

# ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP

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Edward Weber, son of Pete Weber, in his World War I uniform. He lost his life in the war; the Tolley Legion Post is named for Justin Irgens and Edward Weber. (He was a brother of Dora Brox.)



Herman Raap and bride, Mae Dora Pope. Married March 24, 1914.



The William McCulloch family, Roosevelt Township. Harry, Edith (Mrs. V. J. Cameron), Hazel (Mrs. Oscar Aalund), Mrs. Margaret McCulloch, Olive (Mrs. Roy Ulm), Mary (Mrs. Rex Nichols), and George. Front row: Roberta (Mrs. John Johnson) and Mabel (Mrs. Doris Paff).

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RANGE 86

William C. Thompson	Jens D. Lund	Henry Ethen	Joseph Fuchs	Mothias Ethen	Anna Slager	Adrien Lebire	Jake Slager	William A. Courtney	James H. Wilson	Edgar K. Lynes		
Eliza J. Jaques	John Stone	Ignatius Zeltinger	Ignatius Fuchs	Mary Fuchs	Clifford C. VanWold	Philip VanWold	Ernest C. VanWold	Lawn L. Ludke	Amonda Courtney	Freeman Alderman	M. Z	W. D. O. G. G. G.
Anton Kleinmond	Xavier Dahinder	John Zeltinger	Simon Winter-sperger	Martin Arnestad	Irwin A. VanWold	Rupert McQuillen	George Warner Barcus	Duncan Alexander	Charles M. Barcus	Henry Ludke	Robert Porter	Margaret Porter McQuillen
Z. F. P. Franke	Joseph P. Weber	Nicholas Kirsch	Joseph Laqua	Maria Franke	John T. Mant	Angus J. McCormick	Patrick J. Riley					W. T.
Fred W. Friis	August Franke	Charles Isely	Nick A. Weber			Charles F. Bromig-ham	George Klein-smith	Isaac Arneson	Robert Strauss	William McEulloch		Gets
Evan Griffith	Maxel Johnson	John W. Eldred	Francis M. Hill			Herman Qvist	Elizabeth Gillham	Albert Durand	Charles D. Ford	Nels Lindlauf		Minnie Howard
A. Ritter	Soren-son	George Young	James F. Beltz	Martin B. Fargen	William Schultz	Christen Jensen	John E. Ostrom	William B. Walker	Louis K. Bergen	Walter M. Callagher	William A.	Lang-ley
Wendell O. Barick	A. Joseph W. Boland	Clarence Blanchard	Anna Cecilia	Louis Engstrom	Wyman S. Wether-ell	Olaf Lundberg	Henry M. Gallagher	John May	John May	Randall Williams	M. E. Lansley	Siebert
Thomas Thompson	C. K. Rasmussen	Torbjorn Olaus Kalkjen	Katie Lawrance	Alonzo Harsh-man	Alonzo Harsh-man	Walter Gallagher	Walter P. Cilley	George Gerlin-ger	William O'Brien	William L. Delair	William Davis	
Jens Lauge-son	John McCor-mick	Christen Oleson	Claude Wamsley	Alfred M. Dawing	Stephen O'Fallen	Fauks-Kevig	Chester Eekman	Hans B. Bjornson	Vernia J. Winsot	Oscar T. Hanson	Benjamin S. Ebel	
John E. Bass	Benkie M. Bass	Morton Rasmus-son	Clyde M. Finke	Charles McQuil-len	Gertrude Muliter		Harry Danan	Peter Johnson	Charley Doekter			
	Henry P. Stone	Burt W. Rand	Ottis D. McIntire	Richard Kennedy	James Colo	Robert McCorm-ick	James Engles	Henry Shipker	Edward Dewitz			





## ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS, CHURCH, AND MAIL

About 1905, a school was built on a little hill on John Zeltlinger's land (NW-8). The terms of the school at first were three months in fall (September-November) and three months in the spring (April-June). The first teacher was Ida Clausen, who boarded during the school term with the William Fuchs family, about a mile from the school. Children attending the first term at this school (fall, 1905) included Ignatius, Rose, and Mary Fuchs (children of Ignatius Fuchs); Arnold, Frances, Ida, and Tillie Fuchs (children of William Fuchs); Anna Franke (daughter of August Franke); Edward, Dora, and Walter Weber (children of Pete Weber), Nicholas Weber (son of Joseph Weber); Lena Dahinden (daughter of Xavier Dahinden); William Kirsch (son of Nicholas Kirsch); Mathias and Lena Zeltlinger (children of Ignatius Zeltlinger); and others. At first this was part of Imperial Ward County, and a visit from the County Superintendent of Schools at Minot, Superintendent Wendt, was a memorable occasion. Later the school term ran seven months, and by 1915 it had a nine-month term. This school on the hill operated for about 35 years, so that some of the children who attended as students later taught the school. These included Lena, Louise, Clara, Marie, Mary, Florence, and Clarence Zeltlinger.

The school was a center for such community activities as elections, programs, and socials. Among memories from the early years that do not revolve around the school, are having family pictures taken by Mr. George Barcus, another area homesteader, who would arrive in his horse and buggy, set up his camera on a tri-pod, disappear under the black drape, and instruct everyone to "watch the birdie." The writer also remembers following along with a group of children as the railroad crew laid ties through what is now Tolley, and being treated to her first orange about 1910 at the Mouse River Park.

The first Catholic priest in the area was Rev. Anton Wagner at Kenmare. Services for this community were occasionally held at the homestead of Ignatius Fuchs. After Tolley was built in 1906, services were held in the hall above the bank. The present church was built in 1910. Ignatius Zeltlinger was a trustee of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church for several years, and Mrs. Zeltlinger was an active member of the Altar Society.

The mail was delivered from Kenmare with horses about twice per week during the first years. Several families got



ROOSEVELT TOWNSHIP SCHOOL — 1920  
(on the hill, the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8)

Front row, left to right: Sylvia Mau, Helen Kirsch, Leona Weise, Frieda Mau, Arthur Mau, Edward Zeltlinger, Clarence Zeltlinger. Back rows: Florence Zeltlinger, Clara Kirsch, Anne Zeltlinger, Herbert Weise, Walter Mau, Ernest Mau, John Zeltlinger, Irene Zeltlinger, Katie Kirsch, Otilie Zeltlinger, Clara Zeltlinger, Marie Zeltlinger, Anna Kirsch, Joe Zeltlinger, and Lena Zeltlinger, teacher.

their mail from a box at the road intersection a half-mile south of Ig. Zeltlinger's. After Tolley was founded, a mail route out of Tolley was established. Frank Dahinden, son of Xavier Dahinden, was the first driver. Among early drivers was Rose Weber, daughter of Pete Weber. Delivery was by horse and buggy or sleigh until some time after Charley Meyers became mail carrier.



Theodore Arneson, World War I.



Elmer Arneson, World War II.

## ARNE ARNESON

Arne Arneson was born September 11, 1866, at LaCrosse, Wisconsin. His wife, Emma Boe, was born at Grand Meadow, Minnesota. They were married November 8, 1893, in Mower County, Minnesota.

Arne came to Renville County in 1899 when he filed on the land and in the spring of 1900 they came to live and start work on the homestead. They shipped their livestock and machinery to Kenmare as there were no railroads here at that time. At first they lived in a tent until they got some land broke and seeded. The sod they used to build a house and a sod barn. The sod house was used until a wooden frame house was built.

At this time horses were used to do the farming and for hauling. They bought their groceries at McKinney and some repairs. Their grain was hauled to Kenmare. Later tractors were used and farmers began farming on a larger scale. Trucks and pickups are now common.

Church services were held at the homes of people. They

served dinner and it became a social event. Later churches were built in Tolley and the family became members of the church.

The children at first went to a rural school but later attended school in Tolley, which soon offered also a 4-year high school course. The Tolley community was served with milk and cream by the Arnesons. For about 35 years, milk was delivered with horses until 1916 when they bought and used their first car. The children each took their turn as they became old enough and were very faithful in their work. Storm, rain or snow, the milk was delivered.

To this union eleven children were born, six of whom are still living. Two of their sons heard Uncle Sam's call; Theodore served in World War I and is now living in Washington; Elmer served in World War II and died in 1972 at Kenmare. Alvira, Mrs. Willis LaFrenier, lives in Minnesota; Clifford, Inga, and Ella live at Tolley and Albert lives near Norma.

Arne Arneson passed away in 1937 and his wife, Emma, continued to live on the homestead until her death in 1962.

## GEORGE AND NORA BARCUS

George Barcus was born April 17, 1869, in Des Moines, Iowa; when one year old, the family moved to Illinois where he lived until 1894. Then he moved to Indiana and there married Nora Etta Courtney on December 23, 1896, and lived at Ambia, Indiana, until 1902. Nora Etta was born at Green Hill, Indiana and lived there and at Pine Valley until she was married.

In 1902 George got the homestead fever, so with his wife and two children, Sylvia and Russell, his brother and family, and his wife's brother and sister, came to this area. They sent the women and children ahead by passenger train to Minot and loaded the horses and possessions on an immigrant car and came with a freight train.

Shortly after leaving Illinois the train was caught in the big blizzard of 1902. They were forced to stay on the train for 11 days. It was nearly impossible to feed the horses and be-

cause of the crowded car they could not lie down to rest. There was no place to unload them and they were in poor condition after the trip. Arriving at Minot, they found the town swarming with immigrants. The women and children arrived eight days ahead of the stock car and had been staying in railroad coaches furnished by the railroad; no other accommodations were available.

The immigrant car was routed to Kenmare and after arriving there had to wait three days to unload, as there many cars ahead of them and only three cars could be unloaded at a time. While waiting, they built a 16' x 16' shed in Kenmare and left the women and children there. The men loaded their wagons and drove 21 miles east to their claim. The snow from the big blizzard had melted and the sloughs were filled to overflowing. It was cold, and frosty and ice had formed on the sloughs, many of which they had to cross. The horses were in poor condition after their ordeal in the immigrant car, so this trip wasn't easy to make.

Their claims were: George W. Barcus filed on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 10; Charles M. Barcus filed on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11; William A. Courtney filed on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 2; and Amanda Courtney filed on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SE $\frac{1}{4}$  S $\frac{1}{2}$ S $\frac{3}{4}$  of Section 2, all in Roosevelt Township. The first claim shack was built on George's claim. It was a two-story 14' x 16' cabin. The women and children were brought from Kenmare and all lived here for three weeks. By that time houses were built on the other claims.

All had to think of getting in some crop. George plowed and seeded seven acres of flax. Mosquitoes bred by the millions in the water-filled sloughs. They plagued man and beast day and night. The horses were sometimes so thickly covered with them that one could hardly tell the color of the animals. He spent the summer working on his claim and putting up hay for his stock. That fall George made arrangements with a neighbor to harvest his flax and went to Brinsmade, North Dakota, to work through harvest. When he returned he found that about a 100 head of cattle had trampled down his flax shortly before harvest. The field was as bare as the day it was plowed. The hay which had been stacked had also been eaten.



George Barcus Family, 1920

Mr. Barcus was a long-time rural mail carrier. Front row: Eula, Mr. Barcus, Wallace, Mrs. Barcus, Rachel. Back row: Earl, Sylvia, Virgil, Russell, and Georgia.

During the summer George made a dugout in a side hill for his barn. It was stoned up inside with field rock. The cows were comfortable but had to eat straw, which he bargained for from a neighbor. During the winter he worked for 50 cents a day feeding 60 cattle for Freeman Alderman, after walking a mile to work. Using a large hay rack, hay was hauled from the river-bottom farm, many times in 48 degrees below zero weather. A frozen nose and face were not unusual for George. He ate dinner at Alderman's and enjoyed breakfast and supper at home with his family.

In the spring of 1903 George woke up and found two inches of water on the floor; the Mouse River was flooding. He rushed to save the family and possessions but by the time the team was hitched up and the wagon loaded, he had to swim the horses to high ground. He obtained a boat and rowed back to salvage as much as possible, he tried to save a pig but had to kill it to keep from upsetting the boat. The chickens drowned and sometime during the flood period, someone stole his ground oats which had been high and dry

in the second story of the granary. They had no feed for the stock that spring.

Eula, our third child, came to join the family. George's wife's sister died and was buried in the McKinney Cemetery, being the second person to be interred.

George worked at various jobs to make extra money for his family. He sold books, unloaded 18 cars of bricks used in the big brick building at Greene (Andrew Bengston and John Jergens helped unload). Bill Seibert and George put in the fill for the railroad crossing at Greene, worked in Pete Bertelson's mine in 1910-11 and received \$90 per ton.

In 1911 George started carrying mail on the Mohall Route 4. He held the job for 21 years and 7 months until he retired in 1934.

Through the years five more children were born to George and Nora: Rachel, Earl, Wallace, Virgil and Georgia. All grew up and were educated in the Renville County schools. Both



1905 — Near Joslyn, known as the William McCulloch Crossing, on the Mouse River. Here the river is in its channel and is a natural ford, riffles, or crossing. This was a popular fishing spot in homestead days.



Front row, left to right, seated: Violet Alderman, Ransy Alderman, Sylvia Barcus, Mary McCulloch. Second row, standing: Kenneth Barcus, \_\_\_\_\_, George McCulloch, Russell Barcus, Joe Grass, Carl Tufford. Virgil Barcus in buggy. Adults in back: Allen Bous, Edith Porter, Roberta Porter, Clara and Hilda Johnson, Mrs. Charles Grass, Mrs. Alderman, Mrs. Barcus.



parents were interested in church work and helped to organize a Sunday school the first summer after coming to their claim in Roosevelt Township. It was held in the Joslyn School. A circuit rider preacher made regular stops to the community. Services were held after Sunday School was over. After coming to Mohall they continued working in the church and were also willing community workers.

George and Nora celebrated their Golden Wedding on December 15, 1946, and observed their 61st wedding anniversary on April 17, 1957, with five of their children present.

George Barcus passed away November, 1959, and Mrs. Barcus in May of 1975.



Mr. and Mrs. Lee Bass

## LEE AND CARRIE BASS

Lee Bass was born November 23, 1891, to Mr. and Mrs. John Bass at Burtrum, Minnesota. The family came to the Renville County area in 1898 and his father homesteaded in Roosevelt Township, just south of Tolley. Lee grew to manhood here, attended rural schools in the area and graduated from Kenmare High School in 1912. He entered the army in September, 1917, and served his country in France. After the armistice, he returned to farm with his father.

Lee Bass married Carrie Bryant on May 23, 1942, at Tolley and they continued to farm south of Tolley until 1953. Lee's health started to fail so they moved into Tolley, but he continued to assist on the farm until 1963, when his wife became ill. Mrs. Bass died in July, 1964. August, 1970, Lee decided to enter the Good Samaritan Home at Crosby, North Dakota. Lee Bass passed away August 19, 1973.

## THOMAS AND DORA BROX

Thomas Brox was born January 29, 1887, at Dazey, North Dakota, son of Jacob and Ellena Brox. He lived there until 1912 when he came to Tolley, North Dakota. He stayed with his sister and brother-in-law John Lundgren and was employed by them on the farm. At that time John farmed a half section of land owned by Jacob Brox, along with his other land.

In 1914 Tom purchased the half section of land from his

father, Jacob Brox, this was the west one-half of Section 22 in Roosevelt Township, and that spring he bought and had shipped from Dazey five horses and farm machinery and started his own farm.

On August 9, 1916, he married Dora Weber of Tolley. Dora Weber was born February 6, 1898, at Martin, Minnesota, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. Weber. She moved with her parents to Roosevelt Township, Renville County in 1904. Her mother passed away when Dora was 14 years old, and she helped raise her younger sisters and brothers until her marriage to Tom. The Irgens and Weber American Legion Post of Tolley is named in memory of Justin Irgens, a brother of Harold Irgens of Tolley, and Eddie Weber, Dora's oldest brother. These young men lost their lives in World War I.

Her four other brothers, Walter, Herbert, Frankie, and Paul, moved to other states to make their homes as did her three sister, Margaret, Rosie and Tillie, so she had none of her family nearby.

Tom and Dora built a new house in 1916 and this is still on the farm, a barn and other buildings were built in later years. Tom also bought more land, purchased an Altman Taylor steam engine and Avery separator and did custom threshing for a number of years. His first car was a 1915 model Case touring car.

Tom and Dora were active in community and church affairs, were members of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church of Tolley. They had no children.

Tom died on November 2, 1947, and is buried in Sts. Peter and Paul's Cemetery.

After Tom's death, Dora spent the winter with her sister, Tillie, in Chicago, returning in the spring of 1948, she rented her farm to Donald Petersons and they have made their home there ever since having bought the farm from Dora at a later date.

About 1949, Dora purchased the Gus Brekhus house in Tolley, which she extensively remodeled and made her home in Tolley. She liked to travel and in later years spent the winters in Bonita Springs, Florida, near her sister, Tillie, and her husband, who had moved there from Chicago. It was at Bonita Springs in the winter of 1966 that she met Joseph Weber, a widower, and they were married in April, 1967. They made their home at Tolley in the summer, usually from May to October, and spent the winters at their home at Bonita Springs. Joe was a fine man and made many friends in the short time he was here. He died on June 12, 1969, at Tolley.

In October of 1969, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Arneson drove her to Florida to her home at Bonita Springs. She spent the winter there and returned to Tolley in May, 1970. It was to be her last summer here as she passed away on September 1, 1970. She is buried in Sts. Peter and Paul's Cemetery, Tolley, North Dakota.

## WALTER P. CILLEY

Walter P. Cilley was born in Viroqua, Wisconsin, November 7, 1867. He attended public school there and the University of Wisconsin.

Mrs. Walter P. Cilley was born in Wasioja, Minnesota, May 15, 1868. She attended the public school there including the seminary at Wasioja, Minnesota.

Walter P. Cilley and Carrie Brown were married in Faulkton, South Dakota, July 1, 1899. Three children were born in South Dakota, Pearl and Fern (twins) and Inez.



In 1903, the family came to Kenmare, North Dakota, by train and filed on a homestead 15 miles east of Kenmare in Ward County (what is now Renville County) on NE¼ of Section 27, Township 160, Range 86. They later purchased more land in Roosevelt Township.

The family lived in Kenmare while a small house and barn were being built on the homestead. All the lumber was hauled from Kenmare, their nearest town at that time.

Three more children were born in North Dakota, Roy, Val, and Carol.

In 1906, Mr. Cilley was instrumental in organizing the Roosevelt School District and the building and planning of four schoolhouses. One schoolhouse was built on the home farm. All six children attended and graduated from the 8th grade in this school.

The nearest post office and store was on the Mouse River (3 miles away) at Joslyn, where mail was carried by horse and wagon from Minot, North Dakota.

In 1905, the Soo Railroad was built through the area and the town of Tolley was built 7 miles from the farm.

In 1907, Mr. Cilley built a new modern 11-room home on the farm. One of the few in the township at that time with running water, hot water furnace, and bathroom, which was installed by F. O. Johnson who had a hardware and furniture store in Tolley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cilley were active in community affairs. Many community social gatherings were held in their home.

Mr. Cilley served on the township and school board many years. He was on the township board for 40 years.

The family attended the Methodist Church and Sunday School in Tolley.

Mrs. Cilley passed away August, 1942, and Mr. Cilley passed away July, 1951.

Pearl graduated from the Tolley High School and taught school in Roosevelt Township and Greene, North Dakota. She married Jack Short of Tolley. They lived in Tolley several years where Jack operated the Chevrolet Garage. In 1934, Jack was elected Sheriff of Renville County and they moved to Mohall. After several years they moved to Minot where Jack was with the highway department. In 1944, Pearl and Jack moved to California to be near their son, Duane, and family. They built a home in Redway, California, where they lived many years. Pearl passed away in May, 1973. They have one son, Duane. He served in the U.S. Navy two years and later graduated from the State College at Ft. Collins, Colorado. Duane is married to the former Deloris Isaacson of Minot. They have four children (Daniel, Denine, Donavon, and Darcie) who all live in Salinas, California. Jack sold the home in Redway and now lives in Salinas.

Fern graduated from Tolley High School and taught in Renville County several years. She married Joseph M. Lund of Tolley, who at that time was cashier of the Security State Bank of Tolley. They bought the former A. M. Fruh residence in Tolley and lived there many years. When the depression of the thirties came, Mr. Lund, with the recommendation of the State Banking Department, transferred the bank to McVile, North Dakota in 1936. In 1956, the directors (J. M. Lund, President; Fern Lund, Vice President; and D. M. Lund, Cashier) sold the bank. Fern and Joe Lund then moved to Santa Barbara, California, and Don Lund to Hollywood, California. Mr. and Mrs. Lund have two children, Jeanne and Don. Jeanne graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1945. She married James Bergstrom of Pekin,

North Dakota. They are now living in Camarillo, California, where Mr. Bergstrom is manager of the Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing Plant. They have four children: Cathy, Steve, Daniel, and Kimberly. Don Lund graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1951 and enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. Lt. Don Lund served as Finance Officer in Oscoda, Michigan, until his discharge in 1953. He returned to McVile where he was cashier and director of the McVile State Bank. He is now living in Hollywood, California, and is employed by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Inez Mae Cilley graduated from the Tolley High School and taught school in Roosevelt Township. She passed away in 1922.

Roy Cilley graduated from the Tolley High School and the School of Science in Wahpeton, North Dakota. He was assistant cashier of the Security State Bank of Tolley for several years. He later was employed at the Clifford office in Mohall and later in Minot. In 1969, Roy and his family moved to Thousand Oaks, California, for his health. Roy was married to the former Alice Park of Mohall. They have six children: Dwight, Darold, Clifton, Paul, Warren and Royce. Roy passed away in 1971.

Val Cilley attended Tolley High School and remained on the farm until moving to Jamestown, North Dakota.

Carol Cilley graduated from the Tolley High School and attended the Minot State College and the School of Science in Wahpeton. She married Walter Gustafson of Tolley and they moved to Detroit, Michigan, where Walter was associated with the Thon Mortuary Co. for many years. Walter retired and they moved to Ventura, California, in 1971. Carol passed away in 1972. Walter is now living in Seattle, Washington.

## ALFRED AND BEATRICE DEWING

Alfred Dewing homesteaded in Roosevelt Township in 1902. His first bride came in 1903. There were four children born in this family namely: Barney, who has passed away; Sam, who lives on the homestead; Gladys lives in Great Falls, Montana; and Walter lived in Oregon City, Oregon. The first few years Alfred had to go to Donnybrook after the mail. How wonderful it must have been when a mail carrier brought mail six days a week right to the gate.

Then later years Jean, Alfred's wife, and the 4 children, would get in the lumber wagon and go to Kenmare. Halfway home they would drive off the road and let the



Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Dewing



Mrs. Dewing and their horses.



Alfred Dewing and his sheep.

horses rest and have a lunch Jean had taken along. This is some difference from our nice cars and nice cafe we have today.

One fall, Alfred said he took a wagon box full of cabbage to Kenmare and traded them for a load of coal.

Beatrice Sweet came to North Dakota in March of 1937 as a bride. The Dewing family pioneered and had many hard years. Beatrice pioneered also with many hard years of carrying wash water from the ditch to wash clothes. She only had one tub and a tin washboard. She still has her coal range and it came in very hand when the power was off for 80 hours and it was cold in her house in April of 1975.

Alfred was assessor in Roosevelt Township for many years.

They would carry their lanterns to the barn to milk the cows. The cream check was about 3 dollars a week. Alfred warned me not to buy more groceries than the cream check came to. All those years she never charged anything and he said don't borrow, what you don't have, go without. After a few years she was proud to say, "We don't owe a store bill."

Alfred's first wife, could do many things that Beatrice couldn't do and he was always telling her about it. She could harness the horses and go mow hay, she could drive a car. This always made Beatrice feel ashamed. One evening they took the car to get the cows and got it stuck in the mud. He said if she would drive, he could push the car out. So while he was walking for the horses, she thought good, now I can drive the horses back home, she was so happy she could help. But after the car was pulled out, he slapped the horses on the rump and they went back home. He used to tell her many things Jean did. One time she wanted a cellar dug under their kitchen. She didn't ask him to dig it, she took the pick and shovel and went to work. After a few days, she was under far enough to pull the scraper back and fill it, then she hitched a horse on to pull it out. One day the horse fell backward in the hole, the scraper was too full of dirt and too heavy. She never gave up. During the First World War, she knit socks to send to soldiers. Beatrice never learned to knit, but she made many beautiful quilts that she worked on every winter and still is making lovely

quilts at age 85. She has generously given them to many people.

Alfred was proud of his wife, Beatrice, as she can remember when they went to town, him saying what a good worker she was and that she would milk a cow much faster than he could. She was always jealous of his dog, Jigs. He thought the world of that dog and would always pet it and didn't have time for her.

Jean was sick a lot of years and he finally had to put a mortgage on his three quarters of land. Beatrice remembers a man came from the Federal Land Bank office in Minot and wanted him to buy the Fink quarter. Alfred said he would put his wife's name on it and they could get it for one thousand dollars. She wouldn't hear of it as they had three mortgages to pay off already. Today a quarter is worth 30 to 40 thousand dollars, quite a difference.

When Alfred chewed tobacco in the house, he said he always put the cud up above the door to dry, then he would smoke it in a corn cob pipe. Anything to stretch the pennies.

Beatrice raised many turkeys and would have a turkey dinner for many of their neighbors. Mr. and Mrs. Walt Cilley, the Newbeck family, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Bjornson and Lee Bass were her guests. Also Clyde Finks with whom they would play cards. They would visit on birthdays and holidays. They have all passed away, but Beatrice Dewing and Emma Bjornson. They all lived to see the electricity put in their homes. She can remember wheat has gone from 35 cents a bushel to \$7.00 a bushel.

When Alfred and Jean got married, Mr. and Mrs. McCormis, neighbors, gave them six hens and a rooster for a wedding present.

One fall Mr. Newbeck sold them a pig for ten dollars. They went in the wagon to get it. Mr. Newbeck shot the pig and the men loaded it into the wagon. When they got home, Alfred skinned it.

Beatrice doesn't believe they had as hard a time as some of the families today. The Dewings were considered a family of



Mrs. Dewing, their home flowers and pets.



Beatrice Dewing and her turkeys.

good standing. They had sheep, cattle, and horses.

Alfred died at the age of 75. Mrs. Beatrice Dewing was still living on the farm at age 85 and was hospitalized for the first time in her life a few days last fall. She was laid to rest at McKinney Cemetery on March 23, 1976.



Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fink.

## MR. AND MRS. CLYDE FINK

Clyde Fink was born at Dickens, Iowa, and as a young man heard the call of the West to get a homestead. In the spring of 1901 he filed on a homestead, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  32-160-86.

Clyde married Winifred Kenney whose parents had also come to the area in search of a good piece of land. She had come here from Rochester, Minnesota, with her parents in 1901. She and Clyde were married on October 6, 1905, at Kenmare and returned to Clyde's homestead to make their home. Two children were born to this union, a daughter who died 8 days later, and a son, Leonard, who resides at Tolley, North Dakota.

Clyde Fink was born May 16, 1875 and died May 4, 1961. Mrs. Fink was born at Rochester, Minnesota, on December 10, 1885 and died April 3, 1971.

## LEONARD FINK

Leonard Fink was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Fink on June 17, 1918, who homesteaded in Roosevelt Township, south of Tolley. Leonard attended the rural school near their farm and grew to manhood. He helped his father on the farm until he joined Uncle Sam's Army.

After he returned from service, he worked at various jobs, moved to Tolley and for a time operated the Tolley Cafe. Later he operated the Tolley Grocery Store.

Everything is not always easy. Leonard's store was robbed in early April, 1975, and a considerable sum of money was taken. As yet, the sheriff hasn't found the guilty party or parties.

## WILLIAM AND LOUISE FUCHS

William Fuchs was born in 1859 to Adam and Mary Fuchs at Pickway, Ohio. The family moved to Cold Spring, Minnesota where William grew to manhood and met and married Louise Ergens at St. Augusta, Minnesota, where she was born and raised. William and Louise farmed and William also worked in a brick factory near St. Cloud. Nine children were born while living there. About 1905, they moved to rural Tolley, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  5-160-85 in Roosevelt Township. They made their home with Joe Fuchs, William's brother, a bachelor who farmed about one mile southeast of Tolley. The threshing was done with a big steam rig owned by Henry Ethen and Joe Fuchs. William helped his brother farm for a while until he rented a farm in Hamlet Township. Here three more children were born. Mr. Fuchs farmed for 19 years until his ill health caused his retirement and his sons, John and Lawrence, took over the farming operations. William passed away in 1936. At one time, Mrs. Fuchs and girls operated the Tolley Hotel. There were members of Sts. Peter and Paul's Church. Louise moved to Tolley in 1938, where she continued to live until her death in 1965.

William and Louise's children are as follows: Mary (Mrs. Joseph Ethen) lives on a farm southeast of Tolley. She has lived here for over 50 years and has reared twelve children.

Arnold Fuchs lived in the Tolley vicinity for a few years before going to Maryland. He married Barbara Flick there and



William and Louise Fuchs



Family of William and Louise Fuchs. Taken about 1914.



operated a chicken and tobacco farm until 1951 when he returned to Tolley and once again farmed until his death in 1965. He had five children who all reside in Maryland.

Ida (Mrs. Dallas Ming) now lives in Billings, Montana. She has six children and celebrated her 50th Wedding Anniversary in 1974.

Mathilda (Mrs. Joe Schulte) lives in Bemidji, Minnesota. They are retired farmers and celebrated their Golden Anniversary in 1975. They have no children.

Frances (Mrs. William Lowe) lived in different towns in North Dakota where her husband worked as a printer on newspapers. He at one time printed the *Tolley Journal*. They had two children. Frances passed away in 1973.

Irene (Mrs. Martin Evanson) lives in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and is retired.

Rosalia (Mrs. Byron Krantz) lived in Kenmare and had two children. She now lives with her daughter near Minot.

Lawrence Fuchs farmed until 1932 when he went to Shelby, Montana. He was a driller for different oil companies and owned three drilling machines. He served in the Armed Forces and spent time in New Guinea and Australia. He passed away in 1955.

Alma Fuchs, at age eight, fell into a tub of boiling water and passed away in 1913. She was the first one buried in Sts. Peter and Paul's Cemetery at Tolley.

John Fuchs married Ella Davidson and they farmed in the Sherwood area for 22 years. He now farms and raises cattle in McKinney Township. They have two daughters.

Elenora (Mrs. John Heffer) farmed in the Sherwood and Rolla area. They are now retired and live in Bellevue, Washington. They have seven children.

Amelia (Mrs. Ben McPhie) lives in Las Vegas, Nevada. She has two daughters.

## CARL GOETCH, SR.

Carl Goetch, Sr., was one of a group brought to North Dakota in 1915 through a land promotion company sponsored by A. M. Fruh of Tolley, North Dakota. Dad first intended to buy land south of Lansford, but the strong feeling of resentment toward the German Americans, due to World War I made him decide against it. He became interested in land south and west of Tolley and finally bought the L. B. Shores' half section in Roosevelt Township (Section 19-160-86).

Dad had rented the land on shares as he had furnished seed for the 1916 crop, his share being one-half of the crop produced. When the family arrived that fall from Bellingham, Minnesota, with all their possessions, they found only a small amount of wheat and oats, not enough for the next year's planting. My folks were told by the Gillman brothers who lived on the F. P. Frank farm that the crop had been fair but many shocks of wheat and oats had been hauled off the land before threshing. Needless to say, this was a great disappointment. Mother too was discouraged as she had lived in a large house and now moved into a three-room claim shanty. We lived there three years. In 1919 Jim Barrick passed away and his wife offered to rent the farm to us. Later we bought it and we lived on it until 1944 when they moved back to Big Stone, Minnesota.

My parents were great community workers and helped others whenever needed in illness or otherwise. Their hobby was gardening — trying many new varieties of vegetables and growing many varieties of fruit trees in their orchard.



1940 — Back row: Esther (Beltz), Carl H., Henry, Caroline Brackelsberg). Front row: Mother, Erna (Knapp), and Father (Carl E. Goetsch).

Dad owned and operated a threshing machine and every fall threshed for many of the neighbors; this meant Mother was cooking for her own family and ten or more extra men.

There were six children in the family: Henry of Brainerd, Minnesota; Frederick, deceased; Carl, Jr., of Kenmare, North Dakota; Ester, Mrs. Willia Beltz, Rainier, Oregon; Caroline, Mrs. Roy Brackelsberg, Mohall, North Dakota; Erna, Mrs. Theron Knapp of Fremont, California.

## HALLER TWINS

The Haller twins were born in 1850 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Their parents took a homestead in Rockville, Minnesota, about 1861. They were forced off the homestead for a short time during the Sioux uprising in 1862.

Married at a double wedding in 1868 were Magdalena to John Zeltinger, a German immigrant, and Mary to Casper Sheeler. Six children were born to John and Magdalena Zeltinger. The names of the children were Ignatius, Magdalena, Mary, Adam, John, and Kathryn.

In 1882 John Zeltinger died in a harvesting accident and a short time later daughter, Magdalena, and son, Adam, died of diphtheria.

In 1888 Magdalena married Xavier Dahinden, a Swiss immigrant and widower with three children — Anna, Frank, and Joe. To this union another daughter, Lena, was born.

Ignatius married Kathie Ethen — 10 children.  
Mary married Nicklos Kirsch — 5 children.  
John married Anna Dahinden — 7 children.  
Kathryn married Jim Jensen — 6 children.  
Anna married John Zeltinger — 7 children.  
Frank married Margaret Weber — 3 children.  
Joe married Lily Mattson — no family.  
Lena married Arthur Marum — 3 children.

## ZELPHA AND AXEL HEDBERG

Zelpha Ruth (Clark) Hedberg was born November 14, 1898, in Van Buren County, Paw Paw, Michigan, the daughter of John Daniel Clark and Anna "Maud" (Everest) Clark. She came with her parents when they homesteaded in North Dakota in 1901. She attended the rural Copeland School through the eighth grade and then attended high school at Glenburn, North Dakota.

She married Axel Edwin Hedberg on January 23, 1918, at Mohall. Mr. Hedberg was born in Stockholm, Wisconsin, on

April 8, 1891, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erick Hedberg. He came to North Dakota in 1912 and homesteaded on land near Parshall, North Dakota. Later he bought a farm in Ivanhoe Township in 1919. At this time his grandson, Barry Hedberg, is living on this farm. In 1943 they bought a farm at Braham, Minnesota. For one year they farmed it, then moved into Braham and rented the land. In June, 1947, they moved back to North Dakota and returned to their farm in Roosevelt Township, rural Tolley, where they now reside. They had four children: Velma (Mrs. Maurice Borman) and Leroy Daniel Hedberg, both living in Carpio, North Dakota; Clarice Ione (Mrs. Harold Yale), Mohall, North Dakota; and Basil Frank Hedberg, deceased.

## FRANK W. JOHNSON

Mr. Johnson had been ill only a week and everyone thought he would soon be around again, but all that medical aid could do was of no avail.

In the passing away of Mr. Johnson, Frank as he was familiarly known, the village of Tolley and the county lost one of its pioneers, and one who had the good will and friendship of those who knew him. He was a good businessman and was highly respected by all his business associates. His was a kind and good-natured disposition and he always had a cheerful word for all. It is hard to think of a man in the prime of life, as he was, being taken from his wife and child.

Frank W. Johnson was born in Wisconsin in 1880 and at the time of his death was 38 years and 7 months old. When he was a young lad he moved with his parents to Spencer, Iowa. In 1901 he came to North Dakota and settled on a homestead south of this city. He resided there until 1909 when he accepted a position with the Woodworth Elevator Company, taking charge of their elevator here, which position he was still holding. He was considered by the company to be one of the best men in their service.

On July 6, 1916, he was united in marriage to Ethyle Ruth Kerr at Big Falls, Minnesota. To this union a daughter was born, Grayce Winifred. Frank was a home-loving man, devoted to his family, spending all his leisure time in his home.

## JOHN AND MABEL JOHNSON

John Ogar Johnson homesteaded on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, 159 N., Range 86 West, on May 3, 1902. John was born July 21, 1882, in Spencer, Iowa, and came from there to North Dakota on May 3, 1902. He sold the land to his brother, Myron, in 1904. During the years he carried the mail on a route out of Donnybrook, managed grain elevators at Tolley and Balfour and farmed. He also did carpentry work. He married Grace Barber who died, as did the two young children, from tuberculosis. Later he married Mabel Ogaard who was a teacher near Tolley (Zeltinger School) and her parents were homesteaders in Ward County (southwest of Tolley). They lived in Tolley about the time of World War I. Later he and his family moved to Pasadena, California, where he worked as a carpenter. He died in 1956 and is buried in California.

Two sons, Robert and John and three daughters, Margareth, Betty, and Eloise, and several grandchildren live in the area.

Two cousins of Myron and John, Martin and Frank, also homesteaded south of Tolley. Martin went to Montana and later to St. Cloud, Minnesota. Frank died in Tolley in 1918, of Spanish influenza.

John and Clara Jacobsen (sister of Ida Johnson) came from Sargeant, Minnesota, and homesteaded on the quarter sec-

tion just south of Myron Johnson and across the road from Soren Iverson. They sold and moved to Saskatchewan, Canada, where they homesteaded and lived for ten years before moving to Medicine Hat, Alberta. They both died there. Most of the children and grandchildren now live in and around Calgary, Alberta, where they have all been ranchers and skilled rodeo participants.

The oldest son, Joe, became a pilot and went to Kansas City in 1929. He participated in many of the National Air Races in the United States. He was a colonel in the U.S. Air Corps in World War II. He had a flying school at Kansas City for many years and served as a test pilot for the B-29 Super Fortress. In 1935 he visited his aunt, Mrs. Myron Johnson, and family. He and a fellow pilot were barnstorming and performing acrobatic exhibitions in a tiny monoplane going from fair grounds in the United States and Canada. Later he owned the Chilcotin Airways at Williams Lake in British Columbia. He flew hunters into the wilds of Canada. In the fall of 1971 he suffered a heart attack while hunting in the mountains of Alaska. He died a short while later at his home in Long Beach, California, where he had another flying school. He had two daughters: Colleen at Edmonton, Alberta; and Susanne in California. He also had one son, Mark, who lives and flies out of Anchorage, Alaska.

## MYRON P. JOHNSON

Myron P. Johnson, born July 20, 1873, at Spencer, Iowa, homesteaded on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5, Township 159, Range 86, of Ivanhoe Township. He married Ida C. Gjerness on September 6, 1909. She died August 20, 1937, and is buried at Donnybrook. Her parents were immigrants from Copenhagen, Denmark.

Myron Johnson was a delegate to the Republican National Convention at Chicago, Illinois, on June 7, 1916. He participated in organizing and served as president on the Board of Directors and Executive Board in the National Union of American Society of Equity. He was also state president of the organization in North Dakota during the first 20 years of the 1900s. This organization was a forerunner of the farmers' organization of today. He strongly believed that farmers should control and market their own products directly to the consumers. He was active in organizing farmers to get loans and help from the Federal Government during the drought years and had been very active the summer of his death.

He was elected and served two years as a member of the Railway Commissioners in 1918 and 1919. On September 12, 1918, he registered for the draft. He asked no deferment; however, the war ended before he was required to serve.

In the early days of the farmers line telephone, he repaired lines in the area as the lineman had to come from Kenmare.



1917 Overland — Mrs. Myron Johnson, Marion, Francis, Mae.



First birthday — Catherine Donnelly, Bullis, Mae Johnson, Gray, Marian McGrath, Gladys Gtsael, Hazel DeVore, Bessie Tarr, Effie Radue, Ruth Johnson, Gladys Donnelly, Shirley Harrold.

There was a switch in his home to connect two party lines when someone wanted to talk to a party on the other line.

The night before the bank closed in Tolley, he returned late from the cities where he had sold a carload of stock. Not wanting to make the trip to town the next day, he went to the bank to deposit the checks. The bank examiners were there but his money was accepted though it was after banking hours. The bank did not open the next day. He had a continuing quarrel with the bank when it wanted him to pay a loan he owed them but would give him no credit for his deposits which more than covered the loan. It seriously damaged his credit rating.

When the road on the west side of the farm was to be graded, the surveyors said they would be taking out the row of cottonwoods to make the ditch wider. He hunted and finally found an old state law that said the road was to curve out for a tree. The road superintendent wasn't very cooperative and although he could not remove the trees, he cut the roots severely with the grading machine. My father thought they would die, but he took several loads of straw and manure to cover the exposed roots. The road is no longer there, but I believe the trees are. He loved his trees and hated to see the groves around the farms die during the drought.

Another fall when the drought and grasshoppers had been so bad that there were no potatoes and vegetables, he went to a mine near Donnybrook and loaded his old International truck with lignite coal. He took it somewhere in the Devils Lake area and sold the coal and there dealt with a farmer who had potatoes but the price was so low he hadn't planned to dig them. He bought bags of cabbages, carrots, and onions for us and the Guy Triplett family.

He married Ida C. Gjerness of Sargeant, Minnesota. Her parents were immigrants from Norway. She was born in the log cabin on their farm on December 27, 1884. She was a nurse and made her home at Grano with the Scofield's. Mr. Scofield was a sheriff. Her sister, Mrs. Jacobsen, lived on the farm just south of the Johnson farm. She left North Dakota and went to Seattle, Washington, in 1938. She died that

summer and is buried there. She made her home in her later years with Neoma McKenzie. A sister, Louise Bridwell, lived in Grano.

For a time the family lived in Tolley and my mother had an Overland which she learned to drive. She and her friends enjoyed many outings independently. They enjoyed picking juneberries and chokecherries in the coulees near the river.

Four daughters survive. A son, Myron, Jr., was killed in a farm accident in 1934.

Mae, born January 28, 1911, married Harold Vansickel of Ellendale, North Dakota, in 1938. She taught in North Dakota for nine years before moving to Maryland, then taught 21 years in that state before retiring in July, 1972. Her husband has since retired as an educational specialist at the Aberdeen Proving Ground and from the Navy Officers Reserves. They have three children. Carol Miller, a nurse in Richmond, California, is married to a research chemist at Albany. They have two children, Amanda and Nathan. Joan Clemens, a teacher on Long Island is married to David Clemens, head of the reference department at the Huntington, New York, Library. Myron, a cytotechnologist at John Hopkins University Hospital in Baltimore where he works on a research team studying early detection of lung cancer.

Frances, widowed in 1972, born June 19, 1913, in Ivanhoe Township, married Lloyd Christopherson and lives on a farm near Elk Mound, Wisconsin. She has one daughter, Sally Zimmerman, who has one son, Todd. She also has a stepson, Allen, who lives on the farm.

Marian, born December 25, 1915, at Tolley, married John E. Smith of Seattle, where they live. She retired as a flexi-writer for the U.S. Government several years ago. She has one son, John Myron, a graduate of American University in Mexico City and now lives in California.

Neoma, born November 24, 1920, in Ivanhoe Township, is married to Frank McKenzie and lives in a retirement park at Prairie Ridge, Sumner, Washington, since they have retired from U.S. Government jobs. They have no children.



## JOHN KEITH FAMILY

John Keith was born on May 29, 1903, in Bedford, Taylor County, Iowa, to Frank and Grace Keith. He attended public school in Taylor County and Brandon Township. In 1913, when he was nine years old, his parents came to Mohall. They lived on the McCormick place and also in Mohall.

Mrs. Keith was born in Sauke Prairie Township, Ward County, on November 16, 1906, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Ladd. She attended public school in Sauke Prairie Township, Ward County, where she graduated from the eighth grade.

John Keith and Grace Ladd were married in the Mohall Methodist Parsonage April 18, 1928. Four children were born to this family: Geraldine, Robert, Joyce, and Melvin.

They lived their first year on the Sleeper farm. That fall they moved to the Roy Ladd farm 4½ miles southwest of Tolley where they continued to live, while they were on the farm, for 46 years. They bought this farm and three more quarters later on. They have spent the last seven winters in Mesa, Arizona. In 1974, they moved into Kenmare.

Geraldine graduated from Kenmare High School and attended Minot State College. She also taught school. She married Donald Peterson. They farm near Tolley in Renville County and have three children: Kathy, David and Connie.

Robert attended grade school in Sauke Prairie Township and graduated from grade school there. He graduated from Kenmare High School, enlisted in the Navy on February 6, 1951, and served for four years. He graduated from Minot State College and also attended school at the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks. He was a speech therapist in a public school for years and is now working at the Mayo Clinic as a speech therapist. He married Lorraine Hall from Washburn. Lorraine attended Minot State College and taught school. She took nurses training at Rochester State Junior College and graduated as an RN June 11, 1970; she works as a nurse now. They have three children: Nancy, Bradley, and Diane.

Joyce attended grade school in Sauke Prairie Township, also. She graduated from Kenmare High School and worked in Great Falls, Montana. She married Ric Flippen from Great Falls. They had one child, Keith. She later married Jerry Schipull from LaVern, Iowa, who was in the Air Force as a career man. He served 22 years and is now retired and lives in Austin, Texas. They have two children, Brenda and Darcie. Joyce works for the I.R.S. and her husband has an unemployment service in Austin, Texas.

Melvin attended grade school at Sauke Prairie country school and Kenmare grade school. He attended Tolley High School. He joined the U.S. Navy on Marcy 9, 1956, for four years. He married the former Nancy Trimbrel from West Virginia on April 18, 1959. They farmed for a few years in North Dakota, living on the Roy Ladd farm for three years. They later moved to Minot to work. They now live in Kansas City, Kansas, where Melvin works for General Motors. Nancy works on a Civil Service job. They have two children, Carolyn Jean and Timmey.

## MR. AND MRS. RICHARD KENNEDY

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Kennedy came from Rochester, Minnesota, to the Renville County area to homestead in 1901 in Roosevelt Township.

Eight children were born to them, four are deceased: Charles, Luella, Dominick and Winifred (Mrs. Clyde Fink). The living are: Carlotta; Ester, (Mrs. Snider) of Malta, Montana; Mary

(Mrs. Lewis) at Fairview, Montana, and Salome (Mrs. Rasmussen), at Culbertson, Montana.

The Kennedys improved their homestead and raised their family. Their children attended the nearby country school. Mrs. Kennedy died in 1921. Mr. Kennedy continued to live there until his death in 1931.

## JOHN AND AMANDA LUNDGREN

John Lundgren was born March 5, 1873, in Hollands Lane, Stanard Sekoe, Warberg, Sweden. He came to the United States at the age of eighteen, paying for his passage over by shoveling coal on the ship.

Some of his first employment after arriving in this country, was in the stone quarries in Connecticut and other eastern states, moving on westward, he worked in the logging camps and woods in Wisconsin and on farms in Minnesota. In the middle 1890s, he arrived in North Dakota and worked on railroad construction around Churchs Ferry, Lisbon and Devils Lake. In 1898, he came as far as the Tolley area to look the land over, but returned to eastern North Dakota and worked around Fessenden, Dazey and Valley City. Upon returning here in 1901, he homesteaded on the SW¼ of Section 23 in Roosevelt Township, which was at that time Imperial Ward County. He had bought a team of horses, a wagon, breaking plow and other implements and tools and drove up here from Devils Lake.

On July 17, 1901, he married Amanda Brox. She was born October 20, 1880, at Baldwin, Wisconsin, of Norwegian ancestry, her parents being Jacob and Ellena Brox. When she was three years old, her parents moved to Dazey, North Dakota, and established a farm. She lived there until her marriage, when she came with her husband to live on his homestead. Much work was done that first summer, twenty acres of sod was broken, which was seeded to flax the next spring.

That fall they built a 16 x 20 foot sod house. Its walls were about two-and-one-half feet thick, plastered on the inside, whitewashed, and furnished with the usual furnishings used by the early settlers.

They lived in the sod house for over five years where their two oldest children were born. Their six other children were born in the house that was built in 1906 and is still in use on the farm. In the winter of 1911, accompanied by his sister of New York City, he went to Sweden to visit his mother and sisters for three months. His sister wanted to return on the new ship, the great Titanic, which was making her maiden voyage to this country, and but for the necessity of John's having to be home at an earlier date, they would have been on the Titanic when it sank on April 15, 1912, after it hit an iceberg in the Atlantic. Needless to say, they felt very lucky to have returned on another ship.

Over the years, three more quarters of land were acquired from other homesteaders who had decided to move on. This land consists of NW¼ of Section 23, NW¼ of Section 26 and SE¼ of Section 22, Roosevelt Township.

The farming methods changed from the walking plow to gang-plows and the larger drills, and from the reaper to binders and headers to harvest the grain. These were horse drawn and John was well known for the fine horses he raised.

In 1916, he bought his first tractor, an International Mogul. It pulled a six bottom 14-inch plow and twenty to twenty-five acres was considered a big day's plowing at that time. In 1917, he purchased an Avery separator and did much threshing for neighbors as well as his own. Also in 1917, their

first car, an Oldsmobile 8-passenger touring, was purchased. In the 1920s, crops were good and more improvements and buildings were added to the place, but 1929 saw the beginning of the great depression.

The prolonged drought of the dirty '30s came with its miserable dust storms, grasshoppers, armyworms and rust, bringing poor crops and no crops at all to harvest in 1931 and 1934 and in 1936, the rust ruined it.

Those were hard years, but theirs was a life of the pioneering spirit as they endured all the hardships that came, always with the hope that was realized to make a home for themselves and their children on these North Dakota prairies.

John farmed until his death on April 26, 1942.

After his father's death, Charlie operated the farm, and Mrs. Lundgren continued to live on the farm, except for a few winters spent in Mohall, until her death on July 7, 1962. Mr. and Mrs. Lundgren are buried in McKinney Cemetery.

All of their children attended the Cilley School, located one-half mile south of their home and most of them have remained in the community. Here is a brief history of their children and grandchildren.

Lillian Lundgren married Frank Zeltinger of Tolley and dwells on a farm 11 miles east of Kenmare. They are active in church and community affairs, are members of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church of Tolley. Their children all graduated from Tolley High School. Their children are:

Darlene (Mrs. Luverne Caroline) who lives in Kenmare. Her husband farms. Their children are: Ronald, Linda, Shelly and Kimberly.

Lloyd farms and lives at home.

Frank, Jr., is married to Evelyn Larson of Greene and lives in Kenmare, where they farm. Their children are: Joel, Angela, Sharon, Evan and Carmen.

Delbert married Eunice Blake of Kenmare and lives in Kenmare. They are farmers. Their children are: Nancy, Patrick, Lanny, Marcy, Joan and Jason.

Shirley married Bobby Triplett of Donnybrook and lived on a farm in Ivanhoe Township until the death of her husband on July 13, 1971. She now lives in Kenmare. Their children are: Carol, Kathy, Charlotte, Patricia and Ross.

Charles married Bonnie Boettcher of Souris and they live in Fargo. He is an architectural engineer. He graduated from NDSU and served two years in the military. Their children are: Jeff, Laurel, Cheryl, and Bradley.

Agnes Lundgren married Lyall Alexander of Tolley and they farmed in Ivanhoe Township for many years before moving to Tolley, where Agnes still lives. Lyall passed away June 11, 1953. Their children are Lyle and Dale.

Lyle married Carolyn Jensen of Norma. They farm and make their home on the former Butt Memorial Ranch which they bought a few years ago. Their children are: Jon, Kim and Thomas.

Dale married Sandra Wenker of Tolley. He served two years in Germany with the army. He worked for Oberg Implement in Tolley for many years and moved to Tacoma, Washington, in 1967 where he is employed as a diesel engineer. The children are: Drasan, Ron, Lon, and Cheryl.

John I. Lundgren went to Montana at an early age and was last heard from as being a member of the Armed Forces in World War II.

Charlie N. Lundgren married Deloris Monger of Rugby and farms the home place. They make their home in Minot.

Their children are: Bradley, Charles, and Brenda. They attend school in Minot.

Elias Lundgren lives in Tolley at the present time and farms.

Bernice Lundgren married Knut Hellebust of Tolley and he worked for Great Plains Lumber in Mohall and later moved to Donnybrook where he operated a gas station. They now live in Tolley and their children are Norma and Sonja.

Norma graduated from Donnybrook High School, lives in Waco, Texas and is a dental technician.

Sonja lives at home and attends Tolley High School.

Elmond R. Lundgren married Estelle Wright of Mohall and lives in Mohall. He was in the army for over three years in World War II and served overseas in the European Theatre. He farms and also operated the Mohall Ready Mix for many years. Children are Shelby and Sharon, both graduates of Mohall High School. They are members of Lutheran Church of Mohall.

Shelby is married to Gene Hutton and is a beautician. They live in Tolley where her husband is employed by Tolley Grain Growers Elevator. Their children are Christine and Craig.

Sharon married George Robert, lives in Mohall and their children are Scott and Shane.

Jane Lundgren married Clifford M. Arneson of Tolley and dwells on a farm by Tolley. Her husband farms and has an insurance agency. They are members of Evangelical Lutheran Church of Tolley. Their children are Gail and Clifford R. (Randy), both graduates of Tolley High School.

Gail married Carl VanHove of Mohall and lives on a ranch at Rhame, North Dakota. Their children are Naomi, Teresa and Edmund.

Clifford R. attended North Dakota State University at Fargo, he graduated in 1974 with a degree in electrical engineering and at present plans to farm.

## AUGUST MAU

August Mau came from Germany in 1904 and farmed near Milbank, South Dakota. He moved to farm south of Tolley in March of 1917. His first wife, Anne, passed away in 1919 and he remarried in 1921 to Anna Schmidpatt. They had 13 children:

Hertha married Christ Peterson in 1922. She now lives in the Baptist Home in Kenmare.

Minnie died in infancy.

Walter married Charlotte Douglas in 1934 and they live in Westhope, North Dakota.

Ernest married Florence Siebenaler. Ernest passed away in 1961 and Florence lives in Great Falls, Montana.



Mr. and Mrs. August Mau and family.



August and Anna Mau and Frederick.

Sylvia married Erwin Buegler in 1931. They live in Delavan, Minnesota.

Frissa married Lester Searles in 1934. They live in Mohall, North Dakota.

Arthur married Elvira Dvorak in 1936. They live in Kenmare, North Dakota.

Ervin died in infancy.

Elton married Ruth Swanson in 1938. They live in San Gabriel, California.

Ruben married Doris Range in 1941. They live at Mankato, Minnesota.

Martin married Marjorie Schwant in 1945. They live in Elmira, Oregon.

Fred married Evelyn See in 1946. They live at Mohall, North Dakota.

The children went to the Zeltinger School. School teachers were Louise Zeltinger, Lena Zeltinger, Bernadine Kerhel, Hozel Stanley, Mary Zeltinger, and Florence Zeltinger.

Their first tractor was a 1924 Case. Their first car was a 1914 Model "T" Ford purchased in 1920.

The first church was the Swedish Lutheran Church in Tolley. This church was rented until their own could be built in 1927. Their first minister was Rev. Fisher.

The family lived in the homestead house until 1927, when it burned. A new home was built and they moved in 1928.

August Mau died January 9, 1959. Anna Mau died February 23, 1964.

## JAMES McCULLOCH

James McCulloch homesteaded SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12-160-87, which bordered the Robert Porter homestead on the north. He was not married and became a very close friend of the Porters. Later these two friends formed a partnership and worked together. The McCulloch place had the best building spot, so they erected a two-room house there, in which they lived. The railroad had come to Kenmare in 1893 and this was their nearest town, only 18 miles to the west. Now lumber and supplies could be hauled from there.

James was a witty, clever person who was always the life of

a party. He wrote poetry and drew cartoons to amuse old and young alike. He was a great favorite with his nieces and nephews. Later Jim taught the local school.

In August, 1896, his best friend and partner died and the Porter family went back to their own homestead. In 1898, his brother, William, came to the valley and filed on SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11-160-86. In July, 1898, Mrs. Porter and William were married and they moved back to James' farm and a few years later bought it. James then moved to Maple Creek, Saskatchewan.

Lament of the Upper Mouse

Written for the Optic by Jim McCulloch.

*I come from haunts of goat and hern,  
I make a sudden sally,  
I sparkle out among the fern  
To bicker down the valley.*

*By forty hills I hurry down  
Or slip between the ridges,  
I slide across the Boundary line  
And strike not many bridges.*

*Till last by Pleasant Point I flow  
Arent the powers of darkness  
The man a'running this'ere joint  
They call him Jemmie Harkness.*

*Then out again I curve and flow  
Way down among the Johnsons  
They're settled all along my banks  
A'sandwiched in with Swensons.*

*There's Ole P. and Peter P.  
And Hannah Young and Bonnie  
And Peter without any P.  
And Tuscaloosa Johnny.*

*A wee ways further down my bank  
As I along meander  
I strike another man of note -  
Ay tank his name's Olander.*

*And out again I turn and flow  
With curves my banks a'trettin'  
And reach old Tuffy's "odder ranch"  
Where Sevold does his bettin'.*

*And still there's several Johnsons yet,  
There's Jack and John and Johnny,  
And then way down at Burlington  
There's Jim the great attorney.*

## MRS. MARGARET McCULLOCH

Mrs. Margaret McCulloch was born in Victoria County, Ontario, Canada, on January 14, 1870. She was the daughter of James and Margaret Harkness. Her father was Scotch and her mother, whose maiden name was Finley, was of Irish descent. She had five brothers and two sisters older than her and one sister younger.

When Margaret was a small baby, her parents decided to go west. They loaded their possessions into two Red River carts pulled by one ox and one Indian pony and started west. They traveled almost six hundred miles, reaching their destination November 16, 1870. They squatted on land near Prairie La Prairie, Manitoba, and built some log buildings to shelter the family for the winter. Most of the family had to walk all the way as the carts were loaded with supplies. There were a lot of hostile Indians around as this was the time of the Minnesota Massacre.





Mrs. Margaret McCulloch and grandsons.



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Porter. Son, Robert, sitting on his father's lap, Ethel and Edith. Ethel died in the fall of 1898. Father, Robert, died in 1899.

Margaret grew up here and got the equivalent of an eighth grade education but never went to high school. She went to school in a one-room school that had tables around the walls and benches to sit on. Indians, halfbreeds and white children went to the same school.

In 1885, her father decided to move farther west and came to the Mouse River and squatted on land in Stafford as the country was not yet open to homestead. In the fall, he went back to Portage La Prairie and brought his wife, two sons and two daughters as far as Elmore, Saskatchewan, where they lived until 1886, when they moved to their land in Dakota. Margaret lived here with her parents until her marriage. It was on August 8, 1889, that she married Robert Porter at Deloraine, Manitoba. After the wedding, they returned to the Harkness home where a reception was held for them that evening. The next day they went to the Winlaw District in Saskatchewan where Robert had his homestead. They had a small two-room cottage. They resided here five years and proved up on their land. Three girls came to bless their home while living here. Ethel was born June 28, 1890; Edith on September 28, 1891; and Roberta on May 19, 1894.

In the fall of 1894, Robert decided to move to the Mouse River Valley. Margaret had always like it there, Robert could file on a homestead and thus secure more land. He filed on the S $\frac{1}{2}$  W $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12 in Roosevelt Township 160, Range 87. He built a small house on this and moved his family in. The Porters at this time had quite a herd of sheep and a few cattle. They did not raise much grain.

James McCulloch had a homestead joining the Porters on the south. This was the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 12. He was not married and he and Robert formed a partnership and worked together. The McCulloch place had the best building spot so they erected a two-room house there in which to live. The railroad had come into Kenmare in 1893 and was Porter's nearest town, being only 18 miles west of their home.

There were more settlers coming in the valley at this time, so they began having picnics in the summer and parties in the winter for entertainment.

In the latter part of August, 1896, Robert became ill. There was no doctor in Kenmare so Jim McCulloch drove a team of horses 48 miles to Minot for a doctor. He got a doctor by the name of Crocket. He diagnosed the case as inflammation of the bowels, left some medicine and instructions as to the care of Robert and returned to Minot. In a few days, Robert became worse and Jim again made the trip to Minot for the doctor. However, the doctor said there was nothing he could do, consequently there was no use for him to make another trip. Robert was dying when Jim arrived home. This was September 2, 1896. There was no undertaking parlor in Kenmare so Jim was obliged to make a trip to Minot for a casket. Robert was laid to rest in the McKinney Cemetery.

After Robert's passing, Margaret and her girls moved back into the house on their own homestead.

In 1898, William McCulloch, a brother of Jim's, came to the valley and filed on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 11 which cornered the Porter land. On July 26, 1898, Mrs. Porter and William McCulloch were married. They resided once more on the Jim McCulloch farm and later bought it. It was in May, 1899, Margaret's daughter, Ethel Porter, became ill and passed away.

In the summer and fall of 1901, people looking for land on which to file began arriving in what is now Renville County. Many of them stopped at the McCulloch farm for meals and were always made welcome no matter how busy the family was. In the spring of 1902, the settlers began to arrive to make their homes. Much of the grazing land was taken up by these settlers and the ranchers were obliged to sell part of their livestock and begin general farming.

There were many big storms in those days that were well remembered by the people. On June 5, 1901, there was a heavy snowstorm. There was snow for the people to go sleigh riding. In March of 1902, there was a three-day blizzard which was really a bad one. It started in the morning of the 14th and it was almost impossible to get out of doors. Mrs. McCulloch was at the home of her parents at this time and the blizzard was well remembered by her. Her mother, Mrs. James Harkness, was very ill and no one could go for a doctor. She had a stroke and passed away on the 17th, the day the storm ended. There was also a big storm on September 12, 1903. It was estimated about three feet of snow fell on the level. It broke many branches from the trees. Flax had not been cut and was so badly lodged it had to be cut all one way.

In the spring of 1904, the Mouse River flooded its banks. The McCulloch buildings were located on higher ground than some of their neighbors so they did not suffer as much as some. The river started to rise Wednesday, April 14th. Many of the settlers moved out of the valley at this time but this rise did not affect the McCulloch family very much. The river went down some in the next two days and it was thought all danger was past. On Sunday night, an ice jam broke in the bend of the river at Oxbow, Saskatchewan, causing the river to rise at a rapid rate. The McCullochs awoke at three o'clock Monday morning to find 18 inches

of water on the floor of their house. William had rheumatism badly at this time. His brother, Jim, was staying with them and he put William in a wagon and took him to the Robert Alexander home on the prairie. Mr. Alexander came back with him to help take care of things there. They had to get a boat to get around with and kept it tied to the outside door. As they had to use wood to cook with, Margaret had no fuel to cook with so broke up a rocking chair to cook their breakfast. The chickens took refuge on a manure pile, but mink slaughtered them before the flood subsided. They drove the cattle and horses to the hills. They were more fortunate than some of their neighbors, as many of them had to force their stock to swim to the hills, but the water was not so deep at their place. Mrs. McCulloch and children joined Mr. McCulloch at the Alexanders and stayed there a week. They then moved into a vacant shanty where they lived for a month. By this time the water had subsided so that they could return home.

In 1910, the McCullochs built a large house containing eleven rooms and a hall. They had a full basement, cistern and furnace. They moved the old house back. One room of it was used as a wash house and the other as a granary.

Mr. and Mrs. McCulloch were the parents of six children. They were: Mary, George, Harry, Olive, Hazel and Mabel. The family all married and have homes of their own. The girls all finished high school. Olive taught school several years and then became a lab. technician, graduating from Trinity Hospital in Minot. Mabel is a registered nurse. Hazel taught school several years before she married. George and Harry both attended Agricultural College at Fargo. They both became farmers.

On September 26, 1928, Mr. McCulloch passed away after a lingering illness. Mrs. McCulloch and her family continued to run the farm until 1935. Mrs. McCulloch hated to leave her home of many years but that was when the government was buying up the valley to create Lake Darling and she was forced to sell. She wanted to move her house into Greene, a short distance, but was not allowed to do so. She had to watch the CCC boys tear it down and burn it. She bought a house in Greene to be near her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Cameron, who had a store there.

In the fall of 1944, the Camerons sold their store in Greene and bought a grocery store in Lansford, North Dakota. Mrs. McCulloch bought a home in Lansford and lived there until she moved into the Lutheran Home in Minot. She passed away December 20, 1951, and was laid to rest in the McKinney Cemetery.

As of 1975, the family is as follows:

Edith and husband, Victor Cameron, live in Minot, North Dakota. Their children are: Lilah, Mrs. John Ramsey of Battle Creek, Michigan; Roberta, Mrs. Edgar Sandeen, of Lansford, North Dakota and Verla Jean Cameron at home.

Robert, Mrs. John L. Johnson, and husband are both deceased. Their children are: Harvey Johnson, Osakis, Minnesota; Joyce, Mrs. Don Schmidt, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Keith Johnson, Winfield, Kansas; and Harland Johnson, deceased.

Mary, Mrs. Rex Nichols, lives in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Her husband is deceased. Their children are: Denver Nichols, Wolf Point, Montana; Donell Nichols, Frazer, Montana; Arden Nichols, Frazer, Montana; and Mary Lou.

George McCulloch and his wife, the former Pearl Person, live at Berthold, North Dakota. Their children are: James, Mandan, North Dakota; Robert, Burlington, Colorado; William, Fresno, California; and Pearl, Mrs. Curtis Van Beek, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Harry McCulloch is deceased. His wife, the former Florence Townsend, lives in Minot.

Olive, Mrs. Roy Ulm, lives in Homedale, Idaho. Her husband is deceased.

Hazel, Mrs. Oscar Aalund, and her husband live in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Their children are: Richard, who lives in Wisconsin; Roger of Minneapolis, Minnesota; and Virginia, Mrs. Gebhart, of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Mabel, Mrs. Davis Paff, and her husband live in San Diego, California. Their children are William and Janice Paff, twins, of San Diego.

## RICHARD NEUBECK

Richard Neubeck was born on a farm northeast of Tolley on April 11, 1917, to Mr. and Mrs. Tom Neubeck. He attended school in the rural area and was reared at rural Tolley. He farmed the land formerly owned by his parents, about 10 miles southeast of Tolley. On August 17, 1962, he was united in marriage to Alvina Sommers. They continued to live on the farm.

Richard was a member of Sts. Peter and Paul's Church of Tolley, served on the board of directors for the Farmers Elevator at Greene and was a member of the Roosevelt Township Board.

On January 23, 1963, Richard passed away when he became a victim of a severe blizzard and below zero temperatures. He was enroute to his home when his car stalled. He left his car to seek assistance from a nearby neighbor but was not able to walk there under the severe weather conditions. He is buried in Rosehill Cemetery in Minot, North Dakota.

## MYRTLE O'CLAIR

Myrtle O'Clair was born at Oelwein, Iowa, on July 21, 1872 to W. S. Carpentie and Cerephine Carpentie. She was married at Spencer, Iowa, to William O'Clair on September 26, 1896. They lived in Minnesota until coming to North Dakota in October, 1902. They came to Minot by train and overland by horse and wagon to their claim which was south of Tolley, North Dakota, also just one mile from the Cilley School. The children attended this school. The district supplied the textbooks. Our nearest neighbors were the Lundgrens living about one and a half miles away.

We hauled water from the river for our livestock and had a shallow well for household use. Our earliest fuel was cow chips, wood from the river and coal from the mines south of Kenmare, North Dakota.

## CHRIST PETERSON FAMILY

Christ Peterson was born in Brandop Bawke, Denmark, in 1888, to Andres and Maria Peterson, who were of Danish nationality. Christ went to school in Bawke, Denmark. Christ worked at a farm in Denmark until he was 24 years old when he came to America in 1912. He came on the Holyofof ship and it took 12 days to cross when he came the first time. He was right behind the Titanic when it sank. He went back in 1919 and stayed three months. Because of the land he bought in Roosevelt Township, he returned to North Dakota. Christ would work in Minneapolis on an ice route in the winter and in the summer, he came to North Dakota to work as a farm hand. Christ said he could remember when he could buy his meals, all he could eat, for 17¢, in 1918 in Minneapolis. Christ worked at Bartsdall,



Mr. and Mrs. Christ Peterson, Golden Anniversary, 1972.



Jim Peterson in heading barge; Christ Peterson and Ray Hanson standing on the ground.

Wisconsin, during World War I in one of the biggest ammunition plants in the U.S.A. He got \$4.00 a day. For 15¢ he could get a meal of all he could eat.

He married Hattie Mau on August 8, 1922, at Tolley, North Dakota. They lived on E½ of NE¼ 29-160-86. Hattie Mau came to the U.S. in 1904 from Saroncig, Germany to Milbank, South Dakota. They moved to North Dakota in 1917. Her dad, August Mau, was a homesteader. To this union were born six children:

Dorothy Peterson (Paulson) has two children and lives in Seattle, Washington; James Peterson resides on the family farm at Tolley and is not married; Donald Peterson married Geraldine Keith and lives on the former Thomas Brox farm and have 3 children; Cornart Peterson, attorney-at-law at Tioga, North Dakota is not married; Sylvia married James Hillestead and lives at Kenmare, North Dakota and has 3 children; Mary Ann married Donald Hood and they live at Lexington, Kentucky and have two children. Christ and Hattie Peterson have 10 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren.

The first tractor Christ owned was a Waterloo Boy. First car was a Model "T" Ford. Their first truck was a Model "A" Ford 1929.

The children attended the Goetch School. The teachers were Irene and Agnes Zeltinger most of the years. Some of the graded roads were built around 1936 for \$150 and the government paid the rest. The children remember hunting flint heads when they graded the roads. They remember locust plagues that came during the drought, they were so thick that they blocked out the sun at high noon. The family attended the Trinity Lutheran Church at Tolley, North Dakota. First minister was Rev. Fisher. Christ was township supervisor for several years and on the school board for several years.

Christ and Hattie lived on a farm until 1957 when they moved

to Kenmare, North Dakota. They celebrated their 50th Anniversary August 8, 1972. Christ passed away on September 16, 1972. At the present time, Hattie is residing with her sister, Mrs. Lester Searles, in Mohall, North Dakota.

## DONALD PETERSON FAMILY

Donald C. Peterson was born in Roosevelt Township, Renville County, in 1926. He attended school at the Goetch and Cilley School during his grade school days, with Margaret Alexander, Irene and Agnes Zeltinger as some of the teachers during those years. He graduated from Tolley High School in 1944. Donald was drafted after high school, had his physical and was ready to go when peace was declared, so he didn't have to go into the service. He helped his father on the farm until 1948.

Donald Peterson and Geraldine Keith were married in Tolley, North Dakota, June 20, 1948, at Trinity Lutheran Church. They moved on, what is known as the, Thomas Brox farm and still reside there. They purchased this farm from Dora Weber later on.

There were three children born in this family: Kathleen, David, and Connie.

Mrs. Peterson was born in Sauke Prairie Township, Ward County. She attended grade school in Sauke Prairie Township through the 8th grade. She attended high school in Tolley and Kenmare. She graduated from Kenmare High School and attended Minot State Teachers College and taught school at the Baden School near Kenmare.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson have been active in community affairs. Donald has been on the township board for many years and still is.

The family attends and are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church where they have held many offices in regards to their church.

They have been active with school affairs during the years their children were in school, holding offices in the Parent Teachers Association. They both were leaders in the 4-H clubs and for many years in boys' and girls' clubs.

Kathleen attended school all twelve years after the redistricting of the schools in Tolley. There were no more schools in Roosevelt Township. She graduated from Tolley High School and went to Minot State College. She worked at secretarial work in Farmers Union Oil in Mohall and Kenmare State Bank. She married Donald Raap of Tolley in 1970 and they reside in Tolley, North Dakota. Donald worked at Tolley Elevator and is now farming near Tolley. They have one son, Chad Raap.

Connie attended eleven years of school in Tolley and will be a senior this year.

## HERMAN RAAP

The S½ NW¼ Lots 3-4 of Section 4-160-86 near the town of Tolley has stayed in the Herman Raap family since it was homesteaded by Mathias Ethen.

Herman A. Raap was born in Parkers Prairie, Minnesota, on March 16, 1891. His parents were Claus Raap and Alwina Brockapp Raap. His brother, Carl, homesteaded for him, as he would not be 21 until 1911. At that time he paid Carl with his share of the estate money.

Herman married Mae Dora Pope, daughter of Margaret Welsch Pope and August David Pope, on March 24, 1914, at Kenmare, North Dakota. They had two sons; August, born





August H. Raap and Margaret Rhodes, married October 25, 1936.

on August 12, 1915, and Albert, born on May 2, 1918, in Tolley. Herman Raap died November 11, 1918, because of the flu epidemic.

Mae remarried R. A. Helgeson. They had a daughter, Dorathy, and two sons, Harley and Melvin.

All of the children but Melvin went to Tolley School. In 1934 they moved to the state of Washington.

August married Margaret Rhodes in 1936 and went to Ellensburg, Washington. They had five sons, all married, and eleven grandchildren.

Albert married Edna Wilkinson at Kittitas, Washington. They had three sons and a daughter. Their oldest son drowned at age 11, on August 11, 1958. Al farms in Prosser, Washington.

August and Albert still own the land. Their cousin, Lloyd Raap, has it leased.

## LLOYD AND LEONA (WEISE) RAAP

Lloyd C. Raap is the owner of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section of Roosevelt Township, Range 86, Renville County.

Henry Ethen homesteaded this quarter in 1900. He built the house on this quarter, that is still standing, in 1910. He sold this quarter to Herman Kabe from Blue Earth, Minnesota, in 1915. H. Kabe rented this farm to Theodore H. Weise, a brother-in-law in 1917. T. Weise had homesteaded in Hazen, North Dakota. Herman Kabe sold this place to Carl P. Raap in 1928. Lloyd Raap, son of Carl Raap, farmed this land until Carl's death in 1975. Now Donald Lloyd Raap, son of Lloyd Raap, is farming this land, making this the third generation of the Raaps.

Carl Raap, born in Minnesota, homesteaded in Dogden, North Dakota (now Butte, North Dakota). He traded his homestead for land (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 5) from Joseph Fuchs in 1909. He then bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of 4 from Abbot in 1914. This was formerly owned by Anna Slager and John Slager in 1904.

The Carl Raaps lived on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4 for two years and then moved to Tolley and managed an elevator until retiring. Carl Raap had four sons: one deceased; Lloyd C. Raap of Tolley; Mervyn Raap, Tolley; and Carl Jr., of Tacoma, Washington, manager of Payless Drug Store. Carl Raap died in 1959. His wife, Anna C. Christen Raap, died in 1960.

Lloyd Raap married Leona I. Weise Raap, the daughter of Theodore H. Weise in 1942. They farmed this land until 1975. His son, Donald Raap, now farms this land. Other children of Lloyd Raap are: Mrs. Harvey (Judith) Poppinga and their three children — Shannon, Eric, and Ryan of Donnybrook; Mrs. Gary (Laurel) Livingston of Braham, Minnesota, and their two sons, Jonathon and Jerome; and Charles Raap of Grafton, North Dakota. All are living.

Theodore H. Weise homesteaded in Hazen, North Dakota. He came to Tolley in 1917 and rented and farmed this place with a team of mules and very little equipment. He did draying in Tolley at the same time to make extra money. He and his family moved to Tolley in 1919 and continued draying. They also managed a restaurant in 1924 to 1927, and a cream station from 1929 to 1945. He retired in 1945 and moved to Seattle, Washington. They had eleven children — two died in infancy. Eight are still living — four girls and four boys.

Theodore H. Weise died in 1952. His wife, Mrs. Mathilda Rose Eckhardt Weise, died in 1954.

The Carl Raaps' and Theodore Weises' children graduated from the Tolley High School and seven of their grandchildren have graduated from the same high school.

Donald Raap and his wife, Kathy Peterson Raap, have two sons, Chad Lloyd and Shawn Donald. Donald is the third generation to farm this place. The original house that was built in 1910 on this homestead is still in good livable condition and is occupied by its owner.

## RESCH FAMILY

Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Resch and three teenaged children, Josephine, Joseph, and Clement, arrived by train at Tolley in November, 1913, coming by Soo Line "immigrant" car from a farm near Clayton, Wisconsin. Mr. Resch was originally an immigrant from Saarbrucken, Germany. Mrs. Frances (Hassing) Resch was born at Easton, Minnesota. Bringing a few horses and cattle with them, they settled two miles south of Tolley (NW-7, Roosevelt Township), on the quarter homesteaded by Xavier Dahinden. Farming was done with horses until the early 1920s. Mr. and Mrs. Resch lived on the farm in the house built by the Dahindens until their deaths in 1938 and 1939. By that time they had acquired two additional quarters of land — the N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NW-17 and N $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE-18 (homesteaded by August Franke) and NE-17 (homesteaded by Nicholas Weber).

J. N. (John Nicholas) Resch was among the first farmers in the area to have an automobile, having purchased a new Ford Model "T" touring car in 1917.



Group picture taken on the J. N. Resch farm about 1916. Left to right: Nicholas Kirsch, Joseph Resch, Clem Resch, Harry Frank, Mathias Zeltinger, with Mrs. Frank (Josephine) seated in the car. Harry Frank's Model "T" decorated for July 4th.



**Eighth grade class at Tolley School, 1949. Seated: Margaret Barr, Rita Resch, Donna Mae Atwood. Standing: Robert Swanson, Shirley Zeltinger, Jeanne Kellermann, and Donald Atwood.**

In 1914, Josephine Resch married Harry Frank, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Frank, who had been homesteaders in the area (an L-shaped quarter in Section 7). The Harry Franks lived on farms in Roosevelt, McKinney, and Clay Townships before moving to Mohall. In 1941, the family moved to Port Orchard, Washington, where Mr. Frank was a carpenter. He died there in 1950. Mrs. Josephine Frank was postmistress in Forest City, Washington, for several years, and now resides in Phoenix, Arizona. The Harry Franks' six children live in the states of North Dakota, Washington, Colorado, the District of Columbia, and the Panama Canal Zone. Their daughter Alice (Mrs. Marvin Iverson) was a longtime resident of Clay Township, and now resides in Phoenix.

Joseph Resch married Florence Zeltinger, daughter of John and Anna Zeltinger. They have been engaged in farming south of Tolley (living on N½ NW-17) and have two children, Joann and John. Joseph Resch served for many years on the Roosevelt Township School Board, on the board of directors for the Tolley Cooperative Store, and as treasurer of Roosevelt Township. He also served for several years as a trustee of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church in Tolley. Mrs. Florence Resch and has been active in the Altar Society of the church, serving as its president for several years.

Their daughter, Joann, graduated from Tolley High School and the Gale Institute of Minneapolis, Minnesota, and did clerical work at the Naval Department of the Pentagon in Washington, DC, before her marriage to Charles Cruse. They have two children and live in New Albany, Indiana.

John Resch was an outstanding basketball player at Tolley High School, attended Minot State College, and is the present operator of his father's farm. He is married to the former Carol Randash of Mohall, and the couple has two sons.

Clement Resch married Lena Zeltinger, daughter of Ignatius and Katie Zeltinger. They have been engaged in farming south of Tolley, living on the farm occupied by the elder Resches (NW-7). The farm is currently operated by Martin Irgens. Clem Resch served for many years as a township supervisor, as a director for the Tolley Cooperative Store, and as an ASCS committeeman. Mrs. Lena Resch has been active in St. Mary's Altar Society and was organist at Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church for many years. She was clerk of the Roosevelt Township School Board for a number of years.

Their daughter, Rita, is a graduate of Minot State College and Eastman School of Music in Rochester, New York. She

taught at Fontbonne College in St. Louis, Missouri, and at Wisconsin State University-Stevens Point, and recently received a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Iowa.

## **CHARLES F. "FRED" RHODES**

SE¼ of Section 5, Township 160, Range 86 containing 160 acres.

Charles F. Rhodes, better known to his friends in Tolley as Fred, and Lulu Rhodes were born in Breckenridge County, Kentucky, in 1885. They were married there on October 12, 1912, and lived near McDaniels, Kentucky, for a year. From there they moved to Shellock, Iowa. They lived there for two years and their first child, Mary Aliene, was born there.

In the summer of 1916, Fred took a trip to North Dakota to look at the wheat farms for sale, which he had read about in the paper. He liked North Dakota so well that he purchased Ignatius Fuch's homestead southeast of Tolley. They left Iowa by train, stopping in Donnybrook, North Dakota, for the first summer. Fred did farm work for George Pudon (a bachelor) and Lula did cooking.

They moved to Tolley and in 1918 a second daughter, Margaret, was born. In the early '20s, crops were good. In January, 1920, a son, James, was born. Things must have gotten tougher along in the '20s somewhere as Fred lost the farm, but kept on renting it. In September of 1929 he bought it back from Isaac and Irene Summerfield.



**Fred and Lulu Rhodes (1912)**



**Fred Rhodes Family (1920)**

The Rhodes family were members of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church of Tolley. Fred played on the Tolley baseball team, was a member of Modern Woodmen, and really enjoyed playing horseshoe on Saturday nights in Tolley.

The children attended Roosevelt School No. 2 through the eighth grade and graduated from Tolley High School.

Aliene left North Dakota in 1934 and went to stay with an aunt and uncle in Michigan, entering St. Anthony's School of Nursing. She met and married Ken Bala, who worked for Dow Chemical at Midland, Michigan. They had three children. Joan, Joyce, and Jerry are all married and living in Midland County. Ken has retired from Dow Chemical. Aliene retired in 1975 after 20 years with A.S.C.S. of Midland County and enjoys the grandchildren at their home on Houghton Lake.

Margaret graduated in 1935 and in the fall of 1936 married August Raap and went to Ellensburg, Washington, to live. August was engaged in farming with his step-father Ray Helgeson. He farmed on shares for a year and then took a job driving a school bus and as janitor for the District 12 school in Kittitas County, at \$80 a month with house and utilities furnished. After three years on this job, they started farming. Unlike the dry land wheat farms in North Dakota, it was all irrigated land with a variety of crops. During the years from 1941 to 1955 five sons were born. August, called Gus by everyone, and Marge, a nickname acquired after leaving North Dakota, bought land in Kittitas County near Ellensburg. He also acquired sagebrush land in Grant County under the Columbia Basin Project. Three sons farm — Louis and Lawrence near Ellensburg and Ward in Grant County. A son, Don, is assistant manager at Mid State Coop. Ken finished high school in 1974 and he is presently employed as a diesel mechanic.

James Rhodes and wife live in Seattle, Washington. Jim has worked for Boeing for ten years. Previously he farmed near Prosser, Washington. He has two sons, David and Art, and a daughter, Teresa. The sons are married and in real estate in Seattle. The daughter, Mrs. Mike Ollis, lives in Monroe, Washington. Her husband is a distributor for soft drinks.

Fred and Lula lived on their farm until the early forties and then moved west to Ellensburg, Washington, to live near James and Margaret. They rented the farm to Ed Ethen, who still farms it. Fred passed away June 27, 1964, and Lula, August 27, 1971. They are buried at Holy Cross Cemetery near Ellensburg.

I lived in North Dakota for 18 years. Mostly, I remember the dry years, dust, and grasshoppers of the 1930s when I walked to Tolley High School. No feed grew and Dad had to sell most of the cows for \$20 a head. It is hard to believe all the water there now. It's for sure, the water is better than the dust. Dad and Mother would be so pleased if they were alive today to see how prosperous Renville County is today.



Fred Rhodes home and wheat field.

## LESTER AND DAGNEY SIEBERT

I was born July 15, 1909, to Mr. and Mrs. William B. Siebert who had bought land in this township in 1905 and were early settlers here. My father was German-Irish and my mother was of German-Swiss descent. I attended grade school at Greene, North Dakota. My first teacher was Oscar Berg. When I had completed the eighth grade, I started high school at Tolley, North Dakota, but my father broke his leg and I had to drop out as I was needed at home to do the farming and I never went back. I continued to help at home and in 1941 joined the army. I served from April, 1941, until May, 1942, when I was medically discharged. Most of this time I was stationed in Louisiana.

On April 12, 1945, I married Dagney Pederson at Kenmare, North Dakota. Her father was an immigrant from Denmark and had homesteaded north of Kenmare in 1896. Her mother had also come from Denmark with her parents at the age of ten.

In 1946 we purchased our farm from Bill Shores and have resided here since. We have four children and they attended school here and graduated from high school at Tolley and Mohall. All attended college. Donald has a senior accounting degree and is presently Director of Taxes for Burke County, living at Bowbells. He married Linda Fuchs and they have one son, Paul. Dale graduated from North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota, and received a B.S. degree in Animal Science. He is County Extension Agent for Grant County and lives at Carson, North Dakota. He is married and has a daughter, Dora Lea. Gary is a civil engineering student at North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota. Our daughter, Louise, is also a student here in the Home Economics Department.

I am still active in farming. We live on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Section 11 of Roosevelt Township. I own the N $\frac{1}{2}$  and E $\frac{1}{2}$  of Section 11 and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 27. I rent the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14.

## WILLIAM SIEBERT

W. B. Siebert, American born in New York City and reared in Vermillion County, Illinois, was a farm laborer in Benton County, Indiana, and traveled to Oklahoma in 1901 seeking a homestead. He came to Kandoyhi County, Minnesota, in 1903; later he went to the Rosebud Indian Reservation in South Dakota and registered for a homestead.

William B. Siebert was born April 26, 1876, in New York City of German-Irish parents. His wife, Louise E. Wanner, was born at Spillville, Iowa, on March 30, 1882. Her parents were Swiss-German and had come from Zurich, Switzerland. They were married November 23, 1904, at Willmar, Minnesota. After the wedding they came by train to Bottineau, North Dakota, and spent the next year with her two brothers, George and Henry Wanner. At the depot at Willmar, Minnesota, Mr. Siebert met a Negro who wanted to sell his claim to the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$  and the S $\frac{1}{2}$  of SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 24, Roosevelt Township. On impulse, he bought the claim for \$50, sight unseen.

In 1905 after the crops were seeded at Bottineau, he came over by wagon and mule team and spent some time on his claim. He broke some land for next year's crop and hauled lumber from Kenmare with the mules to build a house. An interesting incident he liked to tell was on one trip after lumber when he was crossing what is now called the Tolley flats driving through the water. When about half way across, the mules refused to go any further. With a lot of persuading and effort, with tongue and whip, he got them going again.



In the spring of 1906, he brought his wife and baby daughter over and this became their home.

The school district was organized prior to our coming to our claim. In 1906 a Sunday School was organized at the Joslyn Schoolhouse near the old Joslyn Post Office site. This was organized by Ernest O'Neal, a homesteader in Grassland Township. Church services held there first by Rev. John Morange, a Methodist minister from Grano, North Dakota. Later, after Greene was started, both church and Sunday School moved to Greene.

The first summer on our homestead we went to Mohall to get our supplies, this was 17 miles away. By so doing we didn't have to ford the Mouse River. We sometimes went to Kenmare which was 21 miles with our team of horses. We were on our homestead when the Wheat Line of the Soo Line was constructed and saw the starting of the towns of Grano and Tolley, which then became our trading points. They were equal distance from our home. In 1909 Greene was founded by the late M. O. Hall within a mile of our homestead. Here our children attended grade school. The first teacher was Miss Mabel Kuhn. The school was wrongly closed in 1933 when the Government bought up all the valley land.

We raised a family of nine children: Katherine (Mrs. Math Schoomer); Bertha (Mrs. Peter Essler); Lester at Tolley; Ruth (Mrs. Walter Erdman); Alice (Mrs. Phil Halverson); Irene; Louis; Luella; and William, Jr., who have since left the home.

With good crop yields, good health and good neighbors and some crop failures we still have faith in Renville County. The Sieberts celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary July 11, 1954, at the Messiah Lutheran Church at Greene, North Dakota.

The whole family took an active part in school and community affairs. Mr. Seibert was active in organizing the Farmers Elevator Company of Greene and other early associations.

William Seibert died December 21, 1958, and his wife on December 19, 1966.

## MR. AND MRS. CHARLES WEBER

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Weber live on NW $\frac{1}{4}$  36-160-86. Charles was born on this farm. The original owners were Charles' parents, Neil and Lena Weber. They moved here from Minnesota in the early 1900s and purchased the land from Adam



Nick and Lena Weber

Welsch. Neil Webers had five living children. One son died in his early years. Tom, the oldest son, and Tillie, the second daughter, passed away in the 1950s. One son, Edward, lives in Minot, as does the other daughter, Marie, Mrs. Albert Asendorf. Neil and Lena both passed away in the early 1930s.

Charles Weber and Myrtle Borman were married January 20, 1936, and have lived on the "home place" ever since. They have two sons, Robert and Lawrence. Both boys put in time in the service: Robert, four years in the Air Force and Lawrence, seven years in the army. Lawrence is married and has two daughters. He resides in Granville and is employed in Minot. Robert is teaching. Both boys went to and graduated from college in their thirties.

Charles Weber also owns the former Steve Ofallon land, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33 and SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 28-160-86.

## JACOB WELSCH

Jacob Welsch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Welsch, was born on the homestead farm in Fairbanks Township. Adam Welsch homesteaded on the land now owned by I. E. Moline. Jacob's grandfather, Matt, and his wife, Margaret, came from Germany and located on the farm now owned by Johnnie Keith. He bought a relinquishment for that land from Alex Hicks. There were three children in this family: Barbara, Mrs. Arnold Fuchs' mother; Adam, Jacob's father; and Margret, Mrs. Gust Pope.

Adam Welsch was one of the first members of the Tolley Catholic Church and was instrumental in building it. He was also one of the original members of the Tolley Creamery Ass'n. Adam passed away in 1939 and Mrs. Welsch passed away in 1969. Jacob attended a rural school on the SW corner of the homestead and later attended what was known as the Oberg School, north of their home. He attended high school in Kenmare for two years.

On July 11, 1923, Jacob (Jake as he is known to his friends) was married to a girl from Grygla, Minnesota. They made their home on a farm east of Tolley for two years and then moved to a farm south of Tolley, a place known as the John Cole place and is now owned by Clarence Zeltinger. They sold their farm in 1947 and moved to Minot where Jake still resides. Mrs. Jacob Welsch passed away September 15, 1972. There were five children born to this union: Willard living in Seattle, Washington; Cecelia, Mrs. Oscar Fuhrman, Bowdon, North Dakota; Marian, Mrs. William Schwartz, Seattle, Washington; Annie, Mrs. Orval Newhouse, lives in Minot with her father; and Dennis lives in Seattle.

Jake tells that his parents were the first couple to be married in Kenmare. This wedding took place April 20, 1900. Jake was born on his father's homestead in a sod house on June 26, 1901. His father had bought a 4-room house to be moved to the farmstead and hoped to have it there before the baby arrived, but as Jake says, "I was so anxious to see North Dakota that I arrived before they were moved into the new place." Adam Welsch was a lover of good horses and he had two imported Percheron stallions, trying to improve the work horses in the community.

The four oldest children of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Welsch were graduates of Tolley High School. Jacob relates the events of his life as follows:

From birth to 1917, he was at home. From 1919 to 1922, he was with the United States Army. In 1923, he married and farmed near Tolley from 1924-1947 when he sold out and moved to Minot. He was employed by the City Market in Minot until 1950, by the Ace Hardware until 1955, and

by White's Creamery until 1960. Then he served as deputy sheriff of Ward County until 1970. He is now retired and lives at 435 6th Street NW in Minot.

## FAMILY OF IGNATIUS ZELTINGER

In the following family history, events prior to 1905 are not in the memory of the writer, but are stated as they have been told to her at various times by her parents and other relatives.

Ignatius Zeltlinger (1871-1952), a school teacher from Spring Hill, Minnesota (near St. Cloud), filed on a homestead claim on what is now the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5 of Roosevelt Township in February of 1900. Ig. Zeltlinger, his younger brother, John, and a brother-in-law, Henry Ethen (the latter two were unmarried), arrived by train, disembarked at Kenmare, and walked out to look at the land, which is located south of where Tolley was later built. Henry Ethen homesteaded the adjoining land NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 5) and John Zeltlinger homesteaded the quarter to the south of Ig. Zeltlinger's (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8).

After filing their claims, the three young men went back to Minnesota, but returned in the summer to their new land. After their return, they built their claim shacks and several sod barns, dug a well, and made hay for their horses while waiting for the Zeltlingers' mother and step-father, Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Dahinden, with their two sons and a daughter, and Mrs. Ignatius Zeltlinger, with three children (one month to two-and-one-half-years old) to arrive. Coming in early November, 1900, along with Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Kirsch (Mary Zeltlinger) and their infant son, William, the group brought with them a carload of supplies, several horses, cows, chickens, and lumber for the house on Ignatius Zeltlinger's claim where all of them stayed for the first winter; however, while they were putting up the house, the whole group stayed at the Joseph Weber homestead, which was about a mile south on SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7. The Webers had arrived that spring, but returned to St. Cloud to live about 1912.) The Dahindens homesteaded on land adjoining Joe Weber's (NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 7), and the Kirsch homestead adjoined John Zeltlinger's on SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 8.

During the first years, supplies were gotten by wagon or sleigh from Kenmare (about 14 miles away). Later wheat was taken to be ground into flour at McKinney (about 6 miles away). The nearest doctor was also at Kenmare.

Nine of the twelve children were born on the homestead. One son died in infancy and a daughter, Otilie, died at the



Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ignatius Zeltlinger. They are seated and standing are seven of their children, left to right: Loretta (Mrs. Paul Shores), Lena (Mrs. Clem Resch), Edward, Mathias, Anne (Mrs. Lloyd Owen), Frank, and Louise. (June 1, 1946)



The Ig Zeltlinger farmstead about 1918. The original four-room house is seen to the left of the new house.

age of eleven. The surviving sons were Mathias, Frank, John, and Edward. Frank was the first of the children born in North Dakota. The surviving daughters were Lena, Louise, Clara, Anne, Marie and Loretta.

The original house (four rooms and a loft) housed the family until 1916, when the house which presently stands on the farm was built. It was the first farm house in the area to have indoor plumbing and hot water heating. That house is now occupied by a grandson, Jerome Zeltlinger, and his family.

Ignatius and John Zeltlinger bought two quarters of school land (NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16 and NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 16) and another quarter (SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 6) and farmed together — becoming known in the area as the Zeltlinger brothers. At first, they farmed with horses, but in 1910, they purchased a Titan International 2545 tractor, an Oliver plow, and a New Racine grain separator. The tractor, operated by John Zeltlinger, was used for breaking prairie land and plowing for the Zeltlinger brothers and others; however, horses continued to be used on the farm for many years. Among the earlier years, 1915 is remembered as a particularly good crop year, when wheat made about fifteen bushels per acre. When the Zeltlinger children were old enough to help with farming, Ig. and John Zeltlinger divided their land and farmed separately.

Mrs. Zeltlinger (1876-1965, nee Katharine Ethen) did the sewing for the family on her T. M. Roberts sewing machine. Sheets were made from unbleached muslin. After sewing, they were washed and bleached in the sun. She and her children always tended a large garden. In the fall, the garden vegetables were placed in a dirt cellar where they kept all winter. There were always crocks of sauerkraut, as well as salt pork. Potatoes were raised for sale for several years. Like most other early settlers, the Zeltlingers, often with the help of their neighbors, did their own butchering. Meat for the summer was mostly smoked pork or dried beef. Home-grown chickens, turkeys, and ducks provided variety. Eggs for the winter months were packed with oats in crocks (or in a liquid called water-glass) and stored in the dirt cellar.

Ig. Zeltlinger was treasurer of Roosevelt Township School District for some time and for almost forty years, was clerk of Roosevelt Township.

As the family grew up, entertainment for young people in the community was mostly at people's homes — visiting back and forth, playing whist and other card games, and dancing. Party-dances were held in various family homes, in granaries of Henry Ethen and Nicholas Kirsch, and, about 1913 and following, in Henry Ethen's new barn. Music for dancing was provided by anyone who could play a fiddle, accordion, guitar, or mouth organ. Joe Dahinden is remembered as one of the best mouth organ players and square-dance callers. In the late teens and early twenties, when there were several new barns in the community, barn dances were very popular.

Another popular pastime was baseball. In the late teens

and early twenties, a baseball diamond that was used by the community was located on Ig. Zeltinger's land, across the road from the farm buildings. Among outstanding local ball players to play there were Lyle Alexander, Myron Johnson, Guy Triplett, and a Mr. Block from Carpio who was a pitcher.

Mathias Zeltinger, the eldest of the family, attended St. John's University at Collegeville, Minnesota, and worked in banks at Flasher, North Dakota, and Ollie, Montana. Later he was with the land procurement division of the Army Corps of Engineers in the construction of the Garrison Dam at Riverdale, North Dakota, and of the Oahe Dam at Pierre, South Dakota. He died at Pierre in 1962, and is survived by his wife, the former Laura Kaiser, and five children.

Frank attended Tolley High School and worked on his father's farm until his marriage to Lillian Lundgren, the daughter of pioneer parents. They lived on a farm in Roosevelt Township (SE¼ of Section 8) for several years before moving to their present farm home in Ward County, about five miles southwest of Tolley. They are the parents of six children. Their son, Frank, Jr., is the present operator of the Ig. Zeltinger farm.

John (son of Ig. Zeltinger), after working in the oil fields of Montana, married Agnes Volk, daughter of a pioneer family in the Sherwood area, and farmed near Sherwood. He died in 1965 and is survived by his wife and eight children.

Edward graduated from Tolley High School and served in the Civilian Conservation Corps for a time. He farmed his father's land, lived in a second house on the homestead, and died in 1959 at the age of forty-three. His widow, the former Eunice Sjoquist of Tolley, and four young sons, Jerome, Gerald (Bert), Jack, and Mark, continued to reside on the farm. Jerome, who lives in the house built by his grandfather, is married to the former Mary Ellen Vendsel, and they have four children: Tony, Michael, Carl, and Rachelle. Bert, a graduate of Mayville State College, taught for two years in Grants, New Mexico, and now farms in McKinney Township. His wife is the former Jean Schroeder. Jack and Mark are students at Minot State College.

Four of Ignatius Zeltinger's daughters, following the tradition of their father's first profession, became teachers: Lena (Mrs. Clem Resch, Roosevelt Township), who taught in rural and parochial schools in Renville, Ward, and Emmons Counties; Louise, who taught in rural schools, at St. Leo's in Minot, at Tolley and Donnybrook High Schools, and later at a parochial school in Phoenix, Arizona; Clara (Mrs. Lee Ahmann, Muskego Township) who taught in rural schools as well as in Mohall, Foxholm, and Carpio; and Marie (Mrs. Frank Rabuse, Paola, Kansas), who taught for three years in rural schools. All attended Minot State College.

The daughters of the family were also interested in nursing. Anne, a graduate of St. Joseph's Hospital School of Nursing in Minot, married Lloyd Owen of Sherwood and used her nursing skills in the Sherwood area in the 1940s. After Mr. Owen's death, she married Lloyd Rowe and now lives in Phoenix, Arizona. Loretta (Mrs. Paul Shores, Mankato, Minnesota) took her nursing training in Kansas City, Kansas. She worked in hospitals in at Kenmare and Noonan, North Dakota, and Mankato, Minnesota. Louise and Marie also became resigered nurses, training in Kansas City. Marie worked in hospitals in Kansas City and Paola, Kansas. Louise was hospital administrator at Noonan, North Dakota, for a time.

The three occupations of farming, teaching and medical services continued to occupy the descendents of the family into the next generation. Nine of the grandchildren of Ig. Zeltinger are occupied in farming, six became teachers, five became nurses, and one, a physician. On January 1, 1973,

the descendents of Ignatius and Katharine Ethen Zeltinges numbered 38 grandchildren, 75 great-grandchildren and 7 great-great-grandchildren, living in twelve states.

## JOHN AND ANNA ZELTINGER

John Zeltinger was born July 3, 1879 and died November 25, 1971. Anna Zeltinger was born August 12, 1882 and died July 14, 1971.

They homesteaded 2½ miles south of Tolley. They were of German descent. John's parents were both German. They were John Zeltinger of Dreis, Germany, and Magdalena Haller. Anna's father, Xavier Dahinden, was Swiss. Her mother was Anna Iten, also Swiss. Anna and John Zeltinger grew up at Rockville, not far from St. Cloud, Minnesota. Mr. and Mrs. Xavier Dahinden homesteaded across the road from John Zeltinger at Tolley in 1900, but in 1912, they sold their homestead and moved to Montana.

John and Anna Zeltinger were married in Kenmare, North Dakota, by the pioneer priest, Father Wagner, January 11, 1904. They lived on the old homestead all their life. John and Anna Zeltinger were step-brother and sister because they both lost a parent and the remaining parents married. Anna Dahinden Zeltinger was six when her father, Xavier Dahinden, a Swiss emigrant, married Zeltinger's mother, Magdalena Haller Zeltinger.

Mr. and Mrs. John Zeltinger both had the same half-sister, Mrs. Lena Marum, a former Tolley resident who now lives in the Lutheran Home at Minot.

All of John and Anna's children attended a grade school for which John Zeltinger donated an acre of land on his homestead. Mary, Florence, and Clarence all taught in the school and when it closed, the building was subsequently purchased by Zeltinger and his sons for use as a granary. With the closing of the school, the land reverted back to his homestead.

John and Anna Zeltinger had seven children. All of the Zeltinger children have been teachers with the exception of a son, Joe, who now lives on the old homestead at Tolley. However, Joe, who attended Dickinson State, did some substitute teaching for other members of the family, all of whom got their higher education at Minot State. They also include: Mary, Mrs. John Bauer; Florence, Mrs. Joe Resch; and Clarence of Tolley; Agnes, Mrs. Martin Jochim of Inverness, Montana; Hazel, Mrs. Frank Jochim of Hingham, Montana; and Irene, Mrs. Victor Pommier of Kenmare, North Dakota. Irene was first married to Kenneth Bjork of Minot and after his death, she married Victor Pommier.



Zeltinger homestead house. Back row, left to right: Ig Zeltinger, Frank Dahinden, Joe Dahinden, John Zeltinger, Mrs. John Zeltinger, Mrs. Jim Jensen, Mary Zeltinger. Front row: Mrs. Xavier Dahinden, Lena Dahinden, Xavier Dahinden.



John Zeltinger's sister was Mary Zeltinger Kirsch. Mary and Nick Kirsch homesteaded on a quarter south of John Zeltinger. They had five children. Mary Kirsch passed away when the children were quite young. The family continued to live on the homestead with the father. The children were: Anna, Mrs. Earl O'Clair of Kenmare, deceased; William Kirsch of Tolley, deceased; Helan, Mrs. Richard Frank of Tolley, deceased; Clara, Mrs. George Backes of Florida; and Kate, Mrs. Leslie Brooks, of Spokane.

John Zeltinger proved up his homestead by living on the land and farming it for at least five years within a period of seven years as required by federal law. He had no warranty deed to the land since it had never changed hands, but only a patent which was issued March 8, 1907, and carried the signature of President Theodore Roosevelt.

About 1910, John Zeltinger turned sod with an International Titan gas tractor. He had to lift each of the six bottoms by hand. He was actively engaged in farming with his sons before he retired. Over the years, John was called upon to perform a number of civic duties. He was township treasurer for seven years, on the Roosevelt School Board for 14 years, and assessor for 30 years.

Mrs. John Zeltinger was very active in church work in connection with Altar Society of Sts. Peter and Paul's Catholic Church of Tolley. She played a big part in the Tolley community as midwife. She assisted in the delivery of many babies in the Tolley area. She worked with Dr. Hurd, Dr. King, Dr. Gamble, Dr. Halliday, Dr. Critchfield, Dr. Kettleton, and Dr. Itken. Among the homes that she attended were Mr. and Mrs. George Ritter, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Goetch, Mr. and Mrs. Earl O'Clair, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rhodes, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hilscher, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Frank, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Zeltinger, Mr. and Mrs. Ig. Zeltinger, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Ethen.

The smallest baby was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hilscher. It was so very tiny, only 2 pounds. They had to construct an incubator with bottles and jugs filled with warm water. They saved the child, she became Anna Zeltinger's namesake and was known as Little Annie for many years.

There were many stories told of the hardships caused by the early blizzards in North Dakota. One in particular was told about such a blizzard and how John Zeltinger went to the school on his homestead to get the children with a stone boat. He took a horse hide along to cover the children. There was no room for the teacher, so she stayed all night in the schoolhouse. On the way home he got lost and didn't know where he was and the horses were facing the wind and didn't want to go on. He dug in the snow to see what field he was in, if it was stubble or plowed, and finally got his bearings and found the way home. The teacher was Marion Barrick. The next day they went and brought the teacher home.

## CLARENCE ZELTINGER

Clarence Zeltinger, fifth child of John and Anna Zeltinger, was born on September 19, 1913. He received his teacher training at Minot State College and taught school for six years. He is now farming in Roosevelt Township where he has been a clerk for the Township for 23 years. He married Cecelia Koetter from Muskego Township in 1943 and they have six children.

Allen attended the School of Forestry at Bottineau and Mayville State. He married Barbara Titus of Powers Lake. He is now working for Blood Services in Minot.

Terence attended Minot State and graduated from the Uni-

versity of North Dakota, Grand Forks. He married Teresa Gates of Mohall. He is employed by F.D.I.C., Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

Debra attended Wahpeton State School of Science. She is a nurse at St. Alexis Hospital in Bismarck, North Dakota.

Kent is a business student at the University of Grand Forks.

Kae is a student at Minot State in medical technology.

Kim is a student at Tolley Public Schools.

## FLORENCE ZELTINGER

Florence, second oldest in John Zeltinger family, taught school for three years. She married Joseph J. Resch who farmed south of Tolley. Two children, Joann Marie and John Edward were born to them.

Joann was a clerk-typist for the Navy Department in Washington, D.C., before marrying Charles Cruse. They live in New Albany, Indiana. Charles is a manager at Cliff's Truck Stop in Jeffersonville, Indiana. They have two children, Priscilla Ann and Daniel.

John attended Minot State and is married and farms the home farm south of Tolley.



Mrs. Arne Arneson



Myrtle and Charles Weber



John Zettinger family — Back row (left to right): Hazel, Joe, Irene, Clarence, Agnes. Front: Mary, Mother, Father, Florence.



Grandmother Mae Pope Raap with the families of August and Albert Raap. (1960)