, Page Township. Neighbors respected and loved this large jolly Esham. Mrs. Evans was known as Grandma Evans to the Klessig and the neighboring children.

The Evans home was a gathering place where the neighbors came on Sundays and spent many hours singing hymns.

The Evans had five children; Ella, Charley, Janie, Bessie and June. Charley lived on the home place until his death in 1926. Bessie married a Mr. Ford who was a chef in a Fargo cafe. Janie died very young. June married Edwin Booker and they lived on the farm now owned by Donald Olstad. June taught music and many from this area will recall taking piano lessons from her.

Edwin Booker, who is also black is best remembered for his traveling baseball team. It was a very colorful event to see this black baseball team play against the local teams in the area. The Booker family later moved to Lee Summit, Missouri.

Ella Bryant, a step-daughter of Evans was born in Illinois in 1871. She remained home to care for her folks until their death. She then moved to Page, where she worked for wages such as ten cents an hour. Ella will be remembered for her kindness and love for every one. Her nephew, Edmund Bryant, graduated from Page High School and went on to become a distinguished surgeon and physician of Evanston, Illinois.

GEORGE and BETTY LOU FANNING



George and Betty Fanning

George W. Fanning, son of George W. and Jeanette (Scott) Fanning was born October 2, 1915 at Larimore, North Dakota.

George graduated from Galesburg High School in the Class of 1933. He served in the Armed Services (Cavalry Armored Force and Air Force) from July 15, 1941 to June 23, 1945 (Grade: Technical Sergeant).

He married Betty Lou Mason October 6, 1945.

He graduated from the University of Washington in 1949. He owned and operated a business in Spokane, Washington for twenty-five years, retiring in May of 1978.

They have two sons in Alaska, a daughter in Spokane, Washington and eight grandchildren.

George writes:

The most fun times were the days of baseball from the late twenties to the late thirties. There were many great times, the dances in Galesburg and the towns around, the picnics, family get-togethers, the Christmases, the winter of 1935-1936. It would take a volume to mention all of them.

My fondest memories are of my Uncle Newt and Aunt Lizzy Henry who raised me as their foster son. They took me to their home when I was one year old. They and their children and their spouses, Harry (Hack) and Nettie Henry, Carl and Josie Henry, Paul and Ruth Melting, Dick and Grace Hull all took me under their wing and taught me the most valuable lessons I ever learned.

I have always been proud to tell all my friends where I was born and where I grew up. The hard times of the depression, the hard work of farming and the hard winters prepared me for some of the hard and sometimes brutal periods of my life. I owe a lot to so many back in good old Galesburg and the surrounding communities.

WILLARD and RUTH FAUBION



Willard and Ruth Faubion

Ruth Irene was born May 28, 1922 to parents Carl and Tena Smith. She attended school at Galesburg, North Dakota.

She joined the Women's Army Corps in World War II at the same time her sisters Cora and Alma were in the Army Nursing Corps. Ruth joined the Purple Heart Corps and got her training at Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia. She was Medical Special-

ist stationed at Fitzsimons Hospital at Denver, Colorado. It was here she met Willard Faubion.

Willard Faubion was born July 2, 1924. He was married to Ruth on June 27, 1946 in the chapel at Fitzsimons.

They have two children: Walter was born July 8, 1947. After graduating from high school, he served a term in Vietnam. After returning from service, he took up nursing in college. In 1969 he was united in marriage to June Blakney, who is also a nurse. They have a son Scott Alan, born July 1970.

Deborah Jean was born April 14, 1950. At the time of Deborah's birth, Willard was stationed in Germany and Ruth was living with her mother in Galesburg. It was the winter of much snow. Since there was concern of getting Ruth to the hospital, she took the train. She ended up staying in the hotel in Mayville for a month before Deborah was finally born. Her niece, Evelyn Olstad, took the train to Portland and hitchhiked to Mayville to spend Easter with Ruth at the hotel. Deborah was married to Maurice Kennedy in 1969. They were divorced in 1981. They have one son Christopher born May 22, 1975.

Willard retired from the Army in 1974 after thirty-one years of service. They are living at San Antonio, Texas where Bill is now an L.V.N. working with drug addicts.

Walter's family lives at Ann Arbor, Michigan and Deborah is a secretary in a hospital at San Antonio.

They have seen a lot of country, having lived in Germany, Missouri, Colorado, Arizona. Bill also served in Korea and Vietnam.

HENRY and RANDI FISHER

Henry Fisher, baptized John Henry Fredrick Fisher, was born in Osnabrock, Germany in 1858, the son of Henry and Mary Fisher. His father was a farmer.

He came to Cincinnati to live with an uncle, at the age of thirteen. He resided there for several years, later traveled over most of the United States, before settling in Page, North Dakota.

He decided to farm and established a permanent residence on section twenty-three Page Township. He built substantial buildings on this land and later added to this land acreage.

In 1903 he married Randi Arntzen, who was born in Norway. Her parents were Ragnhild and Rasmus Arntzen.

They had three children. Helen, still residing on the home farm. Herbert passed away January 31, 1975. The youngest daughter, Frances died at the age of six in 1916.

Mrs. Fisher died April 7, 1956.

Mr. Fisher was well known in the Galesburg area, doing a great deal of his business there. Olaf Sande was a special friend.

Henry Fisher died in 1929 and is buried in the Galesburg cemetery.

RONALD and SHERRY FLATEN

Ron Flaten came to Galesburg in January 1963 to work in the Galesburg Co-op Elevator. In June 1963 he was united in marriage to Sherry Hanson from his home town, Berthold, North Dakota. They bought the former Ray Olstad home and began their married life there. In 1967 Ron became manager of the elevator and is still holding that position. In 1968 Sherry

started working as a secretary for the elevator and is also still employed there.

They belong to the Mixed Bowling League, and Ron serves on the Crop Association Board, Cargill Advisory Council, Midland Council, and the Galesburg Fire Department.

Ron and Sherry are parents of three sons: Bradley, Michael, and Randy. They are members of the Elm River Church where they have held various jobs.

GLENN and AGNES FLETCHER



CeCelia, Joanne, Bernard, Betty, John, Mary
Ellen, Agnes, Diane, Glenn

Glenn was born at Breckenridge, Minnesota November 18, 1906 and passed away June 3, 1969.

Agnes was born at Sterling, North Dakota September 11, 1911 and passed away September 14, 1966.

Agnes and Glenn were married in St. James Catholic Church in Page, North Dakota on May 1, 1934.

They had eight children. They were: Joanne (Mrs. Ronald Buhr, Hunter, North Dakota), Bernard, Ellen, Mary, John, Elizabeth, Cecelia and Rebecca who was killed in a car accident in 1967.

Bernard, John, Elizabeth and Cecelia live at Rockford, Illinois. Mary lives at Westbrook, Minnesota and Ellen in Rapid City, South Dakota.

EINAR FOSS



Einar Foss

Einar Foss was born in Oslo, Norway on March 29, 1879 and immigrated to the United States, settling in the Red River Valley in 1904. Einar was a harness maker. His first shop was at Davenport, North Dakota in partnership with Mr. Nielson. He moved to Galesburg two years later and started a shop which he continued to operate for many years. He bought leather in full sized tanned hides, cut it in the proper lengths and shapes to be sewed into harnesses of which he always had several sets on hand. His shop was also well stocked with other goods used in the trade. There was a great demand for this service for many years because horse power was the sole source of power for farming. As tractors started to become more numerous the harness business declined but Einar continued to repair canvas, shoes, and tarps. He led a busy life which was natural to his pioneer heritage. Einar passed away at Galesburg and is buried in the Galesburg Cemetery.

THORVOLD and KASPARA FOSS

Kaspara was born in Bergan, Norway, January 29, 1883, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Karstenson. She came to the United States when she was twenty-five years old and settled in the Galesburg area.

In 1911, she married Ole Kalvick who was operating the meat market at that time. Two children were born to them, Gladys and Oswald. Ole died in 1916 and Kaspara married Thorvold Foss. Three children were added to this family: Justin, Olga, and Clara.

Thorvold farmed in the area and the children all attended school in the Galesburg School. In 1940, the family moved to Hillsboro, North Dakota where Thorvold and sons operated the Foss Insulating Company.

Thorvold passed away in 1960. Kaspara entered the Hillsboro Nursing Home in 1965 and remained there until her death.

CORLISS and JUDITH FRITZ



Judith, Corliss, Clark
Mark and Annette

Judy Fritz, daughter of Alfred and Marian Hochgraber was born at Galesburg and attended school there. She graduated from high school with the class of 1958. She attended Mayville State in 1958-59 and attended Minot State from 1959-60. She attended Interstate Business College in 1960-61.

Judith married Corliss Fritz from Hunter, North Dakota, in July, 1961. They lived in Wahpeton, North Dakota until 1963

where Corliss was employed by Stoudt Motors. In 1963, they moved to Glendive, Montana, where they have lived since except for two years when they returned to Galesburg where Corliss farmed with his uncle.

Corliss is the Service Manager for Urbanecks Motors. Judith has been employed by the State of Montana for the last nine years. At the present time she is Right-of-Way agent for the Highway Department.

They have three children, Clark John, who is twenty years old and a sophomore at Butte Tech. taking mining engineering. Mark Alan who is eighteen and a junior in high school and Annette Marie who is fifteen and a freshman at Dawson County High School.

ALBERT and EUNICE FUSON



Albert, Eunice, and Pam Fuson

Eunice Gisvold Fuson, daughter of Albert and Manda Gisvold, was born and raised in this area receiving her education at Galesburg School. She married Albert Fuson in St. Johns Lutheran Church of Des Moines, Iowa on January 19, 1946. They are parents to one son, Alan. Alan and Pencee are parents of one son, Brent. They reside at Des Moines, Iowa.

Albert and Eunice also have a daughter, Pam.

Albert died August 15, 1975. Eunice resides at Des Moines.

ROBERT and SUSAN GALANTE

Susan Galante is the daughter of Otto and Olga Mielke, born in Galesburg December 4, 1948. She graduated from Galesburg High School in May of 1966 then attended the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, majoring in nursing, until May, 1969.

On August 31, 1969 Susan married Robert J. Galante of Detroit, Michigan. He was stationed at the Grand Forks Air Force Base and was completing 4 years of military service in the South Pacific. In December of 1969 Susan and Robert moved to Hollywood, Florida. After the birth of their first daughter Susan returned to college to finish nurses' training and graduated May, 1972 from Broward Community College with an Associate Degree in Nursing. From 1972 to 1980 she advanced in her profession, working at a northwest Miami hospital, a north Miami Beach hospital and at Biscayne Medical Center.

Robert Galante owns a major appliance repair shop called "Lauderdale Town & Country Appliance, Inc." Susan took a leave of absence from her job in February, 1980 to assist Bob in the office. They have two children:

Gina Marie, born April 13, 1970 and
Diana Elizabeth, born October 10, 1978

HENRY and ADA GAST

Henry Gast was born November 28, 1906 at Wahpeton, North Dakota.

Ada Hoefs was born April 5, 1914 at Lidgerwood, North Dakota. She died March 28, 1977. Henry and Ada were married in Wahpeton on February 25, 1930. They lived in that area for several years. Later they moved to Minnesota where Henry was engaged in farming and plumbing. Henry and Ada moved to Galesburg in 1955 along with four of their children. Henry worked with Julius Kylo as a plumber. Ada worked as the cook at the Galesburg School for several years. She also worked at the Galesburg Cafe.

In 1965, Henry, Ada, and Ralph moved to Kensal. Henry opened a plumbing shop and Ada bought and operated a cafe in Kensal. While in Kensal Henry was on the city council for eight years and was mayor of Kensal for two years.

After Ada passed away in 1977, Henry bought a small trailer house and moved it on a lot at Pleasant Lake near Fergus Falls, Minnesota. In the winter months Henry lives with his son Gerry at Bagley, Minnesota.

Henry and Ada's eight children live in different areas. Eileen Gast Peasley and Charles Peasley farm at Erhard, Minnesota. They have five children. Alvin Gast and Romaine live in Elyria, Ohio. Alvin is a mechanic. They have four children. Gerald Gast and Shirley live in Bagley, Minnesota. Gerry is a banker. Ronald Gast and Evelyn live in Grafton, Ohio. Ronnie and Evelyn have three children. Karen Gast Connell and her husband Derald live in Kensal. Derald owns and operates a mechanic shop. They have ten children.

Fred Gast passed away April 23, 1974 of a heart attack. Fred has two sons. Patsy Gast Ferguson and her husband Lennie live in Rugby. Lennie is a partsman of motor service and an auto body repairman. Pat is a banker.

Ralph and his wife July, live in Little Falls, Minnesota with their three girls. Ralph is an assistant manager of White Drug Store in Little Falls.

WILLIAM and CORA GIBBS FAMILY



William Gibbs, Mrs. William Gibbs,
William Jr., Bonnie, and Sally.

The William Gibbs family came to Galesburg in 1945. William was born at Lansford, North Dakota to John and Elizabeth Gibbs. His father came from Wisconsin and his mother from Canada. They homesteaded at Lansford, coming from Armstrong, Iowa. Bill was one of their nine children.

Cora was born at Mohall, North Dakota. Her mother (Gulborg Botner) was born at Brandon, Minnesota and her father (John Sanvik) came from Sogn, Norway to Starbuck, Minnesota. They homesteaded at Mohall, North Dakota in 1900. Cora was one of their five children.

Cora and Bill were married in 1939 and came to Colgate where he worked as manager for the Cargill Elevator Company for five years. Young William was born there. Then Bill took a traveling job with Hallet and Carey Grain Company and located at Devils Lake, North Dakota where Bonnie was born in 1944.

Bill decided to go back to elevator work and settled at Bisbee, North Dakota for a year, after which he went to the Galesburg Cooperative Elevator Company where he worked for twenty-two years. Sally was born in 1952. Bill retired in 1967 and the Gibbs then moved to Moorhead, Minnesota.

Their son, Bill, graduated from the School of Pharmacy at NDSU and worked for Snyder Drug in Minneapolis, and Super X Drug in Arizona. He is now Pharmacist with K-Mart at Minnetonka, Minnesota. He has two sons and two daughters: Billy, age fifteen, Joey thirteen, Shannon eight, and Jennifer six years.

Bonnie attended Moorhead State University and graduated from the University of Minnesota. She has taught ten years and recently has been an employee of the Pipestone Educational Cooperative where she supervises special educational teachers in the schools in southwest Minnesota. She is located at Marshall, Minnesota. Her husband, Dean, is manager of Camden State Park, after teaching for ten years at Starbuck, Minnesota. Their children are Joni sixteen, Jason thirteen, and Jackie eleven years.

Sally graduated from Moorhead Senior High School and Moorhead State University. She is in her sixth year of teaching vocal music at Maple Lake, Minnesota. She plans to be married in the fall.

ALBERT and MANDA GISVOLD



Albert and Manda Gisvold

Albert Gisvold married Manda Hilton of Clifford, January 25, 1923. They had three daughters: Eunice, Blenda, and Avis. The girls are now married and have their own families.

Albert was a barber in Galesburg for fifty-eight years. He learned the barber trade in Minneapolis and built his barber shop in Galesburg in 1916. He called it Al's Shop. Albert worked in his barber shop until October of 1968, when he became ill and spent his last three months in the Veterans Hospital in Fargo. He died February 1, 1969 at the age of seventy-nine.

Albert was a veteran of World War I, a member of the American Legion for fifty years and a member of Elm River Lutheran Church.

Manda was telephone operator in Galesburg for many years. The central office was installed in their home September 11, 1943 by Traill County Telephone Company of Hillsboro. A.T. Nicklowsky was general manager. They sold to Pioneer Telephone Company and Pioneer sold to Polar Telephone Corporation. Manda worked for three different companies in her thirteen years of service, twenty-four hours a day until 1956 when dial telephones were installed. They also installed the fire alarm in their home which she took care of for seven years for no pay.

ERICK and KAROLINE GISVOLD

Erick Gisvold was born October 7, 1885 at Tronshem, Norway to Peder and Beret Gisvold. Erick was three years old when they sailed from Norway. He moved with his parents to Galesburg, North Dakota by wagon.

Karoline Julia Thorson was born December 17, 1881 at Trogstad, Norway located between Oslo and the Swedish border, to August and Johanna Thorson.

They were married following church services October 1, 1904 at the Elm River Lutheran Church at Galesburg. They lived most of their married life in Galesburg.

Eleven children were born to them. Two girls passed away in infancy. The children are Palmer Adolph (born October 3, 1905), Burnon Hjalmer (December 18, 1906), Gladys Thelma (February 22, 1908), deceased at one and a half years, Gladys Thelma (November 4, 1910), Alice Judith Eleanor (August 1, 1912), Irvin Jerome Howard (September 17, 1914), Leland Sylvester (March 20, 1917), Orlin Harold (February 20, 1919), Donald Adolph (September 4, 1921), Florence Johanna (October 31, 1924), and a daughter born November 5, 1926 who died at birth. Palmer, Burnon, and Orlin are deceased. Orlin was a marine in World War II and was killed in Guadalcanal. All the children were baptized and confirmed at the Elm River Lutheran Church.

Erick was employed all his life for the Great Northern Railroad.

Julia Gisvold died February 1, 1947 at Galesburg.

The last years of Erick's life, he lived with Gladys and Bennie Forde and Alice and Archie Kaldor.

JOHN and ANNE GISVOLD

Anne Groven was born January 22, 1874 at Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, and came to the United States about 1892. She was married to John Gisvold in 1900. There were six sons: Reverend Porter A. Gisvold, Henry, Ralph, James, Lawrence



John and Anna Gisvold

and Alvin. There were two daughters: Myrtle, Mrs. Leonard Moen, and Grace, Mrs. Webster Morrison. John Gisvold was born in 1872 and died in 1962. John was a section foreman with the Great Northern railway and they had lived at Colgate, Hope, Clifford, and Grandin before retiring to Galesburg.

Anne Groven's parents were Haagen Avleson Jetshjelden, born in 1827 at Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway and died in 1915 at Galesburg, and Mari Jensdatter Skukstad, who was born in 1836 at Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, and died in 1920 at Galesburg. Anne Groven Gisvold died in 1947.

Henry Gisvold, born July 25, 1893 and died August 28, 1947, married Anna Smith at Galesburg. Porter married Marion Julsrud at Rushford, Minnesota. He was born February 20, 1901 at Colgate and died November 20, 1979 and is buried at Wahpeton. Myrtle Bernice married Charlie Bradley at Fargo, North Dakota. She was born July 16, 1902 and now lives in a Fargo Nursing home. Ralph Winfred married Lila Kraby at Fargo, North Dakota. He was born December 19, 1904 and died February 3, 1956 and is buried at Hillsboro, North Dakota. James Arnold, born July 10, 1907, married Evelyn Nelson at Fargo, North Dakota. He died March 13, 1979 and is buried at Fargo, North Dakota. Grace Alfine married Webster Morrison at Ada, Minnesota. She was born July 27, 1910 and died April 6, 1953. Lawrence Chester married Verna Nelson at Moorhead, Minnesota. He was born July 11, 1912 and lives in California. Gordon Maynard was born April 28, 1915 and died October 15, 1916. Alvin Gordon married Viola Anderson at Decorah, Iowa. He was born June 20, 1917 and lives at Springfield, Minnesota.

MARVIN and JOYCE GISVOLD

Marvin, the son of Palmer and Myrtle Gisvold, was born October 6, 1928, in the Botten house which is now owned by Alfred Martin.

After graduating from the Galesburg High School he attended N.D.A.C. in Fargo before going into the Air Force. After his return from the Air Force he went into the tavern business with his mother and farmed.

On March 10, 1956, he married Joyce Stordahl from Hendrum, Minnesota.

They lived on the Haugen farm east of Hope for twenty-



**Paul, Marvin, Joyce, Matt
Teresa, Mark, John, Joelle**

three years. Besides the tavern business and farming, Marvin was also employed at the Galesburg Elevator for twelve years.

In 1979 they moved to Galesburg and are operating the tavern at the present time.

They have six children and one grandchild.

Joelle, 25, who is married and has one son, Joshua.

Mark, 24, is living on the home farm and farms.

Paul, 23, married Wendy J. Bjerke on August 29, 1981, and lives in Galesburg and is employed by the Galesburg Elevator.

Matthew, 22, lives on the home farm and is employed by the Galesburg Elevator.

Teresa, 19, plans to attend NDSU this fall.

John, 18, lives at home and farms.

PALMER and MYRTLE GISVOLD



Myrtle and Palmer Gisvold

Palmer Gisvold was born at Mallory, North Dakota, on October 3, 1905. He was the oldest child of Eric and Julia Gisvold.

He attended school at Galesburg. He married Myrtle Mergner of Arthur, North Dakota, in 1928, at Page, North Dakota. They had one son, Marvin.

Palmer operated the drayline at Galesburg until November 9, 1939, when they purchased the Galesburg Saloon, calling

it Palmer's Place. Palmer was active in the Galesburg Fire Department, advocating and securing the most modern fire equipment of the times. He was President of the Firemen's Association in 1951-1952. Palmer was very civic minded in promoting the town of Galesburg until his death in 1953.

Mrs. Gisvold continued to operate the business until the time of her death in 1979. Marvin and his wife, Joyce, continue to operate the business to the present time.

PAUL and WENDY GISVOLD



Paul and Wendy Gisvold

Paul A. Gisvold and Wendy Bjerke were married August 29, 1981, at the Perry Church, Portland, North Dakota.

Paul is the son of Marvin and Joyce Gisvold of Galesburg and Wendy is the daughter of Herman and Dorothy Bjerke of Clifford.

They live in the former Moackrud house in Galesburg which Paul bought in 1979.

Paul has been employed by the Galesburg Elevator for five years. Wendy is employed by the Galesburg Cafe.

PETER and BERET GISVOLD

Peter Gisvold and wife Beret along with their family of five children came from Ordedalen, Norway in 1887. They first made their home with relatives at Kindred, North Dakota. Here their son Albert was born. Beret's sister was married to a Mr. Erickson who was kind enough to furnish funds for passage for his brother-in-law and family. To repay these funds Peter Gisvold and son, John, contracted and built log cabins for the families as they moved into this country as homesteaders and claims they proved up during those early days.

In May 1889, Peter Gisvold and family moved to Galesburg. Peter became section foreman and John became laborer on the same section. They lived in the section house located by the bridge north of town. This house was furnished by the railroad. This became the starting of the longest family record of continuous service with the Great Northern Railway ever recorded by that company.

When Peter and Beret moved from Kindred to Galesburg they of course moved by wagon. At night they tied the family milk cow to John's leg as he was old enough to depend on so if



Back: Anna, John, Mary, Martin, Erick, Albert
Front: Beret, Gina, Peter

any Indians or anything endangered them he would be apt to awaken. They also said Erik was three years old when they sailed from Norway and as yet a nursing child, because they did not have to pay passageway for them.

Gina was born after they moved to Galesburg.

Peter passed away January 26, 1909. The section was taken over by Matt Brovick.

Beret lived to be eighty-one years old and spent her days between her children living in the Galesburg area. She was active in church work.

John was the oldest of the children. He married Annie Groven. They had eight children: Henry, Porter, Myrtle, Ralph, Grace, James, Laurence, and Alvin.

Anna married Matt Brovick. They had nine children: Peter, Clara, Bertina, Ember, Elvin, Stella, Milton, Marjorie, and Ingvald.

Mary married Rasmus Johnson. They had seven children: Andrew, Josie, Palmer, Ruth, Laurence, Helen and Lois.

Martin married Pauline Kirkeboe. They had two children, Priscilla and Paul.

Erik married Julia Thorson. They had nine children: Palmer, Burnon, Gladys, Alice, Irvin, Leland, Orlin, Donald, and Florence.

Albert married Manda Hilton. They had three daughters: Eunice, Blenda, and Avis.

Gina married George Bjelverud. They had six children: Beulah, Juliet, Kenneth, Alton, Eleanor, Myron, and Donna.

PORTER and MARION GISVOLD

Porter Gisvold was born February 20, 1901 the son of John and Anne Gisvold. He grew up in the Galesburg area. He graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota and Luther Seminary, St. Paul, Minnesota. He served as a Lutheran



**Porter, Myrtle
Ralph and James Gisvold**

minister in parishes at Beach, Fairmont, Wahpeton, and Breckenridge. He became administrator of Bethany Homes in Fargo and was on the ELC Board of Charities from 1956-1960. He married Marion Julsrud. They had three daughters and one son: John, Anita (Mrs. Albert Anderson), Doris (Mrs. Don Holen) and MaryAnn (Mrs. Gordon Jeppson).

MORITZ and AGNES GORUM



**Back: Shirley, Arlene, Marion
Front: Agnes and Moritz**

Moritz Gorum was born November 4, 1899 at Nes, Hedmark Norway. At the age of sixteen he came to the United States to his brother's farm at Canby, Minnesota. He moved north to the Mayville, North Dakota area and worked for M.L. Elken.

Agnes Kylo, daughter of Sivert and Oline Kylo was born March 19, 1904, in Greenfield Township near the Galesburg and Hunter area.

Moritz Gorum and Agnes Kylo were married January 20, 1931 at Moorhead, Minnesota. They resided at a couple of farms near Mayville until 1941 when they moved back to Greenfield Township and purchased a farm which is now the Harris Lammers farm. Moritz continued to farm until he passed

away on June 16, 1965. Agnes passed away on September 7, 1974.

They had three daughters, Arlene, Marion, and Shirley.

Arlene married Stan Morrison August 18, 1955. They now live in Geneva, Illinois. They have seven children of which there were two sets of twins.

Marion married Jacob Byberg June 19, 1955. To this union there were three children.

Shirley married Harris Lammers November 29, 1969. They have one daughter.

MERL and FRANCES GREELY



**The Greelys
Back: Donna, Richard, Sylvia
Front: Merl and Frances**

Frances Miller, daughter of Ruches and Lucinda Miller, was born September 25, 1910 on a farm north of Clifford, North Dakota.

She lived on farms in the Clifford and Blanchard area before moving with her parents to Galesburg in 1915.

She attended school in Galesburg. In 1928 she married Merl Greely of Argusville, North Dakota. Merl was born August 25, 1904 in Des Moines, Iowa. He was ten years old when he and his family moved to North Dakota. After their marriage they moved to Fargo, North Dakota.

In 1943 they moved to Port Orchard, Washington. Merl worked on a housing project and Frances inspected houses for two years. She worked as a nurse's aid at a tuberculosis sanitarium before attending school to become a licensed practical nurse.

In 1947 they moved to Longview, Washington. Merl was employed by the City of Longview retiring in 1969. Frances worked at Cowlitz Hospital from 1947-1972. She worked six years on the surgical floor and nineteen years in the emergency room and surgery.

They enjoy traveling with their mobile trailer. Since Frances' retirement in 1972 they have lived six winters in Yuma, Arizona. In the summer they have camped in Canada, Oregon and Washington. Merl enjoys fishing.

They had five children, three are living.

The oldest daughter, Sylvia, is married to Jack Leaf, an engineer for the State of Washington. Their son Richard, is married to Carleen Weber. Richard is employed in the office of Garrett Truck Line.

Their youngest daughter, Donna, is an antique dealer and is married to Leo Gilnett, a contractor.

The Greelys have six living grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

EDWARD and KATE GREEN



Kate Green

PARENTS: William Green married Mary Stewart and they had two sons — William, born in 1878 and Edward, born in 1880. They came to Galesburg from Seaforth, Ontario in 1890. William died in 1922 and Mary in 1935.

William Green married Nettie Johnson in 1910. They had no children. Nettie had a daughter by a previous marriage. They ran a boarding house in Fargo until 1935 when William died. Nettie died in 1962.

Edward Green married Kate Boyce Cunningham in 1901. Kate was born in 1870. She came to Galesburg in 1899 with her daughter, Doris, who was five. She taught school and one of her eighth grade pupils was Edward Green. He found the lessons and teacher so attractive that they were married. Kate taught school in the Galesburg area all of her life and many people have said she was the best teacher they ever had. She fell in Hunter and broke her hip and died in December, 1940. Edward farmed in the area until ill health made him retire. He died in April, 1950. Edward and Kate had two children — Frank, born in 1903 and Mary, born in 1906.

Doris wed Pierce Armstrong in 1912. She died after the birth of their son in 1916.

Frank Green married Louetta Alberts in 1937. To this union two daughters were born — Darlene and Eloise.

Darlene married Sig Olson. They have one daughter, Deloris.

Eloise had two children who both live in Clinton, Minnesota. Frank farmed in the Galesburg area until 1955. In November, 1955 Frank and Louetta were killed in an automobile accident between Clifford and Portland.

Mary Green married Russell McDonald of Caledonia, North Dakota in June, 1938. To this union two daughters were born — Marilyn in 1940 and Mary in 1942. Mary (Mamie) Green McDonald taught in area schools. She died in

childbirth December 13, 1942. Russell was killed in an auto accident in 1968.

Marilyn married Wallace Gunderson in 1959. They live in Grand Forks, North Dakota. They have six children — five boys and one girl, ranging in age from ten to twenty-one.

Mary is married to Bob Melberg. They live in New York City where they both work for Insurance Services Office. They have no children.

ANDERS and MARIT GROVEN



Clara, Hogan, Matthias and Marit Groven

Anders Groven, being the oldest of the Groven boys, was the first to migrate to America. He was already well established on his homestead with his wife Marit Svensgaard when the Ole Groven family arrived in 1885. Other homesteaders next to him were Jim Egan, Bill Erb and Martin Erb, who were closer to the town of Galesburg.

At one time the neighbors observed Anders take a hundred pound sack of flour under one arm and never changed hands as long as they could see him.

These early pioneers were in constant dread of prairie fires and one evening when Ole Groven happened to be at the Anders home, they spotted a bright fire to the southwest. They immediately set out to investigate and found a prairie fire just started, apparently set by an arsonist. They finally got it put out and the neighbor who was apparently in line of the fire probably never knew how close he was to danger. The arsonist had completely vanished.

The first indication that Anders' mind started slipping was when he thought his violin was talking. He was a great violinist. He was taken to the State Hospital in Jamestown, from which he disappeared and was never seen again. Banker Knutson from Galesburg claimed he had met up with him in Minneapolis, but this was never verified.

Marit was left to carry on with the homestead with her two boys, Hogan and Matt and a young girl Clara.

Hogan was very apt with figures and had beautiful handwriting. He was secretary of the elevator board, secretary of the Elm River Lutheran Church and secretary of the school board, after attending business college in Fargo. He was also a bird lover and could mimic a Meadowlark and other native birds.

Anders' children inherited his talent for music and Matt spent many hours with his violin when homesteading in north-western South Dakota.

Hogan remained single all his life.

Clara was taken to the State Hospital in Jamestown where she remained for many years, until she was moved to the home in Hillsboro several years before she passed away. She was moved to Garrison from Hillsboro, where she died in 1975 at the age of eighty-three years.

Matt was married to Hattie Avery Sutton, being left a widow with a son, Cecil, when Mr. Sutton passed away. Matt and Hattie had a daughter, Margaret, who was at the time of her birth a little over three pounds. Tena Smith was mid-wife at the time of her birth and she was put in a shoebox and fed with a medicine dropper at first. So they survived without the incubator too at that time.

Margaret grew up in the Galesburg area until Matt, Hattie and Hogan, Cecil and Margaret all went out to Seattle where they lived the rest of their lives.

Hogan was born in 1887, passed away in 1959.

Matt was born in 1884 and passed away in 1954.

Hattie was born in 1897 and passed away in 1979.

The grandmother, Marit, was born in 1849 and passed away in 1929. No record is had of birth and death of Anders.

They were all returned from Washington to the Elm River Cemetery plot at Galesburg.

ARTHUR and FAYE GROVEN



Arthur and Faye Groven

Faye Bring was born July 19, 1915 in Minnesota to Charley and Hilda Bring. She moved to the Clifford, North Dakota area with her parents. She graduated from Clifford High School.

Faye married Arthur Groven in 1959 and they made their home in Clifford where Arthur was employed by Traill and Steele Counties as a road maintainer operator.

Arthur passed away in 1976.

Faye was a cook in the Clifford School system and in 1981 was recognized as "Cook of the County" for eighteen years of service.

Faye retired in May, 1981 and moved to Galesburg residing in one of the housing units.

MATHIAS H. GROVEN



Matt Groven

Mathias H. Groven was born June 18, 1871 at Dovre, Norway. He attended a carpentry school there. He migrated with his parents Haagen and Mari Groven and two sisters Ingrid and Anne to America shortly after our parents Ole and Mari Groven in 1885. He assisted his parents on their homestead. He also acquired a quarter of land in Page Township for himself. He lost a lot of his interest in his farming operations when a mysterious fire destroyed some of his favorite horses.

At one time Matt and another newcomer were shocking grain for another farmer when the two noticed a black animal with stripes on its back and tail. It was running in the stubble field. Matt had probably obtained a little more knowledge about the wild animals of the prairies than his partner, so he said, "That one we should catch and take along home". He was very careful not to assist in the capture. I don't know whether his partner managed to take the animal along home or not. At any rate I am sure he brought plenty aroma with him. I don't think he appreciated Matt's form of humor and less so after he conferred with his boss's wife who had to clean his clothes after the encounter. He vowed he would give Matt the whipping of his life.

As a young boy, I somehow got the job of keeping his field clean of mustard. The day before the Fourth of July, he came to our place and told me he was sorry but he could not pay me for my work at that time. He looked at me to see the disappointment in my face. Then he gave a big laugh and handed over my pay, which was more than I expected. So I was all set for the big Fourth of July celebration in Galesburg the next day. There was a big, grand parade led by G.A. Mockrud on a shiny, black prancing horse. There was a big horse race and a baseball game or two with a lot of other attractions.

Matt did not practice his carpentry skill too much, but he built a granary and chicken house on my folks' farm.

He worked at different places in the neighborhood. He never married. He willed his quarter of land to a nephew.

He became a victim of cancer and spent his remaining days in Galesburg.

He died November 29, 1925.

Submitted by Oscar Groven

OLE and MARI GROVEN



Back: Anna, Karen, Harry, Minnie
Front: Mari, Tena, Inga, Laura, Oscar, Ole

My parents, Ole Groven and his wife, Mari Svendsgaard, with their two year old son, Hakon, immigrated from Dovre, Norway, in 1885. There was a stop at Ireland where some Irish came on board and sang and danced to the amusement of the more staid Norwegian immigrants. After approximately three weeks at sea they landed at Quebec. From there they went by train to Fargo, Dakota Territory, traveling through Minnesota where they passed through regions of forest fires which were pretty frightening to some of the immigrants. It only seemed to amuse the few Indians on board who undoubtedly felt it was a just retribution to the white men for taking over the land from them. They finally reached Fargo on May 15th and soon arrived at Galesburg, their final destination, where the railroad had preceded them in 1882.

Andrew Groven, an older brother of my father, had homesteaded close to Galesburg in 1879.

My mother brought her spinning wheel and sewing machine from Norway and made good use of them in the new country. At times, she would even shear a sheep herself and would wash, card and spin the wool.

My father was finally able to buy a quarter section of land from Charles D. Barney on October 14, 1895. This was virgin prairie and my father broke most of this land with a team of oxen. The description of this land is S.E. quarter of section 13, township 144, range 54, Steele County. Consideration \$1120.00. They lived on this land the rest of their lives and acquired another quarter of land in Traill County. They also rented two quarters from our relatives for three years.

Their first daughter, Ingeborg, was born shortly after they came to this country, but she died in infancy. Later they had six more daughters, Ingeborg M., Tina, Mina (Minnie), Karen, Laura, and Anna. Finally they had another son, Oscar (Oskar).

Broadlawn Township being ahead of their times, had a consolidated school and from the start some of my sisters attended this school, but it was destroyed by fire so they went to district schools. The rest of us went to Broadlawn number five from which I finished the eighth grade in 1915. My sister Anna went on to become a teacher. The County Superintendents I can remember are a Mr. Newton and Aagot Raaen. My teachers were Maud Kendall, Mabel Rygh, Anna Woie, Mabel

Floberg, and Alma Satrom. Beside the common school we had at one time sixty days of Parochial School in the summer, but the length of Parochial School diminished as the common school took up more time. These teachers were mostly men students from our church colleges who were sincerely dedicated to their jobs. I remember at one time we were over forty students at Broadlawn number five. We were so crowded we had to sit three in one double seat.

Our parents, who were baptized, confirmed, and married in the Lutheran State Church of Norway, became charter members of The Elm River Lutheran Church at Galesburg.

I remember as a young boy how we used to drive with horse and buggy to Hope to visit our cousins. Their father, John Gisvold, was section foreman there at that time. The best part of that trip was crossing the then Fullers Lake on a one-half mile (more or less) long wooden bridge. Hope was at that time an important railroad town.

My mother died in 1919. After my father died in 1942 and my brother, Hakon, in 1943 I took over the home farm and kept it until 1975 when I sold it to a great-nephew, Vincent Olstad. My wife and I stayed on the farm until in October 1979 when we moved to the house we had purchased in Galesburg.

Our paternal grandparents, Haugen Aveleson Groven and his wife, Mari Jensdatter, arrived in the United States shortly after our parents. They brought with them two daughters, Anne and Ingrid, and a son, Mattias. Anne was later married to John Gisvold and Ingrid to John Moe. One daughter, Kari, remained in Norway. My grandfather bought a homestead right on 80 acres in Traill County; the west half of the northwest quarter of section 32, in township 144, Range 53. This was filed for record February 2, 1900. This 80 was fenced in and they kept cattle on it. They lived here until they retired and moved to our home where they stayed the rest of their lives. Their homestead was turned over to my father from whom I later bought it. When I had to restrict my farming operation I turned it over to Wild Life as most of the 80 acres remained virgin prairie.

Written by Oscar Groven

OSCAR and BERTHA GROVEN



Sophie Haugan, Bertha, Oscar
Inga Lostegaard and Almer Satrom

Bertha R. Haugen (Jacobsen) was born at rural Portland on April 6, 1908.

Oscar Groven was born October 13, 1900 at rural Galesburg.

On March 16, 1970, Oscar and Bertha were married at the Elm River Lutheran Church by Pastor Edward Leivestad. They lived on the farm where Oscar was born until 1976 when he sold the farm to Vincent Olstad, a great nephew. They continued to live there until 1979 when they moved to Galesburg on the Iver Smith place.

In the summer of 1972 they took a trip to Norway where they visited Bertha's relatives at Eggedal and Oscar's relatives at Oslo, Dovre, and Fynset.

Oscar is a great animal lover. If the fox ate some of his chickens, he would say, "The foxes have to eat too." He kept bees for many years, extracting his own honey. He has bees out on the farm after moving to town.

Having no children of his own he enjoyed having his grand-nephews out on the farm. Walter Foubian spent some time out there and Vincent Olstad spent several summers with Oscar helping with the farm work.

Oscar and his nephew Oscar Smith also spent a winter in Idaho as lumberjacks. It was good experience but no money making job.



Josie and Helmer Haagenson

They moved to Veblen, South Dakota in 1928. They farmed at Veblen during the depression years. Crops were small but they raised chickens and turkeys. The turkeys were well fed on grasshoppers and this saved their small corn crop from the grasshoppers.

March 3, 1935, Josephine passed away after being ill with pneumonia.

Helmer continued to live at Veblen with his two young sons, Sydney born July 20, 1918, and Helmer Jr. born December 10, 1924.

Helmer and his sons left Veblen in 1937.

Helmer Jr. came to live with the Jacobson family at Galesburg.

Helmer Sr. died in Spokane, Washington, June 29, 1946 as a result of a stove explosion and fire.

HELMER and EVELYN HAAGENSON JR.



**Helmer and Nancy Haagenson
Bobby and Ann Marie**

Helmer Haagenson Jr. lived at Galesburg, North Dakota from 1937-1943 with the Hjelmer Jacobson's except for one year when he lived at Portland, North Dakota.

He graduated in 1943 from Galesburg High School. After graduation he enlisted in the Military Service and retired from Service in 1963.

He married Evelyn Nancy Dougherty January 9, 1948 at Spokane, Washington. They have two children, Robert and Ann Marie.

He retired January 1981 from the Spokane Lithographing Company of which he was president.

HELMER and JOSIE HAAGENSON

Josephine Jacobson Haagenson was born November 21, 1895, at Galesburg to Hans and Mary Jacobson. September 26, 1917, she married Helmer Haagenson of Clifford, North Dakota.

From 1917 to 1926 they farmed near Clifford, then they moved to Lidgerwood, North Dakota and lived there two years.

C. O. HAAKENSON and CLARA



Clarence and Clara Haakenson

Clarence and Clara Haakenson and two children, Neil and Nola moved from Maxbass, North Dakota, Bottineau County to Galesburg, North Dakota, Traill County on July 11, 1931. Clarence had been manager at the Maxbass Farmers Elevator three years when he was hired to become manager of Galesburg Coop Elevator in which position he continued for fourteen years or until 1945.

Clarence was born in Taylor, Wisconsin November 27, 1904 to John and Malena Haakenson. His father, John, was born in Toten, Norway April 21, 1865. And in 1883 came to the United States as a young man to Taylor, Wisconsin where he later had a general store for several years. On November 4, 1899 he and Malena Jacobson of Taylor were married and spent two more years there before Mr. Haakenson decided to come to North Dakota to homestead on land in 1901. He filed on a quarter of land two and one-half miles west of Maxbass. The family followed him after a short time and made their home there for about forty years. Now their son, Paul, and family live on the farm.

Clara (Brown) Haakenson was born December 9, 1906 on a farm seven miles south of Maxbass to Matt and Florence (Nichols) Brown. This land was also homesteaded by her father in 1901. They came from Michigan and lived there until 1919 when they moved into Maxbass. Her father, Matt, was born at Chesaning, Michigan March 29, 1875 to Mathew and Catherine (Davis) Brown who had come to the United States from Liverpool, England. One son, William, was born in England before they came across and settled in Michigan. Her mother, Florence (Nichols) Brown was born at Bennington, Michigan October 6, 1879.

Both Clarence and Clara attended school at Maxbass and graduated from high school in 1925. Clara did attend a small one-room school five summer terms before moving into Maxbass. This school was one and a half miles south of their farm.

In 1945 Clarence and Victor Smith bought The Moen and Sande Implement Company which was then on main street next to the old bank building. In the late winter of 1947 fire destroyed the building and it was at that time they changed location and built a new place on the highway on the north side and continued in business thirty years until Clarence retired the end of 1975.

Clarence and Clara were married July 23, 1928 and observed their fiftieth anniversary July 23, 1978 at the Elm River Lutheran Church.

They have had five children and all are married. They now have nineteen grandchildren and nine great grandchildren.

Neil and Emlyn (Moen) Haakenson of Galesburg, North Dakota have five children and five grandchildren. They are as follows: Clair and Linda (Patterson) of Albuquerque, New Mexico; Curt and Sharon (Dubord) - and Russell and Andrea of Miles City, Montana; Diane (Haakenson) Bowers of Canton, Michigan; Donald and Kathy (Nelson) - and Mathew of Fargo, North Dakota; Marty and Jane (Haakenson) Murch - and Scott and April of Galesburg, North Dakota.

Gordon and Nola (Haakenson) Satrom of Page, North Dakota have four children and two grandchildren. They are: William and Dawn (Kyser) - and Christopher of Page, North Dakota; Bruce and Shelly (Johnson) of Hope, North Dakota; Brad of Page, North Dakota; Bob and Lori (Punton) - and Jami of Hope, North Dakota.

Arden and Delores (Haakenson) Paulson of Galesburg, North Dakota have four children and one grandchild. They are Joel and Bonnie (Paulson) Halvorson and their son James of Galesburg, North Dakota; Lonette of Fargo, North Dakota; Randy and Barbara (Paulson) Peterson of Galesburg, North Dakota; and Alan also of Galesburg.

Dale and Ethel (Moen) Haakenson of Fargo, North Dakota have three children and one grandchild. They are Lee Ann (Haakenson) Sloan and Jamie of Fargo, North Dakota; David and Susan of Fargo, North Dakota.

James and Connie (Sandbeck) Haakenson of Grand Rapids, Michigan have three children; Timothy, Stephen, and Christine.

NEIL and EMLYN HAAKENSON



Back: Curtis, Sharon, Linda, Clair, Kathy, Donald, Marty. Front: Andrea, Emy, Matthew, Scott, Diane, Russell, Neil, Jane, and April.

Neil Haakenson moved to Galesburg from Maxbass, North Dakota with his parents in 1931, when he was two years old. His father, C.O. Haakenson, came to Galesburg to be the manager of the Galesburg Farmers' Elevator.

Emlyn Moen Haakenson has lived in the Galesburg area all her life. She is the daughter of Otto and Emma Moen and the granddaughter of Ole and Inga Moen, pioneers of the area.

They were married September, 1947. That year, when their first house was being built, Mr. J.R. Toliver, the local depot agent, would walk to his home, Ted and Lucille Rygh's present home, and stop to talk. Each time he would continue on his way with the same statement, "It's a fine house but it's much too small for such a young couple."

As time went on, his advice was well remembered as the first of five children began to arrive at the Haakenson home.

Curtis and Clair were born on May 20, 1948, Diane on February 12, 1951, Donald on July 5, 1955, and finally Jane on June 19, 1957.

Curtis attended North Dakota State University after high school, graduating in 1970, with a degree in History and German. He also attended the Language Institute at Wuppertal, West Germany. After two years in the service, he returned to North Dakota State University and earned a degree in Pharmacy. Curt married Sharon DuBord of Horace, North Dakota in 1972, and has two children, Russell, born in 1976, and Andrea, born in 1978. Since graduation, they have lived in Fargo, Columbia, Missouri, and now Miles City, Montana where he is employed at the Veterans' Administration Hospital.

Clair also attended North Dakota State University, graduating with a degree in Pharmacy in 1971. After interning at

Breckenridge, Minnesota, he returned to North Dakota State University and earned a Masters Degree in Hospital Pharmacy in 1974. In 1973, he married Linda Patterson of Bismarek, North Dakota, also a graduate student in Pharmacy. They both worked as hospital pharmacists in Columbia, Missouri, from 1974 to 1977. Linda and Clair currently live in Albuquerque, New Mexico where she works at a hospital and he works for the Veterans' Administration planning and conducting investigative drug trials carried out in the Veterans' Administration system.

Diane graduated from North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, with a degree in Dental Assisting. Later she decided to attend St. Luke's School of Nursing. She is now a registered nurse working in the operating room at the Wayne County General Hospital in Canton, Michigan.

Donald married Kathy Nelson, the daughter of Rose Mary Thompson and the late Clarence Nelson of Clifford. He graduated from Moorhead Area Vocational Technical Institute in Commercial Art in 1977. They have one son, Matthew, born December 30, 1977. They live in Fargo where Don is an artist-printer at Maintenance Engineering and Kathy is a nurse at St. Luke's Hospital.

Jane graduated from Aaker's Business College in Grand Forks with a Medical Secretarial degree. She worked as a legal secretary and for the Dayton-Hudson Stores in Grand Forks before marrying Marty Murch, a farmer from Hunter. Marty and Jane presently live on the H. Morris farm outside of Galesburg. They have two children, Scott, born March 26, 1977, and April, born May 22, 1981.

Neil and Emy have lived in Galesburg all of this time except for a year at Great Falls, Montana, and five years at Grand Forks. They have enjoyed being involved in community, church, and school activities over the years.

PAUL and MELIDA LOSTEGAARD HAAKENSON



Paul and Melida Haakenson

Melida Lostegaard was born March 13, 1913. Her grandparents were Ole Groven and Mari Sevendsgaard Groven, who immigrated from Dovre, Norway in 1885.

Her mother, Ingeborg M. Groven, was born April 10, 1887 on the family farm near Galesburg, North Dakota. Her father, Christian E. Lostegaard, was born November 21, 1875 in Mower County, Minnesota.

Her parents, who had not yet met, both settled on homesteads in Harding County, Ralph, South Dakota in 1900. They met there and were married at Galesburg, North Dakota on October 27, 1911, at the Elm River Lutheran Church. They returned to South Dakota and farmed there.

In the fall of 1918 during the flu epidemic their family moved to North Dakota and settled on a farm near Galesburg, North Dakota.

She started school the next fall and stayed with her grandparents, as her aunt Anna Groven was her first grade teacher and she went to school in Broadlawn number five in Broadlawn Township, where her mother had also gone to school. She graduated from eighth grade and went on to high school at Galesburg and graduated from there. She went to Minneapolis and took a course in practical nurses training. After graduation, she worked at Union Hospital in Mayville for about a year and a half.

She married Paul L. Haakenson from Maxbass, North Dakota on October 23, 1943. They were married at the Lutheran Church in Casselton. Her folks lived near Casselton in a farm home there.

Paul and she have lived on his folks homestead farm since they were married. They have four children: Eileen, Dennis, Duane, and Karen and have three grandchildren.

GEORGE and RUBY HAGEN



George Allan, Ruby and George

George A. Hagen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anton O. Hagen, was born in October, 1906 near Roslyn, South Dakota. As a young man, he came to North Dakota and worked on farms in the Galesburg and Erie areas. He worked for Clarence Jones, Mathias Olstad, Anton Satrom, and others. In October, 1937, George Hagen and Ruby Olstad were married at Roslyn.

Ruby was born in Broadlawn Township, near Galesburg, North Dakota, to Mathias O. and Marrit Olstad in October, 1910. She is the youngest of eleven children. Ruby was baptized and confirmed in the Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg. She attended school and Bible School at the Broadlawn Schoolhouse, south of the Matthias Olstad farm.

In the first years of their marriage, George and Ruby lived on the Barckley farm, located west of Erie, North Dakota. In 1945, they purchased a farm four miles east of Page by Highway twenty-six, where they are presently living. In 1976, they built a new home on this farm. George and Ruby are active

members of Our Savior Lutheran Church in Page. George is very partial to hunting and Ruby is fond of gardening and growing flowers.

A son, George Allan, was born to them in March 1940. He graduated from Page High School and went on and graduated from Lutheran Bible Institute, Minneapolis, and Dana College, Blair, Nebraska. Since 1965 he has been teaching Biology at Rockford East High School at Rockford, Illinois where he lives. George Allan was a member of the Lutheran Bible Institute Choir that toured Europe in the summer of 1967. He has made three trips to Norway to trace his ancestors. During the summer of 1975, he and his mother traveled to Norway and visited relatives and old family farms in the Gudbrandsdalen area.

HARTVICK and MABEL HAGEN

Hartvick Hagen and a cousin, Olelius Nelson came from Norland, Norway to America around 1909. Coming to the Galesburg area they worked on the John Lertald farm.

Hartvick married Mabel Alberts, who was born in 1893 the daughter of Ed and Elizabeth Alberts. They lived in and around Galesburg, farming and carpentering with Ed Alberts and sons.

The Hagens lived some years in Fargo, North Dakota and retired to a farm near Hawley, Minnesota, where they remained until Hartvick's death in 1950. Mabel then came to the Galesburg area and for some years kept house for her brothers, Philip and Fred. Mabel moved to West Fargo where she resided until her death in 1975.

Three children were born to the Hagens. Irvin, who passed away as a young man. Thelma (Mrs. Chuck Kirkevold) resides in Fargo, North Dakota, and Lillian (Mrs. D. Skaarer) lives in Germantown, Tennessee.

GARY C. and MARY J. HALVORSON



Gary, Jane
Laura, Mary, Curtis

Both Gary and Mary were raised in the Galesburg area. Both sets of Mary's grandparents lived in the area. Hans K. Andresen (spelling changed to Anderson by teachers of their children) was born June 16, 1868, in Orje, Norway. In about 1905 he took his wife, Martha Jensen Andresen (also born in Orje on June 16, 1874), his mother-in-law and four small children to the United States. They settled in the Galesburg

area where he was a blacksmith. Mr. Andresen died in 1946 and Mrs. Andresen in 1966.

Esther C. Anderson was born February 20, 1906, to Hans and Martha. She attended the Galesburg Public School from 1911 to 1922 and Mayville Normal School in 1923-24. She then taught school in Sherwood, North Dakota. On September 17, 1932, she married John Willis Johnson. After Willis died in 1954 she finished his term as mail carrier in Clifford, North Dakota, and then went back to school to get her standard certificate. She taught school for one year at the Edendale Rural School near Clifford and two years at the Galesburg Public School. On April 1, 1960, she and her sister-in-law, Ruth Anderson, bought Lande's Store from K.O. Lande, changing the name to the A. and J. Store. She is still there.

Martin J. Johnson was born September 11, 1873, in Hayward, Minnesota. He married Nicolina Ofstehage (who was also born in Hayward on August 14, 1878) on November 8, 1899. From Hayward they moved to Hatton, Clifford, and then to Galesburg, operating meat markets in each town. Mr. Johnson died in 1943 and Mrs. Johnson in 1955. One of their sons was John Willis Johnson.

John Willis was born at Hayward on February 28, 1906. After graduating from Galesburg High School in 1924 he was a mail carrier in Galesburg. When the Galesburg and Clifford routes were consolidated, he took the Clifford mail route. He held that position until his death on December 17, 1954. He and Esther Anderson were married on September 17, 1932. They had two daughters: Mrs. Curtis (Barbara) Ness, who lives in Harwood, North Dakota, and Mrs. Gary (Mary) Halvorson. Mary attended all twelve grades at the Galesburg School where she graduated in 1961. That was the last class to graduate from Galesburg High School. The next year Galesburg and Clifford consolidated schools.

Gary's grandparents lived in the Galesburg area too: H.M. (Tony) Erickson was born in Galesburg on July 10, 1895. In 1917 he married Annie Ness, who was born at Climax, Minnesota, September 18, 1898. One of Tony and Annie's daughters is Adele, born in Galesburg, October 21, 1920.

Carl Hemming Halvorson was born in Norway on January 2, 1869. His family moved to Sweden when he was a young child. He lived there until 1888 when he immigrated to America. Christine Caspersen was also born in Norway on October 14, 1868. She came to America with her sister. Both Hemming and Christine found employment on the McKane grain farm. They were married December of 1897. One of their sons was Orville Halvorson. Orville was born in Hunter on August 23, 1917. In December of 1941 he married Adele Erickson. They have three sons: Gary, Joel, and Dewey who all farm in the Galesburg area.

Gary married Mary Johnson in 1966. They have three children: Jane, born February 8, 1967; Curtis, born September 10, 1971; Laura, born November 19, 1975. Both Gary and Mary have taught in the Clifford-Galesburg School system. Gary now farms. The Halvorsons live on the old Ole Moen farm northeast of Galesburg.

HEMMING and CHRISTINE HALVORSON

Christine Beata Caspersen was born on October 14, 1868 at Namdalseid, Norway. She attended schools there and com-



Hemming and Christine Halvorson

pleted a finishing course in dressmaking. At the age of 23 years, Christine came to America along with her sister, Anna, arriving in the spring of 1892 at the home of their uncle, Ole Larson, at Audubon, Minnesota. Christine remained in the Larson home a year before moving to Durbin, North Dakota where she was employed at a restaurant-hotel. She moved to the Blanchard area in 1894 where she became the head cook on the large McKane grain farm for several summer seasons. She made her home at the Christopherson farmhouse near Clifford during the winter seasons working as a seamstress.

Carl Hemming Halvorson was born in Norway on January 2, 1869 and moved with his parents to Arjeng, Sweden at an early age. He attended schools there, and at the age of 19 decided to go to America. On May 4, 1888 he came to the home of his uncle at Battle Lake, Minnesota. Hemming worked at farms and at various lumber mills in the Minnesota area during the next few years before coming to Blanchard where he too, was employed on the McKane farm.

Christine and Hemming were married in December 1897 after which they moved to the Fargo area and worked for relatives for the winter months. They returned and made their home farming on various places in the Blanchard area until 1913 when they purchased what is now known as the Halvorson farm in Traill County.

The Halvorsons had seven children: Herbert, born in 1898; Sarah, born in 1900; John, born in 1902; Harry, born in 1904; Agnes, born in 1908; and Orville, born in 1917. The seventh child was a daughter who died in infancy.

Herbert married Alice Jystad of Galesburg, North Dakota. They made their home and farmed in the same general area. A son, Arvin was born in 1931 and a daughter Helen, was born in 1933. Arvin married Twila Gulson of Hatton, North Dakota in 1956. They have three children, Daniel, Renee, and Neal. Helen married Stanley Hjermsstad of Wallace, South Dakota in 1956. They have four children, Steven, Kamlyn, Mitchell, and Kayla.

Sarah married Arthur Arnson of Bonetraill, North Dakota. They made their home in Williston. One daughter, Harriet was born in 1928. Harriet married Gene Storo of Williston, North Dakota. Their three children are Sandra, Kelly, and David. Sandra is married and has three children. Kelly is married and has two daughters.

John remained in the home area in the farming operation and is retired in Mayville, North Dakota.

Harry passed away at the age of 24.

Agnes married Moris Fritz of Ulen, Minnesota and they made their home in the state of Iowa where he was a superintendent of schools. He became ill and passed away in 1941. One son Corliss, was born in 1939. He married Judith Ann Hochgraber of Galesburg, North Dakota in 1961. Their three children are Clark, Mark, and Annette.

Orville married Adele Erickson of Galesburg, North Dakota in 1941. They made their home in Traill County teaching school and farming. Their three sons are Gary, born in 1944; Joel, born in 1952; and Dewey, born in 1960. Gary married Mary Johnson of Galesburg, North Dakota and they have three children, Jane, Curtis, and Laura. Joel married Bonnie Paulson of Galesburg, North Dakota and they have a son named James.

JOEL and BONNIE HALVORSON



Joe, Bonnie, and James Halvorson

Joel Orville, son of Orville and Adele (Erickson) Halvorson, was born June 1, 1952. He graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1970 and attended Mayville State College where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

Bonnie, daughter of Arden and Delores (Haakenson) Paulson, was born April 30, 1954. She graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1972 and attained an Associates of Science Degree at North Dakota State School of Science in 1974. She worked for Gate City Savings and Loan Association for seven years, beginning in Bismarck, transferring to Jamestown and later to Mayville, North Dakota.

Joel and Bonnie were married April 2, 1977 in the Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg, North Dakota. They are parents of one son, James Alan, born October 22, 1979. They bought the former Stockmoe farm five miles east of Galesburg where Joel is engaged in farming with his father and brother, Gary.

LOREN and ARDIS HALVORSON

Loren and Ardis Halvorson moved to the Galesburg area in 1957 from Hunter, North Dakota. They began farming on land rented from Clarence Jones.



Loren and Ardis Halvorson

Loren was born in Grand Forks County, North Dakota on January 2, 1929 to Halvor and Evelyn Halvorson. He attended school at rural Northwood and Sharon, North Dakota where the family moved in 1937. Ardis was born October 2, 1927 at Wildrose, North Dakota to parents, Orren and Ella Anderson. They moved to Nelson County, North Dakota in 1936 where Ardis attended rural schools and graduated from Kloten High School in 1945. She attended Mayville State College and taught for six years in Nelson County rural schools.

Loren and Ardis were married July 2, 1950 at Kloten, North Dakota. They lived at Starkweather where Loren was Standard Oil Agent and in 1954 moved to Hunter where Loren worked for State Oil and Auto Company. In 1962, they moved to the farm owned by Clara and Olga Jorgenson and lived there until 1975 when they built a new house in Galesburg on land bought from Gordon Jefferson near where the old power plant had been. Ardis still finds pieces of concrete from it in her garden.

In 1977 Loren bought the former Galesburg Garage from Ray Olstad intending to use it as a shop for himself. He began raising pinto beans in 1969 and realizing a need for a better bean cutter invented what he called the Big "H" Beancutter which he has built and sells along with a small line of machinery, mostly bean equipment. Loren still farms in partnership with his son, Rick.

They are parents of three children; Rickie, who lives at Galesburg; Kaye (Mrs. Dan Matson) of Hawley, Minnesota; and Jan (Mrs. Paul Moen) of Galesburg. They have four grandchildren.

Loren and Ardis are active in community affairs and belong to several organizations and are members of Elm River Lutheran Church. Ardis has been Galesburg City Auditor since 1976. They have lived many places since they were married, but feel that Galesburg is the most like "home".

ORVILLE and ADELE HALVORSON

Adele Erickson was born October 21, 1920 at Galesburg. She attended schools there.

Orville Halvorson was born August 22, 1917. He attended schools at Greenfield, Mayville, Absaraka, and Iowa Wesleyan College.



**Gary, Joe
Dewey, Adele, Orville**

The Halvorsons were married December 12, 1941.

Orville entered the service in the Signal Corps at Grand Forks, North Dakota. He was in service over three years. On his return home he was employed at Security State Bank of Hunter. He also taught school at Greenfield Consolidated School, Galesburg, and Clifford schools for twenty-five years.

The Halvorsons have three sons. Gary was born May 9, 1944. He graduated from Mayville State College. He married Mary Johnson and they both taught school for several years. At the present time they are farming. They have three children: Jane, Curtis, and Laura.

Joel was born June 1, 1952. He also graduated from Mayville State College. He married Bonnie Paulson. She worked for Gate City in Mayville for several years. They are farming and have one son, James.

Dewey was born October 20, 1960. He graduated from North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton and is presently working at Bismarck, North Dakota.

At present time the Halvorsons are farming along with their sons.

RICK and MARY HALVORSON



**Rick and Mary Halvorson
Justin, Ashley**

Rick Halvorson, son of Loren and Ardis Halvorson, was born June 3, 1951. He graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School and Valley City State College. He is presently farming with his father at Galesburg.

On November 28, 1975, Rick married Mary Backstrom of Grandin. Mary was born November 13, 1954, and is the daughter of Pearl and Daniel Backstrom. Mary graduated from Grandin High School and Mayville State College. She taught in the Hope Public School system for three years and is presently a Tupperware dealer. They have two children, Justin Lynn, born July 14, 1978, and Ashley Marie, born July 12, 1981.

ALBERT CHARLES and EMMA ELIZA HAMM



Albert Charles and Emma Hamm

Albert was born July 5, 1908 in Balaton, Minnesota to Mary and Henry Hamm. He came to the Galesburg area as a young man and worked for area farmers during harvest times. Later his family moved to the area and farmed west of the Galesburg area. He and Emma Klessig knew each other ever since Erl Klessig bought the merry-go-round from the Hamms in Minnesota about 1925. Albert and Emma were married September 24, 1930 in the old farm house where she was born November 29, 1911, along with her twin brother Charles. The Klessig children went to the Bower school number one hundred six and Emma went to the Hunter High School, working for Mrs. Emma Osborne for two years.

Albert's brothers were Bill, George, Eddie, and LT and sisters Esther (Mrs. Roy Vickerman) Brookings, South Dakota and Dorothy (Mrs. Ed Rice) Nevis, Minnesota.

When Emma and Albert were married, they had a big farm wedding. Mrs. Klessig set the table more than three times with dinner of oyster soup, roast beef, mashed potato, vegetables and apple pie. Pictures were taken in Page at Mr. Johnson's studio. That evening the neighbors came and had a big shivaree with chocolate candy and cigars passed around. The next day Albert and Emma, along with Edith and LT went to Rapid City, South Dakota to work in the Hamm Saw Mills. The next fall they moved to Nevis, Minnesota and farmed some and bought a shoe shop in Pine River, Minnesota, called the Hamm & Rice Shoe Repair. Later they moved to Park Rapids and built a house on one acre. There Merle, Virgil, Gerald and Alden were born.

In 1941, they moved to Fargo where Marvin was born. Albert worked at the airport all during the war, servicing planes and helping put lights out on the runway and doing guard and janitorial duty at night. At that time brother Charles lived with Emma and Albert and had a flying school.

After the war, Albert went to work painting for Emil R. Nelson on new houses. They became charter members of the Messiah Lutheran Church and Emma worked at the Fargo Nursing Home. Albert became ill from the lead paint, so they moved to the Charles Klessig farm and the boys went to Page School and soon went into the service one by one as they became of draft age.

Merle married Barbara Burdick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Burdick of Connecticut, and Merle works for Electric Boat, General Dynamics, and they live in North Stonington, Connecticut. Virgil married Marie Colony Weisser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Al Weisser of Fargo and works for Fargo Excavating. They have four children, Keven, Deadra, Richard and Matthew. Gerald married Jacqueline Danielson, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Gary Danielson of Fargo. They have two sons, Steven and David and live in New Brounsfels, Texas, where he has an antique shop. Alden married Linda Hample, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hample of West Fargo. They live in St. Louis Park, Minnesota. He works for Northwestern Bell Telephone and they have Susan and Brian. Marvin married Joan Jensen of West Fargo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Jensen. They have Michael, Cinda and Amanda, and are in the process of adopting Jeffery Scot. They have been foster parents to some seventy babies.

The Hamms now attend Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Page, belong to the Fun and Friendship Club and Tall Towers Club of Galesburg. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the summer of 1980. They enjoy picnics with Charles giving airplane rides, hoe-downs with Charles and Emma playing violin and piano and everyone singing. Albert enjoys decorating for Christmas and has won several prizes. Summers are always a happy time with gardening, visitors and picnics. Their welcome mat is always out, no invitations necessary, everyone welcome. Just come as you are. Albert loves to tell his deer stories and might even hear about the good old days. Emma likes to have buns and her old molasses cookies ready. The adults can visit and the kids can play out on the big lawn.

LT and EDITH HAMM



LT and Edith Hamm

LT Hamm, son of Henry and Mary Hamm, was born February 2, 1904. He married Edith Mae Klessig of Galesburg, daughter of Erl and Myrtle Klessig, on October 8, 1929 and moved to Akeley, Minnesota. The following year he and Edith went to Rapid City, South Dakota along with Albert and Emma Hamm, her sister, his brother, to work in the Hamm Lumber Mills at Rapid City.

After a few years, they moved to Park Rapids, Minnesota, but about 1942, they moved to Fargo, where LT worked for the Branick Company until he retired at age 62. They began to travel and had a trailer home in Tucson and lived there winters and in North Dakota summers.

LT and Edith had five children: Joyce (Mrs. Raymond Rieck) Brooklyn Center, Minnesota; Shirley (Mrs. Gene Olson) Yakima, Washington; Harland Henry, Hayfield, Minnesota; Alvina (Mrs. James S. Couton) Park Rapids, Minnesota; Victoria (Mrs. Dennis Dewalt) Lod, California.

LT Hamm died October 1980 at Page and Edith lives in the Page Manor, but travels visiting her children and friends. There are sixteen grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

IVAR and MARY HANSON

Halfdan, Alfred and Mathilda Hanson, children of Ivar Hanson and Mary came to Galesburg with their mother from St. James, Minnesota in 1912. They immigrated here from Bergen, Norway in 1901, coming first to St. James. Alfred left for Bellingham, Washington where he spent all his life. He was in the real estate business until his death in 1949. Halfdan worked as Depot Agent in several towns before his death in 1948. Mathilda was a dressmaker for many years. She married Melvin Olstad in 1925. She passed away in 1977. Their mother, Mary, passed away in 1941.

JACOB HANSON



Jacob Hanson immigrated from Norway. He is remembered as a professional carpenter. He did all types of carpenter work. He worked for himself and also for Ole Soholt. He and Gunder Rindal worked together building houses and barns. They had a room above the old post office at the time the post office burned Halloween night 1920. They escaped. He boarded at Ole Paulson's and later lived in the first house on the west side of the highway when entering town from the south.

MELVIN and MARGARET HANSON

While members of the Melvin S. Hanson, Sr. family probably did not leave any long-lasting impressions on the Galesburg scene, Galesburg did have a very lasting effect upon the Hanson family. The town provided us friendships and experiences which we cherish and remember vividly to this very day, remembrances which we can never forget.

Melvin and Margaret Hanson and four children — Margaret, Melvin Jr. (Bud), Beverly and Arleen — arrived in Galesburg in the summer of 1937. The family was later joined by Richard in 1939, and Sandra in 1940.

Mel Hanson, Sr., with Julius Kylo as a silent partner, opened "Mel's Tavern" in the summer of 1937. The Tavern — while serving up the usual collection of beer, wines and spirits — was also a sort of community gathering place — albeit a bit risqué for some. They sold superb milkshakes, ice cream cones, soft drinks and candy — with a good assortment of penny candy. Meals were also served, and they were excellent, thanks in no small measure to Beulah Skogstad, who had already established herself as the "best cook and baker" in Traill County if not in all of North Dakota!

Upstairs over the Tavern, entered by a stairway on the west side, they held dances frequently, with large crowds attending to dance to the sweet music of some very talented Galesburg musicians. The old building swayed as the dancers danced away, and it always amazed me that the building didn't collapse! At other times movies were shown up there, with the movies not too new, but very enjoyable nonetheless. There were cartoons, some news, and of course a chapter of some scary serial. The tavern was by far Galesburg's liveliest place.

The late thirties were very hard times, as many of you can recall. But they were friendly times with lots of community interest in most events, with a lot of concern for one another, of sharing and of loving — which has not been so noticeable since the better times came following World War II.

Certainly supplying drinks "on credit" would be a risky undertaking at any time, and so it was in 1937 and the years immediately following, at Mel's Tavern. So it wasn't too surprising in retrospect, that the place went "belly-up" in 1940. Palmer Gisvold took over later that year, and the Tavern has stayed in the Gisvold Family to this very day.

The Hanson's moved to Fargo in 1940. Then after the war started they moved to Spokane, Washington in 1942. Margaret (Mrs.) and Melvin S. Hanson, Sr. both died in 1974. Their oldest daughter Margaret (Hanson) Pulliam and the youngest daughter Sandra (Hanson) Goben both live in Spokane with their families. Beverly (Hanson) Myers lives in Portland, Oregon; Arleen (Hanson) Foley lives in Roseville, California; Richard Hanson lives in Lincoln, Nebraska; and Melvin S. (Bud) Hanson, Jr. lives in Fair Oaks, California.

The three oldest daughters and Melvin (Bud) Jr. all played basketball at Galesburg High School on Junior High or Senior High teams. Henry (H.T.) Anderson and Marvel Pederson were superintendents and coaches during those years. The Hanson Family had been friends of both Mr. and Mrs. Peterson and their families in Nome, North Dakota, in the late 1920's; and on one of the children's trips back to Galesburg in 1975 it was our pleasure to visit "then State Superintendent of Public Instruction Marvel Peterson" at his Bismarck office.

Quite an honor that a superintendent of Galesburg became the longest term Superintendent of Schools in North Dakota history.

Junior and Senior High School days are very impressionable years in the lives of most people, and the four eldest Hanson children having spent three years in the Galesburg School system established friendships and took part in activities which are an indelible part and a cherished part of their lives. The few return visits to Galesburg which have been made let us know that it would not be hard to return to Western Traill County — to live again in Galesburg!

OLE HANSON

Ole Hanson was born in Norway. He came to Galesburg and stayed at Magnus Olson's. He later lived in a little house where Sidney Anderson's house is located. He worked for Moen and Sande. He owned a team of horses, did dray work, plowed gardens, and raised potatoes for sale. He and his team were on Sam Armstrong's threshing crew. He died at Dunseith, North Dakota. He had a sister at Northwood, North Dakota where he was buried.

JOHN and ANNIE HAUGAN

John Waldemar Haugan was born August 17, 1866 in Stordalen, Norway to parents, Nels and Ingeborg Haugan. He came to the United States to Rothsay, Minnesota at the age of seventeen. Six years later he came to the Hunter, North Dakota area and worked on farms. While there he met his wife-to-be, Annie Anderson, daughter of Rolf and Ingeborg Anderson, born August 18, 1872 at Wild Rice, North Dakota. They were married December 6, 1891 and about ten years later moved to Steele County, North Dakota to the farm presently owned by the Marvin Gisvold family, ten and a half miles east of Hope and eight miles northwest of Galesburg. The union was blessed with eleven children — Nels, Ivar, Ralph, Nellie, Gunnar, Frithjof (Fritz), Gilbert, Agnes, Edward, Annie, and Henry.

Nels was born December 7, 1892. He married Helen Dresher April 16, 1914 and had two children, Frederic and Joyce. Frederic died December 7, 1921. Helen died August 31, 1940. On July 22, 1944 Nels married Pauline Olstad who passed away July 3, 1960. Joyce passed away October 11, 1966. Nels farmed several years before managing the Victoria Elevator in Galesburg many years. Nels died March 10, 1981.

Ivar was born April 10, 1894. He married Oline Olstad on April 4, 1922 and had three children, John, Donovan and Barbara. He farmed and operated a service station and a creamery and spent many years in construction work for Powers in Fargo. Ivar died December 27, 1972.

Ralph was born January 20, 1896 and died in the flu epidemic October 27, 1918. He worked on his father's farm.

Gunnar was born August 24, 1897 and died October 9, 1918 in camp in Florida. He worked on area farms.

Nellie was born February 24, 1899. She lived in Fargo and Moorhead, first working at a restaurant and later at a laundry and dry cleaners. She was very active in church work at Bethel Evangelical Church. She died July 29, 1970.

Frithjof (Fritz) was born October 10, 1900. He married Florence Satrom August 31, 1941 and they have one son, Gary. Fritz farmed, drove an oil truck and after military service

worked in the Navy Yard at Bremerton, Washington. They presently live in Bremerton.

Gilbert was born September 4, 1902 and died October 9, 1978. He worked as a farm hand.

Agnes was born February 24, 1904. She married Loyd Braaten September 2, 1931. They had two girls, Nettie and Betty. Agnes presently lives in Galesburg.

Edward was born October 6, 1905. He worked on and farmed the home farm, then worked as a farm hand several years before his death. Edward died September 28, 1976.

Annie was born September 3, 1907. She attended Fargo High School and Mayville Normal. Annie taught school before her marriage to Alvin Olstad November 29, 1927. There were four children, Marjorie, John, James and Sandra. They live on their farm three miles west of Galesburg.

Henry was born June 4, 1909. He became crippled at one year of age. He attended watch makers college at Elgin, Illinois. Henry married Ellen Reynolds August 4, 1945. They operated a jewelry and gift store for several years in Garrison, North Dakota, then in Mayville for several years. They presently live in the New Horizons Manor in Fargo.

Five sons were in the military service: Ivar and Gunnar in World War I and Fritz on an L.S.T. in the Navy in World War II, Gilbert on a Destroyer in the Navy in World War II and Edward an Army Medic in World War II. Those in World War II were enlistees.

Mr. Haugan died January 17, 1937. Mrs. Haugan moved to Galesburg and lived there several years until her death at a private rest home in Fargo October 4, 1954.

N. E. and HELEN HAUGAN



Nels and Helen Haugan

N.E. Haugan was born to John W. Haugan and Annie (Anderson) Haugan on December 7, 1892. He attended elementary school just a mile from the home where the family resided ten and one half miles east of Hope. At an early age he worked for other farmers and he married Helen Dresher April 16, 1914 to which two children were born. Frederick was born July 23, 1917 and died of diphtheria December 7, 1921. Joyce was born August 9, 1923 and died October 11, 1966. They lived in Galesburg after retiring from farming west of Gales-

burg, Nels managed the Victoria Elevator for several years. His first wife died in 1940 and in 1944 he married Pauline Olstad. They lived in Galesburg. She died in 1960.

In 1979, he sold his house and moved into the community housing unit where he resided at the time of his death March 11, 1981.

NELS HAUGEN

Nels (Farmer) Haugen was born in Norway March 20, 1901. He came to the United States at the age of eight. The family settled and lived in Minnesota and Wisconsin the rest of their life. Nels worked in various places during his life, coming to Galesburg to live and farm around 1935. He served in the United States Army from October 20, 1942 to August 7, 1945.

He retired from farming in 1971. He resided in the Red Wing Seminary Home in Red Wing, Minnesota from June to August of 1976 and then went to St. Cloud where he died December 3, 1978.

DONALD and KAREN HAVELANGE



Don, Karen, Michelle, Nicole, Darin

Donald Ray Havelange was born September 24, 1953 in Fargo, North Dakota. He married Karen Lynn Myers, born January 9, 1952 of Glasgow, Montana, on June 24, 1972 at Minot, North Dakota.

Don attended North Dakota State School of Science for two years before accepting his position as diesel mechanic at the Galesburg Implement. The family moved to Galesburg in May 1977. They have three children: Michelle (nine), Nicole (three and one half), and Darin (one and one half).

E. CARL and JOSEPHINE HENRY

Elmer Carl Henry was born July 12, 1892 at Murrayville, Illinois and came to North Dakota with his parents in 1910.

He was married to Josephine Rock on June 6, 1917 at Moorhead, Minnesota. After their marriage, they farmed near Galesburg. He was noted for his baseball pitching, having pitched ball with teams from Bordulac, Pillsbury and Buxton, besides pitching locally. He also had sheared sheep in the area. He had been a resident of the Luther Memorial Home at Mayville since 1970 and passed away April 4, 1975.



E. Carl and Josephine Henry

Josephine (Rock) Henry was born near Galesburg on May 16, 1890. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Rock. She attended local schools and was telephone operator at Galesburg at one time. She married E. Carl Henry in 1917 and passed away February 1958.

HARRY L. and NETTIE HENRY



Harry, Carl, Merle, Leroy
Tim, Elizabeth Ann (Betty), Nettie

Harry L. Henry was born February 1, 1897 at Murrayville, Illinois. He attended school there until he moved to North Dakota in 1910 with his parents. They farmed in the Blanchard area for several years.

Nettie (Skue) Henry was born May 10, 1900 in Bell Township, rural Hunter to Louis A. and Anna (Evenson) Skue. Her parents were originally from Norway and her father had homesteaded on a quarter section near Hunter. Nettie Skue attended school at Hunter and graduated June 1918. She taught in rural schools of Greenfield Township for three years and in Greenfield Consolidated school two years.

On November 14, 1923 Harry L. Henry and Nettie Skue were married in Fargo. They made their home on a farm near Blanchard and in March 1927 they moved near Galesburg where he was engaged in farming.

Five children were born to this union: Merle Newton Henry, Ada, Minnesota; Leroy and Carl Henry, Galesburg; Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Bring, Galesburg, and Tim, Fargo.

Harry Henry was a member of the former Presbyterian Church at Galesburg. He had served on the school board in 1947-1948. He passed away August 27, 1963.

Nettie is a member of the Elm River Lutheran Church, a charter member of the Elm River Homemakers Club and a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

LOUIS LEROY HENRY

L. Leroy Henry was born June 17, 1932 at Galesburg to parents Harry and Nettie Henry. He attended grade and high school at Galesburg and graduated in 1951. He entered military service in 1954 and served until March 1956, spending fifteen-and-a-half months in Korea. He farmed a while and is now employed doing carpenter work in the Galesburg area.

PHILIP CARL and MARILYN HENRY



Back: Barbara, Daniel, Denise
Front: Richard, Marilyn, Carl, Robert

Philip Carl Henry (born 1934) is the son of Harry and Nettie Henry. Ina Marilyn Moen (born 1935) is the daughter of Joseph and Alice Moen. Carl and Marilyn were born, raised and attended schools in Galesburg. Marilyn received her B.S. from Mayville State College and is an elementary teacher. Carl farmed for several years, was school custodian at Galesburg, and a carpenter for Great Plains Supply. There are five children: Daniel Kim (born 1952) is married to Cindy Striefler and they have one son, James Robert (born 1979). They live in Fargo, North Dakota; Denise Rae (born 1954) is an R.N. and is married to Wayne Cochran. They have one son, Patrick Wayne (born 1979) and live at Gilbert, Minnesota. Barbara Kaye (born 1957) is married to David Heatherington and they live in Anchorage, Alaska. Barbara is a civil service employee there. Richard Neal (born 1958) received his B.S. from Valley City and is a secondary teacher in the Larimore, North Dakota school system. Robert Bruce (born 1965) is a student at Clifford-Galesburg School.

ROBERT N. and MARY ELIZABETH HENRY

Robert N. Henry was born in Murrayville, Illinois on January 23, 1873 to Mr. and Mrs. James K. Henry.



Robert N. and Mary Elizabeth Henry

Mary Elizabeth (Fanning) Henry was born in Murrayville, Illinois on August 1, 1873 to William F. and Nancy (Morlan) Fanning.

They were married at Jacksonville, Illinois on March 9, 1892 and came to the Blanchard area in 1910 where they resided until 1927, when they moved to the Galesburg area.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry were the parents of four children: Mrs. O.T. (Grace) Hull, Mrs. Paul (Ruth) Melting, E. Carl Henry and Harry L. Henry, all deceased. They also raised a nephew of Mrs. Henry's (George Fanning, now of Spokane, Washington), who came to make his home with them when a small child after the death of his mother.

Mrs. R.N. Henry passed away August 1951. R.N. Henry passed away May 19, 1960.

They celebrated their golden wedding anniversary March 9, 1942.

ROY and BERTHA HERTWIG



Bertha and Roy Hertwig

Bertha Ostby was born August 4, 1916 in Steele County near Finley, North Dakota. Her parents were Martin and Anna Petterson. Her grandmother, Sigrid Petterson was born in Vinje Telemark, Norway and came to America in 1886. She settled near Sharon, North Dakota.

Her daughter, Bernice was born May 5, 1934 in Steele County, North Dakota.

Bertha worked on the Lommerud farm for many years. Bernice graduated from the Galesburg High School in 1953. Bernice and Purcell Hovland were married in June 1955 at the Norman Lutheran Church in Clifford, North Dakota. They have two children; Debra born September 16, 1957 and Peder born April 23, 1959. They all live in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Bertha married Roy Hertwig from Blanchard, North Dakota. He was employed by Great Plains Supply Company of Galesburg. Roy built a fireplace for Larry Lovas in December of 1980 in time for Santa Claus to come down the chimney on Christmas Eve. The fireplace was made of farm stones picked on the Lovas farm.

Bertha and Roy are presently living on a farm northeast of Clifford, North Dakota.

ALFRED and MARIAN HOCHGRABER



Back: Ilene, Judith, LaVonne, Anita, Janice
Front: Marian and Alfred

Alfred Hochgraber was born in Ivanhoe, Minnesota on a farm. He was born to Herman and Mary Hochgraber December 9, 1907. They later moved to Minot, North Dakota and then to Deering, North Dakota where they farmed for many years. Alfred graduated from high school in Deering and started farming with his father. During the dry years of the 30's they decided to move to eastern North Dakota where moisture was more sufficient.

They came to Galesburg, North Dakota in 1934 and farmed on the Kittleson farm south of Galesburg.

He married Marian Larson in 1937. Marian was born in Galesburg July 4, 1913 to Lars and Ingaborg Larson where she graduated from high school and attended Mayville College and got a rural certificate for teaching. She taught a rural school by Hatton for one year before her marriage.

When Alfred and Marian were first married they rented a farm southwest of Galesburg where Jerry Elliott now lives. In the fall of 1942 they bought the John Moe farm where they farmed until the spring of 1947 when they moved to a farm one mile west of Galesburg. This section was known as the bank pasture and had never been farmed. Alfred broke up this land and put the buildings on it. Some buildings were new and some were old which were remodeled.

Alfred diversified his farming; having milk cows, feeder cattle, hogs and chickens. At one time he had 80 brood sows which were bred twice a year.

In the wintertime Alfred was substitute mail carrier for his father-in-law.

There were five daughters born to Alfred and Marian. They are: Mrs. Ronald (Ilene) Kylo. The Kylos farm east of Galesburg. Mrs. Corliss (Judith) Fritz of Glendive, Montana. Corliss is shop foreman at Urbanecks Ford Garage and Judith is right of way agent for the Highway Department in Montana. Mrs. Roy (La Vonne) Rud of Hector, Minnesota where Roy is Superintendent of Schools and La Vonne is first grade teacher in Brownton, Minnesota. Mrs. Donald (Anita) Baglien of Bismarck, North Dakota, where Donald is readiness management officer for the state of North Dakota in the National Guard and Anita is patient care consultant and head nurse in maternity at Saint Alexius Hospital. Mrs. Ronald (Janice) Pickar of Gillette, Wyoming where Ron is manager of shipping for Wolffs Nappa Service and Janice is Manager-operator at Carols Beauty Shop.

The Hochgrabers farmed until 1970 when they retired because of Alfred's health. They had a house built in Galesburg that they moved into in the spring of 1970. Alfred passed away March 10, 1975. Marian continues to live in their home.

Alfred and Marian have fifteen grandchildren, namely Karry, Kelly, Suzanne, Korey, Kirby, and Denora Kylo, Clark, Mark, and Annette Fritz, Barton, Ryan, and Deandra Rud, Scott and David Baglien, and Desirae Pickar.

HERMAN and MARY HOCHGRABER



Back: Laura, LeRoy, Orville, Alfred, Milton
Front: Herman, Mary

Herman Hochgraber was born of immigrant parents who had come from the Alsace-Lorraine area of France. His father had fought in the Franco-Prussian war before coming to America. They settled near Janesville, Wisconsin in Rock County. They later moved to Dramm Township near Lake Benton, Minnesota in 1886 to farm. The trip was made by freight train. The family occupied one car and the animals another car. This was an eight day journey. The Sr. Hochgraber made a table they used on the train and it was used by sister Martha many years later. The first two years the family lived in part of the barn until the house was built. Herman remembered harvesting grain which was mostly done by hand, tying the bundles. They had a team of oxen for going to town to do their shopping.

Herman was born December 3, 1875, one of five children. After he was grown up he bought a farm only two miles south

of the home place and became acquainted with Mary Schleunes whom he married on March 8, 1904. Mary was born August 23, 1882 near Keil, Wisconsin and as a child walked five miles to the church for confirmation classes.

Herman and Mary had five children: Laura, born February 14, 1905; Alfred, born December 9, 1907; LeRoy, born May 20, 1918; Milton, born July 2, 1921; and Orville, born February 20, 1923. They farmed until it was time for Laura to go to school. They then moved to Lake Benton, Minnesota where Herman had a dray line and in winter put up ice on the lake, which was then shipped to nearby towns.

They moved to Minot in 1916 where Herman worked in the tool and parts department for the Great Northern Railroad. In 1919 they moved to a farm near Deering, North Dakota where they farmed. Laura can remember grasshoppers being so very thick. They pulled a home-made device, with a backboard on it and fuel oil in the trough, through the fields for the hoppers to fall into; also later spread poisoned bran in the fields.

They moved to Galesburg in 1934. Their creditors felt they could do better in the valley. Their first crop of wheat in this new area all rusted so had to be burned, but they had feed for the animals. This was on the Kittleson farm, now the Richtsmeier farm. Then they moved to the farm which Orville owned and farmed.

Herman passed away July, 1952; Mary passed away February, 1960. Alfred passed away March, 1975. Laura, now Mrs. Mervin Olson, lives in Eric, North Dakota. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary June 19, 1979. LeRoy and Ruth live in San Diego where he is in business. Milton lives in Houston, Texas area. His wife, Lavonia, passed away in June, 1979. He has since remarried and his wife's name is Franselle. Orville and Audrey farm on the home farm just south of Galesburg.

KEITH and PAT HOCHGRABER



Keith, Pat, Joshua, and Benjamin

Keith Alan Hochgraber, second son of Orville and Audrey (Anderson) Hochgraber, was born in Mayville August 1, 1953. He grew up and attended Clifford-Galesburg School. While in high school he was active in basketball, 4-H, school plays and other school activities. Keith attended Mayville State College, graduating in 1975 with a degree in elementary education. He taught two years at Page Elementary and in July 1977 began working as partsman at the Galesburg Implement.

Keith served on the Galesburg Park Board, Galesburg School Board and the Elm River Church Council.

Patsy Jean (Griffin) Hochgraber was born in Fargo on November 4, 1953 to Norman and Imo (Holland) Griffin. Pat grew up and attended school at Grandin School. In high school she participated in basketball, class plays, and other school events. Pat attended Mayville State College and graduated in 1975 with an elementary education major and taught in the Clifford-Galesburg Elementary system for seven years.

Keith and Pat have two sons: Joshua Alan was born in Fargo April 9, 1979 and Benjamin Robert was born December 18, 1981 in Fargo.

In March of 1982, Keith and his family moved to the Norman Griffin farm near Grandin to begin a partnership farming operation with his father-in-law. They raise barley, wheat, beans, and cattle.

KENT and MARJORY HOCHGRABER



Kent, Marge, Jill and Jessica

Kent Hochgraber was born at Galesburg, North Dakota to parents, Orville and Audrey Hochgraber on June 16, 1947. He attended school there and graduated from the Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1965. He attended Mayville State College for one year and then spent a year in the National Guard. He then attended Wahpeton State School of Science for two years and graduated from there with a degree in Business Administration. He worked a year at the Hunter Bank and for several years in the business office at St. Ansgar's Hospital in Moorhead, Minnesota. At the present time he is a direct distributor for Amway Products and also farms at Galesburg.

Kent married Marjory Mehus, daughter of Raymo and Merle Mehus of Finley, North Dakota, in June of 1970. Marge graduated from Finley High School and went on to attend Mayville State College where she graduated with a degree in teaching. She taught one year at St. Cloud, Minnesota and has taught since at Jefferson School in Fargo.

Kent and Marge presently live at Reile's Acres near Fargo and are parents of twin daughters, Jill and Jessica, born in July of 1979.

LEROY and RUTH HOCHGRABER



Leroy, Ruth, Elaine

In 1934 the Hochgraber family moved from Deering to Galesburg, North Dakota, in the fall after we lost our crops to the grasshoppers. LeRoy's dad, with help from his wife rented three railroad cars: one for the cattle and horses; one for the small machinery; and one for the large machinery and tractors. They, in addition, drove a car and two trucks through with household goods.

LeRoy graduated from Galesburg High School in 1936.

LeRoy farmed with his Dad and also tried farming on his own, but crops were poor. He took a two-year correspondence course in air conditioning and heating with the course completed in a shop in Chicago. The day after school he took a job in refrigeration with Pepsi Cola in Chicago . . . that was 1940.

LeRoy heard that Convair in San Diego had an office in the Opera House and was hiring help. He applied, was accepted, and reported for work in January 1941. He worked for three months and then returned to North Dakota to join the Navy. He spent three and a half years in the Navy as a torpedoman — most of the time as an instructor.

During his time in San Diego he met Ruthlene Graham, who worked at Convair and in 1944 she became his wife. Daughter, Elaine, was born in 1946 while he was employed at Coca-Cola Bottling Company as a serviceman. He worked for them for twelve and one half years.

In 1958 the Hochgrabers started City Wide Air Conditioning, Heating and Appliance. A new store building was built in 1978.

Elaine Hochgraber married Roger Myers in 1968. They have one son, Scottie, born in 1970.

MILTON HOCHGRABER FAMILY

Milton graduated from Galesburg High School in 1939 and attended Mayville Teacher's College during 1940-41. He served in the United States Coast Guard from 1942 to 1946. He married Lavonia Barker of Port Lavaca, Texas in 1946. They lived on the former Mary Hill farm south of Galesburg from 1946 to 1952 when they moved to Chandler, Arizona, where Milton worked for Produce Cotton Oil Co. In 1954 they moved to Port Lavaca, Texas, where Milton worked for Union



Milton Hochgraber

Carbide. In 1971, Milton started working for Brown and Root Company as a millwright foreman, first at Gretna, Louisiana and then at LaPorte, Texas where he presently lives. At the present time, Milton is a millwright instructor at San Jacinto College at Pasadena, Texas. Lavonia passed away in June of 1979. In 1980 Milton married Francella Alston.

Milton has two children: Sandra was born in 1948 and is married and has two children and lives in Austin, Texas. Roger was born in 1952 and lives in Port Lavaca, Texas.

ORVILLE and AUDREY HOCHGRABER



Orville and Audrey Hochgraber

Orville Hochgraber came to Galesburg along with his parents, Herman and Mary Hochgraber in 1934 from Deering, North Dakota where he was born. The first winter they were here they resided in the house which was the original hotel in Galesburg. They lived in one part of the hotel and Andrew and Sarah Anderson lived in the other part. The next spring they moved to the John Kittelson farm (now the Walter Richtsmeier farm) south of Galesburg where they lived for one year. The next move was to the farm one mile south and one half mile east of Galesburg, which Orville and Audrey bought and where Audrey presently lives.

Orville attended schools in Deering and Galesburg. He started farming in 1941 and actively farmed until his death in December of 1981. He served several years on the Galesburg

Township Board, the Elm River Church Council, was a 4-H leader for many years, and was president-director of the Galesburg Improvement Association during the building of the bank and post office and the West Traill Cafe. He was a director of the Polar Telephone Company for fifteen years.

Audrey Anderson Hochgraber was born at Wildrose, North Dakota to parents Orren and Ella Anderson. The family moved to Kloten, North Dakota in 1935. She attended rural schools in that area and graduated from Kloten High School in 1944. She attended and graduated from Mayville State College with a degree in teaching. Audrey came to Galesburg to teach in the fall of 1945. She had fifteen students in the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades that year. She met and married Orville in June of 1946. Her teaching career was set aside for a time while their sons were small. Then in 1959 she went back to teaching at Erie, North Dakota. The next year she came back to Galesburg to teach and continued teaching here for sixteen years until she retired in May of 1975.

Orville and Audrey enjoyed traveling and spent several winters in Mesa, Arizona.

Orville and Audrey have two sons, Kent, born in 1947, married Marjory Mehus in 1970 and they are the parents of twin daughters, Jill and Jessica. Keith was born in 1953 and is married to Patsy Griffin. They were married in June of 1975 and they are the parents of two sons, Joshua and Benjamin.

PETER and CHRISTINE HOLEN

Peter Holen was born June 1855 in Norway. His wife, Christine, was born October 1862. They immigrated from Norway in the early days of the settling of the Galesburg community. Peter worked for the Great Northern Railroad until his retirement.

They had six children: Rose, Annie, Bentina, Peter Jr., Oscar, and John.

Peter passed away in 1930 and Christine in 1934.

DEAN and BONNIE HOLM

Bonnie Gibbs, daughter of Bill and Cora Gibbs, lived at Galesburg from 1945-1964. She graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1962, and then attended Moorhead State College. After marrying Dean Holm from Page, North Dakota, they resided in Starbuck, Minnesota for ten years where they taught school. In 1974 Dean became a State Park Manager, working for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. They lived at Alexandria for two years where Bonnie taught school. In 1976 Dean began managing Camden State Park near Marshall, and Bonnie taught school in Lynd, Minnesota.

Bonnie currently is a Child Study Coordinator for the Pipestone Educational Cooperative Service Unit, supervising about sixty special education teachers in twenty schools in southwest Minnesota.

Bonnie and Dean have three children: Joni, age seventeen; Jason, age thirteen; and Jacki, age eleven.

ED and SALOME HOLM

Ed Holm migrated from Finland in 1900 at the age of twenty. He spent some years in the areas of coal mines in Pennsylvania and in Duluth before coming to Galesburg. He married



Ed, Salome, Ernie, Edna

Salome Schultz and in 1907 began farming east of Galesburg on the Taylor farm. Like the other farmers of the area, they worked hard, went through the rationing and shortages of World War I, the 1918 influenza epidemic, the "dust years" and the depression. Living in the Erie, Page and Tower City areas, he retired after farming for fifty years.

A daughter Edna, Mrs. John Danicourt, lives in St. Petersburg, Florida. A son LeVerne (Ernie) lives in Page and farms there. There are four grandsons and eleven great grandchildren.

LEVERNE (Ernie) and IRENE HOLM

Ernie Holm was born at rural Galesburg in 1914. His parents, Ed and Salome Holm lived on what was then the Bower farm. He attended school at Broadlawn Schools four and five. He graduated from Galesburg High School in 1933. That same year he moved with his parents to a farm near Erie.

Irene was born in 1917 to parents John and Emma Vos. They farmed east of Galesburg, and Irene and her sister, Shirley, went to Greenfield School. In 1930 the family moved to a farm in Dows Township and the girls went to Erie School.

Ernie and Irene were married in 1935, and have lived in the Page area since that time.

They have two sons; Meredith who is married to Wanda Kent. They live at rural Moorhead, Minnesota, and have four children. He is employed by Moorhead Schools. Dean who is married to Bonnie Gibbs lives near Marshall, Minnesota. They have three children and he is employed by Minnesota D.N.R.

DAVID and VICKI HOLMAN

Vicki Lee Moen was born September 29, 1949 at Fargo, North Dakota to Wilmer and Junelle Moen of Galesburg, North Dakota. She was the first child born to Wilmer and Junelle, and the first granddaughter born to Otto Moen's being preceded by five grandsons.

Vicki attended grade school in the Galesburg, North Dakota school system and high school in the Clifford-Galesburg School system from 1962 until graduation in 1967.

In 1967 Vicki enrolled in St. Lukes Hospital School of Nursing at Fargo, North Dakota graduating from there in 1969 as a registered nurse.



**Heather, David
Marissa, Vicki**

David Merle Holman, son of T. Irgens and Esther Holman of Clifford, North Dakota and Vicki Lee Moen were married February 14, 1969 at Norman Lutheran Church at Clifford, North Dakota. After their marriage they made their home in Fargo, North Dakota from 1969-1972. While living there David was employed by the North Dakota Air National Guard and Vicki worked as a Medical-Surgical Staff Nurse at St. Lukes Hospital.

In the spring of 1972 they decided to farm full time. They moved to the Phil Gugel farmstead at Blanchard, North Dakota and resided there for one year. In November of 1972 they started construction of their new home at the Harold Nelson farm three miles west of Clifford. They moved into their home in April of 1973 where they continue to reside. The farmstead they live on is also known as the "Donley Farm."

They are the parents of two daughters, Heather Marie born in 1969 and Marissa Lee born in 1978.

At the present David is employed full time in the profession of farming. Vicki is currently employed as the Operating Room Supervisor at Union Hospital at Mayville, North Dakota.

DARROLL and DOROTHY HOLT



**Danny, Darroll, Scott
Wendy, Dorothy**

The Darroll Holt family moved to Galesburg from Mayville, North Dakota in 1964. They are the parents of three children: Scott, twenty-two; Daniel, eighteen; and Wendy, fifteen. Scott is married to Nancy Braaten of Portland. Scott and Nancy live in Scott City, Kansas where Scott is teaching school. Daniel is a student at Mayville State College and Wendy a student in high school.

Darroll is working at Mayville for the Coast to Coast Store. Dorothy is employed by the Clifford-Galesburg School system.



Nancy and Scott Holt

SIGFRED and INEZ HONGSLO



Sig and Inez Hongslo

Sig Hongslo was born at Kindred, North Dakota February 25, 1909 and after his father's death when Sig was only three and one-half years old, he was shifted around with his mother, as well as living part time with his grandparents, the Jon Volds, living east of Galesburg.

He attended grade school and high school in Galesburg and at an early age worked on surrounding farms; later it was rail-roading, an experience he will never forget; worked for the Standard Oil Company and in 1943 became Manager of the Amenia Oil Company which he had until 1973. These last years he has worked for Nodak Store in Fargo until this year (1981) was forced to retire, due to poor health.

Inez Erickson Hongslo was born at Galesburg December 11, 1907. Her parents were Knut and Sigrid Erickson and she grew up on their farm in Broadlawn. She attended grade school at Broadlawn number one, high school at Galesburg and on to Mayville Teacher's College. She taught school eight years, four years in a rural school Broadlawn number four and four more years as primary teacher at Inkster and Drayton, North Dakota.

Sig and Inez were married at Elm River Lutheran Church December 11, 1938. They lived at Beltrami and Fosston, Minnesota before moving to Amenia in 1943, which has been their home since.

Sig's outside interests and enjoyments have been fishing, hunting and wood-refinishing. He has always been active in his community affairs, serving many years on the Village Council, as well as the Fire Department.

Inez was kept busy being housewife and mother to their three children: Sandra, Marilyn and David. She taught Sunday School for many years, was a Four-H leader, plus other organizational activities.

They have been blessed with six fine grandchildren.

P. S. HOUGHTON

P.S. Houghton, farmer and druggist, of Section fifteen, Town one hundred forty-four, Range fifty-three. Post Office Galesburg, Traill County, of Casselton, Cass County, was the son of Jacob Houghton, a mining expert and a native of New York. He was born in Detroit, Michigan in 1860 and educated in that state, graduating in the class of 1879, at the University of Michigan. He came to Dakota and started a drug store at Casselton, in 1880, where he kept a full line of drugs, medicines, paints, and oils. He owned two sections of choice land, well stocked, good buildings, and nearly all improved. His yield of wheat to the acre on Section twenty-seven in 1883, was twenty-one and sixty-four one hundredths bushels; on Section fifteen it was fifteen bushels, part of the crop having been destroyed by hail. Mr. Houghton was also a graduate of the College of Pharmacy in the University of Michigan, and was also the leading druggist of the city of Casselton, and one of the best in the Territory.

MICHAEL and PENNIE HUMPHREY



Pennie, Keely, Michael

Pennie Humphrey was born December 8, 1950 to Howard and Edith Satrom. She went to school at Clifford-Galesburg. After graduation she attended New York Hair Dressing Academy and became a registered Cosmetologist. She then attended Wahpeton State School of Science enrolled in the Dental Assistant Program. Pennie married Michael Humphrey of Grandin, North Dakota on June 26, 1970.

She was employed as a dental assistant for Dr. Ugland of Fargo. At present time she is employed as Teacher-Supervisor of the Dental Assisting Department at Moorhead Technical School and as a consultant for the American Dental Association.

Michael graduated from North Dakota State University and taught at Cass Valley North School at Argusville, North Dakota. He also farms and is a semi-truck driver.

They are parents of one daughter, Keely Sue, born May 28, 1975. They live at 2308 26th Avenue South, Fargo, North Dakota.

VERN and GRACE HUNTER



Brent, David, Ernie, Rueben, Grace, Vern Dick, Ronald, William Hunter

Grace Smith was born of parents, Henry and Selma Smith at Galesburg, North Dakota, on November 20, 1916.

Grace attended grade school in the Bower school. She then went to High School in Galesburg, one year in Humbolt, Iowa, and graduated from Page, North Dakota.

In 1949 she was married to Vern Hunter at Dalton, Wisconsin. They had seven boys. Richard is in steel construction, his wife, Joan, is activity counselor. Rueben owns Hot Shoppe Restaurant together with his wife, Joe. Ernst is a real estate broker at Rockford, Illinois. His wife, Debbie, works in the office of a factory. Ronnie has a little farm and works on construction. His wife, Sam, is a waitress. William has his own steel construction building and his wife, Cally is secretary. David works as foreman on Gaebes Pipe Line and his wife is Pam. Brent is foreman of Window Washers Inc. His wife, Judy is teller in a bank in Florida.

Vern Hunter passed away March 6, 1978. Grace moved to Montello, Wisconsin, where she works for Freitag's I.G.A. during the summer and moves to Florida or Arizona for the winter months.

DUANE and BECKY HUSS



Becky, Duane, Randy, Terry & Alan Huss

Becky (Paulson) Huss was born October 1, 1944 to Orville and Harriet Paulson. Becky attended grade and high school at Galesburg and one year at Wahpeton State School of Science. On April 17, 1964, she married Duane Huss, son of Albert and Minnie Huss of Williston, North Dakota.

After living a short time in Williston they moved to Peoria, Illinois, where Duane was employed there for a two-way radio company. In 1974 they moved back to Mayville, North Dakota. At this time Duane worked as electrician at the sugar beet plant in Hillsboro, North Dakota.

In 1977 they moved to Casselton, North Dakota where Duane works as an electronics technician. Becky has a ceramic's shop in the basement of their house. She also does tole painting as a hobby.

Duane and Becky have three sons: Alan, sixteen; Terry, thirteen; and Randy, six.

IVER and BERTHA IVERSON

Bertha Iverson, the daughter of Ole and Kristi Skerstad, was born in Elverum, Norway, November 25, 1864. She was the youngest member of a family of nine children. When young she attended school in Oslo, and at the age of sixteen, she and her sister came to Morris, Minnesota.

In November 1884 she was united in marriage to Iver Iverson. She spent her early married life in Norcross, Minnesota, where Mr. Iverson was a well known grain buyer.

After a few years there, they moved to Halstad, Minnesota where they resided eighteen years. They then moved to Galesburg where they lived for one year before moving to Culbertson, Montana. In 1911, they returned to Galesburg where they lived until the death of Mr. Iverson in 1922.

After his death, Mrs. Iverson made her home with her foster daughter, Mrs. Jennie Tufte, an only child. Mrs. Iverson passed away at the home of her foster daughter on March 27, 1938, at the age of seventy-three years. Her burial took place at Galesburg, North Dakota.

IVER and GENA IVERSON

Mrs. Gena Iverson of Hutchinson, Minnesota, formerly of Galesburg, was named McLeod County's Outstanding Senior Citizen during a program at their County Fair in August.



Gena and Iver Iverson

Gena Iverson and her twin brother, H.P. Smith of Galesburg, were born eighty nine years ago at Galesburg. They were raised there and she graduated from Brufat Academy at Portland. She then attended St. Paul Hospital School of Nursing where she received training as a registered nurse.

She was a volunteer in the Army Nurse Corps in World War I and served in France during 1918 and 1919. It was there she met Iver Iverson and they later married and moved to Hutchinson. He has since died.

Their adopted daughter, Susie, has one son and four daughters and lives in California.

Mrs. Iverson was assistant superintendent of nursing at St. Paul Hospital in the 1920's and worked as a private nurse during the 1930's. She was an x-ray technician in a lab in Minneapolis, Minnesota, from 1924-1927.

After age sixty-five, she was a partner in Lynn Card Company in Hutchinson from 1950-1970 and was also involved in a variety of volunteer work. She has been a member of the Hutchinson Library Board for forty years, and also was a forty year member of the Hutchinson Women's Club. She was named a Worthy Matron of the Mariam Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star in 1942. She is a member of Burns Manor Auxiliary and has done volunteer work for the past thirty years at the hospital. She organized the altar guild of Faith Lutheran Church in 1976 and was chairperson for three years. She was president of the District Missionary Society. For four years she served on the Minnesota State Board of P.E.O. Sisterhood and was President.

She has been a member of Faith Lutheran Church for fifty years, a choir member for twenty years, and was involved in the church circles and taught Sunday School for many years.

Her hobbies in recent years have included water color and oil painting. She has taken speed reading and Norwegian classes at Hutchinson Area Vocational Technical Institute.

Mrs. Iverson went on a tour of the Holy Land at age eighty-eight, took a Caribbean cruise at age eighty-seven and has toured Europe and Scandinavia.

UNO JACKSON

Uno Jackson was raised by his grandparents as his mother died when he was a baby. His father left him with the Kaitfors, his grandparents, and Uno lived with them. Grandpa Kaitfors was Matt Mattson Kaitfors born March 20, 1850. Grandma was Lisa Johana born June 4, 1847. They were both born near Kakkala, Finland. The name Kaitfors was the name of a river that ran through the land so instead of Mattsons, they took the name of Kaitfors. Grandpa Kaitfors first went to the Black Hills area before coming to Galesburg to file on a homestead. According to Uno, his grandpa and four other men and two horses to carry supplies walked all the way from Deadwood, South Dakota, to Galesburg, even ate with the friendly Indians.

Uno farmed for many years and later in life married Eve and after a few years on the farm they moved to Duluth, Minnesota, which was Eve's home area. She passed away a few years ago and Uno still lives in Duluth, Minnesota.



John, Josie, Ida, Carl, Anne
Clara, Hans, Hjalmer, Marie

DONALD and MAUREEN JACOBSON



Donald, Maureen and Wade Jacobson

Donald and Maureen Jacobson moved into the Galesburg community in February 1961. Both are from Bagley, Minnesota. Don worked as second man in the Galesburg Coop Elevator. In 1963 Don started working for Great Plains Supply Company as a carpenter and is still employed there.

Maureen started working in 1966 for Great Plains Supply Company as bookkeeper and is still employed there.

They have been blessed with one child, Wade, who is a student at Wahpeton State School of Science, studying diesel mechanics.

They are members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church, Tall Tower Promenaders and Don is a member of the American Legion, Wildlife and Park Board.

HANS and MARI JACOBSON

Hans Jacobson was born in Lesja, Norway. He was married to Mari Bentsdahl who was from Dovre, Norway. They came to the United States in 1885. They farmed on the southwest quarter section twenty-three in Broadlawn Township.

They had six children and an adopted girl, Clara. The children were John, Anna, Carl, Josie, Ida, and Hjalmer.

Anne married Ole Pederson. They had three sons, Hilmer, Peter, Melvin and a daughter, Alice. Carl served in World War I. He was married to Bertha Haugen of Portland. They farmed at Galesburg. They bought the Wightman farm where they farmed and lived until his death in January 19, 1954. Josie married Hilmer Haagenson. They had two sons, Sidney and Hilmer Jr. Ida married Gunder Bratholt. They had one son, Vernon. Hjalmer married Alfira Berg. They had several children. Ida is the only one living at the present time.

Hans Jacobsons were members of the Elm River Lutheran Church of which Hans was "klokker" at one time.

RALPH K. and SIGNE JACOBSEN

Ralph Karley Jacobsen was born in Norway May 6, 1902, where he grew to manhood and then became a sailor for the Norwegian Navy, sailing on the high seas and getting into many ports of interest. He decided to come to America and first went to Chicago and got a job.

While in Chicago, he met Signe Erickson and they were married there in the Tabernacle Church on July 30, 1945.

Signe Marie Erickson, daughter of Martin and Sigrid (Werness) Erickson, was born near Galesburg, North Dakota on October 10, 1890. She grew up on the farm and moved with her parents to Fargo in 1918. There she attended Oak Grove High School and graduated in 1924 as valedictorian of her class. She then attended Interstate Business College and upon finishing, she worked as secretary in the office at the Fargo Tabernacle Church. She also managed a small grocery store for a couple of years.

In 1938 she went to Chicago to work and was employed until 1945 when she married Ralph.

After their marriage, they came to Moorhead, Minnesota to live. There Ralph got a job at Concordia College where he worked until he retired in 1973.

Ralph passed away on June 20, 1976 and is buried at Stordahl Church Cemetery.

Signe is now 90 years old and is in quite good health and lives at the Moorhead Health Care Center.

The couple had no children.

CLINTON GEORGE and ALICE JEFFERSON



Clinton and Alice Jefferson

Clinton George Jefferson came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Jefferson, and his two brothers, Arthur and John to the Page area in the spring of 1893.

Clinton was born April 22, 1870 at Menominee, Wisconsin where the family lived for some time engaged in small grain farming and operating a meat business. His father emigrated from England to Canada where he met and married Mary Kyle who was of Irish descent.

Clinton was united in marriage to Alice Rutherford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Rutherford of Dows Township. Her father had emigrated from Scotland to Canada where he met Hannah Lane, and they were later married.

After their marriage on January 11, 1899, Clinton and Alice established their home in Broadlawn Township. Three children were born to them: William, George, and Mary. The children attended Broadlawn School number four. The family attended church services at Broadlawn Presbyterian which was located about two miles north of their farm. The pulpit was filled by a pastor from the Colgate and Presbyterian Church. When this church was dissolved the family transferred their membership to Colgate.

Clinton farmed quite extensively, operated a threshing machine and did custom threshing for his neighbors. He was active on school and township boards.

Alice Jefferson passed away on May 11, 1921 after suffering ill health for some time.

Their daughter, Mary, and Owen Satrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Satrom of Page, were married on February 1, 1936. Six children were born to them, namely: Jerome, Fargo; Ronald, Lewistown, Montana; Mary Hanson, Page; Denis, Dallas, Texas; Robert, Glendive, Montana; Kenneth died in a drowning accident in 1946.

Clinton Jefferson passed away September 6, 1957. William discontinued farming after his father's death and lived in Page helping area farmers. He suffered a heart attack and passed away February 19, 1963.

Mary Satrom passed away on October 9, 1970.

EUGENE A. and MYRTLE JEFFERSON



Eugene A. and Myrtle Jefferson

Eugene Jefferson was born on a farm four miles east of Page on February 27, 1908. He was the son of Arthur and Alice Jefferson. He received his education there. On July 11, 1927 he married Myrtle Carlson in Moorhead, Minnesota.

Myrtle Carlson was born in Alida, Minnesota, the daughter of Alida and Nels Carlson. She came to North Dakota at the age of two. After living on a farm in Bottineau County (Glenburn, North Dakota) in the western part of North Dakota, she came to Page in 1923.

After marriage they resided in International Falls, Minnesota where Eugene was employed in a paper mill. He farmed in Blanchard, North Dakota, then moved to Page in 1941. They bought their farm, Section 26 known as Parson farm, and farmed until 1954. They sold the farm in 1956 and moved into Page. Gene served on the school board and township board. He started trucking. He died unexpectedly at Crystal City, Manitoba. Death was ascribed to a cerebral hemorrhage. He had gone to Pilot Mound, Manitoba for seed wheat.

They have eight children: Raymond of Washington; Carlene (Mrs. Alex Sahr) resides in Fargo and has four children; Lenore (Mrs. John Freeman) has two daughters; Dale, in Billings, Montana works and manages for Buttrey-Osco meat department; Ilean (Mrs. C.C. Williams) has three children; Sharon (Mrs. Sherwood Johnson) has four children and lives on a farm near Page; Diane (Mrs. John Otterness) has two boys and works at Beach Bank; Constance (Mrs. Milo Burdick) has one daughter.

Eugene was better known as Gene or "Red"

GEORGE and MARIE JEFFERSON, SR.

George Ernest Jefferson, the son of Clinton and Alice Jefferson was born February 5, 1904 in Broadlawn Township. He attended Broadlawn number four and some years later attended a short course at the North Dakota State University. He lived with his parents, helping with the farming operations. On October 5, 1940 he was united in marriage to Ellen Marie Langdahl who was born November 10, 1906, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Langdahl. Her parents, Edward Langdahl and Rosie Jondahl, had emigrated to the United States in 1892 and 1893 from Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway and were employed in the Galesburg and Clifford area.

Ellen was a graduate of the Colgate High School and of the Valley City State Teacher's College. She spent thirteen years teaching in North Dakota.

After their marriage, George and Ellen established their home in Page Township, on a farm which they purchased from Mrs. Mary (Thomas) Rutherford. Two sons were born to this union: George Ernest Jr. and Ardell Robert. They attended the Page Public School, of which both are graduates. The family attended Sunday School and church at the Page United Methodist Church of which they are members.

George Jr. attended the North Dakota State University at Fargo and spent four years in the United States Air Force. Presently he is employed at the A. and P. Equipment in Page, and carries on farm operations.

Ardell was graduated from the North Dakota State University in June 1967 and since he was enrolled in Advanced R.O.T.C. he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Air Force at that time. He entered active service in October 1967 and besides being stationed in Oklahoma, Arizona, California, and North Dakota, he also spent some months in 1970, 1971, and 1972 in Thailand and Guam, and seventeen months in Turkey in 1977-1978. Being a Navigator Bombardier on B52's he was active in the Vietnam conflict and for his meritorious action was given many citations and awards, some of which are the Distinguished Flying Cross and the Oak Leaf Cluster. Presently he is stationed at Ellsworth Air Base near Rapid City, South Dakota.

George Jefferson Sr. suffered a stroke in August of 1972 and when he was released from the hospital in October he and Ellen moved into an apartment in Page Manor. He suffered a heart attack on November 15, 1979 and passed away in a Fargo Hospital on November 22, 1979.

MR. and MRS. GORDON JEFFERSON



Gordon and Annie Jefferson

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Jefferson were married in 1940 and lived in Larimore for two years before making their home in Galesburg. Both were active in the Presbyterian Church until it was disbanded in 1963. They were both active in the Senior Citizen's Club.

Both were related to pioneer families of Galesburg. Annie's father, Robert Morris, came from Ontario, Canada in 1880 and homesteaded near Galesburg. Martha, her mother, came in 1888 and the two were married that year. Two sons, both

deceased, continued with the home farm and an adjoining one. Delbert married Rogna, a teacher at Galesburg; Horatio married Helen from Great Britain. Annie remained on the home farm until her marriage.

Gordon's father, Richard Jefferson, came from Ontario, Canada, in 1881; his mother, Bessie came in 1894 from Canada. They were married and homesteaded west of Galesburg. Mrs. Jefferson had three sisters here. One was the wife of Alexander Stewart, one of the founders of Galesburg, one was the wife of Ole Lande, who established a General Store in Galesburg in 1896, the third was the wife of Mr. Rintol, who homesteaded near Galesburg and then moved to Canada in 1906.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jefferson returned to Canada in 1903 but moved back to Galesburg in 1904 where they operated a hotel until 1909. They then moved to a farm. They had five children: Hazel, Gordon, Floyd, Gladys, and Eva.

Gordon lived in Canada in 1920-21. He then returned to the home farm where he remained until 1940. Both Gordon and Annie died in 1979.

HENRY and ALBINA JENSEN

Henry Jensen came to Galesburg from Hatton, North Dakota shortly after World War I. He married Albina Olson in 1922. He was manager of the lumber yard in Galesburg for a number of years. Then they moved to Fargo where he was a baker at Regan's Bakery. He was one of the head bakers. They lived here for about twenty years, and during World War II they, as many others moved out west and settled in Portland, Oregon where he was a painter in the shipyards. He retired while on this job. They continued to live in Portland until his death.

They had seven children; four girls namely, Mae Marcella, Alida, Patsy, and Lois. The three boys were Harold, Marvin, and Curtis. These all live in Milwaukee, a suburb of Portland. Albina continued to live in Milwaukee until her death in September of 1980.

JOHN and ALICE JENSON



Alice and John Jenson
and Minerva Jenson

Mr. and Mrs. John Jenson and daughter Minerva moved to Galesburg in the summer of 1923.

John was born and raised at Hatton, North Dakota. His wife, Alice, (Elise Sjaastad) was born in Norway, coming to North Dakota when three years old with her mother and an older sister.

Alice and John Jenson were married in Hatton, where Alice was clerking at the Ole Eielson store; John had started his job as elevator manager in Blabon, North Dakota. They had one daughter, Minerva.

Before coming to Galesburg John Jenson was an elevator manager at Maddock, North Dakota. He managed the Galesburg Farmers Elevator until 1931.

From Galesburg the Jensons moved to Ayr and Jamestown, North Dakota, then to Milan, Minnesota. It was at Milan that John Jenson fell from the top of the elevator into an empty grain bin and broke his hip. Following the recovery from the broken hip, Mr. Jenson did not return to elevator work.

The Jenson family moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota in the early forties, where Mr. Jenson was employed in defense and office maintenance jobs until his death in 1955. Mrs. Jenson passed away in 1953.

MINERVA JENSON

Minerva Jenson was born in Maddock, North Dakota. Following high school graduation in Jamestown, North Dakota, Minerva attended Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota, graduating in 1938.

After eight years of teaching in Minnesota high schools, Minerva Jenson was employed by the University of Minnesota as Faribault County Extension Agent. She later became a member of the State Agricultural Extension staff in a district supervisory and program development position. She retired in 1976 as an Assistant District Extension Director and continues to live in St. Paul, Minnesota.

ANGES and MABEL JOHNSON

Anges Johnson and Mabel Skogstad were married at Finley, North Dakota August of 1923. They came to Galesburg that fall and in the spring they started farming for John Kittleson. The farm was on the edge of Galesburg.

Their six children were born at Galesburg: Audrey (Mrs. Bob Torgerson) of Williston; Lorraine (deceased); Elroy, Lavonne (Mrs. Harvey Hellwege); Joanne (Mrs. Bob Taylor); Curtis, all of Portland, Oregon area.

In 1936, they moved to Grandin where Anges was with construction. When World War II started they moved to Portland, Oregon and both worked in the shipyard. Anges died in 1978 and Mabel still resides in Portland.

REVEREND C. A. L. JOHNSON

The Reverend C. A. L. Johnson, the son of Otto and Clara Johnson, Swedish immigrants, was born August 15, 1888 on a farm near Albert City, Iowa where he received his early education, later attending college in Des Moines, Iowa and Chicago, Illinois. In Chicago, while a seminary student, he met Tora A. Tonnessen, a Norwegian immigrant girl, who was born July 22, 1882 in Grimstad, Rodevig, Norway.

On November 23, 1913 they were married in Evanston, Illinois and "honeymooned" to North Dakota where they lived in a tar paper shack in Wildrose for a year and a half, serving the congregation of the Presbyterian Church. Their only daughter Helen Carola was born October 18, 1914. Before coming to Galesburg on November 4, 1916, the Reverend Johnson served as a supply pastor at the Tioga Presbyterian Church.



Reverend C.A.L. Johnson

When the Johnsons arrived in Galesburg, they were guests of the O.E. Landes until the Presbyterian parsonage was furnished. This seemed to be a common practice during this era.

The Reverend Johnson's first sermon "Grow in Grace" was preached on November 5th; in the morning at Broadlawn (a country school west of Galesburg), in the afternoon at the Galesburg Presbyterian Church, and in the evening in the Town Hall at Clifford. This schedule was met during the years in all kinds of weather by Model T, sleigh, buggy or train.

On Tuesday, November 11 (the date Woodrow Wilson was elected President) the household goods arrived from Tioga, all 5,300 pounds at a cost of \$44.89. At that date the Johnsons also purchased 50 pounds of meat for \$5.50.

Church responsibilities began immediately with the cleaning of the Town Hall for the church supper sponsored by the women of the church. This project netted \$47.00.

With the entrance of the United States in World War I on Good Friday, April 6, 1917, Mr. Johnson was immediately involved in community related activities. In January he was elected president of the local Red Cross Chapter; on March 7 he helped with a farewell reception for Nora Omdahl and Gena Smith, who were leaving to become Red Cross overseas nurses; on March 26 he assisted with a fund raising auction which netted \$1,716.00; and in May he organized the Junior Red Cross. Mr. Johnson served as assistant registrar on September 12, called Registration Day.

During the fall harvest season Mr. Johnson helped the Armstrongs and the Coxes with threshing, as there now was a definite man power shortage on the farms.

On October 13, he officiated at the funeral of Gunnar Haugan, the first soldier brought home for burial. And on October 27, he also officiated at the funeral of Gunnar's brother, Ralph Haugan.

In November the influenza epidemic was raging and by the end of the month there were over 40 cases in town. But this situation was overshadowed by the ringing of bells and shouting of the populace on November 11 when the news of the Armistice came over the wireless. The school pupils staged a parade featuring Uncle Sam, Miss Columbia and Kaiser Wilhelm (shown in chains and later tied to a tree).

That winter Mr. Johnson noted in his log that he purchased 25 pounds of coffee for \$5.75 and 26 gallons of gas for \$5.33. The Christmas gift to the Johnsons from the congregation was a mantel clock which their daughter cherishes as a memory of the happy years of the family in Galesburg. He was able to use his Model T for travel most of the winter as the roads were open, due to a lighter than usual snow cover.

The summer of 1919 brought to a close the Broadlawn congregation. The church property was sold and the Johnsons purchased their first musical instrument — an organ for \$5.00.

On September 23 Lt. Earl Fladeland of Portland flew the first airplane to Galesburg, landing in a nearby farmer's field. The next day the Johnsons and many others drove out to see this marvelous flying machine.

Christmas Day in 1919 was the "finest of weather — thawing all day, water standing in puddles, most of the snow went." But by the middle of January the snows came and Mr. Johnson used the train to commute to Clifford on church business.

On April 9, 1920 the Presbyterian Church was wired with electricity at a cost of \$14.00 and the assessed flat rate for the year was \$12.00.

The summer cultural high point was the arrival of the Chautauqua tent, where programs were given for two days.

By the 8th of October he notes that "wartime prices began to tumble down." That fall a one way train ticket from Fargo to Minneapolis was \$8.96 and the sleepers an additional \$2.02.

About three o'clock in the morning on October 31 the party line phone was ringing, warning residents of a raging fire. Shades were raised and residents were viewing the blazing red light of the burning lumber yard and post office.

This winter, in contrast to the two previous winters, was an open one and Mr. Johnson used his Ford all winter.

On February 28, 1921 members of the congregation and other friends helped Mr. and Mrs. Ned Green celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Kate Green was a 4th, 5th and 6th grade teacher in the Galesburg school system for many years. During the winter months she would "board and room" at the parsonage with the Johnsons.

Another fire call was made on January 4, 1922, stating that the location was the Lutheran Church. And on March 9 "a general call went out at 7:20 a.m." The church was on fire again.

That summer peaches sold for 98 cents a crate, blue plums \$1.35 a crate, and tomatoes \$1 a bushel. Two geese weighing 23 pounds were purchased for \$2.25. A rocking chair cost \$10.50 and a mattress \$13.50.

February of 1923 saw the worst blizzard of many years. School closed, and the trains did not run from Tuesday, February 13 until Saturday the 17th.

During the eight years of residence until April 4, 1923, when the Johnsons moved to Mapleton, North Dakota, they were both active in local and state Sunday School activities, young people's programs, church activities, Red Cross, and other community services where they were needed.

The Model T Ford touring car which Mr. Johnson had purchased in June of 1915 (the year Henry Ford gave a rebate of \$50 to each buyer as his selling goal of 500,000 cars had been reached) was sold to John Bring for \$125. The

speedometer registered 57,000 miles, most of these miles having been put on while in the service of pastoral duties.

Mr. Johnson served pastorates in Mapleton and Casselton before an early retirement (due to health problems) to Hilmar, California where he and Mrs. Johnson resided until his death on March 23, 1951.

Mrs. Johnson then returned to Jamestown, North Dakota where she made her home with her daughter Helen and husband Ross Hample, until her death January 26, 1960. Helen and Ross are the parents of Dr. Steve Hample, married and on the staff of Montana State University, Bozeman, Montana; and Carol, married to Michael Switzer, and serves as a unit manager at the State Hospital in Jamestown. They are the parents of one daughter Amanda Marie.

CARL and BELLE JOHNSON



Belle and Carl Johnson

Carl was born February 9, 1900, baptized and confirmed at Elm River Lutheran Church. He and George attended school at Broadlawn Number Five. Carl married Belle (Olga) Satrom December 22, 1925. She was the ninth child of Paul and Elizabeth Satrom. She was born and baptized at Osakis, Minnesota and moved to Steele County with her family at the age of three. She attended elementary schools in Steele County and later a dressmakers school in Fargo, North Dakota. Her hobbies included: gourmet cooking, sewing, and handicrafts.

Carl has been a farmer all of his life. They lived and farmed in Steele County until 1947 when they purchased the Thoen farm in Cass County. Carl continues to live on the Thoen farm. Belle died January 22, 1964.

Steven (grandson) and Erin Kenward now farm the Johnson land.

Carl and Belle had a son John Philip who was born and died December 5, 1928. He is buried at the Elm River Cemetery. They also had twin daughters: Eloyce Sarah Ann and Elizabeth JoAnn, born at home September 12, 1933. They attended elementary school at Broadlawn number five and then moved to the Thoen farm and graduated from Page High School. They also graduated from St. Lukes School of Nursing in 1954.

JOHN and SIGRID JOHNSON



John was born in Jondalen Dovre Gudbrandsdalen, Norway on March 1, 1867. He immigrated to the United States with Knute Erickson. They left May 17, 1890 from Oslo, Norway their destination Clifford, North Dakota. John worked on the Preston farm, Blanchard, North Dakota. Later he began farming in Broadlawn Township where he lived the remainder of his life. He married Sigrid (Sarah) Brualokken, daughter of Erick and Anne Brualokken. She was born in Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway on December 28, 1867. She came to the states in 1892 and worked for the Fred Pope family.

John and Sarah had two sons, George E. and Carl A.

George was born July 1, 1898 and lived all his life on the Johnson Farm. He died in 1963 and was buried at the Elm River Cemetery at Galesburg.

MARTIN and NICA JOHNSON



Willis, Irene, Thelma, Helen, Hazel, Mildred, Vernon, Nica, and Martin Johnson

Both Mr. and Mrs. Martin Johnson were born at Hayward, Minnesota. They were also married there. From there they moved to Hatton, North Dakota where he worked in a meat market. In 1917 they moved to Clifford where he operated a meat market until in 1918 he bought and operated one at Galesburg until about 1941.

Martin was born September 1873 and passed away in 1943.

Nicolena Ofstehage was born August 1878 and passed away in 1955.

They were active members of the Elm River Lutheran Church. Mr. Johnson was treasurer of the congregation at one time and Nica worked in the Ladies Aid.

They were both members of the Sons and Daughters of Norway. Mrs. Johnson was a strict member of the W.C.T.U.

All the children attended and graduated from Galesburg public school.

Their children were:

Otis Johnson, born in 1900, passed away in 1901.

Irene Johnson Orr was born in 1902. She was married to Alf Omdahl. They had two children, Eunice and Janice. Eunice passed away in 1981. Irene later married Mr. Orr. They resided at Bismarck, North Dakota.

Mildred was born in 1904. She married Rudy Rygg. They had two children, Ruth and Maryanne. They resided at Hope, North Dakota. Mildred passed away in 1975.

J. Willis was born in 1906. He was rural carrier for many years at Galesburg. He married Esther Anderson. They had two children, Barbara who is married to Curtis Ness, a highway patrolman and Mary who is married to Gary Halvorson. Willis passed away in 1954.

Helen was born in 1908. She was married to Mr. DeSanto and resided at Brooklyn, New York. They had five children, Betty, Connie, Martin, Charles and Carol. Helen passed away in 1970.

Hazel and Helen were twins.

Hazel married Mr. Bailey. They resided at Tacoma, Washington. They had a daughter, Nancy. Mr. Bailey was a good painter. He painted a picture of the old Lutheran Church and donated it to the congregation. Hazel passed away in 1978.

Thelma was born in 1915. She married Lawrence Larson. They had three children, Theresa, Sheri and Lawrence Jr., who lives in Minneapolis. Thelma passed away in 1960.

Vernon was married to Grace Monthey of Ramona, South Dakota. They met while in the Air Force in World War II. They have five children and eight grandchildren, which keeps them busy when they all come to the house or to the lakes on weekends. The children are Vernon, Linda, Martin, James and Robert. Vernon's family resides at Portland, Oregon.

MARVIN and DONNA JOHNSON



The Marvin Johnson Family

Marvin was born to Iver and Bernice (Lindemann) Johnson at Page, North Dakota. He lived at Hope, Pillsbury and Galesburg where his father farmed. He is one of twelve children.

In 1945 he married Donna Bjelverud whose parents were George and Gina (Gisvold) Bjelverud. George was custodian at the Galesburg School for many years. Donna is one of seven children.

Marvin was employed by the Great Northern Railroad and also owned a grocery store at Ayr, North Dakota. They returned to Galesburg where Marvin was employed by the railroad until 1959.

In 1959 they purchased the farm of George and Maxine Smith at Page, North Dakota where they farmed until 1972. They sold the farm to John and Duane Dows and purchased the former Jim and Palma Sahr home at Page where they still reside. Marvin continues to farm.

They have two sons, Gary and Dean.

Gary is employed by P.A.G. seeds and resides at Beju Heights at Beju Lake near Lake Park, Minnesota. He has two daughters, Michele and Tracy who attend Lake Park School.

Dean, his wife, Sharon, and their daughter, Desiree, live in Davenport, Iowa where Dean is in Management with U.P.S. Sharon has a shop called "The Back Rack" where she does tailor made sewing.

OSCAR and ANNA JOHNSON



Oscar and Anna Johnson
Carol and Kenneth

Oscar H. Johnson and Anna Groven were married at Galesburg on June 25, 1920. Oscar was born at Belview, Minnesota, on March 2, 1893, the son of Halvor Johnson and Gunild Vestgaard Johnson. Anna was born at Galesburg on September 3, 1896, the daughter of Ole Groven and Mari Svendsgaard Groven. They had two children. Carol Muriel was born at Galesburg on December 25, 1921. Kenneth Osmun was born in Fargo on June 11, 1923. Oscar worked in the Bank in Galesburg and they lived in Galesburg until 1931 when they moved to Pillsbury. They later lived at Munster, Kindred, and Fargo. Kenneth lives in Elgin, Illinois, and Carol (Mrs. Orville Laidlaw) lives in Bismarck, North Dakota. Anna died on November 13, 1957, and Oscar died on February 4, 1960.

SIDNEY L. JOHNSON (CY)



Sidney Johnson

Sidney Johnson was born at Hunter, North Dakota January 30, 1911. His parents, Martin Johnson and Karrie Rokke, were both born in Norway and died when Sidney was very young so he was raised at the Twin Valley, Minnesota children's home.

He left there to work on farms in the Zumbrota, Minnesota area. He came to Galesburg and worked as a farm laborer. In later years he was employed at Palmer's Place in Galesburg. He passed away January 20, 1974 and was buried on the family plot at Hunter Cemetery. He had one brother and two sisters. His sister Ruth, was married to Burnon Gisvold of Galesburg.

WILLIS and ESTHER JOHNSON



Willis and Esther Johnson

Willis Johnson was born in Hayward, Minnesota to parents, Martin and Nicolina Johnson. There were eight children in the family: Irene, Mildred, Willis, Hazel, Helen, Thelma, Vernon and Otis, who died in infancy.

At an early age he moved with his family to Hatton, North Dakota, from there to Clifford, North Dakota and then to Galesburg. He was a ninth grader when he came to Galesburg and graduated from Galesburg High School in 1924.

The following year he was appointed rural mail carrier at Galesburg. Some winters were severe and the roads were poor so he had to resort to delivering mail with a horse drawn vehicle. He kept one pair of horses in town and another pair out in the country at one of the rural patrons.

In 1936 the two rural mail routes at Galesburg were consolidated and Willis took over the Clifford route. He delivered mail there until his death in 1954.

Esther was born to Hans K. and Marthe Anderson in Galesburg, North Dakota. There were nine children in the Anderson family; Andrew, Harold, Ingrid, Jordice, Esther, Gladys, Chris, Abbie, and Vivian. After completing high school, Esther attended Mayville Normal School for one year. She and her sister, Ingrid, taught for two years in a two room consolidated school between Sherwood and Antler, North Dakota.

On September 17, 1936, Willis and Esther were married and moved into the house in which Esther still lives. They had two daughters. Barbara married Curtis Ness and they live at Harwood, North Dakota with their two sons, Keith and Michael. Mary is married to Gary Halvorson and they live on a farm near Galesburg. They have three children; Jane, Curtis and Laura.

Willis died in December of 1954. Esther, who was his substitute, delivered mail for nearly two years until a permanent carrier was appointed.

She then went to Mayville State Teachers College for a year. She taught at Edendale School out of Clifford for a year and at Galesburg Elementary School for two years. In 1960 she and her sister-in-law, Ruth Anderson purchased the general merchandise store from K.O. Lande.

IVER and IDA JONDAHL



Iver and Ida
Douglas, Maxine and Lyle

Iver Jondahl was born May 29, 1884 on a farm three and a half miles north and one mile west of Galesburg, North Dakota to John I. and Ingrid Quam Jondahl. Ida was born October 15, 1887 in Two Harbors, Minnesota to Louis P. and Marit Stordahl Satrom. Iver and Ida were married February 1, 1906. They had five children and one foster child, Dennis Satrom Jondahl. Two children, Juno and Vincent died in infancy.

Maxine, Lyle and Douglas grew up in Galesburg. Iver, Ida and the three children all attended school for Mrs. Green at one time or another. She was quite a school teacher and a very fine lady.

The family left Galesburg in 1939 and moved to Portland, North Dakota. Maxine married Leonard Langager of Mayville, North Dakota. Leonard was killed in Germany in the last days of World War II. Maxine moved to Portland, Oregon. She died February 26, 1979 in Vancouver, Washington and is buried in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Oregon.

Lyle married Helen Friese in 1940. Helen taught in Galesburg for several years. They moved to Portland, Oregon. Lyle died in 1967 and is buried at Skyline Cemetery, Portland, Oregon. Helen still lives in Portland.

Douglas married Solveig Strand of Portland, North Dakota. They moved to Havre, Montana. They also lived a short time in Valier, Montana before moving to Portland, Oregon. They have four children, Terry, Gary, Ronald and Michael. Ronald was married to Jane Nielson October 18, 1980. They live at Eagle Creek, Oregon.

Iver Jondahl died October 7, 1965. Ida died October 29, 1961, both are buried in Lincoln Memorial Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

JOHN I. and RAGNILD JONDAHL

John I. Jondahl was born in Norway, November 11, 1853. His parents were Iver J. and Ragnild (Hanson) Jondahl. They had three children of which John was the second. John worked at railroading and farm work until twenty-five years of age. On June 18, 1879 he arrived at Fargo, North Dakota. He worked in Cass County two years. In 1881 he filed on his land on Section six in Galesburg Township. From a start of twenty-five dollars he built for himself a nice home and enjoyed comforts of life at that time. He owned a grist mill which was run by horse power. He was married in 1883 to Miss Ingri Kvam. Seven children were born to them: Iver, Rosa and Clara (twins), Ida and John (twins), the latter deceased as a child and John and Ole (twins), Ole deceased. He served in various official positions in his township and was assessor and president of the school board.

MR. and MRS. JOHN O. JONDAHL



Alma and John O. Jondahl

John O. Jondahl was born April 17, 1886 at Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. He came to the United States in 1903. John made a return trip to Norway in 1914, sailing on the *Lusitania* which sank on its next voyage. He held various jobs — including steam engineer, lumberjack, and ore-dock worker — before marrying Alma Pauline Satrom on July 9, 1923 and settling in the Galesburg area. John and Alma farmed in Broadlawn Township until 1959 when they retired, moving to a home which they built on the east edge of Galesburg.

As recreation John enjoyed fishing with friends.

Alma Pauline Satrom moved to Galesburg with her family at age 7. She attended Bruflat Academy in Portland and the Fargo College of Business. She taught in a rural school near Galesburg before her marriage to John O. Jondahl.

Besides caring for her family, Alma enjoyed sewing and other handwork, gardening, her ALCW fellowship, and fishing trips to northern Minnesota.

Their three children are Gilmore, Philip and Alice.

GILMORE ELLSWORTH JONDAHL

Gilmore was born January 31, 1925. He attended Galesburg High School and Luther College, Decorah, Iowa. His hobbies are many and varied — such as downhill and cross country skiing, water skiing, fishing and hunting. His special interests are lay preaching and community projects. He married Ethel Belle Aga on September 6, 1959.

Ethel attended McVillie High School, Aaker's Business College in Grand Forks and graduated from The Lutheran Bible Institute of Minneapolis. She enjoys homemaking, sewing and music.

Their three children are: Annette Ruth - born November 24, 1960 and at present a junior at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota; Joan Renee - born April 7, 1963 and at present a freshman at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota; Mark Gilmore - born December 10, 1965 and at present a sophomore at Hope High School, Hope, North Dakota.



Gilmore and Philip Jondahl families
Back row: Mark, David, Paul, Gilmore and Philip
Front row: Alice, Annette, Joan, Ethel and Lilah

PHILIP ORDELL JONDAHL

Philip was born August 5, 1927 in Steele County, North Dakota. He attended Galesburg High School. He graduated from North Dakota State University with a B.S. degree. He served in the U.S. Army Air Force prior to his college years.

Philip enjoys photography, skiing, hunting and music. He married Lilah Johnson June 12, 1960.

Lilah was born in Ramsey County, North Dakota. She attended Starkweather High School and also Interstate Business College in Fargo.

Her hobbies are gardening, music and sewing.

Their two children are: Paul Eric - born January 25, 1962 and at present a sophomore at Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota; David Lynn - born December 16, 1963 and at present a senior at Hope High School, Hope, North Dakota.

Gilmore and Philip Jondahl are engaged in farming. The two families have homes on the site of the well known Broadlawn Farm headquarters in Steele County.

ALICE JEANETTE JONDAHL

Alice Jeanette was born December 24, 1928 in Steele County, North Dakota. She was graduated from Galesburg High School and earned a BA degree from Concordia College and an MA degree from North Dakota State University.

She taught at Hope, North Dakota and Fargo Central High School. Since 1967 she has been teaching sophomore and senior English at South High School in Fargo, North Dakota.

Alice enjoys attending the Fargo-Moorhead drama production and opera performances as well as working in her yard and flower garden.

OLE and RONNAG JONDAHL



Ronnag and Ole Jondahl

Ole Iverson Jondahl was born in Norway in 1856. Ronnag Paulson was born in Norway in 1857. They came to Dakota Territory shortly before their marriage on June 28, 1886, in Bruflat Church at Portland, North Dakota. Witnesses were John I. Jondahl and Ole Paulson. The Lutheran Pastor was Jus Halvorson. Her name is spelled Ronnaug Paulsen on the marriage certificate. They homesteaded on land north of what is now Galesburg in a Norwegian community of farmers. Ole broke prairie with oxen, and his first barn was built of sod.

Four of their children were born there: Ingvald Peter Jondahl was born April 3, 1887; Mina Jondahl was born Dec. 13, 1888. Mina remembers and told of the railroad tracks

being laid north of Galesburg, and she remembers when the first train came through; Oluf Jondahl was born Sept. 26, 1890; and Rosa Jondahl was born June 4, 1894.

The Jondahls sold the land at Galesburg, and bought a farm in Steele County southeast of Colgate in 1898 where they continued farming. At first the house had only two rooms, a large kitchen where cooking, washing, rendering lard, baking, churning butter, canning, and all sorts of farm activities took place, and there was room for a rocking chair or two. The other room which later became the dining room, was used for a bedroom until the rest of the house was finished. The new part was two stories with a living room and bedroom on the lower floor and two bedrooms upstairs, one for girls and one for boys. They also had a summer kitchen away from the house where they would wash clothes during the summer. Water was carried from the windmill pump, and heated. By using the summer kitchen, the house stayed cooler. There were milk cows and lots of chickens. The house was heated by wood and coal stoves in the winter as were most homes in those days.

Twins, a boy and a girl were born Oct. 14, 1900. The boy did not live, and the girl, Ruth Marie, was very small. They kept her in a box on the warming oven of the cook stove many days until they knew she would live. Most babies were born at home with no prenatal care.

Ingvald Peter Jondahl married Alpha Rachel Enge of Portland, North Dakota on Dec. 14, 1914. She was a rural school teacher, having attended Mayville Teachers' College. They rented land with farm buildings from Horatio Morris of Galesburg. The farm was located in Steele County near the Ole Jondahl farm. Their children were: Gerald Owen Jondahl, Page; Ruth Corrinne (Mrs. Roy Satrom), Grandin; Theodore Ingvald Jondahl, Page; Marion Louise (Mrs. Lester Abraham), rural Page; and Arnold Eugene Jondahl, Anchorage, Alaska. Ingvald died in 1968. Mrs. Alpha Jondahl celebrated her 91st birthday anniversary on Nov. 1, 1980. She lives in Page. There are 17 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

Mina Jondahl was married to Embert T. Drogen, March 30, 1921. Embert Drogen had been married to Gustina Moen, who died in the 1917 influenza epidemic. They had a son, Tilbert Grant Drogen, born April 28, 1917. He was raised by his stepmother, Mina Drogen, and father, Embert Drogen. The Embert Drogen's farmed on various places in the Page area until retiring into Page in the early 1940's. Embert died in 1961 as the result of injuries received in a car-road grader collision. Mina Drogen died in March 1972.

Oluf Jondahl farmed with his father, first with horses and later with tractors. He served in the U.S. Army, PFC Co. K., 352 Infantry, as a cook for sixteen months during World War I. (The G. Owen Jondahl family still has his World War I Army uniform). He never married and lived on the home farm until his death March 18, 1967. He was a member of the Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg.

Rosa Jondahl was married to Sophus Aasen in 1915. They lived in the Hunter-Galesburg area where they farmed, and Sophus was a Standard Oil dealer. They moved to Glendale, California about 1942. Sophus worked in the aircraft factories during World War II. Their children are: Sylvia Holzer, Orville Aasen, Raymond Aasen, and Ruth Lorraine (Mrs. James Nelson). Both Orville and Raymond were in the service during World War II. Rosie died May 12, 1971 in California.

Sophus retired and is living with his daughter, Sylvia.

Ruth Marie lived on the home farm with her brother, Oluf Jondahl, until her marriage to Vern Carmody in 1944. He had worked for Oluf on the farm. Ruth did a lot of crocheting, knitting, embroidery and quilt making. After their marriage they lived in Minneapolis. She worked in a clothing factory doing hand work on men's suits and coats. They later moved to small farms in the Milaca, Minnesota area. Vern Henry Carmody who was born May 27, 1891, died May 6, 1964 at Milaca, Minnesota. At that time, Ruth was ill in a nursing home at Moose Lake, Minnesota. She died a few weeks later on May 25, 1964. They had no children. Vern Carmody is buried at Forest Hill Cemetery at Milaca. Ruth Jondahl Carmody is buried in Elm River Cemetery where Oluf Jondahl and their parents are also buried. Ole Iverson Jondahl died in 1934. Ronnag Jondahl died in 1942.

ALMA and CLARENCE JONES



Alma and Clarence Jones

Alma A. Satrom was born in Broadlawn Township, Steele County, Galesburg, North Dakota, on February 27, 1893, to her parents Anton and Sigri Satrom. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She attended elementary school in the rural school that was a mile and a half from her home. She later graduated from Bruflat Academy in Portland, North Dakota, and went into teaching. Her first school being at Sherbrooke, North Dakota. With no railroad into this town and very poor roads, it was not easy for Alma to get home on holidays or weekends. In the wintertime when the snow was deep and weather looked threatening, Alma's Dad or her brother, Peter, would hitch the horses to the old covered sleigh and get Alma back to Sherbrooke early Sunday afternoon, in order to get back before dark.

At the time teachers were paid around fifty dollars a month plus board and room. After teaching a few years in various schools, Alma was married to Clarence Jones, a neighbor boy, who lived on a farm on the adjoining section, north of Alma's home.

Clarence Jones was born in Dana, Indiana. His father was J.L. Jones and his mother, Ida Humre Kouse. The Jones family (five boys and one girl) all moved to their farm home in Broad-

lawn Township in 1906. The first winter that the Jones' lived in their new home, the winter was severe with much snow and low temperatures. It was told that at one time Mrs. Jones found her five small boys huddled together in loneliness and begged to be taken back to their home in Indiana.

Clarence was brought up in the Presbyterian faith and attended country school and helped with the farm work. He drove both horses and mules for field work. In 1908 Clarence's father bought one of the first automobiles in that part of the neighborhood. It was a two seated Jackson and it was understood that whoever drove it was not to take it out of low gear until they had well turned the corner at the end of the lane. This wonderful machine proved exciting for the pupils in the old school house too. When they heard the Jackson coming the teacher would permit the children to go to the windows and look and look as the great wonder passed by. Besides teaching the three R's the teacher must have felt this a lesson in advancement and progress.

Clarence served in the first World War, doing his training in several camps in the States before being shipped overseas where he served in active duty until Armistice was declared. After his discharge he came back to Broadlawn and took over the family farm. Incidentally, he bought the first combine that was shipped into Galesburg.

On April 5, 1923, Alma and Clarence were married at the Trinity Lutheran Church at Moorhead by Reverend S. Sorenson. They lived for some years on the Jones farm and in 1938 bought and moved to what was known as the Jake Rock farm (north of Galesburg) living there until 1960. The farm was sold to Paul T. Satrom and Alma and Clarence moved to Fargo.

They spent their retirement years between their home in Fargo and traveling in this country and a trip to Europe. Alma passed away from severe heart failure on December 11, 1964. Her funeral services were held at the First Presbyterian Church in Fargo where she and Clarence were members. Alma was buried on the Jones family plot at the Elm River Cemetery in Galesburg, North Dakota.

Clarence continued his residence in Fargo and in January 1968, he was married to Margaret Bedel of Kansas City, Missouri. They spend their summers in Fargo and winter in a warmer climate.

Margaret has a daughter living in California and Clarence's sister, Lenore, lives in Arizona. Clarence is the only surviving brother.

J. L. JONES FAMILY

My mother and dad were married in the early 90's. Dad was a prosperous young farmer. My mother had graduated from Perrysville, Indiana Normal School and was a teacher in the immediate vicinity of Quaker, Indiana. After their marriage they lived on his farm at the edge of the little village of Quaker, Indiana, which is located on the Indiana/Illinois state line. According to the County Surveyor the state line ran between the house and the barn.

In the summer of 1906 Dad read an article in the local newspaper of a Land Excursion for farm land for sale in Oklahoma. Transportation was to be via train from Paris, Ill. With five sons coming up ranging from one to twelve years of age, he felt his 80 acres inadequate. He contacted his brother-in-law,



Mr. and Mrs. J.L. Jones

(my mother's brother, Joe), and the two men were driven the thirteen miles to Paris by horse and buggy to catch the train. When they arrived at the depot they learned the Oklahoma deal was off, but the Murray Land Company was running an excursion to the Red River Valley at Hope, No. Dak. in Steele County. Rather than return home, they boarded the train and took off for new territory. It was in the peak of harvest. The wheat crop was fabulous! Big steam engines running big threshing machines was a sight to behold for the little Indiana farmer. Dad and Uncle Joe returned to Indiana, but Dad couldn't forget prosperous North Dakota. He contacted the Land Company and in the fall of 1906 he loaded his farm machinery, horses, cattle, feed and household goods into a boxcar and after a long and eventful trip by rail arrived in Colgate, North Dakota. Upon arrival he learned the farm he had purchased would not be vacated until the following spring. The Land Co. had made arrangements for a temporary place for the winter. When Dad saw the condition of the buildings, they were unliveable. Finally he found an upstairs in a farmhouse he could use with a family by the name of Pitzen. This farm was south of the Henry Plaine farm. Here is where my mother and their five boys, Ira, Clarence, Claude, Loren and Charles joined Dad for the winter months in this farmhouse upstairs. (Two rooms.) The Pitzen family lived downstairs.

In the spring of 1907 Dad got possession of the west half of Section 11, Broadlawn Twp., Steele County from W.D. Thompson. He continued farming until 1923 when he rented the land to the second son, Clarence. In the meantime Clarence had served in the U.S. Army in Europe during World War I. He returned home in May 1919. A month later our mother died. At that time insulin had not been discovered and the only means of controlling diabetes was by diet.

In 1914 Ira married Mary Ellen Alderson in Indiana. Her mother was a classmate of our mother at Perrysville Normal School. He farmed land our Mother had bought in the Page area for three years, then moved to Danville, Ill. and started working for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad company. He continued with the railroad until his retirement. Ira died June 11, 1967. He was preceded in death by his wife. He is survived by five children, six grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Claude passed away after a lingering illness in August 1915.

Clarence married Alma A. Satrom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anton Satrom April 5, 1923. They lived on the home farm until they purchased the farm a mile west of "Kvam Park". They lived here until retirement and moved to Fargo. Alma suffered a fatal heart attack while Christmas shopping December 11, 1964. Clarence continues to live in his home in Fargo.

Dad returned to Dana, Indiana where he maintained a home until his death in 1948 at the age of 75.

Loren married Lilly Erickson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Erickson of Page. They farmed in the Page and Galesburg area and retired in Detroit Lakes where Loren died of a heart attack in 1975. He is survived by his wife, Lilly who resides at Nevis, Minnesota.

Charles started working for the Chicago and Eastern Illinois Railroad at an early age in Danville, Illinois. He married Lois Todd of Dana, Indiana. He retired from the railroad and farmed until failing health forced him to retire. He moved to Greencastle, Indiana where he lived until his death in February 1981. He was preceded in death by his wife. He is survived by one son, Charles, in Phoenix, Arizona and three grandchildren.

After Mother and Dad had five sons and moved to North Dakota I, Lenore, joined the J.L. Jones family. I was only eleven years old when I lost my mother. I attended high school in Hope and Mayville and graduated from Mayville State Teachers College. I taught school in Buxton, North Dakota until my marriage to George Schur of Arthur, North Dakota in 1934. We lived on his farm, formerly the Otto Bratholt farm, two miles west of the Mortimer elevator for the following thirty-two years when he had a fatal heart attack while operating a tractor the first day of spring's work, May 1, 1965. I had a farm auction and moved to California and worked as a Travel Consultant until I retired in 1981 and moved to Mesa, Arizona where George and I had spent several winters.

When our old neighbors and friends attend the Centennial in 1982, I wonder how many "Old Timers" will remember J.L. Jones' two cylinder Jackson car he gave free rides around the "Square" on the 4th of July celebration in Galesburg way back when?

Submitted by Lenore E. Schur, 1981

CYRENE and RUBY JONGEWARD



Back: Cyrene N., Keith, Ruby, Jo, Cyrene R., Front: Darrell, Joan

Cyrene R. and Ruby Jongeward and family moved to Galesburg, North Dakota in the summer of 1936 from Marion, North Dakota. He operated the Standard Oil Bulk Station in Galesburg for many years. He delivered fuel to Galesburg, Clifford and the surrounding area. Cy was a very active member of the Galesburg Fire Department.

They were the parents of five children: Cyrene, Josephine (Mrs. William Wise), Keith, Darrell and Joan (Mrs. Myron Bietz). Jo, Keith, and Cyrene N. all graduated from the Galesburg High School. They attended the Presbyterian Church and Sunday School. Sometimes Josephine was pianist for the Sunday School.

They moved from Galesburg to Hope, North Dakota where Cy continued working for the Standard Oil Co.

Both Cyrene R. and Ruby have passed away.

CHARLIE and ELVINA JORGENSEN



Charlie Jorgenson Family

Charlie, son of Carl and Sena (Hansen) Jorgensen, was born on a farm near Hunter, North Dakota, May 13, 1891. In 1914, he went to Big Sandy, Montana, where he took a homestead claim on a piece of land, providing he lived on it for one year. This he did, also built a small house and barn. After a year he came back to Hunter.

On February 17, 1915, Charlie married Elvina Erickson, daughter of Martin and Sigrid (Werness) Erickson of Galesburg, North Dakota. Elvina was born on a farm, March 15, 1888. They were married in Stordahl Church, rural Galesburg. After the wedding they went to Big Sandy, Montana, to make their home.

In 1918, after being hailed out two years in succession and losing all their crops, they decided to move back to North Dakota. Charlie farmed in the Galesburg area until 1940 when he retired and went to work for Eddie Severson in the painting business.

Seven children were born to this union: Sylvia, born February 21, 1916, married Carl Larson of Georgetown, Minnesota, on January 9, 1943. They have no children.

Millard, born December 25, 1917, married Marian Bennett of Indianapolis, Indiana, on April 12, 1942. They have one son, Millard, Jr.

Vernon, born July 7, 1920, married Evelyn Langsand of Fargo, North Dakota, on June 30, 1946. They have four

children: Elaine, Sharon, Bruce and Blaine.

Viola, born June 29, 1922, married Darrell Oye of Fargo, North Dakota on October 3, 1946. They have four children: Donovan, Janean, Vidette, and Dana. They are divorced.

Lorraine, born June 11, 1924, married Eugene Johnson of Hunter, North Dakota, on December 1, 1946. They have five children: Linda, Susan, David, Mary, and Sandra.

Arden, born July 13, 1926, married Ida Newton of Moorhead, Minnesota on February 20, 1948. They have four children: Julie Ann, Alan, Richard and Jane.

Eldon born September 26, 1928, married Veona Sailer of Hazen, North Dakota, on August 12, 1950. They have four children: Nathan, Nancy, Paula and Joan.

In 1942 the family moved into Hunter. While at Hunter, Elvina became ill and spent the last five years of her life in a sanitarium at Dunseith, North Dakota. While she was ill, Charlie was employed as a painter there so he could be near her. She passed away June 4, 1949.

After Elvina's death, Charlie bought a small home in Harwood, North Dakota, where he could be near some of his children. Here he lived for twenty years until he passed away on June 25, 1969.

Present homes of the children are now: Sylvia, Georgetown, Minnesota; Millard, Fountaintown, Indiana; Eldon, Indianapolis, Indiana; Vernon, Viola, and Arden, Fargo, North Dakota; and Lorraine, Hillsboro, North Dakota.

Charlie and Elvina's funerals were both held at Stordahl Church with burial at the cemetery.

JOHN and JOYCE JORGENSEN



Joyce, John, Kurt
Scott, Nola, Pat, Tia, David

John Jorgensen was born July 6, 1925 to Paul and Nora Jorgensen.

Joyce Dickson, daughter of George and Gunelia Dickson was born on October 18, 1923. John and Joyce were married

in 1947. John worked nineteen years for Wenaas Construction of Hunter, North Dakota. He was employed four and a half years at Dakota Plate Glass of Fargo. John was then employed at Great Plains Lumber of Galesburg eleven and one-half years.

Joyce has taught school in Portland, North Dakota; Ada, Minnesota; and Arthur, North Dakota and is currently teaching in the Clifford-Galesburg School system where she has taught twenty-three years.

The Jorgensens have two sons, David born April 12, 1952 and Kurt born July 18, 1955.

David married Pat Heidt of Dickinson, North Dakota on November 5, 1977. They are parents of two children, Scott who is two and a half years old and Tia who is seven months old. David and family reside in Hunter where David is owner of the Hunter Supply. Kurt married Nola Stibbe December 12, 1981. They make their home in Fargo, North Dakota and Kurt is employed at Hunter Supply.

John and Joyce reside in the new home they built in Hunter in 1976. They are members of Hunter Lutheran Church.

PAUL and NORA JORGENSEN



Mrs. Paul (Nora Hanson)
Jorgensen



Paul Jorgensen

Paul Jorgensen was born February 12, 1899. His parents were Carl and Sena Jorgensen who farmed east of Galesburg. He married Nora Hanson on January 3, 1921 at Mayville, North Dakota. She was born April 9, 1902 at Hatton, North Dakota. They farmed near Mayville until 1929 and then moved to a farm east of Galesburg. In 1940 they moved into Hunter where Paul worked as a mechanic. They lived there for eight years and spent a few years in Halstad, Minnesota before moving to Hillsboro where they retired. Paul died December 11, 1969 and his wife, Nora, died May 8, 1978. They had eight children: Earl - deceased August 5, 1967; Clara - Mrs. Neal Erickson, Grand Rapids, Minnesota; John - Hunter, North Dakota; Marjorie - Mrs. Harold Buth, Williston, North Dakota; Parnell - Sierra Vista, Arizona; Dona - Mrs. Arlan Gilbertson, Des Moines, Iowa; Esther - Mrs. Bruce Bohnsack, Hillsboro, North Dakota; Jane - Mrs. Donald Thompson, Mahanomen, Minnesota.

SIMMON V. and IDA JORGENSEN

Simmon Jorgensen, son of Carl and Sena Jorgensen of Hunter, North Dakota, and Ida B. Kylo, daughter of Henry and Anna Kylo of Galesburg, were married February 1, 1917 at Galesburg. After a brief time of farming and carrying U.S.

mail, they operated a cafe in Galesburg from 1923 to about 1926, when they purchased a cafe in Pekin, North Dakota. In 1929 they moved to Northwood where they were again in the restaurant business. They were the parents of two children, one died in infancy. Judith was born in 1922 at Galesburg. Sim died in 1955 and Ida died in 1956.

Judith graduated from high school at Northwood and the Minnesota School of Business in Minneapolis. She worked for several years at the bank in Northwood and presently lives in Fargo and is employed as a secretary at Concordia College in Moorhead.

**ABRAHAM and KAREN
(Kari) JORGENSEN**



Mr. and Mrs. Abraham Jorgenson, Clara and Olga

Abraham Jorgenson was born May 19, 1854 in Kragero, Norway. He was the son of Jorgen and Bergetta Jorgenson. He had three sisters and one brother who came to this country to make their home. Two sisters stayed in Norway.

Abraham was a sailor for a number of years before he emigrated to this country in 1880. At the age of twenty-six he came to the Galesburg area and took a homestead in the north-west one-fourth Section thirteen, township 144 in Steele County and built a sod house and lived and worked there for a number of years and it was known as "Sailors Home." He purchased the southeast quarter Section fourteen township 144; the Elm River running through this quarter. He built new buildings on the purchased land and moved into them, and lived there until his death in 1917. The farm has been rented for many years. Rick and Mary Halvorson are now farming and living there.

In 1891 he married Kari Svensgaard who was born September 16, 1857 in Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. She emigrated to America in 1887. She came to Galesburg where her sister, Mrs. Ole Groven, lived. Mr. and Mrs. Groven had sent her the ticket. Before her marriage she worked in some of the homes in the area.

The Jorgenson's were charter members of the Elm River Lutheran Church of Galesburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Jorgenson had four children: Nora and Harold died in infancy; Clara who was born February 25, 1895 and Olga born January 7, 1898.

Clara and Olga attended school in the Broadlawn District and the Church School in District five. Clara attended Interstate Business College. In 1925 they both took a course in nursing at the Vocational Hospital in Minneapolis and after they graduated they worked for many years in Fargo and in some other centers in North Dakota and in Axtell, Nebraska at the Bethphage Mission. They retired in 1958.

Mr. Jorgenson passed away June 24, 1917, Mrs. Jorgenson August 6, 1921 and Olga passed away September 19, 1978 and is buried in the Elm River Cemetery in the family plot.

Clara is living in Fargo.

**EMMA JORGENSEN
ANNA and INGA JOHNSON**



Emma, Anna, Inga

Anna and Inga Johnson and Emma Jorgenson (sisters) moved to Galesburg, North Dakota, in 1975 from Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Their parents were Albert and Inger (Lien) Johnson. Albert came from Stockholm, Sweden, to the United States in 1881 at the age of 17. He helped lay railroad from the East Coast to the West Coast. Inger Lien came to the United States from Valdres, Norway, at the age of 12. She homesteaded in Traill County with her parents and aunts in 1888. Knute Lien, her dad, served as a scoutmaster guiding tours from Iowa to Portland, North Dakota. He guided tours walking and chasing cattle on each trip.

Albert and Inger were married in Fargo and later moved to a farm south of McVile, North Dakota where Emma, Anna, and Inga grew up.

Emma married Elmer Jorgenson of Minneapolis, Minnesota. They were parents of two daughters, Myrna and Marilyn. Emma was employed at General Hospital in Minneapolis for thirty years before moving to Galesburg. She still works part time at the Union Hospital in Mayville.

Anna worked for twenty-five years in the binding department of the Augsburg Publishing House.

Inga spent twenty-five years as a parish worker in Elmwood Lutheran Church of Minneapolis.

ELMER and DOREEN JOSE

Elmer and Doreen Jose chose Galesburg as their new home upon his retirement August 6, 1981. He worked as produce manager for Safeway in Manteca, California for sixteen years. Previous to this time, they lived in Valley City where he worked for Red Owl and she as bookkeeper for Sears.

They arrived in Galesburg on December 6, 1981.

ROBERT and HELEN JUDISCH

Robert Judisch and Helen Blaskowski were married at Arthur, North Dakota. They farmed at Amenia, North Dakota for a year, then moved to Alice, North Dakota where Robert worked for a construction crew and on a farm. They moved back to Hunter where he worked for the creamery until it closed. They moved to the Galesburg area to work. They have four children; Edwin, lives at home and works on a farm, Duane and RaNell attend Dakota School at Arthur and Scott who attends Dakota School at Hunter. They are all members of the Elm River Lutheran Church of Galesburg.

SIGRID and HOAGEN JULSETH

Sigrid Julseth, born December 5, 1852 in Hegre Stordalen Norway, came to America in 1873. She settled in Red Wing, Minnesota where she met Hoagen Julseth. They were married in 1877. Some years were spent in Dodge County, Minnesota before moving to the northwest quarter of section ten of Galesburg Township where they made their home. Two sons were born to them; Martin and Henry. Hoagen passed away in 1894 and Sigrid in 1941.

MARTIN and HENRY JULSETH



Martin and Henry Julseth

Martin Julseth was born August 20, 1882 in Dodge County Minnesota to Sigrid and Hoagen Julseth. Martin was twelve years old when his father died so he became head of the house taking care of his mother. In 1887 he moved to the Galesburg area where he farmed with his brother, Henry, until his death October 6, 1951.

Henry was born January 5, 1891 on the family farm near Galesburg. He farmed with his brother Martin until he retired. He passed away June 23, 1972.

EMMA JYSTAD



Emma Jystad

Emma Jystad, oldest daughter of Ole and Ingeborg Jystad, was born in August 1872 in Red Wing, Minnesota. In 1874 she came with her parents to Dakota Territory where they homesteaded one mile north and two miles east of what later became the townsite of Galesburg. She attended a country school located near what is now the Lynn Bring farm. She attended Sunday School at Stordahl and was confirmed there in 1887.

Much of her early life she worked in hotels and restaurants in Montana and Fargo. She also was operator of the hotel in Galesburg.

In the early 1920's she homesteaded at Tioga, North Dakota. In her later years she lived in Galesburg in the house that her father, Ole Jystad, built. That house was located north of the lumber yard. One can remember it as a small yellow house. Much of Emma's later years she cared for sick people, especially her relatives and also others.

She passed away in 1956.

JULIUS and JENNIE JYSTAD

Julius Jystad, oldest son of Ole and Ingeborg Jystad, grew up in the Galesburg area. He was confirmed in 1887 at Stordahl Church. He and his wife, Jennie, had five children: Bertha, Edward, John, Isabelle, and Adolph.

They moved to Montana and homesteaded at Wolf Point. Julius later lived in Kalispell, Montana.

Bertha married Ole Braaten. They lived in Mayville where Ole was a mechanic. Later they moved to Wolf Point, Montana and Ole operated a Ford garage. They were parents of one daughter, Inez.

Edward (Eddie) graduated from Galesburg High School and Dakota Business College, Fargo. He and Cleo Montgomery were married December 23, 1922 in Kalispell, Montana. The couple resided in Warland, Montana where he served as postmaster for five years. They moved to Kalispell where he was employed by Hendrickson Motor Company, Incorporated and Mountain States Power Company. He was elected County Treasurer in 1942 and also served as county assessor with

more than seventeen years as a county employee. In 1953 they moved to Columbia Falls where Eddie was employed as an accountant by Anaconda Aluminum Company until retiring in 1965. The couple operated Jystad Tax Service in Columbia Falls. Eddie was a violinist and played many solos at church services as well as with the Community Orchestra in Kalispell. He was a baseball enthusiast. They had one daughter and three sons. Eddie died at the age of seventy-seven.

John worked at the railroad round house at Kalispell and later worked on the building of Fort Peck Dam. He and his wife lived at Eurika, Montana where he worked in a lumber mill until his retirement. He died as a result of smoke inhalation from a forest fire.

Isabelle married Clark Maltby. They lived at Big Bear City, California until Clark's death. They were parents of two daughters. She is presently married to Henry Brooks and lives in Yucaipa, California.

Adolph returned to Galesburg in the late twenties and worked on farms before returning to Montana. He became a radio announcer at Wolf Point Station and also sang on the radio. He was a brakeman on the railroad in the state of Washington and later a railroad engineer on the run from Wishram to Pasco, Washington. He married and has two daughters.

Julius returned to Galesburg and resided with his sister, Emma, until his death.

OLE and INGEBORG JYSTAD



Back: Otto, John, Emma, Julius, Marie
Front: Lillian, Ole, Ingeborg, Inga

Ole Jystad was born in Trondhjem, Norway December 22, 1843. He immigrated to the United States in 1870 and settled near Red Wing, Minnesota where he farmed for a time and was also a shoemaker in Red Wing. The same year he married Ingeborg Erickson.

In 1874, they came to Dakota Territory and homesteaded one mile north and two miles east of what later became the townsite of Galesburg. This was known as the Ole Jystad homestead. This farm is now owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Howard Bring.

The Ole Jystad's were among the founders of the Stordahl congregation and were very active in church and Sunday School work. The lots where Stordahl Lutheran Church is located and the cemetery plot were donated by them.

Ole Jystad was also a carpenter. Most of the buildings on the homestead were built by him in his early life.

Many difficulties were encountered by these early settlers. Ole Jystad hauled wood for fuel from the banks of the Goose River with horses and sled. Snow storms were common on the prairie. On one of his homeward trips with a load of wood, a blinding blizzard caused him to lose his sense of direction. He tied the lines of his team and let the horses go. When the horses stopped he was safely by the barn at his home.

Ole and Ingeborg were parents of nine children: Julius, Emma, John, Edward, Martin, Marie, Paul, Otto, and Inga. All of the family have passed away except an adopted daughter, Lillian (Mrs. Clyde Baltzel), who lives in California.

Ingeborg died in 1919 and Ole died in 1925 at the home of his son, Otto.

OTTO and GINA JYSTAD



Back: Dagny, Rudolph, Alice
Front: Otto, Gina

Otto Jystad, youngest son of Ole and Ingeborg Jystad, was born at Galesburg, North Dakota in 1883. He lived most of his life in the Galesburg area.

He married Gina Rygh, daughter of Torger T. and Ragnhild Torgenson Rygh. They farmed for a time in Greenfield Township. In the early 1920's they purchased the land owned by his father known as the Ole Jystad homestead. They lived there until about 1937. Their three children, Rudolph, Alice, and Dagny grew up on that farm.

Rudolph was a carpenter and served four years in the Army during World War II. He died in 1973.

Alice married Herbert Halvorson. They farmed in Greenfield Township. They were the parents of two children, Arvin and Helen. Alice died in 1965.

Dagny married Alvin Anderson. They live at Spicer, Minnesota. They have three children, Audrey and twins, LaVonne and Luverne.

Otto and Gina spent their later years with their daughter, Alice, and her family, the Herb Halvorson's. Gina died in 1951 and Otto died in 1954. They were lifetime members of Stordahl Congregation being very active in the work of the church and Sunday School.

RUDOLPH JYSTAD



Rudolph Jystad

Rudolph (Rudy) Jystad, son of Otto and Gina Jystad, was born August 1, 1909 at the farm home one mile north and two miles east of Galesburg.

He was baptized and confirmed at Stordahl Church. He attended Galesburg School Number Four.

Rudy grew to manhood in the Galesburg area working on his father's farm and other farms. He entered the Army Signal Corp in 1942 and served four years in the service during World War II. His overseas duty was in the southwest Pacific. After his discharge from the Army, Rudy returned to Galesburg. He took a draftsman course by correspondence and started his carpenter career. He did carpenter work for many people in the area. He built houses and other buildings, cabinets, china cupboards and furniture. He built the altar, baptismal font and flower stands at the Stordahl Church.

He was a bird lover and built many bird houses, among them, purple martin houses.

Rudy enjoyed music and played the piano. His hobbies were fishing, raising gladiolas and vegetable gardening, supplying people in the area with vegetables. Some of his gladiolas were exhibited at the fair in Grand Forks.

He bought a small farm near New London, Minnesota and raised cucumbers for a pickle cannery for two years and then returned to Galesburg, again doing carpenter work.

Rudy died in 1973.

ARCHIE and ALICE (Gisvold) KALDOR

Alice Judith Eleanor was born August 1, 1912 to Erick and Karoline Julia Thorson Gisvold. An aunt, Annie (Gisvold) Brovick was midwife who helped deliver all of the Gisvold children. Alice attended grade school and three years of high school at Galesburg, finishing her senior year at Hillsboro, North Dakota in 1932.

Archie was born to Ole A. and Lena (Veikley) Kaldor of Hillsboro. He graduated from Hillsboro High School and attended Augsburg College. In 1936, Archie and Alice were married at the Lutheran Parsonage in Clifford by Reverend A. Brudvig.

Archie passed away October of 1972.



Alice and Archie Kaldor

The Kaldors had three children. Darrel Archie, born in 1936, graduated from Halstad High School and received his degree from Moorhead State College. He is married and is an instructor and coach at Northwestern High School at Maple, Wisconsin. His wife Karen, is a third grade teacher at Solan Springs, Wisconsin. They are parents of three children.

Duane Jennings, another son of the Kaldors, was born August 1944 and lived only a few days.

Lynette Judith was born July 1948, graduating from Halstad High School. Lynette worked for a time for Bell Telephone Company and Fairway Warehouse of Fargo. Lynette married Barry Svendson of Neilsville, Minnesota. They reside in Grand Forks where Barry is salesman and manager of the Columbia Decorating Center. They are the parents of two sons.

Alice has many fond memories of her childhood years growing up in Galesburg. They were depression years but happy years with picnics at Kvams grove, taffy pulls, birthday parties, helping the town children herd the milk cows up to the corral in the evenings, choke cherry picking east of Galesburg, weeding onions for Ole Soholt, and picking potatoes with Marion Larson Hochgraber, attending Sunday School and Saturday School.

THOMAS and ELIZABETH KEMP



Kathy, Elizabeth
Patty, Tom, and Pam Kemp

Elizabeth Johnson, twin sister of Eloyce, and daughter of Carl and Belle Johnson, was born September 12, 1933. She attended school in Broadlawn Township and Page High School. She attended St. Lukes School of Nursing graduating in 1954.

Elizabeth married Thomas Kemp, November 5, 1960. Tom graduated from high school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota and received his Bachelor and Masters Degrees from the University of Nevada at Las Vegas. Tom is a data processor for E.G.G. Elizabeth is head nurse at Sunrise Hospital in Vegas.

They have three daughters: Patricia Eloyce, born August 5, 1961 and graduated from Henderson, Nevada High School, attended U.N.L.V. and married Scott Blaine, January 8, 1982. Pamela Belle was born August 11, 1963. She graduated from Henderson High School and attends U.N.L.V. Kathryn Elizabeth was born May 29, 1969 and she is a high school student.

The Kemps reside in Las Vegas, Nevada.

JAMES and ELOYCE KENWARD



James, Eloyce, Carla
Steven, Daniel

Eloyce Johnson, daughter of Carl and Belle Johnson was born September 12, 1933. She attended school at Broadlawn school number five and graduated from Page High School and St. Lukes Hospital of Nursing in 1954.

Eloyce married James Kenward on September 1, 1956. James also graduated from North Dakota State University in Fargo and received his master's degree at the University of Wisconsin. He had been with the North Dakota Extension service since his graduation and is presently with the State Extension Service Communication Department at North Dakota State University. Eloyce is a clinical instructor on staff at the East Grand Forks, Minnesota AUII. She instructs surgical technicians at Dakota Hospital in Fargo.

They have three children. Steven James born June 14, 1957 and graduated from Fargo South High. He attended Moorhead State University and North Dakota State University. He married Erin Boresky on March 10, 1979. They reside in Galesburg and farm the Carl Johnson farm. Daniel Paul Kenward was born March 30, 1960. He graduated from South High in Fargo and attends North Dakota University in Grand Forks, North Dakota. Carla Beth was born November 8, 1961 and graduated from South High School and is also attending the University of North Dakota.

STEVEN and ERIN KENWARD



Steve and Erin Kenward

Steven Kenward, son of James and Eloyce Kenward, was born June 14, 1957. He graduated from Fargo South High School and attended Moorhead State and North Dakota State University. He married Erin Boresky March 10, 1979. They reside in Galesburg and farm the Carl Johnson farm.

JOHN and SERINE KITTELSON



John and Serine Kittelson

John Kittelson was born near Hayfield, Minnesota April 3, 1864. He married Serine Holden who was born May 8, 1868 at Zumbrota, Minnesota.

John and Serine were early settlers in the Galesburg area. They came to Galesburg in 1886 and made their home in a house on the west side of town. His headquarters were on his farm four miles south and one-half mile west of Galesburg. John acquired several farms in the area and would hire someone to operate them or he would rent them out. Many of his renters or operators were people who came from other areas and once they were established here they usually stayed.

John was a very aggressive businessman and became quite wealthy. He helped many people get started farming, and was

very generous to help the growth of this community. He made generous gifts to the Elm River Church as well as donating land for the cemetery and other organizations. An example of John's generosity: Mrs. Lucinda Miller had the misfortune of losing one of their horses. One morning when coming to the barn they found a strange horse there. They tried to find the owner but no one claimed it. It was discovered that John had learned of their misfortune and this was his way of giving them a gift they needed and very much appreciated.

The Kittelsons were owners of the hotel in Galesburg for many years.

They were parents of five children: Elmer, Emma, Tilas, Sidney, and Clara who died at an early age.

Serine passed away in 1922.

John had a second wife, Mary Westfold, who came to keep house for him, later marrying him.

John passed away June 27, 1952.

ADOLPH and GINA KJELMYHR



Adolph and Gina Kjelmlyhr

Adolph Kjelmlyhr was born in Norway to Martin and Augusta Kjelmlyhr. He came to the United States in 1915. Gina's parents were Iver and Oline Sveum and they homesteaded a farm 4 miles west of Galesburg. She was born October 29, 1893.

Adolph and Gina were married November 17, 1917 and they lived on the farm which had been owned by her parents. They had three children: Mrs. Walter (Olga) Seil, Mrs. James (Irene) Wright, baby Lillian (1924-1928), and Adolph. Adolph died in 1963. Gina was a resident of the Immanuel Nursing Home in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota at the time of her death on May 3, 1981. Both Adolph and Gina are buried in Galesburg.

Olga Kjelmlyhr Seil lives in Issaquah, Washington and has two children: Mary McClary and Sandra Seil; and two grandchildren: Christy and Racheal. Her husband, Walter, is retired.

Irene Kjelmlyhr Wright attended grade school at the country schoolhouse in Broadlawn Township. She was baptized and confirmed at the Elm River Lutheran Church. She lived in Seattle, Washington for quite a few years, went to business school and became a secretary and that has been her profession for many years. She now lives in Cleveland, Minnesota with her

husband, James Wright. They have been married 17 years. She acquired a step-son who is married and has two adopted sons and they are a joy to Irene and James.

Adolph Kjelmlyhr, Jr. married Orrell Anderson of Hunter, North Dakota. They live in Issaquah, Washington and he works for Fisher Flouring Mill in Seattle, Washington.

A. ANDERSON and HANNA KJERIM

A. Anderson Kjerim homesteaded on land across from the Ole Groven farm. The farmstead was on top of the hill. Abstract for the land was dated December 31, 1893. In 1901 he married Hanna Ryum who had been left a widow. Her first husband was a fisherman and he had perished at sea. Her children with Ryum were John, Ingvald and Helga.

She had two children with Kjerim. They were Henry and Bennie. Kjerim committed suicide, so she was left a widow again.

In April 1901 the house burned down with Hanna and the children.

RALPH and JULIA KLAJ



Julia and Ralph

Ralph and Julia Klai moved to Galesburg from Osnabrock, North Dakota in 1946. Ralph was section foreman until 1956 when he was transferred to Mayville where he retired in 1965 after forty-nine years of service with the Great Northern Railroad. They joined the Elm River Church where Mrs. Klai taught Sunday School.

They have three children: Bonnie, who is now Mrs. Kenneth Rust and lives at Belgrade, Minnesota, Frances, who is now Mrs. Philip Bertheuson and lives near Grand Forks, and Judith Rae, who is now Mrs. M.G. Fetters and lives at Cuero, Texas.

Francis Klai Bertheuson came to Galesburg in her sophomore year in high school in 1947. She graduated from Galesburg High in 1949. She graduated from Concordia College with a degree in Sociology in 1953. She worked in the Norwegian Lutheran Children's Home in Park Ridge, Illinois. After a year in Illinois, she came back to North Dakota where she worked as a parish worker at Velva, North Dakota. She married Philip Bertheuson in 1955. They farm near Grand

Forks, North Dakota. They have three children: Julie a student at NDSU, Mark, farming with his father and attending the area Vocational School at East Grand Forks, and Mary Beth, a freshman at Thompson High School.

INGRID KLAMT



Joseph and Ingrid Klamt

Ingrid Klamt was born in Orje, Norway, and came with her parents, Hans and Marthe Andresen to North Dakota in 1904.

She is a graduate of Valley City State College and taught for several years in North Dakota, including two in Galesburg before going to Ashton, Idaho. There she met and married Joseph Klamt, manager of the Teton Pharmacy. Eventually they bought the store and operated it until 1967. From then on they spent much time in world travel. Joe died in 1974 and in 1976 Ingrid came back to Galesburg. She still spends much of her time in travel.

CHARLES DAVID and MARGE KLESSIG



Charles and Emma Klessig

Charles David, son of Erl and Myrtle Klessig was born November 29, 1911, along with a twin sister Emma. Another sister, Edith, was born in 1913. The Klessig children went to the Bower's school No. 106 one mile away. Charles was always

interested in building things and working in the garage with his dad on inventions, old cars, etc. After the eighth grade, he went to the Wahpeton School of Science to take up airplane mechanics and welding. He stayed there after graduating, teaching and learning all he could about airplanes. When World War II came along he opened a flight school at Hector Airport, but as the war continued, he went to Canada and joined the R.A.F. ferrying airplanes. He was stationed in England, Africa, Florida, the Bahamas, was in the Middle East, Iran, Iraq, Egypt and North Africa flying many planes overseas and was also a test pilot.

While in Florida, he met his wife, Marge Topp Lane, and her two children, Carol and Joyce. They were married January 29, 1944. After the war they came to Fargo and he had an airplane school for a short while and she worked at the Graver Coffee Shop. They had two girls, Dawn and Susan. Since there was not much flying going on at that time, he bought the farm next to his folks in Page Township and built his own house. While at a picnic in Detroit Lakes, Susan drowned and was buried in Page. Charles farmed a few years, but then Albert and Emma moved on to the farm and Charles went overseas with the Point 4 Program, spraying for locusts. After several trips, he came home and he and Marge and Dawn went to stay in Ethiopia. After about eleven months, Marge died of a heart attack and he brought her back to Page and left Dawn in Page to go to school while he finished his contract and returned home to retire.

He had a persistent dream of finding a special plane. He finally found it, a 1917 Standard and after much hard work, restored it to flying status. He received many prizes flying it around the country and had it in a movie in Arizona called, "Bear Cat". He flew it back to North Dakota and found another one and restored it also. In Arizona that next winter he restored a 1926 Swallow and built a Pitts, also some others. Then when it was too cold to work outside, he started to make violins, beginning to play some of the old tunes his dad played. He built a 20 foot cabin cruiser and went to the lakes, put pontoons on his Cub J3 and flew to the lakes, where Emma and Albert had a trailer house. He and Emma play violin and piano for Bonanzaville each summer and for family gatherings. He spends winters in Arizona and summers on his farm in the Galesburg area.

ERL ADOLPH and MYRTLE MAY KLESSIG

Erl A. Klessig was born May 9, 1888 on his father's homestead, section 12 Page Township, but on the Galesburg mail route, about six miles south of Galesburg. His father, Max Michael, had put up a sod shanty in 1882 and then built the house that still stands. Max went to Cleveland and married Eliza Hausauer and brought her to the new home. He used the upstairs the first winter to store grain which was stored in sacks. Erl was their only child, but they adopted Lucy Walker, a child of about three years old. She was the sister of Myrtle, Erl's future wife. The Walkers had moved here because the mother had died, so the children went to different homes to work or live. Erl and Myrtle were married February 7, 1910. After his mother's death, Erl bought the farm from his dad and his dad moved into Page.



Myrtle, Lucy
Erl
Charles, Edith, Emma

Erl and Myrtle had three children, Charles David and Emma Eliza twins, one of the first in the neighborhood, and Edith Mae. Erl loved the old farm and many a house party was held in the old home, with neighbors coming and bringing their children, piano, fiddle playing, good food, every one bringing something to eat. At one time Erl had a merry-go-round and would set it up for Flag Day or the Fourth of July. Erl got his first violin in 1900, after first learning to play on a homemade one, made out of a cigar box. Emma and Charles also learned to play violin and Emma was taught to play chords on the piano.

Erl loved to go fishing and hunting and was full of inventions. He made the first type of potato machine, but never had the money to go ahead with it. He enjoyed riding in his son's airplanes, playing baseball on the Holy Terrors ball team, having big community picnics, church picnics, giving children boat rides on the pond in their yard.

One of Erl's chums was Charley Evens, a colored family on section 22. Mrs. Evens became grandma to the Klessig children. Erl taught his children to always love their neighbor and to always give a helping hand.

When Myrtle died in 1958, Erl went to California one winter with Bill Jungnitsch and to Florida, where he met and married Helen Loucks of New York. They lived on the farm summers and winters in Florida.

Erl died August 18, 1974 after being married to Helen thirteen years. She went to live with her sister in Arizona and died 1976. Erl belonged to the Page Methodist Church, the Masons and Eastern Star. Erl and his friend Ernest Rutherford went through many a blizzard to get to the Hiram Lodge.

Erl spent long winter evenings writing about all the things he could remember his father telling him about, and also his own experiences in life, about the hard years and how things always worked out O.K. if you just kept the faith!

MAX MICHAEL and ELIZA KLESSIG

Max's parents, August Klessig and Maey Wagner both came from Germany, met in Wisconsin and were married there. Maey's father was a blacksmith by trade in Alsace-Lorraine. His wife died before he had a chance to come to America, leaving him with three children. He could not come



Max Michael and Eliza Klessig

to America without a wife, so soon became engaged to Margaret Jordes and three days after the wedding, they left for America. They had a stormy voyage which took fifty-three days. Some days they were closer to Europe than America and on the bad days they were strapped to their bunks, but what a happy feeling to see New York. They first settled near Janesville, Minnesota, then moved two and one-half miles west of Richland, Minnesota where they made their home. They were there when the Indian outbreak came at New Ulm, Minnesota. The neighbors banded together and Maey's father stood watch many a night atop the house, watching the Indian fires. There were six children in that family, George, Henry, John, Kate (Mrs. Fred Laudert), Eliza (Mrs. Max Klessig) and Mary (Mrs. Harry Rintaul of Page).

Max came to North Dakota in 1881 and took up a homestead which is Section 12 Page Township. At that time if one planted ten acres of trees and lived on the land for three to five years, he got 160 acres of land free. One could get as much as 480 acres in all, but that was more than most wanted since oxen was the way of farming then. Max broke up thirty-five acres with three oxen the first year.

Galesburg at that time was just a prairie town with two elevators, or flat houses as they were called. The grain was hauled in bags of two and one-half bushels and wheeled in with wheelbarrows to the scales and stacked in the flat houses.

Max built the house which still stands and will be one hundred years old in 1982. The walls were filled with sand to keep it warm. He put in a big sixty-five barrel cistern for rain water and a six barrel one for drinking water from the well. He always had a big garden, planted many apple trees, berry patches, etc., made his own meats, sausage and cured his meats in a stone smoke house.

Erl was the only child born to Max and Eliza, but they did adopt Lucy Walker when she was about three years old. Her father was a widower, Erl married Lucy's sister Myrtle on February 7, 1910 at the bedside of Erl's mother who was ill, she died on the 10th of February 1910. After his mother's death, Erl bought the farm and Max moved to Page.

Max went to Canada to visit and soon met Margaret Arbour of Sheen, Quebec. She and Max were married in Fargo, October 11, 1911 and lived in Page until his death in 1939.

They had three children, Florence (Mrs. Henry Cornica, Casselton), Max and Edwin of Maryland.

Max always had a big garden and a cow and made lots of sauerkraut, while Margaret always made the best homemade bread and jelly. Max played the accordion and the children from all over town came to listen. He always met the morning train and drove his old Model T to the farm and helped with harvest. He made little windmills of straw and many children remember seeing them go out on the shocked grains.

ANDREW and LOUISE KNIGHT



Allen, Percy, Ted, Andrew Knight

Andrew Knight was born December 15, 1904 to parents, Joseph and Jeannie (Bass) Knight. He attended school in Portland, Oregon during the time his family spent there before returning to North Dakota. He completed his education in Page.

Andrew's favorite sport was baseball, which he loved and spent several years as a left-handed pitcher for different teams at Galesburg, Page and Wildrose, North Dakota. He also spent two years at Milk River, Alberta, Canada. In 1935 he started to farm the home farm.

On May 28, 1936 he married Louise Hoening of New Rockford, North Dakota. Louise, born November 11, 1916 is the daughter of William and Katherine Hoening. She was born in Tuttle, North Dakota and spent her childhood there and in New Rockford where her parents moved while she was a child.

Besides grain farming, Andrew and Louise had a herd of registered Brown Swiss cattle in which they took a great interest and were very proud.

Their five children all graduated from Page High School. Ronald E. born December 18, 1936 married Marlyn Johnson of Hope. They have five children: Cindy, Keith, Kevin, Lyle and Roger. Ronald works for Braunberger Construction Company of Finley. Ronald and family live in Finley, North Dakota. Donald A. born June 26, 1939 married Lona Custis of Valley City. They have three children: Curtis, Dan, and Kristi. They live in Ukiah, California where they own and operate a sign shop. Janette, born April 26, 1941 married Jim Vance. They have two children: Scott and Jeremy. Janette works as a Licensed Practical Nurse and Jim works for a computer com-

pany. They live in Richfield, Minnesota. Robert L. born May 27, 1945 married Marlene Miller of Bismarck. They have three children: Randy, Rodney and Melody. Robert is pastor of Bethel Assembly of God Church in Glen Ulen, North Dakota. Bruce born April 3, 1949 married Cindy Schmittz of Hampden, North Dakota. They have two children: Jeffrey and Sara. Bruce works for Ziegler's as a diesel mechanic. They live in Apple Valley, Minnesota.

In 1969, Andrew and Louise bought the Giles Appel home in Page and moved from the farm. Andrew passed away June 13, 1979. In 1984 the farm will have been the Knight name one hundred years.

WAYNE and PAM KOERING



Pamela, Jessica, Denise, Wayne, Nicholas

Pam attended Clifford-Galesburg School and college at North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton. After their marriage on June 26, 1971, she worked at a weekly newspaper until the birth of their first child. Presently she is employed as a farm wife and mother.

Wayne graduated from Hillsboro High School and attended area colleges until he enlisted in the National Guard. At the present he is in the Air National Guard at Fargo, North Dakota. He has worked in a grain elevator and American Crystal Sugar Company as a lab foreman. He farms with his father and in the winter he is employed at the elevator, cleaning seed.

Pam and Wayne have three children: Denise, Jessica, and Nicholas.

Denise was born on her Grandpa VanZee's birthday, March 17, 1973. She attends the Hillsboro Elementary School.

Jessica is their Bi-Centennial baby born on July 26, 1976. She will start kindergarten the fall of 1981.

They were thrilled at the birth of a son, Nicholas. He is a typical farmer's son with trucks and tractors on his mind. Nicholas was born December 14, 1978.

The Koering's are members of the United Parish Church and live on a farm near Hillsboro, North Dakota.

OLE and MARIT KORSHUS

In 1899 Ole A. Korshus moved to the Galesburg vicinity. With him, he brought his wife, Marit, his children, Rose, Iver, Anton, Paul, Olga, Minnie, and Otto and his mother Ragnild



Ole and Marit Korshus

Korshus (nee Satrom). They lived on what is now the Leon Nelson farm. Later they moved into Galesburg.

Ole was born at Dovre, Norway, and came to the United States in the 1880's living first at Mankato, Minnesota, and then returning to Norway for a couple years. When the Korshus family came back to the States they spent some time in Mankato before settling in the Galesburg area on the advice of friends.

Ole farmed for many years and also was a contractor and builder. The Galesburg School was started by a man named Allen who moved on. Ole Korshus took the job on and finished it. He built the Elm River Church in Galesburg and a church in Hunter. He also built schools and buildings in many towns across North Dakota. He built the Clarence Haakenson house (for O.P. Satrom), the Ray Olstad house (for Lande), the Wayne Satrom house (for Knute Satrom), the Arnold Satrom house (for Anton Satrom), the Kittleson house, the Kjelmyhr house and in 1915 he remodeled the J.P. Satrom house (occupied by Irene and Phil Satrom). The house that Ole built for his own family was on the lot where Jim Borud now lives. That house was later moved to Mayville where it became the Harrington House.

Rose Korshus, born January 24, 1882, and Minnie Korshus, born November 2, 1893, married brothers, Tor and Sigurd Haugen. They were also carpenters and were working for Ole Korshus at the time. Later, Rose and Tor moved to Florida. They adopted a daughter, who died while young. Rose spent her last years as 'Aunt Rose' living with a niece at Page, North Dakota. She died in 1966.

Minnie and Sigurd moved first to Casper, Wyoming, and later to Banning, California, where he operated a cabinet shop. They had no children. Minnie died in 1955.

Iver Korshus was born December 14, 1884. He moved West, working in various places as a carpenter and general handyman. He was living and working in Bakersfield, California, in December, 1949, when he was killed while walking home along a road side at night. He never married.

Anton Korshus was born January 9, 1886. He and his wife, Trina, built the Jefferson house, now occupied by Don Elliotts, and lived there until moving to Fargo. Later the family, including three children, Omar, Agnes, and Arthur, returned,

built the home presently owned by the Art Knudson family and lived there for some years. Later they moved back to Fargo where Anton was a cabinet maker. Anton died in August 1959. Trina moved to California where she spent her later years near her son and daughter.

Paul Korshus, born April 7, 1890, started the light plant in Galesburg. It was located between where Loren Halverson and Jim Borud now live. Someone had to be near the plant at all times so this became a hangout for card games and visiting. In 1922 the Steffarud Brothers took over the light plant and Paul left Galesburg, spending some time in Florida, Arkansas, Washington, settling in Banning, California, where he worked with his brother-in-law, Sigurd Haugen, in a cabinet shop. Paul never married. He passed away in July of 1972.

Olga Korshus, born March 25, 1892, married John O. Satrom and settled at Galesburg. (see John O. Satrom history)

Otto Korshus, born December 1, 1896, was stricken during the flu epidemic in 1918 and died.

Marit Korshus died in 1922 at Galesburg and Ole later moved in with his daughter, Mrs. J.O. Satrom (Olga) until his death in 1932.

KENNETH and SHARON KROEPLIN

Sharon Ann Satrom was born in Mayville on June 4, 1952 to Osmund and Kathleen Satrom. She grew up on a farm two and one-half miles from Galesburg with her brother Wayne.

Sharon attended Clifford-Galesburg Elementary and High School. She graduated in 1970. She also attended and graduated from Humboldt Institute in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

On October 2, 1971, Sharon married Kenneth Kroeplin of Hope, North Dakota. Ken is a farmer and has part interest in Kroeplin Construction. He is kept busy by being on the Hope Cenex Board of Directors, Steele County Farmers Union Board of Directors, Edendale Township Board, Sunday School Superintendent, and belongs to the Hope American Legion.

Sharon is a farm wife and her extra interests are being a member of the Young and Restless Homemakers, a bowling league and Sunday School teacher.

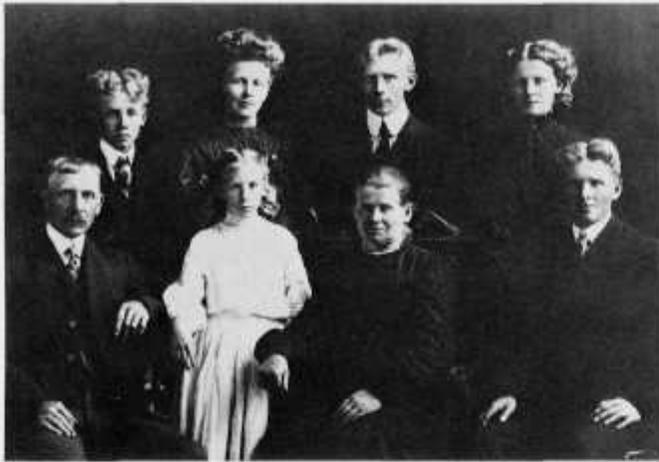
Sharon and Ken have three children: Shane Kenneth, born June 3, 1974; Kimberly Sharon, born May 31, 1976; and Shannon Kay, born June 3, 1981.

The family belongs to Trinity Lutheran-Missouri Synod, Hope.

HANS and GINA KVAM

Hans Kvam came to Fargo, North Dakota in 1877 with his parents Ole and Kari Kvam. Hans had two brothers and three sisters; John, Matt, Ingrid (Mrs. John Jondahl), Sigrid (Mrs. John Bjelverud) and Anna (Mrs. Thor Olstad). In 1882 he came to Galesburg and September 13, 1884 married Gina Thorson. They moved on his wife's homestead and lived there until his death December 13, 1932. He was too young to claim a homestead, so took a tree claim which was the quarter just south of where they lived and is since known as the Kvam's Grove.

Mrs. Hans (Gina Thorson) Kvam came first to Fairbault, Minnesota with her parents in 1875, making the trip by sail boat. In 1880 she came to Fargo, then to Hope, North Dakota where she worked in a laundry. She then came out to west



Back: Charley, Carrie, Ole, Thea
Front: Hans Kvam, Hilda, Gina, Henry

Trail County and took a homestead and was one of the first women to take a homestead in Trail County. She married Hans Kvam on September 13, 1884. To this marriage six children were born: Carrie (Mrs. Iver Moe), Ole, Thea (Mrs. Ragnar Syverson), Henry, Charles and Hilda (Mrs. Jack Clifford).

Gina Kvam's parents were Anna (Johanna Westgaard) and Thor Thorson. Her sisters and brothers were Betsy (Mrs. Gunder Paulson), Caroline (Mrs. Transwold), Mary, Peter and Jens Thorson.

Gina died September 1, 1922.

Mr. and Mrs. Ragnar Syverson (Thea Kvam) were married April 3, 1917 at Williston, North Dakota and farmed there a year before moving back to Trail County. There were no children. Mrs. Syverson died August 31, 1959 and Mr. Syverson died September 18, 1969.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Kvam were married July 1913 and this marriage produced five children: Howard, Eloise (Mrs. Weikko Forsten), Dale, Roy (killed in service) and James. Charles died February 1978.

Mr. and Mrs. Iver Moe (Carrie Kvam) were married December 2, 1914 at Moorhead, Minnesota. Iver, born in Trondheim, Norway, came to Summit, South Dakota and later moved to Cokato, Minnesota and worked in a creamery. The spring of 1914 he came to work in the creamery at Galesburg and later started farming. They had one daughter, Grace. Iver died August 1, 1944 and Carrie died March 29, 1965.

MATT and RAGNILD KVAM



Matt and Ragnild Kvam
Myrtle and Willie

Matt Kvam came from Dovre, Norway in 1877 with his parents Ole and Kari Kvam. He and his wife (Ragnild) farmed southwest of Clifford a few years, then bought a garage in Galesburg, moving into town for a couple of years and then moved back to the farm. They adopted two children: Willy and Myrtle (Mrs. Art Svegaarden). Ragnild died in 1926 and Matt in 1937.



Ole and Kari Kvam Family
Back: Matt, Hans, Ingrid (Mrs. John O. Jondahl), Anna (Mrs. Thore Oistad). Front: Ole and Kari Kvam.

BERNIE and FRANCIS KYLLO



Francis and Bernie Kylo Family
Right to left: Wanda, Mark, Kathy, Becky, and Bruce

Francis is the daughter of Ben and Alma Workin. She was born January 30, 1935 and attended grade and high school at Galesburg, graduating in 1952. She attended Interstate Business College in Fargo and worked at the West Fargo Livestock Association until she married Bernie Kylo.

Bernie Kylo, son of Ed and Bernice Kylo, of Hunter, North Dakota was born February 6, 1934. They have five

children: Kathy, married to Douglas Goetz and living in Grand Forks. Douglas, attending Law School. Wanda lives at Fort Worth, Texas and works for two attorneys. Mark is attending North Dakota State University in Fargo. Bruce is attending University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. Becky is a fourth grader at Northridge School in Bismarck.

Francis is a housewife and Bernie works for the Farmers Home Administration in Bismarck. They have made their home at Bismarck for the past 19 years.

GEORGE KYLLO

George Kylo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Kylo was born September 25, 1895 at Galesburg, North Dakota. He grew up here and farmed with his brother, Theodore, after his father died until about 1950. He worked with an Elevator Construction crew for some time, then he worked on farms in the Galesburg area. He bought a small house in Galesburg where he lived after he retired. He passed away August 25, 1966.

GERALD and MARION KYLLO



Gerald and Marion Kylo, Geri and Jeff Voltz, the Peter Bertzyk family, and Sheridan Breeding Family.

Gerald Kylo only son of Oscar and Mabel Kylo was born June 7, 1924. Marion was born December 9, 1927 to Bill Reinharts of Mayville, North Dakota. Gerald and Marion were married July 17, 1946 at Crookston, Minnesota. The couple were at home on the farm (section twenty-eight) Greenfield Township where Gerald's mother and he had lived since Mabel was widowed in 1944.

That farm was sold to the Henry Richsmeiers of Iowa that fall. Gerald and Marion moved to the farmstead on section twenty-one where Robert and Sig Kylo, bachelor uncles lived. In January 1954 the family: Gerald, Marion, Evelyn, born June 8, 1947 and Helen, born April 29, 1952 moved into the partially finished house they still live in. Geraldine Kay was born days after the move, January 24, 1954. The girls attended Greenfield School until it closed in 1960. Geri began grade one in Galesburg as bussing became a way of life.

Marion's father, Bill Reinhart came to live with the Kylos in July 1959. He enjoyed sitting in a lawn swing and watching the local activities. He also liked to clear brush from the shelter-belt in the farm yard. After thirteen years here he moved to the Lutheran Memorial Home in Mayville. He passed away in 1975.

November 27, 1965 Evelyn Kylo married Peter Bertzyk of Hunter, North Dakota. They lived at Minot A.F.B. while Peter was in the Air Force. Laura was born there at John Moses Hospital October 5, 1966. Later the family moved to Mayville where Rodney was born December 31, 1968. After several years living in Fargo and Harwood, they bought the former Doc Waydeman property (1980) on the west side of Hunter. Peter works at Gremada Industries, West Fargo and farms with his brother, Loren Bertzyk. Tanya Ann was born August 14, 1977 and Amy Maria, August 19, 1980 to the Bertzyks.

After Helen graduated from the business course at North Dakota State School of Science, she was employed at the Credit Bureau of Fargo-Moorhead. March 24, 1973 she and Sheridan Breeding of Powers Lake, North Dakota were married. Sheridan has been employed at Steiger Tractor of Fargo for eight years. Jason Lewis was born June 4, 1974 and Kimberly Lynn on November 25, 1977. The Bredings live in north Fargo.

Geri Kylo took a nurses aide course at Moorhead Vo-Tec and was employed at the Americana Nursing Home in Fargo eight years. April 7, 1979, Geri and Jeff Voltz of Clifford were married. They are at home in the extensively remodeled former Don Olstad house which they moved into Galesburg. Jeff farms with Gerald in Greenfield Township.

Gerald served on the Portland Farmers Union Oil Company board from 1964-1979. He also put in several terms on the Galesburg Coop Elevator board (1964-1970) and was re-elected in 1981.

HARVEY and SYLVIA KYLLO



Harvey Kylo Family
Standing: Dean Erickson, holding Nicholas; Steven and Kevin
Seated: Kriss Erickson, holding Adam; Harvey and Sylvia

Harvey Kylo, son of Edwin and Bernice Kylo, born August 9, 1929 in Hatton, North Dakota. He attended schools at Blanchard, number two and number four and Greenfield and Galesburg. He served in the Korean Conflict from October 1951 until July 1953; serving in Korea from April 1952 until June 1953.

He married Sylvia Olstad, daughter of Pauli and Alma Olstad of Galesburg, in the Elm River Lutheran Church at Galesburg March 28, 1952.

They lived in Grand Forks, North Dakota from 1953 to March 1955 moving to the former Nelson farm northwest of

Clifford. In 1961 they moved to the Blanchard area on the former Bennie Kylo farm where they still reside.

They have three children: Kriss Ann, Kevin Harvey and Steven Paul.

Kriss Ann attended school at Clifford-Galesburg, graduating in 1974, attended college at North Dakota State University and St. Luke's, graduating in 1975 as a Respiratory Technician. She married Dean Erickson of Hunter on March 27, 1976 and they live in Fargo. They have two boys — Nicholas Dean, age two and one half years and Adam Lance, age six months.

Kevin Harvey attended school at Clifford-Galesburg, graduating in 1977. He attended Wahpeton State School of Science graduating with a degree in Diesel Mechanics. He farms with his dad.

Steven Paul is a senior at Clifford-Galesburg High School and lives at home.

They are all members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church of Galesburg. Harvey was a member of the Galesburg Elevator Board, Greenfield Township, Stordahl Church Council and is a Supervisor for the West Trail Soil Conservation District.

Sylvia graduated from Page High School in 1948 and attended nurses training at the Deaconess Hospital in Grand Forks. She graduated in 1951 with a Registered Nurse degree.

HENRY and ANNA KYLLO

Henry Peder Kylo was born in Tromso, Norway, September 23, 1860. In 1862 the family moved to Trondhjem. His parents, Peder and Gunhild Kylo, were both Trondere. In 1866 the family came to America in a sailboat. It took seven weeks to cross the ocean. The immigrants were then herded from one place to another and finally into boxcars where there were no accommodations. They used their own baggage to sit on. Henry was six years old. One day he was so thirsty he cried for a drink, but there was no water. Then his mother cried too.

The family first settled at Scandinavia, Wisconsin before moving to Pope County Minnesota.

In 1871, Peder and Gunhild Kylo homesteaded by the Sheyenne River, seven miles west of Fargo, North Dakota and were among the earliest settlers there.

The only building in Fargo at that time was Mr. Robert's claim shanty and that is how Roberts Street got its name. The only shopping center was a little store called Papesville.

As time went on, the railroad was built and Henry helped by using two oxen and a scraper. Henry together with his brothers broke up the land where the Armour's Packing Plant later located in West Fargo.

In 1881 Henry Kylo together with his wife Anna Anderson, homesteaded near Galesburg, North Dakota. Among the many hardships endured as pioneers was a cyclone in 1890 which completely destroyed the house. Pieces of it were later found over two miles away. The suction was so great it pulled Anna in and dropped the roof of the house on her. Henry was given superhuman strength to lift the roof off her. He often wondered how he had ever managed to do so. Anna had so many broken bones, it was a small matter that several of her toes were broken as well. She was in bed all that summer because of her injuries.

Thirteen children were born to Henry and Anna. Three died in infancy. John, the oldest boy married Johanna Jorgenson from Hunter, North Dakota. In 1911, John and Johanna homesteaded in Big Sandy, Montana. They farmed there for fourteen years, but crops were poor and times were hard so they moved back to North Dakota in 1926. They farmed around Galesburg and Henry also did some carpenter work. To this union were born six children; Harold, Erma, Gladys, Lester, Lillian, and Betty.

JOHN and HANNAH KYLLO

John Kylo, son of Henry and Anna Kylo, was born on a farm northwest of Galesburg. He married Hannah Jorgenson, daughter of Carl and Sena Jorgenson, on March 22, 1911. They lived for some years on their homestead claim at Big Sandy, Montana. In 1926, the family moved back to North Dakota, living in the Clifford and Galesburg area. John and Hannah both died in an automobile accident in May, 1957.

Six children were born to this union: Harold, Erma, Gladys, Lester, Lillian, and Betty.

Harold married Freda Knower. Harold entered the service in 1942, serving overseas all through World War II. Upon returning from service in 1945, Harold and Freda made their home in Georgetown, Minnesota where Harold was made manager of the Georgetown Elevator, a position he held until his death.

Erma married Dale Peterson of Grandin. They farmed near Grandin until they retired into Hunter, North Dakota.

Lester enlisted in the Air Force in 1942, serving three years. He married Virginia Billings and they now reside in Mayer, Arizona where they own a home development known as "Spring Valley".

Lillian married Lester Berry. They make their home at Long Beach, California.

Betty married Robert Jones. Their home is at Seal Beach, California.

MELVIN and MATHILDE KYLLO

Melvin Kylo, son of Ole and Martine Kylo, was born February 8, 1896. He attended a rural school in Galesburg Township and was confirmed in the Norman Lutheran Church of Clifford, North Dakota. In 1921 he moved to the Velva-Granville, North Dakota area. He married Mathilde Thorson September 30, 1923 at Velva, North Dakota. He farmed near Granville and returned to Galesburg in 1928 and farmed three miles north of town until his death August 8, 1961. He was a member of the Norman Lutheran Church, Lutheran Brotherhood, and served nine years on the Galesburg school board.

Anne Mathilde Thorson, daughter of Jens and Elizabeth Thorson, was born near Clifford, North Dakota February 25, 1895. She moved with her parents to the Granville area at the age of four. Mathilde attended a rural school in that area and was confirmed in the Stenkjaer Lutheran Church in Simcoe. She attended Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota two years and was also Sunday School superintendent. After her husband's death, she resided on the farm during the summer months and spent the winters with her daughter, Mildred, in Langford, South Dakota except 1966-1970 when her

grandson, Gerald Nickelson stayed with her and attended Clifford-Galesburg High School. She was a member of the Norman Lutheran Church, ALCW, directed the Junior Choir for several years and was a Sunday School teacher. She passed away March 13, 1975.

Melvin and Mathilde had one daughter, Mildred (Mrs. Marvin Nickelson) who resides in Langford, South Dakota.

OLAF and ELAINE KYLLO



Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Kylo

Olaf was born September 29, 1894 to Mr. and Mrs. Ole Kylo. He grew up and attended the country school near John Olstad's farm. He worked at home with his dad until 1928, when his dad passed away.

Olaf and Elaine were married in 1929 and lived in the Hartwig Hagen house west of where the Arden Bring home is now. They have one daughter, Orpha. She was born September 4, 1930. She was raised and educated in the Galesburg community. She taught country school and also in Galesburg Special School District. She is presently living in Sandy, Oregon.

Olaf moved into Galesburg and worked for Moen and Sande Implement and for Oscar Satrom in the garage. He worked on farms in the Galesburg vicinity, spending some thirty odd years at the Anton Satrom farm.

Olaf was a long time custodian at the Elm River Church, where he is a member and he also worked for a time as caretaker at the Elm River Cemetery.

Olaf is presently living in the retirement housing unit in Galesburg.

OLE C. and MARTINE KYLLO

Ole Kylo was born in 1860 near Trondhjem, Norway. He was fifteen years old when he came to America.

Martine Olson Kylo was born in Nedre Stordalen, Norway September 24, 1867. Her parents were Ole and Oleanna Olson. She came to this country in 1885 and was married to Ole Kylo in 1889.

They had nine children; Marie and Anna who died in infancy; Melvin, 1896-1961; Marie O., 1897-1900; Bernt, 1903-1905; Bertine, 1905-1919; Mathilda, 1909-1954; Olga, Mrs. Ben Mahla, Plummer, Minnesota; and Olaf, Galesburg, North Dakota.

They had six granddaughters: Judith, Bernice, Gladys and Lucille Mahla, Orpha Kylo, and Mildred Kylo.

The Ole Kylo's had a homestead, the southwest quarter of section four in Galesburg Township. Here they made their home for most of the balance of their lives. When Ole passed away in 1928, Martine purchased a home in Galesburg where she resided until her passing, September 3, 1932.

RONALD and ILENE KYLLO



Standing: Korey, Karry, Kelly, Kirby, Denora
Seated: Suzanne, Ilene, Ronald Kylo

Ronald Kylo was born in 1935 to Edwin and Bernice Kylo. Ilene was born in 1938 to Alfred and Marion Hochgraber. Ron graduated from Mayville High School in 1953. Ilene graduated from Galesburg High School in 1956 and attended Interstate Business College of Fargo, North Dakota.

Ronald and Ilene were married in 1957. The Kylos farm northeast of Galesburg. They are parents of six children. Karry, a 1976 graduate of Clifford-Galesburg High School is at present a student at Mayville College. Kelly, graduated in 1977 from Dakota High School of Hunter, North Dakota and is presently employed on a farm near Wahpeton, North Dakota. Suzanne graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High in 1978 and is employed at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. Korey graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High in 1980 and farms with his father. Kirby graduated from the same high school in 1982. Denora is a sixth grader at Clifford Elementary.

Ronald is a Volunteer member of the Galesburg Fire Department. They Kylos are active members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church.

SIVERT and OLINE KYLLO

Sivert Kylo was born February 21, 1855 at Hagra, Norway. He immigrated to the United States coming to the Galesburg area in 1886. He worked on farms in the area for some time.

Oline Rostad was born September 29, 1870 in Trondhjem, Norway. She came to the United States and to the Galesburg area when she was sixteen years old. She made her home with her sister, Mrs. Otto Erickson, doing house work in the area.

Sivert and Oline were married in Goodhue County, Minnesota, his family home. They lived for a time southeast of Galesburg on what was known as the Severson place before



Back: Bennie, Julius, Oscar, Anne (Mrs. Harry Olson), Segvard. Front: Sivert, Edwin, Olga (Mrs. John Kvalvick), Robert, Agnes (Mrs. Moritz Gorum Halvorson), Oline.

Picture taken 1911

moving to what is now the Gerald Kylo farm. Nine children were born to them; Oscar, Annie, Julius, Sigvard, Bennie, Olga, Edwin, and Agnes. One child died in infancy. Sivert died in 1913 of a heart attack while working in a gravel pit. Oline died in 1930. The Kylos were life long members of Stordahl Lutheran Church.

Oscar married Mabel Paulson of Clifford. They lived in the new brick school house in Greenfield Township until they moved to the farm across the road (now Floyd Ericksons) and later moved to Section twenty-eight, Greenfield Township. Oscar died in 1944 during the encephalitis epidemic. Mabel died in 1975. They have one son, Gerald who married Marion Reinhart of Mayville in 1946. The Kylos are parents to three daughters; Evelyn, Helen, and Geri. They live on the home place.

Annie Kylo married Harry Olson of Plummer, Minnesota, where they lived until 1919. They moved to Greenfield Township, Section seventeen, where they farmed until they retired. Seven children were born to them; Arnold, Gladys, Sig, Vernon, Eleanor, Viola, and Chester.

Arnold married Pearl Richtsmier originally of Hampton, Iowa in 1966. Pearl had lived on Section twenty-eight until widowed in 1964. Arnold farmed and made their home in an enlarged mobile home on Section nineteen. Arnold passed away in 1981.

Gladys married Herman Nelson of Hatton. They farmed in Greenfield Township for several years. In 1968 they retired, moving to Fargo. They are parents to four children; Harriet, Arlis, Lyle, and Cheryl.

Vernon married Adeline Schmidt in 1975 and they reside in Fargo.

Sig married Darlene Green of Galesburg. They reside in Clinton, Minnesota and are parents of one daughter, Deloris.

Eleanor married Julius Amb of rural Portland. They are parents to three children; Elaine, Arlene and Parnell.

Viola married Wayne Vigen of Mayville. They lived for several years in Walhalla, North Dakota before moving to their present home at Carrington, North Dakota. They are parents to three children; Connie, Linda and Douglas.

Julius Kylo remained a bachelor for many years. In 1946 he married Ann Nims, who had been a housekeeper at the old Kylo farm. Julius was a plumber and he and Ann made their home in Galesburg. Julius passed away in 1967. Ann still resides in the home she and Julius built. Her prime pastime and hobby is keeping in touch by mail and telephone with all her relatives and many friends.

Sig and Robert Kylo farmed the home place until they retired and moved to Galesburg. They each owned their own home. Sig passed away in the Veterans Hospital in Fargo in 1962 and Robert passed away in Luther Memorial Home in Mayville in 1979.

Bennie Kylo married Ruth Paulson, a sister of Oscar's wife. They lived in Greenfield Township on several different farms before they bought and moved to Section five, Greenfield Township. Ben and Ruth retired to Fargo in 1958. Ruth passed away in 1964. Ben later married a widow from the Amenia area, Bertha Priebe. Ben passed away in 1975. Ben and Ruth were parents to five children; Gordon, Merl, Esther, Rosella and Sylvia who died as a child.

Olga Kylo married John Kvalvik. They lived in this area, at Hendrum, Minnesota, and later moved to Oregon. Olga was killed in a car accident in 1957. John Kvalvik passed away in 1973.

Edwin Kylo, the only remaining child of the Sivert Kylo's married Bernice Nelson of Hatton, North Dakota. They farmed for some years in Mayville Township later moving to Greenfield Township where they farmed until they retired to Mayville, North Dakota in 1968. They are parents to five children; Harvey, Bernie, Ronald, Darlene, and Bonita.

Agnes Kylo, youngest daughter of Sivert and Oline Kylo married Moritz Gorum, who came here from Lillehammer, Norway. They farmed south of Mayville before moving to a farm in Greenfield Township where the Harris Lammers now reside. Agnes and Moritz were parents of three daughters; Arlene, Marion, and Shirley. Moritz passed away in 1965. Agnes and her daughter Shirley remained on the farm until Agnes married Herb Halvorson in 1968. Agnes passed away after a brief illness in 1974.



Julius and Ann Kylo

THEODORE and MARGARET KYLLO



Theodore H., Nancy, Carol, Margaret, Beverly
Theodore Sr. and Marleen

Theodore Kyлло was born December 12, 1906, to Henry and Anna Kyлло. Ted was born on the farm his father and mother had homesteaded in 1881. On January 27, 1927, he married Margaret C. Bell. They made their home on the Kyлло farm for many years retiring to live in Galesburg until they moved to Fargo. They were members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church.

Five children were born to them; Beverly, Theodore H., Carol A., Nancy L., and Marleen W. They all attended school at Galesburg.

The Kyлlos moved to Fargo, North Dakota, in the early fifties. They celebrated their Golden Wedding January 27, 1977. Beverly married Myron Bjelverud. They live in Berthold, North Dakota. They are the parents of two daughters, Gail and Joan. Theodore (Teddy Harold) resides in Fargo. Carol A. is married to Alfred Gall and they live in Hawley, Minnesota and are parents to four children; Timothy, James, Kathy, and Kim. Nancy is married to Fred Cox Jr. They live in Loveland, Colorado and are parents of four children, Paul, Jeff, Kristen and Eric. Marleen married Dennis Dicker. They live in Boulder, Colorado and are parents to one son, Troy.

Theodore Sr. died on February 26, 1981.

MR. and MRS. LAMBERTSON



Mr. and Mrs. Lambertson

First known owners of the Knute Satrom Farm. Knute Satrom bought it from them in 1896 for \$12,352.00. No other information is available.

HARRIS and SHIRLEY LAMMERS



Linda, Shirley & Harris

Shirley (Gorum) Lammers was born on July 16, 1936, on a farm near Mayville, North Dakota. She attended school at Greenfield, Hunter and Galesburg High School from which she graduated in 1955. She was in girls' basketball and everyone marveled at the way she could catch a ball with one hand.

She attended Wahpeton School of Science and North Dakota State University. She farmed her parents' farm after her father's death.

Harris Lammers was born March 23, 1941 at Page, North Dakota to Leo and Kate Lammers. He was married to Shirley November 29, 1969.

Shirley had laying hens for several years. Once a week she would deliver her fresh eggs. She sold her hens about a year ago and many have complained because they cannot get fresh eggs anymore. Many also miss the visits with Shirley on her egg delivery days.

Harris worked at the Galesburg Co-op Elevator from 1965 to 1971 when he took over farming.

They have one child, Linda Kay, born October 14, 1972. She attends the elementary school at Clifford.

Both Harris and Shirley love to bowl, hunt, and fish as their hobbies.

KNUTE LANDE

Knute Lande was born December 12, 1882 in Norway at the settlement called Lande, near Sjaholt. He came to Georgetown, Minnesota in 1902 where he worked as a farmhand for about three years. At the age of twenty-four he attended Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota for a year. He then worked six years gaining business experience in a store at Kragness, Minnesota.

In 1912, he moved to Galesburg where he worked for many years in a store for his second cousins, the Lande Brothers. After Lande's store closed he traveled throughout the area in a Model T Ford selling "made to measure" suits and topcoats.



Knute Lande

He returned to the store business working for G.A. Moackrud. After Mr. Moackrud's death, Knute bought the store in 1941 from Mrs. Moackrud. During his many years in Galesburg he served five generations from one family. Children recall Knute giving them candy bars when they came shopping with their parents. After forty-seven years as a merchant, he retired in 1960 and sold the store to Ruth Anderson and Esther Johnson. The store is now the A and J Store.

Knute enjoyed fishing and had a cabin on Strawberry Lake east of Waubun, Minnesota.

He died at Galesburg on Christmas Eve 1967.

LARS and INGEBORG LANDE



**Lars and Ingeborg Lande and children:
Ruby, Prudence, Lawrence, Irvin, Louise**

Lars L. Lande, son of Lars and Regina Lande, of Sjøholt, Norway, came to the United States at an early age and attended Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota. Later, coming to Galesburg, he married Ingeborg Satrom, June 28, 1906. Lars and Ingeborg had five children, Ruby, Prudence, Lawrence, Irvin and Louise.

Lars taught Parochial school in Galesburg and also directed the choir for a number of years. He was in the mercantile business in Galesburg with his two brothers Ole and Tore.

Later he went into the grocery business for himself and after a few years was forced to retire due to ill health. He did enjoy going to baseball games. He passed away in 1937.

Ingeborg Satrom, the youngest of the twelve children born to Paul and Ingeborg Satrom, May 26, 1880. She came to America at the age of six years. She attended public school at the Bruflat Academy at Portland, North Dakota. Ingeborg was kept busy with her children, plus sewing for herself and her children, teaching Sunday School and busy with her house work and flower gardens. She was always busy taking part in church functions. She passed away in 1953.

Ruby, the eldest daughter, attended school in Galesburg and was telephone operator for fifteen years. She married W.E. Grantham in 1944 and resided in California until her death in 1946. Her burial was in Galesburg.

Prudence, after finishing school and high school in Galesburg and Colgate, lived in Mayville. In 1933 she married Anthony M. Stang, who had a meat market and locker plant in Mayville for seventeen years. He passed away in 1951. They had three children, Theresa, Harlan and Marsha. She then moved to California with her three children and was head cashier for fifteen years for Builders Emp. until she retired in 1974.

Lawrence, after finishing high school, worked on farms for his uncles. He married Helen Hilton in 1941. He later went into the Army and was discharged in 1945 after earning the Bronze Star and Good Conduct Medals. Returning from service, he was employed with the Bell Telephone Company until the time of his death in 1954. Burial was in Galesburg. They had two children Susan and David. Helen passed away in 1976.

Irvin, after finishing high school, worked on various farms and was employed by his brother-in-law, A.M. Stang, in Mayville at Tony's Market. He later joined the Army. Returning from the Army after three and one-half years, he lived in California and was employed with the Safeway Markets. He married June Stafferd and they had three sons Michael, Richard and Gerald.

Louise, after finishing high school, moved to California where she attended beauty school and was an operator there for several years. She returned to Mayville and was employed at the Brown Beauty Shop. She married Earl Morstad in 1940. They had two children Kaye and Larry.

OLE ELIAS and NELLIE LANDE

Ole Elias Lande was born in Sjøholt, Norway in 1864 and emigrated to the United States and landed at the Port of New York in May 1884. He declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States, April 10, 1889 and five years later, November 1, 1894 at the Court House in the city of Hillsboro, North Dakota he received a certified copy of his Naturalization and ordered by the Court that he was hereby admitted as a citizen of the United States of America.

Ole worked a short time on a farm at Georgetown, Minnesota, and later was employed by the Great Northern Railroad. He helped build the railroad and the large bridge a short distance west of Minot, North Dakota. The machinery used could not be compared with that used today. Horses were



Ole and Nellie, Lester, Carl and Milton Lande

the main source of their work and building. It took a long period of time to finish the railroad job.

Miss Nellie E. Ruddy and Ole E. Lande were married June 29, 1899 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Alex Stewart, residents of Galesburg. The reception was held at their home following the wedding. Mrs. Stewart was a sister of Nellie, and a few years later in 1909 the Stewarts moved to Fargo and resided at 1342 3rd Avenue South.

Ole started a General Store at Galesburg with his brother, called Lande and Larson. Mr. Larson did not remain in this country, but returned to Norway a few years later. Ole started another store at Erie with the partnership of Mr. Megg. He also continued until 1925 a partnership with his brother Lars at Galesburg. He continued in the store with the help of his three sons until his death in 1949 at the age of 85. The store was sold to Mr. Charles Gisvold of Galesburg in 1951.

Ole was active in social, civic, and church activities in Galesburg. In July 1912 he became a member of the Sons of Norway and later Modern Woodmen of America and the Masonic Order at Erie, North Dakota.

Five boys were born to Nellie and Ole Lande. Lawrence Cecil passed away in infancy September 25, 1909 of Summer Complaint, an illness of one week. Stanton Ray, age six weeks, suffered from whooping cough and pneumonia and passed away July 14, 1903. Lester Merle, born March 19, 1902 died May 29, 1963. Milton Ole, born March 12, 1905, died January 1973. Earl Alexander Ruddy Lande, born October 15, 1907, died August of 1943.

Mrs. Ole Lande passed away October of 1935 at the age of 68 years. She had been a resident of Galesburg since 1896 and also remained very active in the Presbyterian Church.

Milton Lande married Ann Cecilia McAndrews in Grand Forks June 1, 1940. One son Steven James was born to them. He is employed in Grand Forks, where his mother Ann still resides. Milton passed away January 1973 at the age of 67 years. He was a brakeman on the Great Northern Railroad and later became a conductor, until his failing health caused retirement.

Earl married Violet Iverson of Columbus, North Dakota, August 21, 1935 at Casselton at the home of Reverend C.L. Johnson. A reception was held at the Johnson home. One

daughter JeNell Cleone was born October 25, 1936 at the Mayville Hospital. Earl passed away in August, 1943 with a long illness of a heart condition.

In August 1950, Violet and JeNell moved to Minneapolis where she obtained a teaching position in the city and continued with her teaching career until she retired in 1974. She also taught several years at the Galesburg community.

Lester and Violet were married February 4, 1954 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Minneapolis. After leaving Galesburg, Lester was employed by the Thomas Murphy Company, a salesman in selling specialties. He passed away in May of 1963 with a heart attack.

Daughter JeNell lives with her mother in Minneapolis. She graduated from the eighth grade June 9, 1950 at Galesburg and continued her education and graduated from the Washburn High School in Minneapolis in 1954. JeNell attended State Teacher's College at St. Cloud and Mankato, Minnesota and taught school in Kellogg, Idaho. She is now employed in Minneapolis.

JOHN and SIGRID LANDET



John and Sigrid Landet

John Landet was born April 7, 1881 at Vaage, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. He came to this country to his cousin, Iver Sveum's home, near Galesburg in 1902. Iver was the father of Gena Kjelmyhr.

Sigrid Holte was born in Saknedal, Southern Trondelag, Norway on May 21, 1889. She left for America on August 18, 1914 and arrived at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Matt Kvam, September 15, 1914. She worked there for awhile.

John and Sigrid married March 1, 1916 at Moorhead, Minnesota. They lived on the "Reuben Whitman farm" near Galesburg until about 1919, when they moved to the "Jorgenson Farm", where Rick Halvorson now lives. Later they moved to a remodeled school house about a-half mile north of Marlowe Workin's. They celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary March 9, 1941.

John died suddenly at his farm home February 27, 1948 just before a five inch snowfall and Sigrid walked to the Workin Farm. Due to blocked roads an airplane had to pick up the body to be taken to the mortuary. She stayed with friends until she

moved to Oscar Groven's farm as his housekeeper. She was there about twenty years before moving to Galesburg October 1, 1969. She lived in the Luther Memorial Home at Mayville, North Dakota from 1979 until her death January 28, 1981 at the age of ninety-one.

LARS and INGABORG LARSON



**Back: Lawrence, Kathleen, Marian, Louis
Front: Lars, Orin, Ingaborg**

Lars and Ingaborg Larson were both born in Norway. Lars was born near Egersund, in the southern part of Norway, May 2, 1881. He came to America when he was 16 years old. He worked in mines in Montana together with a brother Ivar who died while there. Lars then came to North Dakota where he worked on several bonanza farms in this area, some being the Hudson farms, Castle farm, and the Jones farm.

He attended Bruflat Academy of Portland for one winter.

He married Ingaborg Olson November 17, 1907.

In 1911 Gunder Rindahl resigned as a rural mail carrier and Lars Larson applied for the job and got it. He served as a mail carrier on both the west and east routes until retiring in 1946. He had a stroke in 1947 which left him crippled until his death in 1954.

Ingaborg Olson was born in Skatvold, Norway January 13, 1887, coming to America with her parents when she was 5 years old. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Olson. They came to the Hunter area and later moved to Galesburg.

Ingaborg took sewing lessons from Rose Korshus at an early age and was given her first sewing machine at the age of thirteen. After she was married she took in sewing to help make a living.

Ingaborg met Lars when he boarded at Magnus Olson's who ran a boarding house for many years.

Lars and Ingaborg were married and eight children were born to this union; three which died early in life. One was 5 years of age, one three years, and one was two years of age. Five of their children grew to adulthood: Lawrence who passed away in 1976, Marian Hochgraber who lives in Galesburg, Kathleen Satrom lives on a farm near Galesburg, Orin Larson, depot agent in Portland and lives in Mayville, North Dakota, and Louis Larson, Assistant manager of deLendrecies Store who lives in Fargo, North Dakota.

Ingaborg passed away in 1974 at the age of 87 years.

LOUIS and JOYCE LARSON



Louis Larson Family

Louis I. Larson and Joyce E. Bye were married on November 5, 1950 in Elm River Lutheran Church.

Louis, the son of Lars and Inga Larson, was born August 27, 1924 and was graduated from Galesburg High School in 1942. He enrolled at North Dakota Agricultural College and after service in the Air Force returned there and graduated in 1950 with a degree in Business Economics. He worked for the college after graduation and for the past 25 years has been employed by the O. J. deLendrecie Company in Fargo.

Joyce, the daughter of Edwin and Alma Bye, graduated from Galesburg High School in 1949. After graduating from Interstate Business College she worked for Adjudication Division of the Veterans Administration before their marriage. For the past 16 years she has been employed by the Veterans Hospital in Fargo.

They have three children, Diane, a graduate of the University of North Dakota who is married to Kip Erickson, a lawyer with Van Osdel, Foss, and Miller in Fargo. They have two children, Stacie and Jonathon. Louis and Joyce have two sons, Randy and Curt, both of whom are employed by Swanston Equipment Company of Fargo.

OLIE and JULIA LARSON



**Back: Orin, Leonard, Chester
Front: Gladys, Mrs. Larson, Ole, Hazel**

Olie Larson was born July 3, 1874 in Helmar, Illinois. Julia Johnson was born February 13, 1875 in Helmar, Illinois. Olie and Julia were married February 11, 1897. They lived in Illinois until about 1909, when they brought their family of three children, Leonard, Orin and Gladys, with them and moved to Page, North Dakota area. While residing in the Galesburg and Hope area two more children were born to them: Chester and Hazel. The family made several moves, spending some years living near Mapelton, Minnesota, Hope, North Dakota and back to Galesburg where they operated the hotel for a year.

Julia was active in the Ladies Aid and Olie acted as the auctioneer at the annual Fall Church bazaars.

In 1928 the family moved to a farm near Sheldon. The move was made with a team of horses and wagon with all their belongings. The move took two days. The first day they got as far as Wheatland, North Dakota where they spent the night. Olie worked for several years maintaining roads before moving into Sheldon. Olie passed away August 25, 1944 and Julia on November 10, 1958.

Leonard married Hattie Albert of Erie, North Dakota. They had two sons, Kenneth and Don. Leonard and Hattie made their home at Mayville, North Dakota for several years where Leonard was employed as a mechanic. Leonard passed away July 24, 1975. Hattie resides at Fargo, North Dakota.

Orin married Pearl Anderson of Lucan, North Dakota. They had three children, Dennis, Bruce and Shirley. Orin passed away on February 9, 1960. Pearl resides in Tacoma, Washington.

Gladys, deceased, was married to Fred Klien of LaMoure, North Dakota.

Chester married Dorothy Henderson of Fargo, North Dakota. They had one daughter, Sharon. Chester passed away October 1959. Dorothy resides at Seattle, Washington.

Hazel married Almon Otterburn November 1, 1948 and they have made their home in Sheldon, North Dakota. Almon worked seventeen years at the lumberyard and then later at Hardware until he retired in 1976. Hazel worked as a clerk in the Sheldon post office. She was officer in charge when the postmaster transferred to rural carrier. In 1972 she was appointed postmistress and served until she retired February 29, 1980. Almon passed away March 24, 1981. Hazel still resides at Sheldon.

ORIN L. and JEANETTE LARSON

Orin L. Larson was born at Galesburg, North Dakota November 3, 1922, the son of Lars and Inga (Olson) Larson. Orin completed grade school and high school at Galesburg and also attended North Dakota State University at Fargo and graduated from State School of Science at Wahpeton, North Dakota and Boyles Business College at Omaha, Nebraska. He also served in the Navy during World War II.

On May 13, 1950 Orin married Jeanette Klabo who was the daughter of Clarence and Ida Klabo of Portland, North Dakota. Orin and Jeanette have two children, a daughter Ione, born December 1, 1951 and a son Kim, born February 18, 1955.

Ione attended grade school at Clifford and graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1969. Ione graduated from



Back: Kim, Neil, Ione, Cory
Front: Jeanette, Melissa, Orin

St. Lukes School of Nursing at Fargo in 1972. She was married to Neil Bachman of Streeter, North Dakota on December 27, 1971. Ione and Neil have two children: Cory, age ten and Melissa, age six. Ione and her family live at Muscatine, Iowa where her husband manages a Plywood Minnesota Store. Ione worked at St. Lukes Hospital while living in Fargo where she was Technical Director of the Catherization Lab. After moving to Muscatine she was employed as surgical nurse at Muscatine General Hospital and at the present time she is supervisor of nurses at Muscatine Clinic. Kim attended grade school at Clifford and graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1973. After graduating from high school he enrolled at North Dakota State University at Fargo and then transferred to Mayville State College for the winter quarter where he graduated with a Business degree in the spring of 1977. Kim now resides in Arthur, North Dakota where he is employed as Assistant Vice-President at First State Bank.

Orin started working with Great Northern Railroad Company as agent in July of 1949. In 1951, Orin and Jeanette moved to Finley, North Dakota where he held his first permanent job and lived there until November of 1952 at which time they moved to Clifford. Orin was agent at Clifford until the spring of 1962. He worked as relief agent for a year and a half after leaving Clifford and then was agent at Emerado, North Dakota for the next six and one-half years. In December of 1970 he came back to work as agent at Portland, Clifford, Galesburg, and Erie. In 1973 Portland was made headquarters for a direct service van, Orin worked this agent's position until the spring of 1980 when his job was changed to agent of Portland and Mayville, the job he currently holds.

While living in Clifford, Orin served on both the Clifford School Board and the Clifford Galesburg School Board and was Village Clerk for a short while. He also served on the Norman Lutheran Church Board. Jeanette was employed as bookkeeper at the Clifford Farmers Elevator from 1961 to March of 1966. She started working at the Goose River Bank in Mayville in June of 1966 where she is now assistant Vice-President.

Orin, Jeanette and Kim moved to Mayville in December of 1973.

WILLIAM and HELEN LARSON

William Larson, farmer, was born in Fertile, Minnesota 1905. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Larson. There were nine children in his family. His parents lived in the Hillsboro area for several years. They later moved to Erie.

In 1929 he married Helen Fisher.

In 1930 he started farming with his brother-in-law, Herbert Fisher on the Fisher farm.

A daughter, Carol lives in California. She has a son, Phillip Michael.

William is still living on the farm although retired.

ANDREW and ISADORA LEAN



Back: Eleanor, Alton, Delores, Vaida, Lorraine, Lloyd, Lulu, Ruth, Edward. Front: June, Andrew, Isadora, Carol.

Andrew Lean came to the United States from Dovre, Norway in 1912 to join his brothers Ole and Anton, who were already living and working in the Galesburg area. Ole later moved to Wisconsin and married and raised a family. Anton traveled to other states and finally settled in California. Andrew worked summers for John Olstad and in the fall after harvest he would travel to Wisconsin where he would spend the winters. While he was in Wisconsin he met and married Isadora Prellwitz on July 28, 1928. They moved to this area, working in the Hunter, Blanchard, Clifford area and began raising a family. In 1941 Andrew and Isadora Lean and their seven children moved to a farm one mile west of Galesburg to work for Anton Satrom. Five more children were born to them, one dying in infancy. In 1952 Andrew went to work as a construction worker for the Hogenson Construction Company building elevators. In 1955 the family moved into Galesburg. In 1957 Andrew was hurt in a car accident and had to retire. Andrew passed away at the age of 83 in January of 1975.

Isadora still lives in Galesburg and is active in the Senior Citizens, Auxiliary, and the Elm River Lutheran Church.

Many of the Lean children have married and moved away and raised families of their own.

Eleanor married Franklin Holmen and moved to Hatton, North Dakota. They have five children, four daughters and one son. They have six grandchildren.

Alton married Ione Strom of Hillsboro, North Dakota and currently lives in Stewart, Minnesota. They have two daughters and one granddaughter.

Delores married Clifton Fosberg of Buxton, North Dakota. They reside in Waukesha, Wisconsin. They have two daughters and two sons. One son is currently serving in the Navy on a submarine (USS Patrick Henry) based in Hawaii. They have one grandson.

Vaida married Rueben Olson and they are living at Hendrum, Minnesota. They have three daughters and six sons and also two grandchildren.

Lorraine married Alvin Schumacher of Robinson, North Dakota. They have one son and three daughters and continue to live on the family farm in Robinson.

Lulu married Frank Kerkelie of Donnybrook, North Dakota where they reside. They have two children, one daughter and one son.

June married Rollo (Bob) Carlson of Waukesha, Wisconsin where they still make their home. They have one daughter and one son.

Ruth lives in Bismarck, North Dakota where she works for the United States Department of Interior, Bureau of Reclamation.

Carol also lives and works in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Lloyd and Edward reside in Galesburg with Isadora Lean.

Andrew and Isadora Lean have eleven living children, sixteen granddaughters, twelve grandsons, seven grandson-in-laws, seven great-granddaughters and three great-grandsons.

LARS LEE

Lars Lee was born in Norway. He came to Mayville before coming to Galesburg. He worked on farms. He roomed at John Soholt's. He was a good carpenter and worked for Ole Soholt. He helped put in the crop on the Adolph Kjelmmyhr farm before carpentering started in the spring.

Later years he lived at Marvin Gisvold's. He is buried in the Elm River Cemetery.

JOHN and BETSY (Norby) LERFALD



John and Betsy Lerfald

John Lorfald was born in 1870 in Trondhjem, Norway. As a child he came to America with his mother. They spent a few years in Zumbrota, Minnesota before moving to Buxton, North Dakota. John grew to manhood in the Buxton area, working with his brother, Ole, as a carpenter. It was while John was working on the Houghton farm he met Betsy Norby. Betsy was born in 1878 in Wisconsin to Anton and Martha Norby. When Betsy was five years old, she came with her parents when they claimed their homestead two miles east of Galesburg, North Dakota.

John and Betsy were married in 1895. They farmed in the Hope and Galesburg area.

Eight children were born to them. Three sons passed away as children, they were, Burnre, Lyle and Albert. Josephine (Mrs. Gustov Rostad) died in 1980. Alma (Mrs. David Boyer) lives at Mayville, North Dakota. Clara (Mrs. Clarence Boyer) lives at Hope, North Dakota. Alveda, (Mrs. Bert Gushjolen) lives at Minneapolis, Minnesota. Joseph lives at rural Galesburg.

John and Betsy were members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church.

John passed away in 1951 and Betsy in 1967.

JOSEPH and LILLIAN LERFALD



Joseph and Lillian Lorfald

Joseph was born at Galesburg in 1909 to John and Betsy Lorfald. In 1940 he married Lillian Anderson. Lillian was born and raised in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Joe and Lillian have farmed two miles east of Galesburg until Joe retired a few years ago. The Lorfalds are members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church.

CONRAD J. and RUBY LOMMEN

Ruby was born May 24, 1913 at Galesburg, North Dakota to Edward C. and Petra Rust. Ruby married Conrad J. Lommen July 5, 1936. Conrad passed away June 18, 1972. Ruby resides at Roseau, Minnesota. She is employed as Secretary at Roseau Area Hospital. Seven children were born to Ruby and Conrad. Clarence of Roseau, Minnesota, Gordon of Wabasso, Minnesota, Paul of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Betty Griffith of California, John of California, Mark of Moorhead, Minnesota, and Joan Burggraf of Roseau, Minnesota. The Lommen's have seventeen grandchildren.



Conrad and Ruby Lommen



Conrad and Ruby Lommen Family

EVEN and KRISTINE LOMMERUD



John and Jens Lommerud

Kristine Jensen was born in Omark, Norway, February 4, 1845. She came to America in 1875 and settled in Kenyon County, Minnesota. She married John T. Lommerud that same year. Three children, Ted, John, and Jens were born to this couple. They came to the Galesburg area in 1880 where they homesteaded. On February 13, 1881, John T. Lommerud was caught in a blizzard and was found frozen to death.

Kristine married Even T. Lommerud, a younger brother of John's in 1888. They lived on their farm in Galesburg Township the rest of their lives. Kristine died in 1935 and Even in 1943. Ted died when he was thirteen years old.

John and Jens never married. They remained on the farm homestead until they retired.

John and Jens are remembered as strong men. John was seen carrying one sack of potatoes, weighing one hundred and twenty pounds in each hand from their wagon into a railroad car. It is said John lifted the fly wheel of a steam engine weighing about eight hundred pounds.

The Lommeruds will long be remembered for their threshing. They threshed for several years using a big steam threshing outfit.

Jens was assessor of Galesburg Township for many years. He died in 1957. John entered Luther Memorial Home in Mayville in 1967 and died in 1968.

CHRISTIAN and INGEBOG LOSTEGAARD



Back: Iola, Julia, Blanche and Esther
Front: Melida, Inga and Christian

Christian E. Lostegaard was the third son of Erick N. and Kari Rukke Lostegaard, the oldest of whom died in infancy. He had seven sisters, two of whom died in infancy. He was born on his parents' farm a short distance from the Red Oak Grove area in Mower County, between Blooming Prairie and Austin, Minnesota. All the children were born while the family lived in a log cabin but in 1895 the family moved into a new farm home. He received his early education in the schools of that area, and was baptized and confirmed in the Red Oak Grove Lutheran Church and was a member of that church until he moved from there in 1910. He was interested in the ministry so began attending the seminary but had to quit and help his father on the farm. In March of 1910 Christian had a sale and went to Harding County in the Ralph, South Dakota area to take up homesteading. His sister, Ragnild (Lena), who was married to John Horvey, was already living in that area. His friend, Theodore Lestrud, accompanied him to South Dakota. His cousins, Ole and Henry Stenson, were already homesteading in the area. Here he met Ingeborg Groven.

Ingeborg Groven was born on her parent's farm in Steele County northwest of Galesburg, North Dakota, and was one of nine children born to Ole and Mari Svendsgaard Groven. She was educated in the schools of Broadlawn District in Steele County. One of her teachers for whom she had great respect as a teacher was James McPherson. She was baptized and confirmed in the Elm River Lutheran Church at Galesburg, and as long as she lived in the Galesburg area, both when she was growing up and after she and her family moved back from South Dakota, was an active member of that church. She became a professional seamstress through apprenticeship in Hope, North Dakota, and did a great deal of sewing for families in the Galesburg area. Ingeborg went to South Dakota to take up homesteading in the spring of 1910. She traveled by train as far as Reeder, North Dakota, the nearest railroad town, with her sister, Tena, who was already married and living there. Her brother, Hakon, and her two cousins, Hogan and Matt Groven, also went out there to homestead. Torgus Mykland, who later married her sister, Karen, was already there homesteading. Ingeborg lived in a sod house which seemed to be very hazardous in that rattlesnake infested area.

Christian Lostegaard and Ingeborg Groven were married on October 27, 1911 in the Elm River Lutheran Church at Galesburg. They returned to South Dakota and lived in Christian's house which was built of wood and had a good wooden floor which kept out the rattlesnakes. Four children were born to them while they lived there: Melida, Esther, Blanche, and Julia. Because that was a very dry area and it was very difficult to make a living, they moved to the Galesburg area in the fall of 1918 where they settled on a farm rented from Ole Satrom located two miles west, one mile south, and one-fourth mile west again from Galesburg. Two more children were born to them; a daughter, Iola, and their only son, Joel Clarence, who died in infancy. The five daughters attended Broadlawn School #5 from which they all graduated and went on to Galesburg High School where they all graduated. Esther, Blanche, and Iola went on to Mayville State College and became teachers. Melida went to a school for nurses in Minneapolis and became a Licensed Practical Nurse. Julia was married a few years after she graduated from high school to Willard P. Thompson from rural Buxton, North Dakota. Melida worked as a nurse at the Mayville Hospital and later was married to Paul Haakenson of Maxbass, North Dakota. Blanche taught school a few years and was married to Reinhold Rieck who farmed in the Durbin area. Iola taught a few years and was married to Clair Hoberg, also a teacher, who had grown up in the Burnstad, North Dakota area.

After Christian retired from farming, the family moved to a farm home in the Durbin area a few miles south of Casselton, North Dakota. Christian died on December 30, 1948 so in the fall of 1949 Ingeborg moved to Bismarck to live with her daughter, Esther, a teacher in the Bismarck Public School System. Here she continued to do sewing and alterations for many years. She became a member of Trinity Lutheran Church where Esther was a member, and was active in the Trinity American Lutheran Church Women and the Golden Age Club. She died at the Missouri Slope Lutheran Home on November 30, 1979. At the time of her death she had thirteen grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

ELMER and ANNA LUNDMARK

Elmer Lundmark was born in Longviken Skelleftea, Sweden (up near the Arctic Circle) on May 22, 1886.

He entered the military service at Boden as a young man. When he had received his training, he returned home and found his mother had died of tuberculosis and his home and all his personal belongings had been burned because it was so contagious. He had two older sisters who had found work in Sundsvall, a long way from home. He made his home then with an uncle, Otto Lundmark in Longviken and found work at a saw mill in Burea.

In 1910 his cousin, Carl Lundmark of Blabon returned to Sweden for a visit and Elmer accompanied him back to the United States to start a new life there.

First he worked at Blabon on the construction of the railroad. Then he worked on several large farms around Blabon in the summer and in the winter worked at sawing timber in the woods of Eli, Minnesota.

Later he farmed in partnership with Trygve Tranby on the Borstad farm near the Pickert corner on 32.

Anna Nilsson was born in Branstad near Sjobo Skane, Sweden to Hannah and Nils Persson, December 15, 1882. In Sweden it was the custom for the children to take their father's first name and add son to it for their last name.

When Anna was nine years old her father died and her mother with the help of the children carried on with their little farm. She had two younger sisters and two older sisters and the brother was the oldest. They raised many geese and one of Anna's memories of childhood was herding the flock of geese out in the meadows, having many ponds of water for the geese to swim in.

When grown, Anna started a knitting shop in Sjobo, where she taught girls to knit by machine.

In 1913 she and three of her girl friends and a brother of one sailed to America. They came to St. Paul, Minnesota where Anna worked in a boarding house for sometime. At night she attended classes in English. From there she went to Belmond, Iowa where she worked for a wealthy family as nursemaid for their little boys.

In 1916 she read of an ad in the paper by Frank Johnson of Blabon, who needed a woman to work in his restaurant and care for his motherless daughter, Hapel, who was seven. She answered the ad and came to Blabon in spite of the warning of her employer of North Dakota being a wilderness. She worked there for awhile. Here she met Elmer, who came in right often to drink coffee.

In 1918 on December 27, Elmer and Anna were united in marriage and continued living on the Borstad farm for three years. A daughter, Ethel Hanna Linnea, was born to them September 24, 1919.

They then moved to the John Lynn farm in Hugo and lived there until 1925 when they moved to the Colgate area. They always farmed diversified, with cattle, horses, poultry and Anna's favorite, geese.

Ethel attended the Colgate School all twelve years, graduating in 1938 with a scholarship, but because of the depression years of the thirties, there was no money for college. She worked various places doing housework. She worked several

months for Peter Satrom who had lost his wife in death and had two small children, Ellen, nine and Arne, five.

Elmer and Anna had moved in the spring of 1938 to the Galesburg area on Section 36 of Broadlawn Township and lived neighbor to Peter Satrom and the Lostegaards.

Ethel was their only child and married Art Rosenius on January 1, 1940 and live in the Hope area. They have no children.

Elmer and Anna had moved to the Langer farm in Broadlawn Township in 1950 and they farmed there until Anna died in 1953 on February 21 of cancer at the age of seventy. They had bought a little home in Hope where they planned to retire, so Elmer moved there after Anna's death.

In 1956 Elmer became sick and came to live with Art and Ethel. In 1965 he became seriously ill and could not be cared for at home, so was moved to the Luther Memorial Home in Mayville. He died in 1968 on January 21 at the hospital.

They were both members of the Presbyterian Church at Colgate and Anna was a member of the Ladies Aid, first at Colgate and then at Galesburg.

In early years Elmer was known as the neighborhood barber. He could also play a pretty fair polka or schottische on the harmonica. Anna's favorite hobby was crocheting, giving away most every piece she crocheted. She also helped Elmer with the farm work, in spite of her small stature (she was only 4'11") as long as she was able.

REVEREND and MRS. O. J. MALKEWICK



Reverend and Mrs. O. J. Malkewick

The Rev. and Mrs. O. J. Malkewick and sons Caspari and Samson arrived in Galesburg in October 1904. Pastor Malkewick had been called to serve three Hauges Congregations: Trefoldigte (Trinity), Rosville, and Stordal. Later a congregation was organized at Blanchard. Since all the members were Norwegian the services were conducted in that language.

During this time he was a supply pastor in many of the Hauges congregations throughout the eastern part of the state, often traveling on a railroad hand car to reach his destination. Some of these were Horace, Christine and Oslo in Minnesota.

There was a Presbyterian Church in Galesburg that had been without a pastor for sometime. The church council asked

Pastor Malkewick if he would conduct services for them in the English language. Pastor Malkewick spoke English but had never preached a sermon in English and told them so. They were willing to take a chance. This was a challenge and he accepted feeling that he had no right to deny these people the Word of God. The *Hillsboro Banner* reported the service in this manner:

One of the very largest congregations greeted Rev. Malkewick at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday . . . This evening's sermon was the first one entirely in English ever delivered by Rev. Malkewick and was perfect in diction and expression. It is hoped he will favor this church often.

While in this area he was also active in civic affairs in the Republican Party. He organized temperance units because he felt it was a vital part of the church's work to train young people in temperance. He also served as secretary of the North Dakota District of the Hauges Synod and was president of the local ministerial association.

Four children were born into the family while they lived and served in this parish: Olaf (died at birth), Joseph, Esther in Galesburg and Ruth in Clifford.

After twelve years Pastor Malkewick was called to serve five congregations in McKenzie County. In October 1916, Pastor and Mrs. Malkewick and three small children moved to Watford City. Caspari and Samson were attending Red Wing Academy in Red Wing, Minnesota at the time.

Pastor Malkewick passed away in October 1932 and Mrs. Malkewick in December 1948. Caspari lives in Tacoma, Washington; Samson passed away in 1962; Joseph lives in Spokane, Washington; Esther (Mrs. Lionel Opgrande) Dickinson; Ruth (Mrs. Carroll Liane) Billings, Montana.

FRED MALM

Fred Malm was born in Sweden and came to the United States as a young man. He was a bachelor. He first came to Seattle, Washington. Later he came to northern Minnesota working in lumber camps.

In the early thirties, Fred came to North Dakota and worked as a farm laborer for many years. Then he retired to a rest home where he passed away.

ALFRED and IONE MARTIN



Alfred and Ione Martin

Alfred H. Martin (Al Martin) was born in New York City on December 7, 1920. He attended grade school and graduated from the High School of Commerce in New York City. He started steady work with the National City Bank in New York City as a messenger and worked in various other Departments of the Bank and was a Savings Teller at the time he was drafted into the Air Force. Al served in the Air Transport Command for three and one-half years as a chief clerk in various squadrons, personnel departments and inspection offices.

Al married Ione Holland of Fargo, North Dakota at St. Mary's Cathedral in Fargo while being in the Air Corps stationed with the 4th Ferrying Group of the Air Transport Command at Hector Airport on January 6, 1945. He was discharged from the armed service in December 1945 returning to New York City and worked at the National City Bank.

The Martins moved to Fargo, North Dakota and Al secured employment with the First National Bank in Fargo holding various positions there until 1970 and secured a position with the Security State Bank of Hunter, North Dakota working as manager of the Galesburg Station of the Security State Bank, where he is still employed as Vice President and Cashier.

They have two children; Carol Jeanne Peterson of Mayville, North Dakota and Alfred P. Martin of Fargo, North Dakota, seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Al served as Commander of the Catholic War Veterans Post in Fargo and was State Commander of the Department of North Dakota Catholic War Veterans. He was president of the National Association of Bank Auditors and Comptrollers, Fargo Chapter. He was President of the Community Improvement Corporation of Galesburg and the Community Housing Corporation of Galesburg along with various positions in the American Legion Post at Fargo and Galesburg and Patriotic Bodies of Fargo and Junior Chamber of Commerce in Fargo.

LARRY and LINDA MARTIN



Linda and Larry Martin

Larry K. Martin was born at Clifford, North Dakota April 8, 1946 to Arthur Martin's. He graduated from Clifford Galesburg High School in 1964.

Linda K. (Mielke) Martin was the first daughter born to Otto Mielke's, January 31, 1945 at Grand Forks, North Dakota. She attended Clifford Galesburg School and graduated in 1963. She took a one year business course at North Dakota

State School of Science in Wahpeton. She worked at the Goose River Bank in Mayville, First National Bank in Fargo, and one year at the Security State Bank of Galesburg. On June 12, 1966, Larry and Linda Martin were married in the Elm River Church at Galesburg; the last couple to be married in the old church.

From 1968 to 1970 Larry served in the United States Army, one year at Can Tho, Vietnam.

In 1972 Larry graduated from North Dakota State University with a Masters Degree in Zoology. After graduation Larry worked for Woodward-Envicon as a research biologist for the Alaskan Pipeline. They lived in Houston, Texas, Anaheim, California and Alaska.

In 1975 they purchased the Lommerud homestead on the northeast quarter of Section two in Galesburg Township and now farm with their two sons, Randy Scott (12) and Matthew Paul (8).

DANNY and KAYE MATSON



Kaye and Dan Matson
Judd and Andrea

Kaye Luanne Halvorson was born October 22, 1952, at Cando, North Dakota to Loren and Ardis Halvorson. She attended school at Clifford-Galesburg and graduated in 1970 and attended State School of Science at Wahpeton, North Dakota in Dental Assisting. She worked for seven years for Dr. John Volkerding, Fargo, North Dakota, as a Dental Assistant and Receptionist.

Kaye married Danny Matson of Felton, Minnesota, September 7, 1974. Danny is employed by Burlington Northern Railroad. They lived in Fargo and in 1978 moved to rural Hawley, Minnesota where they built a new home. They have two children, Judd Daniel, age 4 and Andrea Kaye, age 2.

RAY MAUETH

Ray was born at Medicine Hat, Canada December 4, 1910. His folks moved to North Dakota when he was three years old. He came to Grandin in the fall of 1917 with his parents who farmed one mile north and a half mile west of Grandin. They farmed there until the spring of 1931 when they moved to Fargo. That spring Ray went to Galesburg and worked on a farm.



Ray Mauseth

In 1936 he went to Fargo and worked for a Maytag dealer there for twenty-five years. He was married in Fargo in 1938. Ray had a step-daughter and adopted a boy. The girl is now married and lives in Fargo and the boy is married and works for the Kohler Hotel in Rochester, Minnesota.

Ray works on a farm near Galesburg and spends his winters at San Diego, California with his dad, brother and sister who live there. The picture of Ray was taken in January 1980 aboard a cruise ship going to the Virgin Islands.

JACK and MARY McCLURE

Jack McClure was born June 6, 1936 at Lisbon, North Dakota. He attended North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton, North Dakota.

On September 30, 1961, Jack married Mary Klinkhammer at Cogswell, North Dakota. The McClures made their home at Valley City and Mayville before moving to the Galesburg area. They built a new home near the KXJB Tower in 1975.

Jack was the transmitter engineer for KXJB Television Station until his untimely death due to a fall from a tree in 1980.

Two daughters were born to the McClures, Linda and Nancy, both attending the Clifford-Galesburg school. Mary works part time doing bookkeeping at the John Deere Implement in Galesburg.

ARNT and INGABORG MELTING

Arnt was born in Mostvigen Norway. Ingaborg was born in Reese Norway. Mostvigen is located in a beautiful valley near Tronhiem Norway. A namesake, The Melting Van River, still runs through this valley.

As a young man Arnt was a sailor. Later he was employed in her brother's butcher shop in Tronhiem. Coming to America in early 1800's, they settled near Halstad, Minnesota on the Red River. Having learned the butcher trade, Arnt bought a half share in a market at Halstad. They were Christian people who helped organize the Lutheran Church and taught and organized the first Sunday School in this church. Later they sold their share in the meat market and moved to Blanchard, North Dakota where he owned and operated his own market. A fire destroyed this market as well as their home, but an empty building was repaired and used as a market until depression

forced them to quit. They moved to Galesburg, North Dakota where Arnt spent some years working as Section foreman on the railroad and several years as janitor of Galesburg School and Elm River Church.

Eight children were born to them: Andrew, Emma, Johnnie, Gena, Emil, Paul, Otto, and Ruth. Gena (Mrs. Johnson of Shelby, Montana) is the only survivor of this family.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnt Melting lived to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary.

OTTO and OLGA MIELKE



The Mielke's
Back: Linda, Gene, Susan
Front: Otto, Janet, Olga

Otto Mielke was born March 15, 1914 in Frazee, Minnesota to Rudolph and Molly Mielke. They later moved to Vergas, Minnesota, where he attended school. He has three brothers and one sister.

Olga Sonnenberg was born August 20, 1916 near Vergas, Minnesota to August and Frozina Sonnenberg. She attended school in Vergas. She has two sisters and one brother.

Otto was employed for several years in Emerado and Gilby, North Dakota. Otto and Olga were married October 5, 1940. In 1945 they moved to Galesburg from Gilby and Otto was employed with the Standard Oil Company in the Clifford-Galesburg area until he retired in 1975. They have four children:

Gene was born March 12, 1942. He graduated from the Galesburg High School, attended Moorhead State College, also the University of North Dakota, where he graduated with a Master's degree. He is now teaching at the Normandale Jr. College in Bloomington, Minnesota. He married Lois Swogger and they have two daughters, Cheryl and Darlene and a son David.

Linda was born January 31, 1945. She graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School, attended the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, was employed as a cashier in several banks before she married Larry Martin. They have two boys, Randy and Matthew.

Susan was born December 4, 1948. She graduated from the Clifford-Galesburg High School, attended the University of North Dakota School of Nursing. She met Robert Galante who was stationed at the Grand Forks Air Base. They married and moved to Miramar, Florida. They have two daughters, Gina and Diana.

Janet was born June 7, 1952. She graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School, attended Valley City College, graduating with a teaching degree. She taught in Fingal. She married Robert Randall and they live in Wahpeton, North Dakota, where she teaches in the Wahpeton School System. They have two boys, Anthony and Nicholas.

CHESTER and NOREEN MILLER



Chester and Noreen Miller

Chester Miller was born in 1922 in Galesburg to Lucinda and Ruches Miller. Noreen Knotte was born in 1922 in Baker, North Dakota to Nora and Orville Knotte.

Chet lived in Galesburg until after he was in the service.

Noreen came here in 1943 from Maddock, North Dakota to teach the intermediate grades.

They were married in 1944 and traveled with Sarah and Andrew Anderson doing elevator construction work for the first few years of their marriage.

After their three children were born, Noreen went back to teaching and Chet continued doing carpenter work when they lived in Sharon, North Dakota and Wahpeton, North Dakota, and Fergus Falls, Minnesota. Then they moved to Washington state where they have lived for about the past twenty years.

Chet was injured in 1975 and has been unable to work since then. They now go to Arizona in the winter and spend the summers in Washington.

Their son, Danny, is a commercial fisherman in Alaska. He has four children: Danny, Michelle, Dason and Dustyn. Their daughter, Geraldine (Geni), is married to Bob Hammer. They have a daughter, Ricki. Their daughter Vicki, is married to Philip Harrison and they have a daughter, Tawny. The girls live in Washington.

ERI and ELLEN MILLER

Eri Miller, oldest son of Ruches and Lucinda Miller, was born in Clifford, North Dakota, December 18, 1899. They lived on farms in the Clifford-Blanchard area before moving to Galesburg in 1915 where Eri attended high school. He also attended parochial school and learned to speak Norwegian.

While working at Milton, North Dakota, he met and married Mayme McCloud. They had two sons, Donald Keith who lives in New Jersey and Robert John, living in California.

Later he went to Montana where he worked for a telephone company as a line man. Years later he moved to Detroit,



Ellen and Eri Miller

Michigan, where he worked in a factory for twenty-five years. He married Ellen Hilliard and had one step-daughter, Adele. He loved to travel and he saw most of the United States. At one time he traveled with a carnival in the eastern states. He retired in 1966 with ill health. He passed away in 1973.

JOSEPH and GERTRUDE MILLER



**Mike, Larry, Joe, Gertrude, Joel
Tim, Mary, Tom**

Joseph Miller, son of Ruches and Lucinda Miller, was born April 2, 1915 on a farm near Clifford, North Dakota. The Millers moved to Galesburg in 1915.

Gertrude Weis, daughter of John and Eva Weis, was born April 17, 1918.

Joseph and Gertrude were married November 5, 1938 in Fargo, North Dakota. They lived in Fargo where Joe worked as a pressman at Knight Printing Company and Pierce Printing Company.

Joe's hobby for several years was his barbecue business. He was sometimes referred to as "The Barbecue King" having designed a mammoth machine that could handle one hundred fifty chickens or twelve hundred pounds of beef at once. He barbecued at several events in North Dakota and some in Minnesota.

They moved to Longview, Washington in 1966, where Joe worked at Columbia Printing Company until 1976 when he retired because of ill health. They returned to Fargo. Gertrude was employed at F.W. Woolworth in Longview and Fargo.

They are parents of five sons and one daughter; Joel and Lawrence of Rosemount, Minnesota, Thomas and Mary of Fargo, Timothy and Michael of Edwardsville, Illinois. There are nineteen grandchildren. Joe died October 1, 1979.

LAWRENCE and RITA MILLER



**Lawrence, Rita, Tammy
Larry, Tawny, Coleen, Terry**

Lawrence Miller, son of Ruches and Lucinda Miller, was born February 19, 1920. He was raised at Galesburg until entering the service at the onset of World War II of which most of this time was spent in the Africa and Italy area. In 1946 he married Rita Sadler and moved to Fargo, North Dakota shortly afterwards. This year will mark thirty-five years of service with the J.C. Penney Company at Fargo. Rita has completed twenty years with Sears Roebuck and Company. They have two children; Terry, who is married and recently transferred to Austin, Texas with IBM Company. Colleen is married and lives close by in Fargo and has a daughter, Tawny, who is three years old.

RUCHES and LUCINDA MILLER



Back: Gladys, Jessie, Sarah, Josephine, Eri, John. Middle: Woodrow, Joseph, Ruches, Sylvester, Lucinda, Frances. Front: Lawrence, Chester.

Ruches Miller was born in Wisconsin, September 25, 1862 where he grew to manhood. He came to Clifford, North Dakota in 1897.

Lucinda Shultz was born in Forest City, Iowa, February 14, 1879 to parents John and Sarah Shultz. Her father was a Civil War veteran. She moved with her parents to Minnesota. They traveled in a covered wagon with a yoke of oxen and a team of horses. It was a three week trip, arriving at her uncle Joe's when she was three months old. They settled at Elmora, Otter Tail County, Minnesota on a homestead. She attended country school. In 1898 she came to Clifford, North Dakota where she worked in the hotel for Julius Erickson.

Ruches and Lucinda were married in Clifford. Reverend Hendrickson officiated. They lived in Clifford after their marriage. Ruches was a wall paper hanger and painter. They later farmed in the Clifford and Blanchard area before moving to Galesburg in 1915 to the "Iver Smith place" now owned by Esther Bring.

Ruches was the Galesburg drayman, painter and paper hanger. Everything was shipped in by rail, so there was much freight to be delivered to the business places. Merchants bought their merchandise from traveling salesmen who traveled with many suitcases and trunks. Mr. Miller hauled these by horses and wagon to and from the depot. Coal was also shipped in. Many box cars of coal were unloaded and delivered, hauling as far out of town as the Julseth School. Many tons of coal were hauled to the Galesburg School. He loaded the coal from the railroad car, weighed at the elevator, hauled the coal to the school, unloaded it into the coal bin and received thirty-five cents a ton. His sons recall helping him when they became old enough to help and riding with him before they were old enough to help. Mr. Miller also unloaded box cars of lumber, delivered it to the lumber yard and unloaded it. During his illness, Mrs. Miller and the boys continued the drayline and also the coal hauling.

In the fall of 1920, they moved into the home they had built where their daughter, Sarah Anderson, now lives.

Ruches died December 5, 1926.

Mrs. Miller supported her family by taking in laundry. She, with the help of her children, carried water for washing. She heated it in a boiler on the cook stove and washed clothes on the scrub board. P and G bar soap was the favorite laundry soap. Water was carried from wells in town. Many tubs of water were



Chester, Viola, Lawrence, Frances, Woodrow, Gladys, Joseph, Sylvester, Jessie, Eri, Sarah.

carried from Butch Johnson's Meat Market. This was soft water from the melted ice that was used to cool the meat. The section crew was good to give her ice every winter. Clean snow was also a good source of wash water. Her charge was fifteen cents a dozen pieces when she washed a family wash and twenty-five cents for washing and ironing them. She washed for several families.

They were parents of thirteen children: Eri, Sarah, Jessie, Gladys, twins John and Josephine, Frances, Sylvester, Joseph, Woodrow, Lawrence, Chester and Viola. All of the children attended the Galesburg School and Presbyterian Sunday School.

The children had fun playing on the vacant lot east of their house, which they called "the big piece." They sold *The Minneapolis Tribune* seven days a week at five cents a copy. They also sold the *Saturday Evening Post* and the *Grit* paper.

Eri, born December 18, 1899, married Mayme McCloud from Milton, North Dakota. They were parents of two sons, Donald Keith and Robert John. For a time Eri lived on a ranch in Montana. He and his second wife, Ellen, lived in Detroit, Michigan where he worked in a factory. He has a step-daughter, Adele. Eri died in 1973.

Sarah, born October 10, 1901, married Andrew Anderson from Galesburg. Andrew died in 1957. Sarah lives in Galesburg in the Miller home.

Jessie, born May 24, 1903, married Rolf Christianson, from Hope, North Dakota. They lived in Lisbon, North Dakota most of their married life, where she presently lives. Rolf was an employee of Otter Tail Power Company. He died in 1958. They had two children, Kathleen (Stillwell) and Keith.

Gladys, born March 20, 1905, married Archie Nelson from Clifford, North Dakota. They lived in Verona and Hillsboro, North Dakota and during World War II they lived in Hastings, Nebraska, where Archie worked on defense work. Archie was injured in a fall. They moved to Fargo, North Dakota. Archie died in 1960 and Gladys in 1976. They were parents of two daughters, Genevieve (Mrs. Richard McFarlane) deceased and LaVaughn (Mrs. Joseph Oliver).

John and Josephine were twins. They were born December 25, 1907. John married Wilma Flach from Sanborn, North Dakota. They lived in Jamestown, North Dakota. He was killed in a car-train accident in 1929. Josephine married George Dick from Clarissa, Minnesota. They lived at Hunter, North Dakota in Oklahoma; Longview, Washington and in Minnesota. Josephine now lives in Clarissa, Minnesota. George worked in a saw mill. He died in 1971. They were parents of three children, Ethel (Mrs. Dominic Spychalla), Stella (Mrs. Erwin Warner) and William.

Frances, born September 25, 1910, married Merl Greely from Argusville, North Dakota. They live in Longview, Washington. Before their retirement, Merl was an employee of the City of Longview and Frances was a Licensed Practical Nurse. They have three living children, Sylvia (Mrs. Jack Leaf), Richard and Donna (Mrs. Leo Gilnett).

Sylvester, born January 27, 1913, married Frances Quiggle from Galesburg. Their home is in Fargo, where Frances still resides. Sylvester died in 1978. He had retired after being employed thirty-eight years at Union Storage and Transfer. Their children are Mary Jane, Dale, Sharon (Mrs. Robert Mueller), Dennis and Carol (Mrs. John Sinner).

Joseph, born April 2, 1915, married Gertrude Weis from Alice, North Dakota. They were parents of five sons and one daughter: Joel, Larry, Tom, Tim, Mike and Mary Lucinda. Joe was a printer. They lived in Fargo, North Dakota; Longview, Washington and returned to Fargo, where Gertrude lives. Joseph died in 1979.

Woodrow, born October 21, 1917, married Rilla Hoffman from Blanchard, North Dakota. They live at Blanchard. They are custodian and hot lunch cook at the Clifford-Galesburg Elementary School at Clifford, North Dakota. They have three daughters, Linda (Mrs. Richard Grotberg), Shirley (Mrs. Larry Godejohn) and Lois (Mrs. Paul Helland).

Lawrence, born February 19, 1920, married Rita Sadler from Regent, North Dakota. They live in Fargo, North Dakota. Lawrence served in the Army with Co. I, 337th Infantry during World War II. His overseas duty was in Italy and was in Austria when the war ended in Europe. Lawrence is employed at J.C. Penney and Rita at Sears Roebuck. They have two children, Terry and Colleen (Mrs. Larry Wadeson).

Chester, born February 7, 1922, married Noreen Knotte from Maddock, North Dakota. Chester was in the Army Air Force in World War II. Chester was a carpenter and they live in Castle Rock, Washington. Their winter home is at Yuma, Arizona. They have three children, Danny, Geraldine (Mrs. Robert Hammer) and Vicki (Mrs. Phil Harrison).

Viola, born December 27, 1925, married Richard Rygh. They live in Galesburg.

Mrs. Miller died August 21, 1965. At the time of her death, she had twelve living children, thirty-one grandchildren and fifty-eight great grandchildren. She was a member of the Presbyterian Church.

SYLVESTER and FRANCES MILLER



Sylvester and Frances

Sylvester Miller, third oldest son of Ruches and Lucinda Miller, was born at Blanchard, North Dakota January 27, 1913. In 1915, he and his family moved to Galesburg where he attended school graduating from high school in 1934.

November 13, 1935 he and Frances Quiggle were married at Hunter, North Dakota. Frances, daughter of George and Clara Quiggle was born at Sabin, Minnesota. The Quiggles moved to the Galesburg area in 1918.

In 1937 Sylvester and Frances moved to Fargo where Frances still resides. Sylvester passed away February 5, 1978.

He had retired from Union Storage and Transfer where he had been employed for thirty-eight years.

Their children are: Mary Jane, Dale, Sharon, Dennis, and Carol.

Mary Jane resides at Villa Marie Nursing Home in Fargo, North Dakota. Dale married Sharon Drugan from Valley City, North Dakota. Dale is employed by the Graco Company in Minneapolis. They live in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota. They have two daughters, Kathy and Kimmy. Sharon married Robert Mueller from Mahanomen, Minnesota. They have three daughters: Kristy, Marcie, and Shelly and one son, Joseph. They live at Monticello, Minnesota where Robert is a high school mathematics teacher. Dennis married Sharon Johnson from Cando, North Dakota. They have two daughters and two sons, Suzanne, Kari, Richard and Steven. Dennis is LSM operator at the Fargo Post Office. Carol married John Sinner of Casselton, North Dakota. John is employed by Adams Moving and Storage. They have a son and daughter, John and Bobbi Jo.

WOODROW and RILLA MILLER



Lois, Shirley, Linda
Woodrow, Rilla

Woodrow Miller, son of Ruches and Lucinda Miller, was born October 21, 1917 in Galesburg.

He and Rilla Hoffman, daughter of Ralph and Hazel Hoffman of Blanchard, North Dakota were married February 14, 1943. They live at Blanchard.

They have three daughters: Linda, Shirley and Lois. The girls were very active in 4-H. They raised and showed Short-horn cattle. They came to Galesburg often to stay with Grandma Miller and also enjoyed Galesburg's skating rink.

Linda married Richard Grotberg of Wimbledon, North Dakota. They have ten children and farm at Wimbledon.

Shirley married Larry Godejohn of Erie, North Dakota. They have three daughters. They own and operate the Silver Moon Resort at Lake Alexander near Lincoln, Minnesota. Larry is also an accountant at a paper mill in Little Falls, Minnesota.

Lois married Paul Helland of Fordville, North Dakota. They farm near Fordville, raising grain and feeding cattle.

GILBERT MOACKRUD

Gilbert Adolph Moackrud passed away at the age of seventy-two. He was a pioneer merchant and banker at Galesburg. Along with his store he had a mortuary. Since there were no hearses at that time the pioneer families used the service of a "democratic buggy" (two seated) drawn by horses.

Mr. and Mrs. Moackrud lived in the house which was later bought by Victor Smith. He sold it to Almer Satrom and the present occupants are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gisvold.

Maockruds had three children: Vera, Grace, and Bjorkum.

Vera married H.T. Kraabel of Clifford.

Grace married A.R. Baumann.

Bjorkum was never married. He met an accidental death.

ED and OLINE MOE



Ed and Oline Moe

Oline Olstad Moe was born June 23, 1882 of parents, John Olstad and Marit Satrom Olstad. She received her early education in the country school, then graduated from Bruflat Academy, Red Wing Seminary and Grand Forks University. She married Ed Moe August 31, 1909 and both taught school at Brocket, North Dakota.

Ed Moe was born at Reynolds, North Dakota February 28, 1882 of parents, Mr. and Mrs. O.T. Moe. The family later moved to McIntosh, Minnesota. Ed Moe attended Bruflat Academy at Portland, Park Region College at Fergus Falls, Minnesota and graduated from Decorah, Iowa in 1906.

When they returned to the Galesburg area from Brocket, North Dakota, Ed was employed at the Galesburg State Bank until it closed in 1930. He was employed as postmaster until his death in 1935. Ed was president of the Commercial Club, chairman of the Galesburg Red Cross, secretary-treasurer and director of Galesburg Farmers Elevator, school director, township justice, and trustee of the Lutheran Church.

Ed and Oline had four children: Anne, Josephine, Joel, and Molfred.

Oline was church organist at Elm River Lutheran Church and was Sunday School teacher for several generations of families in the area. In later years she was postmistress of the Galesburg Post Office.

Oline passed away December 4, 1965.

Anna Moe, born June 4, 1910, graduated from Galesburg High School and Concordia College, going to South Dakota schools to teach home economics. She married Robert Adam who was a North Dakota State University graduate. He farmed at Cooperstown and was in the implement business with his brother-in-law, Joel Moe, after being county agent in Adams County. They now reside at Merced, California.

Josephine was born November 3, 1912 and passed away January 20, 1913.

Joel Moe was born May 22, 1915. After completing high school in Galesburg, he attended Concordia College. He taught school a few years at Woodworth, North Dakota. He served as Major in the United States Air Force for five years. He married Joyce Tang in 1948. In 1980 he retired after twenty-three years in the insurance business. His hobbies and interests are woodworking, gardening, golf, and fishing. They presently reside at Alexandria, Minnesota.

Molfred was born January 3, 1918. She graduated from Galesburg High School, North Dakota State University, and earned her masters in home economics from Colorado State University. She was State Home Economics Supervisor in Missoula, Montana, where she met and married Warren Amale. They later moved to Great Falls, Montana. Molfred was also in military service before her marriage, in the United States Naval Reserve for two years. She passed away April 1964.

IVER and CARRIE MOE



Iver and Carrie Moe

Iver was born near Stjordal, Norway in 1889. His father died when he was four years of age. So at an early age he left home and worked on a ship for several years. At the age of twenty-one he came to his sister's place near Ortley, South Dakota. Then on to Cloquet, Minnesota where he worked in a creamery with his brother-in-law. Later he came to Galesburg and worked in the creamery until 1914 when he married Carrie Kvam. Then they started farming in Broadlawn Township, Steele County. In 1920, they moved back to a farm one and a half miles east of Galesburg (the old Olof Moe farm). In 1932 they moved to Carrie's old home, the Hans Kvam farm, living there until their deaths. Iver died August 1, 1944 and Carrie

died March 28, 1965. They had one daughter, Grace, who still lives on the home farm.

Carrie was born on her mother's homestead and lived most of her life there with the exception of eighteen years when they lived near Hope, North Dakota and east of Galesburg.

JOHN and INGRID MOE



John and Ingrid Moe

Oluf Moe, born in 1837 at Trondheim, Norway and died in 1929 at Galesburg. He came to North Dakota in 1880. He was married to Anna L., who was born in 1844 in Norway and died in 1925 at Galesburg. They were the parents of John A. Moe (baptized Joachim), who was born at Stordalen, Norway, in 1868. John and two brothers, Martin and Ludwig, came to the U.S. in 1884 or 1886 with their mother and the grandmother, Oluf's mother, Mete Oleson. The Oluf Moe's farm was one mile east and one-half mile north of Galesburg. They later lived in town. The farm house is now the original structural part of the Orville Severs' farm home. In 1896 John A. Moe married Ingrid Groven, who was born in 1877 in Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, and died in 1951 at Galesburg. Ingrid and the Groven family came to North Dakota about 1892. The parents were Haagen Avleson Jetshjelden, who was born in 1827 at Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway and died in 1915 at Galesburg, and Mari Jensdatter Skukstad, who was born in 1836 at Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway and died in 1920 at Galesburg. The John A. Moe farm is the present Alf Johnson farm. The house was built about 1913 after the family had lived in a smaller house for several years. When they excavated to build the barn, they found several Indian artifacts and felt they may have disturbed an Indian burial mound. They retired from farming in 1943 and moved to Galesburg. John died in 1945 and Ingrid in 1951. Their children are Alice Marie (1910) and Joseph Ingeman (1907).

Ingrid and her family included brothers Ole Groven (1862-1942) who lived on Oscar Groven's farm; Mattias H. Groven (1871-1925); and one other brother; and a sister Anne, (1874-1947) who married John Gisvold (1872-1962). The Grovens probably came to the U.S. in 1892 and settled in the Galesburg area and changed the family name from Jetshjelden to Groven.

THE MARTIN MOE FAMILY



Back: Doris, Martin, Tilman
Front: Agnes, Lillian, Anna

Martin Moe was a son of Oluf and Anna L. Moe and came to the Galesburg area from Norway in 1884 or 1886 with his mother, grandmother (Mete Oleson) and two brothers, John A. and Ludwig. He married Anna Skatvold and there were four children. They were Agnes Moe Gruman; Doris (Mrs. Herbert Hanson) and Lillian (Mrs. Blair Rixon), all of whom made their homes in California; and Tilman, who lives with his wife, Helen, in Minneapolis.

While in Galesburg, Martin worked at the elevator and the family lived in what is now Sigrid Landet's house. The family moved to Dickinson around 1910 where Martin worked at an elevator until his retirement. Anna died there in 1932. Several of his later years were spent in California. Martin died about 1965.

THE LUDWIG MOE FAMILY

Ludwig Moe was a son of Oluf and Anna L. Moe and came to the Galesburg area from Norway in 1884 or 1886. Ludwig left Galesburg as a young man and not much is known about him or his family except that he settled around Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

ARTHUR and AGNES MOEN



Arthur and Agnes Moen
August 1925

Arthur Moen was born at Galesburg on July 24, 1904 to Ole and Inga Moen. He attended a rural school located on the northeast corner of the Julseth section. Art also attended the Bruflat Academy at Portland, North Dakota and high school at New Salem, North Dakota.

Agnes Tangen was born March 25, 1900 at Bagley, Minnesota. Around 1905 her family moved to Park River, North Dakota making the trip in a covered wagon. Later they returned to Bagley and Agnes' father would go to North Dakota to work during the harvest season. It was during this time that Agnes came to work for the Ness family at Clifford (now the Art Martin farm).

Art and Agnes were married at the Ole Moen farm on August 3, 1925. They lived there until 1947 when they moved into Galesburg. They were active members of Stordahl Church. Art was also on the Galesburg elevator board, did well drilling and crop adjusting for the Traill County A.S.C.S. They had two daughters: Irene (1926) and June (1939). Irene attended rural school #4 northeast of Galesburg. In 1946 she married Martin Vos. They bought the farm from Art and Agnes and lived there until they moved to Fargo in 1969. They have three daughters. June graduated from Galesburg High School and joined the United States Air Force. After living in California for many years, June now lives in Missouri. She has five children.

Art died in February of 1966. Agnes moved to Fargo in 1970 to live with Irene and Martin.

DALE and MOLLIE MOEN



Back: Debra Moen Pladson, Devanee Pladson, Brad Pladson, Paul Moen, Jan Moen. Front: Darla Moen, Danielle Pladson, Dale Moen, Mollie Moen, Roger Moen.

Dale Moen, son of Otto and Emma Moen attended school at Galesburg No. 4 for 8 years. He graduated from Galesburg school with the class of 1949. He married Molfrid (Mollie) Smith on June 1, 1952. They have farmed on the Otto Moen farm east of Galesburg since their marriage.

Mollie, daughter of Anna and Melvin Smith, attended school at Galesburg graduating with the class of 1948. She attended the St. Joseph School of Nursing in Fargo graduating in the class of 1951.

Dale and Mollie have four children: Debra Moen Pladson who resides at Oakes, North Dakota, Roger who attended school at Clifford-Galesburg graduating in the class of 1974 and

later attending the State School of Science. He now resides near Galesburg and farms with his dad and brother; Paul who lives near Galesburg, and Darla a student at Clifford-Galesburg High School.

DONALD and CONNIE MOEN



Damon, Darren, Connie, Donald

Connie Moen, daughter of Howard and Edith Satrom was born July 3, 1948. She attended school at Clifford-Galesburg and then Wahpeton State School of Science and graduated from the Dental Hygiene Program.

She married Donald Moen of Clifford, North Dakota on June 30, 1968. They reside in Fargo, North Dakota at 187 Prairiewood Drive. They are parents of two boys, Damon Ray, age thirteen and Darren Lee, age ten.

Connie is employed as a Dental Hygienist for Drs. Hagen and Joyce of Fargo. Donald is self-employed and operates Dakota Machine Tool Company at Fargo, North Dakota.

JAMES and SUSAN MOEN



James and Susan Moen
Jessica Sue and Eric

James Wilmer Moen and Susan Key Athen were married on September 27, 1975 in the Church of Peace in Saint Cloud, Minnesota.

James, the son of Wilmer and Junelle Moen of Galesburg, was born March 5, 1952. He was educated in the Galesburg

School and graduated from the Oak Grove High School. He attended the Brown Institute of Broadcasting in Minneapolis and after graduating was employed for a time by the television studios in Miles City and Glendive, Montana. For the past five years he has been employed by television studio KUMV at Williston, North Dakota, where he is now the chief engineer.

Susan, daughter of Dick and Eileen Athen of Saint Cloud, Minnesota, was born on June 23, 1951. She was educated in the public schools and graduated from Saint Cloud Technical High School. After graduation she was employed by the Prudential Life Insurance Company in Minneapolis for five years.

They lived for a time in Glendive, Montana, then in September of 1976 moved to Williston where they continue to reside. Sue was employed for a time by the Dresser Atlas Oil Well Testing Company as a secretary but has retired to be home with their children; Eric James, born August 28, 1977, and Jessica Sue, born October 14, 1980.

Along with his work at the television studio, Jim is a dealer in Conklin Products, a job he enjoys. They are members of the Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Williston.

JOSEPH and ALICE MOEN



Back: Marilyn, Douglas, Naomi
Front: Joseph and Alice Moen

Joseph Martin Moen married Alice Marie Moe in June, 1934. They farmed until October 1935, when he was appointed postmaster in Galesburg and they moved to town. In 1944, he became Rural Mail Carrier which he served until he retired in 1973. Alice was his substitute carrier for twenty-one years.

Their parents were born in Norway and came to the Galesburg area as young adults. The Ole Moens, married in 1888, lived east of Galesburg, with three daughters and four sons. Joseph was the youngest, born in 1906. He attended local schools as well as schools in Portland and LaMoure, staying with sisters for a time. He graduated from LaMoure High School, attended Mayville College and then began farming.

John Moe and Ingrid Groven were married in 1896 and farmed two miles south and two miles west of Galesburg. Their son, Joseph, was born in 1907 and Alice was born in 1910. They attended the Page Township grade school and in 1922

they entered Galesburg High School. In 1925, Alice graduated and received a four year scholarship to Jamestown College and she received her B.A. in 1929 with an English major. She taught at the secondary level for several years including Silverton, Colorado, and Gammett, Idaho, before her marriage in 1934. Joseph Moe attended a business school in Fargo and was a salesman. He married Dorothy Scott at Harwood, North Dakota, and they have now retired to Moorhead, Minnesota.

The Joseph Moen's have four children, Ina Marilyn born 1935 and married to Philip Carl Henry, Larry Dean born 1940 and died in infancy, Naomi Charlene born 1949 married to Craig Christensen and Douglas Owen born 1953 married to Linda Paulette Satrom. After attending the local schools, Marilyn received her B.S. from Mayville State, Naomi received her B.A. from the University of Alaska, and Doug received his B.A. from North Dakota State University. There are nine grandchildren.

OLE and BERET MOEN



Ole Olson Moen Family
Back: Aleda, Otto, B. Marie, Olga
Front: Ole Ol Moen, Arthur, Joseph, Arthur, Ingrid

Ole Makalran Olson and Beret (Bertha) Henderson, born in 1836 at Gudbrandsdalen, Norway and died in 1924 at Galesburg, were the parents of Ole Olson (Makalran) Moen. He was born in 1861 in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway and died in 1943 at Galesburg. Ole came to the United States in 1881 and homesteaded in Steele County near Michael Workin's present farmstead. He added Moen to his name to cut down on confusion with the many other Olson families. Ole was married in 1888 at Moorhead to Inga Pauline Peterson, born in 1863 at Oslo, Norway and died in 1927 at Galesburg. Her parents were Per Moller and Ingeborg, born at Ostre Aker, Norway. They both died while quite young. Inga came to the United States and worked in Moorhead at a hotel belonging to James J. Hill. Following the 1888 marriage two daughters were born at the Steele County homestead. In 1895 the family moved to the Elm River tree claim farm where the large farm house was built in 1896. Seven more children were born to the couple. They were B. Marie, Olga, Aleda, Otto, Arthur, Hilmer, Oskar, Henry, and Joseph.

Ole Olson Moen spent the remainder of his life, 1895-1943, farming the Elm River farmstead, (now the Gary Halvorson farm), three miles east and one and one-half mile north and

a half mile west of Galesburg. He served as a state legislator for two terms before 1920. He and his wife made a trip to Norway in 1914.

Ole Moen was a member of the school board for over thirty years and they were active in the Stordahl Lutheran Church.

OTTO MOEN FAMILY



Otto Moen Family
Back: Emlyn, Wilmer, Orin, Ivy
Front: Otto, Dale, Ethel, Emma

Otto Moen, the oldest son and fourth child in the family of Ole and Inga Moen, was born on the Moen farm in Galesburg Township in 1899. He was educated in a rural school and also attended the Bruflat Academy at Portland, North Dakota. Otto started farming during the depression years and was a farmer all of his adult life.

Emma Tholen, daughter of Andrew and Marie Tholen, of Audubon, Minnesota, who had emigrated from Norway and Sweden, was born in 1901, the second to the youngest in a family of ten children. She was educated in the rural schools near Audubon. Otto and Emma were joined in marriage on September 13, 1920 at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. They moved in 1921 to the new home which they had built near Galesburg, where they continued to reside during the thirty-four years they were engaged in farming. They retired in 1953 and moved into Galesburg.

Seven children were born to them: Orin, Wilmer, Ivy (Mrs. Rudy Harstad), Emlyn, (Mrs. Neil Haakenson), Dale, Richard (passed away in infancy) and Ethel (Mrs. Dale Haakenson). There are twenty-five grandchildren and twenty-one great grandchildren.

Otto and Emma were members of the Stordahl church, rural Galesburg, where Otto was instrumental in the major remodeling undertaken by the congregation in 1948, along with many others. He was also the first Traill County commissioner elected from the Galesburg area and served on many other boards in the community, among them the school board. He was a member when the new gymnasium was built.

Otto was a person who enjoyed fishing very much and enjoyed going to the Lake of the Woods with his friends Clarence Haakenson, Rev. Manley Gjerde and his brother Arthur.

Otto passed away on March of 1954, after suffering a heart attack at his home. Emma continues to reside in her own home in Galesburg, where she takes a very active interest in the church and community.

PAUL and JAN MOEN



Paul and Jan Moen

Paul David Moen (born May 30, 1958; son of Dale and Mollie Moen) married Jan Lorene Halvorson (born January 10, 1957; daughter of Loren and Ardis Halvorson) on June 30, 1979 at Galesburg. They first resided at the Charlie Eberle farm and now live in their home outside of Galesburg.

Both Paul and Jan graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1976 and 1975 respectively. Paul attended State School of Science and Jan graduated in 1979 from Mayville State College with a B.S. in English and Elementary Education.

Paul owns and operates Cheapo Car Wash which he built in June of 1980. It is located on the old Anna Paulson lot on the outskirts of Galesburg. Paul also farms with his father and brother.

WILMER and JUNELLE MOEN



Back: David Holman, Wilmer, Junelle, James
Front: Jennifer, Vicki, Maressa Holman, Heather Holman, Eric, Susan

Wilmer Bertram Moen, second child of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Moen, was born on their farm near Galesburg on July 3, 1923. He was educated in the country school near home and was graduated from the Galesburg High School. He was engaged in farming with his family and later with his brother Dale. Wilmer and Junelle Claire Anderson, fourth child of Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson of rural Hunter, were married on October 17,



Jessica

1948 in the First Lutheran Church in Hunter. Junelle had attended the Greenfield school and was graduated from the Hunter High School. They moved to the farm near Galesburg, in Dows Township, where they resided during the thirty years of their marriage. Three children were born to them, Vicki Lee, (Mrs. Dave Holman), who resides on a farm near Clifford with her husband and two children, Heather Marie, twelve years and Marissa Lee, three years old. Vicki is employed as a nurse at the Union Hospital at Mayville.

James Wilmer, married to the former Susan Athen of St. Cloud, Minnesota resides near Williston with his family, where he is employed as the chief engineer at TV station KUMV. They are the parents of two children, Eric James, three years and Jessica Sue, nine months old. Jennifer Kay, who will be a junior in the high school at Galesburg, resides at home with her mother.

During the years Wilmer and Junelle were actively engaged in farming, Wilmer served on many boards in the community and also took a very active part in the Stordahl church, where the family is members and where he was raised and confirmed. He served for a time as the president of the congregation. After an illness of two years, Wilmer passed on January 28, 1979. Junelle and Jennifer continue to reside on the family farmstead.

Wilmer, like his father, was an avid fisherman and enjoyed going to the Minnesota lakes and the Lake of the Woods in Canada as often as he could.

ROBERT and MARTHA MORRIS



Delbert, Ragna, Helen, Horatio, Anna, Gordon

Robert Morris came from Ontario, Canada to homestead on the Glen farm in 1880.

Robert was born July 1857. His wife, Martha, was born in the state of New York in June 1862. Her family moved to Ontario where she met Mr. Morris and joined him in 1888 on Glenfarm, which is now occupied by Orville and Willis Paulson.

Three children were born to them: Anna, April 2, 1889; Delbert, February, 1892; Horatio, November 29, 1898.

Anna attended country school and went for one year in Galesburg. She also studied music for one term at North Dakota State University. She married Gordon Jefferson. They lived for a while at Larimore, North Dakota where he farmed for two years. They moved to Galesburg in 1942 in the old Whittemore house. Anna was Sunday School teacher and Superintendent besides being organist in the Presbyterian Church. She entertained her classes with picnics on the Willow Farm near her home. Gordon and Annie were loved by everyone being Grandma and Grandpa to all the children in the neighborhood. They loved to go fishing but never went without having some children or friends along. Gordon and Annie both passed away in 1979 only a few months apart.

Delbert married Ragna Ordahl from Grafton. She taught school for several years. She was an exceptional primary teacher. Many of the children at that time could not speak English and Miss Ordahl could communicate with them. She taught the vowels by naming them as fairies that would make different sounds. She was a very friendly person and would walk home with the pupils, picking wild flowers on the way. Their courtship lasted for many years as Ragna felt it her duty to stay with her mother. They did marry while her mother was living. Delbert passed away in 1944 and Ragna moved back to Grafton with her mother.

Horatio Morris married Helen McKee in 1922. They had a daughter Patricia. They farmed and lived on the place where Marty and Jane Murch reside at present and Hilbert Satrom farms. It is still owned by their daughter, Patricia.

Patricia married Charles Gisvold. They bought the Ole Lande store and lived in the Ole Lande house until the store burned. The house was sold to Ray Olstads and they moved to Coeur d'Alene, Idaho where they still reside.

Horatio passed away in May 1970. Helen also moved out to Idaho where she married N.P. Nelson.

STAN and ARLENE MORRISON

Arlene Marjorie Gorum, eldest daughter of Moritz and Agnes Gorum, grew up on her parents farm in Greenfield Township. She received her education in the Greenfield and Hunter High School in 1948. Arlene was confirmed in the Stordahl Lutheran Church.

Stan Morrison of Cavalier, North Dakota and Arlene Gorum were married in Stordahl Church in 1955.

They are the parents of two sets of twins and three more children so they have a family of seven. Kevin married Suzi Hopp of Columbus, Ohio and they are parents of a daughter, JoAnna. They now reside at Dallas, Texas. Kerry married Pam O'Hara of Columbus, Ohio. They reside at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Kendall lives at Lake Oswego, Oregon. Kay



Back: Blair, Kendall, Stan, Arlene, Bradley
Front: Bryan, Kay, Kevin, Kerry

married Bill Webb Jr. of Columbus, Ohio. They live at Findlay, Ohio. Bradely is a graduate of Marshall University, West Virginia. Brian is going to Ohio State in Columbus, Ohio, and Blair is attending the Ohio Wesleyan, Delaware, Ohio.

Stan and Arlene have lived in Fargo, North Dakota, Columbus, Ohio and now reside at Geneva, Illinois.

ANTON and JOHANNA MYKLAND



The Mykland Family



Anna, Olaf, Jennie
Anton, Johanna Mykland

Anton and Johanna Mykland immigrated from Norfjord, Norway to the United States in 1893 and came to Galesburg, North Dakota with four children Martha, Axel, Anna, and Olaf. Jennie was born in Galesburg, North Dakota. All were confirmed in Elm River Lutheran church. Anton worked on the railroad for many years. Axel and Olaf served in the Army in World War I. Anna attended Mayville Normal and the A.C. in Fargo and taught school for eight years in different area schools. The Mykland family have been residents of Galesburg, North Dakota for 88 years in the same home with Anna and Jennie still residing there.

TORGUS and KAREN MYKLAND



Torgus and Karen Mykland

Karen Groven, daughter of Ole and Marit Groven, was born on the Groven farm near Galesburg May 29, 1892. Torgus Mykland was born April 13, 1879.

He was a Norwegian Parochial School teacher in the Galesburg Clifford area.

They were married October 1910 and the marriage ended in tragedy in less than a year, when she died from a ruptured appendix.

Karen died August 3, 1911 at the age of nineteen and Torgus died December 3, 1911 at the age of thirty-two.

ARCHIE and GLADYS NELSON



Gladys, LaVaughn, Genevieve, Archie

Gladys Miller, daughter of Ruches and Lucinda Miller was born March 20, 1906 at Clifford, North Dakota. The Millers moved to Galesburg in 1915.

Archie Nelson, son of August and Anna Nelson of Clifford, North Dakota was born October 9, 1898.

Gladys and Archie were married January 27, 1925. They were parents of two daughters; Genevieve (Mrs. Richard McFarlane) and Vernetta LaVaughn (Mrs. Joseph Oliver).

They lived in Verona, Clifford, and Hillsboro, North Dakota, before moving to Hastings, Nebraska, where Archie worked in defense work. They returned to North Dakota and lived in Fargo.

Archie died August 21, 1960. Gladys died November 16, 1976. Genevieve died in 1974.

There are twelve grandchildren and eight great grandchildren.

CLARENCE and KAREN NELSON

Karen Thompson, daughter of Anton and Jordice Thompson, grew up on her parents farm between Hunter and Galesburg. She attended the Galesburg School.

She married Clarence Nelson, son of Edward and Alma Nelson, of Gary, Minnesota. They are parents of three sons and one daughter; Galen, Dalen, Clarence Jr. and Cindy.

They live in Portland, North Dakota and Clarence is employed as a diesel mechanic at State Oil and Auto Co. in Hunter, North Dakota.

HERMAN and GLADYS NELSON



**Arlis, Harriet, Lyle, Cheryl
Herman and Gladys Nelson**

Herman was born May 24, 1904, to Ole H. and Olava Nelson, in Steele County near Hatton, and was a member of Little Forks Lutheran Church.

Gladys was born March 25, 1917, to Harry and Anne Olson in Gervais Township, Plummer, Minnesota, moving to the Galesburg Community in 1920. They were married in 1944. Their children are Harriet, Arlis, Lyle, and Cheryl. They all attended Clifford-Galesburg School. Harriet graduating in 1962, Arlis in 1964, and Lyle in 1968. All are married. Harriet and Arlis live at Grand Rapids, Michigan area. Lyle and Cheryl are in Fargo.

Herman and Gladys' farm, five miles east of Galesburg, was purchased in 1946 with the help of a F.H.A. loan. Herman's one requirement for getting the loan was to throw a grenade in the old out-house and build a new one. This was done immediately.

This farm was well known as the Louie Stockmoe farm in those days. It had lots of fences, buried in sand ridges and big sloughs. Soon after the purchase Herman and the Olson Brothers renovated the old buildings except the barn which was painted red and a new granary was built. The house was put on a new foundation and basement and completely rebuilt and modernized. In 1948 the R.E.A. brought electric power to the place. In 1960 an attached garage was built onto the house and in 1964 a quonset was built.

Herman was also engaged in carpentry besides farming. They retired in 1968 and moved to Fargo where they have lived since.

They are members of Stordahl Lutheran Church, also members of Galesburg American Legion and Auxiliary Post #210.

LEON and INEZ NELSON



Leon, Roy, Kandiss, Inez, Sandra, and Jody

Leon Nelson and wife Inez began farming in the Galesburg Community in 1963. They purchased the farm belonging to her father and mother, Albert and Ida Amb.

Leon Nelson was born September 2, 1932 to August and Cora Nelson at rural Portland, North Dakota. Inez was born at Page, North Dakota on June 23, 1935 to Albert and Ida Amb.

Leon and Inez were married at the Elm River Church in Galesburg in 1955. Previous to coming to the farm at Galesburg, Leon worked as a meat cutter, butcher, and construction worker. The Nelson's have four children: Sandra, Kandiss, Roy, and Jody. Sandra and Kandiss are presently employed and living in Elko, Nevada. Both are graduates of Valley City State College. Roy and Jody reside at home and attend Clifford-Galesburg School. Kandiss married James McVey III in June 1981.

GUNNARD and ELLEN NESS



Gunnard and Ellen (Satrom) Ness

Ellen was born April 13, 1930 to Peter and Nora Satrom. She attended schools at Broadlawn Number Five in Steele County, and graduated in 1948 from Galesburg High School and from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing as a registered nurse in 1952. She worked in hospitals in St. Paul, Fergus Falls, and Fargo, including nine years at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Fargo.

In 1953 she was married to Martin C. Keller and they had two children. Dean Michael was married to Cathy Nygard and are living in Fargo. They have two boys, Michael and Corey. Dean works at the Veteran's Administration Hospital and as a musician in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Cathy works at St. John's Hospital in Fargo as a Licensed Practical Nurse.

Sandra Lee married Dean Sauvageau and they are living in Christine, North Dakota. They have three children: Nicole, Todd, and Jill. Dean works at Nash Finch in Fargo.

Ellen is presently married to Gunnard Ness and is living in Fordville, North Dakota where Gunnard has a printing and publishing business.

MARVIN and MILDRED NICKELSON

Mildred Kyllo was born May 20, 1925 near Granville, North Dakota. At the age of three she came with her parents to the Galesburg area. She attended school in Galesburg, graduating in 1943 and was confirmed in the Norman Lutheran Church of Clifford, North Dakota. She graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota and taught school in Galesburg, Hanley Falls, Minnesota, and Langford, South Dakota. On December 31, 1950, she married Marvin Nickelson. She is teaching English and Mathematics for seventh grade in the Langford Junior High School and is organist in the Falnes and Langford Lutheran Churches. They have two sons, Gerald and Dennis, and four grandsons.

ALBERT and MARY NORBY

Albert and Mary Norby were lifelong residents of the Galesburg area.

Albert was born August 14, 1886 to Anton and Martha Norby two miles east of Galesburg and Mary was born January 15, 1890 to John and Emma Stockmoe on a farm between Hunter and Galesburg.



Mary and Albert Norby

Albert and Mary went to school together and during their courtship Albert would many times walk the six or seven miles to see Mary and maybe play a baseball game and then walk home again.

The two were united in marriage July 7, 1909 in Hunter, North Dakota. After their marriage, they moved to a farm one mile east and one-half mile south of Galesburg, where they resided as a couple until Albert's death in May of 1964.

They were both active in many community affairs. They belonged to the Elm River Lutheran Church and took part in the many church organizations. Mary belonged to the Elm River Homemakers Club for many years. Albert was well known for his threshing crew which he took from farm to farm helping with many harvests. Even after retiring from a lifetime of farming, you could see them at many a basketball game at home or away. They were always interested in people. Albert enjoyed his violin, even playing for social events in the community.

After almost twenty years of marriage, Mary Ann, their only child, was born on May 14, 1929, bringing them much happiness. Mary Ann went through her school days in Galesburg and after two years at Concordia College and one year at Interstate Business College, she was united in marriage to Gordon Johnson of Lansford, North Dakota on September 27, 1952. To this union were born five children: Rick, Scott and Mary of West Fargo, Christy (Mrs. Wayne Underlee) of Hendrum, Minnesota and Dan of Phoenix, Arizona. After living in Bisbee, Inkster, Shelly and Gardner, they settled in West Fargo in 1963. Gordon passed away after some years of illness in May 1974.

Mary also settled in West Fargo after being alone four years on the farm following Albert's passing. Mary passed away in May of 1971.

ALVIN NORBY

Alvin Norby was born in 1891. He was raised by his grandparents, Anton and Martha Norby. Alvin farmed for some years near Galesburg and north of Clifford. He also worked on different farms in the area. Alvin passed away in the Luther Memorial Home of Mayville, North Dakota in 1969.

ANTON and MARTHA NORBY

Anton Norby was born in 1850, in Hedemarken, Norway. At the age of seventeen he left Norway to come to America. Coming by sailboat it took seven weeks to reach Quebec. From



Martha Norby

Quebec he moved to Madison, Wisconsin. It was at Madison that Anton met and married Martha Hanson. Martha was also born in Norway, coming to America as a young girl.

Anton and Martha made their home in Madison for six years, where they share cropped farming. Ole Norby, Anton's brother, had already homesteaded in Norway Township, near Hillsboro, so Anton and his family decided to make the move there also. Coming by railroad the journey was long with many hardships. Anton, Martha and family brought with them three horses, a wagon, three cows, a walking plow, and a corn planter. Arriving at Hillsboro, they had to cross the Red River to get to his brother Ole's place. This was a bit difficult as there were no bridges at that time.

From Hillsboro, Anton moved his family and belongings to the Galesburg area where he took a homestead claim two miles east and one-half mile north. They built a small-fourteen by twenty-two foot single wall house with an attic. A small shed type barn was built for the horses and cows. Anton broke six acres of sod with his horses and plow and sowed this into wheat. There were no harrows in those days, so Anton used brush from the river, pulling it over the ground to smooth it. There was no place to market this wheat crop; so it was sacked and hauled to Casselton to be milled into flour. This trip would often take two weeks.

The winters in Dakota were very cold with lots of snow. The wind would blow and often drift the snow to completely cover the small house. The attic window was then used to get outside so they could shovel their door open. It was at one of these fierce storms that Anton had made his way to the barn to feed the horses and cows. While there, the storm grew so severe he had to spend three days in the barn living on cows milk. The early homesteaders lacked the tree protection we now have, thus the snow would blow and make drifts so hard they would carry horses and sled.

Anton accumulated five quarters of land after settling his claim. He and Martha lived on this homestead until his death in 1909 at the age of fifty-nine years. Martha continued to live on there with a son, Herman and a daughter, (Mrs. John Lertald) and her family until her death in 1932. Five children were born to them. Twin daughters, Elizabeth (Mrs. Ed Alberts), and Mary, (Mrs. Mackentaush), Betsy, (Mrs. John Lertald), Herman, and Albert. The Norbys were early members of the Stordahl Church.

HERMAN NORBY

Herman Norby, son of Anton and Mary Norby, was born in 1881 in Wisconsin. He farmed with his father for many years. After his father's death he remained living with his mother until her death. Herman and his nephew, Alvin, moved to the southeast edge of Galesburg where he lived until his death in 1955. Herman liked photography and owned a good camera which he was proud of. He not only took some unusual pictures but he developed them also.

HARRY and ANNIE OLSON



Harry and Annie Olson Family

Left to right, back row: Sigvard, Eleanor (Mrs. Julius Amb), Arnold, Gladys (Mrs. Herman Nelson) and Vernon. Seated: Annie, Viola (Mrs. Wayne Vigen) and Harry.

Harry Olson was born in Ottertail County, Minnesota, September 4, 1883, moving to Plummer, Minnesota as a young boy. He lived there with his dad, two sisters and one brother after the death of his mother. He came to North Dakota in 1910 to seek work as a young man, working on Bonanza farms in Traill County.

Annie was born May 12, 1890 on the Severson place southeast of Galesburg. As a girl, she worked in cook cars during the busy farming seasons and also worked for the Gales in Hunter. They were married in 1912 and after a year moved to Plummer, Minnesota where they lived until 1920 when they moved back to the Galesburg community. They lived three quarters of a mile east of the Greenfield school, before moving to where Chester Olson lives now.

Harry died October 23, 1966 and Annie died November 16, 1971.

KENNETH and LOUELLA OLSON

Kenneth Olson was born December 30, 1925 at Blanchard, North Dakota. Louella Jean Hein was born September 16, 1926 at Huron, South Dakota. They were married at Ada, Minnesota October 11, 1947.

In 1948 they moved to Galesburg, North Dakota, residing in the Fred Pratt house. While in Galesburg, Kenneth worked as an auto mechanic at the Galesburg Garage. In 1953 they moved to rural Moorhead where Kenneth is at present an auto mechanic at Jay Davis Chevrolet, Moorhead. Louella is a clerk at the Ben Franklin Store, Moorhead, Minnesota.

Five children were born to them: Gerald Kenneth, born July 30, 1948; Stephanie Jean, born October 3, 1949; Wayne



**Alan, Kenneth, Louella, Roger
Jerry, Stephanie, Wayne**

Douglas, born December 27, 1950; Roger Allan, born April 27, 1952; Alan Dean, born June 16, 1954.

Kenneth and Louella have six grandchildren.

Some of our fond memories of Galesburg are of helping Mike Smith build his raft, which he named "Anna-Mike", and the fishing trips made with it. Playing Bingo and dancing at the Legion Hall was always fun. Another memory we have is as our son Roger was being baptized by Rev. Ylvisaker in Elm River Lutheran Church the fire alarm rang and all the men left church. It was a grass fire by Erick Gisvold's house.

MAGNUS and MARITH OLSON



Magnus, Marith, and Ingaborg Olson

Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Olson came here from Skatvold, Norway. Jorgen Anderson's, who lived in Hunter, had gone back to Norway for a visit and they brought Magnus Olson's and their 5 year old daughter back to America with them. They stayed with Jorgen Anderson's for a while and both parties later moved to Galesburg.

Magnus Olson had a shoe repair shop until retirement. He had a shop in a building by his own home. Marian Hochgraber, as a granddaughter, can remember their family always had their shoes in good repair. Their grandpa was a very neat shoe repair man.

Magnus and Marith had one daughter, Ingaborg Larson. They lost a son in infancy in Norway.

Marith took care of children for different people and one girl, who had lost her mother when she was 2 years old was left with the Olson's by her dad when he was out working. He never came to get her and never paid for her keep so she was raised by the Olson's.

The Magnus Olsons were the only parents she ever remembered. Her surname was Olson also, so she carried the same name.

This girl was Albina Olson who later became Mrs. Henry Janson.

Marith Olson ran a boarding house and was a midwife. She welcomed a goodly number of babies into the world all around the country of Galesburg.

Marith became crippled up with rheumatism and sat in a chair for about eight years before her death in 1927. Magnus Olson lived to the ripe old age of 91 years. He passed on in 1955.

ALVIN and ANNIE OLSTAD



Alvin and Annie Olstad



Sandra, John, Alvin, Annie, James, Marjorie

Alvin Godtfried Olstad was born to parents John and Marit Olstad on July 3, 1903. He attended elementary school near the home farm. He worked on his father's farm until his marriage to Annie Marie Haugan on November 29, 1927. They lived in St. Paul, Minnesota the first nine months of their marriage, where Alvin worked in a refrigerator factory. Returning to Galesburg, they farmed the Aasen farm five and one half

miles northwest of Galesburg. Two years later they moved to the Thore Olstad farm three miles west of town and have resided there since, except for three years in Galesburg.

Annie was born September 3, 1907 to John W. and Annie Haugan on the farm ten and one half mile east of Hope. She graduated from the elementary school nearby and attended two years of high school in Fargo and completed high school and three months of college at Mayville Normal School (now Mayville State College). She taught school until their marriage.

To Alvin and Annie four children were born: Marjorie Ardelle (Anderson), John Arland, James Orelle, and Sandra Camille (Bring).

Alvin's interests are in farm work, Annie's are reading, sewing, embroidery, crocheting and her first love as of now is sewing quilts for World Relief.

DONALD and JANICE OLSTAD



Back: Peggy, Kathy and Donna
Front: Donald, Matthew and Janice

Donald Jerome (Doc) was born on the home farm in Cass County on April 22, 1939 to Pauli and Alma Olstad. Donald has four sisters, Helen, Sylvia, Marcy, and Connie, and one brother, Douglas.

Donald attended Broadlawn County School his first and second year and then was transferred to Galesburg, completing high school in 1957. After graduating he farmed with his father until the death of his father in 1969.

On July 11, 1965 Donald married Janice Rutherford of Page, North Dakota. She is the daughter of Walter and Ann Rutherford. Their first home was in a trailer home on land rented from Malcolm Vadnie. Upon the death of his father they moved to the home farm which they purchased from his mother, Alma Olstad in 1974.

Donald and Janice have four children: Kathy Ann was born August 15, 1967; Donna Mae was born October 28, 1969; Peggy Sue was born August 12, 1972; Matthew John was born December 11, 1973.

The Olstad's are members of the Elm River Lutheran Church of Galesburg and Gideon's International.

They as a family enjoy fishing, camping and singing together.

JAMES O. OLSTAD FAMILY



Tara, Ross, Daniel, James

James Orelle Olstad was born October 9, 1938 at the Mayville Hospital, to parents Alvin and Annie Olstad. He attended and graduated from Galesburg High School and worked on his father's farm until he married Janice Bodin. They lived on and farmed the home farm for three years, moving then to Sumner, Washington. Jim worked at the Boeing Company in Auburn, Washington for about a year and a half.

They moved to Moorhead where he was Silver Line Boat Plant Superintendent for some over two years. Since that time he has done farm and carpenter work at Glyndon, Minnesota, where he lives at the present. Through the winter months he is now driving a "semi" for a Glyndon man. This work takes him to Florida, Georgia, Alabama, Tennessee and points between.

Jim and his ex-wife had three children: Tara Raejean who graduated from Glyndon High School, is working at Quality Bakery in Fargo and lives in Fargo. Daniel Wayne is a Glyndon High School graduate, living with his dad. He does farm and carpenter work. Ross Alan is presently a junior at Hope High School and lives with his mother and step-father, Mike Flatt, at Pillsbury, North Dakota.

JOHN and ELVIRA OLSTAD



John, Elvira, Nancy, Gail and Robert Olstad

John Arland Olstad was born to parents Alvin and Annie Olstad on April 2, 1931. He was raised on a farm three miles west of Galesburg, graduating from Galesburg High. He farmed with his father a short time before enlisting in the Marine Corps. He was in service three years, serving in Korea for a year. After marrying Elvira Giortz in Glendale, California November 3, 1956, they returned to farm nine miles west of Galesburg. Later he started carpentering during spare time and in winter months. He enjoys trapping and hunting and raises pheasants for the Wild Life Organization.

Elvira works as a registered nurse in the Tri-County Home in Hatton where her mother is a resident. Her hobbies are crafts and gardening.

Their home is just west of where the Presbyterian Church was located; served by Reverend Johnson of Galesburg. They farm the land where the church once stood and their old house was part of the church.

Three children were born to John and Elvira: Gail Marie, Robert John, and Nancy Ann. Gail is a North Dakota University graduate and at present is working in Grand Forks. Robert is attending the Vocational School in East Grand Forks, Minnesota, taking diesel mechanics. He plans to farm. Nancy is a senior at Hope High School where Gail and Robert graduated.

JOHN and MARIT OLSTAD



Back; Josie, Minnie, Alvin, Oline, Pauline, Theodore
Front: John, Ida, Olga, Marit

John Olstad's parents were born in 1826 in Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. His father was Ole Torreson Korshus Olstad and his mother was Marit Jonsdatter Jondalen. They were married in 1850. Five children were born to this union, Marit, John, Kari, Thore, and Mathias Olstad.

Ole and Marit came to America in 1887. Marit died on their trip across the ocean and Ole made his home with his son John Olstad until his death in 1916.

Mrs. Olstad's parents were Paul Satrom and Ingeborg Korshus. They came to America in 1886 and settled in the Galesburg community where most of their twelve children continued to live. They made their home with their son Ole. Paul Satrom died March 1904. Later Mrs. Satrom made her home with her daughters Mrs. Knut Erickson and Mrs. Lars Lande. She died July 25, 1908 at Galesburg.

John Olstad was born August 24, 1853 in Dovre, Norway and came to Fargo in 1879. Marit Satrom was born January 31, 1858 and came here in 1881. They were married October 7, 1881 and settled on the homestead where they lived until

their deaths. Mrs. Olstad died Christmas Eve 1936 and Mr. Olstad died February 12, 1951, at the age of ninety-seven and a-half years. He was always interested in farming and many times he would say, "I want to remain here as long as I live."

After their marriage in Fargo, they made the journey here by ox team which required two days. Like other early settlers in the vicinity they found it necessary to go to Fargo to purchase most of their supplies, although their grain was marketed at Hunter during the first few years.

Mr. Olstad will not forget one of these trips which was made in January 1882. He set out for Fargo, a distance of fifty-five miles, with a team of oxen to purchase seed grain and some machinery for his farm. He encountered a severe blizzard during the journey and it took him three weeks to complete the trip. During this time his wife was alone on the homestead to take care of the chores, not knowing where he was and no way to find out. Another time Mrs. Olstad and neighbor, Mrs. Rock, were fighting prairie fires when the men were gone. They used wet sacks that were soaked in water trying to stop the fire. Mr. Olstad also mentioned he would walk from place to place in Norway asking for work. He worked one place for \$1.00 a year plus his clothes and food. Even then he often mentioned, "I was not broke."

There were fourteen children born to this union, five living are: Ida Smith, Minnie Olstad, Olga Olstad, Josie Wambheim and Alvin Olstad. All but Oline, Pauline and Theodore died while infants.

Ida married Iver Smith November 14, 1920. They farmed until they retired and moved into Galesburg. Iver died June 9, 1976.

Minnie was born February 25, 1894 on the home farm. She graduated from Bruflat Academy in 1912, taught school for three years, then went to take nurses training, graduating from St. Paul Hospital in 1920. She worked at hospitals, did private duty nursing, stayed on the home farm and helped take care of her father as long as he lived. She is retired and lives in Galesburg with her sister Olga in the home they built in 1963.

Olga graduated from Bruflat Academy in 1914. She remained on the home farm helping with the work and also helped take care of her father.

MATHIAS and MARIT OLSTAD



Back: Oline, Pauline, Ole, Melvin, Mina
Front: Pauli, Matt, Alma, Marit, Olga, Raymond, Ruby, Mabel

Mathias Olstad was born March 30, 1865 at Lesja, Norway of parents, Ole Torreson Korshus Olstad and Marit Jonsdotter Jondalen. He came to America with his parents in 1887. His mother died aboard ship on the way over.

Marit P. Rindahl was born August 4, 1868 at Dovre, Norway. At the age of nineteen years she came to America with her brother. They first came to Montevideo, Minnesota and then to Galesburg July 7, 1887. She worked around Hillsboro, North Dakota until her marriage to Mathias Olstad at Portland, North Dakota on November 22, 1888. They moved in with an elderly man whose name was Peder Kjolsen Bjerke and took care of him till he passed away. They then homesteaded that place in Broadlawn Township about five miles north and west of Galesburg.

They were blessed with seven girls and four boys.

Ole M. Olstad was born November 5, 1889. He was united in marriage to Ida Satrom the 17th of April 1913. They had four children; Marion, Ruth, Paul and Evelyn. Ole passed away in 1918 during the flu epidemic. Marion passed away in 1972, Ruth in 1973 and the mother, Ida, in 1981.

Mina was born January 1, 1882. In 1913 she married Olaf Satrom. They had thirteen children; a set of triplets and a set of twins. Margaret, Palmer, Roy, Ole, Marlyn, Harold, Hilbert, Helen, Edward, Eldice, Gordon, Lester, and Charles. Harold passed away in 1947, the father, Olaf, in 1952, Palmer in 1961 and the mother, Mina in 1976.

Melvin Olstad was born April 14, 1893. In 1925 he was married to Mathilda Hanson to whom Melvin Junior, Marlys and Betty were born.

Pauline was born August 4, 1895. In 1944 she was married to Nels Haugan. She passed away in 1960 and Nels in 1981.

Oline Olstad was born June 19, 1898. She was married to Ivar Haugan in 1922. They had three children John, Donovan and Barbara.

Olga was born December 5, 1899. In 1925 she was married to Frederick Jensen of Roslyn, South Dakota. They had two boys, Marlyn and Donald. Olga passed away in 1961, Frederick in 1977 and Donald in 1978.

Alma was born July 22, 1902. She was married to Bjorner Workin in 1928. To this union was born nine children with two sets of twins; Marlowe, Madelyn, Richard, Arland, Arlene, Francis, Raydon, David and Carol.

Pauli was born on Norwegian Independence Day, May 17, 1904. In 1927 he was united in marriage to Alma Erickson. They had six children; Helen, Sylvia, Marcella, Douglas, Donald and Connie.

Mabel was born September 10, 1905. In 1935 she was married to Julian Palmer Satrom. They were blessed with two boys, Galen and Maynard.

Raymond was born March 27, 1908. He was united in marriage to Helen Smith in 1932. They had six children; Evelyn, Irene, Marie, Vincent, Ruth and Julie.

Ruby was born October 25, 1910. She was married to George Hagen in 1937. They have one son, George Allen.

Mathias and Marit celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1938. Their ten living children were present. Many joys and sorrows were experienced in these fifty years. Times were hard.

Summers were spent hauling dinner to the men in the field as land had been purchased from Ole Moen about two miles north of their place; and they also owned a quarter of land in Galesburg Township a few miles east. In the summer the women folks did most of the milking as the men spent long days in the field and caring for the horses. Although times were hard no one suffered from hunger as they had eggs, milk, cream, churned their own butter, butchered hogs, beef and chickens to can or salt away for use during the year. The only thing lacking was flour and sugar. Flour was obtained by bringing wheat to the Mill in Grand Forks in return for flour. Several hundred pound sacks were stored in the homes. Flour sacks were used for making towels, aprons, pillow cases and etc. Eggs, cream and butter were sold at the store so one could purchase sugar, coffee and etc. One of the few conveniences they had were carbide lights which gave a much better light than the old fashioned kerosene lamps.

Mathias was blind for many years but he still managed to milk cows and wipe dishes. He was always cheerful and never complained. He was a living example for those who were more fortunate to have their eyesight. Nothing made him happier than when Ole Groven came over and read to him from the *Dacotah Posten* and visited with him. He was bedridden for several years. Since he was no longer able to farm they bought a house in Galesburg in 1945. He passed away at the age of eighty-one years in 1947.

Marit passed away in 1950 at the age of eighty-one.

They were charter members of the Norwegian Lutheran Church at Galesburg and Marit was active in the Ladies Aid.

They had forty-nine grandchildren at the time of death and at the time Marit passed away she had twenty-four great-grandchildren.

MELVIN and MATHILDA OLSTAD



Mathilda, Melvin Jr., Melvin Olstad

Melvin Olstad, son of Matthias and Marit (Rindahl) Olstad, was born on the home farm and lived around here all his life. He went to school in Broadlawn. In 1925 he married Mathilda Hanson. They first lived on "Honeymoon Hill." They later moved to the Dresher farm. They bought the Armstrong place in 1945 where they spent the rest of their life. He passed away in 1977. To them the following children were born:

Melvin Jr. was born August 27, 1929. He farmed with his father until his death, after which he took over the farm.



Randy, Michael, Marlys, Mark, Alf, Patricia and Shirley

Betty Marie was born July 15, 1933. She passed away in 1942 after a short illness.

Marlys was born June 9, 1931. She graduated from high school in 1949. In 1951 she married Alf Johnson. He moved here in 1945 from the Perry community with his parents, to the John Moe farm. Their children are:

Shirley was born August 3, 1954. She is an L.P.N. at St. Lukes in Fargo. In 1979 she married Gary Sjøkvist. They have a two and a-half year old daughter Amanda Jean.

Patricia was born March 17, 1956. She is employed at the Grand Forks Herald in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Randy was born September 24, 1957. He lives in Galesburg and farms with his father and brothers.

Michael was born April 4, 1964. He lives at home and is a senior in high school. He farms and raises cattle with his brothers.

Mark was born June 14, 1967. He is at home and is a freshman in school. He farms and raises cattle with his brothers.

OLE and IDA OLSTAD



Ida, Ole, Marion, Ruth Olstad

Ida Satrom was born September 6, 1885 to parents Paul and Elizabeth Satrom. She was the third in a family of twelve children.

Ole Olstad was born November 5, 1882 to parents Matt and Marit Olstad.

They were married April 17, 1913 and lived on the Nestingen farm near Clifford for about a year, then moved to the "Pratt Farm". They later purchased the Parker farm where Paul Erickson now lives. Before they could move, he died from the flu on April 19, 1919, leaving Ida a widow at age thirty-four and with four children. The oldest child was only five and two of the children were retarded because of P.K.U. That is a genetic disease caused by a missing enzyme in the body, which can cause mental retardation when a protein called phenylalanine accumulates in the blood rather than breaking down. Since then it has been learned a special diet low in this protein can prevent harm. Paul lived from November 7, 1915 until January 31, 1925. Evelyn was born January 24, 1918 and has been in the Grafton School many years.

Marion Elizabeth Olstad was born April 15, 1914. She married Martin Morstad January 1, 1937. They have three children, Janice, Dennis and Robert. Robert was killed in an automobile accident.

Ruth Alice Olstad was born October 21, 1916. She married William Lange. They have two children, David and Mary.

Ida Olstad died March 3, 1981. Marion died August 24, 1972 and Ruth August 29, 1973.

PAULI and ALMA OLSTAD



**Back row: Donald, Connie, Marcy, Sylvia, Helen, and Douglas
Front row: Alma and Pauli**

Pauli Olstad, son of Mathias and Marit (Rindahl) Olstad, and Alma Christine Erickson, daughter of Andrew and Hulda Erickson lived in this community all their lives.

They were united in marriage November 27, 1927, in Moorhead, Minnesota. It was a double wedding with Alvin Olstad and Annie Haugen.

Pauli and Alma after their marriage moved on a farm five and one-half miles southwest of Galesburg, where they lived until Pauli's death in 1969. Alma moved into Galesburg and their son Donald and wife Janice moved to the farm and still reside there.

Pauli and Alma were blessed with six children: Mrs. Ralph (Helen) Punton, Ayr, North Dakota, who has three children and five grandchildren; Mrs. Harvey (Sylvia) Kylo, who lives near Blanchard, North Dakota, and has three children and two grandchildren; Mrs. James (Marcy) Bubbs, East Grand Forks, Minnesota, who has five children and three grandchildren; Douglas Olstad, who has four children; Donald Olstad, who has four children; and Mrs. Duane (Connie) Bring, who live on a farm outside of Galesburg and has two children.

Pauli and Alma were very active in the Elm River Church and in the community activities. Pauli passed away on August 31, 1969 at the age of 65 and Alma passed away on Christmas Eve, 1978 at the age of 74.

RAYMOND and HELEN OLSTAD



Helen and Raymond Olstad

Raymond Olstad, son of Matt and Marit Olstad, was born on the home farm in Broadlawn Township on March 27, 1908. He attended country school through the eighth grade, working with his parents on the farm. He married Helen Smith, daughter of Carl and Tena Smith, June 2, 1932, who was born May 2, 1912 at the Ole Groven home. For several years he farmed with his father and drove truck for Iver Smith, hauling livestock. In 1942 they moved to Galesburg, where Ray drove truck, farmed and worked some time at Galesburg Implement until he went into business with A.M. Bjelverud at the Galesburg Garage as a Case implement dealer. Shortly after moving to town, Helen started as clerk at the Post Office where she worked for twenty-seven years until retiring in 1972. Ray retired from the implement business in 1969 after suffering a heart attack.

Ray served on the town board for two years. Helen was clerk of the school board for several years and also served as board member. She has been Secretary and Treasurer of the Cemetery Association for many years.

To this union were born six children. Evelyn, born January 1, 1933, attended Concordia College for two years and taught at Oakes, North Dakota. She then returned to college at Greeley, Colorado, for her B.A. and M.A., taught in Riverton, Wyoming and in Chino, California. She was married to Quentin Brendemuhl of Hope, North Dakota, in 1961. They farm near



Evelyn, Deborah, Quentin and Paul Brendemuhl

Hope. They have two children. Paul is pursuing a career in engineering and enrolled in AFROTC at N.D.S.U. Debbie is a senior in high school.



Back: Kenny and Jason Behrendt, Irene and Merlin, Ronald Mogard. Front: Emmy (French Exchange student) Kathy Bherendt, Keith, Kim Larson, Karen Mogard.

Irene was born November 8, 1934. She attended Concordia College for two years. She worked as a secretary in Minneapolis until her marriage to Merlin Larson of Dawson, Minnesota, in 1956. They operate a dairy farm near Dawson and Irene works at Dawson Mills. They have four children. Kathy, the eldest, is married to Kenneth Behrendt and lives on a farm near Dawson. Kathy and Kenneth have two sons; Jason and Ryan.

Karen is married to Ronald Mogaard. They live at New Hope, Minnesota, with daughter, Sarah Ellen.

Kimberley is attending Concordia College and Keith is a junior in High School.



Front: Marie, Tena and Scott Christianson, Wendell
Back: Mary and Billy, John, Victor

Marie was born July 26, 1937. She went to Wahpeton Science and became an LPN. She was married to Wendell Port of Page, North Dakota, in 1956. Marie works at St. Lukes Hospital and Wendell drives truck for Industrial Molasses. Four children were born to this marriage: John works for Dynamic Homes in Detroit Lakes, Minnesota; William, works for Fargo Tire, is married to Mary Weaver and expecting their first child in December of 1981; Tena is married to Scott Christenson and they both work at the Fryn' Pan in Moorhead, Minnesota; Victor graduated from Moorhead Tech. School in carpentry and works at Fargo Tire.



Back: Gregory, Vincent, Cheryl, Carla
Front: Matthew

Vincent was born December 31, 1941. After one year at Luther College in Iowa and a year at N.D.S.U. he joined the Navy in 1961. He received his wings in 1963 and has been to places all over the world, except Australia, serving six months in Vietnam. He was married to Elizabeth Wilkerson of Meridian, Mississippi, in 1963. To this union a son, Gregory, was born in Hawaii in 1965; Carla in Pensacola, Florida, in 1968; Matthew in Monterey, California, in 1970. He was divorced from Elizabeth. In April, 1981, he was united in marriage to Cheryl Austin. In August of 1981 he was retired from the Navy as a Lt. Cdr. while at a base near Jacksonville, Florida. Vincent and his family are now at Seattle, Washington, where he is working as a ground engineer for Boeing.



Ruth, Loren and Andrea Annie Stebleton

Ruth was born November 26, 1946. She attended St. Luke's School of Nursing in Fargo and earned her R.N. degree. She then joined the Army Nurse Corp. She finished her training in May of 1968 and served two years in the service at Denver, Colorado. She was married to Willis (Loren) Stebleton in February of 1969. After she finished her tour of duty they moved to Fargo where she is employed as an R.N. at St. Lukes and Loren works for the State Highway Department. They have a daughter, Andrea.



Julie and Dale Thompson

Julie was born December 14, 1955. She received her degree in Business Administration with a major in Office Management at U.N.D. in 1978. She was married to Dale Thompson of Clifford on November 25, 1978. At present they reside at Rugby, North Dakota, where Dale is Assistant States Attorney for Pierce County and in private law practice. Julie works as Personnel Assistant at Good Samaritan Hospital Association.

Many changes have taken place in these last fifty years: from driving with horses and sled and model T Ford with side curtains during courting days to flying in jet planes to California, Hawaii, Florida, Maryland and Norway, from scrubbing clothes on a washboard to automatic machines, from kerosene lamps to electric lights, radio, stereos, colored television have all been invented and improved on, from cold outhouses to indoor plumbing.

No way were they the good old days, except we had more time to share with one another. During Christmas it was either company coming over or going some place every day. Now we are fortunate if we get together Christmas Day.

The Christmas eve of 1935 we spent at Lostegaards just across the road. That was the year the big snowstorm came so quickly in the evening. The children and Helen stayed at Lostegaards all night while Ray went back to keep the fires going so everything wouldn't freeze. He barely made it home and with the stove going all night, water froze in the water pail in the next room.

Ray had a fondness for fast horses. It was always snow at Thanksgiving. Ray had a pair of broncos he had purchased and we were going to Helen's folks for Thanksgiving. The broncos wouldn't stand still so the sled had to be loaded as they were running. Helen had to clamber in and have the children, Effie and Irene, tossed in as they went around. Luckily everything

went alright; but we were young and foolish and didn't realize the risk we were taking.

It is a coincidence that the first house we bought was the first house Ole Lande lived in and the house we live in now was built for Ole Lande in 1913.

In 1972-73 Ray and Helen had a foster daughter, Rhonda. She was adopted by the James Warners at Hatton in 1974. The Olstads received a certificate for being outstanding foster parents. Rhonda is now attending school at East Grand Forks to become a receptionist.



Rhonda

THEODORE and ELLEN OLSTAD



Ted and Ellen Olstad

Theodore E. Olstad was born December 11, 1901 to John and Marit Olstad. He was baptized and confirmed at Clifford, Norman Lutheran Church. He attended the home rural school and also spent a term at a tractor school in Fargo.

On March 1, 1939 he married Ellen Folden, daughter of Tom and Karen Folden at Clifford. She attended Clifford Elementary until her senior year in high school, since Clifford, at that time, had only three years of high school. She graduated from Mayville Normal Elementary Department in 1924. She taught four years in Clifford Rural Norman #1. She was assistant Postmistress for ten years when S.J. Cox was Postmaster,

organist in Norman Lutheran church thirty-eight years and taught Sunday School forty-three years.

Ted passed away March 2, 1979 on the farm where he had lived all his life and which his father had homesteaded a hundred years earlier in 1881. Ellen is still living on the farm.

THORE OLSTAD FAMILY

Thore Olstad arrived in America in 1881. He was the son of Ole Torresen Korshus Olstad and Marit Jonsdatter Jondalen of Lesja, Norway. He was married to Anne Kvam in 1886. They were the parents of six children; Mina, Carl, Olga, Clara, Selma and Oswald. Anne Kvam Olstad passed away. In 1905 Thore married Marie Rindahl. Five children were born to this marriage; Palmer, Alida, Myrtle, and the twins, Thelma and Margaret.

The home place of Thore Olstad is now the Alvin Olstad farm. Their children grew up in the Galesburg area, attending the rural schools in Broadlawn. When Thore passed away in 1917, they moved to Fargo where Marie and the young folks obtained work.

Clara and Olga never married and are both deceased.

Selma was married to Roy Lindstrom. He is deceased. They had a son, Thorman Lindstrom who is also deceased.

Oswald Olstad married Ruth Satrom, daughter of Lewie and Marit Satrom in 1920.

Myrtle Olstad was married to Andrew Blomlie. She passed away in 1930.

Palmer Olstad was married to Evelyn Larsen. They are both retired. Palmer worked at the Fairway Store in Fargo and Evelyn for Mrs. Blow's. They have two children, Jerome and Jean.

Thelma Olstad was married to George Stearns. Thelma retired from Northwestern Bell Telephone Company where she worked in Fargo. They have two children, Betty Lou and George William.

Margaret married Edward Coryell. They both worked for Northwestern Bell. They are parents of three children, James, Susan, and Sharon. Edward passed away in 1966.

Alida married Henry Vanderplatt. They resided at Loveland, Colorado where Alida also worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone. They have a daughter, Gail. Henry Vanderplatt is deceased.

JACOB OMDAHL FAMILY



Jacob Omdahl was born in Skien, Norway, on June 18, 1860. He emigrated to this country in 1878, coming to Goodhue County, Minn., where he made his home until in 1886 when he came to North Dakota and homesteaded on land 4 miles west and 1 mile south of Galesburg, Broadlawn Twp., Steele County.

In 1889 he married Miss Ellen Wilson, who was born in Wisconsin in 1854. They had six children: Arthur, Nora, Mary, Clarence, Alf, and Ruth.

He had two threshing outfits and did custom threshing during the fall months. In 1907 they disposed of the farm and moved into Galesburg into what is now the Joseph Moen Home. They were members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church. He held the position of postmaster from 1912 to 1928.

Arthur was married and had three boys: Russell, Lyle, and Aldon.

Nora was married to Peter Satrom and had two children: Ellen and Arnold.

Mary married Knox Phagan and lived in Florida. They had a son, Knox, Jr.

Clarence married Ruth Goodman. She died in 1955. He is now married to Hazel Froemke and live at Sheldon.

Alf married Eunice Johnson. They had 2 girls: Janice and Eunice.

Ruth married Wm. Kessler and lives in Clifton, N.J. They had two children.

FROM TREASURED CONVERSATIONS

O ur dear parents, Ellen and Jacob,
 M et the rigors of homesteading life
 D eveloping land he had arduously claimed,
 A bly helped by his talented wife.
 H ard by, in Galesburg, suppliers
 L ooked for trade in most basic needs;
 S uccessful new skills expanded their dreams,
 R eturning praise for God's blessing the seeds.

—Ruth Omdahl Kessler

FRED and ELEANOR PALMER



Fred and Eleanor Palmer

Eleanor Genevieve Bjelverud Palmer is the fifth child of George and Gina (Gisvold) Bjelverud. She was baptized and confirmed into the Elm River Lutheran Church. She attended grade and high school in Galesburg graduating in 1938. She attended a vocational school in Fargo for one winter. Then on October 3, 1940, she married Frederick William Palmer, son of Mason and Aleda Palmer of Ayr, North Dakota. Fred was the Postmaster in Ayr so they have lived in Ayr all the time except for the forty months that Fred was in the Army during World War II. When he returned from the service he transferred to the Rural Route and continued there until the consolidation of the route with Erie in January 1974. Fred also was engaged in farming and continues to help his son, Merton, whenever needed.

The Palmers are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church in Ayr. Eleanor is a member of the American Lutheran Church Women where she has held several of the offices being President two different times. She taught Sunday School and also served as Sunday School Superintendent. She is a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, American Legion Auxiliary and the Rural Letter Carriers Auxiliary.

Fred and Eleanor had four children: Two sons and two daughters:

Frederick William Jr. was born September 21, 1942. He graduated from Ayr High School and attended North Dakota State University. He enlisted in the Marines and was wounded in Vietnam in November 1967. He was killed in a car accident on October 4, 1968.

Carolyn Jean, born December 21, 1945, graduated from Ayr High School and the St. Joseph's School of Nursing in Grand Forks as a Registered Nurse in 1966. She was employed at Dakota Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota until her marriage to James Martin Eggert of Hope on July 15, 1967. They now reside in Tucson, Arizona. James works for IBM and Carolyn works part-time nursing. They have two children: Alisa Gay (born January 15, 1971) and John Frederick (born March 13, 1973).

Merton George, born March 23, 1949, graduated from the Ayr High School and attended North Dakota State University. He was employed by Furniture City in Fargo, North Dakota when he married Rebecca Jean Timmerman of Arthur on July 21, 1973. Since then he has moved to the Palmer farm and taken over the farming. They have two children: Jennifer Jean born November 11, 1975 and Kyle Merton born March 6, 1978.

Gayna Lou, born September 24, 1951, graduated from the Ayr High School in 1969 (in fact she was in the last graduating class from Ayr.) She attended North Dakota State School of Science and graduated as a Dental assistant in 1970. She married Erroll Lynn Spelhaug on June 14, 1975. They lived in Fargo where she worked for Dr. Lundstrom. They moved out to the family farm at Wyndmere, North Dakota in 1977.

CHARLES M. and MAE PARKER

The Charles M. Parker family came to North Dakota from Grant County, Minnesota in May, 1893 and moved to Broadlawn Township, Steele County. Like some other arrivals they first lived in one of the "red cottages" reserved for employees on the Broadlawn Farm, then owned by George Wilcox. In



Charles M. Parker Family

1894, Charles Parker bought one hundred sixty-five acres of land, northwest quarter, Section twenty-two, Broadlawn Township. This farm is five miles west of Galesburg and is now owned and occupied by Paul and Sigrid Erickson. For the first year on the new farm the Parker family lived in a sod house. During the year 1904, they lived in Colgate Township but then moved back to Broadlawn Township.

Charles Parker was very active on the Township Board. He was one of the first to own an Edison phonograph with a large horn which he enjoyed playing for his neighbors when they came to visit. He also was one of the early owners of a typewriter. In March of 1919, about a hundred old-timers gave the Parker family a surprise party just before they left for their new home near Nampa, Idaho.

They had three sons. Harry passed away March 12, 1957 and Roy S. on April 11, 1968 at the age of eighty. Both died at Nampa, Idaho. Milo Niles was born in 1902 and lived only a few months. His funeral service was held in Broadlawn Central School and a teacher, Mrs. Austin, made satin roses for the baby's dress. He was buried in the Galesburg cemetery.

Charles Parker died in Nampa in 1921 and Mae died in 1934, also in Nampa.

ARDEN and DELORES (Haakenson) PAULSON



Arden and Delores Paulson



Barbara, Bonnie, Alan, Lonette

Arden Paulson, son of Peder and Olga Paulson, married Delores Haakenson, daughter of Clarence and Clara Haakenson, on October 25, 1952, in the Elm River Lutheran Church. They have lived on the farm homesteaded by Arden's grandfather all of their married life except for the two years Arden spent in the Armed Services, one of which was spent in Korea.

They are parents of four children, three daughters and a son. Bonnie is married to Joel Halvorson and they have one son, James. Lonette lives and works in Fargo, North Dakota. Barbara is married to Randy Peterson and they are parents of one daughter, September. Their son, Alan, graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in the spring of 1982.

AXEL PAULSON



Axel Paulson

Axel Paulson was born in 1887 to Ole and Anna Paulson. Axel farmed with his father until his father's death. He farmed and helped his brother Jack operate the Galesburg Dray Line for several years. He lived with his sister Tillie for some years after their father died. Later in life, when he was left alone he moved out to his nephew, Orville Paulson, where he worked and made his home for sixteen years.

Axel retired to his little home on the south side of Galesburg where he lived until he entered the Luther Memorial Home in Mayville, North Dakota where he spent several years.

Axel was a life-time member of the Elm River Church and was very active in all community affairs. He will be remembered for his happy outlook on life. He passed away in Mayville at the age of eighty-eight.

GUNDER and MAREN PAULSON

Gunder Paulson was born June 6, 1863 in Gulbrandsdalen Norway and came to the United States at the age of eighteen. His first home was in Traill County.

Mrs. Paulson (Maren Elizabeth Thorson) was born in Odemark, Norway on June 16, 1865 and came to the United States when she was twelve years old. Her first home was at Kenyon, Minnesota and later moved to Traill County where she met and married Gunder Paulson.

They homesteaded in the Clifford-Galesburg area until 1907 when they moved to Williams County, Bonetraill Township, where they again homesteaded. Paul Paulson, the eldest son was left to care for the Clifford farm. After living at Bonetraill a short time, they returned to the Clifford area, but returned to Bonetraill area in 1913 where they continued to live until their deaths.

Nine children were born to this marriage, Paul, Mabel (Mrs. Oscar Kylo), Emil, Ruth (Mrs. Bennie Kylo), Segna (Mrs. John Ness), Regina (Mrs. Morris Larson), Grace, Myrtle (Mrs. Burdette McKinney) and Gerhardt. All of the children except Gerhardt were born in Galesburg Township.

The children were educated in the rural school in Galesburg Township. The girls went on to further their education at Bruflat Academy in Portland, Beautician School, St. Lukes School of Nursing, and Mayville Normal School.

Gunder Paulson passed away September 14, 1940 and Mrs. Paulson died November 20, 1948. Only two of the children are now living, Emil, who farmed the Bonetraill land until his retirement and Myrtle, a retired school teacher. Both reside at Williston, North Dakota.

JACK and AGNES PAULSON



Jack and Agnes Paulson

Jack Paulson, son of Ole and Anna Paulson, was born in 1891. He lived his entire life in the Galesburg area. He farmed with his father for several years. After his father's death he operated the Galesburg dray line for a few years.

Agnes Dulski, daughter of Louie and Maude Dulski was born in 1901. She received her education in the Galesburg School. Agnes had one son, Louis Jenson, by a previous marriage.

Jack and Agnes were married in 1925. Jack worked on farms in the area. He died of a heart attack in 1960. Agnes moved to Hunter and lived there until her death in 1970.

KENNETH and JEANNE PAULSON

Kenneth Paulson was born January 6, 1918 in Galesburg, North Dakota, the son of Oscar and Anna Paulson. He attended school in Galesburg, graduating from high school in 1936. After graduation he was employed in the C.C. Corps for a short time. Later he worked for the Great Northern Railroad until entering the United States Army in March 1942. He served in the South Pacific and Philippine Islands and was discharged in December 1945. In the spring of 1946 he started farming with his brother Orville. He attended the North Dakota Agricultural College in 1947. In 1949 he married Jeanne Moore of Hunter, North Dakota, daughter of Alex and Eva Moore. She was a graduate of Hunter High School and attended Interstate Business College in Fargo. They have six children:

Terry Steven was born May 12, 1950. He graduated from Dakota High School and received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Mayville State College in 1973. He served in the United States Army from 1970-72, and was stationed at Colorado Springs, Colorado. He received his Master's Degree at North Dakota State University in 1974 and is employed by the Fargo Public Schools as a Counselor at the Evaluation and Training Center. He married Karen Erickson of Argusville. Karen is a teacher in the West Fargo School System. Terry is a Captain in the National Guard.

Michael Jay was born September 6, 1951 and is a graduate of Dakota High School of Arthur. He attended North Dakota State University for three and a half years. He entered the United States Army in March 1973 and was stationed in Germany until his discharge in 1975. Michael is employed in construction work.

Jeffrey Moore was born December 30, 1952 and graduated from Dakota High School. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree from North Dakota State University in 1973. Since graduation he has been farming at Galesburg with his cousin, Bill Paulson.

Jennifer Ann was born February 8, 1956 and attended Dakota High School. She married Reuben Rud of Galesburg. They lived in Hillsboro for eight years where Reuben was employed at the John Deere. They now live at Galesburg where Reuben is farming. They have two daughters: Heather, born April 28, 1973 and Heidi, born March 15, 1977.

Jill Margaret was born August 31, 1958. She graduated from Dakota High School and attended Interstate Business College. She married Walter Suhr of Page, North Dakota. They have two children: Joshua, born July 4, 1977 and Alysia, born January 10, 1980. They live at Page where Walt is engaged in farming.

Melissa Jane was born July 7, 1964 and is a senior at Dakota High School where she is active in girl's basketball and cheerleading. She plans to attend North Dakota State University in the fall.

Kenneth was killed in an automobile accident August 4, 1973. Jeanne continues to make her home in Hunter, where she is employed by the Dakota School System.

OLE and ANNA PAULSON



Top Row: Ester, Nora, Mathilda, Pauline and Anna
Middle Row: John, Axel, Oscar and Ole
Bottom Row: Josephine and Cecelia

Ole Paul (Rudiloken) Paulson (1853-1930) was born in Dovre, Gudbrandsdal, Norway. Anna Olina (Hoem) Paulson (1861-1918) was born in Gudbrandsdal, Norway. Both young people came to the United States in 1880 to Moorhead, Minnesota where they worked and later married. Ole came to Trail County (then Dakota Territory) in the Summer of 1881 to stake a claim and build a shanty. He returned to Moorhead and filed his claim for the Northwest quarter of section thirty-two in Galesburg Township with the land office January 12, 1882. In the Spring of 1882 they moved to the homestead and broke the sod to enable them to put in their first crop.

All the children of this marriage were born on the homestead: Pauline (1893-1945), Mrs. Pete Rock; Oscar (1885-1921), married Anna Gammelgaard; Axel (1887-1975), single; Mathilda (1890-1955), married George Hebert; John (1892-1960), married Agnes Dulski; Nora (1894-?), married Paul Sable; Ester (1896-1980), married Emil "Prof" Estensen; Cecelia (1898-living), married Leonard "Doc" Swanson; Josephine (1900-1925), married Ernest Krieg.

They lived on the homestead until 1905 when they moved to the Northwest corner of Galesburg to the Kemp farm. Ole farmed for Kemp and later added one section for O.P. Satrom and Andrew Knudson.

In 1915 they bought their own home - the former Stuart house now Emma Moen's home.

There were no trees in the area — only tall prairie grass. Ole and Jake Rock and O.P. Satrom would take oxen and wagon in the fall north to the Goose River west of Portland and cut logs for firewood for winter. They planted fifteen acres of trees and paid one hundred sixty dollars and would get title to a quarter section of land. The Paulson tree claim is south of Galesburg.

In seeding time in the spring Ole had four oxen on a harrow. It was a warm day and the oxen got thirsty so they

walked straight into a slough. There was no stopping them so Ole unhooked, coaxed them out and started up again.

Ole and Anna were Charter members of the Elm River Lutheran Church. Anna served as first Secretary-Treasurer of the Ladies Aid.

ORVILLE and HARRIET PAULSON



Orville and Harriet Paulson

Orville Paulson, son of Oscar and Anna Paulson was born November 4, 1910 at Galesburg, North Dakota. Orville attended Broadlawn Township number four school and Galesburg School. He worked at the Texaco Service Station before beginning farming.

Harriet Power, daughter of William "Bill" and Floy Power was born at Butternut, Wisconsin June 25, 1917. She grew up at Erie, North Dakota and attended South Dows Country School. She came to work at Galesburg at the J.P. Whittemore residence in 1937.

They married December 7, 1941 at Erie and lived on a farm two miles southwest of Galesburg until they moved to their present home (former Morris farm) in 1945. Orville farmed until retirement in 1976.

They have two children: Willis Oscar "Bill", born March 2, 1943 and Becky (Mrs. Duane Huss) born October 1, 1945.

Orville is a charter member of the Galesburg Fire Department and both are members of the Elm River Lutheran Church.

OSCAR and ANNA PAULSON

Oscar Paulson, son of Ole and Anna Paulson was born November 13, 1885 at Galesburg.

Anna Gammelgaard was born March 15, 1890 near LuVerne, North Dakota. She married Oscar in 1910 in Moorhead. They lived on the Stewart farm southwest of Galesburg until November 20, 1920 when Oscar was forced to quit farming because of ill health. Oscar died of tuberculosis February 17, 1921.

Oscar and Anna had six children: Orville (1910-living), Ardith (1912-1981) died of cancer, Leo (1914-1915) died of spinal meningitis, Leona (1916-1935) died of diphtheria,



Oscar and Anna Paulson

Kenneth (1918-1974) died in a car accident, Francis (1920-1921) died of diphtheria.

After Oscar's death Anna and the children moved to town. Note: See life story of Anna elsewhere in this book.

Anna is a resident of the Luther Memorial Home in Mayville, North Dakota.

PEDER and OLGA PAULSON

Marie Paulsen started from Stockholm, Sweden for America stopping in Stathelle, Norway to work to help pay her way to America. While there she met Paulus Paulsen who was a sea captain. She married Paulus never to see America. To this family there were 7 children which Peder was one of the younger.

At the age of fourteen years, Peder left Norway working as a sailor on a ship prior to coming to America. Peder came to the East Coast of the United States at the age of nineteen working his way west as a laborer settling in North Dakota marrying Olga Erickson on February 9, 1926.

John and Ellen Erickson, Grandparents of Olga Mathilda Paulson left Trondheim, Norway May 4, 1866 coming over in a sail boat arriving on the East Coast of the United States August 4, 1866. Having to take all of their own supplies with them, they took a cow on board, also the cow's food as well as their own. There were five sons and three daughters; one son, Edward, died on the way and was buried at sea.

They settled in Redwing, Minnesota in 1866. In 1877 John, the father, and two companions drove for four days without seeing any settlers. On the 4th day at dusk it started to rain and being near a creek they tied up the horses and dug themselves into the bank for the night. They decided to settle in what was then the district of Hunter. The remainder of the family followed him.

John's son, Otto Erickson, married Gusta Rostad March 29, 1885 in the school house used by the Stordahl congregation prior to the building of the church. They settled on the quarter which they later homesteaded in 1891. To this union there were seven children one being Olga Mathilda who was born on April 6, 1889.

Olga Erickson and Peder Paulson were married on February 9, 1926 still remaining on the farm until 1976 when they took residence at the Luther Memorial Home in Mayville, North Dakota. Olga passed away November 29, 1979.

Olga and Peder had four children, fourteen grandchildren and several great grandchildren.

Elsie Margaret married Gene Jones January 3, 1951. They have four children and five grandchildren, all living in Sacramento, California.

Twin, Hilma Pearl married Alton Hovde July 6, 1947. They had five children, a son and twin daughters are deceased. They have one grandchild, all living in the Portland, Mayville area.

Twin, Hulda Orva married Reiny Zimbelman July 6, 1947. They have four children and ten grandchildren, all living in Colorado and Wyoming.

Arden Maynard married Delores Haakenson October 25, 1952. They have four children and one grandchild, all living in Galesburg area.

REVEREND ROGER and JO CLAIRE PAULSON



Doreen, Mark, Lauri, John, Tim, Jody
Roger and JoClaire Paulson

Roger Paulson was born at Belgrade, Minnesota to Sam and Tillie (Hendrickson) Paulson. He graduated from Concordia College in 1952 and Luther Theological Seminary in 1956. He has served parishes at Fort Ransom, Minnewaukan, Hannaford, Bowdon and Clifford-Galesburg.

JoClaire was born at Grand Forks, North Dakota. She graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Nursing in 1956. Her parents were Carl and Josephine Kobberdahl. They were married September 15, 1956.

Four children were born to this union:

Timothy Charles Paulson was born at Lisbon, North Dakota, September 17, 1957. He graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1975, and Concordia College in 1979. He married Jody Gordhamer; Argyle, Minnesota, June 16, 1979. They are teaching at Stephen, Minnesota.

Mark Roger Paulson was born at Lisbon, North Dakota September 6, 1959. He graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1977 and Concordia College in 1981. He is attending the University of North Dakota Medical School in Grand Forks. He married Doreen Erickson of Galesburg, June 8, 1980.

Lauri Jo was born at Maddock, North Dakota May 4, 1963. She graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1981 and is attending Concordia College.

John David was born at Valley City, North Dakota July 3, 1965. He is attending Clifford-Galesburg High School.

The family moved to the Lutheran Parsonage at Clifford in 1972. A new parsonage was built in Galesburg, where they moved in the summer of 1974.

WILLIS (Bill) PAULSON FAMILY



1980
Standing: Willis (Bill), Mark and Tracy
Seated: Karen and Tanya

Willis Oscar (Bill) Paulson was born March 2, 1943 at Hunter, North Dakota to Orville and Harriet Paulson. He graduated from Galesburg High School in 1961 and North Dakota State School of Science in Diesel Mechanics in 1963. After National Guard training at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri he started farming.

Karen (De Vries) Paulson was born September 15, 1945 at Valley City, North Dakota to Steve and Tracy De Vries. She graduated from Valley City High School in 1963 and California Lutheran Bible School in Los Angeles, California in 1965.

Bill and Karen were married in Valley City November 5, 1966. They lived winters in Fargo and summers on the Horatio Morris farm until Karen graduated from North Dakota State University in 1969 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics. Karen taught at Page High School for three school years. They lived on the Morris farm in Dows Township until 1975 when they built a house on the home farm.

A son Mark Jay was born March 31, 1971, a daughter Tracy Joy September 2, 1972 and a daughter Tanya Jo April 25, 1978.

HILMER and VERNA PEDERSON

Hilmer Lincoln Pederson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Pederson, was born at Page, North Dakota February 12, 1911. The family later moved to Galesburg, North Dakota. They later moved to Clifford, North Dakota where they farmed.

Hilmer married Verna Evenson and they farmed at Luverne, North Dakota. They have two daughters, Mrs.

Walter (Ethelyn) Zitzow of Fargo, North Dakota and Mrs. Dale (Linda) Mastin of Moorhead, Minnesota. Hilmer and Verna have five grandchildren.

Hilmer and Verna and family moved to Audubon, Minnesota in 1936. In 1941 they bought a farm at Ogema, Minnesota where they have lived ever since.

Hilmer passed away in June 1972. He was then employed at the Cass Clay Creamery at Ogema, Minnesota. Hilmer Pederson's family are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church of Ogema, Minnesota.

MARSELIOUS and MARY PEDERSON



Marselius Pederson

Marselius Pederson was born in northern Norway January 11, 1885. His boyhood was spent on the ocean with his uncle who was a commercial fisherman. His brother, who lived in St. Paul, Minnesota sent for him to come to America. He stayed with this brother when he arrived from Norway in 1920.

His first job in America was digging a basement at Iron River, Wisconsin.

A boyhood friend, Ludwig Sorlie, got a job in North Dakota. In 1921 Marselius came here to join him. He and his friend worked on farms in the Galesburg and Portland areas. He was later employed by Gerhard Rygh, working there for seven years. He married Mary Jystad, daughter of Ole and Ingeborg Jystad, July 7, 1921. He farmed for several years. Some time after the death of Mary in 1933, Marselius discontinued farming. He then worked on farms in the area. After retiring he moved into Galesburg.

He died at the age of seventy-eight.

PETER and ALMA PEDERSON

Peter was born July 4, 1914, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Pederson. His father came from Norway, his mother was Annie Jacobson, daughter of Hans and Mary Jacobson. Peter was born on a farm west of Galesburg, North Dakota. He attended grade school in Galesburg from 1920-1925. Peter's family also lived at Clifford and Luverne before moving to Cormorant, Minnesota in 1937.

In 1941 Peter joined the Los Angeles National Guard, spending four years in the South Pacific war theater.



Peter Pederson Family

In 1945 Peter returned home and married Alma Erickson. They moved to Ogema, Minnesota where they have resided for twenty-six years.

Peter and Alma have five children, Annette, Paul, Susan, Ruth and Allan.

Annette was born September 26, 1948. She married Dan Pohl and they have two children and make their home at Lake Park, Minnesota.

Paul married Kathy Nelson and they make their home in Moorhead, Minnesota. They are parents of twins, a boy and girl.

Susan, their third child, is married to Richard Kent Junior. They have two children and make their home at Waubesa, Minnesota.

Two children, Ruth and Allan live at home.

JOHN PETERSON

John Peterson was born in Norway, coming to the United States as a young man. He was a bachelor. He worked on many farms in the Galesburg area. He worked for Iver Jondahl in the livery barn and also worked for Moen and Sande putting up machinery. He passed away in Galesburg and is buried in the Elm River cemetery.

JOHN and EDWARD PETERSON



Ed and Emma Peterson

John and Edward Peterson, brothers of Mrs. John Bring, were born and grew to manhood in Nebraska. John was born March 14, 1886; Ed was born April 25, 1888. They moved to North Dakota and settled four miles east and two miles north of Galesburg, North Dakota in the spring of 1917. They had only a prairie road to get away from their farm for many years, so their transportation out was either by horses or walking. A road was built by their place going north and south by farmers in the area, pledging to help pay for grading. This was done in the early 1930's.

They farmed here until 1944. Due to John being in poor health, they rented the farm to Gust Rostad and moved to Colorado. John passed away the next year.

Ed moved to California and worked in a plant for a while. Then Ed and Art, his brother, bought a big house and rented out rooms.

Edward married Emma Thorstenson soon after this and they retired here. Ed passed away in 1969 and Emma passed away March 21, 1981.

JOSEPH and JUSTINA PEWONKA

Joseph and Justina Pewonka farmed a one-half section live and one-half miles northeast of Page where they lived many years. They had three daughters; Mary, Rosalla, and Justina. Mary married Tom Willberg and moved to Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. They are now deceased. Rosalla married Oliver Hayden in 1939 and they had twin daughters, Jean and Joyce and a boy, Richard who lived in Sargent, Minnesota. Justina married Stuart Walker and they had a boy, Stuart and a daughter, Sharon who now lives in Austin, Minnesota. Mrs. Pewonka died in 1941 and Mr. Pewonka in 1943.

RON and JANICE PICKAR



Ron, Desirae, Janice

Janice Hochgraber, youngest daughter of Alfred and Marion Hochgraber, graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1970. She attended Valley City State College from 1970-1971. She attended Josef's School of Hair Design graduating in the spring of 1972. She worked at Tom's Park Towers in Fargo in 1972. In 1973 through 1974 she worked for Tony Altobelli and Herbst-Glimby International. After attending Teacher's Training she taught at Josef's School of Hair Design from 1974-1976. She owned and operated the "He and She Shop" in Lisbon, North Dakota until selling in 1978. She moved to Wahpeton working in Deluxe Beauty

Shoppe. She was a working member of North Dakota Hair Fashion Committee and Cosmetologist Association.

She married Ron Pickar of Hope, North Dakota in August 1978.

In November 1978 they moved to Gillette, Wyoming and Janice is presently working in Design by Carole. She is a member of Wyoming Hairdressers and Cosmetologist Association. They have a daughter, Desirae Leigh, born June 1980.

BRADLEY and DEBRA (Moen) PLADSON

Brad is the son of Amos and Lou Pladson of Clifford, North Dakota. Debbie is the daughter of Dale and Mollie Moen.

Brad graduated from Clifford-Galesburg in 1968, Debbie in 1971. Debbie attended the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, enrolled in the dental assisting program, graduating in 1972. Brad graduated from Mayville State College with a degree in music and business.

They were married on December 16, 1972. New Town, North Dakota was their home for one year while Brad taught school. They moved to Fargo where Deb worked for Dr. Robert Kline, a periodontist, and Brad was employed in the fabrication department at Steiger Tractor. Their first daughter, Danielle, was born August 8, 1975. Brad later took a job with an irrigation company, and in the fall of 1977 they moved to Carrington, where Brad was manager of a branch irrigation office. Deb worked as a dental assistant for Dr. Carney Middleton. Their second daughter, Devanee, was born July 1, 1979.

In October 1979, the family moved to Oakes, North Dakota. Brad is presently employed as sales representative for Locken Irrigation, and Debbie is working for Dr. Mark Malmberg. They are members of Grace Lutheran Church, with Deb serving as secretary of ALCW. Brad and Deb are members of the Oakes Area Jaycees and Jayceettes, with Brad as president and Deb as vice president of their respective groups.

VERNON and MABEL PLAINE



Vernon and Mabel Plaine, 1940

Mabel Satrom born June 26, 1904, was the youngest of five children born to Anton and Sigri Satrom.

Mabel graduated from Emanuel Lutheran School of Nursing in Mankato, Minn., and served as a registered nurse in hospitals in Mankato and St. Lukes in Fargo.

She married Vernon Plaine October 30, 1940, and they farmed in the Hope, N.D., area until they retired into Mayville, N.D., in 1968. Mabel and Vernon had two children: John and Betty Plaine.

Mabel passed away on August 25, 1971, and Vernon on November 21, 1979.

FRED and EDITH PRATT



Fred and Edith Pratt

Fred Pratt was born January 19, 1882 at Blue Earth, Minnesota. He came to the Galesburg area with his parents when he was four years old. His parents homesteaded five miles west of Galesburg on the farm that is known as the Pratt farm. Fred was a great lover of trees. He was involved in furnishing trees for many rows of trees planted in the area. He even helped plant many of them.

Edith Poronto Pratt owned and managed the hotel in Galesburg for several years. She had three children by her previous marriage: Earl, Vera, and Valdin. She and her children made the hotel their home.

Fred lived with his mother in Galesburg until she passed away.

Fred and Edith were married in November of 1919. Some years later they purchased the Galesburg Cafe and operated it for nineteen years. In 1946, they retired to Fargo, North Dakota where they both passed away.

KENNETH PRIEN



Kenneth Prien

Kenneth Wayne Prien was born at Ord, Nebraska on June 30, 1915, the youngest son of Charles and Hildur Prien.

Kenneth came to North Dakota along with some cousins of the Bring's to work in the harvest fields in the fall of 1939.

Kenneth worked in the Clifford and Galesburg area and returned to Nebraska in the fall.

He came back to North Dakota in 1940 to stay but was drafted into the army in 1941. After his stay in service he returned again to North Dakota and bought some land in 1945.

Kenneth is a farmer by trade but a very talented carpenter by avocation. He has made his home with the Howard Bring family and still resides on the farm with them.

Kenneth is a member of the Stordahl Church, serving as treasurer for many years. He is a life member of the American Legion S.B. Aasen Post #210.

RALPH and HELEN (Olstad) PUNTON



**Cindy, Mike, Robert, Jenifer, Arnold, Susan
Shawn, Shareen, Shannon, Helen and Ralph
Amy and Melissa**

Helen Marie Olstad, daughter of Pauli and Alma (Erickson) Olstad was born September 12, 1928 on the Matt Olstad farm near Galesburg, North Dakota. Grandparents are Matt and Merit Olstad, Andrew and Hulda Erickson. Helen attended a country school for eight years, graduated from Hunter High School and Interstate Business College.

Ralph W. Punton was born May 18, 1928. He is the son of Robert and Jessie Punton of Ayr, North Dakota. Grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. A.P. Marshall and Thomas and Elizabeth Punton. Ralph attended school at Ayr.

Ralph and Helen were married February 4, 1948 in Elm River Lutheran Church. They moved to a farm near Ayr where they still reside.

Three children were born to this union; Susan Marie, Robert Paul, and Cynthia Amy. They attended schools at Absaraka, Ayr and all graduated from Central-Cass, Casselton.

Susan married Arnold E. Opp June 22, 1968 in Elm River Lutheran Church. They had four children. Twins Shawn Marie and Shareen Sue, Todd Arnold and Shannon Nicole. Todd died at age 22 months. Arnie, son of Ervin and Lavern Opp, Eureka, South Dakota, was killed in a traffic accident October 17, 1980. He was co-owner of A & G Equipment,

Ada, Minnesota. Susan and girls reside in Fargo, North Dakota.

Robert attended Wahpeton Science one year. He married Jenifer Baumler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Baumler of Wheatland. They have two daughters, Amy Jo and Melissa Jill. Rob and family live on a farm near Ayr and farm with his parents.

Cindy received an associate degree in Interior Design from N.D.S.U. She married Mike Whitmore, son of Don and Ruth Whitmore of Hope, North Dakota. They farm near Colgate, North Dakota.

GEORGE and CLARA QUIGGLE



George, Curly, Evelyn, Floyd, Lizzie, Bill, Frances, Pat

George and Clara Quiggle with their family of nine children moved near Galesburg in 1920. They bought Section one in Dows Township. The children were Bill, George, Roy (Lefty), Lizzie, Earl (Curly), Frances, Pat, Evelyn, and Floyd. The home farm was one of the first in the area to have electric lights. One could see the yard light for miles at night. George had a large acreage farm, three quarters of land at one time. They were the first large potato farmers, one hundred sixty acres a year, and also large corn acreage. They purchased one of the first Farmall Tractors sold in Galesburg. The International Harvester Company gave them the choice of a cultivator or a plow free. They also had one of the first fourteen foot grain drills in the country. All the farmers were seeding with horses and they would come and watch the tractor and drill that could seed forty acres a day.

In 1938 they moved from the home place one mile west of the old Kittleson farm and in 1943 they moved to the J.C. Miller farm. In 1946 they moved to Fargo. At the present time Bill lives in Albany, Oregon, George passed away in April of 1981. His wife, Catherine lives in Moorhead. Lefty passed away in August of 1966. Lizzie (Mrs. Jerry Griffin) lives in Moorhead as does Curly. Frances (Mrs. Sylvester Miller) lives in Fargo. Sylvester passed away in February of 1978. Evelyn (Mrs. Frank Smith) lives in Fargo and Floyd lives in Moorhead.

EMIL and JULINA RAMSTAD

Emil Ramstad was born December 6, 1881 at Fetsund, Norway, near Oslo. He was the son of Edward and Dina Christopherson Ramstad. Emil came with his parents to the United States when he was two years old, settling in Duluth,



Emil Ramstad



Julina Monteith Ramstad

Minnesota. When he was eleven years old he moved with his parents to a farm two miles east of Arthur, North Dakota. Later the family moved to Dickinson for a short time, as so many of the settlers in that area did, before they homesteaded in Duck Creek Township, Adams County Hettinger, North Dakota in 1907.

When the family moved to Alberta, Canada in 1912 Emil remained at Belfield, North Dakota where he worked on the Gunkel Ranch.

On August 4, 1910 Emil married Julina Montieth at Fargo. She was born June 19, 1884, in Delaware, Ontario, Canada, the daughter of John and Anna Allen Montieth. Julina was eighteen months old when her father died and her mother brought her and a sister, Maude Dulski, to the United States. They lived at Hunter, North Dakota. Julina worked as a telephone operator in Page, North Dakota for several years before she was married, and for a short time in Hunter when she moved from the farm.

Emil and Julina settled at Hettinger, North Dakota after their marriage where he worked in a flour mill until they moved to the Baldock farm now the Olson Brothers farm near Galesburg.

They had three children; Lyle was born at Galesburg, June 19, 1912. Lyle owns and operates a construction business.

Emil and Julina were living in the Hunter community when Allen was born April 19, 1914. Allen is employed in Texas.

Beth was born May 24, 1928 on what is now the George Burchill farm. It was then owned by L.B. Hanna.

Lyle married Lorraine Dickson, daughter of George and Gunelia Dickson, October 3, 1936. They have five children: Connie, Carol, Dennis, Darrell and Daylen. Connie, Carol and Dennis live in Fargo, Darrell in Hunter, and Daylen in New Rockford.

Allen married Muriel Kentfield, daughter of Ed and Maude Kentfield. They have two children, Larry and Nola.

Beth married Ronald McLeod, son of Clinton and Viola McLeod, December 29, 1947. Beth and Ron both are employed at Fingal State Bank. They have four children: Danny, Rebecca, Vicki, and Hal. Dan lives in Moorhead, Rebecca lives on a farm at Nome, North Dakota, Vicki in Anchorage, Alaska and Hal in Enderlin.

In 1938 Emil bought a farm at Erie, North Dakota, where he lived until his death February 13, 1942.

Julina lived on the farm until 1949 when she moved to Hunter where she lived until 1956. Julina died after a long illness at the home of the Palmer Lende family at Hannaford, North Dakota on May 3, 1966.

LYLE and LORRAINE RAMSTAD

Lyle Ramstad, son of Emil and Julina Ramstad, married Lorraine Dickson, daughter of George and Gunelia Dickson, on October 3, 1936 at the George Dickson farm. They have lived on a farm two miles south and one mile west of Hunter for the past forty-three years. Lyle has farmed and done construction work.

Lyle and Lorraine have two daughters and three sons; Mrs. Don (Connie) Wenaas, a laboratory technician in the Fargo Clinic; Mrs. Myron (Carol) Brend, secretary; Dennis, mechanic; Darrell, carpenter; Daylen, lawyer.

ROBERT and JANET RANDALL

Janet Marie Mielke was born June 7, 1952 to Otto and Olga Mielke, the youngest of the Mielke family. Janet received her education at the Clifford-Galesburg School, graduating from Valley City State College with a degree in teaching. She taught one year in Finley.

Janet married Robert Randall of Wahpeton, North Dakota. They built a new home in Wahpeton where Janet is employed as a seventh grade Life Science teacher. Robert is an electrician.

They are the parents of two boys: Anthony and Nicholas.

RANDY and CARMEN RICHARDS



Randy, Carmen, Monica, Tony, Katie Richards

Randy Martin Richards was born February 3, 1954 at the Union Hospital, Mayville, North Dakota to Loren and Marian Richards of Hope, North Dakota. He graduated from Hope High School in 1972 and went on and graduated from North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton with a degree in Diesel Mechanics.

On October 3, 1955, Carmen Kay was born to Arno and Dona Satrom of Clifford. Carmen attended schools at Clifford and Galesburg, and graduated in 1973 from the Division of

Correspondence at North Dakota State University. She is now working toward degrees in Music Composite and Social Science at Mayville State College.

Randy and Carmen were married July 26, 1972, at Hope, North Dakota. They lived at Wahpeton during the fall and winter months and Hope during the spring and summer months so Randy was able to farm and attend school until he graduated in 1975.

They currently live by Hope, North Dakota. Randy is secretary of the Housing Development at Hope, Township assessor, Vice-Chairman of Farmers Union Local and County Board and served as chairman of Redeemer Church Council. He enjoys golf, fastpitch softball, independent basketball and bowling. Carmen is active in her church as organist and superintendent of the Sunday School and director of the children's choir. She is involved in homemakers, Jayceettes, Booster Club, Civic Club, secretary of a bowling league, gives gymnastic lessons and is a Certified Care-taker for Handicapped Children.

The Richards have four children: Monica, born January 9, 1972; Tony, born July 17, 1975; Katie, born August 28, 1978; Brandi, born July 23, 1981.

BENJAMIN and EMMA RICHTER



Carol, Marie, Jimmy, Delores

Benjamin and Emma Richter and family moved to Galesburg, North Dakota in 1944. They farmed on Section fifteen for several years. They were the parents of eight children; Roland, Beate, Eldon, Pauline, Ernest, and Ernestine (twins), Ervin and Reuben.

In 1950 Ervin was married. Ervin and his wife continued to live on the farm. In June of 1954 Benjamin passed away. Emma then moved to Hazen, North Dakota and lived there until her death in 1974. Both Benjamin and Emma are buried

at Elm River Cemetery. They were members of Elm River Lutheran Church.

Ervin and his family continued farming. Due to poor health the family moved to Mashua, Iowa in 1960, later moving to a farm at Mora, Minnesota. They remained there until Irvin retired to Waite Park, Minnesota. The Richters are parents to four children; Carol, Marie, James and Delores.

GUNDER RINDAL

Gunder Rindal was born in Norway in the same area as most of the settlers in the Galesburg area. Gunder was a carpenter and helped put up many buildings around Galesburg in the early days. He was also a rural mail carrier.

JAMES RINTOUL



James Rintoul

Mary Ruddy Rintoul

James Rintoul, an early settler, farming on Section twenty-eight, Town one hundred forty-four, Range fifty-three, the son of William Rintoul, of Scotch ancestry, was a native of Huron, Ontario County, Canada, and later occupied Section twenty-six, Town one hundred forty-four, Range fifty-three, in Traill County. James Rintoul was the second of eleven children; Charles, James, Annie, Mary, wife of Dougal Martin, of Portland, Dakota; Thomas, Alexander, Elizabeth, Maggie, Neal, Henry Holmes, and Rachel. James was born in Canada, April 13, 1857 and brought up a farmer. He came to Dakota in April, 1880 and settled on the line of the Portland branch of Manitoba Railroad, near the town of Galesburg. He owned a half-section of valuable land, with sixty acres improved. The average number of bushels of wheat per acre in 1883 was twenty-two.

WILLIAM and JANE RINTOUL

William Rintoul was born on May 15, 1829 in Darling Township, Lanark County, Upper Canada. He was the oldest son of Charles Rintoul and Mary McGee who had emigrated from Scotland to Canada in 1821. Darling Township, located in the northern extremities of Lanark County is still known for its rugged terrain. Undoubtedly Charles and William worked very hard tilling Darling's rock soil.

William married Jane Matthee on April 18, 1853 in Lanark Village. Charles Jr. was born in 1854 and James in 1855.

Like many others, William decided to leave Eastern Ontario and settled in the fertile western part of the province. In 1856



Jane Matthie Rintoul



William Rintoul

he settled in Huron County on the shores of Lake Huron. The rest of William and Jane's family were born there: Annie - 1856, Mary - 1858, John - 1860 (died 1861), William Thomas - 1862, Elizabeth - 1864, Alexander - 1865, Maggie Jane - 1867, Neil - 1869, Henry Holmes (Harry) - 1871 and Rachel Hannah - 1874.

The census of 1871 shows that William farmed one hundred acres in Lot twenty-seven, Con. eleven, West Wawanosh Township. He had ten acres in hay, nine acres in wheat, six acres in pasture and one-half acre in potatoes. Forty-five acres had been improved. Two hundred pounds of maple sugar had been produced that winter.

By this time most of the land suitable for agriculture had been taken so William had to look south of the border for land for his six sons. In 1880 William and his entire family moved to the Red River Valley in Dakota Territory. They settled on the northwest 1/4-26-144-53 two miles east of where Galesburg was later located.

Mary married Dougall Martin on June 8, 1881 in Fargo. Soon after Dougall became the section foreman in Galesburg. Two children were born at Galesburg, Bill in 1882 and Dougall in 1884. In the spring of 1886 the family moved to Denbeigh and in 1901 to the Turtle Mountains.

Annie married Robert Sayer on March 29, 1885. They had three children: Ethel, Ella and Almon. Almon farmed at Hunter for many years.

James married Mary S. Ruddy in 1891. They lived one-half miles south of Galesburg before moving to the Alex Stewart farm in 1899. They had five children, Ruby, Ray, Ellie, Stanley and Margaret. In 1906 James and Mary moved to Simpson, Saskatchewan, where they homesteaded. Other Galesburg residents who settled in the Simpson area were Harry Stewart, Bert Stewart and Robert Stein. Gordon and Floyd Jefferson worked in the Simpson area during the First World War. The Jefferson, Stewarts, and James Rintoul's children were first cousins. Bessie Jefferson, Mary Rintoul and Maggie Stewart were all daughters of John Ruddy, another early resident of the Galesburg area.

Rachel married Edward Wonser on January 30, 1895 and lived in various places in North Dakota and Minnesota. Margaret married Hartley Fitzgerald on July 8, 1897 and moved to Minnesota.

Harry married Mary Hausauer in 1896 and farmed at Page. Neil married Mabel Richardson in 1901 and moved to

Westhope where he farmed for many years. His son, Bill now owns the farm.

Jane died on July 31, 1885 and William on March 31, 1897. They are buried at Galesburg. Their daughter, Elizabeth, is also buried there. She died on November 14, 1894.

JACOB and BERGITTA ROCK



Back: Josie, Peter, Charley, John, Edward
Front: Marie, Jacob, Bergitta, Bertha

Jacob Andreas Petterson Rock was born in Sjornen near Tronhjem, Norway, March 8, 1853. He came to America in 1872. Bergitta Trelstad was born in Sjordalen, Norway June 6, 1854. She came to America in 1870. She was married to Jacob Rock at Zumbrota, Minnesota March 11, 1879. In 1882 they settled on a homestead in Galesburg Township, where they spent most of the rest of their lives. They had eleven children, three of whom died at a very early age. The living are Peder, Bentine, Carl Johan, Josephine, Peter Bernhard, John, Marie and Edwin.

Mr. Rock died May 15, 1932 at the age of seventy-nine years and Mrs. Rock died November 19, 1940 at the age of eighty-six years. They had nineteen grandchildren and thirty-two great grandchildren.

Peder Rock was born near Fargo, October 28, 1880 and in 1882 came with his parents to the Galesburg vicinity. In 1902 he married Pauline Paulson. They made their home in Galesburg until the late twenties, when they moved to Oriska, North Dakota, where he engaged in big grain farming and also threshing. He died at a rest home in Fargo in May of 1972.

Bentine (Rock) Pewonka was born December 29, 1884. They farmed near Galesburg for a number of years, then settled on a homestead in eastern Montana and in 1926 moved to the Flathead Valley. She lived in Kalispell, Montana most of her life, but came back to North Dakota a number of times to visit. She died in November 1972.

Carl Johan Rock was born December 12, 1887. In 1910 he married Emma Kittleson. They lived in the Galesburg community for some time and in 1935 they went to the west coast where he was employed. He died April 3, 1947 at Spokane, Washington. Burial was in the Norman Lutheran Cemetery, Clifford, North Dakota.

Josephine (Mrs. Carl Henry) was born May 16, 1890. She lived in the Galesburg community all her life and in her later

years she cooked for the school children. She liked to cook and she loved the children. On February 25, 1958 she passed away very unexpectedly.

Peter Bernhard Rock was born March 4, 1892. He also worked at home on the farm. He had a very short life span. He died December 11, 1911.

Johan Rock was born June 20, 1894. He married Annie Strandberg December 15, 1915. They farmed at Lisbon, North Dakota for a number of years, then moved to Pillsbury, North Dakota, where he was employed at the Pillsbury Grain Elevator. They later moved back to Lisbon for their retirement.

Marie (Mrs. Edwin Cornelius) was born April 15, 1896. She made her home on the old homestead until March 26, 1934, when she moved to Pillsbury, North Dakota and in 1941 she married and moved to Shawano, Wisconsin.

Edwin Rock was born August 13, 1899. He also made his home on the old homestead until 1932. He was employed a few years near Pillsbury, North Dakota, then left for California and is now a patient at a hospital in San Francisco.

PEDER ROCK FAMILY



Pete and Pauline Rock
Alveda, Alma, Palmer, Stanley

Peder Rock, born October 28, 1880, and Pauline Marie Paulson, born November 10, 1883, were married on March 21, 1903.

Peder threshed grain in the area of Page and Hope for several years. Then they moved to Moorhead, Minnesota in 1922 after their home in Galesburg burned. Peder worked for the Bell Telephone Company while they lived in Moorhead.

In 1923 they moved to the area of Pillsbury and Oriska where they farmed. They continued to live in this area until 1967, when Peder sold this farm.

Peder and Pauline had twelve children, nine of them lived to adulthood. Four of them are still living: Ovedia Alberts of Fargo; Evelyn Mollins of Lisbon; Alta Hansen of Bothell, Washington; and Raymond of Seattle, Washington.

Pauline passed away in 1946 and Peder in 1972.

GUSTAV and JOSEPHINE ROSTAD



Josie and Gust Rostad

Gustav was born March 10, 1905, to Otto and Marie Rostad. Josephine was born December 4, 1898, to John and Betsy Lerfald. Gustav and Josephine were married March 5, 1943. They farmed in the Galesburg area until they retired to Galesburg in 1967. Gustav was a veteran of World War II. The Rostads were active members of Stordahl Lutheran Church. They had one daughter, Gladys, Mrs. Arden Bring.

Gustav passed away in 1979 and Josephine in 1980.

JOHN ROSTAD

John Rostad was a blacksmith. When he came to Galesburg he purchased the blacksmith shop from H. K. Anderson. He operated the shop during the time Anderson owned and operated the restaurant.

OTTO and MARIE ROSTAD



Lena (Mrs. Herman Anderson), James, Cecelia
Otto, Oscar, Gustav, Arnold Rostad

Otto Rostad was born March 8, 1873, in Trondjehem, Norway. At the age of twelve he came to the United States. In 1899 he married Marie Johnson. The Rostads farmed in the Clifford-Galesburg area until Marie's death.

Marie passed away while the children were still young thus they made their homes with relatives in the community. Otto worked on various farms and will be remembered for his wood splitting and working in harvest fields. His means of travel was walking. Otto passed away in 1960 at the age of 87.

Six children were born to the Rostads: Lena (Mrs. Herman Anderson), Cecelia (Mrs. Arthur Bransgaard), James, Gustav, Arnold, and Oscar. Oscar, the only survivor of the family, resides in Fargo, North Dakota.

FRED and HILDA RUD



Lloyd, John, Norman, Zane, Jerry
Betty, Hilda, Fred, Irene, Roy

Fred Rud was born in Norway in 1893 and came to the United States at the age of ten with his family. They settled first at Hillsboro in 1903. In 1912, they moved to Kenmare, North Dakota, and lived there until 1932. They then moved back to Hillsboro until 1932, then came to Clifford and lived in this area until 1953, when he quit farming and moved to Galesburg.

Fred married Hilda Groven from Portland at Hillsboro in 1933. Eight children were born to them; six boys and two girls.

Lloyd married Frances Stockman from North Carolina in 1965. He has one daughter, Felicia, and two stepdaughters, Karen and Audrey. He is in construction work, spending a lot of time overseas in Saudi Arabia. He served in the Air Force from 1954 to 1958. He lives in Wilmington, North Carolina.

Betty married Robert Johnson from Arthur in 1961. She attended St. Luke's School of Nursing, graduating in 1961. They have six children; Keith, Terry, Karen, Jacky, Mary and David. They live on a farm south of Arthur, North Dakota. Betty was in the WACS from 1954-1957.

John graduated from the University of Oregon and married Daryl Church from Coos Bay, Oregon, in 1968. They have two children, Lisa and Erik. John is a geologist and lives at Yuma, Arizona. He served in the Air Force from 1956-1960.

Roy married LaVonne Hochgraber in 1969. Roy and LaVonne both graduated from Mayville State College. They live at Hector, Minnesota, where Roy is superintendent in the Hector School System and LaVonne teaches at Brownton, Minnesota. They have three children; Barton, Ryan, and Deandra. Roy has two older children, Roy Jr. and Robin, living in California. He was in the Army from 1966-1968.

Irene married Jim Mack of Kensal and is now living at Lake Crystal, Minnesota. Irene works in an insurance office and Jim is in construction. They have two sons; Shannon and Shawn.

Norman is single and lives in Portland. He served in the Army from 1966-1968 being stationed in the States and Germany.

Jerry is single and lives in Portland.

Zane is also single and lives in Portland. He served in the Air Force from 1970-1974, spending thirteen months in Vietnam.

Fred and Hilda moved to Portland, North Dakota in 1969 and are living there yet.

HAROLD and LYNDA RUD



Jason, Harold, Lynda, Jennifer

On June 14, 1945 Harold Rud was born the third of five children to Odin Rud and Inez Erickson Rud. Harold attended elementary and high school in Galesburg. He graduated from Clifford-Galesburg in 1963. Harold was a member of the National Guard following graduation and he also graduated from Weber Data Processing in Fargo, North Dakota. He was employed by Great Plains as assistant manager in Finley and Galesburg. In 1971 he went to work for First Computer Corporation at Merchants Bank in Fargo. On June 30, 1973, he and Lynda Hermanson from Towner, North Dakota, were married. They lived in West Fargo for one year then moved back to the home farm in Galesburg to begin farming. On December 10, 1974, their first child, Jason Harold, was born. Jennifer Lyn was born on August 29, 1976. Harold is presently employed by Galesburg Implement and Lynda is doing cake decorating for the community and the area.

IVER and TILLIE RUD



Back row: Thomas, Odin, John
Front row: Iver, Thea (Mrs. Carl Freestad), Tillie

Iver Rud was born February 16, 1884 in Orje, Norway, the son of Olai and Thea Rud. He emigrated to the United States in 1902 and came to Wheaton, Minnesota, working for his aunt and uncle. Later he farmed at Galesburg and Hillsboro, North Dakota.

Iver married Tillie Lommerud July 10, 1914. She was the daughter of Julius and Johannah Lommerud. Born to them were four children — John, Thomas, Odin and Thea (Mrs. Carl Freestad).

Tillie was born April 20, 1886; had one brother, Ole. She passed away October 25, 1950.

Iver passed away April 29, 1959.

ODIN and INEZ RUD

Odin Rud and Inez Erickson were united in marriage at Portland, North Dakota in the parsonage by Reverend Gjerde on July 10, 1941. To this marriage were born five children. Their oldest son, Orlin Everal, born October 23, 1942, is now married to Alice Feist. They have two children, Melanie and Jamie. Their daughter Ilene Junell, was born May 19, 1944. She married Osland Holden (George). They have two children, Scott and Hollie. Harold Ivan, born June 14, 1945, married Lynda Hermanson and they have two children, Jason and Jennifer. Marlowe Odin, born November 18, 1948, married Pam Werran. They have three boys, Jon, David and Michael. Wayne Ernest was born October 31, 1951 and married Pam Little and they have two girls, Traci and Milissa.

REUBEN and JENNIFER RUD



Jennifer, Reuben, Heidi, Heather

Reuben I. Rud was born to Thomas and Pearl Rud of Clifford, North Dakota on July 24, 1953 in Mayville, North Dakota. Reuben attended Clifford-Galesburg Elementary School and graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1971. He went on to the State School of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota to become a diesel mechanic.

He married Jennifer Paulson of Hunter, North Dakota in 1973. They lived in Hillsboro, North Dakota for eight years where Reuben was the Service Manager at John Deere.

In 1981 they built a new home in the Galesburg area where Reuben is engaged in farming.

They have two daughters; Heather who is eight and one-half years old and in the third grade in the Clifford-Galesburg Elementary School, and Heidi who is four and one-half years old.

ROY and LaVONNE RUD



LaVonne, Roy, Barton, Ryan and Deandra

LaVonne Hochgraber, daughter of Alfred and Marion Hochgraber, was born and raised at Galesburg, graduating from Galesburg High School in 1960. Following high school, she attended Interstate Business College at Fargo and was employed in Hillsboro until 1966. She attended Valley City State College and Mayville State College, graduating in 1969.

Roy Rud, son of Fred and Hilda Rud, attended Clifford Elementary School and Galesburg High School, graduating in 1958. Following high school, he attended Mayville State College, graduating in 1962 and taught in Glasgow, Montana; Barstow, California and Arlington, Minnesota. Roy served with the United States Army from 1966-1968. Following his discharge, Roy obtained his Master's Degree and Specialist's Degree from Mankato State University and was employed as elementary principal at Brownton, Minnesota and Superintendent of Schools at Barrett, Minnesota.

Roy and LaVonne were married in 1969. They presently live in Hector, Minnesota where Roy is Superintendent of School. LaVonne is presently employed as a first grade teacher in Brownton, Minnesota. They have three children: Barton, Ryan and Deandra.

THOMAS and PEARL RUD

Thomas was born January 24, 1917 to Iver and Thilda Rud. He grew up on a farm and attended school at Bloomfield country school. Tom married Pearl Estrin on December 31, 1950. They live on a farm. Besides raising grain of all kinds they raise pure bred Charolais cattle. Tom has won many awards at livestock shows with his Charolais as well as the children winning premiums in 4-H.

Tom and Pearl had four children. Reuben graduated from Clifford-Galesburg school in 1971. He attended Wahpeton State School of Science for two years. He worked at Traill County Implement Company as service manager for several years. Reuben married Jennifer Paulson and they now reside on a farm northeast of Galesburg. They have two children, Heather and Heidi.

Sonja graduated from Clifford Galesburg school in 1974. She married Donald Meyer, and they live on a farm near Hillsboro and are the parents of three daughters.

Randa attended school in Clifford and graduated from Hillcrest Academy in Fergus Falls, Minnesota in 1970. Randa then attended Letourneau College in Longview, Texas. Randa is married to Milt Smith and they live in Oregon and are the parents of one daughter.

Daniel (deceased) graduated from Clifford Galesburg school in 1968. After graduation Dan joined the navy and served on board an oiler spending most of the time on the ocean. Daniel died while home on leave November 1971.

THE CARL E. RUST FAMILY



The Carl Rust Family
Clara, Charley, Christine
Ed, Carl, Ronaug, Oscar

Carl E. Rust grew up in Trondheim, Norway, and came to the United States at the age of seventeen in the 1870s. He lived at Redwing, Minnesota, a few years. He had a brother that was farming near there. Carl had another brother who was homesteading in the Prosper area just northwest of Fargo. Carl and his wife, Ronaug, came to this area in 1881 in search of a parcel of land and spent the winter in the Prosper-Fargo area. On New Years Day 1882 their first son, Edward, was born. The following summer they set out for their new homestead near Galesburg where they were to remain the rest of their lives. Carl had three brothers and two sisters all of whom settled in or near the Dakotas. In 1932 they were able to get together for what would be their last reunion.

Carl (Charley) Rust was among the early settlers in the Galesburg area arriving in the summer of 1882. Carl, his wife Ronaug, and infant son, Edward, arrived by horse and wagon amidst swarms of mosquitos at their new home two miles south of town. It was too late to plant crops. They did try planting some potatoes that first summer but it was a poor crop. A small frame house and a stable were already on the farm site. These were built by an earlier homesteader who had given up his claim to this quarter section of land.

In the 1890s Carl obtained another quarter section of land in the hills three miles west. This was a long quarter being one mile long running north and south. It joined the north edge of land owned by Max Klessig, another early settler. Carl and Max enjoyed an occasional visit whenever they rested their animals on the adjoining ends of their fields. Carl spent a whole summer breaking this mile-long quarter with oxen and a walking plow.

Dry years followed and Carl was never to realize a satisfactory crop so he gave this land up.

After being on the land one decade Carl's family had grown to include six children: Edward, Christine, Oscar, Clara, Charley, and Peter. Peter died in 1894. The remaining children grew up on the farm and attended school in Galesburg when the old townhall was the schoolhouse. The old school also served as the church building. On their daily walks to school in the spring, the kids collected tiger lilies from which they made a red dye for coloring pictures. Each student had his own little chalk board on which their writing was done. Writing on paper was a treat in those days. Text books were purchased by the parents and these were passed down from oldest to youngest as the years went by.



Charley Rust

The Rust kids had a one-horse pony cart which they used for errands and also for play. One of their more adventuresome trips was to take the cart as far as the large coulee fifteen miles east of town and spend the day picking wild plums. With many acres of unplowed prairie all around, the children often discovered buffalo mounds. A buffalo mound was a small patch of very thick dark green grass showing where a buffalo had fallen many years before the first settlers arrived. Along the railroad there were many tiny ponds dug out when the railroad grade was being built. These depressions quickly filled with water which was then drunk by the animals used during the building of the original railroad bed. The Rust kids had many friends but probably spent most of their time with the children of Pete Smith who were Rust's neighbors to the west.



Oscar and Pauline Rust

As the children got older times got better. Long hard hours were still the rule as everyone got up at 4:30 in order to have the teams and equipment ready to go by 6:00. Despite the many hours of work everyone found time for hobbies as well. When Ed was in his teens he had enough money saved up to buy a bicycle. On the day of purchase Ed walked to Clifford where he bought the bike and by the time he got home he had taught himself how to ride it. Both he and Oscar experimented with photography and around the turn of the century were developing their own photographs. Christine was later to become the family photographer and eventually filled several albums with snapshots showing activities around the Rust farm during the teens and twenties. Oscar was the most mechanically and musically inclined. At age twenty-one he enrolled at the Agriculture College in Fargo to take some mechanical related courses. It was his first trip to Fargo. The train ride from Galesburg took all night. Oscar also learned to play violin as did several others in the community. One winter evening he and a friend were going to walk over to the neighbors and do some fiddling. They walked for a time in the total darkness of those pre-yardlight days and eventually reached a farmyard. To their surprise they found themselves back in the Rust yard. They had walked a complete circle. Charley, the youngest in the family, was more interested in caring for the livestock. One summer he herded cattle for a neighbor. His pay at the end of the summer was a five dollar gold piece. Charley was known for his expertise in the training and handling of work horses. Charley very closely resembled his father.

By 1908 the Rust farm was taking on the general appearance it has today. It was this year that the house was built and the barn may have been built by this time, too. The old granary west of the house was built several years earlier. It had an upstairs which served as a summer sleeping quarters for the Rust boys as the old house was a bit crowded for the whole family. In 1904 Carl bought another quarter of land one mile to the southwest in Cass County. A large tree claim was planted here which was later to supply the Rusts with a continuous supply of firewood for the coming decades. During the early years Rusts burned wood that was hauled in by railroad.

In 1918 another quarter section was purchased in Cass County just south of the quarter purchased in 1904. A new era began with the purchase of an Avery gas tractor and grain separator. The Rust brothers were renting about one section of land at this time which they were farming in addition to their

own land. The Avery tractor was eventually replaced by a McCormick 15-30 but the Avery threshing machine went on to serve the brothers thirty-five years without a single breakdown. One more quarter of land was purchased in 1928 just east of the home quarter.

All of Carl Rust's children remained in the Galesburg area except for Clara who married Ole Sollid and by the 1920s was living in Minneapolis. They had one daughter, Olive. Edward married Petra Lande in 1912 and had moved to a farmstead a mile and a half south. They had two daughters, Ruby and Helen. Oscar married Pauline Lien in 1928 and they continued to reside on the home place. Neither Christine or Charley married but continued to live on the home place also. Oscar and Pauline had two children, Kenneth and Edris who grew up on the farm their grandfather had started. Edward, Oscar, and Clara, the three Rusts that married, were to each have a grandchild that would sing with the Concordia Choir.

Carl was of average height but being husky he had the appearance of being a large man. He bore some resemblance to Theodore Roosevelt. Carl enjoyed humor and was a good visitor. He enjoyed meeting new people and went out of his way to make area newcomers welcome often inviting them out to his farm. He was a charter member of Elm River Lutheran Church. As automobiles came on the scene Carl tried his hand at piloting the family Model T around the yard a couple of times but could never get the hang of it. He was more at home in the seat of his buggy pulled by his spirited horse named Beauty. It was once a common sight to see Carl, in his later years, driving out across a field at a gallop leaving a cloud of dust behind his buggy as he daily checked on the progress of field work. One day in the late 1920s he neglected to look both ways while crossing the road by the farm and his buggy was smashed by a car. Carl was badly injured. He survived the crash and lived a few more years but was never to be the robust man he once was. Carl died in 1934. His wife Ronaug died eight years earlier.

Like any farm in the early days the Rust farm depended on hired help for work in the field as well as in the house. Perhaps a hundred different individuals found work here at one time or another. Some were quiet and withdrawn and perhaps only worked a few days and have been forgotten. Others worked for Rusts many years and some were colorful characters who made a lasting impression on the family and whose names are still remembered. A few remained with the family many years and became like members of the family including Harry Shay who was a former circus clown, Oscar Berg, Hazel Sharp, the Hoover family, Frenchy, and Henry Aasen.



Front row: Edris Meier, Pauline, Kenneth. Back row: Pamela Meier, Herb Meier, Randy Johnson, Debbie Meier Johnson, Heidi Rust, Bonnie Rust.



Harry Shay

ED and PETRA RUST



Ed and Petra Rust

In the winter of 1881 Carl Rust and his wife Ronaug set out from Red Wing, Minnesota to homestead in Dakota Territory. They stopped at his brother's homestead east of present day Prosper, North Dakota and waited until spring to resume their journey. On New Year's Day, 1882 Ed was born. He was given the name Johan Edward Rust. That summer the small family with their wagon load of meager possessions arrived at their new home alongside the new railroad grade two miles south of Galesburg.

Ed grew up in the Galesburg area and attended school there from 1889 until about 1898. The school boys spent much of their free time around the railroad tracks climbing around on the water tower and box cars. There was a meat market uptown where they could obtain tin foil which made dandy spit balls. One recess, Ed and some of the boys found an old stocking and filled it full of frogs from the nearby creek. They then caught Axel Mykland and poured the frogs down his neck. One year their teacher had each student plant a cottonwood tree around a well near the school. Ed said his tree and one other survived. Perhaps two of those old cottonwood trees south of the school are silent witnesses of this student activity from long ago.

During his school years, Ed gained three brother: Oscar, Charley and Peter, and two sisters: Christine and Clara. Peter died at the age of two.

In 1910, with \$26 saved up, Ed began renting a half section of land owned by Charley Meyers three miles south of Galesburg. Many present-day area residents know this long abandoned farm site as the Gates farm. About the time Ed began renting this farm, he met a "newcomer girl" from Soholt, Norway who was working in the Erie area. In 1912 Ed and Petra Lande were married and the "Gates" farm was to be their home for the next ten years. During this time daughters Ruby and Helen were born. Ed and his brothers continued to farm together.

Meanwhile Ed's father had purchased a quarter section just west of the half Ed was renting. A well-weathered but sturdy house stood on the north side. This house was built in 1905, but had never been finished on the inside or lived in. In 1921 the house was moved farther back from the road and remodel-

ing commenced, with additional rooms built on the north side. The family moved here in 1922. Other buildings followed, a well was dug and trees were planted. Their closest neighbor was the Charley Nyquist family a quarter mile to the west. Charley's son, Carl, often sat outside the house on summer evenings playing his violin. Many times Ed's family could be outside in the yard and enjoy the distant melodies of Carl's violin.

After moving to their new home, Ruby and Helen attended grade school at the Bower School two miles west. They attended high school in Galesburg and both went on to college at Mayville. While they were off to college, a tornado destroyed all the buildings on the farm except the house. A new barn, granary and windmill were built on the same sites.

Ed and Petra lived on the farm the remainder of their years. Both were active members of Elm River Lutheran Church and participated in many community events. Many still remember the sight of Ed and Petra coming to town in their 1928 Chevy and later in a 1941 Chevy. Petra died in 1950. At this time Clayton and Helen Ahrlin and family moved from Portland to the farm to be with Ed. Ed often drove to Minnesota and would stay with Ruby and Bud Lommen and family for several days and do a little fishing. Ed continued to farm with Oscar and Charley. In the mid 50's, soil bank came and marked the end of an era. The Rust land was never to be farmed by the Rust brothers again. Ed died in 1959. The Clayton Ahrlin family continues to live on the farm which still retains the same general appearance it has had for sixty years.

THOMAS and MINNIE RUTHERFORD



Dorothy, Bruce, Garfield, Thomas and Mary Isabella

Life for Thomas Rutherford began at Hanover, Ontario, Canada where his parents had emigrated from Scotland. In 1880 the family moved to Erie-Absaraka area in Cass County where the father, James, Sr., took a job with the Great Northern Railway in charge of the right-of-way between Erie and Mayville.

Thomas was twelve years old then and it became his duty to keep the railway watertank filled by "armstronging" a deep-well pump for the train that came through every other day. The pay for this work was forty dollars per month so when young Tom stepped up to the window in the paymaster's car to receive his forty dollars there were many questions asked before the wages were paid.

When Tom was thirteen his father purchased a tree claim twelve miles from home and was located in section eighteen of Dows Township. The land had to be broken and young Tom was called on to go up to the tree claim with two oxen and a cow. Staying ten days or more at a time, he brought in supplies on a "stone-boat" drawn by oxen. He slept in an old shack which had a door but no hinges so all he could do was prop the door up against the opening. On occasion a bear would follow three hundred feet behind the plow scavenging whatever morsels were there and coyotes were certain to howl many nights. The cold winds blowing through the cracks with snow on the bed was enough to keep a young boy awake many a night. His pants, wet from the evening dew and hung on a nail, would stand by themselves the next morning.

Within a year his father built a house on the land and many settlers from miles around came to spend the winter evenings. The stove was a "straw burner" and it was almost a full time job feeding it. These were happy and memorable times for all concerned. Tom remained at home helping his father until he was eighteen but then went back to Canada and helped in the construction of the Canadian Pacific Railway (SPR) through the Canadian Rockies. He visited often in Toronto where his brother, John, was a policeman.

After a few years he returned to North Dakota, bought a farm and a team of mules and started farming the "Home Place", southwest quarter of Section eleven, Page Township where the family lived until 1919. The Home Place was homesteaded and a grove of trees was planted and grew so nicely they were in effect a well kept park. It was very fertile land, the crops were good and the quarter was paid for when wheat was only fifty cents per bushel. There was no modern machinery in those days and farmers walked behind the harrows (drags) and plows. No riding, and Tom as well as his neighbors came home many nights with blistered and bleeding heels.

In 1903 Tom built a fine 8-room house within the grove and in March 1904 he brought from Toronto, Canada his new bride to share the pleasant home. Mary Isabella Bruce, the new bride, known affectionately as "Minnie", had operated with her two sisters a millinery shop in Toronto. But Cass County she loved and together they immensely enjoyed the community and their home and found this a most pleasant place to call "home" and to raise a family.

The Thomas Rutherford family: Bruce Flemming Rutherford, born February 6, 1905, now residing at Mankato, Minnesota; James Garfield Rutherford, born October 4, 1906, deceased 1966; Baby John born October, 1907, deceased 1907; Dorothy Jean, born May 3, 1911, married Harold Wales, deceased 1978.

As time went on Tom acquired "The Tree Claim" a half mile east of the home place, known as southeast quarter of Section twelve, Page Township and also the east one-half of the west one-half Section one, Page Township. This land is one mile north and one quarter mile east of the home place. Other land was leased so that all-in-all five quarters were farmed.

In addition to the fine house on the home place, the farm buildings included a large barn with hay mow and a cow barn attached, a machine shed for the car and all machinery, a smoke house, hen house and a full sized grain elevator capable of holding one and one-half year's harvest of small grain. Live-

stock included sixty head of cattle, eighty pigs, thirty horses, and a flock of chickens and turkeys.

Tom Rutherford did not own or operate a threshing rig but contracted to have the five quarters threshed. Each fall it became a most exciting event when the threshing crew of forty men pulled onto the farm. The great forty-four inch separator, the huge steam engine, the tank wagon, cook car and rolling bunk cars, together with a dozen or more horse-drawn hayracks was a mammoth event and a joy to behold as they cleared field after field of shocked grain, with the grain being hauled in grain tanks by horses to the farm elevator. But never on Sunday! At about dusk on Saturday night this great threshing crew of forty men and an equal number of horses would pull off the Rutherford farm to set up at another place to thresh on Sunday. It was a Rutherford rule to do only the minimum essential work on the Sabbath. Many were the trips made to Galesburg for food, supplies and machinery — yes and automobiles.

For health reasons Thomas began curtailing farming in 1917 but had no intention of leaving the farm. However, in the fall of 1919 a farmer from Iowa offered Tom one hundred twenty-five dollars per acre for the home place and it was accepted. It was then decided to move to Fargo in November, 1919.

ELMER RYGH



Elmer Rygh

Elmer was born on a farm east of Galesburg November 1910. He attended the country school number four. He was baptized and confirmed at the Stordahl Church.

Elmer worked on various farms in the Galesburg area. He was employed for sometime with Traill County Electric of Mayville, where he got a major part of his electrical training. He established his own electrical service at Galesburg of which he is the present owner for the past thirty-two years.

GERHARD T. and INGA RYGH

Torger T. Rygh, father of Gerhard Rygh came with his parents to America from Stavanger, Norway in 1844 at the age of one year. It was a three month's journey from Norway to Illinois where they settled on a small claim in the center of what is now Chicago.

After the Indian treaties of 1851, they moved to Goodhue County, Minnesota where they purchased one hundred sixty



**Back: Gerhard, Elmer, Richard, Inga, Ted, Luella
Front: Gladys, Phillip, Mable, Edna**

acres of land which Torger T. Rygh, Gerhard's father, farmed after the death of his father. Torger T. Rygh and his wife, Ragnhild Torgerson Rygh had five daughters and three sons: Tabitha, Josephine, Gina, Anna, Agatha, Theodore, Randolph, and Gerhard.

In 1904, Gerhard, Gina, and Anna came to Galesburg Township to farm the land purchased by their father, the east half of section thirteen. One of the neighbors was the Ole Jystad family who lived on section fourteen. Ole Jystad and his wife, Ingeborg Erickson Jystad, moved here from Red Wing, Minnesota. They were parents of Emma, Julius, John, Mary, Otto, and Inga. Two sons, Eddie and Paul died in their youth.

Gerhard Rygh married Inga Jystad. They had nine children. There are seven living: Theodore, Elmer, Luella, Richard, Edna, Gladys, and Mable. Ernest died in 1916 and Phillip in 1932.

They were members of Stordahl Church.

Theodore served in World War II in the Southwest Pacific Theater. After the war he and Richard opened a Radio and Automotive Service business in Galesburg. Later they purchased the adjacent building, the "Ole Lande Store", and Ted moved his radio and television business. He married the former Lucille Brandsted in 1967. They live at Galesburg.

Elmer lives in Galesburg where he is a self-employed electrician serving the community for the past thirty-five years.

Ida Luella graduated from Galesburg High School and worked various places in this area, at Wilmar and Minneapolis, Minnesota. She helped the three younger sisters in financing their education. She has lived in Minneapolis, Minnesota about thirty-five years.

Richard graduated from Galesburg High School and attended Mayville State College. He was in the automotive service business in Galesburg for thirty years. He and his wife Viola, live in Galesburg.

Edna graduated from Galesburg High School, worked in Wilmar, Minnesota for seven years and then responded to the call for nurses in World War II and joined the Nurses Cadet Corps. She graduated from Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1948. In 1955, she moved to Britton, South Dakota to be superintendent of the local hospital. She married Carl Hofland of Britton in 1958 and lived and worked there until 1979 when they moved to Montevideo, Minnesota.

Gladys graduated from Galesburg High School and then went to Colfax, Wisconsin to work in Dr. Felland's home. She joined the Nurses Cadet Corps in 1943 and trained at Lutheran Deaconess Hospital graduating in 1946. She remained in Minneapolis working at Deaconess Hospital. Later she worked at Glencoe, Minnesota for a short time. For the past twenty-five years she has been a phlebotomist for the Red Cross Blood Program, traveling most of the time to parts of Minnesota, Wisconsin, North Dakota and South Dakota. She resides in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mable attended Galesburg High School three years and graduated at Oak Grove High School in Fargo and Augsburg College in Minneapolis, Minnesota. She taught Music and English at the Rapidan, Minnesota High School where she met and married Paul R. Flo. Some years later they moved to Ellsworth, Wisconsin where Paul is employed at the Fullerton Lumber Company. They have one daughter, Valerie Mae, who attends Oak Hills Bible Institute at Bemidji, Minnesota.

Inga Rygh died in 1933.

Gerhard Rygh farmed until 1936. He then moved to Wanamingo, Minnesota. He died in 1964, at the age of ninety at Minneapolis where he had lived for ten years with his daughters, Luella and Gladys.

RICHARD and VIOLA RYGH



Richard and Viola Rygh

Richard Rygh, son of Gerhard and Inga Rygh, was born September 3, 1915 on the home farm one mile north and three and one-half miles east of Galesburg. He received his grade school education at the rural school, number four, also known as the Julseth School. Birdie Vigen was his first grade teacher and Mrs. Kate Green was his teacher for the next seven years. He graduated from Galesburg High School. One spring he walked the four and one-half miles every morning to high school. Richard was baptized and confirmed at the Stordahl Church. His work on the National Youth Administration Projects made it possible for him to attend Mayville State College for one year.

He worked on farms in the area and worked one winter during World War II in defense work at Hastings, Nebraska at the Naval Ammunition Depot.

He returned to Galesburg and worked on farms until 1946 when he and his brother, Ted, built a service station, radio and auto repair, which they operated as a partnership.

In 1953 Richard entered a contest sponsored by Commercial Solvents Corporation in which the award was a free trip to New York City, including two games to the World Series between the New York Yankees and the Brooklyn Dodgers. Richard was one of three dealers in North Dakota to win the trip.

With the coming of television, the business was expanded. In 1960 Ted and Richard purchased the old Lande store building to which Ted moved his radio and television business. In 1962 they dissolved partnership. Richard continued in the service station and auto repair until 1976.

Richard served as school treasurer, village treasurer, City Council member, board member of the Galesburg Improvement Corporation and several offices in Stordahl Congregation.

Viola Miller, daughter of Ruches and Lucinda Miller, was born in Galesburg, December 27, 1925. She was baptized and attended Sunday School at the Presbyterian Church. She was referred to as the "paper girl", as she sold papers for fourteen years. At the age of sixteen she started clerking at the K. O. Lande Store, where she was employed until he sold his store in 1960. She worked two months for Ruth Anderson and Esther Johnson at the A & J Store after they bought the store from K. O. Lande. She commuted to Mayville, North Dakota where she worked at the Grinager's Store for two years. She served as village treasurer, village clerk and school clerk.

Richard Rygh and Viola Miller were married December 5, 1965. After their marriage, Viola worked part time at the service station. In 1972 she was appointed postal clerk at the Galesburg Post Office. Since March 1977, she has been a part time flexible clerk at the Fargo Post Office.

The Rygh's are members of Stordahl Church.

THEODORE and LUCILLE RYGH



Theodore and Lucille Rygh

Theodore Rygh, eldest son of Gerhard and Inga (Jystad) Rygh, was born July 22, 1909 at Galesburg, North Dakota. He attended the country school known as the Julseth School in Traill County, Galesburg Township District Number one, and School Number four. After his rural education he studied radio and mechanics at home by correspondence. His interests in radio, television, electricity, and mechanics has been his

challenges, hobbies and life's work. It led him into various vocations.

He also worked on farms prior to serving in the army during World War II. His knowledge was put to good use in the service. He entered the service in January 1942 and served with the Army Amphibious Engineers Brigade, ship to shore landing operations in the South Pacific from Australia, all along the coast of New Guinea to the Philippines (Bismarck Archipelago). He was honorably discharged in October 1945.

He returned to Galesburg. Ted served as city assessor from 1946-1970.

In 1946, Ted and his brother Richard, built the Mobil Station which they operated in partnership. Ted took a correspondence course in practice and theory of television from National Radio Institute. During that period he also took evening classes at the Agricultural College at Fargo, North Dakota.

In 1960 Ted and Richard purchased the "old Lande Store" and Ted expanded the television operation. Later they dissolved the partnership.

On April 14, 1967, Theodore (Ted) married Mrs. Lucille Brandsted, widow of Fred Brandsted. She was employed at Mayville State College as a dormitory director for girls and worked as cashier and supervised student kitchen help. From 1969-1972 she cooked in the Clifford-Galesburg Public School. Later she worked and managed other food businesses. At the present time she is food manager and cook for the Traill County Senior Services in Mayville and Portland, North Dakota.

Ted and Lucille make their home on a small farm east of Galesburg known as the Toliver farm. Ted is semi-retired but still keeps busy with his work.

JERRY and LOLA SANDBECK



The Sandbecks
Jerry, Lola, Joni, Lynn, and Jeff

Jerry and Lola Sandbeck and their infant daughter Lynn, moved their trailer house onto the Galesburg school lot, behind the gym in August of 1960, where they lived until 1974.

Jerry, in his first year out of Mayville State College, came to Galesburg as the Principal, taught social studies and coached basketball. He remained in that position until 1967, when he assumed the role of superintendent of the Clifford-Galesburg school system. He spent another seven years in that capacity.

There were two more children born to the Sandbecks while they lived in Galesburg, Jeff, who is a student at North Dakota State University majoring in psychology and Joni, who is in the sixth grade at the Aneta Public School. Lynn, the oldest, is also a student at North Dakota State University, majoring in business.

Jerry and Lola were both born and raised at Aneta, North Dakota where they have returned to as Jerry is involved in farming with his father.

ERVIN and BERTHA SAND

Ervin Sand is the son of Peter Sand and Olive Foss. His grandparents are John Sand and Karina Pederson and Peder Foss and Melia Knudsvig.

Ervin Sand was born on February 25, 1943. He attended Elementary and High School years at Clifford, North Dakota. He was confirmed at Stordahl Lutheran Church of rural Galesburg.

After graduation from High School in 1961, he went to Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri for six months. He was a member of the National Guard for three and a half years. Ervin attended Mayville State College for four years, graduating in 1966. He taught basic skills at Hunter, North Dakota. The fall of 1966 he taught English, speech, and drama at Wyndmere, North Dakota.

On June 23, 1967 Ervin married Bertha Dick. Treva Laree was born on February 5, 1972.

In March 1973, Ervin and Bertha became managers of the Taste Freeze in Wyndmere. On March 23, 1974, their son, Shawn Ervin was born.

After ten years of teaching on November 15, 1976 Ervin and family moved to the Peter Sand farm at Galesburg, North Dakota.

On September 19, 1977, a son, Lynn Eric was born. The family joined the Norman Lutheran Church in Clifford. Ervin was on the Church Council and teaches Sunday School.

Ervin raises pigs and cattle on their farm and at the present time, he is substitute mail-carrier for the Clifford-Galesburg mail route.

MARVIN and DARLENE SAND



Back: Kent, Wanda
Front: Lisa, Marvin, Darlene, Philip

Marvin Sand, son of Peder and Olive Sand, was born in 1935 at Buxton, North Dakota. He married Darlene Moritz of Emerado, North Dakota in 1959. She graduated from Mayville State College and taught school in Fargo for two years. Four children were born to Marvin and Darlene; Wanda, Kent, Lisa and Philip.

Marvin was a heavy equipment operator for sixteen years and traveled to many towns in North Dakota, South Dakota and Minnesota.

For three years they lived in a trailer at Country Side Trailer Park in Fargo. Wanda and Kent were born here at St. Johns Hospital in 1960 and 1962.

In 1963 the Marvin Sand's moved to Grand Forks and lived in a trailer park. Lisa and Philip were born here at St. Michaels in 1965 and 1968. During the winter months Marvin worked as a mechanic at the Grand Forks Air Force Base. They became members of Ascension Lutheran Church of Emerado; then in 1971 transferred to Calvary Lutheran in Grand Forks.

The Sand's moved once again in January of 1972 when a new home was bought in Fargo. They became members of St. Johns Lutheran Church.

In the summer of 1974 the Marvin Sand's purchased the Harold and Frida Stockmoe farm in Norman Township and became members of Stordahl Lutheran Church where Marvin was confirmed and Wanda was baptized.

Wanda graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1979 and from Wahpeton State School of Science in 1980. She is now a dental assistant working for Dr. James Nord and living in Grand Forks.

Kent graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1980 and is attending college at Wahpeton. He plans on becoming an Electrical Engineer.

Lisa is a junior at Clifford-Galesburg High School and plans to become a nurse when she graduates.

Philip will be a seventh grader at Clifford-Galesburg High School this fall.

PEDER and OLIVE SAND



Back: Delno, Marvin, Leon
Middle: Ervin, Patty, Joanne, Jerry
Front: Peder and Olive

Peder J. Sand, son of John and Karina Sand, was born at Buxton, North Dakota March 10, 1898. There were five brothers and one sister in the family, one brother survives.

Olive Foss, daughter of Peder and Melia (Knudsvig) Foss, was born February 1, 1912. She was of a family of three brothers and four sisters. Olive's father, Peder passed away twelve years ago and her mother, Melia, lives in an apartment at Buxton, North Dakota.

In 1935 Peder and Olive were married and lived at Buxton for a short time. They moved to Clifford, North Dakota in October 1941 where Peder was employed by the Traill County Highway Department. In 1943 they moved to the Gunder Paulson farm which they later bought.

They are active members of the Stordahl Lutheran Church near Galesburg. They are parents of five sons and two daughters; Marvin, Delno, Patricia, Jerry, Joanne, Ervin and Leon. All the children graduated from Clifford High School except Leon, who graduated from the Clifford-Galesburg school system.

Marvin married Darlene Moritz in 1959 and they are presently farming near Clifford, North Dakota.

Marvin, Jerry, and Ervin served in the National Guard.

Delno served in the U.S. Air Force from November 1955 to November 1959. He was stationed at Parks Air Force Base, California, Shepherd A.F.B., Texas, Schilling A.F.B., Kansas, temporary duty for ninety days at Goose Bay, Labrador, one hundred ten days at Thule, Greenland, seventeen days at Sanderstrom, Greenland and twenty-four days at Fairbanks, Alaska. He was later accepted as a State Highway Patrolman for nearly seventeen years. Delno married Gloria McLeod from Portland, North Dakota on November 10, 1962. They are the parents of four sons and one daughter; Steven, Gregory, Jeff, Timothy and Allison. They are residing in Grand Forks, North Dakota.

Jerry (Joanne's twin brother) married Carol Tandberg of Pekin, North Dakota. They are parents of three sons; Merle, Mark and Scott. All three sons are active in sports. Jerry farms near McVile and raises cattle. They are active church members.

Joanne was active in 4-H and Luther League at the Stordahl Church. She resides in Mayville and is employed at Luther Memorial Home. She has two daughters; Lori Ann and Valerie Rae.

Ervin married Bertha Dick of Munich, North Dakota and are living on the home farm near Clifford, North Dakota.

Leon served in the U.S. Navy for three years and was stationed at Naval Air Station Oceana, Virginia Beach, Virginia. He was aboard the Aircraft Carrier U.S.S. Forrestal CVA-59 which was deployed in the Mediterranean from July to March. Leon visited Greece, Spain, France, Turkey and Italy. As an Airman in Fighter Squadron 103 he performed duties as plane Captain as well as various other aircraft duties. Leon married Shirley Amb of Portland on March 25, 1967. They are parents of two daughters and one son; Kristi Jill, Tracy Leigh and Troy Peter. Leon and Shirley bought the Herb Bennett farm and Leon is engaged in farming, feeding cattle and hogs while Shirley has a Beauty Shoppe in their home. They are members of the Norman Lutheran Church in Clifford, North Dakota.

Patricia, a former school teacher, married Bennie Grandalen Junior on December 11, 1960. They have five children; Brian, Brenda, Blair, Beth Anne and Amy. They reside and farm in Golden Lake Township, west of Portland, North Dakota. They are active members of the Bang Lutheran Church and also of the local 4-H.

ANTON SATROM FAMILY



**Back: Rose, Peter, Alma, Gilmore
Front: Anton, Mabel, Sigrid**

Anton Satrom was born in Dovre, Norway on August 19, 1868. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith in the Dovre Church. At the age of eighteen, he immigrated to America. Here he found work on the ore docks at Two Harbors, Minnesota. A few years later, he moved on to Galesburg, North Dakota, where some of his sisters and brothers had already established homes. Anton found work at the Broadlawn farm in Steele County (where Gilmore and Philip Jondahl presently reside). Anton did general farm work besides breaking broncos, which they had many of, since it was one of the largest farms.

Sigri Brennhag was born in Dovre, Norway, on November 26, 1864. She was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and came to America when she was a young girl. She, too, came to the Broadlawn farm and found work as a domestic. She cooked in a cook car where all the hands would eat their meals.

In later years Sigri would often mention how lonely many of these newcomers would be, the language barrier being a tremendous handicap among many other obstacles.

It was while working at the Broadlawn farm that Sigri and Anton fell in love and decided to get married. They drove to Portland, North Dakota in a lumber wagon drawn by two mules. This was a distance of about twenty-five miles. They were married on November 24, 1890 by Reverend Hans Allen.

After their marriage, Anton and Sigri went into farming for themselves. They first settled on the land that later became the Paul Satrom farm where Morris Satrom presently lives. It was while Anton and Sigri were living here that their two oldest children, Peter and Alma were born. George Bjelverud was also living with them since he lost his mother when he was an infant. After a few years, Anton and Sigri moved one and a half miles west where they bought the land and built the farmstead

that became their life long home. Here the three youngest children were born; Gilmore, Rose, and Mabel.

In later years when recalling the past, George mentioned that when Antons moved to their permanent location, George carried Alma on his back and walked the distance of the mile and a half. George also recalled that when Ida Olstad (Mrs. Iver Smith) was born, he went with Anton and Sigri in a wagon to the John Olstad farm with romme grot which was a tradition from Norway.

Anton and Sigri lived through both good and bad times; and joys and sorrows. Their youngest son, Gilmore passed away at the age of 26 years. Their oldest son, Peter was drafted into World War I where he served for over two years, including one year active duty overseas in France.

Together with their many friends and neighbors, Anton and Sigri enjoyed a house-warming party in their new home which was built in 1914; and in 1915 these same good friends came back to help them observe their silver wedding anniversary. In November of 1940 their golden wedding anniversary was observed in the Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg where they had been members through the years.

There were many things that were reminisced about in later years, such as the large steam threshing rigs throughout the country. Anton owned a 'Case' rig and threshed for neighbors around him. The crew consisted of an engineer, a fireman, separator man, water hauler, 7 or 8 bundle haulers, 2 spike pitchers, 2 field pitchers and 4 or 5 grain haulers. At noon all the horses would be unhitched and fed and watered right out in the field and Anton would often bring the dinners out plus before and afternoon lunches. These were busy days for everyone including Sigri and her girls and neighbor help besides. The steam rigs were fired with straw as it was so plentiful and when the big job was done, it was not an uncommon sight to see straw piles burning for miles around; especially in the darkness of the night.

Christmas was an exciting time to look forward to. There would always be a program in the old country school house for the parents. Much credit was due to the dedicated teachers, who really had to work hard and make do to accomplish what they set out to.

For the church Christmas program, Anton would take the children to Galesburg for practice, driving sleigh and horses. In the early years the Norwegian language was used throughout. On account of distance, poor roads and visibility the programs were held on Sunday afternoon. The windows in church would be covered with dark cloth to make the candles on the tree glow brighter and the setting more realistic. People would bring gifts to relatives and friends and place them near the altar ring to be distributed after the program was over — and of course, the usual apples and bags of candy.

One of the most memorable things that Anton would do before Christmas was to raise a bundle of wheat on a high pole for the birds to enjoy. This was a tradition brought from Norway.

Sigri passed away on December 22, 1942 from a heart attack, while helping her daughter, Alma bake lefse for Christmas. After her passing away, Anton's son, Peter and his family took over the family farm and Anton lived with them the remainder of his life. He passed away at St. Lukes Hospital in

Fargo, North Dakota on June 27, 1951. Peter and his wife remained on the farm until the fall of 1967 when they moved to Galesburg. His son, Arnold and his family took over the old homestead.

We, the present generation, owe a deep debt of gratitude to all the hard working pioneers of that age who sacrificed so much and worked so hard to make so many things possible for us. These sturdy folk were interested in both civic and religious affairs and were instrumental in the building of homes, churches, and schools. They left for their offspring high ideals, a purpose for living, and most of all a Christian heritage.

ARNOLD J. and PAT SATROM



Nancy, Pat, Arnie, Nora
Noreen, Lance, Eric

Arnold was born July 2, 1934, to Peter Satrom and Nora Omdahl. He attended schools at Broadlawn Number five in Steele County, graduated from Galesburg High School in 1953 and attended NDSU Agricultural Short course in Fargo.

Arnold is married to Patricia Baker. She is a graduate of Rock Lake High School and Interstate Business College in Fargo. She worked as a bookkeeper in the Trust and Estate Department of Merchants National Bank of Fargo.

They are living and farming on the Anton Satrom farm in Broadlawn Township. They have five children:

Nora Lynne was born July 8, 1962, and presently attending Wahpeton State School of Science as an accounting, computer programming and data processing student; Nancy Jane was born February 9, 1965; Noreen Renae was born July 1, 1967; Lance Peter was born June 21, 1969; Eric Michael was born September 19, 1970.

CARL L. and MARIE SATROM

Marie was born at home on a farm just east of Page, North Dakota, the oldest daughter of Kermit and Regina Warner. She moved with her parents to a farm southwest of Galesburg where she lived until her marriage. She married Carl L. Satrom on August 27, 1955.

Carl, son of Carl and Laura Satrom, was born on the farm west of Galesburg where Paul Erickson now lives. He moved with his parents to the farm north of Page where he still lives. Carl attended Moorhead State Teachers College and North Dakota State University after graduating from Page High School.



Harlan, Sonja, Merlin, Barbara, Marie, Carl, Lauren, Laurene. Lauren married Kellie Thompson.

Marie graduated from Galesburg High School in 1953 and from the two year elementary program of Concordia College in 1955 before her marriage.

The Satroms are the parents of three sons and one daughter: Harlan Lee lives in Decorah, Iowa where he attends Luther College. He plans to graduate from there in the spring of 1982. After graduating from Page High School, Harlan was in the United States Marine Corps for two and a-half years before attending Concordia College. It was there he met Sonja Peterson whom he married on a riverboat on the St. Croix River at Stillwater, Minnesota, September 3, 1978.

Merlin Keith graduated from Page High School and Wahpeton School of Science with a degree in architectural drafting. He married Barbara Hanson, the music teacher at the Page School. Merlin now farms with his father.

Lauren Carl graduated from Page High School, attended Concordia College one year and is now a student at North Dakota State University in Fargo. He married Kellie Thompson in a double wedding with her sister. They are the parents of a little girl, Andrea Lynn.

Laurene Ann was adopted by the Satroms in May 1968 at the age of eleven weeks. She has been very special to her family. She is a student at Page High School.

The Satroms are members of Our Savior Lutheran Church at Page where they have been active in its organizations. They love to travel and are thankful to God for the opportunities they have had. They made trips to the Holy Land in 1976 and 1978. Carl has been on two work crusades to Bogata, Columbia, South America in 1979 and 1980. In the winter of 1981, the Satroms were sent by the Eastern North Dakota District of the American Lutheran Church to New Guinea to observe mission work of the church there. Now they are speaking around the district, telling what they experienced.

Carl and Marie are also interested in foreign people. They had a girl from Wales, a young man from Tanzania, a couple and son from Mexico, a young man from France and one from Japan all visit and live with them. They have returned the visit to the fellow from France and the Japanese has been back to visit them again.

CARL P. and LAURA SATROM

Carl, son of Paul and Elizabeth Satrom, was born December 25, 1891 at Osakis, Minnesota. He moved to the Galesburg



Carl and Laura Satrom

community with his parents in 1902. He married Laura Groven, daughter of Ole and Mari Groven, November 30, 1924. They farmed west of Galesburg until 1937 when they moved to Page Township.

The Satrom's had three children: Carl, now farms on the home farm; Elaine (Mrs. A.R. Kaiser) of LaCanada, California; and Inez (Mrs. Harold Miller). Inez lived in Enderlin, where she passed away in March of 1972. Her husband died at her grave in June of that same year. Their youngest daughter, Nancy, lived with Carl and Marie Satrom at Page until she graduated from high school.

Carl and Laura had fourteen grandchildren. They lived on the farm until 1960, when they bought a house and moved into Page. Laura died of cancer in 1966. Carl was the first person to move into the Page Manors Housing development when it was completed in 1971. He continued to help Carl on the farm until his death on May 2, 1978. The Satroms were members of Elm River Lutheran Church at Galesburg until they moved near Page and joined Our Savior Lutheran Church at Page.

DONALD and BLENDA SATROM



Donald and Blenda Satrom

Donald J. Satrom was born September 3, 1923 to Martin and Rose Satrom. Blenda was born October 18, 1924 to Albert and Manda Gisvold. Donald and Blenda both attended grade and high school at Galesburg, graduating in 1942. On May 20, 1945 they were married at Moorhead, Minnesota. Donald and

Blenda have made their home at Des Moines, Iowa for the past twenty-eight years. They had one daughter, Vicki Lynn, born December 8, 1947. Vicki married Woody Miner and they are parents of one son, Douglas. Donald passed away 1980.

GORDON and NOLA SATROM



Gordon and Nola Satrom and Family

On October 15, 1930 a second child was born to Clarence and Clara Haakenson at Minot, North Dakota. They named her Nola Ilene. When she was nine months old they moved to Galesburg. She attended Galesburg Public School and graduated in 1948. In the fall she enrolled at Deaconess School of Nursing in Grand Forks for three years of training, graduating in the fall of 1951. She worked at Lutheran Hospital in Hot Springs, South Dakota until March 1952.

On March 17, 1952 Nola married Gordon Lyle Satrom, the son of Mina and Olaf Satrom, at the Elm River Lutheran Church. While Gordon spent some time in the Armed Forces overseas in Germany, Nola worked at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo for a year. She was able to go to Germany and spend three months with Gordon and see some of Europe.

After his release from the Army they lived in Page, North Dakota. Gordon operated the Busy Bee Garage for eight years. He now is an insurance agent and farms with his sons.

Nola and Gordon had five children. Nancy Cathrine born January 30, 1954, lived two short precious years.

William Lyle born February 28, 1955 married Dawn Kyser of Erie on October 15, 1977. They live on the farm north of Page and are parents of a son, Kristopher.

Bruce Gordon born February 26, 1957 married Shelly Johnston of Indiana on July 3, 1980. They are living on a farm north of Hope.

Bradley Charles born August 4, 1958, living at home engaged in farming. He is also very musical.

Bob Gordon born February 4, 1960 is grown and married to Lorella Punton of Ayr on November 10, 1979. They have a daughter, Jamie and live on a farm north of Hope.

HILBERT and VIVIAN SATROM

Hilbert G. Satrom was born and raised on a farm in Colgate Township, Steele County, which his parents, Olaf Richard Satrom and Mina Olstad Satrom settled on in the spring of 1917. The family previously lived on a farm west of Clifford.



Vivian and Hilbert Satrom

Thirteen children were born to them including triplets born in 1923. They are Helen Gertrude Scott, who lives in Everett, Washington; Harold Gerhard, who died in 1946; and Hilbert Gerald. Hilbert attended and graduated from High School at Colgate. He started his farming career in 1945 when he rented the Stewart farm located in the southwest corner of Broadlawn Township. He still farms this property. In 1957 he bought the Clinton Jefferson farm after Mr. Jefferson's death. The Satroms now call this farmstead, with it's large old square house built in 1919, their home. Hilbert has served on school and church boards, Agricultural Stabilization and Soil Conservation Committees and the Galesburg Co-op Elevator board.

On August 24, 1947, Hilbert and Vivian LaVern Kindseth were married in St. Olaf Lutheran Church at Faith, Minnesota. Vivian is the daughter of Oscar J. Kindseth and Myrtle Olson Kindseth of Waubun, Minnesota. Vivian attended schools at Waubun and also attended Mayville State Teachers College. She taught school one year in Broadlawn Township. She has many interests and hobbies such as collecting depression glass, collecting and restoring old toys and dolls, sewing and needlework. She had the honor of having her needlepoint design selected for use on some of the dining room chairs in the Governor's Mansion at the State Capitol in Bismarck.

The Satroms have five children. The first was Yvonne Gaye born in 1948 and she is now Mrs. Steven Baasch. She attended school at Page and graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in Home Economics Education. Her hobbies are photography and collecting and restoring antiques. Her farm home at Tower City is furnished with antiques. They have three sons.

Michael Hilbert was born in 1949 and also attended school in Page and graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in Farm Economics. He enjoys all sports and restoring old cars. He married Nancy Lynn Fisher of Fergus Falls and they have one daughter.

Cynthia Faye was born in 1951 to the Satroms. She attended school at Page, North Dakota State University and graduated from Joseph's School of Hair Design. She is now Mrs. Ernest (Butch) Erickson of Page and has had four daughters.

Kevin Richard was born in 1953 and lives at home and farms with Mike and his father. He graduated from Page High School and enjoys snow and water skiing and restoring old cars.

Debra Kaye was born in 1957 and graduated from Page High School, attended North Dakota State University and graduated as a Practical Nurse from Wahpeton State School of Science. At present she is bookkeeper at the Elm River Credit Union in Page. She is married to David Erickson and has a daughter and a son.

HOWARD and EDITH SATROM



Howard and Edith Satrom

Howard Satrom, one of eleven children was born to John P. and Lena Satrom on January 17, 1918. Howard attended school at Dows rural school and at Galesburg. He is a farmer and auctioneer, has served on the Elm River Church Council and Galesburg Improvement Association.

He married Edith Jenson of Larimore, North Dakota, on November 4, 1946. Edith taught in rural schools and in Arvilla, Clifford and is presently teaching her twenty-sixth year in the Clifford-Galesburg school system.

They have two daughters, Connie Sue, born July 3, 1948, and Pennie Rae born December 8, 1950. Both girls attended the Clifford-Galesburg School.

Howard and Edith have lived all their married life in Galesburg.

JOHN and LORI SATROM



Donald, Daniel, Timothy, John and Lori Satrom

John Galen Satrom was born October 15, 1947 in Mayville, North Dakota, of parents Otto and Hazel Satrom.

John attended school in Clifford-Galesburg and graduated in 1965. He attended Wahpeton State School of Science and served in the National Guard.

In 1970 he married Lori Baasch of Page, daughter of John and Lois Baasch.

The couple and their three sons: Daniel John, 1970; Donald Jay, 1972; Timothy Lee, 1980, are currently living and farming north of Galesburg.

John is a member of the Galesburg Township Board, the Galesburg Improvement Association and is serving on the Elm River Lutheran Church Council. Lori is a member of the Prairie Gals Homemakers and is Secretary-Treasurer for the Elm River Lutheran Sunday School. Their sons attend school at the Clifford-Galesburg Elementary.

JOHN O. and OLGA SATROM



David, Otto, Genevieve
John O., Anna, Olga, Osmund

John O. and Olga Satrom were residents of Galesburg Township living on what is now their son, Osmund's farm.

John was born on that farm March 3, 1888, to Mr. and Mrs. O.P. Satrom. He received his education at Galesburg country school No. 3, Brufflat Academy at Portland, and N.D.A.C. at Fargo.

Olga Korshus was born March 25, 1892, at Mankato, Minnesota, to Mr. and Mrs. Ole Korshus and moved with her parents to the Galesburg area in 1899. The Korshus family lived on the farm where Leon and Inez Nelson now live.

John and Olga were married October 30, 1912. The following year they started farming on his father's farm.

They had five children: Anna, Mrs. Walter Rutherford, Fargo, North Dakota; Osmund and Otto, Galesburg; Genevieve, Mrs. Charles Salzer, Charlotte, North Carolina; David, Arthur, North Dakota.

John died in 1945 and Olga moved into Galesburg. In 1950 she married Peter Satrom. They lived on what is now the Arnold Satrom farm for seventeen years. In 1967 they bought a home in Galesburg and moved into town. Peter died in 1970. Olga lived for a year in their home before moving to Luther Memorial Home in Mayville. She died in 1978.

JOHANNES and LENA SATROM



John P. Satrom Family
Palmer, Lydia, Raymond, John Jr., Philip, Sylvia, Lewis
Howard, John P., Arno, Orville, Lena, Irene

Johannes (John P.) Satrom was born at Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway on January 12, 1866, the son of Paul and Ingeborg Satrom. Arriving in the Galesburg area in his seventeenth year, his parents and six remaining children in the family of twelve joined him in 1886.

John P. Satrom married Lena Anderson in Fargo on December 4, 1902. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Anderson, born at Osaskis, Minnesota March 13, 1881. Lena's mother's name was Liva Kolstad and she was from Voldn, Norway. She came to America in 1876. The fare from Oslo, Norway was thirty dollars for a child and sixty dollars for an adult. Her father came to America in 1871. His name was Peter Steen but changed his name to Anderson after he came to America. The journey took six weeks. Peter and Liva had four daughters; Lena, Marie, Lottie, and Alice and seven sons; Elmer, Bernt, Martin, Paul, Carl, Melvin and Oscar.

All of John P. and Lena Satrom's children were baptized and confirmed at the Elm River Lutheran Church, Galesburg, of which John P. Satrom was a founder. Lena Satrom served as president of the Ladies Aid in 1930 and was a Charter member. They celebrated their silver wedding anniversary at the church.

The children attended Dows District #93 located in section nine across the road from the family farm. The teachers at that school boarded with the Satroms for twenty-five years. John P. Satrom served on the township and school board. Their children were provided with many opportunities. Many of the older children attended Norwegian Religious School and Normal School at Mayville, North Dakota. Several went on to college.

John P. Satrom died on January 24, 1932. Lena Satrom died in Fargo July 22, 1959. They had eight sons and three daughters; Lydia, Philip, Raymond, John Jr., Palmer, Louis, Sylvia, Orville, Howard, Irene, and Arno.

Lydia (Satrom) Borud lives in Fargo where she is active in her church and the Fargo Nursing Home Auxiliary.

Philip and Irene live on the original family farm in Section 8. Philip has a son, Dennis, married and living in Vancouver, Washington. Irene teaches at Riverside School, Moorhead, Minnesota and has completed her fifth year of graduate work at Moorhead State University.

Raymond served in the Medical Corps during World War II. He married Norma Lund and they live in Chicago. Ray was employed by International Harvester before retiring.

John Satrom Jr. married Dorothy Copa. They had two daughters, Jacoleen Lorraine who died in infancy in 1937 and Barbara married Leo Wetzstein. Leo was supervisor and district manager of Western Electric. They lived in Bismarck and have four children; Corey, Carla, Lia, and Stacie. Dorothy died in 1980 and Leo died in 1977.

Sylvia married Ember Brovick. Their son, Gary, and his wife, LuAnn live in Fargo. Gary farms in the Galesburg area and LuAnn is a Registered Nurse working at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo. They have three children; Jodie, Cindy, and Jennifer.

Orville operated the family farm in Section 8. In addition to keeping it productive, he farmed two additional sections, 3 and 9. Section 3 is now owned by Sylvia and Howard. Orville died in November of 1972.

Howard married Edith Jensen. He is an auctioneer and a farmer and Edith teaches school in Galesburg. They have two daughters; Pennie and Connie. Pennie is an Educator and Consultant in Dental Education, and is married to Michael Humphrey, a North Dakota State University graduate, who farms and is in the trucking business. They have a daughter, Keely. Connie married Donnie Moen and has two sons, Damon and Darin. Connie is a Dental Hygienist in Fargo and Donnie is self employed and operates Dakota Machine Tool Company at Fargo, North Dakota.

Arno was in the infantry during World War II. He married Dona Thompson and had three children; Reed, Carmen and Randy. Arno and his sons farm in the Clifford and Galesburg areas. Reed married Dorothy Hanson. They live by Galesburg on Section 9. Both were music majors at Mayville State College. Dorothy is a graduate of Mayville State College and has taught in the Clifford-Galesburg school system. They have two sons, Nathan and Matthew. Carmen married Randy Richards and have four children; Monica, Tony, Katie, and Brandi. Randy has a degree in Diesel Mechanics from North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton, and Carmen is working toward a degree in music composite and social science at Mayville State College. They farm at Hope, North Dakota. Randy Satrom married Vicki Olson. He attends Mayville State College and they live on the Arno Satrom farm.

The family is talented in music. Three of John P. Satrom's granddaughters were church organists in their youth, Connie and Pennie at the Elm River Lutheran Church and Carmen at Clifford and Hope. In 1970 Reed and Dorothy toured Europe with Mayville State College Choir, Reed as a soloist on that tour. Randy Satrom was a member of the International Music Choir that toured Europe. Life in the Galesburg area has been good to the Satroms and they look forward to the future.

KNUTE and MARIT (Oien) SATROM

Knute P. Satrom was born in Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway November 14, 1864. His parents were Paul Satrom and Ingeborg Korshus Satrom. He immigrated to America in 1881 at the age of seventeen. He spent several years around Mankato and Two Harbors.

Marit Olsdatter Stordal was born in Brennhoug, Norway December 6, 1863. At the age of fifteen she changed her name



**Back: Helmer, Clara, Almer, Elvida, Oscar
Front: Ragna, Knute, Marit, Manda**

to Oien. She came to America in 1887 and worked in the Hunter, Galesburg vicinities. Her parents were Ole and Margit Oien.

Knute and Marit were married at Portland, North Dakota by Reverend Hans Allen on November 19, 1889. They immediately moved into their pioneer home northwest of Galesburg, where they spent the rest of their lives. They bought the farm from Mr. and Mrs. Lambertson in 1896.

They had nine children; Manda, Oscar, Ragna, Clara, Almer, Elvida, Helmer, Ida and Ida Marie.

Manda was born October 10, 1894. In 1921 she married George Rovang. They had one daughter, Marilynn. George is deceased and Manda is in a Nursing Home.

Oscar Satrom was born September 26, 1896. In 1922 he was married to Grace Thompson. They had four boys; Donald, Kenneth, Merlyn and Roland. They reside in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ragna was born February 25, 1899. She attended Bruflat Academy at Portland, North Dakota. She also attended a Business College in Fargo. She worked as secretary at deLendrecies in Fargo. The later years she kept house for her two brothers, Almer and Helmer. She enjoyed traveling. The trip she enjoyed the most was the one to Norway. Ragna passed away February 14, 1960.

Clara married Robert Paulson. They still reside at Northfield, Minnesota. They had three sons; Burton, Roger and Dale.

Almer Satrom was born July 25, 1903. He attended the rural school near Galesburg. He lived on the home place until he bought the old G.A. Moackrud home in 1968. The home belonged to the Victor Smiths at the time. He lived there until his death in 1979. Almer was caretaker of the Elm River Cemetery and Church janitor.

Helmer was born March 20, 1908. He bought the home place after his folks passed away. In 1970 he bought a home in Hillsboro, North Dakota where he lived until he went into the Rest Home in Halstad, Minnesota. A year later he moved to the Rest Home at Hillsboro, where he still resides.

Elvida married John Tully. She moved out East. They had a son and a daughter; John and Adrienne. John Tully is deceased.

Ida was born in August 1890 and passed away in September of the same year.

Ida Marie was born in August 1891. She passed away in January 1892.

Knute Satrom passed away April 25, 1938 and Marit on May 31, 1939.

LARS (Louis P.) and MARIT SATROM



Left to right: Iver Jondahl, Douglas Jondahl, David Satrom, Maxine Jondahl, Lyle Jondahl, Lars Satrom, John O. Satrom, Olga Satrom, Genevieve Satrom, Marit Satrom, Ida Jondahl.

Lars (Louie P.) Satrom was born in Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, December 10, 1861. In 1878 he came to Mankato, Minnesota and in 1884 he married Marit Stordalen, who had come to Minneapolis, from Norway. Lars and Marit made their home for some years in Two Harbors and Duluth, Minnesota then moving to Galesburg, North Dakota.

Lars farmed on the north ½ of section 25 in Broadland township plus other land in the area.

Lars and Marit had one daughter, Ida, who married Iver Jondahl. Iver and Ida were the parents of three children, Maxine, Lyle, and Douglas and one adopted son, Dennis. Lars and Marit had one adopted daughter, Ruth, who married Oswald Olstad.

Marit passed away September 11, 1936 and Lars, July 10, 1941.

MARTIN and ROSE SATROM

Martin Satrom came to North Dakota from Osakis, Minnesota at a young age. His parents were Paul and Elizabeth Satrom.

Rosa Jondahl was born May 23, 1888 of parents John I. and Ragnild Jondahl.

Martin and Rose were married July 11, 1908 in Hillsboro, North Dakota. They came to Steele County in 1910. Martin and his two brothers broke prairie sod in Section thirty-six. They had seven children: Elene, Judith, Alice, LeRoy, Florence, Donald and Joyce.

Martin served on the Colgate School Board for many years and also drove the school bus. He operated the highway maintenance out of Hope for several years. In 1939 they moved to the Clifford-Galesburg area. Martin passed away in 1960. Rose moved to Hope in 1970 where she still resides, having celebrated her ninetieth birthday.

Elene was married to Sigurd Langdahl in 1928. They had six children: Elmer, Allen, Sigurd Jr., Orville, Irene and Larry. Both Sigurd and Elene have passed away. Larry remains on the farm.

Judith was married to Anton Langdahl June 26, 1933. They had two children: Barbara and Edward James. Anton passed away in 1978.

Alice was married to Charles Bruil July 11, 1938 and lives in Seattle, Washington. They had two children: John and Ardell.

LeRoy married Grace Reinhardt February 9, 1943. She passed away May 11, 1974, and he lives in Ohio. In 1975 he married Arlye Opgaard.

Florence Satrom was married to Fritz Haugan August 31, 1941. They had one child, Gary Don. They reside in Bremerton, Washington.

Donald Satrom was married May 12, 1945 to Blenda Gisvold. They had a daughter, Vicki. Their home is in Iowa. Donald died in 1980.

Joyce passed away shortly after birth.

MORRIS and LILLIAN SATROM



Elizabeth, Jean, Karen
Morris and Lillian

Morris was born in Broadlawn Township, Steele County, North Dakota, on October 27, 1908. He was the youngest of twelve children born to Paul and Elizabeth Satrom. He was baptized, confirmed and married in the Elm River Lutheran Church at Galesburg. He married Lillian Smith on September 13, 1941. She was born November 18, 1920, to parents, Carl and Tena Smith at Galesburg. She also was baptized, confirmed and married in Elm River Lutheran Church.

They have three daughters.

Karen Louise was born March 26, 1945. She attended schools at Galesburg and the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks. She received her Master's Degree in English and Library Science and counseling in 1968. Since then she has been a counselor at junior high schools at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Elizabeth Ann was born October 28, 1947. She graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School and attended the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks for two years. She has been employed at Dakota Hospital in Fargo since 1968.

Elizabeth married Warren Buss on June 27, 1969. They have three children: Daryl Gene, November 19, 1970; Sharyl

Jean, born May 24, 1979; and Carol Lynn born September 26, 1980.

Liz and Warren are active in North Dakota Bowhunters. They have had many State Championships in archery. Warren now owns I-29 Standard Gas Station in Fargo.

Jean Alice was born August 31, 1954. She attended school at Clifford and Galesburg and got her degree at University of North Dakota at Grand Forks with a double major in Elementary Education and Early Childhood Education. She has been teaching at a Day Care at Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Morris retired from farming and is still living on the farm where he was born 72 years ago. He and Lillian celebrated their Fortieth Wedding Anniversary in 1981. Lillian's hobbies are gardening and cake decorating.

OLE and KATHERINE SATROM



Katherine and Ole

Katherine Smith Satrom, the daughter of Carl Smith and Tena Groven, graduated from Galesburg High School in 1942. Her grandparents were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Ole Groven.

She married Ole Satrom October 4, 1944. They lived the first year in Salinas, California where Ole was stationed in the Armed Forces. They then moved to a farm by Page, North Dakota, where they lived until 1962, until Ole became disabled and could no longer run the farm. They then moved to Fargo, North Dakota where he became a jeweler apprentice and learned the jewelry trade which he enjoyed. In 1967 they moved to Spokane, Washington where he worked for a jewelry repair company. They then moved to Everett, Washington where Ole was employed for the Boeing Company. He worked there until the big lay-off in 1970. He then went to work for another jewelry repair company and worked until 1972 when he had a heart attack. He has had two open heart surgeries since then.

Katherine went to work for Boeing Company in Everett and has worked there since 1972. She works in the Interior Trim Building where they make the interiors for the 747 and 767 planes. She is now a lead person over eight people.

Eight children have been the highlight of their lives:

Ronald lives in Wabash, Indiana and married Pamela Anderson. He is a Foreman for the Morton Building Company.

Roger lives in Arlington, Washington. He married Betty Harris and he is working for the Boeing Company in Everett, also as a leadman.

Diane lives in Salem, Oregon and married Roger Keiffer. They have a daughter Ami. Roger is a photographer for the State Highway Department of Oregon.

David lives in Hanover Park, Illinois and married Judy Vance. They have a son Wayne. David works for Flexonix Company.

Dale lives in Snohomish, Washington and married Susan Heirsch. He is a supervisor at the Veteran's Hospital in Seattle. They are expecting a baby in December.

Kathy lives in Everett and married Roland Jacobson and they have a daughter named Jennifer. Roland also works for the Boeing Company.

Randy and Denise are living at home. Randy was attending auto mechanic school last year and will resume again in the fall. Denise plans to go to a community college in the fall.

OLE P. and CHRISTINE SATROM



Ole P. and Anne
(Brendhaugen) Satrom



Ole P. and Christine
(Kraabel) Satrom

O.P. Satrom came to Galesburg in 1881 from Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, as one of the first settlers of Galesburg Township. He spent the first two winters at Hunter taking courses to learn and get a better understanding of the English language.

In 1883 he married Anne Brendhaugen and they made their home on the farm where Osmund Satrom now lives. Ole and Anna had four children, two of whom died in infancy. Anne died in 1892 leaving him with two small sons, Paul and John. Paul died in 1894 at nine years of age.

In 1896 Ole married Christine Kraabel. They lived on the home farm until John married and took over farming operations. Ole and Christine moved into Galesburg in 1913.

Ole was an officer on the first board of Galesburg Township. He was the first school treasurer and held that office for thirteen years. He was President of Galesburg State Bank and was active in church activities.

Christine passed away in 1919 and Ole in 1937.

OSCAR and GRACE SATROM FAMILY

Oscar's grandparents were Paul Satrom and Ingeborg Korshus Satrom. Both were born in Norway and emigrated to America in 1886.

Parents: Knute P. Satrom was born November 14, 1863 in Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. Marit Oien Satrom was born



Grace and Oscar Satrom

in Brennhaug Gudbrandsdalen, Norway December 6, 1863. They were married in Portland, North Dakota, November 19, 1889 and had nine children. Knute came to America in 1881. He was a pioneer farmer in the Galesburg, North Dakota Township for 55 years. He served for many years on the Township Board and they were charter members of Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg.

Oscar M. Satrom was born September 26, 1896 in Galesburg, North Dakota.

Grace Thompson Satrom was born March 22, 1902 at Princeton, Minnesota.

Oscar and Grace were married November 30, 1922. They lived in Galesburg from 1928 until 1938 when they moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota where they now live. Oscar operated the Satrom Garage while in Galesburg. They had four sons: Donald, born July 28, 1923; Kenneth, born May 25, 1927; Merlyn, born April 22, 1930; Roland, born November 17, 1931.

OSMUND and KATHLEEN (Larson) SATROM



Osmund and Kathleen Satrom

Osmund Satrom was born April 14, 1916 to John and Olga Satrom on the farm that he lives on now. He attended school in Galesburg.

Kathleen was born April 27, 1920 to Lars and Ingaborg Larson, at Galesburg where she lived all her life. Kathleen graduated from Galesburg High School in 1938. She also attended Mayville State Teachers College and graduated from there in 1940. Kathleen taught school at Hankinson and the Moen School near Galesburg.

Osmund married Kathleen Larson in 1942. The first two years of their marriage they lived on the Louie Satrom farm. After John Satrom's death (Osmund's father) they moved back to the home farm and have lived there ever since. This farm was homesteaded by O.P. Satrom (Osmund's Grandfather).

Osmund had milk cows and feeder cattle until later years he decided to go into grain farming only.

Osmund and Kathleen have two children. Their son, Wayne, is married to Virginia Gorder. Wayne farms with his father and Virginia teaches school in Page, North Dakota. They have two children, Shawn and Chad.

Their daughter, Sharon, is married to Kenneth Kroepelin and farms near Hope, North Dakota. They are parents of three children, Shane, Kimberly and Shannon.

OTTO B. and HAZEL SATROM



40th Anniversary of Otto and Hazel Satrom

Back: Lyle Bring, Mark Schmitt, Mike Cunningham, John Satrom. Middle: Nola Schmitt, Otto holding Timothy Satrom, Hazel, Lora Cunningham, Bonnie Bring, Lori Satrom. Front: Jason Bring, Julie Schmitt, Jesse Bring, Donald Satrom, Daniel Satrom, Wendy Bring, Sara Schmitt.

Otto B. Satrom was born July 14, 1919, on the John O. Satrom farm to parents John O. and Olga Korshus Satrom. He was baptized and confirmed in the Elm River Lutheran Church and received his schooling in the Galesburg Public School.

On August 8, 1940, he married Hazel Mehus from Hatton, North Dakota. She was baptized at Goose River Lutheran Church and confirmed at St. John Lutheran Church in Hatton, North Dakota. She received her schooling at Newburgh Number five, Hatton Public School and Hatton High School.

They had a family of four children and made their home on a farm in the Galesburg community. First on a farm five miles south and one mile west of Galesburg, until they bought the Green farm two miles north of Galesburg where their son, John now lives.

Otto did some trucking for a time but his main interest has been farming.

In 1970 they built a home in Galesburg where they have lived since moving off the farm. Otto is still active in farming.

Bonnie, the oldest daughter married Lyle Bring. They are farmers in the area. They have three children, Wendy, Jesse and Jason.

John married Lori Baasch from Page, North Dakota. They are farming and have three sons: Daniel, Donald, and Timothy.

Nola married Mark Schmitt of Algoma, Wisconsin. They have two daughters, Julie and Sara, and make their home at Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Lora married J. Micheal Cunningham of Grand Forks, North Dakota. They make their home at Riverside, California.

PAUL and ELIZABETH SATROM



Back: Ida, Alma, Eleanor, Belle
Front: Morris, Martin, Elizabeth, Pauli, Olaf, Carl

Paul Satrom was the oldest of twelve children born to Paul and Ingeborg Korshus Satrom. His sisters and brothers were Marit, Ole, Lars, Knute, Johannes, Anton, Sigrid, John, Ragnhild, Ingeborg, and Ole.

Paul was born in Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway, Sept. 28, 1856. In 1880, he came to America, settling in Mankato, Minnesota, where his brother Lars lived. November 5, 1881, he married Elizabeth Gilseth, who had come to Mankato from Trondheim, Norway. She was born February 16, 1862. They lived in Mankato for four years, then moved to Osakis where they spent seventeen years. In 1902, they moved to the Galesburg area where his brothers and sisters had settled; changing their name at that time from Paulson to Satrom.

Pauli, Ludvick, Ida, Martin, Olaf, Carl, Alma, Robert and Olga (Belle) were born in Minnesota. Eleanore, Arthur and Morris were born at the farm home near Galesburg, North Dakota.

Paul died May 17, 1928 at the age of 72 and Elizabeth died November 25, 1947 at the age of 85.

PAUL and LORETTA SATROM

Paul Thorson Satrom was born to Pauli and Emelie Thorson Satrom. He married Loretta Anderson on June 6, 1948. Loretta's parents were Lars and Neva LaPlant Andersort.

Paul was born at Hope, North Dakota. He attended grade school at Edendale and graduated from the Clifford High



Paul and Loretta Satrom

School in 1936. He served in the army four years in World War II. He began farming when he got out of the service.

Loretta is a former teacher and she enjoys sewing and gardening. They lived in Clifford until 1960 when they moved to the C.E. Jones farm.

They have four children: Larry, Linda, Lois and LeAnn.

PETER and NORA SATROM



Peter and Nora Satrom

Peter A. Satrom was the oldest child born September 10, 1891, to Anton and Sigrí Satrom. He attended schools at Galesburg and Bruflat Academy at Portland and farmed at home. He served in World War I as a Pvt. in the Infantry and was engaged in several battles overseas in France from May 1918 to September 1919. He was 26 years of age when discharged.

In March, 1929, he was married to Esther Nora Omdahl, daughter of Jacob and Ellen Omdahl, of Galesburg. The Omdahls lived for some time next to the Galesburg school in what is now the Joseph Moen home. Jacob Omdahl was post-master in Galesburg from 1912 to 1928.

Nora Omdahl had attended schools in Galesburg and Mayville Normal. Graduated as a registered nurse from Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. She was a Red Cross nurse in World War I serving overseas in France. She worked as

a nurse in hospitals in Minneapolis, Watertown, S. Dak., and St. Lukes in Fargo.

Peter and Nora lived and farmed 3½ miles southwest of Galesburg in Broadlawn township, Steele County. They had two children, Ellen - born in 1930 and Arnold - born in 1934.

On February 3, 1937, Nora died after spending six days in a Fargo hospital from Streptococcic Meningitis. She had been a member of the Elm River Lutheran Church, Eastern Star and Legion Auxiliary. She was buried at Galesburg, leaving Peter with children ages six and two years. With the help of family, kind neighbors and hired help the family continued to live on the farm until after the death of Mrs. Anton Satrom when they moved to the home farm and lived with Anton, farming both places.

On April 15, 1950, Peter was married to Olga Satrom, widow of John O. Satrom at Clifford, N. Dak. Peter and Olga continued to live on the Anton Satrom farm until they moved into Galesburg in 1967 leaving his son, Arnold and family on the home farm. He was active driving to the farm to work most days until his death on July 17, 1970, from heart failure at the age of 78. He passed away at Mayville Hospital only hours after admission. Peter had served on the Broadlawn School Board, was a member of Elm River Lutheran Church and served on church board, and the American Legion. A military funeral was conducted by the American Legion Post of Galesburg, July 20, 1970, with burial at Galesburg cemetery next to his wife, Nora. He was survived by his wife, Olga, daughter - Ellen, son - Arnold and six grandchildren.

He will long be remembered by his family and friends a quiet, kind, hard-working man who endured much, complained little and trusted in God.

RAGNAR and EDITH SATROM



Ragnar and Edith Satrom

Ragnar O. Satrom, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pauli Satrom, was born May 21, 1912 in Broadlawn Township, Steele County. He married Edith Finell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Finell of rural Portland, North Dakota on September 24, 1939. They settled on their farm in Broadlawn Township which Ragnar bought in 1938. Ragnar passed away August 19, 1968.

They have six children. The oldest, Paul J. Satrom, married Ella Mae Mitchell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Mitchell of

Hope, North Dakota. They have two adopted children, Kirsten, eight and Peter, four. They live on the home farm.

Robert E. Satrom married Mary M. Cleary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cleary of Butter, New Jersey. They have four children: Christopher, nine; Jennifer, seven; Meghan, age two; and Timothy, four months. They live at Englewood, Colorado.

Edith Ann Satrom married Ronald W. Braaten of Portland, North Dakota, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Braaten. They have three children: Brenda, fifteen; Debbie, thirteen; and Rodney, ten. They live at West Fargo, North Dakota.

Joseph A. Satrom married Katherine M. Platt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Platt of Fargo, North Dakota. They have an adopted son, Jonathan, one year old. They live at Bismarck, North Dakota.

Julie E. Satrom married Bruce D. Swanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Swanson of Arvilla, North Dakota. They have one adopted daughter, Christina, age four and one foster child, Dionne Cremas, age nine. They live in St. Croix, United States, Virgin Islands.

Sonya M. Satrom married Carroll D. Mortenson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Mortenson of Harvey, North Dakota. They have one son, Christian Paul, one year. They live at Bethel, Alaska.



Joseph, Robert, Paul, Edith, Edith Ann, Julie, Sonya

REED and DOROTHY SATROM



Nathan, Matthew, Dorothy, Reed

Reed Lloyd Satrom was born at Fargo, N.D. on June 11, 1951, the son of Arno and Dona Satrom. He is the eldest of three children, the others being a sister, Carmen, and a brother, Randal.

Reed attended the Clifford School and graduated from the Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1969.

Reed L. Satrom married Dorothy Melinda Hanson at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Hope, North Dakota on August 23, 1969. Dorothy is the daughter of Colman and Luella Hanson, and was born at Mayville, North Dakota on October 21, 1951. She has two sisters — Faye and Carol, and two brothers — Colan and Cordell. Dorothy attended and graduated from Hope School, Hope, North Dakota in 1969.

Following their marriage, Reed and Dorothy resided at Mayville, North Dakota where both attended Mayville State College. In 1970, they toured Europe as members of the Mayville State College Choir in which Reed was also a soloist. In May of 1974, Dorothy graduated from Mayville State College with a Bachelor of Science in Education degree. In the fall of 1974, Reed and Dorothy built a home on Section nine, Dows Township, located three and one-half miles south of Galesburg where Reed is currently engaged in farming. Dorothy taught within the Clifford-Galesburg school system for four and one-half years.

Reed and Dorothy have been active members of the Norman Lutheran Church, Clifford, North Dakota. Reed is currently serving as a member of Norman Church Council and Dorothy is current ALCW Secretary. Both have also served as Sunday School teachers and on various church committees. Reed has also been very active in the organization and participation of a men's fastpitch softball team within the Galesburg community. Dorothy is Den Mother for the Galesburg Cub Scout Den 1 Pack 252.

Reed and Dorothy are the parents of two children: Nathan Ray born March 2, 1972 and Matthew Brett born November 9, 1976.

WAYNE and VIRGINIA SATROM



Wayne and Virginia Satrom
Shawn and Chad

Wayne Satrom was born on August 11, 1944. He is the son of Osmund and Kathleen Satrom. He attended school and graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1963. He

attended North Dakota State University then entered the National Guard in 1964 and served six years before being discharged as a Staff Sergeant. In 1965 he married Virginia Gorder. They lived in Moorhead, Minnesota for a short time before Wayne began farming. They have resided in the Galesburg area since 1966.

Wayne is active in the American Legion. He has been 4-H leader for thirteen years, has served on the Galesburg Improvement Association Board, Farmers Home Administration Board and is a member of the Elm River Lutheran Church.

Virginia Gorder Satrom was born on January 24, 1945 to Elmer and Lena Gorder of Mayville, North Dakota. She attended school and graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1963. She then attended Interstate Business College, Fargo, and worked as a secretary for two years, before marrying Wayne. She then was employed by the Mayville Bank before entering Mayville State College. Following her graduation she began teaching in the Page Public School where she has taught six years.

They have two children, a daughter, Shawn Noel, was born in 1966 and is a sophomore at Clifford-Galesburg High. Also a son, Chad Alan, was born in 1969 and is a seventh grader at Clifford-Galesburg.

The Satrom family enjoy camping, boating, skiing, cycling, and baseball in the summer months while snowmobiling (trail riding and racing) in the winter months keep them occupied.

WILHELM and EMMA SCHLOTZHAUER ERNEST and ANNA SCHLOTZHAUER

Wilhelm Casper Schlotzhauer was born in Germany May 26, 1860. After his military service he came to the home of a step-sister and husband in Platte County, southwest of Leigh, Nebraska.

January 4, 1888 he married Emma Johanna Louise Bade, who was born February 16, 1867 in Wisconsin and had immigrated with her parents and other members of her family to the area southwest of Leigh, Nebraska.

They had eight children: Sophia, Ernest, Mary, Ema, Bertha, William, Arthur, and Dorothea.

Wilhelm Schlotzhauer bought three hundred twenty acres near Galesburg, North Dakota for about twelve thousand dollars. All the family moved to Galesburg except Mary and Bertha who remained in Nebraska. Mary had married Joe Nebola and later Bertha married Frank Nebola.

After having a sale in February 1916 near Leigh, Nebraska, they left about March 1, 1916 by train by way of Omaha, to Minneapolis to Fargo and on to Galesburg. They stayed at the hotel for about a week before moving to their new home about four and a half miles west and south of town. They lived there for eight years. Except for one year, the crops were very poor. The wheat would get the black rust. One year the wind blew the wheat out completely on ninety acres. They reseeded it to oats which made fifty bushels to the acre but oats were only about twenty-five cents a bushel. Spring wheat was good only one year out of the eight making about thirty-three bushels to the acre.

They bought a few horses and then raised eight more.

Wilhelm passed away June 24, 1920 and his wife passed away September 22, 1921.

In the fall of 1923, Ernest decided to move back to Nebraska. He went to Leigh, Nebraska to find a place to rent which he did. After their sale in October 1923, they took the twelve horses (two belonged to his brother-in-law, Grant Ford) who married Sophia. They also came along with one Ford car, a wagon full of feed and two hay racks filled with machinery. After they got into South Dakota they unloaded the two rack loads into a train car. They had tried to do that earlier but the depot agent wanted so much money they decided against it. The agent in South Dakota was real upset about this and said, "That man should have been reported."

The trip to Nebraska took about a month. After getting permission from the farmers, they would camp along the road near the farm homes. Ernest states "The people were so nice to us wherever they stopped."

Sophia and her husband, Grant Ford had to stop off along the way in South Dakota as their daughter was born at the home of one of his relatives.

The farm Ernest Schlotzhauer lived on near Leigh, Nebraska belonged to a bachelor. They lived there eight years until it was sold as the owner had died. They then found a farm between Madison and Humphrey, Nebraska to which they moved in March of 1931. It was a five hundred acre place.

On May 29, 1932 Ernest married Anna Bruehmann who was born January 18, 1903 in Germany. Her home was near Tilden, Nebraska. They lived together with his two unmarried brothers. Their son, Carl Ernest, was born March 8, 1934.

In February of 1935 they parted from his brothers and moved to a hundred sixty acre farm near Newman Grove, Nebraska where they lived four years. They then moved to a three hundred twenty acre farm. They stayed there ten years.

Their daughter, Ruth Ann, was born December 5, 1942.

They bought a hundred sixty acre farm nine miles south and three quarter mile east of Rilden, Nebraska in 1948 where they lived almost twenty years.

Their son, Carl Ernest, graduated from Tilden High School in 1952, attended Milford Trade School one year and was in the Marines three years. He married a Georgia girl, Bobbie Hayes, November 2, 1958. In 1963 he graduated from Georgia Tech as an electrical engineer. He is presently a senior engineer with Western Electric. They have one daughter, Rene Ann, born December 1, 1962. She graduated from Salem Academy High School May 30, 1981.

Ernest's daughter, Ruth Ann graduated from Tilden High School as valedictorian of the class of 1960 and from Midland Lutheran College at Fremont, Nebraska in 1964. She married a Marine Staff Sergeant Terry O. Troop on July 20, 1974. Terry and Ruth Ann have two children, Margaret Louise and Daniel Ernst. Terry retired from the Marines July 6, 1981 after being a Marine for twenty years.

Ernest had a farm sale November 11, 1968, sold their farm, moved the day before Thanksgiving 1968 into the house they had purchased in Newman Grove, Nebraska.

They never had a vacation while on the farm but since have gone by plane first to Kansas City, later to California even "The Rose Parade" and also eastward to North Carolina.

While at Galesburg they attended the Presbyterian Church as the Lutheran church service was only in the Norwegian

language. There was always an annual Sunday School picnic which always included a baseball game.

When they left Galesburg they left many dear friends and neighbors: Anton and Louie Satrom's, John Bring family, Peterson's, Olstad's, Green's, Morris', Groven's, Sam Armstrong's, Ed Holms, Jefferson's and many others.

MARK and NOLA SCHMITT



Nola and Mark Schmitt
Sara and Julie

Nola Satrom was born in Mayville, North Dakota, May 8, 1950, the daughter of Otto and Hazel Satrom. Nola attended grade school in Galesburg and Clifford and graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1968. Nola graduated from University of North Dakota at Grand Forks, North Dakota, with a degree in nursing. On June 2, 1973, she married Mark Schmitt from Algoma, Wisconsin.

Nola earned her Master of Science degree in nursing from University of Wisconsin-Madison and presently is teaching at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire.

Mark is a social worker with the Veterans Administration based in Eau Claire.

Nola and Mark have two daughters: Julie, age 7 and Sara, age 3.

ORVILLE and MILDRED SEVERS



Scott, Mildred, Orville, Daryl and Jacalyn Severs

Orville and Mildred Severs moved to Galesburg and started farming in 1939. Orville is the son of Peter and Betsy Severs. Peter came to America from Norway. He worked in a store in Albert Lea, Minnesota and then came to Galesburg where he married Betsy Marie Moen. Peter worked at the former Moackrud store. Betsy was the daughter of pioneer settlers Ole and Inga Moen. Peter Severs left Galesburg to go to watch making school in St. Paul. After completion of schooling, Peter and Betsy moved to Portland, North Dakota and opened a jewelry store. S. Orville Severs is their only child. Pete and Betsy later moved to Mayville.

Orville attended local public schools and is a Mayville High School graduate. He attended Mayville College. Mildred (Johnson) Severs was born at Arthur, North Dakota, moved to Hunter in 1920 with parents Nels and Hilda Johnson and four brothers and sisters. Nels and Hilda both immigrated from Sweden and were farmers at Hunter. Mildred attended Hunter public school and Hunter High School. She also attended Mayville College and the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

Orville and Mildred were married September 19, 1938 at Sisseton, South Dakota. They became the parents of three children: Scott Orville born 1942, Daryl Marlin born 1946 and Jacalyn Ann born 1949. All three attended Galesburg grade school and high school. Scott attended Mayville State and Wahpeton Science. He married Geraldine Jensen of New Rockford. They have two sons: Scott Jr. and Shane. They now live in Sheridan, Wyoming where Scott is in dry wall construction. Daryl graduated from Mayville State College and served his draft service in Vietnam. He taught at Wahpeton Junior High School; Kasson High School, Kasson, Minnesota and now works for the Veteran's Administration at Fort Snelling as an appraisal adjuster. Daryl married Janice Anderson of Mayville and they have one son, Jonathon. Jacalyn graduated from Mayville State College, got her Master's from the University of Wisconsin and has taught at Lincoln Junior High School in Beloit since she left North Dakota. She is the head of the Mathematics Department at Lincoln. Jacalyn married Tom Tibbett III in 1975 and they have one daughter, Angela.

The Severs all belonged to the Stordahl Lutheran Church and were active members. Orville served as a township officer and a long time school board member. Mildred is a member of the Elm River Homemakers. In 1977 Orville and Mildred retired from farming and cattle and hog raising and moved to Mayville.

ALBERT and BEULAH SKOGSTAD

Albert Skogstad, son of Sam and Sona Skogstad born May 20, 1898, and Beulah Bjelverud, daughter of George and Gina Bjelverud, born August 14, 1910, were married October 16, 1928 at Moorhead, Minnesota.

The first years of their marriage, they worked on various farms. In 1935 they started farming for John Kittleson and later purchased the Kittleson farm on the northwest edge of Galesburg. They lived for four years on the old Kittleson place north of town purchased by Lloyd Erickson from Albert Skogstad.

Albert kept himself busy farming, hauling coal to the residents in town, doing the dray work, unloading lumber and cement cars. Beulah worked at restaurants and still does.



Albert and Beulah Skogstad

Albert passed away March 24, 1980. Beulah moved into an apartment at the Galesburg Housing Unit in January 1981. She rents her farm out.

SAM and LENA SKOGSTAD

Sam and Lena Skogstad, their four sons and four daughters, came to Galesburg in the fall of 1923 from west of Portland, Bang territory, to what was known as the John Kittleson farm now owned by Walter Richtsmeier. The three oldest boys were to farm the large farm and Sam and Lena the small farm located on the outskirts of Galesburg and owned now by Beulah Skogstad. The following spring Lena passed away and the small farm was run by Anges and Mabel (Skogstad) Johnson. After a few years the boys married and decided to split, each going their own way.

Albert married Beulah Bjelverud and had one daughter, Lois.

Nels married Gertrude Jefferson. They had a girl, Juanita and a boy, Arthur.

Lewis married Ida Ackerman and they had two boys, Lloyd and Wayne. Mabel married Anges Johnson. They had six children: Audrey, Lorraine, Elroy, Lavonne, Joanne, and Curtis. Selma married Erhardt Krabbenhoft having seven children: Donald, Inez, Deloris, Wayne, Janice, Erhardt Jr. and Shirley. Clara married Oliver Ellefson. They had one daughter, Deloris. Ellen married Clifford Cornelius. Arthur was killed when hit by a car while in the C.C.C. The two remaining are Mabel of Portland, Oregon, and Clara of Bagley, Minnesota.

ALAN and JENNIE SMITH

Alan George Smith, the oldest son of Victor and Dorothy (Kuball) Smith of Galesburg, was born April 4, 1946 in Mayville, North Dakota. He was baptized and confirmed at the Elm River Lutheran Church in Galesburg. He attended Galesburg grade school and graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1964.

Alan married Jennie Christine Viken, daughter of Lawrence and Lena Viken, in 1965 at the Norman Lutheran Church in Clifford.

After graduating in 1967 from Wahpeton State School of Science in Diesel Maintenance, Alan was employed by Rock Island Oil Company at Watford City, North Dakota until 1969. Alan and his family moved on to Grand Forks, North Dakota



**Back: Paula and Murray
Front: Jennie, Alan and Jason Smith**

where he worked for Cummins Diesel as shop foreman for five years. Moving back to his home town, Galesburg in 1974. Alan is part owner, along with his father, Victor, of the Galesburg Implement Company.

A new implement building was built in 1979 along County road #1 on the south side of Galesburg.

The family lives in a split level home in Kemp's first addition on the southeast edge of Galesburg. Alan and Jennie have three children. Murray Alan, born in 1966 at Breckenridge, Minnesota; Paula Jenine, born in 1968 at Watford City, North Dakota; and Jason Anthony, born in 1969 at Grand Forks, North Dakota.

CARL and TENA SMITH



Carl and Tena Smith

Carl Smith, son of H.P. Smith wed Tena Groven June 19, 1907. Tena was the daughter of Ole and Mari Groven. Carl (Charlie) had been in Montana as a cowboy before his marriage. The Galesburg School was built the year they were married and Tena cooked for bricklayers. Carl had the harness shop in town. In 1908, they moved to Finley where Carl worked as a carpenter. There Marion was born November 5, 1908.

Homesteads were being opened up in South Dakota, the same area where his brother Iver and Tena's sister, Inga Løstegard had homesteaded.

The following children were born in South Dakota: Cora in June 1910, Oscar in February 1914, Gilmore in 1916, and Helen was born in May 1912, when Tena was home visiting her parents on the Ole Groven farm.

Many hardships were endured here as the land was not really fit for farming. Dried cow chips were used in the stoves for fuel. Doctors were scarce and midwives were on hand at the birth of children. With poor crops and dry years the land soon was lost and the family returned to Galesburg, moving on a farmstead built by his father northwest of his father's home farm. Here Gilmore passed away from pneumonia at the age of 18 months. Alma, Victor, Lillian, Ruth, and Katherine were added to the family here.

Times were hard and with a family of 9 children and a small farm, the farm again was sold. They moved 4 more times and lived for a time where Rick Halvorson now lives. Carl died in 1942 and Victor farmed for a few years before he and his mother moved to Galesburg. Tena passed away at her home April 9, 1958, after a lingering illness.

GEORGE D. SMITH



George D. Smith

George D. Smith was born on Dec. 14, 1924 to Melvin and Anna Smith of Galesburg. He attended school at Galesburg graduating with the class of 1942. He attended Luther College of Decorah, Iowa in 1942-43 before enlisting in the Army Air Force. He received the rank of 2nd Lieutenant as a pilot. He was killed in action over Germany on March 24, 1945 after flying 25 missions. He received the Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters, Silver Star and the Purple Heart.

HANS PETER and GUNHILD SMITH

Hans Peter Mortenson was born in Gotland, Sweden on January 24, 1852. He came to New York in January, 1860 after spending his youth as a sailor. Arriving in Trail County about 1880, he changed his name to Smith. While working at the Houghton farm near Galesburg, he met Gunhild Jondahl who was also working there. They were married December, 1882.

Gunhild Jondahl was born July 7, 1850 in Dovre, Jondahl, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway to parents, Iver Jondahl and Ragnild Hansdatter Jondahl. She came to Fargo from Norway in the



Back: Iver, Carl, Gena, Robert, Melvin
Front: Henry, Hans Peter, Victor, Gunhild, Anna

spring of 1881. Her brother, Ole Jondahl, her cousin, Thore Olstad, Ole Paulson, and Gunhild made the trip in a sailing vessel. She had promised to look after Ole and Thore who were only 17 years old. She was so seasick she didn't see them, and they had the time of their lives climbing all over the ship. She had been told by John Olstad and Jondahl that there was a quarter of land open for filing on January 3, 1882. She filed on the west quarter of Sec. 32T-144-53 and she made final proof on the same. The patent right was signed by President Benjamin Harrison, January 3, 1885. She became a citizen in 1887 and Hans became a citizen in 1892.

They lived on the homestead after they were married and hired out to Mr. Houghton. Hans worked in the field and Gunhild cooked and did housework. They were to have \$300.00 for the season. Their oldest son, Carl (Charlie), was born that summer. That fall Hans had an accident when the oxen ran away while plowing. His leg was damaged when he was caught in the plow. Dr. Thompson from Portland dressed the leg, but it had to be amputated below the knee when blood poisoning set in later. As the doctor had been drinking, Hans refused to take an anesthetic. He sat on the table watching the doctor saw off his leg. That left him unable to earn anything. When the work was over in the fall, they had \$3.00. They were taken in by Gunhild's brother, John I. Jondahl. Six people lived in the 14' x 16' house. Next spring Hans worked for Jondahl as Mr. Jystad had made him a wooden leg. He was often called "Peg-leg-Pete". After spring was over, he bought a horse and two oxen and began to break up the homestead where they now lived.

When Charlie was a baby, they lived on only two sacks of potatoes and a sack of flour for the winter. No cows or chickens. They lived for many years on a farm 2¼ miles south and ¼ mile west of Galesburg. In 1920 they moved to Galesburg and built the house now occupied by Esther Johnson. From this humble beginning they raised a family of nine and had at one time 7½ quarters of land.

Carl Smith was born July 21, 1883; Iver in 1885 (died at birth); Iver and Robert (twins) were born August 28, 1887; Henry and Gena (twins) were born March 16, 1889; Olaf Melvin was born August 14, 1891; Anna Marie on February 23, 1893; and Victor Leonard was born December 30, 1895 and died in 1918.

Gunhild died in 1925 and Hans died in 1926.

HENRY P. and SELMA SMITH



Grace Hunter, Phyllis Farrell, Palmer, Donald, Harold, Delores Rhodes, Sivert, Verna Roidt, Shirley Fleith, Betty Lou Pederson, Selma, Henry, Dwayne, and Thelma Hohn.

Henry Smith was born March 16, 1889. He was the son of Hans Peter and Gunhild Smith of Galesburg. He had a twin sister, Gena. He was baptized and confirmed in the Elm River Lutheran Church.

He married Selma Stundahl of Twin Valley, Minnesota. They farmed near Galesburg until 1943, when Mr. Smith bought a grocery business at Halstad, Minnesota.

They had five sons and seven daughters: Theodore Palmer, Grace, Sivert, Donald, Harold, Dwayne, Thelma, Phyllis, Betty Lou, Delores, Verna, and Shirley.

IVER and IDA SMITH



Iver and Ida Smith

Iver and Robert, twin boys, were born to Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Smith of Galesburg on August 24, 1886. His parents also had another set of twins in 1889, Henry and Gena. A brother, Iver, had died in infancy. Carl, Olaf Melvin, Anna and Victor completed the family.

Iver grew to manhood on a farm near Galesburg. He homesteaded near Ralph, South Dakota, around 1909 where Carl and Tena Smith, Christ and Inga Lostegaard also homesteaded. He took over the old farm home after his parents moved to town.

He married Ida Olstad, the daughter of John and Marit Olstad, November 24, 1920. Ida had been born near Galesburg on May 24, 1892. They bought the Kemp farm, where Esther Bring now lives, moving there in 1921. Although they had no children of their own, they usually had other children staying with them and also had foster children at one time. They had dairy cows and Iver was the town milkman, delivering milk with a horse and cart. When he retired from farming in 1953 he moved to the house where Oscar Groven now lives. Iver served on the Township Board, Farmers Mutual Insurance Board, Drain Board and Welfare Board. He died June 9, 1976, at Mayville at the age of 89. Ida now resides at the Luther Memorial Home at Mayville.



Iver and Ida Smith

O. M. SMITH and ANNA SMITH



Mr. and Mrs. O.M. Smith

O.M. Smith was born on August 14, 1891 at Galesburg to Mr. and Mrs. H.P. Smith. He received his education at Galesburg, Bruflat Academy and the North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton. He homesteaded in Plentywood, Montana before enlisting in the army during World War I. He was a member of the American Legion at Galesburg.

He married Anna Jondahl on March 2, 1921 who was born in Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway. They had four children; twin sons - Hector S. Smith (December 14, 1921, died April 3, 1922); Leonard Smith (December 14, 1921, died

at birth); George D. Smith who died in active service in World War II on March 24, 1945; Molfrid (Mrs. Dale Moen) who resides near Galesburg.

Melvin was on the Co-op Elevator board for over thirty years and was one of the board members who started Elm River Cemetery Association on which he worked faithfully for many years.

Melvin and Anna farmed on the H.P. Smith farm until 1946 when they moved into Galesburg in a home which he built. He then purchased the Blacksmith Shop from the estate of Hans Anderson and operated this business until it was destroyed by a fire in January of 1949. He also did carpenter work at this time.

Melvin died April 4, 1979.

Anna was born on June 9, 1892 at Dovre, Gudbrandsdalen, Norway and came to the United States in 1914. Upon arriving in Galesburg it was Oline Moe, living where Al Martins now live, who had her for her first dinner. After dinner Ida Olstad came to town with a black team and surrey and took her to John Olstads. She and Ida cooked for a threshing crew of 26 to 30 men when they had a steam rig. Because the Olstad sisters wanted Anna to be like the American girls they sewed her some new dresses to wear. She wasn't very happy with wearing that corset under her new dresses. In Norway the ladies didn't wear them, so learning how to move in a corset was a new experience for Anna. A lot of hard work was in store for Anna as people thought the newcomer girl would do anything.

After marrying Melvin they settled down to many years of farming. They raised cattle, chickens, turkeys and grain for food. Anna tells about selling five gallons of cream to the store for \$1.60. Their farm was almost self-sufficient so when grocery shopping she would only need to buy flour, sugar, and spices.

Anna has been a faithful member of Elm River Lutheran Church and served as President of Ladies Aid three times and vice-president twice. The 50th Anniversary of the church was celebrated when she was President.

She has entertained many in her home throughout the years, especially the bachelors of Galesburg who were always invited during the holidays.

Anna at 89 years of age, still resides in the home which Melvin built 35 years ago.

MILT and RANDA SMITH

Randa (Rud) Smith, daughter of Tom and Pearl Rud was born in Mayville, North Dakota January 1952. Grandpa Rud (Iver) immigrated from Norway when he was seventeen. Randa was married to Milt Smith, from Seattle, Washington, in July 1971. Since then they have lived in Texas, Alaska, Philadelphia, North Dakota and now in Oregon, where Milt is metal shop teacher in Coquille High School. They have one daughter born in October 1973. Many of their summers have been donated to mission work in Mexico and Alaska.

OSCAR SMITH

Oscar Peter Smith was born February 6, 1914 at Ralph, South Dakota. He moved with his parents to Galesburg where he attended school.



Oscar Smith

Oscar wrote short stories and had poetry published in "The Manettism". He worked at the Munster Elevator with his Uncle Oscar Johnson. Because the crops dried out that year, he was returning home and he was killed in a car accident at the age of 22 years in 1936.

THEODORE PALMER and EVELYN SMITH



Back: Sandra, Roger
Front: Lyle, Palmer, Evelyn, Sharon

Theodore Palmer Smith was born August 20, 1915. He was the son of Selma and Henry Smith.

Palmer was united in marriage to Evelyn Drogen, daughter of Anton and Jennie (Johnson) Drogen. She was born February 26, 1917. They were married November 4, 1942. Evelyn's dad immigrated from Dovre, Norway in the early nineteen hundreds.

Palmer and Evelyn farmed in the Page vicinity until 1955 when they moved to Halstad, Minnesota for two years. In 1957 they moved to Colgate, North Dakota where Palmer was custodian in the Colgate School. He was also custodian at Oak Grove Seminary in Fargo, North Dakota until 1966 when they moved to Montello, Wisconsin where he was custodian in the Montello schools until he retired in 1977. Evelyn worked at

the Fargo Laundry when they lived in Fargo and at Dakota Hospital. She helped with custodial work at Montello schools.

They have five children. Lyle is a civil engineer at Delevan, Wisconsin. His wife, Janice, is a Licensed Practical Nurse and works at Elkhorn, Wisconsin in a nursing home. Their children are Cynthia, Timothy, Mathew, and Andrew.

Sharon JoAnn is a secretary at Border State Electric, Fargo, North Dakota. Her husband, Byron Sprenger, is a pipe fitter and works at Fargo. They have two girls Larinda and Lachelle.

Roger lives at Peru, Indiana. He works for the fire department and also is part owner in the Miami trucking company. He is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is divorced. He has a daughter Barbara, in the sixth grade who has received several blue ribbons in 4-H horse shows.

Ronnie died at birth.

Sandra is a sergeant in the United States Army Medical Corps at Fort Stewart, Georgia. In August 1982 she will have seven years in the service. Her husband, Randy Gerbitz, is a logger, driving truck, hauling logs to paper mills. They have a daughter Candeda Kay.

ROBERT and JOSEPHINE SMITH



Robert and Josephine Smith
Gladys and Roy

Robert and his twin brother, Iver were born August 24, 1886 at Galesburg, North Dakota. They were sons of H.P. Smith. He grew to manhood there and moved to Plentywood, Montana in 1909.

He married Josephine Aspeland May 28, 1913, in Plentywood. He homesteaded near Plentywood and later operated a dairy farm. He also worked as a deputy for the Sheridan County Sheriff's office and later as a mechanic. He retired as a carpenter.

He was a charter member of the Plentywood Lutheran Church and the Volunteer Fire Department.

They had a son, Roy who lives at Plentywood and a daughter, Gladys (Mrs. Oscar Hippe) of Froid.

Josephine passed away in 1972 and Robert in 1973.

TERRY and LAVONNE SMITH



Terry and LaVonne
Josh, Aaron, Chris

Terry Smith was born September 14, 1948, at Galesburg, the son of Victor and Dorothy Smith. His grandparents were Carl and Tina Smith. He left Galesburg to attend school at the Bottineau School of Forestry in 1966. After graduation he transferred to Virginia Polytechnic University at Blacksburg, Virginia. In 1969 he married LaVonne Leiser of Fertile, Minnesota and returned to Blacksburg, Virginia. In late September their trailer home was destroyed by fire. They still remember the generous help from many folks in Galesburg after that fire.

In December of 1970 Terry graduated from V.P.I. and returned to Galesburg with his wife and three month old son, Chris. Between staying at Galesburg and Fertile he awaited news from his draftboard. He received the news that he flunked the physical so he moved to Galesburg and worked at the John Deere Implement. They lived in the Art Moen house. In September of 1971, he obtained a job with Weyerhaeuser Company in Plymouth, North Carolina, so he packed the family and went off to the "DEEP SOUTH."

They had a second son, Aaron in 1976 and a third son, Joshua in 1978. In 1980 Terry transferred to Tacoma, Washington with Weyerhaeuser where he is seed manager.

VICTOR and DOROTHY (Kuball) SMITH



Terry, Alan, Danae, Victor, and Dorothy Smith



Chris, Jason, Paula, Murray
Josh, Dorothy, Vic, Aaron

Victor Smith was born April 22, 1919 on a farm near Galesburg. He attended twelve years of school and graduated from Galesburg High School in 1938. His favorite subjects being mathematics, algebra and geometry. In 1940 he started farming with horses. He bought a Case tractor with rubber tires, starter, lights and power take-off and a two bottom plow for \$875.00. He farmed five years. He then had an opportunity to go into the Implement business with Clarence Haakenson. They bought out O.E. Sande, who had the John Deere dealership.

Vic married Dorothy Kuball, daughter of Henry and Caroline (Berg) Kuball on June 3, 1945 at the Grace Lutheran Church in Grandin, North Dakota. Dorothy met Vic while teaching at the Galesburg #4 School at a basket social event. Vic bought the Gilbert Moackrud house in Galesburg and they lived there many years until they bought a lot from Mrs. Elmer (Irene) Bring. It is the second lot east of the church. Here they built a two bedroom, one story house with double garage.

The Smiths have three children, all of whom were born at the Union Hospital, baptized and confirmed at the Elm River Lutheran Church and graduated from the Clifford-Galesburg High School.

Alan, who is in partnership with his father in the John Deere Implement business. He and his wife, Jennie, and their three children, Murray, Paula and Jason, live in Galesburg.

Terry, who is now the Manager of the Seed Department along the West Coast for Weyerhaeuser Company. He and his wife, LaVonne, and their three sons, Chris, Aaron and Joshua, live in Auburn, Washington.

Danae, at present time is a student at Gallaudet College in Washington D.C. Next May of 1982 she will receive a Master's Degree in Multi Handicapped Hearing Impaired. She and her husband, Eric Delman, live in Alexandria, Virginia.

Vic and Dorothy have been active in community work; city council, school board, Sunday School, Church Council, home-maker's etc. Vic has been on the City Council ever since he moved into town. He succeeded Ole Soholt as Mayor. During that office, one of his accomplishments was the Water and Sewer installation in the city in 1968.

Dorothy is a Langdon High School graduate and attended the Valley City State College. She has been helping out with the bookkeeping at the Implement. Some of her hobbies have been decoupage, crafts, sewing, painting, quilting, etc. Vic finds more time lately for gardening and enjoys the relaxation of hoeing and weeding.

Vic and Dorothy have enjoyed traveling especially to Terry's and Danae's. One of the highlights this past year was a Caribbean Cruise on a ship of the Norwegian Line (Skyward). They toured the Islands of Haiti, San Juan, St. Thomas, and Porta Plata but especially like the life on the ship.

JOHN and GUSTA SOHOLT



Mr. and Mrs. John Soholt

Gusta Hongslo Soholt was born at Galesburg, February 15, 1890 to parents Jon and Ane Vold. She was baptized and confirmed in the Stordahl Lutheran Church, three miles from their home.

(This summer (1981) she felt greatly blessed to be able to be present at "her" church for their centennial celebration, inspite of her ninety-one plus years and in a wheelchair.)

Gusta attended grade school, but at an early age felt it was necessary for her to go out and earn her own livelihood and helping others in more dire need than she was at times. These experiences led her to Kindred, North Dakota where she met and married Michael Hongslo in 1908. Michael worked for the railroad and had his headquarters there and later at Breckenridge. Two sons were born, Sigfred Marshall and Joseph Artman. At their early ages of three and one-half and one and one-half years of age, their father met his tragic death in 1912 on a Labor Day weekend tending to some well repair. So for the following years Gusta and sons shifted from place to place wherever work was available until in 1917, they moved back to Galesburg to establish their home which was built in 1918.

In a short while, the exact date unknown, Gusta became the telephone operator for Traill County Telephone Company and kept the switchboard in her home, until she was appointed Postmaster at Galesburg Post Office and this she served until 1933. Besides all these jobs she served so well, she was a faithful Sunday School teacher at Elm River Lutheran Church and a member of the Daughters of Norway.

On January 16, 1932 she and John Soholt were married.

John Soholt was born in Alesund, Norway, June 9, 1903 and came to Galesburg in 1929. He was employed as a carpenter with his brother, Ole Soholt. He was a member of the Sons of Norway Lodge and enjoyed singing the beautiful songs of his home country. He also loved to ski and while growing up in Norway, he took many prizes in this sport.

Gusta and John celebrated their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary in 1957.

John passed away December 26, 1972 at the age of sixty-nine. He was survived by his wife, two step-sons, Sig Hongslo of Amenia and Joseph Hongslo of Gardena, California, a sister Mrs. Iver (Ingeborg) Bakken and a brother Ole Soholt of Galesburg, six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren. Gusta continued living in her home as long as she was able to care for herself. These later years she has resided at Eventide Nursing Home at Moorhead.

NELS SOHOLT

Nels Soholt was born in Norway. He worked for Ole Soholt as a carpenter while in the Galesburg area. He worked for the Ibberson Construction Company. He died in Mayville, North Dakota in the Northern Hotel. His body was shipped back to Norway.

OLE and NIKKA SOHOLT



Ole and Nikka Soholt

Ole Soholt was born in Norway in September, 1893. His parents were Hans and Lena Soholt. The town of Soholt on the sea coast means literally sea halt and as customary the family name was Soholt.

Third in a family of six boys and two girls, Ole grew up in a most interesting world. His father had a small farm enough to feed a couple cows and a few sheep supplementing his income by fishing. From the age of five, Ole learned about boats, nets, and fishing, the father often taking his boys out with him to set the nets and bringing in the catch of cod and herring. As the boys grew older they went out by themselves paddling the boat. They saw some whales as they chased after the herring.

Ole recalls seeing Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany on his frequent cruises to Norway, his palacial ships riding at anchor and the Kaiser strolling about the town of Soholt. When a disastrous fire nearly destroyed the town of Aalesund in 1904 the

Kaiser sent ship loads of food and clothing to the homeless inhabitants.

When about thirteen Ole began working out for neighbors earning his board, clothes, and shoes. Later he attended a cabinet school for two winters working from seven A.M. to nine P.M. learning to make cabinets. Each member of the class paid the instructor thirty-five crowns, boarding and rooming themselves nearby. Woodworking came easy to Ole as his father was a carpenter.

In the fall of 1911, in fishing sardines, Ole made enough money in three weeks to buy his own ticket to America and had money besides. Most boys his age received their ticket from someone or were sent a ticket from America.

The father had made a trip to America to work and earn money to pay off some debts. In 1912, Ole decided to strike out for the United States. Together with six others he landed in England with their tickets for America on the Titanic. Owing to a coal strike in England the sailing was delayed with the result their group was divided. Ole and two others were given passage on the Olympic, sister ship of the Titanic, and the four others were aboard the Titanic. In the Titanic's tragic accident only the two of the four young Norwegians reached America.

Ole returned to Galesburg and since 1922 has been self-employed. In 1923 he married Clara Rokke, a girl from Zumbrota, Minnesota, American born but of Norwegian descent. Clara was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her parents bought a farm in Zumbrota and moved there.

In December 1928 they made a trip to Norway returning the last part of February 1929.

The family home is at Galesburg, where he became mayor when the town was incorporated in 1947. He has been a member of the American Legion for sixty-two years, having served as post commander and other offices. He was one of the organizers of the Galesburg Fire Department, Fire chief for several years and is a life member of the State Firemen's Association. He is a member of Elm River Lutheran Church serving as trustee for ten years, president of the Galesburg Building Association and Galesburg Township Supervisor for many years, chairman of the Galesburg Township for seven years, was one of the promoters for the incorporation of the Village of Galesburg, served as Mayor of Galesburg for twenty-one years, was President of the Galesburg City Council, a member of the Traill County Planning Board and a member of the Steele-Traill Counties Planning Board.

The town has a skating rink and warming house and here is where Ole enjoys his favorite hobby of skating. He did much skiing too in Norway and since he came to America.

Ole Soholt was a patient at the Veteran's Hospital, Fargo, North Dakota in January 1960. He was chosen as the patient of the week. Parts of this story of his life were taken from the article in the "Sir Vet", the veterans' paper:

"His Honor, the Mayor of Galesburg, North Dakota, is our patient of the week. Opening on a cheerful note he informed us that he had just seen his doctor who had advised him to keep his eyes open in the afternoon. When asked why, he said, 'So I can see.'"

March 26, 1961, Clara passed away.

In 1963 Ole made a trip to Norway where he met his brother's widow, Nikka Soholt, daughter of Ole and Marie

Olsbo of Spjelkavik, Norway.

In 1964, Nikka visited Galesburg. Ole returned to Norway in 1965 and on July 24, 1965 Ole and Nikka were married. They returned to Galesburg.

In 1966 Nikka's fourteen year old niece, Ollveig Olsbo, from Norway lived with the Soholt's and attended Clifford-Galesburg High School.

In 1969 and 1972 Ole and Nikka visited Norway, their native country.

In 1972, Ole retired from city government. May 20, 1972 more than one hundred fifty people attended an open house at the Galesburg Memorial Hall to show appreciation and to thank Ole for his thirty-four years of service in the Galesburg area, nine years as a member of his township board, twenty-one years as mayor of Galesburg and four years as president of the city council.

In 1978, at the age of eighty-four Ole built for Alan Smith's a miniature barn complete with cupola which is used as a garden storage building.

In 1978 Ole built his first Sommer Lysthus (English translation would be a summer rest home). A real Norwegian lysthus is an outdoor structure with post corners that support the roof, no walls and furnished with a table and benches to sit on. Usually located near fruit trees or flowers, the Sommer Lysthus is used by higher classed people to entertain guests. Ole never was in one in Norway, "It wasn't for ordinary people, they cost too much."

Ole has built three Sommer Lysthus, one for themselves and two for their neighbors, Emma Jorgensen, Anna and Inga Johnson. These are snug little cabins approximately twelve by sixteen feet in size, with windows, screens, paneled walls, insulated ceiling and flooring. Many cups of coffee have been served in these Sommer Lysthus.

Ole and Nikka are enthusiastic members and supporters of the Galesburg Tall Towers Senior Citizens.

A tribute was paid to Nikka and Ole in the Clifford-Galesburg Chronicle, the school newspaper which reads as follows:

"Ole Enjoys 'Village Rink'"

Sometimes it takes someone from the outside world to really bring out one of a communities highlights. The Forum photographer did it this time. The February 18 issue of the Farmers Forum features one of Galesburg's well known citizens, Ole Sobolt, and his wife skating on Galesburg's "village ice rink."

Ole has been taking care of the ice rink since it was constructed in 1948. Seven years ago, when he went to Norway for a visit, he was married and brought his new wife, Nikka, back to America with him. The townspeople began to wonder if Ole would now find enough time to take care of the rink.

Ole didn't let us down. He not only remains custodian of the rink, but he keeps the ice in tip-top shape for those of us who use it. Most important, Ole has helped to teach many of the children in this community how to skate.

Our hats are off to you, Ole, and Nikka too, for showing Galesburg you care.

OSCAR SOHOLT

Oscar Soholt came to Galesburg from Norway to work for his brother, Ole, as a carpenter. He worked for Einar Foss in his harness shop repairing shoes and harnesses. He later had a shoe shop in Page, North Dakota. He also worked for Ibberson Construction Company building elevators. In 1946 he went back to Norway.

OLE SORTEBERG

Ole Sorteberg was born and raised on a farm in southern Minnesota. He attended a school in Minneapolis, learning a trade in auto mechanics. He came to Galesburg during the depression. Ole first worked for Ole Paulson through harvest. He then ran Hans Kvam's threshing machine that fall. The next three falls he ran threshing machines for Paul Satrom.

Ole purchased the Galesburg Garage from Oscar Satrom in 1936 and continued to operate it as a service station and car dealership, selling Pontiac cars. He later took on a lease dealership selling tractors, combines, and all farm machinery until retiring and selling his business to Lefty Bjelverud and Ray Olstad in 1957.

Ole passed away in Minneapolis of a heart attack.

GEORGE A. and DELIA STEVENS



George and Delia Stevens

George A. Stevens, son of Lewis E. and Lena E. (Hunt) Stevens, was born November 5, 1891 at Tower City, North Dakota.

Delia Adele Bordeleau, daughter of Euzebe and Rosanna (Marjorie) Bordeleau, was born March 27, 1889 at Belle Prairie, Minnesota.

They were married December 31, 1911 at Alice, North Dakota. To this union was born three children: Isabelle, Allan C. and Marjorie Louise. Isabelle was born June 23, 1913 and married J.S. Daily, an attorney at law. The Dailys have two sons, Tom A., an attorney in Fort Smith, Arkansas, and Harry

P. with an oil company in Jackson, Mississippi. They have six grandchildren.

Allan C. was born April 27, 1916 at Tower City, North Dakota. He married Erna Richman of Tower City. They had five boys: Robert of Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Gerald, Douglas and James of the Minneapolis area and Michael of Texas. Allan passed away from cancer on Easter Monday, April 20, 1981 and is buried at Buffalo, North Dakota. Their last place of residence was South Haven, Minnesota. They have eight grandchildren.

Marjorie Louise was born January 11, 1919 at Tower City, North Dakota. She is a Licensed Practical Nurse and is married to John S. Foxen. They make their home on his family farm five miles from Neche, North Dakota. They have five children: Judith, Steven, Terrance, Linda and Brent. Judith, a Licensed Practical Nurse, is married to Gary Spangelo, an Agricultural Engineer. They live in Electric City, Washington. Steven lives in Walhalla, North Dakota and is in construction in western North Dakota. Terrence, a former hospital administrator, is in business for himself in Sequin, Texas, but still works in the health field when time permits. Linda J. Letexier is a housewife and nurse's aide. They live in Neche, North Dakota. Brent is a 1979 graduate of the University of North Dakota and is employed by Motor Coach Industry at Pembina, North Dakota and lives in Neche, North Dakota. Brent is unmarried. Marjorie is grandmother of thirteen, eleven girls and two boys.

George Stevens passed away January 19, 1970 in Harlingen, Texas and is buried at Tower City. He was a World War I veteran, a member of Masonic Lodge and American Legion. Delia passed away March 31, 1972 at Walhalla, North Dakota and is buried in Holy Cross Cemetery in Fargo.

HAROLD and FRIDA STOCKMOE



Harold and Frida Stockmoe

Harold Stockmoe, son of Martin and Clara Stockmoe was born September 25, 1909 in Greenfield Township, Traill County, North Dakota. He attended Galesburg Township school and Blanchard Township school number three.

Frida Ege daughter of Hans and Bertha Ege was born September 27, 1914. She attended Blanchard Township school number three and graduated from Mayville High School.

Harold and Frida were married May 3, 1934 at Clifford, North Dakota. They had two children, Beverly and Harris. They moved to a farm south of Clifford in 1938 and lived there until retiring in 1974 and moved to Galesburg.

Harold passed away September 1, 1976.

Frida works part time at the West Trail Cafe in Galesburg.

Beverly lives in Fargo and works at St. Lukes Hospital. She had four children, Dwight, Donna, Gary and Dale. Dwight was killed in a car accident at the age of seventeen. Donna married Kent Burda, they have two children, Kristi and Keven. Gary Bratholt is married and has one daughter Angela.

Dale Bratholt is married and has one son, Dwight.

Harris is married and lives in Fargo and is an electrical contractor for Dakota Electric Construction. They have three children, Scott, Susan and Stuart.

LOUIS and INGA STOCKMOE



Back: John, Emma, Selma, Leonard
Front: Louis, Joseph, Sophia, Ruth, Inga

Louis Stockmoe was born November 19, 1868 in Stordol, Norway. At the age of twenty-one he came to America settling in the Hunter area. On March 1, 1892 he married Inga Amundson. Inga was born July 12, 1866 at Gulbrandsdalen, Norway, coming to America in 1887. The Stockmoe's farmed five miles east of Galesburg until they retired and moved to Hillsboro, North Dakota.

Eight children were born to them: John, Leonard, Joseph, Selma (Mrs. Peterson), Sophia (Reinan), Ruth (Jeffers), Annie (Oldenberg), and Emma (Vos). Emma is the only survivor of the Louis Stockmoe family. Louis and Inga both passed away in 1947.

DENNIS and CAROLYN STUTRUD



Carolyn and Dennis Stutrud

Dennis Stutrud, son of Melvin and Hazel Stutrud was born in Devils Lake, North Dakota, April 9, 1932, completed grades six, seven and eight in Galesburg. His father Melvin Stutrud was Superintendent of Schools at Galesburg from 1942-1945. They are presently retired and living in Mesa, Arizona.

Dennis graduated from Fargo High School in 1949, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota in 1953 and from Luther Seminary, Saint Paul, Minnesota in 1957. He has served parishes in Elgin, North Dakota, Iowa, Washington and has been in Merrillville, Indiana since 1973.

Dennis married Carolyn Olson of Fargo who graduated from Concordia College and is now a Special Education teacher at the Sauk Area Career Center in nearby Blue Island, Illinois. They have two children, Mark twenty-three, married and living in Moorhead, Minnesota and is counselor at the Southeastern Mental Health Clinic in Fargo and Mary Beth twenty-two, is a senior at Concordia College in Moorhead.

Dennis has one sister, Bonita, who attended grades two, three and four in Galesburg. She was widowed in November 1980 and is presently director of the orchestra at Anoka High School, Anoka, Minnesota. She has three grown daughters.

MELVIN and HAZEL STUTRUD



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stutrud

We may be considered mere transients in the history of the Galesburg community, having lived there only three years (1942-45) where Melvin was Superintendent of Schools during the war years. But this brief period of time was to become a very important segment of our own life's history. We came to Galesburg as total strangers — we had no roots here whatsoever. But in a very short time we came to like this community and made many life-long friends. Whenever possible, we return to this community to call on friends and renew acquaintances. We miss seeing those friends who have passed away. During our stay in Galesburg we became participants in church and community activities. Hazel organized and directed the church choir. It was both a great surprise and a thrill for her to receive recently from the church A.L.C.W. a token of appreciation for her contribution to church activities. It is something she will always cherish.

Now for personal statistics about ourselves. Melvin's parents were born in Norway and came to North Dakota in the early 1900's. Hazel's parents were born in Minnesota and they also became Dakota residents. Melvin was born in the

western part of the state and graduated from high school at Arnegard. Hazel was born in the southeastern part of North Dakota, but her family — after a brief sojourn in Montana — became permanent residents in the Devils Lake area. Melvin and Hazel both entered the teaching profession, having taught in North Dakota an aggregate of seventy years.

We have a son and a daughter — both born in Devils Lake, North Dakota, and both are graduates of Fargo High School as well as Concordia College. Dennis became a Lutheran pastor and resides in Merrillville, Indiana. He married Carolyn Olson of Fargo. They likewise have a son and a daughter, and both attended Concordia College. Their son, Mark, is married and lives in Jamestown, North Dakota. The daughter, Mary Beth, is entering the teaching profession.

Our daughter Bonnie married Oliver Melting from Hillsboro, North Dakota. Bonnie and Oliver both entered the teaching profession in the field of music. Oliver was a band director in Montevideo, Minnesota, for many years before the family moved to Anoka, Minnesota, where he continued in band work until his death in 1980. Bonnie continues to teach music in Anoka and is orchestra director in Anoka Senior High School. There are three daughters in the family. Laurie graduated from Northwestern University and teaches music in St. Paul, Minnesota. Sheila is married and lives in Golden Valley, Minnesota. The youngest daughter, Margaret, is attending Drake University at Des Moines, Iowa.

Melvin and Hazel spent the greater part of their teaching years in Fargo where Melvin served as an elementary school principal. After retirement we spent several years in Barnesville, Minnesota, but after a few winters in Arizona we decided to make this our year-round home. We continue to have many pleasant memories of Galesburg, and each winter we often meet some of our Galesburg friends here in Mesa, Arizona. It is always a joy to see these "snow birds" as winter visitors are commonly referred to.

CORA SUNDBY



Cora Sundby

Cora Smith was born to parents Carl and Tena Smith on June 8, 1910 on a farm at Ralph, South Dakota.

When starting school she could speak nothing but Norwegian. Ragna Ordahl was her first teacher and could understand Norwegian so she got along fine.

After finishing high school in Galesburg she attended the Nurses training at Swedish Hospital in Minneapolis from which she graduated in 1935. She worked in Minneapolis until she joined the Nurse Corps in World War II. She spent three years and two months in the army, twenty-two months of which was in the European territory behind the front lines in Germany.

Cora worked at the Veterans Hospital in Chicago for two years and then transferred to the Veterans Hospital at Fargo where she worked for eight years.

When her mother was stricken with cancer she came home to care for her for several months before her death in 1957.

Cora married Edwin Sundby. He was a World War II veteran also. They resided in Hillsboro where he passed away several years later.

After Edwin's death she worked at the home in Hillsboro, spent two years working for the State Health Department in Bismarck, and at the Fargo Nursing Home. Much of her life has been spent taking care of sick relatives. She also accompanied Iver Smith to Wisconsin where he went for treatment.

CECIL and IONE SUTTON FAMILY



Ione and Cecil Sutton

Cecil B. Sutton was born June 19, 1915 in Swanville, Minnesota to Hattie Maire Avery-Sutton-Groven and Charles G. Sutton. His mother was born March 25, 1897 at Brainerd, Minnesota and died March 25, 1978 in Seattle, Washington. Her parents were Seymore L. Avery and Laura J. Sanborn Avery. Charles G. Sutton was born March 12, 1893 at Little Prairie, Minnesota and died in 1922 at Randal, Minnesota. His parents were William Sutton, born October 11, 1864 in Illinois, died July 31, 1936 in Browerville, Minnesota; and Laura Reynolds, born February 17, 1872 at Randal, Minnesota, died November 28, 1948 at Randal, Minnesota.

Cecil married Ione Frances Moore on December 17, 1935. She was born June 2, 1915 in Milbank, South Dakota. They have one son — Merle Eugene Sutton.

Merle was born October 19, 1937 at St. Paul, Minnesota. He married Peggy L. Howard. She was born November 6, 1933 at Chehalis, Washington. They have no children. Merle is a crane operator.

Cecil owns his own business, Service of Medical and Dental Equipment. He has lived in Seattle, Washington for thirty-six years. He and Ione have traveled extensively throughout the United States.

DR. LEONARD O. and CECILIA SWANSON



Leonard and Cele Swanson

Leonard Swanson was born September 9, 1894 at Clifford, North Dakota to Karl and Tina Swanson. He attended school at Clifford and Luther College at Decorah, Iowa.

He came to Galesburg as Superintendent of Schools in 1917. While here he married Cecilia Paulson, daughter of Ole and Anna Paulson, on February 3, 1918. Cecilia was born April 12, 1898. They had four children: Lorraine, Verna, Betty Ann and L. Joel.

After two years in Galesburg they moved to Underwood, North Dakota. He taught there until returning to college at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin where he received his degree in Dentistry in 1925.

Dr. Swanson was a dentist at Minto, Hillsboro and Mayville, North Dakota. His hobbies were golfing and hunting. They retired in Sacramento, California near their children. Dr. Swanson moved to the Hillsboro Nursing Home for one year before his death December 16, 1979.

Cecilia is a resident of a nursing home in Salinas, California.

FREDERICK and JULIA GUNHILD TANGER

Frederick Tanger came to the United States from Sweden in 1877 at the age of fourteen. He was born January 8, 1863.

Julia Gunhild Jondahlen was born May 8, 1866 in Dovre, Norway. She came to the United States in 1883 at the age of seventeen.

Frederick and Julia were married November 24, 1891. They lived outside of Clifford for some time. They moved to a home four miles west of Galesburg and one-half mile south. They had seven sons: John, Charles, Clinton, Milo, Floyd, Theodore and Howard. John, Charlie and Clint were born at the Clifford home and the others on the farm by Galesburg. All have passed away, except Floyd, who is 80 years old and Theodore who is 78.



Back: Milo, Clinton, Floyd, Theodore, Howard
Front: Charlie, Julia, Frederick, John

Frederick passed away in 1938 and Julia Gunhild in 1941.

Frederick was a man of many skills, always helping neighbors with machinery and livestock. He helped in times of sickness, served as Justice of the Peace, was on the school board, election board and spent several winters in the legislature in Bismarck.

Theodore, known as Ted, and another brother went to California in 1924 to join the older brother already located there. A year later his parents and youngest brother arrived. On a vacation trip to Big Bear Lake, he met Miss Irene Holcomb, vacationing with her parents. A couple of years later they were married. They had a son, Dana, who served in the Korean War and a daughter Renee.

Ted was an ardent lover of horses and as an avocation bred Tennessee walking horses. He had a three year old stallion registered as Tangeren's Chief.

FRANK and PATRICIA TAYLOR



Frank, Patricia

Patricia Lynn VanZee, born January 26, 1954, married Frank Oran Taylor IV, born August 1, 1955, on June 28, 1980.

Pat was graduated from North Dakota State University, Fargo, in 1978 where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in Home Economics Education. She is teaching secondary education at Edinburg, North Dakota.

Frank was born in Sarasota, Florida. He was graduated from Minot High, Minot, North Dakota, and served in the United States Navy from 1976-1980. He is presently a student at the University of North Dakota, Grand Forks, North Dakota.

TOM and LAHNA TAYLOR



Tom, Lahna, Jason, Julie

The Taylors moved to Galesburg in November 1981, where Tom is now employed at the KXJB Transmitter.

Tom was born March 25, 1946 in Fargo, North Dakota to Stephen and Della (Clark) Taylor. In 1947 the family moved to Jamestown where Tom attended school and graduated. He later attended North Dakota State School of Science where he pursued an electronics course. In 1967 he joined the navy as a Sonar Technician and spent ten years stationed on the east and west coast. Most recently, he has worked at a radio station in Jamestown and a TV station in Dickinson, North Dakota.

Lahna was born August 7, 1947 to George and Lucille (Schlecht) Scott. She lived in Wimbledon and Valley City until 1959, when her family moved to Olympia, Washington, where she attended and graduated from school.

Julie was born September 10, 1968, and Jason on February 5, 1971. Both have attended school in El-Cajon, California and Jamestown, North Dakota.

WALTER J. TAYLOR



Walter J. Taylor

Walter Taylor came to North Dakota in the late 1870's. He first settled at Casselton, North Dakota. He worked for the railroad for some time hauling freight with a team of horses. He hauled railroad ties, bridge planks, and other material for the rail line from Ripon to Portland, North Dakota. He bought the livery stable in Casselton and would go to Iowa and buy horses and ship them to Casselton and sell them to homesteaders in the area.

He was a very aggressive young man and was determined to have some land of his own. He came to Galesburg in 1880 and homesteaded the northeast quarter of section four in Dows Township. He made many trips to Casselton with a team of horses to purchase his supplies.

Bob Morris and Taylor, both bachelors at that time, would work their land in the summer and would ship a team of horses to northern Minnesota and work in the woods there and would ship lumber back in the spring and sell the lumber to build homes in the area.

Walter Taylor married a sister to Bob Morris. They lived in the area for several years. Due to his wife's poor health who needed care, they moved to Detroit, Michigan and hired a couple to live with them and care for Mrs. Taylor. He would come to Galesburg to oversee his farming interests every spring and go back in the fall. Sometimes he would make two or three trips back and forth a year. His wife died.

J.S. Kemp, Houghton, and Taylor started the first bank in Galesburg.

Walter Taylor will be best remembered for his steam threshing machine which every fall would have about thirty days threshing in the area. He also bought, sold, and traded horses as he was a lover of good horses. He also purchased several farms in the area. He became a very wealthy man. He made some investments in Detroit, Michigan, acquiring much property, mostly in dwellings and apartments. Due to his wife's illness he spent his last years there until his death in 1950.

ANTON and JORDICE THOMPSON



Anton and Jordice Thompson

Anton Thompson, son of Chris and Hannah Lee Thompson, was born September 12, 1899 at Hunter, North Dakota. His parents were farmers.

Jordice Anderson, daughter of Hans and Martha Anderson, was born December 28, 1903 at Orje, Norway. In 1904, she came to the United States with her parents and family. They came to Clifford, North Dakota to the Jones farm where Hans Anderson was blacksmith and farrier. In 1906 they moved to Galesburg where Jordice attended school.

Jordice took a nurses course, working mainly in private homes.

Anton and Jordice were married April 2, 1940. They lived on Anton's home farm until they retired to Hunter, North

Dakota in 1968. They have lived at the Good Samaritan Home at Arthur, North Dakota since January 1980.

They have one daughter, Karen, who is married to Clarence Nelson. They live at Portland, North Dakota. They are parents of three sons and one daughter.

ARVID (Tom) THOMPSON



Tom Thompson

Arvid Thompson was born in Visby, Gotland, Sweden on September 11, 1876.

He came to the Galesburg area in 1918 and worked for Nels Haugen in the spring. He worked for Paul Satrom from June 1918 until in 1923 when he became ill. He returned in 1925 and worked for Pauli Satrom, Paul Satrom and later Morris Satrom. He stayed there until he retired and moved to Fargo. He died at Fargo, North Dakota on January 2, 1960.

ORVILLE and ROSE MARY THOMPSON



Rose Mary and Orville Thompson

Orville Thompson was the son of Hilma and Ole Thompson. They lived on a farm near Clifford. Rose Mary Nelson was the daughter of William and Mabel Von Rueden of Reynolds, North Dakota. She married Frank Linneman November 10, 1948 at Reynolds. They had two daughters, Mary and Becky. Frank died in 1950. She married Clarence Nelson on October 22, 1952. They had three daughters, Rita, Kathy, and Anne Marie. He died in July, 1973. Rose Mary married Orville Thompson December 6, 1980 at Galesburg. He farmed and retired in 1974.

Rose Mary owned and managed restaurants in Clifford and Galesburg from 1960 and on.

IVER THORSON



Iver Thorson

Iver Thorson was born at Kenyon, Minnesota, in Goodhue County on May 27, 1891, to parents, Peter and Emila Thorson. Iver moved with his parents to North Dakota when he was only three years old. They settled on the southeast quarter of Section 25-145-54 in Steele County, three miles west of Clifford, North Dakota. He attended rural school in Edendale Township known as the Loffland School. Iver spent most of his adult life working on farms in the Galesburg area. He worked many years at the Taylor Stock farm at Galesburg. He died May 10, 1940, at the age of forty-eight. He is buried in the family plot at the Clifford cemetery.

JOHN THORSON FAMILY



John Thorson Family
Minnie, Jennie, Ardie, John

John Thorson was born at Kenyon, Minnesota, in Goodhue County, on September 4, 1888, to parents Peter and Emelia Evenson Thorson. Peter and Emelia were both born in Norway south of Oslo. They immigrated to America in the 1880s, arriving at Fairbault, Minnesota. They were the parents of Jens, Mary (Mrs. Nicholas Holman), Emelia (Mrs. Pauli Satrom), John, Iver, Otto, and Thea (Mrs. Joseph Engen). Several children died in infancy in Norway.

When John was five years old the family moved by oxen and wagon to North Dakota and settled on the S.E. ¼ of Section 25, 145-54 in Steele County (Edendale Township), three miles west of Clifford. John farmed the family farm west of Clifford until 1916 when he bought a farm five miles west of Galesburg in Section 28 of Broadlawn Township, Steele County. This farm was known as the Tanger farm. Monroe Knutson also lived on this farm at one time.

John married Minnie Pederson of Portland, North Dakota. The Pederson's farmed the N½ of Section 27 in Primrose Township, Steele County, about eleven miles southwest of Portland. There were eleven children in the Anton Pederson family. They all attended school in the rural Primrose schools and attended church at the Perry Lutheran Church. John and Minnie were married June 4, 1918, at Sherbrooke, North Dakota, the county seat of Steele County at that time. They were the parents of two children, Jennie (Mrs. Selmer Haakenson) and Ardie.

John farmed the land west of Galesburg until his death in 1949. He was one of the few farmers this far north that farmed with mules. In the early twenties, all his field work was done with mules. Minnie moved to Mayville after his death, living in Mayville and Portland until her death in 1978.

Jennie and Selmer Haakenson live in Sacramento, California. They are the parents of three children, Steven, Sandra (Mrs. David Higgins), and Kenneth, all living in the Sacramento area. Selmer is retired having worked for the State of California for many years. They have four grandchildren, Dean and Wesley Haakenson and Heather and Ryan Higgins.

Ardie still farms the original home farm west of Galesburg, having added more land through purchases over the ensuing years. He married Allene Sundet at Minneapolis in 1955. In 1964 they purchased a home in Page while continuing to farm the land. Ardie and Allene have three children, Nancy, a graduate of the University of Minnesota, is married to James McCabe. She is a social worker in Dakota County and lives in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. Howard is a graduate of North Dakota State University and Marvin is attending Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota.

JAMES and MARGARET TOLIVER

James R. Toliver was born November 24, 1890 at Noble, Illinois. Margaret Pflaum was born November 24, 1893 at Noble, Illinois. James and Margaret were married December 22, 1910 at Louisville, Illinois. They moved to Hannah, North Dakota in 1915 where Mr. Toliver was depot agent for Sarles, Narrows and Davenport for a short time. In 1917 they moved to Galesburg. James was depot agent there until 1949.

The Tolivers were members of the Presbyterian Church. Mr. Toliver served on the church council and Mrs. Toliver was active in the Ladies Aid. Mr. Toliver was leader of the first 4-H club in Galesburg.



James and Margaret Toliver

Tolivers lived in the depot a short time before they purchased the country schoolhouse three miles east of Galesburg as this school had closed. They moved it into Galesburg and remodeled it for their home. This is the house Ted and Lucille Rygh are living in. Mr. Toliver passed away in 1949 and Margaret in 1976.

They had one son, Warren (Bud) born March 24, 1918. He attended elementary and high school in Galesburg, attended Mayville State College and Interstate Business College in Fargo, North Dakota. Warren served in the United States Army, World War II from December 31, 1944 until January 29, 1946 retiring as a Master Sergeant.

Warren was employed at the Veteran's Hospital from 1946-1978 when he retired. Warren married Dorothy Bailly in 1950. They have three children and four grandchildren.

RIENHART and MARION TORDSEN



**Mary, Margaret
Marion, Walter, Rienhart**

Marion Gladys was born November 5, 1908 at Finley, North Dakota to parents, Carl and Tena Smith. She was the oldest of ten children, living with her parents at Finley, Ralph, South Dakota, and in Galesburg, North Dakota. She attended schools at Galesburg and Mayville. She taught at Linton, North Dakota and near Galesburg.

She married Rienhart Torsen September 10, 1937 and they moved to his home town, Lakefield, Minnesota. He had

been working and farming near Galesburg.

They had five children: Peter Carl (February 3-February 4, 1940), Agnes Tena (May 4-May 4, 1941), Mary Ellen (November 29, 1942), Margaret Joyce (March 4, 1943), Walter Victor (July 24, 1946-April 30, 1968), he was killed when kicked by a horse when he was twenty-one.

Riennie and Marion traveled to Tanzania, Africa where their daughter Mary lived. Marion also spent a summer there after Riennie's death. Rienhart died February 23, 1976. Mary is married to Peter Kitindu. They have three children, Peter, Walter, and Ansina.

Margaret is married to Jim Anderson of Bingham Lake, Minnesota. She has three children by a former marriage.

Walter was married at the time of his death. He had a son, Chris.

STANLEY and ROSE TOSTENGARD



Stanley and Rose Tostengard

Rose was born in Broadlawn Township, near Galesburg, N.D. on July 20, 1900. She was the fourth child born to Mr. Anton P. Satrom and Sigri Brennhaugen Satrom. She was delivered at home, as most babies were at that time. The kindly neighbor (Mrs. Ole Groven, Oscar Groven's mother) was the midwife and surely this could not have been an easy task, in those years of inconvenience and often hardships.

The summer Rose was born, the weather was hot and dry — Pauli Satrom (Morris' brother) worked for Rose's dad and when putting up hay on the day Rose was born, Pauli got sick by heat stroke. After a day of joy and anxiety, all seemed to work itself back to normal, but in later years Pauli liked to kid Rose about the ordeal he went through the day she was born.

Rose spent her early years on the farm with her parents, doing the normal things, young people did during that time — milk cows, help with the house work, pick mustard and pick potatoes. The latter being done in the late fall when it was cold weather and not so fun, poking around in the cold earth. Even less fun was to pick potato bugs that would infest the plants in early summer. It was a slow process to drop each bug into a little can of kerosene. (Wonder if the bug pickers thought this was cruelty to animals).

Even though all of the children had to pitch in and help with the work, they had many good times too. Rose, her sisters and

brothers played baseball, horse-shoe and whatever games they knew best. The best of all they liked was getting together with the young people in the neighborhood and play games and talk.

When Rose was about 10 years old, she developed an awful toothache, that lasted a whole night — so the next morning, Rose's father hitched up the driving team to the old "democrat" buggy and took her to Hope, where the nearest dentist was. Rose remembers about half way to Hope, they crossed the Fuller Bridge. This was built over what was called "Fuller Slough." The bridge was said to be 500 feet long. The clip-clop of the horses' feet and the drone of the buggy wheels on the heavy timber, left a noise in your ears for a time, even after you had passed over. When Rose and her dad finally got to Hope, they drove right to the Livery stable, and Anton promptly handed the reins over to the stable man and took Rose to the Hotel where they had dinner. Rose could not remember what she had for dinner but does remember her father ordering 'mince meat pie' for both of them and that was really something special. Rose didn't look forward to the next move — going to the dentist. They proceeded and the ordeal was not as bad as the worry. After the tooth was out, it was back to the livery barn, Rose and her father started on the long 12½ mile trek home, which was reached safely. To a backward country girl who hadn't been about or seen much, this truly had been a day to remember.

Rose attended country school 1½ miles north of her home. All the children would walk in the summer and their dads would take them in the winter. Rose often remembers how her dad would put Gilmore, Mabel, and herself in the back of the old sleigh and cover them with blankets and they wouldn't get uncovered until they got to school.

In the summertime, Rose attended parochial school for one month in the school house 2½ miles south of her home. It was a long walk when the weather was warm, so sometimes her brother Gilmore would hitch up the old "buckskin" pony to a two-wheel cart and drive. They did not have any Sunday School yet at that time, but they did have excellent teachers for parochial school, as students from the Seminary at St. Paul would be available. Rose remembers all of the memory work that they had to do. She also remembers how her mother took time in the mornings before school to go over the lessons and work with each of the children. Rose remembers at one time when her Bible History class was up to recite and the teacher asked "Where is Canaan's Land?" One of the pupils said "It's up in Canada" and the rest of the class nodded in agreement. It must have been times like this that a teacher would wonder if he was making any headway.

One of the best things that was looked forward to about going to a country school was to stop in at the neighbors and play awhile. Sometimes you had permission; and, often as not, you didn't and got scolded. This never did seem to sink in.

After Rose was confirmed, she could belong to the young people's society (Luther League now). That was a great step up, as it afforded entertainment in programs and games which were played either outside or inside, depending on the season.

It was about this time that the "split skirts" came into fashion and Rose had long begged to have one and now since she was fairly grownup, her mother consented and said it was all right. Rose got a blue dress with split skirt and the best way

to show off that split, depended on how fancy the lace or ruffles were on the bottom of the petticoat. Rose was sure that hers was not the fanciest but she had to admit, that too, was a step up.

Through the following years Rose spent most of her time at home with her folks, helping to cook for the many hired hands. She sometimes would stay at the Erb Farm (her dad owned it at this time) and cooked for her brother Peter and the hired men. She kept a horse and buggy to take out lunches and a cow, which she milked morning and evening. Incidentally it was at this Erb Farm that the first Satrom Family reunion was held.

Later this place changed hands and is presently owned and operated by the Bring family. Rose often thinks about the hard work of her parents and all the other pioneers at that time. But she also is sure that they must have felt their accomplishments were very rewarding, when they saw the changes that had come to that vast "untilled prairie" that grew lush crops, built lovely farms, schools and churches and towns, all of which they had been a part of.

Rose spent some time off and on in Fargo, studying piano, musical history and took care of children.

On November 10, 1934, she was married to Stanley Tostengard of Dovray, Minnesota. The wedding ceremony took place at Rose's home, with about fifty guests. Her sister, Mabel was her bridesmaid and Otto Tostengard, Stanley's brother, the best man. Ellen Satrom, Mrs. Gunnard Ness, was the ring bearer. The bride wore a medium blue velvet dress and she wore the same spray of white flowers and beads in her hair as her mother wore when she was a bride. Pastor Anton Brudvig performed the ceremony.

After their honeymoon to Duluth, Rose and Stanley went into farming about 2½ miles west of Dovray, Minnesota.

These were busy years: planning a yard, planting trees, and flowers, farming, feeding livestock, keeping up church and community interests. Rose and Stanley were blessed with two children.

Stanley was a Westbrook High School graduate and after a year at Luther College, he decided to go into farming. Stanley was a man of "high principals" and strong convictions. He had a wonderful sense of humor, pleasant personality and a good outlook on life. He served as Sunday School superintendent for many years as well as on church council.

His hobbies were sports, fishing, and woodwork. The lectern which is in use at Our Saviors Lutheran Church in Dovray was made by Stanley. He passed away suddenly from a heart attack at his home on January 30, 1962, at the age of 58 years.

After Stanley's death Rose remained on the farm, Stanley's brother Otto and his son would work the land and feed the cattle. In 1968 Rose sold the farm to Dale Vosberg and family. In 1969 Rose bought a house in Fulda, Minnesota, and moved to her new home, where she still lives. At the age of 81, she is very thankful for fairly good health and is able to take care of herself, her home and her beautiful flowers which her neighbors enjoy with her.

Sheldon went to country school, the school house being at the end of the lane was also handy for the teachers to board at their house. After his graduation from Westbrook High School, Sheldon attended Luther College. It was while he was at Luther that Sheldon decided to go into the ministry. After his college

graduation, he continued at Northwestern Luther Seminary at St. Paul and did post-graduate work in Richmond, Virginia.

He was ordained into the Holy Ministry on Sunday, June 24, 1962. Sheldon is married to Dorothy Disrud (also a Luther College graduate) August 7, 1959. After serving different parishes, Sheldon is presently on the staff at Northwestern Luther Seminary teaching "Homiletics."

Sheldon and Dorothy have been blessed with three children: Timothy, 19, at Concordia College in Moorhead; Michael, 17 and Martha, 13. The Tostengards live in Roseville, Minnesota.

Kathleen attended rural school and was graduated from Westbrook High School and was very active in 4-H, showing the Grand Champion Wether Lamb at the St. Paul Livestock Show in 1957. She enjoys painting with oils and sewing.

After graduation she attended Luther College and on May 20, 1961, Kathleen married Duane Walther. Duane is a graduate of Slayton High School and South Dakota State University at Brookings, S.D. He is presently vice president of the Citizens State Bank of Fulda, Minn. Duane and Kathy have four children: Hannah a student at Normandale College in Minneapolis, Nathan, Amy, and Elizabeth at home. The Walther family reside at rural Dundee, Minn.

LEONARD and CAROL TREINEN

Leonard John Treinen, Jr., son of Leonard (deceased December 1974) and Eleanor (Bouressa) (deceased 1953) Treinen, was born January 28, 1953 in St. Paul, Minnesota. He grew up on a farm in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. He is the youngest of ten children, four girls and six boys. Leonard graduated from Pelican Rapids High School in 1971.

Carol Ann (Erickson) Treinen, daughter of Lloyd and Marjorie (Motschenbacher) Erickson was born July 30, 1955 in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. She entered first grade in Barnesville, Minnesota in 1961, then in 1965 moved to Pelican Rapids where she graduated in 1973. She has six brothers and two sisters.

Leonard and Carol met in November of 1972 after he had been on a date with Carol's girl friend. They were engaged in May of 1973 and married October 27, 1973.

They moved to Galesburg, North Dakota October 28, 1973 and Leonard went to work for Great Plains Supply in Galesburg November 1, 1973. They lived in Emma Moen's apartment until September 1974 when they moved into the Inga Larson house which they later purchased in July of 1975.

In August of 1976 Leonard went to work for Midwest Bean Co., where he is still employed as manager.

Leonard and Carol have two children. Leah Christine, born February 24, 1976 and Leslie Elizabeth born August 31, 1978.

ARTHUR and CLARA TROCHMANN

Arthur Christian Trochmann was born in Fergus Falls, Otter Tail County, Minnesota on January 14, 1885 and came to North Dakota as a young man. Clara Jondahl was born in Galesburg, North Dakota on May 23, 1888. Arthur and Clara were married January 16, 1918 in Moorhead, Minnesota.

They farmed for years in Steele, Cass and Traill Counties before moving to Fargo, North Dakota where he worked for the



Arthur and Clara (Jondahl) Trochmann

Cass County Fair Association.

Mr. Trochmann passed away November 5, 1959 in Fargo. Mrs. Trochmann passed away February 27, 1971 in Barnesville, Minnesota.

They had one son, Elroy Jondahl Trochmann, who was born March 23, 1919 in Galesburg, Traill County, North Dakota.

EIROY and CORAL TROCHMANN



Coral, Elroy, Nancy Lou and Dale Trochmann

Elroy Trochmann was born March 23, 1919 in Galesburg, Traill County, North Dakota. He was the son of Arthur and Clara (Jondahl) Trochmann. Elroy farmed with his parents until he entered the Army in 1940. After his discharge from the service he made his home in Fargo.

Elroy married Coral Irene Edinger of Cathay, North Dakota on June 25, 1948. They have two children. Nancy Lou born February 28, 1955. She graduated from St. Lukes School of Nursing in 1975, where she is now employed at St. Lukes Hospital. Dale Roy was born February 18, 1957. He attended Vocational Technical Institute in Moorhead, Minnesota, and is now employed at Dakota Fence in Fargo, North Dakota. Elroy is employed at the Nabisco Company of Fargo where he has been employed for thirty years. Coral has been employed at the Veterans Administration at Fargo for twenty years.

HERBERT C. TUNELL



Left: Fred Tunell, right: Herb Tunell (1953)

Herb, as everyone called him, was born November 25, 1875 at Lakeview, Illinois. His parents were Frederick Tunell and Isabella (Brynildson) Tunell. His father was born at Hanover, Germany. His mother was born at Bergen, Norway. The dates and ages of their immigration are not known. There were thirteen children in this family. Herb was number twelve. As a child he moved with his parents to Mansfield, Minnesota, where they were among the pioneers in that community. In 1892 he came to Rosholt, South Dakota with his father and sister Louisa. They filed a homestead in Rosholt; being a teenager, he was too young to file. In 1908 he left the farm at Rosholt and worked in Minneapolis, Minnesota and parts of North Dakota. In 1914 he homesteaded at Roy, Montana. In 1918 he moved to Galesburg, North Dakota where he bought a half section of unbroken prairie land from L.B. Hanna. This was located in Dows Township; four miles south of Galesburg and one mile east. The buildings were located on the corner by Dows District ninety three school. He never married. His sister, Louisa Pillsbury and her daughter Julia made their home with him. His sister died in 1925. Her daughter left in 1936 when she married Carl Andresen of Rosholt. In 1944 he moved back to the Rosholt community where he lived with his niece and her family. He was killed in a one car accident by Sisseton, South Dakota April 19, 1960 at the age of eighty-five. He was buried at Mansfield, Minnesota. He was preceded in death by his parents, six sisters and six brothers and was the last remaining member of his family.

CHRIST and SYVERINA ULLAND

Christ and Syverina Ulland moved to the Galesburg area in 1944-45 from the Reynolds, North Dakota area. They lived on a farm one mile west, one mile south and one-fourth mile west of Galesburg. They had also lived on farms at Hillsboro, Buxton, and Blanchard.

Christ was born November 6, 1884 and raised on a farm in the Mayville, North Dakota community. He married Syverina Brusveen November 6, 1906 at Osseo, Wisconsin. Syverina was born in Lillehammer, Norway and immigrated to America as a young girl.

They had thirteen children, seven girls and six boys. The oldest boy and girl died as teenagers in 1923 and 1925. Nine are still living and reside in nearby communities. Mrs. Melvin



Back row: Daniel, Hartman, Clara, Harold
Second row: Orville, Alice, Vivian, Gunda, Lynn
First row: Hazel, Syverina, Mildred, Christ

(Gunda) Almlie, Mrs. Alice Tate, Mrs. Howard (Vivian) Johnson, and Lynn all reside at Mayville, North Dakota. Harold of Buxton, North Dakota, Orville of Mentor, Minnesota, Daniel of San Diego, California, Hartman resides in Galesburg and Mildred (Mrs. Floyd Erickson) of Hunter, North Dakota. They had thirty-four grandchildren and forty-six great-grandchildren.

They moved to Mayville, North Dakota in 1957 and resided there till Syverina passed away at age 86 in 1970 and Christ at age 88 in the year 1972. Two other daughters have died: Mrs. Roy (Hazel) Gordon of Buxton and Mrs. Luverne (Clara) Thortvedt of Glyndon, Minnesota.

HARTMAN and MADELYN ULLAND



Hartman and Madelyn Ulland
Left to right: Bryan, Joyce, Joy, Pamela, Madelyn and Hartman
Seated: Brad

Madelyn Workin was born and raised in Steele County, attended grade school and high school in Galesburg. She attended Mayville College and taught one year at Blanchard, North Dakota. She met Hartman Ulland who came to this area in 1945 to farm. They were married on September 25, 1948. They resided in the Hogan Groven farm which they purchased in 1953. They are parents of five children. Bryan, who is stationed in North Carolina and is making his career in the Marine Corps. He has been serving thirteen years. Bryan married Brenda Sutherland and they have two children; Shane, six years and Shalena, four years. He also has two step-daughters. Pamela is an elementary teacher in Sac City, Iowa.

She is married to George Schermerhorn, who also teaches high school and coaches. They have one son Christopher, four years. Joyce is a housewife and lives on a farm near Marion, North Dakota. She is married to Milt Limesand who farms and raises cattle and hogs. They have one son Craig, one year old. Joy (twin sister to Joyce) is a Licensed Practical Nurse at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo. She is married to Mark Anderson who is employed for Butler Machinery Company in West Fargo, North Dakota. They have two children; Nicole, five years and Jeffrey, two years. Brad is teaching high school social studies and coaching at Strasburg, North Dakota. He married Rose Mary Erbstoesser. They have two children; Gregory, four years and Rachel, three years. In 1975 Hartman and Madelyn sold their farm to Steven Erickson and purchased a home in Galesburg. Hartman still farms but devotes most of his time being a Traill County Commissioner of which he has served for ten years. Madelyn Ulland managed the West Traill Cafe for two years in Galesburg. They enjoy traveling, going to the lakes and visiting their children and grandchildren.

BERT and FREIDA VanZEE



Bert and Freida VanZee

Bert VanZee was born at Leighton, Iowa on July 25, 1894 to Stephen and Jane VanZee. As a child he moved with his family to Hand County, South Dakota.

When a young man, he came with Clyde Ice from South Dakota to the Hunter-Galesburg area where they rented a farm and worked on various farms.

On January 7, 1917 he married Freida Thompson at Hunter. She was born September 20, 1894 at Hunter to Johanna and Christian Thompson.

After their marriage, they homesteaded at Thonery, Montana in Philips County, at which time Bert entered the armed services. He served nine months in the States and nine months in France. He was wounded in the battle of Meusse, Argonne. While he was in the hospital, the armistice was signed.

After the war, they returned to Montana and moved back to the Hunter area in 1924. It was in Thonery, Montana that their daughters, Cornelia (Mrs. Clyde Larson) and Jeannette

(Mrs. Harold Specht) were born. Their other five children were born at Hunter: Chester, Dorothy (Mrs. Carsten Haugen), Charles, who died at the age of seven of complications from measles, Thordyce (Mrs. Morris Nelson) and Donna (Mrs. Larry Nash).

In 1939 they moved to a farm near Galesburg, which is where Chester and Jean now live.

Freida died October 20, 1953 in Fargo after surgery. They were members of the First Lutheran Church of Hunter.

Bert moved to Pella, Iowa in 1956, where in 1960 he married Dena Geurtz. After living a few years in Pella, they moved to Eddyville, Iowa, where Bert lived until 1978. He then moved into a nursing home in Albia, Iowa after he had had both legs amputated. He died in Albia on May 12, 1979. His wife survives and lives at Eddyville, Iowa.

CHESTER and JEAN VanZEE



Chester and Jean
Crystal, Joel, Clair

Chester VanZee was born March 17, 1924 at Hunter, North Dakota. His parents were Bert and Frieda VanZee. April 8, 1951 he married Jean Haagenson of Portland, North Dakota. She was born September 12, 1932 to Gilbert and Eva Haagenson. Their home was built on the Bert VanZee farm. Chester and his dad farmed together until 1960 when Chester took over farming operations and his dad retired to make his home in Iowa. Chester and Bert had a dairy herd for many years. Chester sold the entire herd around 1970. Chet has a salvage business which he and his sons, Clair and Joel operate. Jean baby-sits for neighbors' children. They are members of the Elm River Lutheran Church. Their five children are Pamela, Patricia, Clair, Crystal, and Joel.

Clair was born May 21, 1957 at Mayville. He attended Clifford-Galesburg High School, Wahpeton State School of Science, Wahpeton, North Dakota, and East Grand Forks Technical School, East Grand Forks, Minnesota taking courses in Auto Mechanics and Carpentry School. His hobbies are fixing cars and ice fishing.

Crystal was born February 26, 1959 at Mayville, North Dakota. She graduated from Clifford-Galesburg High School in 1977 and from Mayville State College in 1981. She majored in Elementary Education and Physical Education. She worked summers hoeing beets, painting and repair work at Mayville College and Paula's restaurant in Mayville. Her hobbies are

sewing and playing on the girls' softball team. She has also been a member of Summer Singers, a local young peoples Christian group.

Joel was born April 21, 1962 at Fargo, North Dakota and attended grade school and high school at Clifford-Galesburg. He attended Wahpeton State School of Science, Wahpeton, North Dakota taking a course in Welding. He enlisted in the Air National Guard in January 1981 and completed his basic training at Lackland, Texas. His hobbies are fixing cars and competing in demolition derbies.

MR. and MRS. PETE VODIN



Mr. and Mrs. Pete Vodin

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Vodin were early settlers in the Galesburg area. They settled on a farmstead four and a half miles east of Galesburg where Pearl Olson lives. After Mrs. Vodin's death Lavina Lelander was his housekeeper. Marselius Pederson rented his land while Pete was living and lived in a small house on the same farm.

Pete was a good natured, kind hearted man. He had a hearty laugh and always had a lot of funny jokes to tell. He took good care of his property and animals. Every Christmas he put up a grain bundle for the birds to eat.

His last car was a 1926 Model T four door sedan. The Hillsboro Auto Company has this car in storage and it is driven in parades.

JON and ANE VOLD

Jon Vold was born in Trondheim, Norway in 1849 and Ane Martha Vold was also born in Trondheim in 1851. They emigrated in the late 1880's with their four oldest children: Anna Vold (Sundley), John and Ole Vold (twins) and Martin Vold. They were sent tickets for this journey by John Erickson, an early settler east of Galesburg. They settled in this same vicinity and became members of the Stordahl Church. Two daughters were born after coming to America: Gusta (Hong slo) and Mattie (Mattson).

In 1917 they moved into Galesburg and made their home with their daughter Gusta Hong slo until their deaths in 1929 and 1932. They are buried at the Elm River Cemetery.

OLAF VOLDEN

Olaf Volden immigrated to the United States as a young man in the early days of Galesburg. He worked as a farm laborer all his life. When fall's work was done he came into town for the winter. He roomed and boarded at Magnus Olsons. Several winters he stayed at Lars Larsons and did chores while Lars hauled the mail on the rural route.

He passed away in Galesburg of a heart attack and is buried in the Elm River Cemetery.

JEFF and GERI VOLTZ



Jeff and Geri Voltz

Jeff was born to Clayton and Ardis Voltz on July 5, 1951 at the Mayville Hospital. Jeff attended country school for two years before entering school at Hope, North Dakota, where he graduated. Jeff went on to Bottineau College and North Dakota State School of Science. He has been employed by Galesburg Implement and Mid-West Mack of Fargo.

Geri was born January 24, 1954 to Gerald and Marion Kylo. She attended grade school and high school at Galesburg. Upon graduation she worked four and a-half years at Americana Nursing Home in Fargo.

Geri and Jeff were married April 7, 1979 at Stordahl Church where they are active members in Church and Sunday School.

Jeff and Geri have their home in Galesburg where Geri does baby sitting and Jeff commutes to his farming.

WILLIAM and ROSALIE (Bring) VORLAGE



David, Daniel, Rosalie, Bill, Emily Vorlage

Rosalie Bring, daughter of Ralph and Hazel (Woell) Bring, graduated from the Clifford-Galesburg School and the University of North Dakota College of Nursing. She moved to Colorado where she was employed by the Denver Visiting Nurse Service. She married William Vorlage of New Kensington, Pennsylvania. They live near Boulder, Colorado with their three children, Emily, David and Daniel. Bill works at the First National Bank of Boulder and Rosalie is a full-time housewife and does volunteer work with the Boulder Hospice.

HENRY and EMMA VOS



Charles, Evelyn, Bill, Emery
Richard, Emma, Henry, Martin
Donald, Margaret, 1931

Henry Vos was born in Holland on January 1, 1888. He came to the United States with his folks when he was around two years old. The Vos family settled at Muskegan, Michigan where he attended school along with his three brothers and three sisters. The family moved to Union Grove, Illinois. They lived there a few years and then loaded their livestock, machinery and household goods into boxcars and moved to North Dakota. Henry and his brother John, along with the help of two other men, rode in the boxcars to care for the livestock. The rest of the family went in a passenger train.

The family settled on a farm in Greenfield Township. They lived there six years and moved back to Morrison, Illinois. Henry and his brothers, John and Martin, stayed in North Dakota. Martin left from Blanchard to enter the service during World War I. He was killed in the service. The rest of the family remained in Illinois. John and Henry both married girls from North Dakota.

Henry married Emma Jorgensen on January 2, 1917. Emma's folks, Carl Jorgensen lived on a farm close to where the Vos family had lived. They moved to Blanchard, North Dakota after they were married. Their first two children, William and Margaret, were born there. Margaret died when she was ten months old on January 30, 1920. Then the family moved to a farm two miles east and one half mile south of Galesburg. There, Evelyn, Emery, Charles, Martin, Richard, Margaret, Donald, Harold and Emily were born. Emily was born on June 15, 1937 and passed away March 16, 1938.

Henry raised and sold potatoes. In the winter he cut ice and hauled it to Galesburg on bob-sleds. The ice houses were behind the Joe Whittemore store, Johnson butcher shop, Emil Dahl pool hall and Lande grocery. He also sold ice to the resi-

dents of Galesburg who would melt it and use it for washing clothes. Henry usually filled the ice house twice during the winter. The ice was packed in sawdust.

Henry passed away April 26, 1937. Emma and the family lived on the farm for two years, then in 1939 moved into Galesburg. All the children attended school in Galesburg. Emma moved to Fargo and in later years moved to Illinois to live with two of her children; Evelyn and Charles. She passed away July 4, 1966.

William is living in Louisiana and has two sons. Evelyn lives in rural Fulton, Illinois and has two sons. Emery passed away in May 1978 at Seattle, Washington. He never married. Charles lives in Rural Chadwick, Illinois and has four daughters and two sons. Martin lives in Fargo and has three daughters. Richard is in Phoenix, Arizona and has a son and daughter. Margaret lives in Moorhead, Minnesota and has three sons and three daughters. Donald lives in Moorhead, Minnesota and has one daughter. Harold lives in Seattle, Washington and has one daughter and one son.



Harold Vos

MARTIN and IRENE VOS



Back Row: Terry Rich, Martin Vos, Gordon Carlson. 2nd Row: Mark Splettstaszer, Irene Vos, Eileen Carlson, Sheri Carlson. 3rd Row: Andrea Splettstaszer, Audrey Rich, Lyndsi Splettstaszer, Peggy Splettstaszer, Shelly Carlson.

Martin Vos was born at Galesburg on June 16, 1925 to Henry and Emma Vos. They lived on a farm east of Galesburg and attended local schools. In 1946 he married Irene Moen and they bought the Art Moen farm. They lived there until 1969

when they moved to Fargo. Martin is co-owner of Vos and Carlson Construction, Incorporated of Fargo. They have three daughters: Eileen (1946), Peggy (1950), and Audrey (1956).

Eileen married Gordon Carlson, son of Almer and Lillian Carlson of Clifford, in 1964. They lived in Fargo until 1967 when they moved to California. In 1971 they moved back "home" to Fargo. Eileen is a bookkeeper at the Holiday Inn of Fargo. Gordon is co-owner of Vos and Carlson Construction. They have two daughters: Sheri (1965) and Shelly (1969).

Peggy attended North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton and worked at the Fargo Clinic. She married Mark Spletstaszer, son of Charles and Olga Spletstaszer of Clifford, in 1971. Mark taught and coached in the Hague, North Dakota school system for seven years. In 1980 they moved to Finley, North Dakota where Mark is presently teaching. They have two daughters: Andrea (1971) and Lyndsi (1976).

Audrey attended Clifford-Galesburg Schools for eight years and graduated from Fargo South High School. She married Terry Rich of Minneapolis in 1978. They are now living in Anoka, Minnesota. Audrey is employed by Plywood Minnesota and Terry is a salesman.

ABERHAM and EMMOLINE WALKER

Aberham Powera Walker born in Patavia, Illinois in 1855 and Emmoline Georgena Hubert, born in Hendersen, Illinois in 1866, were the parents of Mrs. Erl (Myrtle) Klessig.

Aberham Walker and family came to the Colgate, North Dakota area in a covered wagon. Emmoline, his wife, had died while they were living in Park Rapids, Minnesota leaving Aberham with several small children.

Their oldest daughter, Nellie, was married to a man named Peterson. They lived at Bemidji, Minnesota. They raised a large family.

John and David, two older sons, were working in saw mills and came to this area to find work.

Myrtle was the oldest one at home so she was left in charge of the younger children. They were: Janie, Arthur, William, and Lucy, who was two years old.

The hardship of raising and caring for the children proved too much for Aberham Walker, so the children were let go to different homes to work for their keep and go to school. Max Klessigs, having only one son, Erl, and wishing for more, adopted Lucy. Erl and his adopted sister Lucy, grew up on the old homestead near Galesburg.

Myrtle made her home at the Ern Wallaces of Page. Janie and William stayed at the John Brandts and other families in the Page area.

Arthur accompanied his father to Minnesota to work. He contacted a severe illness and died there. Aberham Walker then moved to Florida never coming back to this area.

Erl Klessig became engaged to Myrtle. They were married February 10, 1910, a month before the date set due to the wishes of Mrs. Max Klessig who was very ill. Mrs. Klessig passed away a few days after the wedding. Max Klessig moved into Page and Erl and Myrtle lived on the farm. Myrtle's brother William, made his home with them for a time. He married Dorothy Grant of Erie, North Dakota. They spent some years farming in the Page and Erie area, also some time

working for his brother John who was foreman of the Soo line railroad near Rugby, North Dakota. William also worked for Albert Hamm and Charley Klessig who operated a flying school at the Fargo Airport. William and Dorothy had three children, Elizabeth, Richard, and Doris. Dorothy died. William married a lady he met in Florida while visiting Myrtle and Erl. He came back for a visit and passed away also.

John married Cathern Rudolph and they were parents to three children. David settled in Sherwood, North Dakota and farmed all his life. He and his wife Hazel, had a large family.

Janie married William West. They raised a large family and lived near Page. Lucy married Gip Willert. They lived in Park Rapids. They raised a large family also. Gip died in 1936 and Lucy married Walter Murry. They live in Hibbing, Minnesota.

KERMIT and REGINA WARNER



**Kermit and Regina
Marie and Jane**

The Kermit Warner family moved to the old Pete Smith place vacated by Henry Smith in October, 1937. The place was in bad shape but they painted and fixed it up so it was quite comfortable. They had two girls when they moved there, Marie Alice 1½ years and Jane Elizabeth 2 months old. Kermit was born on a farm five miles west of Page. His parents came from Iowa. Regina's parents came from Germany in 1913. His name was John Claus Suhr and her name was Meta Neve. Regina was born on a farm near Page.

The Warners farmed one quarter with horses the first year. A neighbor told them they would starve to death on that place, but the next year they got a little tractor and rented a ½ section east of them. Regina said that they would never buy that place but they did and the ½ section, too.

Two more girls joined the family. Geneva Ellen born June 22, 1944, and Virginia Kay born December 30, 1949. They lived on that farm 22 years and following Kermit's heart attack in 1959 moved to Moorhead, Minnesota. They were members of Elm River Lutheran Church, joining in 1946 when Regina was confirmed and Kermit baptized. Marie married Carl Satrom. They have four children. Jane married Richard Brokke and they have four children. Geneva is married to Allan Schold and they have 3 children and Virginia is married to Tyler McNeil and they have 3 children.

J. P. and JOSEPHINE WHITTEMORE

J. P. Whittemore was born in Detroit, Michigan August 8, 1858, and was educated in the Detroit schools and at Gray Lock, Massachusetts.

Josephine Burgess was born March 3, 1886 in Woodstock, Ontario, Canada. She had a brother living at Erie, North Dakota who she visited. She and Joe met and were married in 1886. They had two sons, Lawrence and Ralph.

Joe was in Casselton and Buffalo, North Dakota as a druggist before coming to Galesburg in 1884. The town was new and he thought it would be a good opportunity. P.S. Houghton and J.P. Whittemore bought Mr. Kemp's interest in the general merchandise and drug store. Later Mr. Whittemore assumed full possession. The post office was in the store. He was in business for fifty years.

When they first came to Galesburg, they lived upstairs over the store. Later they purchased the house built by Anton Korshus.

Inga Groven (Mrs. John Moe) and Anna Groven (Mrs. John Givold) both worked for him as newcomers.

They purchased land at the Lake of the Woods. They sold pulp wood to the saw mill. Someone had to live on this land for two years to prove up the homestead. Mrs. Whittemore and Ralph lived there.

Joe was very active in community affairs, clerk of the township board and clerk for many years of the school board. They were members of the Presbyterian Church. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in 1936.

Joe was bedridden three years with arthritis, passing away March 21, 1939 at their home. Mrs. Whittemore remained in Galesburg until 1941 when she moved to Fargo and made her home with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. N.B. Peterson. She died April 29, 1954.

ANDREW WIGGEN



Andrew Wigen

Andrew Wigen was born in Norway. He came to America and to the Kragnes, Minnesota area where his brother lived. He worked on farms around Kragnes, Minnesota and also on farms in the Galesburg area. He was custodian for a time at the Elm River Church. He retired and lived in a small house on the west side of the track. Andrew passed away September 9, 1948 and is buried at the Elm River Cemetery.

MR. and MRS. RUEBEN WIGHTMAN



Mr. and Mrs. Rueben Wightman homesteaded the north-east quarter, Section Thirty-four, Broadlawn Township. They later rented the farm and moved into Galesburg. They had one son, Harry.

Rueben had a scale, doing custom weighing at the cost of ten cents per load. He weighed and checked the weight of the loads of grain for farmers when they came into town. He had a coal shed and sold coal. At that time the Farmers Elevator shipped in cord wood. Rueben sawed it in stove wood lengths and piled it in piles of one cord each, ready for people to buy.

He had one of the first cars in town. He liked to chauffeur the ladies to Ladies Aid.

He was one of Galesburg's most enthusiastic baseball fans. He was one of the teams most ardent rooters and was always willing to take a load of fans to baseball games. He liked to play pool. His favorite expression was "Oh Gol."

LYLE and VIRGINIA WILLERT



Julie, Jeffrey, Lisa
Virginia, Lyle

Lyle Eugene Willert was born on October 14, 1922, to Gustave and Dorothy Willert at Arthur, North Dakota. He has a twin sister, Lois, now living in Seattle, Washington, and two older sisters. Evelyn lives at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota and Isabel lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Lyle graduated from Arthur High School and attended North Dakota Agriculture College at Fargo, North Dakota. In 1943, he joined the Air Force.

Virginia Edgerton was born in Lincoln, Nebraska, on July 5, 1925. She grew up at Pawnee City, Nebraska, graduating from High School there in 1942. On January 14, 1945, Lyle and Virginia were married at Lincoln, Nebraska.

In March of 1946, Lyle was discharged from the Air Force and returned to North Dakota Agriculture College graduating in December. He started teaching Vocational Agriculture at New Rockford, North Dakota in January, 1947.

The Willert family moved to a farm northeast of Page in 1949. Lyle joined the Soil Conservation Service at Valley City in 1961 and was transferred to his own work unit at McClusky, North Dakota in 1963. In 1965 Lyle returned to teaching Vocational Agriculture at Reynolds, North Dakota and in 1966 the family returned to their farm at Erie, North Dakota where they are presently living.

Eight children were born to the Willert family. They are Barbara, Nancy, Michael, Donald, Richard, Jeffrey, Julie, and Lisa. Barbara married Gerald Lauer. They live at McClusky, North Dakota, and have three sons, Shannon, Brandon, and Jeremy. Nancy married Michael Schiro. They live at Madison, Wisconsin, and have one son, Daniel. Michael married Belinda Teegarden of Hunter, North Dakota. They live at Argusville, North Dakota, and have three children, Monique, Heidi, and Troy. Donald Willert is presently living at Walhalla, North Dakota. Richard died in 1970. Jeffrey is attending North Dakota State University at Fargo, North Dakota. Julie and Lisa are students at the Page, North Dakota High School.

Lyle is presently President of Page Lamb and Wool Growers and a director of the Elm River Credit Union. All are active in school and church. They belong to Our Savior Lutheran Church in Page, North Dakota.

SEVERIN and BETSY WISETH



Family Photo — Severin Wiseth Family

Left to right, first row: Severin, Alice, Betsy. Middle row: George and Joseph. Back row: Ruth, Sophus and Cora.

Severin E. Wiseth was born near Sjøholt, Sundmor, Norway, on September 28, 1875, and left for America when he was about fifteen or sixteen years old. He came to the Mayville-Hatton area and attended school in Mayville when he was first here.

Betsy Boley Wiseth was born in Austmarka, Norway, May 28, 1882 and came to the Hatton area in 1900.

Severin and Betsy were married Jan. 23, 1906, at Grand Forks, North Dakota and lived in Hatton. Severin owned a farm west of town which he sold and started a clothing store in Hatton. In 1921 he became Clerk of Court in Traill County and the family moved to Hillsboro where they lived until moving to their farm in Galesburg township in 1937, where they resided the rest of their lives. They were members of Stordahl Lutheran Church, and the women of the Church arranged a Golden Wedding celebration for them in 1956 and also a 90th birthday celebration for Betsy.

Severin died March 28, 1958 and Betsy died January 12, 1979.

They were parents of eight children, two of whom died in infancy. Ruth Digness, born April 7, 1908, died September 13, 1971; Sophus B. born December 19, 1909, died December 12, 1980; George L. born June 2, 1916, died March 5, 1967; Alice Clendening Strand, born December 6, 1919, died July 16, 1971, leaving two surviving sons, Michael and Jerry Clendening, and four grandchildren; Joseph T. Wiseth lives in Austin, Texas (his son, Robert, lives in Washington, D.C. and daughter, Cindi, lives in Austin); Cora W. Rex lives in Edina, Mn. Two sons, Peter lives in Denver, Colo. and John in Salem, Oregon. Daughter, Marjorie Johnson, lives in Edina, Mn. There are five grandchildren.

Sophus was a member of Co. I 164th Infantry at Hillsboro, called into service August 1941 for training in Louisiana and left for Guadalcanal in the Pacific theater March, 1942. He suffered from malaria, dysentery and bronchitis and spent two months in a hospital in Fiji Islands before returning to the U.S. Honorable discharge Jan. 5, 1945.

Joseph entered service as a private in May, 1941, went overseas with the 45th Division, served in Africa, Sicily and Italy, and was released as a Captain in 1946.

George was given a deferment so he could remain with the folks on the farm.

Sophus and George were the two who spent most of their lives on the farm in the Galesburg area and always considered Galesburg their home.

LYNN and SANDY WOLFF

Lynn Wolff came to work at the Galesburg Implement July 5, 1968. He was a 1964 graduate of North Dakota State School of Science in Diesel Mechanics. Lynn Christian Wolff was born October 14, 1943 at Lemmon, South Dakota. He grew up at Haynes, North Dakota. Lynn roomed at the Ray Olstad home.

Sandy Fay Quam married Lynn May 29, 1971 and they resided in Galesburg until August 11, 1974. Sandy was born April 20, 1949 at Breckenridge, Minnesota and grew up in the Wyndmere, North Dakota area. She graduated from University



Lynn Wolff Family
Top to bottom: Lynn, Sandy, Nancy and Jacob

of North Dakota in Elementary Education and taught at Hunter, North Dakota while they lived in Galesburg.

Lynn and Sandy returned home to ranch in 1974. Sandy teaches in the Hettinger school system. Nancy Janine was born April 30, 1977 and Jacob Lynn was born January 24, 1979. Sara Diana was born January 4, 1982.

BERNER and ALMA WORKIN FAMILY



Alma and Berner Workin

Berner Workin came to the United States from Norway August 1, 1910. He came to Dovray, Minnesota and worked for Matt Tostengard for ten years. The 17th of September, 1917 he was drafted and was in World War I and spent two years overseas.

The 23rd of April in 1923 he came to North Dakota and farmed southwest of Galesburg. In 1928 on May 14 he married Alma Olstad and they continued farming. They were blessed with nine children: Marlowe and Madelyn (twins), Richard, Arland and Arlene (twins), Frances, Raydon, David and Carol.

Marlowe married Avis Gisvold in 1953. They have two boys: Michael, farming with his father and Jeffrey in high school.



Back: Madelyn, Arland, Richard, Marlowe, Arlene
Front: David, Ben, Carol, Raydon, Alma, Frances

Madelyn married Hartman Ulland in 1948. They have five children and eleven grandchildren: Bryan, Pamela, Joyce and Joy (twins), and Brad. Hartman is a farmer and Traill County Commissioner.

Richard married Bunny Nelson in 1958. He is the manager of The Bowler in Fargo. They have two children: Paul and Linda.

Arland married Marlys Kringen in 1954. Arland is route man for Cass Clay Creamery at Fargo. They have four girls and one son-in-law: Kim and Randy, Sherrie, Debbie and Joni.

Arlene married Marlin Klug in 1957. He is employed by the Department of Energy in West Fargo. They have three children and one son-in-law: Diane and Tim, Daniel and Donna.

Frances married Bernie Kylo in 1954. He is employed by the Farm and Home Administration in Bismarck. They have five children and one son-in-law: Kathy and Doug, Wanda, Mark, Bruce, and Becky Jo.

Raydon married Betty Rostad in 1960. They live and farm near Walcott, North Dakota and he is also teacher and assistant coach at Kindred. They have three boys: Joel, Lowell and Leon.

David married Judi Johnson in 1966. He is treasurer and purchasing manager of Structural Products in Fargo. They have two daughters: Liza and Michelle.

Carol married Robert Baker in 1966. They live at Silver Springs, Maryland. He is a real estate broker. They have four children: Stephanie, Robbie, James and Thomas.

Alma and Berner Workin are living in an apartment in Fargo and are able to care for themselves. He is 87 and she is 78 years of age.

MARLOWE and AVIS WORKIN

Marlowe Merle Workin and Avis Idel Gisvold were married in the Elm River Lutheran Church on May 2, 1953. Marlowe is the son of Ben and Alma Workin and Avis is the daughter of Albert and Manda Gisvold.

The Workins have lived at Galesburg all their lives. First they lived on a farm which was the Omdahl farm and in 1958 they moved to the Matt Olstad farm and have lived there since.

Marlowe and Avis have two boys: Michael, born December 18, 1954, and Jeffrey, born January 31, 1964. Mike farms with his dad and also owns and lives on the farm that used to be the Henderson farm.



Jeff, Marlowe, Mike, Avis

RAYDON and BETTY WORKIN



Lowell, Joel
Betty, Rayden, Leon

Raydon Workin is the son of Ben and Alma Workin. His grandparents were Mathias and Marie Workin and Mathias and Marit Olstad.

Raydon graduated from Galesburg High School in 1955. He graduated from Moorhead State College in 1959 and taught school at Galesburg and Dilworth, Minnesota, before moving to Walcott to farm and teach in the Walcott and Kindred District for the last seventeen years.

Raydon married Betty Rostad of Colfax in 1960. They have three sons: Joel, age 20 — attending Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota; Lowell, age 18 — attending Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota; and Leon, age 14 in the ninth grade in Kindred.

ARDELL and GUDRUN ZIMMERMAN

Ardell and Gudrun Zimmerman came to the city of Galesburg in the summer of 1977 where he serves as Superintendent of Schools. Both are native North Dakotans, Ardell, originally from Oriska and Gudrun from Fort Ransom.



Ardell and Gudrun Zimmerman

The Zimmerman's have four children. Gary and Sandra Zimmerman, who have two children, David and Tara, live in Hazen, North Dakota where Gary is Jr. High principal. Linda, an elementary teacher, is employed by the Glen Ullin, North Dakota Public School. Jon and Susan Zimmerman and son, Dustin, reside in Reno, Nevada where Jon is Shift Supervisor at Harrah's. Debra, the youngest, is a personnel secretary and receptionist at Western Gear in Jamestown.

LATE FAMILY HISTORIES

MATHIAS and ANNA BROVICK



Mr. and Mrs. Matt Brovick, Peter, Clara, Ida, Bertina, Ember, Elvin, Milton, Sella.

Mathias Brovick was born June 3, 1865 and came to Galesburg from Vasavanger, Norway. He married Anna Gisvold, daughter of Peter and Beret Gisvold. She was born September 11, 1875.

Mathias Brovick worked on the railroad for fifty years. He was gravel foreman, extra gang foreman, section foreman, assistant roadmaster and back to section foreman again.

He started the first Sunday School in Galesburg in his home, which is the home of his son, Ember Brovick at the present time. He was deacon in the Elm River Lutheran Church for many years.

Mathias and Anna had a family of eleven children: Pete, Clara, Melind, Ida, Bertina, Ember, Elvin, Milton, Marjorie, Sella and Ingvold. Pete was married to Olga Olson. He was a locomotive fireman and engineer. Clara married John Carpenter. They had five children: Lyle, Donald, Jimmie, Altha, and Mardel. Bertina married Paul Steffarud. They had one daughter, Orva.

Ember Brovick married Sylvia Satrom. They have one son, Gary. Ember was a grain buyer for forty-nine years and custodian at Union Hospital at Mayville, North Dakota.

Elvin was in B-B Gang and a railroad brakeman. Milton worked on the section gang. Marjorie married Clarence Johnson. Ingvold Brovick married Madlyn Lofthus. They had one daughter, Judy.

Mathias Brovick died in 1941 and Anna in 1931.

MICHAEL ELLIOTT FAMILY



Kurt, Brenda, Marcia, Patty, Kevin, and Mike Elliott

Mike was a 1965 graduate of Clifford-Galesburg High School. He also got his Bachelor of Science and Master's Degrees from the North Dakota State University at Fargo.

Mike married Patty Anderson from Clifford, also a graduate of Clifford-Galesburg High School. Mike now farms in partnership with his brother, Al.

Mike and Patty have four children: Brenda, age sixteen, Kurt, age fifteen, Marcia, age thirteen, and Kevin, age eight.

ART and ALICE ENGEN



David, Alice, and Art Engen

ARTHUR and CELINA HOLTER



**Back Row: Wallace, Sidona, Vivian, Mrs. Holter, Glen, Joy, Donovan
Front Row: Odean, Dalvin, Sidney**

Mrs. Celina Holter and children, Glen, Wallace, Sidney, Dalvin, and Joy moved into Galesburg in the fall of 1942. Before going to Seattle to work as a welder in the shipyards, Mr. Holter operated a blacksmith shop in Clifford.

Mrs. Holter and children, except Glen, moved to Norma, North Dakota, in the spring of 1945 and later moved to Seattle. Glen remained in Galesburg until December of 1946. While at Galesburg, he was employed by Herman, Orville, and Alfred Hochgraber and Orville Paulson.

There are nine children in the Holter family, six boys and three girls. Five of the boys served in the Armed Forces. Don retired after thirty years, Wallace and Dalvin were in the Air Force, Odean in the Navy and Glen in the Marine Corps.

Mr. and Mrs. Holter are both deceased. The children are: Donovan Holter, retired from the Air Force of Stilacoom, Washington, Vivian Solberg of Forest River, North Dakota, Sidona Ryan employed at St. Josephs Hospital, Minot, North Dakota, Odean Holter, is an insurance salesman at Devils Lake, North Dakota, Glen Holter is disabled and lives at Minot, North Dakota, Wallace Holter is employed at Bridgeman Creamery at Minot, North Dakota, Sidney Holter is self-employed at El Sobrante, California, Dalvin Holter is with the Bureau of Reclamation at Redmond, Oregon and Joy Kadoren is employed for Bechlold Excavating at Minot, North Dakota.

KEN and SHARON KROEPLIN



**Ken and Sharon Kroeplin
Shane, Kimberly, Shannon**

CLARENCE NELSON FAMILY



Clarence Nelson Family
Clarence Jr., Dalen, Clarence Sr., Galen
Karen, Cindy

WALTER and PEARL RICHTSMEIER



Back: Brent, Dean
Front: Pearl, James, Chris, Beth, Walter

Walter and Pearl Richtsmeier moved to their farm near Galesburg after they were married on June 4, 1963. Walter was born to Carl and Gladys Richtsmeier of Hunter, North Dakota on February 22, 1943. He graduated from high school at Hunter and attended Hansons Auto School in Fargo. Pearl, a graduate of Lakota, North Dakota High School, was born July 8, 1943 to Harold and Alice Yule. She attended Mayville State College and taught school at Larimore, North Dakota. Their children are Brent, born March 1, 1964; Dean, born March 4, 1966; James, born March 7, 1970; Lee born March 4, 1972, died March 5, 1972; Beth, born June 28, 1973; and Chris, born January 21, 1979.

PAUL and BERTINA STEFFARUD

Paul Steffarud was born September 16, 1897. He came to Galesburg and ran a steam engine on a threshing machine for many years. He then bought the Light Plant from Paul Korshus and furnished the town with lights until he sold out to Otter Tail Power Company. He worked in a garage for some time, then left and was employed by Hector Construction Company until his death in September of 1941.



Bertina Steffarud



Orva Steffarud

Bertina Brovick was born August 22, 1899. She married Paul Steffarud and they had one daughter, Orva, born July 20, 1919.

After Paul's death, Bertina moved out to Whitefish, Montana with her daughter, who taught school there. Bertina was supervisor of the lunch program in Whitefish School for thirty-one years. She retired in the spring of 1976 and passed away February 27, 1977.

Orva Steffarud taught school in Steele County for five years and moved to Whitefish, Montana in September of 1943. She taught there until she became Principal of the Elementary School in 1967 and is still employed there.

WALTER and ADELINE STIBBE



Walter Stibbe Family - 1974

Top Row: Tom Bane, Karen Bane, (infant: Christopher Bane) Adeline and Walter Stibbe, Kathy Quaife, Robert Quaife. Bottom Row: Jason Quaife, Tracy Quaife.

Walter R. Stibbe was born July 29, 1901 in Posen, Germany (now part of Poland). Walter's father, Wilhelm, died in Germany. Walter came to the United States with two brothers and his mother in 1905. Walter's mother Bertha (Kreuger) married Charley Meyers. They farmed north of Erie, North Dakota.

Walter attended school in Erie and farmed south of Galesburg, North Dakota for thirty-four years. He was a member of

the Dows School Board, the ASCS Agricultural Stabilization Committee Service, Dows Township assessor, Secretary/Treasurer of the Farmers Union of Erie for twenty years and Democratic precinct committeeman for twenty-five years. He was a member of Elm River Lutheran Church and retired from farming in 1961. He died August 22, 1979.

Adeline Stibbe's father was Richard Nels Miller (1875-1953). He was born in Skonia, Sweden and came to Minnesota at age nine. Adeline's mother was Mary Henrietta Ponath (1877-1953). She was born in Pawmen, Germany (now part of East Germany) and was six months old when she came to the United States. Mary had a twin sister that died while crossing the Atlantic Ocean and was buried at sea. Adeline's parents were married in 1900 and had seven children.

Adeline Miller (Burkman) was born July 7, 1908. She was raised at Fairmount, North Dakota and attended the local schools. She went to American Business College in Fargo. Adeline and Walter were married December 4, 1948 at Wahpeton, North Dakota. Adeline had two daughters which Walter adopted.

Adeline was chairman of the Ladies Aid at Elm River Lutheran Church during the merger of the Evangelical Lutheran Church and the American Lutheran Church in 1956. She also served as Secretary and Treasurer of the Ladies Aid. She has worked on the Democratic Policy Board and been area coordinator for the Democratic party.

Their two children are:

Karen Mary Bane, born July 22, 1940. Karen attended Erie School and graduated in 1958. She graduated from

Concordia College in Moorhead, Minnesota in 1962. She has taught elementary education in school systems in California and presently teaches at Concord, California. Karen married Tom Bane July 24, 1967 in California. Tom is a city planner for the city of Oakland, California. They have two boys: Christopher Thomas, born January 26, 1974 and Matthew Jonathan, born January 3, 1977.

Kathleen Ann Quaife was born August 5, 1942. She attended Erie and Hunter schools and graduated from high school in Hunter in 1960. She graduated from Concordia College in Social Work in 1964. She is currently Director of Social Service at St. John's Hospital in Fargo. Kathy married Robert Quaife August 10, 1962 in Fargo. Robert is Superintendent Estimator for Sherman Inc. (mechanical contractors) in Fargo where they live. They have two children: Jason Robert, born January 23, 1969 and Tracy Kathleen, born October 27, 1971.

Adeline lives on the home farm south of Galesburg.

EILENE and LOYD WILLIAMS

Eilene Moore was the daughter of William and Regina (Nelson) Moore. The family lived on the John Kittleson farm when they first came to Galesburg and later on a farm three and one-half miles west of Galesburg.

Eilene married Loyd Williams. He is now a retired Warrant Officer of the Coast Guard after twenty-three years. They have two daughters, Gail Ann and Paula Rae and also three grandsons.

Eilene attended school in Galesburg in 1937.



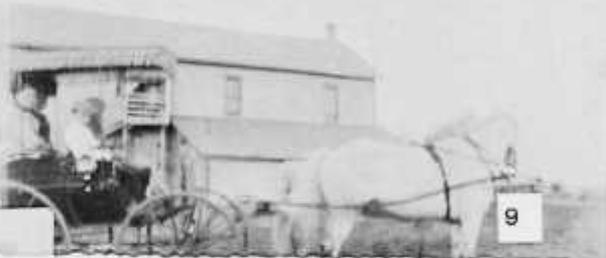
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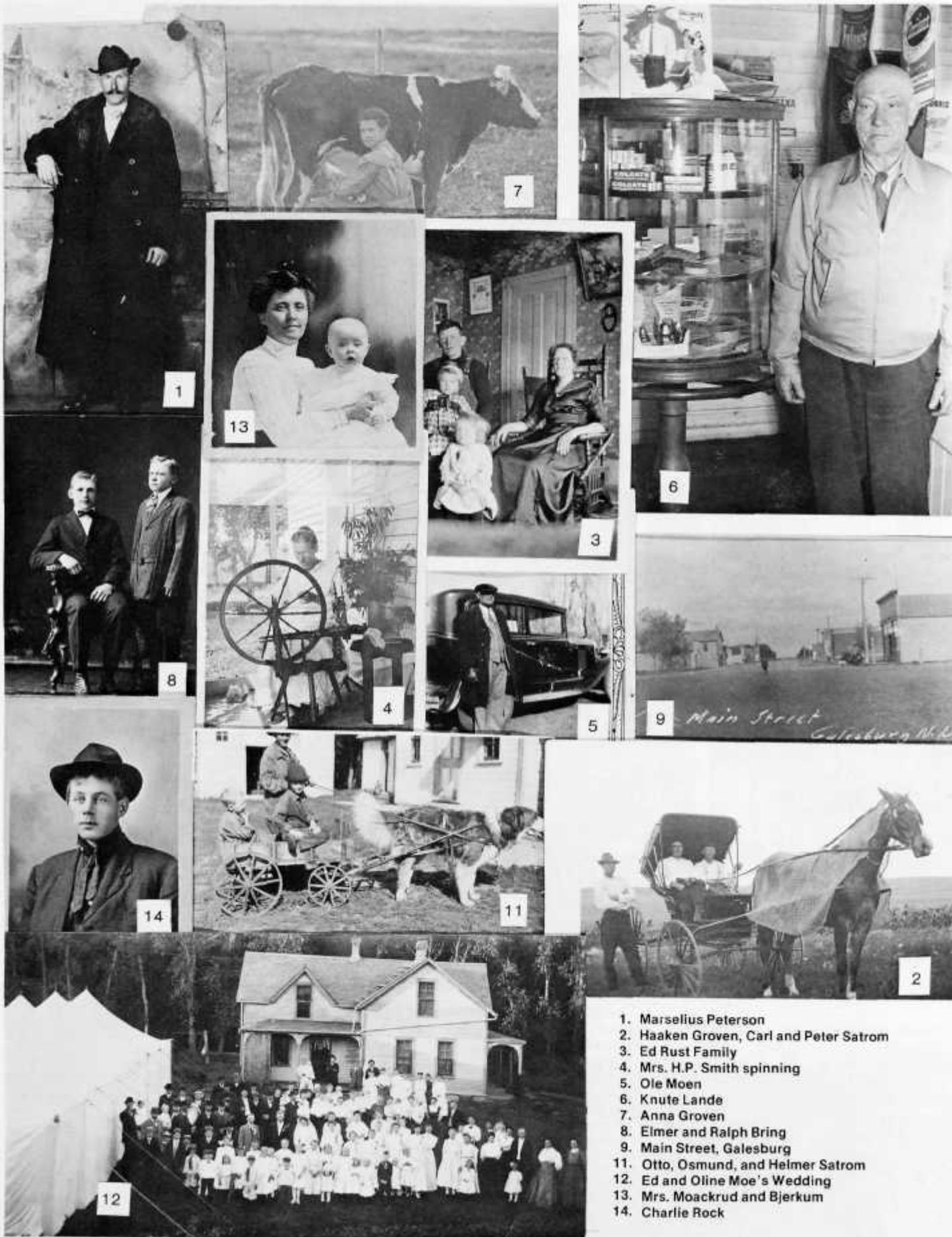
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10. Curt and Clair Haakenson
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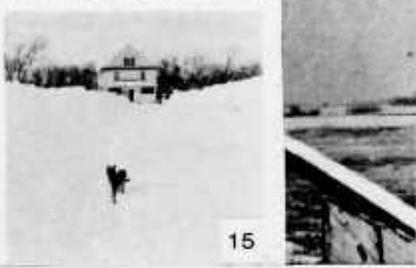
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3. Chris and Gladys Anderson
4. Carol, Raydon, and David Workin
5. Richard Rygh, Jeff Workin, Mike Flaten, John Gisvold
6. Art Moen, Harry Henry, Elmer Bring, Victor Smith
7. Bertha and Bernice Ostby
8. Albert Gisvold, Mike Workin, Charley Rust
9. Mark Paulson
10. Regina Warner and her Sunday School Class, 1946-1947
11. Dawn, Tracy, Wendy Bring
12. Marselius Peterson, Knute Lande, John Lommerud, Axel Paulson, Martin Stockmoe
13. Main Street of Galesburg
14. Howard and Edith Satrom



1. "Lefty" Bjelverud
2. Elroy Amundson
3. Sarah Anderson
4. Senior Citizens
5. Plowing Bee at Moritz Gorum farm, 1945.
6. Lucinda Miller
7. Galesburg Depot
8. Orville, Ardie, Leona, Kenneth Paulson
9. Stewart Surrey with the fringe on top
10. Charlie Kvam
11. Ruth (Satrom) Olstad and Anna (Jondahl) Smith, 1916
12. Pauline Hanson's Wedding



1. Marselius Peterson
2. Haaken Groven, Carl and Peter Satrom
3. Ed Rust Family
4. Mrs. H.P. Smith spinning
5. Ole Moen
6. Knute Lande
7. Anna Groven
8. Elmer and Ralph Bring
9. Main Street, Galesburg
11. Otto, Osmund, and Helmer Satrom
12. Ed and Oline Moe's Wedding
13. Mrs. Moackrud and Bjerkum
14. Charlie Rock



1. Snow Patterns - 1966
2. Near Elmer Ryghs - 1966
3. Ray Olstad's house - 1966
4. Duane Bring's House - 1966
5. National Guard Clearing Streets - 1966
6. Rygh's Mobil Station - 1966
7. Main Street looking South - 1966
8. IN Front of the Cafe - 1966
9. Looking West Toward Elevator - 1966
10. Airplane bring Mail to Galesburg in 1949
11. Lloyd Erickson clearing road West of Town in 1948
12. Sidney Anderson's Chicken House - Ole Soholt on top of Drift - 1952
13. Lyle Bring Barn
14. Tornado at Joe Lerfald Farm - 1934 or 1935
15. Lommerud House - 1966
16. Looking West by Church - 1949
17. Three and one half miles East of Town - 1948
18. Large Drift Near Railroad Tracks - 1966
19. Otto Mielke and Standard Oil Truck - 1966



K.P. Satrom (Wayne Satrom Home)



John Olstad Farm (Ellen Olstad Home)



Oscar Rust



Ole Lande



Louie Satrom



Ole Jystad (Howard Bring home)



Matt Brovick



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Anton Korshus (Tom Taylor Home)



Glen Farm (Orville Paulson Home)



Henry Bjugan (Otto Dahle Home)



Minnesota Avenue - Galesburg



Lommerud (Larry Martin Home)

Henriet, Calif
Dec 20, 1981

Arvile Paulson, Chm.
Galesburg Cent. Hist. Soc. Comm.

Dear Arvile and Connie members,
- Gladys and I will be very
happy and proud to accept
your invitation to attend the
100th Anniversary of the City of
Galesburg. I will be very
pleased to participate in the
parade as well as other fe-
stivities.

We are looking forward
to meeting new friends
and reuniting old friendships
in the Galesburg area.
Congratulations on Gales-
burg Centennial.

Sincerely,
Gladys & I Paulson



United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C. 20510

QUENTIN N. BURDICK
NORTH DAKOTA

March 3, 1982

Dear Friends:

It is indeed a pleasure for me to extend my
sincere good wishes to the Community of
Galesburg on the celebration of its 100th
anniversary.

Galesburg is a vital community, and one that
truly exemplifies the pioneer spirit of our
State of North Dakota. I have always enjoyed
visiting Galesburg and its people, and wish
them continued success in the years to come.
Again, congratulations on your Centennial!

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely,
Quentin N. Burdick

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Community of Galesburg
Galesburg
North Dakota

WILLIAM L. GUY

500 WASHINGTON LANE
MORNINGSIDGE, ND 58055

December 29, 1981

Mr. Orville Paulson, Chairman
Galesburg Centennial History Book Committee
Galesburg, ND 58035

Dear Orville:

My wife and I thank you for inviting us to participate in your celebration on June 12. It would be fun to be part of the excitement, but we must decline.

I would offer the following greeting for your book:
Galesburg is a town to be sure. Not to many people, it is a food memory of a community providing days and days of good living.

A birthday celebration gives us pause to look back. The generations of these past 100 years have a common Galesburg heritage -- they gave much to the community and hence to each other, and received much in return. There is a special pride in those whose roots are in rural America in a community such as Galesburg.

I send my best wishes to the people of Galesburg as you begin another century of progress.

Sincerely,

Bill
William L. Guy
Governor, North Dakota
1981 - 1987

ANTHONY W. YOUNG
SUNNY VALLEY, CA


United States Senate
WASHINGTON, D. C.

10030 Mountain View Road
Sun City, Arizona 85351
January 4, 1982

Dear Orville:

My deepest appreciation for your letter of December 13 inviting me to participate in the Galesburg Centennial celebration on June 11, 12 and 13 and especially the parade on June 12.

That would be most enjoyable but, unfortunately, we have made other commitments at that time and will not be able to be with you.

The Galesburg Centennial History Book is something that will be very valuable and treasured for years to come. Mrs. Young joins me in wishing you a very successful and special Centennial celebration.

With kind regards to you and all our friends in Galesburg.

Sincerely,

Anthony W. Young
Mr. Orville Paulson, Chairman
Galesburg Centennial History Book Committee
Galesburg, North Dakota 58035

"CENTENNIAL"

*The birthyear of a little town calls out
Long memories and the dust from history books.
Menfolks wear bristling beards, the grisly looks
Of plainsmen; and the women talk about
Poke bonnets and the day great-grandma wed.
Vast wonders have been wrought these hundred years
Out of bright hopes, hard work, and stinging tears.
They say, "Look what we have — instead
Of covered wagons over Indian trails!"
The birthday of a town is more than this —
It is enduring faith in genesis.
Man muscles pounding on the shining rails
Of progress while a kindly God looks down
To hear the steady heartbeat of a town.*

by Helen Baker Adams



Alton Bjelverud, Galesburg, ordered the first copy of the Galesburg Centennial book from Gladys Bring.

GALESBURG CENTENNIAL 1882-1982

Galesburg's Centennial celebration began the kick-off with the performance of the Skien Accordion Club of Skien, Norway. This club performed in concert and dance at the school gymnasium on October 21, 1981. The Skiensfjordens Trekkspillklubb (Accordion Club) was founded in 1968 and today is one of the top performing clubs in all of Norway. The purpose of the club is to teach young and old to play the accordion and to perform for the pure pleasure of performing as amateurs in a group.

The members of the club were guests overnight at various homes in the Galesburg area. They were honored at a banquet at the West Trill Cafe preceding the performance.

This performance was the first of many in celebration of Galesburg's Centennial.

In organizing the Centennial committees were appointed. Many people helped even though they weren't on a specific committee. Last minute committees will also be added so they cannot be listed here. This celebration is a combined community effort and the cooperation of everyone was needed.



Skien Accordion Club

CENTENNIAL COMMITTEES

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Finance and Fund Raising Al Martin Wayne Satrom Marvin Gisvold		Promotional Float Lyle Bring Lynda Rud	Dance Alton Bjelverud Mary Elliott	
School Reunion Connie Bring Edith Satrom Marilyn Henry Audrey Hochgraber Ardell and Gudrun Zimmerman			Food Service Herman and Janice Borud Leon and Inez Nelson Osmund and Kathleen Satrom Dale and Mollie Moen	
History Book Orville Paulson Viola Rygh			Kangaroo Court Howard Satrom	

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Galesburg Centennial History Book Committee wishes to acknowledge and thank everyone who helped us in compiling this book. The material we used was in part authentic and also recollections of present and former residents. We have changed the wording very little on the family histories and articles submitted by others because we felt this was the way each individual would want it printed. Our thanks go to those who contributed pictures, information, memories, and helped with typing and proofreading.

Special thanks to the *Hillsboro Banner*, Cass County Historical Society, North Dakota State University Library, Traill County Courthouse, and Clifford-Galesburg Public School for their time and information.

We especially would like to thank Curt and Clair Haakenson for the material which they have so generously let us use. Their research into the history of Galesburg was a valuable source of information for us.

We hope that this book will bring back memories and preserve the history of our town and community.



Centennial History Book Committee
Back: Ardis Halvorson, Orville Paulson, Viola Rygh
Front: Helen Oistad, Gladys Bring, Emma Hamm
Missing, Otto Satrom



1. Julius Kylo and Einor Foss
2. Otto Mielke
3. Sidney Anderson, Elmer Rygh, Harvey Erickson
4. Joseph Lerfald
5. Lefty Bjelverud, Swede Paulson, Eleanor Bjelverud, Vic Smith, Tatta Larson, Irene Satrom, LeRoy Hochgraber, Hiram Miller.
6. Hogan Groven
7. Red Brovick, Abbie Anderson
8. Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong
9. Ralph and Arden Bring Children
10. Mrs. Green and Pupils at the Julseth School

PHOTOGRAPHS FROM GALESBURG, N. D.



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- 1. Galesburg School
- 2. Galesburg Village
- 3. Old Galesburg Cafe and Barber Shop
- 4. Del's Service operated by Del Moen
- 5. Laura Halvorson
- 6. Hans Anderson's Blacksmith Shop
- 7. County Commissioner Ulland and his Family
- 8. Old Post Office that burned
- 9. Lyle Bring cultivating sunflowers
- 10. Gust Rostad
- 11. Charles and Irene Gisvold, Minerva Jenson, Molfrid Moe, Agnes Korshus, Mrs. Ed Moe, Mrs. Henry Gisvold
- 12. Ted Tanger
- 13. Whittemore Store
- 14. Potato Harvest at the Rust Farm



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1. Hauling Water for Steam Engine
2. June Grass Harvest
3. John Lerfald and Joe Lerfald Unloading Hay
4. Planting Trees in Traill County in the 1950's
5. Howard and Ethyl Bring, Ken and Jeanette
6. Threshing on the Aasen Farm
7. Swathing Grain



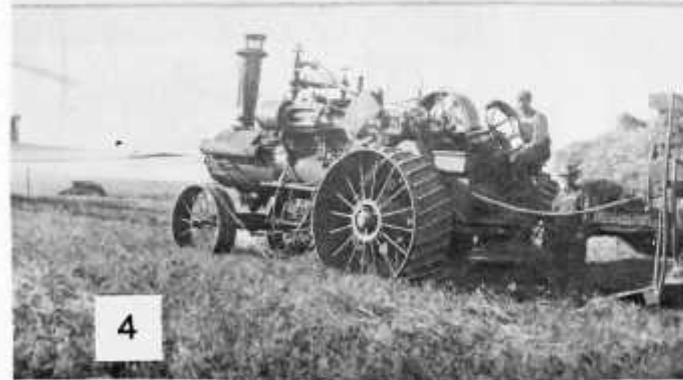
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1. Threshing
2. First Gas Threshing Machine
3. Lunch time for the Threshers
4. John O. Jondahl Threshing
5. Smith Farm Harvest
6. Haying



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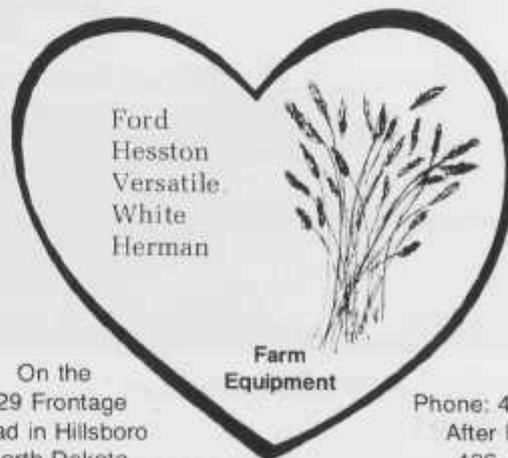
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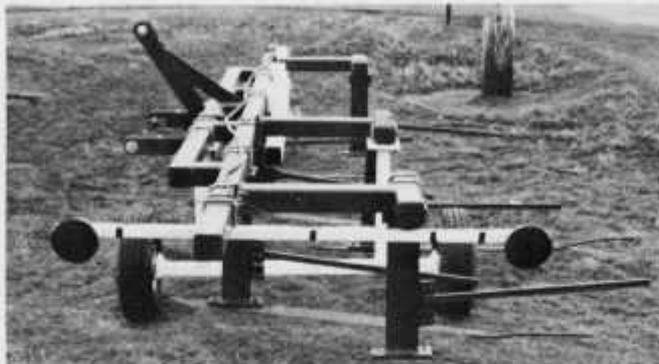
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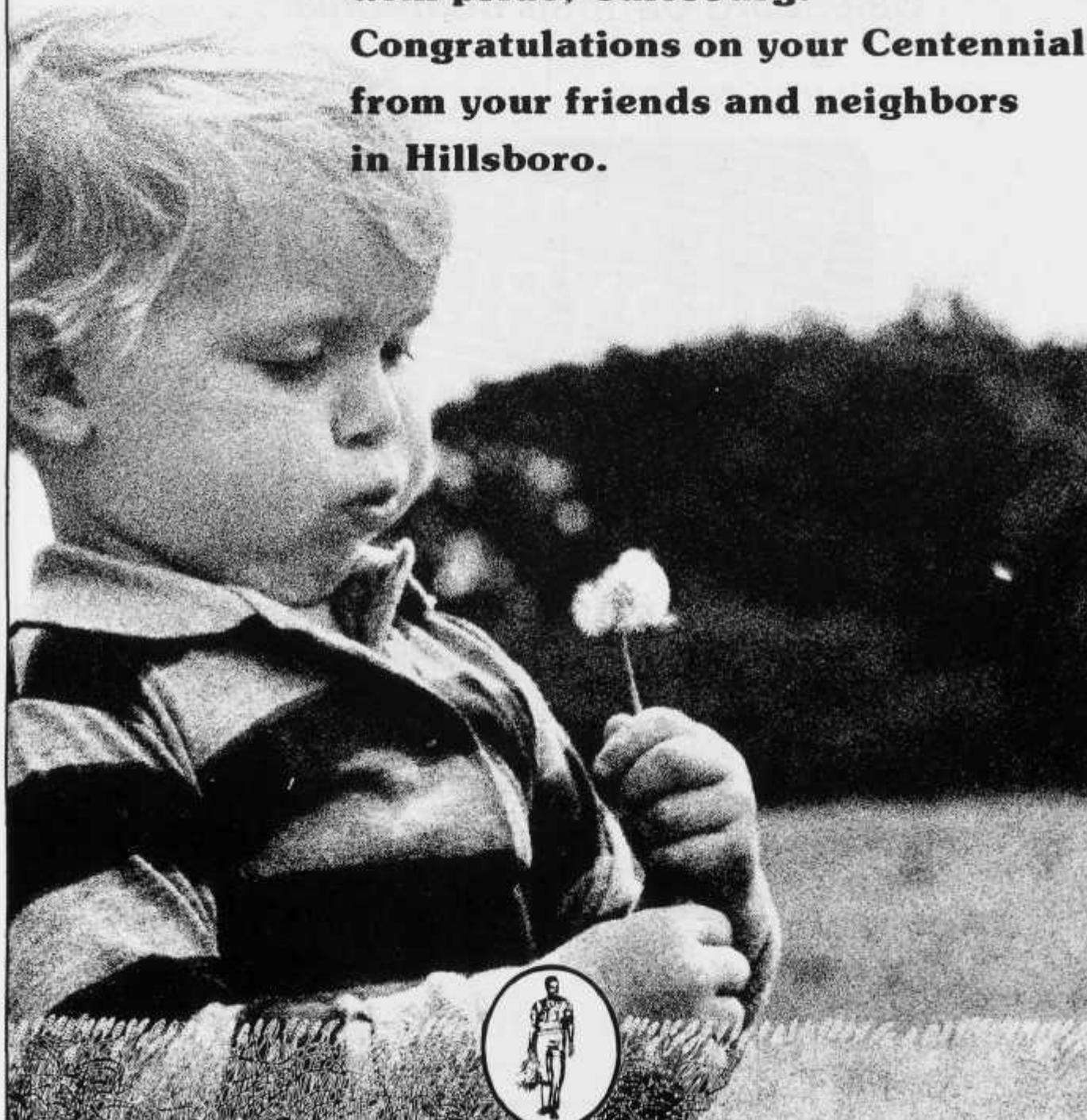
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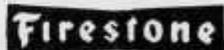
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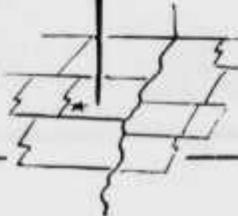
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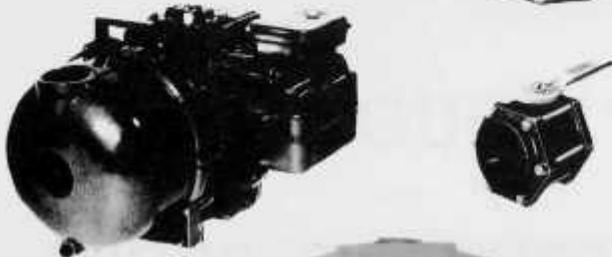
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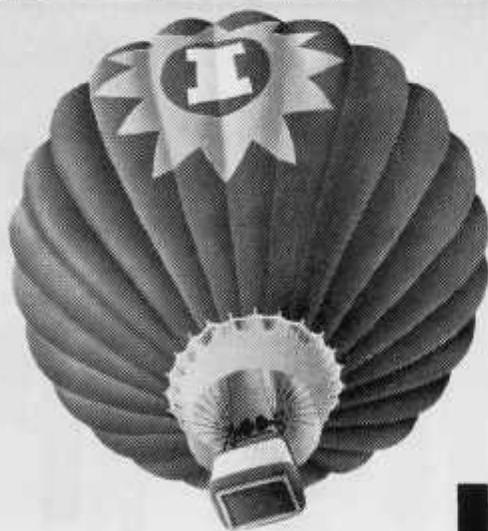
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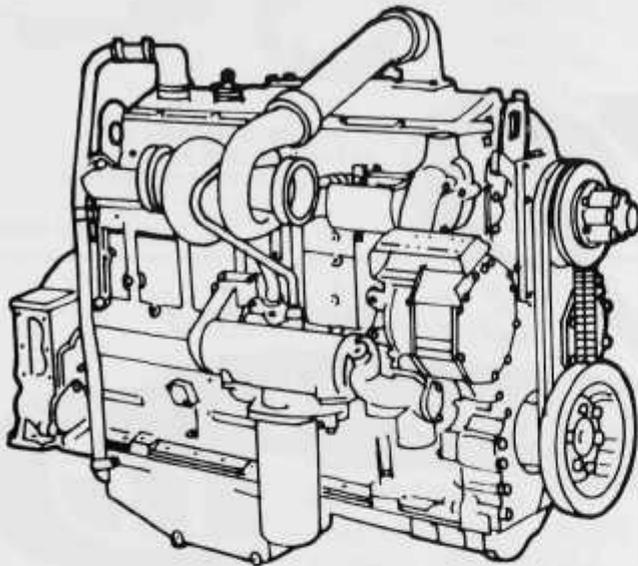
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