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## FREDONIA, NORTH DAKOTA 1904 TO 1979

### Forward and Acknowledgement

Greetings.

On this special day of Fredonia's 75th birthday, the people of this community join in reflecting on the courage it took for those who declared before kings and queens, governments and sovereignties their dedication to find a new way of life, to be free from persecution and the yoke of oppression which was laid upon them and their families for the benefit of the governments they were persuaded to serve. We reflect on the fortitude and courage it took to leave friends and relatives and to pioneer the wide-open spaces of the unbroken Dakota prairies. We pay homage to those who have built this region up to the place it now holds in history.

To the present generation we convey our pride in our community's accomplishments and hope that the aspirations of our forefathers has given them a heritage and desire to build new horizons with the same ambition that the pioneers demonstrated.

This book is the story of Fredonia and its community. Its growth and development from the time of its origin to its present state in 1979 are told here. It relates the arrival of the early settlers who were mostly of European ancestry of various ethnic backgrounds.

In spite of suffering and untold hardship, disaster and reversals, they stayed, remaining because they had determination, and dedication to a cause; the establishment of new homes in a new land.

This history speaks of adjustments to a new environment, progress, famine, plenty and tragedies, and of backbreaking toil, sweat and heartache of the pioneers, sharing in common the necessities of life.

This book is not the complete story of the Fredonia community. There are many omissions and unanswered questions, but we hope that its pages will instill an increased appreciation of our heritage through added knowledge of the people who developed their farms from virgin soil and established a town and community and that it will leave its imprint on future generations and the decisions they make.

We take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to each who has contributed information, stories and pictures to the publication of this book. Special thanks are extended to Clyde and Albert Holman for documenting and detailing the first 50 years of history of the Golden Jubilee Book. To Alvina Burkle, Debbie Holmstrom, Loretta Schultz, and Verna Dittus thanks for their many hours of typing in preparing the manuscript for the publisher. To the businessmen and friends who have contributed financially by advertising

and good wishes, and especially to those from neighboring towns and communities we extend our thanks. Mention should also be made of the Advertising Committee. The money they raised made possible the publication of this book. Thanks to the Finance Committee for the soliciting of the advertisements and the sponsoring of different projects to raise funds for the Diamond Jubilee celebration and to the History Committee for gathering biographies and photographs from individuals, businesses, and organizations for this book. Thanks also to Jeff Weispfenning for his find work in photography.

We wish to recognize Les Strand, editor of The Kulm Messenger, for his aid, guidance and generous advice given to the committee during the many months of work on this book and also Paul Janke, general chairman of the Jubilee Committee, for his excellent leadership and fine spirit of cooperation in directing and advising his committees on preparations for the Diamond Jubilee celebration. To all other officers and committee members who gave generously of their time, talent and efforts making the success of this venture possible, we extend sincere thanks and deepest appreciation for what you have done.

As you scan, read the pages of this book and be ever mindful: "Say, this is my book; our book; I helped write it."

The committee members are no professionals and make no guarantees, so bear with us. If errors and omissions are noticed kindly accept it as being unintentional; we sincerely apologize.

May God's blessings be with us on this jubilant day.

JUBILEE HISTORY BOOK COMMITTEE  
Raymond Burkle  
Chairman

#### JUBILEE BOOK COMMITTEE

[picture: The Fredonia Jubilee Book Editing Committee: Debbie Holmstrom and daughter, Becky, Raymond Burkle, chairman, Loretta Schultz and daughter, Patty, Verna Dittus and Alvina Burkle.]

Many hours of hard work have been contributed by the listed committee members towards the completion of the Diamond Jubilee Book.

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## OUR MAYOR ROLAND JANKE

[picture] In grateful recognition for his loyal and dedicated service to city government.

Alderman 1963-1978.  
Mayor 1978-Ensuing term.

## ANCESTRY

In order to obtain a clearer picture and a better understanding of why many of the early settlers of the Fredonia community left Europe and settled in this part of our state and country, one must reach back into the culture, tradition and history of these people and their respective lands.

Many of the early pioneers came from an area known as Bessarabia, South Russia; others came from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Germany and other countries.

Since the Fredonia community is predominantly of German ancestry, we will focus our attention on why they left their native land and migrated to South Russia and subsequently to the United States.

First, we must distinguish between two groups: the urban German element and the predominantly rural, agricultural population. The former was composed extensively of the higher classes (craftsmen, merchants, engineers, officers) who did not relinquish their citizenship and stayed in Russia for a required

time or were partially naturalized and learned to speak the Russian language. The latter was a much larger group that emerged by the invitation and the organized agreement of settlement planned and directed by the Russian czars between 1763 and 1824. These people had an agricultural background and were predominantly rural with craftsmen in the cities and villages.

The first group to leave their native Germany and migrate to South Russia was known as the Volga Colonies which was made up of thousands of professional citizens desired by the Russian government plus drifters, dreamers, aged, bankrupt and socially displaced people that the German government would permit to depart from the country. Otherwise, the government imposed severe limitations on the migration movement in the colonies. These colonies were needed to build towns and to establish a genuine state, an army, and a modern administration in territories that the Turkish government had handed over to the Russians at the peace treaty of Jassy in 1792, including all areas from Astrakhan to the river Dnieper. The Taters (land lords) in the area declined to submit to Russian authority so the Germans were brought into the region as Tater-tamers.

Suebi (Schwabens) people (protestants) from the south and southwest part of Germany engaged in disagreements with their government and church leaders when King Frederick I intended to unite all protestants by forcefully introducing a new hymn book and a less conservative book of worship. For reasons of their own, they resented and opposed both books. They organized protests against the church and state. This often resulted in refusing to cooperate with demands of the authority. Persecutions and arrests followed.

During this time, dire political events were shaping up. Napoleon had conquered Wuerttemberg (Schwabenland) and needed more soldiers for his Pan-European conquest.

The separatistic lay movement began to stress what the New Testament said about the end of the world. And as Napoleon's armies swept over the lands and because of the predicted coming of the Millennium in the year 1836, the people were strengthened in their belief that the era of Anti-Christ had indeed arrived.

The Manifesto (declaration of the Russian government), in conjunction with the unpleasant certainties and conditions that existed in the home country at the time, induced the people to leave their businesses, homes and farms, selling their properties for practically nothing.

The Black Sea colonies, situated in an area between the Dnieper and Prut rivers, were Russia's second call for settlers. These colonies, with names such as Groszliebental, Johannestal, Friedenstal, Sarata, Kulm, Hoffnungstal, Beresina, Dennewitz, Krasna, Paris, Tschemtschelly and many others, were settled in the great migration from 1804 to 1817. This is the area that was known as Bessarabia, and is currently recognized on maps as Moldavia or Modavian SSR. Many of these colonists were specially selected farmers who were invited and very much wanted by the Russians to settle the region.

The Germans settled in Bessarabia due to their religious troubles and the Russian promises of free land, freedom from military service, improved living conditions, tax exemptions for ten years, cash grants to be repaid in 20 years, equal treatment with the native Russians and other concessions. Each family was to receive thirty deszjatine of land. All of this indicated a

better way of life than in the years of wars, drought and depression in Germany.

The writers of history inform us that the Germans were deceived the minute they set foot on Russian soil. In addition to discovering the empty promises, they found no tress and no fuel. They were not allowed to teach, causing the second generation of settlers to grow up as illiterates and in virtual slavery. Debts piled up to the crown. Conditions were very bad, and times were hard.

These settlers were a very hardy and thrifty people who did make progress, taught at home, and made such headway in education that the Russians forced them to teach Russian in 1880. They made financial advancement, causing the native population to look on the Germans with jealousy.

Czar Nikolas I abrogated the Russian laws in 1848 for the worst, and the Germans found themselves subject to universal military service. The Russian government had broken all other promises to the colonists prior to this time, but they were able to live with this and still prosper.

This last change broke the spirit of the settlers, and they began migrating to other countries, particularly the United States. A sad state befell those who stayed behind. They were eventually sent to Siberia as traitors, contained in camps, disowned, jailed and generally forsaken. A people who had settled one of the richest grain-growing regions in Russia and, being knowledgeable in war tactics, secured it against the Turks, found themselves displaced in the promised land. Many of them emigrated to America, finding homes in south central North Dakota, western South Dakota and north central Nebraska.

Life in Finland, Sweden, Norway, Germany and other countries was not easy in those years either. The early settlers who came from Finland settled mostly in an area northwest of Fredonia. Those who came from Sweden filed their claims to land situated mostly northeast of town. The people from other countries also found a place somewhere in our community.

Special note: For the benefit of those who want to follow the migration movement and identify with the colonies refer to the map of Bessarabia, South Russia.

[picture: Map of former German settlements in Bessarabia.]

## HISTORIES FROM 1904 - 1954 FREDONIA GOLDEN JUBILEE BOOK

### DEDICATION

In dedicating this book to Fredonia on its Golden Jubilee, 1904-1954, and to the brave men that settled this new country and carved a living and homes out of the wilderness—most of whom have gone to their just reward, and to the few remaining among us we will say, "God bless and keep you."

We would also like to dedicate it to the rising generation with the following remarks and let us all say, "I will try to make my community a better place in which to live."

Most of Iowa, Kansas, and Nebraska were settled by people who immigrated largely from east and southern states.

North Dakota, South Dakota and part of Minnesota were settled mostly by people from foreign countries, and as sturdy stock they were, and made this the great country that it is.

Now let us go back to the time of the Pilgrim fathers. They "gathered together" to come to this country, the land of freedom.

From other countries came groups which settled together at "a good bend in the creek."

Neighbors built cabins near each other, leaned on each other, worked with each other, protected each other.

Man has always liked someone to talk to, someone else to walk with, to learn with, to worship with, to run races against, to argue politics with, and with whom to deplore the weather.

Men early found that by their joint efforts they could achieve something far greater than they could hope to accomplish singly.

The more things that people working together in a community can do, without depending upon the federal or state government, the more our individual rights will be preserved, and the stronger our nation will be.

You have cast your vote and paid your taxes. Don't stop there. There is also an intangible obligation to make a community a little better for the time you have lived in it.

You don't have to be a professional do-gooder to be a good citizen.

No matter how busy he is, in addition to church and school, nearly everybody can find time for at least one community activity. It may be the Boy Scouts, or Girl Scouts, the 4-H Club, the Red Cross, the Home Makers, the Future Farmers of America, the Community Funds, the Camp Fire Girls, a new park, a public swimming pool or golf course, or merely your family helping another family.

The spirit which motivates these groups is what makes one community so much better in which to live than another town the same size which doesn't have the spirit.

These things call for your time and ability rather than your money, and they will give every good citizen an inner glow of pride and satisfaction for having done them. -E.E.B.

GREETINGS TO THE JUBILEE BOOK READERS

This historical book has been compiled that the present and future generations may know the joys and sorrow and hardship experienced by our forefathers thru years of plenty and famine that we may realize the courage and patience which was embodied in all pioneers who came to this part of the state, who have endured these 50 years in the vicinity of Fredonia, and surrounding country.

Information for this book and early photographs were furnished by mostly descendants of early pioneers.

Descendants were contacted personally and through a mailing information form, much valuable information has been gathered. Some may have been missed. It can not be said that all statements, stories, and dates are correct, many are furnished by the memory as best as they can recall. The histories of many early settlers do not appear as no information concerning them was available. From what is printed we hope that all readers may get a view of pioneer life.

Many mistakes may have taken place, in the construction of this book, so please bear with us that amateur writers did the best they could under the circumstances and talent available.

To all the people of Fredonia and vicinity who so willfully furnished history and photographs, and to all who so generously purchased advertising space, we say to you all, THANK YOU! --FREDONIA GOLDEN JUBILEE COMMITTEE

[picture: FREDONIA JUBILEE COMMITTEE. Ed G. Kusler, Arvid Aldeen, Otto Elhard, R.E. Geiszler, E.E. Bateman, Harold Wendland, Walter Kinzler, Pete Keller, Rudolph Ruff, Roland Rossman, Ed Haag, August Billigmaier, Richard Gutschmidt, Albert Holman, Charles Weispfenning.]

[picture: THE VILLAGE BOARD. Harold Wendland, trustee; August Billigmier, trustee; Albert Holman, trustee; Richard Gutschmit, clerk; E.G. Kusler, treasurer and assessor; Arvid Aldeen, marshall; Roland Rossman, Justice of the Peace.]

## HISTORY OF FREDONIA

The year of 1954 marks the 50th year in the history of Fredonia. With a desire to show some of the great undertaking of our pioneers who settled here and made the town of Fredonia possible, here is some of the early history before the coming of the railroad and settling of towns.

Several years before rails or trails were ever laid or broken, people in faraway lands heard of a country of great opportunity, where land was plenty, and where they could be owners of land of their own. They became restless in their homeland and emigration started for America, the land of the free.

People were mostly emigrants from Russia, where they had found no security. We must be extremely thankful for the drive which moved them to come to the United States of America. From 1885 to 1890 our forefathers settled around Fredonia, coming mostly from South Russia and a few from Minnesota where they had migrated from their homeland. As before mentioned, land was plentiful, so homesteads, tree claims and what not were taken up, sod and mud houses were built and oxen was the main source of power at the beginning. Long

winters and deep snow made it a hardship for the pioneers with the oxen for transportation and 50 miles to the closest town.

Many were here and witnessed the worst blizzard in history in the month of January, 1888.

Winter and summer fuel was gathered from the prairies in the form of buffalo chips, tall and heavy slough hay was cut and twisted together and used for fire wood or coal, for the winter.

Buffalo bones were gathered and sold for a few dollars per ton with which they bought a few groceries. Often they would walk to Edgeley a distance of 25 miles and carry home a small bag of groceries and as much as 50 pounds of flour on their back—CAN WE DO THAT NOW?

Prairie fires were large and numerous in the early 80's and 90's. Often times a fire was seen at dusk many miles away, sweeping over the vast wind-blown prairies and by midnight it would be at your doorstep.

The people were very thrifty and courageous. They had no way to be different because they did not have the proper funds to go back to their homeland, so their only salvation was to stay and make the best of it al.

After a few years of farming with the oxen the horse came into the picture, and what a great change in both transportation and work. Now the gasoline tractor has taken over and the horse is almost forgotten.

[pictures: CO-FOUNDERS. George Gackle; Peter Billigmeier.]

Going back to the days of the horse many frame houses were to be seen and many more were built as the towns became closer and farms improved as we see them today.

Straw and sod barns were the means of shelter for the live stock with straw roofs which would leak several days after a shower of rain.

It was the year of 1900 and the month of June when a rare undertaking took place. Louie Steen a pioneer of this vicinity who is still living on his farm near Kulm, hitched up four oxen to a John Deere sulky plow and plowed a fire guard for the Soo Line railroad from Kulm to Braddock, N.D., a distance of 85 miles. The round trip was made in 11 days. Bernard Steen, a brother of Louie followed behind in a covered wagon with supplies for the oxen and themselves. The sum of \$100 was received from the Soo Line which no doubt was a lot of money at that time.

Louie says he thought he had to put shoes on the oxen for the return trip as they lost considerable speed on account of sore feet. Many congratulations, LOUIE!

The Soo Line expended the railroad from Kulm west in 1898. Previous to that, Kulm was the end of the Soo Line.

Towns were very scarce and far between: Ellendale, N.D. and Eureka, S.D. were the closest. Very few trips were made to town each year as oxen were the main source of transportation.



Fredonia is located in the south eastern part of Logan County, also in the south central part of North Dakota.

The Fredonia townsite is a part of section 15, township 133, range 67, owned at that time by George Gackle and Peter Billigmeier. In 1904, they had seen there was a distance of about 20 miles between Kulm and Lehr so that year a side-track was built by free labor, mostly by farmers. Rails were laid by the Soo Line in the fall, a grain elevator and store were built that same year, which was the beginning of what is now Fredonia.

Fredonia was named by a crew of Frenchmen who built the first grain elevator and store.

Daniel Flaig was the first postmaster. The post office was located in the store of which he also was manager. There was no depot at that time. The train schedule was at eleven and two o'clock at night which was rough for the postmaster, but soon a depot was moved in from Braddock, which improved the mail service, with Hade Kennedy as the first agent. Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Gieser were the first family in town. Theodore Gieser, now deceased son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Gieser was the first child born in Fredonia. The second family in town was Mr. and Mrs. Christ Eslinger, and the third was Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marx. These three families had to entertain themselves the best they knew how. Evenings were long, so they called on Dan Flaig at the store where they sat around the heater visiting. The ladies had their hand work along which was enjoyed by all.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marx, early pioneers, arrived from Wabasha, Minn. in 1905. At first he was manager for the Gackle & Billigmaier grain company, later he became interested in real estate business and meat market. The first telephone was installed at the Marx home. It was a two phone affair between Fredonia and Kulm. Mrs. Marx served lunches and meals at her home. After living here two years, Mrs. Marx passed away which was a shock to the community. She was the first person who passed away in town.

In 1895, the first school district was organized, known as the Nordby school district NO. 12; it was named after Lars and Karl Nordby who were early pioneers here.

Those that served as school directors were as follows: Viz. Peter A. Johnson, Christian Hanson and Gottlieb Janke as directors, and E.O. Bonesville, clerk. The first school house was built on the farm of Ole A. Holman, now occupied by Louie and Olaf Holman. Charlie McCarty, was the first teacher. After several years the school was discontinued. In 1907 a new school house was built in town which served the purpose for a few years (first teacher, Clara Toushas, wages, \$40.00 per month) until the school population grew to a point where a larger school had to be built, which is now the present school.

Daniel Flaig, the only living pioneer who still lives at Fredonia, arrived from the farm near Gackle, in 1904. There were no buildings in town at that time, but he immediately started to build the first store which was a partnership organization known as Grosz and Company with Daniel Flaig as manager.

In 1904, Gackle & Billigmaier built the first grain elevator and Gottlieb Gieser the first grain buyer. That same year the Salzer lumber company was built with Gottlieb Gieser also as manager. Soon thereafter, the Farmers and

Pruetz Bros. Elevators were built with William Orth as manager for the farmers and Herman Kuebler for Pruetz brothers.

Friederich Wolf operated the first meat market in town and the building still stands on its original foundation and lot which was donated to the first born child in town, which was Theodore Gieser now deceased.

The first section foreman for the Soo Line railroad was Jacob Hoffer, who had to pump the old fashioned hand car going over his section.

Early implement dealers were Wm. Orth and Graff & Jenner. After a few years, Fred Gackle of Kulm, N.D., took over the implement business which he operated for several years. In 1915, Mr. Gackle sold his business to Christ and John Wolf of Fredonia, who in 1916 sold the same business to E.G. Johnson and Albert Holman. Better known as Johnson & Holman, they operated the implement business for 35 years, retiring in 1951.

Fredonia was incorporated as a village on July 10, 1914. The first village officers were elected as follows: Gottlieb Gieser, Henry Kusler and John J. Meidinger as village trustees, Gottlieb Gieser was appointed as chairman of the board. Christ Wolf Sr., marshall; A.J. Graff, clerk; William Pruetz, treasurer; William Orth, justice of the peace, and Karl A. Krueger, assessor.

#### NON-RESIDENTS WHOM WE HONOR

A list of early residents of Fredonia who now reside elsewhere are in the following list. Whether their stay here was many years or few, their contribution great or small, each in his own way made a contribution to the building and development of Fredonia: Ben Meidinger; Jacob Miller, Sr.; A.J. Graff; H.D. Jonas; Ben Stern; Ed Kroll; Fred Heller; David Haag; Wm. Hiller; Harold Miller; Emil Miller; Wm. Voeltz; John Widmer; John Meidinger; Louie Wagner; Jack Wolf; Wm. Parvey; E.H. Flaig; Robert Janke; Gottfried Ahner; Karl Goehring; Sam Miller; Wm. Lang; Jno Barony; Charlie Funk; Mike Wolf; Sharpe Pruetz; Wm. Jans; Fred Gackle; Otto Gackle; Fred Gieser; John Wolf; Joe Flaig; Reubin Lehr; John Stockburger; John Schuldheisz; Fred Wittmayer; Adam Kusler; Herbert Walker; Konrad Kapp; Ed Ensslen; Dan Moldenhauer; Adam Kurtz; Aledor McLoshy; Henry Bentz; Emanuel Bentz; and Ed Jerke.

The above men were in business at Fredonia in the years gone by. As much as is known at the present time, all are living. Jacob Miller, Sr., the oldest man whom we honor, is at the Baptist Old People's Home in Bismarck; he is 93 years old.

#### MEMORY'S PAGE

They are gone but their names must not be forgotten in the annals of Fredonia's history. Some contributed much, others only a little, yet perhaps each did his or her part and each left a heritage to Fredonia and its inhabitants: Fred Marx; Fred Miller, Sr.; John Jacoby; Herman Kuebler; Albert Labbe; Jacob Heller; Emanuel Hieb; Edwin Blumhart; William Pruetz; John Roloff; John Kinzler; Fred Wolf, Sr.; Christ Wolf, Sr.; Henry Kusler; Gottlieb Janke; Emil Dohler; Albert Dobler; Gottlieb Gieser; Geo. Weispfenning; Henry Ost, Sr.; Henry Ost, Jr.; Jacob Fey; Sam Fregien; Emanuel Flaig; Karl Bauer; Eddie Orth; Ira Bullis; Wm. Hellwig; Mrs. Miller; Karl A. Krueger; John Tiede; Dave Heller; Christ Moldenhauer; Christian Dallman; Andreas Kinzler; Jacob Ruff; Orville White; Andreas Kosanke; Adam Miller, Sr.; Michael Rasch; Fredinand Krieger; Fred Kleinknecht; Dan Radke; Ed Orley;

Wm. Orth; Gideon Koth; Jack Schneider; Gust Grosz; Christ Jenner; Fred Schempp; Emanuel Siegler; Ferdinand Kurtz; Emanuel Rossman; Jack Schloemer; Christian Eslinger; John Eslinger; Martin Burkle; Rudolph Schultz; Andreas Widmer; Adam Oelke; Ole A. Holman; Gottfried Leischner; Daniel Netz; John Haag, Sr.; John Haag, Jr.; Fred Weispenning; Adam Dewald; John Gutschmidt; Jacob Dittus, Sr.; Jacob Dittus, Jr.; John Wolf, Sr.; Grant Mathews; Christian Bentz; Friederich Heller, Sr.; Ed Koenig; Christian Hiller; Wm. Friederich; Gottlieb Durr; Jacob Hauff; Andreas Schadler; Gottfried Hass; Geo. Lauth; John Meidinger, Sr.; Edward Sukut; Gottlieb Dobler; J.C. Rott; and John G. Burkle.

#### FREDONIA U.S. POSTOFFICE

Daniel Flaig was the first postmaster in Fredonia. The postoffice at that time was located in one corner of his general store, which served all the farmers in this area.

The following have served as postmasters: A.J. Graff, Anna C. Kuebler, Jazel Funk, Henry Bentz, Otto Gackle, Reubin Lehr, Edward Jerke, and the present postmaster Edmund Ost.

There are two rural routes operating out of Fredonia, covering a distance of about 75 miles running north and south.

The north route was established in 1915 with Mr. Frank Hellenick as the first carrier. The south route was established in the middle 20's with Mr. August Friederich as the first carrier. Their routes were later operated by Edward Weispenning, John Ketterling, Fred Miller, Jr., W.E. Orth, LeRoy Thomas, Pat O'Brien, Mr. Murray, Albert Buerkle, Edward Jerke, Iris Bullis, and Milton Weispenning.

The present north route carrier is E.N. Flaig and the south route is Rudolph Ruff.

#### TELEPHONE and LIGHT SERVICE IN FREDONIA

In 1920 Christ Wolf was issued a franchise for the first electric light service in Fredonia, which consisted of a Diesel stationary engine and generator. Service was given from dusk until midnight with no electric power during the day except on Mondays for washing.

Mr. Wolf operated his plant until 1926 when the Northern Power and Light Co. purchased his equipment and took over with full twenty-four hour service. After a few years, a change in this organization took place which is now the Montana Dakota Utility Company.

In 1926 Mr. Otto Gackle who now resides at Velva, N.D. was granted a franchise for the first telephone service in town, which he operated until the Bell System took over a few years ago.

#### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Fredonia volunteer fire department was organized on April 12, 1926 under the leadership of Mr. H.L. Reed, secretary of the North Dakota Firemen's Association.

[picture: FREDONIA'S FIRE DEPARTMENT. Rudolph Ruff, Art Wolf, Lucas Schweigert, Ed Sukut, Ed G. Kusler, R.E. Geiszler, Edmond Ost, Roland Rossman, E.H. Flaig, Henry Nitschke, R.R. Gutschmidt, Arvid Aldeen, Jacob Friederich, Jacob Widmer, Gust R. Janke.]

The Village board at the time of organization were: Gottlieb Gieser, Christ Wolf, and Albert Holman. Mr. Gieser was president of the board. The board purchased a four chemical tank, Boyer fire equipment mounted on a Model T. Ford truck. Prior to this there was the famous bucket brigade of fire fighting. This equipment was used until 1952 when a larger used truck was purchased and mounted with a 500 gallon steel tank and booster pump, together with two 30 gallon chemical tanks mounted on a two wheel trailer.

[picture: Fredonia Fire Truck.]

[picture: VILLAGE FIRE HALL. The fire hall was constructed in 1924.]

At present there are 21 active volunteer members of the department, officers are as follows: Rudolph Ruff, Chief; E.G. Kusler, Assistant Chief; Edmund Ost, Secretary and Treasurer.

For the past two years the department has expanded with the help of the farmers where they are able to render fire fighting service to Fredonia and to the farmers in the community.

#### FREDONIA BALL TEAM

The Fredonia Ball Team was organized in 1914 under the able direction of Fred Gackle and William Hellwig. The membership at that time was 10. This team was in existence for several years. Of the original players only one is deceased, Mr. Christ Moldenhauer. The scorekeeper, Mr. John Jacoby, and Mr. Wm. Hellwig, one of the organizers, are also deceased.

[picture: 1914 BASEBALL TEAM. Fred Gackle, John Jacoby, Christ Eszlinger, Christ Modenhauer, Albert Seeman, Wm. Hellwig, Mel Homan, Dave Eszlinger, Dave Haag, Hank Jonas, Robert Jonas, Charles Funk, Reynold Ruff.]

[picture: FREDONIA'S PRESENT BALL TEAM.]

#### FREDONIA SCHOOL HISTORY

[picture: Rosie Miller, Emma Haas, Anna Kuebler (teacher), Emma Kosanke, Theodore Kusler, Leo Schloemer, Lucas Moldenhauer, Harold Miller, Frank Schloemer, Edward Hoffer, Otto Kosanke, Rudolph Haas, Gottlieb Dittus, Viola Dailey, Theodore Kosanke, Rosie Kosanke, Reynold Dittus, Amelia Hoffer, Katie Wolf, Myron Holman, Edna Kusler, Willie Beszor, Jack Wolf, Annie Kosanke, Ella Kusler, Natalie Haas, Adolph Moldenhauer, Pauline Gieser, Matheas Beszor, Louis Miller, Robert Weispfenning.]

Rosie Miller, now Mrs. John Ketterling is the only pupil living in Fredonia.

[picture: FIRST SCHOOL HOUSE.]

In 1907 the first school house was constructed in Fredonia. It is a two story frame building consisting of a large room on the first floor and one on the second. For the first three years one teacher was employed, but in 1910 the enrollment increased and two teachers were employed. This building is at the present time occupied by the E.E. Bateman family.

The following were the school officers. William Pruetz, president; Gottlieb Janke, clerk; Fred Wolf and Henry Kusler were directors.

Prior to this, a one room school house was moved in from the country in which school was held for a short time.

[picture: FREDONIA SCHOOL OFFICERS. Rudolph Russ, Clerk; Art Wolf, Director; Gust R. Janke, Treasurer; John Ketterling, Director; Jake Widmer, Director and President.]

[picture: PRESENT SCHOOL HOUSE.]

In 1920 the old school house was found to be inadequate for the number of children, so a new school was constructed with one large room on the first floor and two rooms on the second floor. This is the present school with two teachers employed.

The present school board consists of the following: Jacob Widmer, president; Rudolph Ruff, clerk; Gust R. Janke, treasurer; John Ketterling and Art Wolf, directors.

The following are the teachers who have taught in the Fredonia school from 1907 to the present time. They are listed in chronological order.

Clara S. Tautges, Clare Halperin, Olga Hanson, Lydia Hanson, Anna Kuebler, Marie A. Storandt, Helen Matthews, Mae Hayes, Alida Arntz, Mabel S. Hugelin, Alice Matthews, Margaret McLarin, Rowena Veum, Gladys Bonine, Rose Bertsch, Mathilda Bertsch, Elda Segel, Jessie Reinholdt, Stella M. Geger, Lucy Arntz, Maria Arntz, Meta Hummel, Stella F. Karvola, Bella Bjorien, Paul F. Knight, Minnie Zeman, Ercel Kohler, Winifred E. Junge, Noma Williams, William Huber, Algot Johnson, Martha Remboldt, Amy E. Johnson, Theresa Gehneot, Lenora Schneider, Edward A. Hummel, Stella Amundson, Rosa Heine, Garfield Berg, Julius M. Lorenz.

Frieda Remboldt, R.A. Lehr, Martha Remboldt, Harriet L. Doering, Esther Hoersch, Gertrude L. Allensworth, Dan C. Eszlinger, Louise Coster, Hilda Eszlinger, Mrs. Theo. Flaig, D.J. Lund, James O. Luce, Jeanette Van Middlesworth, Ella Baumann, Edna Tanberg, Mrs. John Stockburger, Ann Klein, Magdalene Luebeck, Emily Schauer, Viola Eslinger, Irene Flegel, Esther Eslinger, Edna R. Kurtz, Esther R. Strobel, Florence Blessing, Mrs. Clifford Radke, LuWanna L. George, L.C. Goehner, Mrs. Herman Munsch, Luella Kusler, LaVerna Carlson, Earl Kinzler, Mrs. Vivian Bateman, Charles Weispfenning.

Mr. Dan C. Eszlinger and Miss Esther Hoersch taught the longest in the Fredonia school. They both taught four school terms.

## FREDONIA BAND

[picture: Fred Miller, Jr., Einer Johnson, Adam Buerkle, John Moldenhauer, Christ Moldenhauer, Olaf Holman, Louie Holman, Rudolph Moldenhauer, Edward Moldenhauer, John Johnson, Albert Holman, John Jacoby, Melvin Holman, Fred Gieser.]

The Fredonia Band was organized in 1910 under the able direction of John E. Rott. The membership at that time was 14. Sigfried Johnson became the next director and continued for a short time. About 1923, Mr. Bryon Seuver took over the leadership, followed by Mr. Algot Johnson, who was a local school teacher.

In the late 1920's many of the band members moved away and as a result the band was discontinued.

## POMONA VALLEY LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prior to 1895 this area was scarcely settled by Norwegian emigrants who came here from Minnesota and South Dakota. However most of these folks lived here for only a short time. They saw the hardships of pioneering and moved away to other states. The following family names were common at that time: Ole A. Holman, Lars Nordby, Karl Nordby, Gust Nyland, Henry Dahl, E.O. Bonesville, Ole Bonesville, Andrew Berg, Ole Johnson, Christian Hanson, John A. Holman, and Peter A. Johnson. As for information available at this time, John A. Holman is the only one living. He moved to Yankton County, South Dakota in 1900 where he lives on his farm with his son.

In 1888 they organized the Pomona Valley Lutheran Church, with services in homes at the beginning.

The following were charter members: Andrew Lindblom, J.A. Edstrom, Bernt C. Larson, Sigvart Berntson, Ludvig B. Larson, Carl Nordby, Gustav C. Nyland, Jonas Erickson, Julius M. Nelson, Jacob Langsjon, John Broen, Ole A. Holman, Andrew Larson, Gustav Thoreson, John Grodin, L.D. Ueland, Lars O. Nordby, Ole Johnson, Bersvend Wagnhild.

## PASTORS WHO HAVE SERVED CONGREGATION:

Ole H. Kirbak, 1888-90  
J.D. Svalestuen 1890-91  
L.T. Kingle, 1891  
L.O. Heiberg, 1892-93  
H. Moe, 1894-1900  
K.L. Kleveland, 1900-1907  
H. Moe, 1907-1921  
O.K. Torgeson, 1921-1923  
A.N. Eggen, 1924  
T.K. Gaustad, 1925  
Iver Marsund, 1926-1928  
C.J. Nolstad, 1928-1941  
Gustav Gunstan, 1941-1947  
J.O. Vold, 1947 to date

The sixtieth anniversary of the Pomona Valley Lutheran Church was celebrated on October 9, 1949.

#### FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

[picture: Church building.]

In 1906 the First German Congregational Church was built and dedicated in the fall of the same year.

John Eslinger and Gottlieb Durr were the deacons, and Fred Strobel and Gottlieb Durr were the first Sunday school teachers. Rev. Albert Vogel of Kulm delivered the first service.

The church was sold in later years and moved to Lehr, North Dakota.

#### THE BUIDING LIGHT SOCIETY

The Guiding Light Society of Fredonia, North Dakota was organized on May 16, 1952 under the willing guidance of our Pastor, Rev. John Meer. The purpose of this society is to enlist the women of the parish in a fellowship of worship, education, service and giving, and to undergird the program of the Nazareth Congregational Church as it serves the cause of Christ in the Community and throughout the world.

This society has 17 charter members which are: Rev. John Meer, Mrs. John Meer, Mrs. John L. Brown, Mrs. Fred Dittus, Mrs. John Dittus, Mrs. E.H. Flaig, Mrs. Henry Fehling, Mrs. R.R. Gutschmidt, Mrs. Fred D. Hiller, Mrs. Gust R. Janke, Mrs. Christ Kleingartner, Mrs. Wm. Koenig, Mrs. Ed G. Kusler, Mrs. Raymond Kusler, Mrs. Theo. Miller, Mrs. Albert Remien, Mrs. Jacob Widmer.

At present our membership stands at 19 and the following are holding offices: Mrs. E.H. Flaig, President; Mrs. Raymond Kusler, Vice President; Mrs. Gust R. Janke, Secretary; Mrs. Jacob Widmer, Treasurer; Mrs. Christ Kleingartner, Historian.

[picture: Levearn Dittus, Mrs. Art Nitschke, Mrs. Wm. Koenig, Mrs. Gust R. Janke, Mrs. R.R. Gutschmidt, Mrs. John Dittus, Mrs. Jake Ketterling, Mrs. Emanuel Eslinger, Mrs. Fred D. Hiller, Mrs. Emanuel Gackle, Mrs. Henry Fehling, Mrs. Ed G. Kusler, Mrs. Christ Kleingartner, Mrs. Jacob Widmer, Mrs. E.H. Flaig, Mrs. Raymond Kusler, Mrs. Fred Dittus. Not pictured are Mrs. Emil Ketterling and Rev. Emanuel Gackle.]

#### SECOND CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

[picture: Church building.]

After twenty three years of services in the old church, a new house of worship was erected in 1929. This church was built on the same lot and block of the old church, with Henry Huether of Ashley, N.D. as the contractor. Rev. Henry Hoersch was the first minister in the new church.

The following ministers have served the Congregation since 1906. They are:

Rev. Albert Vogel  
Rev. Frederich Berghoefer  
Rev. G.A. Marz  
Rev. Louis Ebertz  
Rev. Theodore Pfenning  
Rev. Ferdinand Zissler  
Rev. Paul Hediger  
Rev. John Meer  
Rev. Henry Hoersch  
Rev. M.H. Grosz  
Rev. R. Roemmich, and  
Rev. Emanuel Gackle who is the present minister.

#### MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH

[picture: Children in front of church school building.]

[picture: Large church building.]

In 1901 the German Lutheran people felt they were in need of a church, so a small church building was built about 3 miles north of Fredonia. Rev. Henry Nagel was the first minister. Services were held there for several years when a church school was built in town. Soon this became too small so a larger church was built in 1924. Rev. John Schmidt was the first minister.

The following ministers have served this congregation:

Rev. H. Nagel  
Rev. G.F. Hanselman  
Rev. Sam Nicolaiske  
Rev. E. Kaatz  
Rev. C. Stadler  
Rev. C. Baetke  
Rev. John Schmitt  
Rev. Phil Peter  
Rev. J. Broecker  
Rev. John Bunge  
Rev. R. Hintz  
Rev. R.W. Schwarz  
Rev. H. Senft

#### FREDONIA LUTHERAN LADIES AID

The Fredonia Lutheran Ladies Aid was organized on February 7, 1924, under the leadership of Rev. John Schmitt, who was the pastor.

The Aid was organized with 22 members as follows: Mrs. Christian Dallman, Mrs. August Friedrich, Mrs. Jacob Friederich, Mrs. Wm. Friederich, Mrs. Adam Hoff, Mrs. David Haag, Mrs. Albert Holman, Mrs. Wm. Jans, Mrs. John Kunzler, Mrs. Ferdinand Kurtz, Mrs. Adam Kurtz, Mrs. Gottfried Leischner, Mrs. Emil Miller, Mrs. Henry Ost, Sr., Mrs. Jacob Rott, Mrs. Sharpe Pruetz, Mrs. Emanuel Rossman, Mrs. Emanuel Rasch, Mrs. Edward Sukut, Sr., Mrs. Herbert Walker, Mrs. John Schmitt, Mrs. William Kurtz.



Mrs. Jacob Friederich and Mrs. Emma Sukut are the only two charter members who have remained faithful members up to the present time.

The first officers were, President, Mrs. Adam Kurtz; Vice President, Mrs. Wm. Jans; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Holman.

Our present membership is seventeen, and the officers are as follows: President, Mrs. Jacob Friederich; Vice President, Mrs. Emma Sukut; Secretary, Mrs. Jacob Sukut; Treasurer, Mrs. Albert Holman.

[picture: Mrs. Emma Sukut, Mrs. H. Senft, Mrs. Jacob Friederich, Rev. H. Senft, Mrs. George Lautt, Mrs. Ed F. Krueger, Mrs. Gerhard Geiszler, Mrs. Ed Koenig, Mrs. Theodore Weispfenning, Mrs. Albert Holman, Mrs. Dan Haag, Mrs. Mary Heller, Mrs. Jacob Sukut, Mrs. Otto Irion, Mrs. Wm. Nitschke, Mrs. Roland Krueger, Mrs. Bertha Sukut, and Mrs. Fred Necker.]

### FREDONIA MARTIN LUTHER MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Fredonia Martin Luther Missionary Society was organized August 3, 1949 by Rev. John G. Bunge. The first officers were: President, Mrs. Reinhold Eisenbeis; Vice President, Mrs. Emma Sukut; Secretary, Mrs. Herman Munsch; and Treasurer, Mrs. Richard Geiszler.

The first members were Mrs. Emma Sukut, Mrs. Christ Elhard, Mrs. Jacob Sukut, Mrs. Herman Munsch, Mrs. Reinhold Eisenbeis, Mrs. Gerhard Geiszler, Mrs. Richard Geiszler, Mrs. Jacob Friederich, Mrs. Ed Krueger, Mrs. Albert Miller, Mrs. Albert Holman, Mrs. Geo. Lautt, Mrs. Mary Heller, Mrs. Otto Irion, Mrs. Bertha Sukut, Mrs. Wm. Nitschke, Mrs. Ted Weispfenning, Mrs. R.W. Schwartz and Mrs. Edwin Krueger.

The present officers are: President, Mrs. Jacob Sukut; Vice President, Mrs. Otto Irion; Secretary, Mrs. Herman Munsch, and Treasurer, Mrs. Richard Geiszler.

### BERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH

[pictures: FIRST BERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH; SECOND BERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH; THIRD BERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH.]

The Berlin Baptist Church south of Fredonia was organized in 1888 under the leadership of Rev. Reichle, and recognized by council that consisted of Rev. F. Muller, B. Matke, W.H. Mueller and the brethren, J. Broedel, E. Bentz and Timm.

### FREDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Fredonia Baptist Church was built in 1916 and dedicated in October of the same year. Rev. S.F. Fuxa who was a visiting minister from Lehr, North Dakota held the Dedicatory services. The Berlin and Fredonia Congregations employ the same minister. The following ministers have served the two congregations. Rev. B. Matzke, Rev. M. Domke, Rev. J. Golling, Rev. J. Reichert, Rev. J. Burgdorff, Rev. H. Bens, Rev. A.L. Tilgner served only the country congregation.

Rev. S.F. Fuxa, Rev. E. Huber, Rev. A. Krombein, Rev. Wm. Jaster, Rev. P.T. Hunsicker, Rev. V. Prendinger served the congregations both in town and country.

[picture: BAPTIST PARSONAGE BUILT IN 1948.]

#### FREDONIA BAPTIST LADIES AID

The Fredonia Baptist Ladies Aid was organized on January 27, 1920 at the home of Elizabeth Dobler, under the leadership of Rev. S.J. Fuxa as the minister, with 12 ladies present as follows: Mrs. Caroline Miller, Mrs. Lulu Fuxa, Mrs. Marie Miller, Mrs. Katherina Miller, Mrs. Rosina Gieser, Mrs. Susanna Milkosy, Mrs. Elizabeth Dobler, Mrs. Elizabeth Reich, Mrs. Magdalena Schlaps, Mrs. Rosina Wolf, Mrs. Julia Messner, Mrs. Emilia Meidinger.

The charter members are: Mrs. Emilia Meidinger, Mrs. Julia Messner, Mrs. Susanna Milklosy, Mrs. Madgalena Schlaps.

First officers were as follows: Mrs. Lulu Fuxa, President; Mrs. Rosina Gieser, Vice President; Mrs. Susanna Miklosy, Secretary; Mrs. Emilia Meidinger, Treasurer.

This Ladies Aid was dissolved in 1948 and the officers at that time were as follows: Mrs. Rosie Hunsicker, President; Mrs. Rosie Ketterling, Vice President; Mrs. Julia Fey, Secretary; Mrs. Pauline Buechler, Treasurer, Mrs. Julia Fey was Secretary for 21 years.

The membership in August of 1948 was left at six, of which five jointed with the Berlin Baptist Ladies Aid south of Fredonia.

#### BERLIN BAPTIST LADIES AID

The Berlin Baptist Ladies Aid was organized on November 22, 1934, under the leadership of rev. A. Krombien. Ten ladies attended this first meeting and became members. Their names are as follows: Mrs. Martha Krombien, Mrs. Frederica Goehring, Mrs. Christina Roedel, Mrs. Sophia Meidinger, Mrs. Martha Meidinger, Mrs. Christina Hoffman, Mrs. Margareta Blumhart, Mrs. Lydia Reich, Mrs. Lenora Goehring, Mrs. Justina Meidinger.

The first officers were as follows: Mrs. Martha Krombien, President; Mrs. Sophia Meidinger, Secretary; Mrs. Frederika Goehring, Treasurer.

Our present membership is twenty and the following are present officers: Mrs. V. Prendinger, President; Mrs. John Ketterling, Vice President; Mrs. Emil Meidinger, Secretary; Mrs. M.C. Buechler, Treasurer.

[picture: Mrs. John Rott, Mrs. Fred Wolf, Mrs. Edward Blumhardt, Mrs. Martin Schlenker, Mrs. Adam Harr, Mrs. Fred Hoffman, Mrs. Albert Fey, Mrs. John Reich, Mrs. Edwin Meidinger, Mrs. John Hoffman, Mrs. Emil Meidinger, Mrs. Max Buechler, Mrs. John Ketterling, Mrs. V.H. Prendinger, Mrs. Elledhore Irion, Mrs. Ephraim Goehring, Mrs. Elliot Rott.

## THE PEPPY PALLS 4-H CLU

[picture: Mrs. Henry Fehling, Frances Dok, Saralee Bateman, Velora Fehling, Sharon Jonas, Mrs. Elmer Bateman, Judy Kleingartner, Joan Ruff, Angeline Dittus, Dallas Fehling, Judy Fehling, Josephine Ruff, Diane Kusler, Darlene Dittus. LaVonne Koenig is not pictures.]

The Fredonia Peppy Pals 4-H Club was organized in November of 1951 by the Logan County Agent, Mr. C.E. Mitchel.

The present leaders are Mrs. Elmer Bateman and Mrs. Henry Fehling.

## FLICKERTAIL HOME MAKERS

The Flickertail Home Makers Club was organized in August of 1953, which is the first Homemakers' Club in Fredonia. The membership is composed of ten, as follows:

[picture: Mrs. E.E. Bateman, Mrs. Harold Wolff, Mrs. Henry Fehling, Mrs. Pete Keller, Mrs. John Dittus, Mrs. E.H. Flaig, Mrs. John Ketterling, Mrs. Gust R. Janke, Mrs. Jacob Widmer.]

The present officers are as follows: Mrs. E.E. Bateman, President; Mrs. Pete Keller, Vice President; Mrs. Harold Wolff, Secretary and Treasurer.

All members are active in taking their part in the homemakers creed.

I believe my home is sacred, a place where Love, Faith, Hope and Devotion have their beginning. Where each has his rights respected by others. Where joys & blessings, sorrows and disappointments are shared in common. Where God is revered and honored, fellowmen respected and love is law.

I believe it is my duty to live up to the best that is in me to attain this, to fear things unworthy, to conquer difficulties by daring to attend them. To be a companion as well as Councilor to my family, and to teach and live, love of home, country, fellowmen and God.

## THE AMERICAN LEGION CLIFFORD OST POST No. 260

The Fredonia American Legion, Department of North Dakota, was organized in 1945. It was named the Clifford Ost Post in memory of Pfc. Clifford Ost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Ost, who was killed in action during World War II on April 10, 1943 in the North African Theater. He was the first in Logan County to make the supreme sacrifice.

[picture: FREDONIA VETERANS OF WORLD WAR II. Gotthilf Janke, John Dallman, Ed Weispenning, Fred Rudolph, Gust Lieske, and Robert Hehr.]

Clifford Ost was a graduate of the Kulm high school. He entered the army in 1940. When the National Guard was mobilized, he went with the 164th Infantry to Camp Clairborne, Louisiana. He was sent overseas to Ireland and later to North Africa where he was killed in action.

The temporary charter of the Post was issued December 8, 1945. Members of the post at the time were: Gotthilf Janke, William Nitschke, Albert Gall, Bernard G. Geiszler, Fred Rudolph, Milton Blair, Emanuel Heib, Edward Koenig, Jr., Roland R. Janke, Benjamin Ost, Edward Sukut, Harold Wolff, John Lux, Jr., Magelon Krueger, Walter Weispfenning, Edward Weispfenning, Arthur W. Haag, Benjamin F. Flaig, Arthur Nitschke, Theodore Munsch, Gust R. Janke, Roland Krueger and Robert Schweigert.

The post obtained its permanent charter January 28, 1953. The 1954 membership consisted of Emanuel H. Flaig, Commander, Roland Rossman, Vice-Commander, Peter A. Keller, Adjutant, Isadore Sukut, Finance Officer, William Nitschke, Sargeant-at-arms, Edward Koenig, Jr., as Chaplain, Wilmer Just, Service Officer, Harold Haag, Historian, Roland C. Burkle, John Dallman, Leveorn Dittus, Norbert Gutschmidt, Arthur W. Haag, Raymond R. Haag, Robert Hehr, Gene O. Holman, Arven Janke, Gotthilf Janke, Gust R. Janke, Roland Janke, Raymond Krueger, John Mayer, Theodore Munsch, Arthur Nitschke, William T. Ost, Fred Pape, Raymond Veil, Edward Weispfenning, Ervin Wolf, Harold Wolff, Lenhart Mund, Wilbert Gutschmidt, Gust Lieske, Clinton Krueger, Victor Schlecht, Herman Sukut, Roland Krueger, Gottlieb J. Walz, Wesley G. Ost and Raymond Schlecht.

It has been the goal of the Post, since organization, to build a Memorial Hall, but the lack of funds has been the stumbling block. Financial help has been given the post through the establishment of the veterans memorial fund of Logan County in 1951. With additional financial help from the village of Fredonia and the community, the hall is out of the planning stage. Construction began April 6, 1954. With most of the labor donated, construction cost will be kept at a minimum. With the completion of the hall, activities in the community will be on the increase. The Legion Post can then be more active and be of greater service to the community. Support your American Legion Post.

[picture: CLIFFORD OST POST No. 260. Norbert Gutschmidt, Harold Wolf, Luvern Dittus, Fred Pape, Pete Keller, Ed Koenig, Art Haag, Gust Janke, Gust Lieske, Victor Schlecht, Roland Rossman, Gotthilf Janke, John Dallman, Ted Munsch, Lenhard Mund, Ed Weispfenning, Wilmer Just, Roland Burkle, Raymond Haag, Erwin Wolf, E.J. Flaig, Gene Holman, Paul Janke, Art Nitschke, Arvin Janke, Harold Haag, Isadore Sukut, Wilbert Gutschmidt, Herman Sukut.]

## HISTORIES OF THE 1ST FAMILIES IN FREDONIA

(Transcriber Note: These family histories are not originally in surname alphabetical order. To assist any family research, the surnames will be transcribed in alphabetical order and a number assigned to each family entry. The number after the name indicates the page on which the article is printed in the original history book. If a picture is printed along with the article, the notation [picture] will be included at the beginning of that family history article. In some cases, if only married once, where available within the article, the maiden name of the wife will be shown in the heading.)

[picture] Mr. Bender was born in Kerson, South Russia, November 1, 1851. He was united in marriage to Miss Katherina Nagel, born in 1846, in South Russia, in 1870. Two of their children were born there.

They emigrated to the United States in 1874, arriving at Yankton, S.D. Here they moved to Scotland, S.D., where they filed on a homestead. They lived there until 1903, when they moved to North Dakota, and purchased a farm in McIntosh County, five miles south of Fredonia. This farm is at present owned by Fred Frederich. Here they lived for six years, until in 1909, they moved into Kulm, N.D.

Mrs. Bender passed away in 1926, at the age of 79 years. Mr. Bender passed away in 1932 at the age of 80. They were both laid to rest in the Kulm City Cemetery.

They were blessed with 12 children of whom seven are living. They are: John Bender of Linton, N.D.; Magdalena, now Mrs. Jacob Wolf of Yankton, S.D.; Christina, now Mrs. Daniel Rembold of Delmont, S.D.; Katie, now Mrs. Gottlieb Kusler of Omak, Wash.; Peter of Fairview, Mont.; George of Brooks, Alberta, Canada; Mrs. Emma Sukut of Fredonia.

002. BENDER, PETER & EMMA (Wittmayer) 73

[picture] Mr. Bender was born on May 11, 1884, in Scotland, S.D. He was the son of Jacob and Katherina, nee Nagel, Bender. Together with his parents, he moved to North Dakota, and settled on a farm, five miles south from Fredonia.

In 1913, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Wittmayer, daughter of Simon and Christina Wittmayer. That same year, they moved to a farm four miles west of Fredonia. This farm was commonly known as the "bank farm". They lived there only a few years, when they moved on Mr. Bender's father-in-law's farm. After farming there for a short period, they moved on a farm, eight miles west of Fredonia. They lived on this farm until 1946, when they sold their possessions and moved to Fairview, Mont.

They were blessed with nine children of whom eight are living. They are: Perina, now Mrs. Hieb of Goodrich, N.D.; Jacob of Idaho; Theophil of Buford, N.D.; Fred of Montana; Clara, now Mrs. Joe Moore of Sidney, Mont.; Theodore of Montana; Mary, now Mrs. Fred Lowry of Brockton, Mont.; Helen, now Mrs. Don Lowry of Sidney, Mont. Mr. and Mrs. Bender are residing in Fairview, Mont., at the present time.

003. BERG, ANDREW 42

[picture] Mr. Berg was born [in] Soknedalen, Trondjheim, Norway. He immigrated to the United States as a young man in the early 80's. He arrived at Eau Claire, Wis. In 1884 and lived there for three years. In 1887, he moved to North Dakota and filed on a homestead two miles east from Fredonia. This farm is presently owned by Mr. Christ Nitschke of Fredonia. On this farm was built the first frame house which was constructed in this area.

He had lived on this farm for about 20 years when he sold all his possessions and moved back to Eau Claire, Wis.

Mr. Berg passed away in 1922. He was never married.

004. BERGHOEFER, FRED & CLARA (Koester) 50

Rev. Berghoefer was among the early pastors to serve in the Fredonia area. He was the first pastor to reside in Fredonia. He served the Congregational Church for several years.

Rev. Berghoefer arrived in Fredonia from Chicago, Ill., in 1906. In 1907, he returned to Chicago and was united in marriage to Miss Clara Koester. They returned to Fredonia shortly thereafter and filed on a homestead, 15 miles northwest of Fredonia. They had resided on this claim for only a short time, when they moved into Fredonia.

In 1909, Rev. and Mrs. Berghoefer moved back to Chicago. They were blessed with two children. They are Clara and Fred, both of Chicago, Ill.

Mrs. Berghoefer passed away in 1932 at the age of 45.

Rev. Berghoefer is still active in the ministry and has been serving the same parish in Chicago for 45 years.

005. BILLIGMEIER, AUGUST & ADILIA (Zinch) 54

[picture] August Billigmeier was born in McIntosh County in 1890. His parents arrived in America in 1885, and in the spring of 1886, they settled on a farm, eight miles south of Fredonia. They came from Ellendale, N.D. by oxen, bringing with them all of their immediate possessions. They built a sod house in which they lived for a number of years.

Mr. Billigmeier's folks were extremely poor when they first arrived in McIntosh County. Mr. Billigmeier recalls when he had to go barefooted and bareheaded six months out of the year. He well remembers when wheat sold from 30 to 50¢ per bushel, butter 4 to 7¢ per pound, and eggs at 4¢ a dozen.

He was united in marriage to Miss Adilia Zinch on November 5, 1910. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Vogel, who was then the pastor of the Kulm Congregational Church. To this union were born nine children. They are: Mrs. Hildegard Heartly of McLauflin, S.D.; Mrs. Tena Grosz of Kulm; Victor of Kulm; Mrs. Iginie Segler of Forbes, N.D.; Mrs. Lavina Kennedy of Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Vivian Hertel of Durango, Colo.; Mrs. Vangie Smith of Chamberlain, S.D.; Mrs. Luella Weispfenning of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Gladys Huber of Sacramento, Calif.

In 1949, Mr. and Mrs. Billigmeier retired from farming and moved into Fredonia. He lived on the same farm for 59 years.

006. BILLIGMEIER, LUDWIG & JULIE 35

[picture] Ludwig & Juliana Billigmeier came to America in 1885 from Leipzig, South Russia, and landed at Scotland, S.D. In 1886, Mr. Billigmeier bought two oxen, one cow and a hog, together with a few chickens and household goods. They came by wagon and ox team to North Dakota, where he filed on three quarter sections of land. A cellar was dug in the ground, some sod was broken which was built around the cellar for the first house. Two acres of

ground was broken up for flax, the first year, they got the seed back. No harvesting machinery was available, so the flax was pulled loose by hand and threshed by hand. The second year, one of the oxen died, so the milk cow had to take its place for work.

In 1900, Mr. Billigmeier traded his farm to Byer Brothers for the flour mill in Kulm, N.D. After about two years in the milling business, he sold the mill to Gottlieb Dobler, and bought three quarters of land which is now the August Billigmeier farm.

Mr. Billigmeier passed away in 1904, which left Mrs. Billigmeier a widow, but with the help of her children, she operated the farm until 1909, when she retired and moved to Kulm, N.D., leaving her son, John, on the farm for several years, when her son, August, took over the old farm until he retired and moved to Fredonia, where he now resides.

Mrs. Billigmeier passed away several years after she moved to Kulm.

Ten children were born to this union of which six are living, they are: August, Fredonia, N.D.; Dan, Lehr, N.D.; Pauline, Mrs. John E. Klein, Ashley, N.D.; Martha, Mrs. John Hofmeister, Forsyth, Mont.; Esther, Mrs. Harold Berger, Minneapolis, Minn.; Albert, California.

007. BLUMHARDT, CHRISTIAN & MAGDALENA (Maier) 37

[picture] Christian Blumhardt was born May 17, 1842, in Hoffnungsthal, South Russia. On October 10, 1867, he was united in marriage to Magdalena Maier, born October 28, 1846, in Gluechsthal [Gluecksthal], South Russia.

In 1884, he and his wife immigrated to America with their three children, Katherina, Jacob, and Mary. They spent the first winter in this country with friends and relatives at Fremont, So. Dak., where another son was born, named Edward.

In the spring of 1885, he moved to McPherson County, South Dakota, where he filed on a homestead, 13 miles east of Eureka, S.D. There he lived for 20 years.

He died on September 21, 1903, after 18 years of failing health.

Mrs. Blumhardt was left a widow with four children. She made her home with her son, Edward, with whom she followed to North Dakota in 1906.

008. BLUMHARDT, EDWARD & MARGARETA (Schneider) 31

[picture] Mr. Blumhardt was born Jan. 31, 1885, at Fremont, So. Dak., son of Christian and Magdalena Blumhardt, nee Maier. On December 3, 1905, he was united in marriage to Margareta Schneider, daughter of Peter and Katherine Schneider of Fremont, S.D.

After their marriage in the spring of 1906, he and his wife, together with his mother, moved to North Dakota, where he homesteaded 18 miles south of Fredonia. That summer he built a small house and bought a barn near Lehr, N.D. Late that fall he wished to move the barn to his homestead, but by doing this, a large slough had to be crossed. Some frost was in the ground,

but not enough to carry the building which broke through the frost and sank to the axles of the wagons. All he could do was to block the building and dig out the wagons and wait until later in the winter when the ground was frozen sufficiently to carry the wagons and building over to the farm. After two weeks he completed the job and the barn was on its place.

He lived on the homestead until 1919 when he purchased the Fred Grenz farm, a mile north of the old homestead, where his mother died on December 1, 1930. In the fall of 1948, he decided to retire from farming and purchased a home at Fredonia, where he now resides.

Mr. and Mrs. Blumhardt have lived in Fredonia for five years, both enjoying good health.

Nine children were born to this union, they are: Emelia, Mrs. Adam Kungle, Kulm, N.D.; Martha, Mrs. Edwin Meidinger, Fredonia, N.D.; John, Kulm, N.D.; Jacob, West Fargo, N.D.; Bertha, Mrs. Theodore Wolf, Fredonia, N.D.; Esther, Mrs. Theodore Shalley, Dilworth, Minn.; Harold, Fredonia, N.D.; Reinhold, West Fargo, N.D.; Edwin, who passed away on February 24, 1953, at the age of 44 years.

009. BONESVILLE, EVAN 39

[picture] Mr. Bonesville was born in Soknedalen, Trondjheim, Norway. He emigrated to the United States as a young man, arriving at Eau Claire, Wis. In 1884.

In 1887, he moved to North Dakota and filed on a homestead one and a half miles west of Fredonia.

In 1899, he returned to Eau Claire, Wis., and married. He returned with his wife to his homestead and here they lived until 1903, when they returned to Wisconsin.

They were blessed with three children, one son and two daughters.

Mr. Bonesville died in the middle 30's and Mrs. Bonesville died in the late 30's.

010. BONESVILLE, OLE 66

[picture] Mr. Bonesville was born in Soknedalen, Trondjheim, Norway. He immigrated to the U.S. as a young man, arriving at Eau Claire, Wis. In 1884.

In 1887, he moved to North Dakota and filed on a homestead one mile south of Fredonia. He remained on this homestead until 1904 when he returned to Wisconsin.

Mr. Bonesville was later married in Eau Claire, Wis.

They had one daughter who is now married and is living in Eau Claire, Wis.

Mr. Bonesville presently resides at Eau Claire, Wis.



011. BROST, DAVID & KATHERINE (Ruff) 24

David Brost was born on September 13, 1881, in South Russia. Together with his folks, they immigrated to the United States, arriving at Parkston, S.D. in 1886. In 1887, he and his folks moved to North Dakota and filed on a homestead in Logan County, three miles north of Fredonia. There he lived with his parents until 1900, when he moved to Kulm and operated the livery barn.

In 1902, he was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Ruff, daughter of Jacob Ruff. He operated the livery barn from 1905 until 1913. From 1913 until 1934, he was associated with the J.I. Case Implement Company. Also, during this time, he was blockman for the Emerson Brantingham Implement Company.

In 1934, he entered the hardware and John Deere Farm Implement business in Kulm with which he is still associated.

Mrs. Brost passed away in 1917. To this union were born five children. They are: Edwin, Alvin, and Wilbert of Kulm; Nora, now Mrs. John Gackle of Kulm; Kathryn, now Mrs. Lloyd Sturat of Minneapolis.

In 1917, Mr. Brost married Eva Delzer of Napoleon. She passed away in 1918.

In the fall of 1919, he was united in marriage to Miss Margaretta Gall. Three children were born to this union. They are: Delilla, now Mrs. Joe Miller of Minneapolis, Minn.; Hilmer of Kulm; Ardella, now Mrs. Howard Anderson of St. Paul, Minn.

012. BUERKLE, JOHANNES & CHRISTINE (Hehr) 41

[picture] Mr. Buerkle was born February 3, 1882, in Bessarabia, South Russia. He arrived in the United States in 1898, coming directly to Eureka, S.D. During that same year, he and his parents came by team to Kulm, N.D., and homesteaded four miles west of Kulm.

In 1899, he was employed by the United States Postal Department, carrying mail from Kulm, N.D. to Lehr, N.D.

He was united in marriage to Miss Christine Hehr on November 21, 1903. To this union, then children were born of whom eight are living. They are: John, Albert, Otto, Emma, now Mrs. Emil Hehr, Bertha, now Mrs. Edwin Krueger, Esther, now Mrs. Wm. Schultz, all of Fredonia; Edwin and Ida, now Mrs. Edmund Janke, of Gackle, N.D. Their daughter, Martha, was accidentally killed in an automobile accident on October 10, 1944. She was the assistant postmistress in Fredonia. The entire community was brought to sorrow because she was so deeply respected by all who knew her.

Mr. and Mrs. Buerkle are Lutheran by faith and have always been faithful to their church.

Mr. Buerkle recalls when he and Mr. Radach walked from Kulm to LaMoure looking for work. There were no roads or bridges at that time so they had to wade through deep creeks of water. When they arrived in LaMoure, there was no work to be found and so they had to walk back again. The year he carried the mail from Kulm to Lehr, he used a single horse and a two wheel cart.

Mr. and Mrs. Buerkle retired from farming in the fall of 1953 and moved into Fredonia.

They observed their Golden Wedding in November of 1953.

For many years, Mr. Buerkle served as County Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Democratic Party.

013. BUERKLE, MARTIN & CHRSTINA (Wolff) 48

[picture] Mr. Buerkle was born in Bessarabia, South Russia, on March 5, 1861.

He was united in marriage to Christina Wolff in 1876. In 1893, they immigrated to the United States and homesteaded three miles east of Fredonia, No. Dak.

Seven children were born to this union. They are: Martin, deceased; Adam of Portland, Ore.; Dorthea, deceased; Lydia Krueger, of Parkston, S.D.; Rudolf of Jamestown, N.D.; Katherine Gebhart, deceased; Thomas Buerkle of Jamestown, N.D.

Mrs. Buerkle died on July 17, 1897. In 1901, Martin was united in marriage to Mrs. Eva Oberlander who had just immigrated from Petersdal [Peterstal], South Russia, to Hosmer, S.D., with her three small children. They were: Carolina, now Mrs. Dan Moldenhauer of Rupert, Ida.; Jacob and Louie of Kulm, N.D.

To this union were born five children. They are: Christine, Mrs. Fred Buerkle of Kulm, N.D.; Pauline, now deceased; Emma, now Mrs. Rudolph Haupt of Venturia, N.D.; Freda, now Mrs. Henry Rott of St. Paul, Minn.; George and Elnora, both deceased.

Mr. Buerkle passed away at his home in Fredonia, Sept. 30, 1931, at the age of 70.

Mrs. Buerkle passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Fred Buerkle on February 19, 1947, at the age of 82 years. She was laid to rest at the Fredonia Congregational Church.

014. BURKLE, JOHANAS & WILHILMINE (Schimke) 23

[picture] Johanas Burkle was born on October 4, 1883 in Schimshalley, South Russia. As a young man, he emigrated to the United States, where he settled on a farm northwest of Fredonia. On December 12, 1904, he was united in marriage to Wilhilmine Schimke who bore the burden of her husband and herself for many years.

Mr. Burkle recalls the building up of Fredonia, where he soon hauled all grain and other farm products to market. In 1905, his home with all buildings was destroyed by prairie fire, which was a heavy loss to his beginning of farming. In 1909, he also sold a right-of-way to the Edgeley, Missouri River Line of the N.P. Railway Company for the purpose of building a railroad, which never did come through.

After 29 years of farming, Mr. and Mrs. Burkle moved to Fredonia in 1933, where they lived until 1946, when Mr. Burkle passed away. Mrs. Burkle is making her home with her son, Roland. She is in the best of health. Sixteen children were born to this union of whom 12 are living; they are: Ottilda, Mrs. Edward Tiede, Gackle, N.D.; Albert, Park Rapids, Minn.; Ardena, Mrs. Ed Oelke, Moorhead, Minn.; Bertha, Mrs. Oscar Krueger, Fredonia, N.D.; Richard, Gackle, N.D.; Emma, Mrs. Fred Buckey, Adrian, N.D.; Susanna, Mrs. Gotthilf Schlecht, Kulm, N.D.; Alma, Mrs. Walter Kinzler, Fredonia, M.D.; Raymond, Victor, Roland and Konrad, all of Fredonia, N.D. Konrad is at the present time in the Army.

015. DAHL, HENRY 47

Mr. Dahl was born in Trondjheim, Norway. He immigrated to the United States as a young man, arriving at Eau Claire, Wis., in 1884. In 1887, he moved to North Dakota, arriving in Logan County, where he filed on a homestead, one mile east of Fredonia. This location is at present the Fredonia Ball diamond.

His mother and his 2 brothers, Peter and Karl, arrived here in 1898 from Norway and lived with him.

A few years later he returned to Eau Claire, Wis., and was married. He brought his wife back to his homestead in Logan County and here they lived until 1901, when they all returned to Eau Claire, Wis., where they entered farming

Mr. Dahl was a large sheep raiser, having at times from 250 to 300 sheep.

In later years Mr. Dahl moved out to the west coast. His present whereabouts are unknown.

016. DALLMAN, CHRISTIAN 19

[picture] Christian Dallman was born in 1866 in South Russia. In 1902, he and his wife came to America and settled on a farm northwest of Fredonia. In 1921, he moved to Fredonia, where he was janitor in the Lutheran Church until he passed away on April 6, 1939. Mrs. Dallman passed away the same year. None children were born to this union, of whom six are living: Christ Dallman, Fredonia, N.D.; John Dallman, Fredonia, N.D.; Rudolph Dallman, Portland, Oreg.; Rosie, Mrs. Dan Labrenz, Jamestown, N.D.; Emma, Mrs. Wm. Kannewisher, Jamestown, N.D.; Bertha, Mrs. August Mayer, Streeter, N.D. His son Rudolf is on the picture.

017. DITTUS, JACOB JR. 51

[picture] Jacob Dittus Jr. was born in 1874 in South Russia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Dittus, Sr., nee Eslinger. In 1890, he, with his parents, immigrated to the United States. In 1898, he filed on a homestead, one mile south of Fredonia, where he built a house of clay blocks, which was the modern type of building at that time. That same year, he was united in marriage to Christina Vetter at Kulm, N.D. Rev. Burkhardt performed the ceremony. Mrs. Dittus came to America from Russia in 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Dittus encountered many hardships in the early days of pioneering, of which lack of water was the worst; he dug by spade 14 wells on the farm before striking water. For seven winters he had to go two and one-half miles to water the stock at the Soo Line well, west of Fredonia.

Mrs. Dittus died on April 27, 1919, at the age of 42 years.

To this union, eight children were born of whom four are living; they are: John, Fred, and Reynold of Fredonia; and Martha, now Mrs. Albert Labbe of Lake City, S.D.

In 1919 he was married the second time to Elizabeth Guggenheimer of Paul, Ida. To this union, one child was born, Anneta, now Mrs. Alvin Miller of Hayway, Calif.

In 1928, after thirty years on the farm, he moved to Fredonia, where he died in 1945. Mrs. Dittus presently resides at Lodi, Calif.

He was a member of the Congregational Church.

018. DITTUS, JACOB SR. & KATHERINA (Eszlinger) 51

[picture] Mr. Dittus was born in South Russia in 1850. He was united in marriage to Miss Katherina Eszlinger while still in South Russia. In 1890, they emigrated to the U.S., arriving at Tripp, S.D. That year, Mr. Dittus bought two oxen and a covered wagon and traveled to North Dakota, filing on a homestead in Logan County, one-half mile south of Fredonia. Their first house and barn were built of sod, as there was no lumber available. They broke some land with the oxen and then seeded a few bushels of grain. They then proceeded to dig a few wells, but the supply of water was not great enough to meet the demands. They then had to drive their stock to the Soo Line well, which was three miles west from their farm. To keep their house warm, they had to burn straw and hay. Their nearest town was Edgeley, N.D.

They were blessed with 13 children of whom six are living. They are: Emanuel and Lydia of Fredonia; Pauline, now Mrs. Edward Kleingartner of Fredonia; Tillie, now Mrs. Edward Schultz of Lodi, Calif.; Katie, now Mrs. William Buyer of Denver, Colo.; Christ of Fargo, N.D.

Mr. Dittus passed away in 1942, at the age of 92 years. Prior to his death, they were the oldest living couple in Fredonia.

Mrs. Dittus passed away in 1943, at the age of 90 years.

They were long time members of the Fredonia Congregational Church.

019. DOBLER, GOTTLIEB & ELIZABETH (Bodimar) 44

[picture] Mr. Dobler was born in Beresina, South Russia. As a young man, he sailed for the United States, where he arrived in the month of April, 1886. Soon thereafter he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bodimar. This young couple was strong and eager to work so Mr. Dobler filed on a homestead about 15 miles southeast from Fredonia, where sod was broken up with a pair of oxen and a house was built. All the furniture was made of boards. Benches were made in place of chairs, which answered the purpose very well. Oxen were

used for work and also to go to places with, which was very slow, but as times became better, horses were used in place of the oxen.

Many years of tribulations and hardships were spent on the old homestead, but with a great reward, as Mr. Dobler was the owner of 1,120 acres of land, when he retired from the farm.

Twelve children were born to this union of whom four are living, they are: Marie, Mrs. Fred Grenz, Ellendale, N.D.; Amelia, Mrs. John Meidinger, Wishek, N.D.; Reynold, Spokane, Wash.; Hulda, Mrs. John Huber, Ellendale, N.D.

020. DOK, ANDREW 45

[picture] Mr. Dok was born in Hallingdal, Norway. He immigrated to the U.S. as a young man, arriving at Forman, N.D. in 1905. He remained there for two years, then moved to a farm six miles north of Fredonia.

In October of 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Steen. On September 20, 1920, Mrs. Dok passed away. To this union were born three children. They are Jennings of Fredonia; Aleen, now Mrs. Clifford Hanson of Black River Falls, Wis., and Arthur of Grafton, N.D.

He later married Miss Johanna Messner. To this union were born two children. They are: Clayton of Wadena, Minn.; and Joyce, now Mrs. E. Duhamel of California.

Mrs. Dok passed away in 1930 and was laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery, north of Fredonia.

Mr. Dok remained on this farm for some 30 years. He later moved to Wadena, Minn. where he now resides.

021. DURR, GOTTLIEB 45

Gottlieb Durr was born in South Russia, August 1, 1870. He was baptized and later, upon receiving religious instruction, was also confirmed.

In 1895, he was united in marriage to Miss Christina Seefried. Seven children were born to this union. Mrs. Durr passed away in 1913. Later he married Elizabeth Lebedorff to which two children were born.

Mr. Durr came to the United States in 1900, making his home on a farm near Fredonia, where the family remained until 1928, when Mr. Durr retired, moving to Fredonia.

Mr. Durr passed away on December 19, 1949, at the advanced age of 79 years. He was a long time member of the Fredonia Congregational Church. He was one of the first Sunday School teachers to serve in that congregation.

They were blessed with the following children: Gotthilf of Aberdeen, So. Dak.; Otto of Marysville, Calif.; August of Bismarck, N.D.; Gottlieb of Banning, Calif.; Emil of Fargo, N.D.; Julia, now Mrs. Jacob Schweigert of Washburn, N.D.; Elvina, now Mrs. Fred Wolf of Billings, Mont.; Maggie, now Mrs. Fred Kleingartner of Seattle, Wash.; Elsie, now Mrs. Emil Hoffman of Forbes, N.D.

Mrs. Durr is presently residing with her daughter, Elsie, on a farm near Forbes, N.D.

022. EGGE, MARTIN 28

Martin Egge was born and raised on his father's farm, about seven miles southeast of Sioux Falls, S.D. As a young man, he came to Logan County and filed on a homestead about ten miles northwest of what is now Fredonia.

In 1904, after the filing of his homestead, he worked at various jobs. In the fall of that year, he taught a term of school in Lauth school district. That same spring, he packed up his few belongings and walked across the country to Jamestown, N.D. where he thought he could get employment. Instead he was successful in getting a job at the Downing Ranch, three-fourths of a mile northeast of LaMoure, where he worked for eight months. When he returned to his homestead, he hired Mr. E.D. McKee to break up thirty acres of ground, which was sowed into flax. The following year, he taught two terms of school, for which he was paid from 35 to 40 dollars per month.

In the spring of 1907, he bought a few horses and started farming, built a sod house, and later another house built of rocks and clay. In 1919, he built a large frame house. He also built a barn with a good floor, which was used for dances in the early days. Mr. Egge became a large land owner. He had as many as 100 head of cattle, including from 20 to 30 milk cows, which were some chore for one person. In 1952, he sold all his horses and cattle and almost all machinery, and spent the winter in the vicinity of Los Angeles, Calif., returning the next spring to do a little farming of his own.

Mr. Egge says he went through hard winters, with all his stock to take care of. From information received, Mr. Egge is the only man in the vicinity of Fredonia who homesteaded in 1904 and still operates the old homestead.

Mr. Egge is enjoying good health.

023. ENSSLEN, SAMUEL & BERTHA (Flaig) 56

[picture] Samuel Ensslen, son of Joseph and Barbara Ensslen, was born in Alt-Postal, Bessarabia, So. Russia in 1888 [1888?]. In 1910 he left for the United States and came to Gackle, N.D., where he stayed with his uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Elhard. His professional trade was carpentering, which also was Mr. Elhard's, so they found work building houses and other buildings. \$2.00 per day was the wages received at that time, which was considered good wages.

In 1910 and 1911 he was employed by the North Star Lumber and Hardware Co. As a new comer he soon learned the English language.

In 1912 he went on a farm and had good success, as that year was a bumper crop. 7000 bu. Of wheat and flax were threshed. After that he left for Watkins, Montana, where he filed on a homestead fifty miles from the closest railroad but soon returned to North Dakota, where he was united in marriage to Bertha Flaig, daughter of Joseph and Marie Flaig of Gackle, North Dakota.

After their marriage they returned to Montana on the farm where they farmed for seven years. When they came back to North Dakota they settled in Fredonia, and he worked as a carpenter. Later on he got a job with the Fredonia Mercantile Co. as a clerk, and as qualifications improved, he was assigned to the office as assistant manager, with John Widmer as manager.

In 1940 Mr. Ensslen, upon the resignation of Mr. Widmer, became general manager, which position he held until 1947, when the store was destroyed by fire. Mr. and Mrs. Ensslen have retired and are living in their home at Fredonia.

024. ESLINGER, JOHANN & KATHRINE 35

[picture] Mr. and Mrs. Johann and Kathrine Eslinger were born in Bessarabia, South Russia. In 1887, they went on board a steam ship and sailed for the United States, arriving at Tripp, S.D. the same year. There Mrs. Eslinger had an uncle with whom they stayed for a short time. No land was available for homestead in the state of South Dakota, and their cash reserve was gone, so they decided to journey on to North Dakota, driving a team of horses and a covered wagon. There they settled on a homestead, five miles northwest of Fredonia. The trip was made in eight days, covering a distance of about 300 miles. Many dark and gloomy days were spent as Mr. Eslinger was one of the early settlers in the Fredonia community. After many years on the farm, Mr. Eslinger retired from farming and moved to Fredonia, where Mr. Eslinger passed away in 1944. Mrs. Eslinger passed away in 1934.

Thirteen children remain after the passing of the old folks. They are: Rebbeka, Mrs. John Sukut, Terry, Mont.; John, Lodi, Calif.; Christ, Jamestown, N.D.; David, Bismarck, N.D.; Emanuel, Fredonia, N.D.; Lydia, Mrs. Haag, Billings, Mont.; Mrs. Schlittenhart, Gackle, N.D.; Kathryn, Mrs. Rev. Emanuel Gackle, Fredonia, N.D.; Helen Eslinger, of Grafton, N.D.; Emilia, Mrs. Rev. Geo. Kuhn, Fort Collins, Colo.; Rev. Ed J. Eslinger, Denver, Colo.; Martha, Mrs. Rev. Emil Klein, Odessa, Wash.; Hilda, Eslinger, Portland, Ore.

025. ESZLINGER, CHRIST & OTTILLIA (Keller) 17

[picture] Mr. Eszlinger was born in South Russia in 1864. He was united in marriage to Miss Ottillia Keller in 1889. The very next year, they migrated to the United States and took up a homestead one and a half miles north of Fredonia, where they farmed with success. Not being blessed with children, they adopted an orphan boy, Dan, and gave him good care, love, and also a good education. Dan proved himself an obedient, loving son, rewarding his parents with appreciation of kindness and love until their death.

In 1905, they retired from farming and made their home in Fredonia. They were the second family to move into Fredonia. The first family to reside in Fredonia was the Gottlieb Geiser family.

On October 3, 1934, Mr. Eszlinger passed away at the age of 70 years. The next year, May 19, she was united in marriage to Mr. John Eszlinger, who was the brother of her first husband. This union was for both a blessed fellowship and comfort for their evening of life. On December 12, 1944, at the age of 83, her second husband passed away.

For 15 years, the small Nazareth Congregation held its meetings and church services at their farm home.

Mrs. Eszlinger spent her last years with her son, Daniel. She suddenly passed away at the age of 80 in March of 1953. She was laid to rest in the Congregational Church, north of Fredonia.

026. FEHLING, JACOB & ELIZABETH (Baesler) 76

[picture] Jacob Fehling was born February 26, 1870, in Kleastitz [Kloestitz], South Russia, where he also was joined in Holy Matrimony to Elizabeth Baesler on July 10, 1900.

In 1907, Mr. Fehling and wife, with their two children, joined a group of emigrants and came to the United States, to take advantage of all the opportunities offered in this country. They arrived in New York on Christmas Day, from there they journeyed on to North Dakota and settled on a farm near Fredonia. Many were the hardships which all pioneers experienced during the early years, as most all immigrants [who] came to this country [were] very poor and had to get a start from hard labor and long hours of work.

After many years of farming, Mr. and Mrs. Fehling decided to retire from the farm, and moved to Merricourt, N.D., where they made their home. After several years in town, Mrs. Fehling became ill and passed away on March 27, 1944. Mr. Fehling made his home among his children for a few years, after which he moved to the Old People's Home at Eureka, S.D., where he is at the present time enjoying good health at the age of 84 years. The family were members of the Congregational Church.

Ten children were born to this union, they are: Emily, Mrs. Fred Schuldheisz, Klamath Falls, Ore.; Jacob, Mitchell, S.D.; Otto and Henry, Fredonia, N.D.; Anna, Mrs. J. Nitschke, Ashley, N.D.; Alvina, Mrs. Wm. Lay, Minneapolis, Minn.; Olga, Mrs. Gotthilf Siewart, Elgin, N.D.; Hulda, Mrs. Edwin Schlenker, Ellendale, N.D.; Mathilda, Mrs. A.P. Roeszler, Lodi, Calif.; Rosina, Mrs. Lay, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

027. FERCHO, GOTTLIEB & THERESIA (Janz) 77

[picture] Mr. Fercho was born February 27, 1880 in South Russia. He came to America and spent the first winter at Kulm, N.D. In 1903, he filed on a quarter section of homestead land, five and one-half miles west of Fredonia. Mr. Fercho hauled all the lumber and supplies from Kulm, as Fredonia was not organized at that time.

It was not until 1905, when he built his first house of virgin sod and clay, in which the family lived for a number of years. On February 6, 1906, Mr. Fercho was united in marriage to Theresia Janz, born October 25, 1884, in South Russia, who came to America in 1905.

Mr. and Mrs. Fercho experienced the usual hardships of pioneering. They were active as well as charter members of the Tabor Evangelical Church, located six miles west of Fredonia.

After living on the farm for 24 years, they retired from farming and moved to Wishek, N.D., where they now reside. To this union, six children were born



of whom four are living, they are: Hulda, Mrs. Albert Kosanke, Bismarck, N.D.; Esther, Mrs. Gust Stebner; Ruth, Mrs. R.W. Pfau and Emanuel, all of Wishek, N.D.

028. FEY, JACOB SR. 63

[picture] Jacob Fey was born March 22, 1874, in Klistich [Kloestitz], South Russia. As a young man, at the age of 15, he came with his parents to North Dakota and settled on a farm in what is called the Antelope Valley, McIntosh County. Many ups and downs were encountered in the early days of his life as a pioneer, although he had the courage and faith in our country, which made him a faithful servant to his community.

In 1897, he was united in marriage to Christina Heller, who passed away in 1925.

Mr. Fey was a great lover of horses and cattle. No time was spared in the care of his livestock. He was often seen driving to town with a well matched team of horses with shining harness hitched to a lumber wagon with a load of grain.

In 1926, he was united in marriage to Julia Grotza, who cared for him with great devotion and faithful service. Soon thereafter, he retired from the farm and moved to Fredonia, where he lived until 1948, when he moved to Kulm, where he died in 1953. Mrs. Fey was left a widow, and later went to live with her daughter, by a former marriage, Kathryn, now Mrs. Fred Gieser of Mandan, N.D.

Eight children were born to this union, by his first marriage, of which seven are living: Albert, Fredonia, N.D.; Theodore, Kulm, N.D.; Jacob, Lodi, Calif.; Martha, now Mrs. Martin Schlinker, Kulm, N.D.; Hulda, now Mrs. Emil Meidinger, Fredonia, N.D.; Maggie, now Mrs. Jacob Wolf, Kulm, N.D.; Rosie, now Mrs. Christ Wolf, Fredonia, N.D.

Mr. Fey was a member of the Berlin Baptist Church.

029..FLAIG, DANIEL & KAROLINE (Ensslen) 30

Mr. Flaig was born in Bessarabia, South Russia, in September 22, 1878. Together with his parents, they came to America, arriving at Kulm, N.D.

In the spring of 1899, they settled on a farm, north of Kulm, and in the same year they moved by team to Gackle, N.D., where they settled on a farm, 20 miles north of Fredonia.

In 1904, Mr. Flaig moved to Fredonia, where he helped construct the first general store. He became the first manager of this store. This store was then known as Grosz and Co. Later on Peter Biligmier, George Gackle, Joseph Flaig and Daniel Flaig took over the ownership. It was then known as the Flaig and Company.

In 1907, Mr. Flaig was united in marriage to Miss Karoline Ensslen.

In 1918, Mr. Flaig retired from the store business and went into the cattle business. He had been in the cattle business before 1918, but now was devoting more time to this business.

Mr. Flaig was the first postmaster in Fredonia. The post office was opened in the spring of 1905.

He went into the automobile business in 1934, remaining in this business for 15 years.

Mrs. Flaig passed away on April 28, 1949. They are the parents of three children. They are: Theophil of Hollywood, Calif.; Leonite, now Mrs. L.C. Moll of Sleepy Eye, Minn.; Hugo, now a minister at Redfield, S.D.

Mr. Flaig presently resides in Fredonia. Mr. Flaig is the only living charter member of the Fredonia Congregational Church.

030. FLAIG, EMANUEL & CHRISTINA (Brosz) 20

[picture] Mr. Flaig was born on October 18, 1887 in South Russia. As a young man, he came with his parents to the United States and settled near Gackle in 1899. There he stayed on the farm until 1906, when he came to Fredonia and worked as a clerk in the Grosz & Company General Store.

On October 20, 1910, he was united in marriage to Christina Brosz. Soon after their marriage, he built a home in Fredonia, where he lived until he passed away on August 9, 1931.

Seven children were born to this union of whom six are living; they are: Florence, Fargo, N.D.; Emanuel, Fredonia, N.D.; Benjamin, Havre, Mont.; Ruth, now Mrs. W.D. Smith, Meadville, Pa.; Ann, Mrs. Art Dockter, Fargo, N.D.; Mable, Jamestown, N.D.

Mrs. Flaig was united in marriage the second time on October 30, 1946, to Emanuel Falkenstern, of Terry, Mont., who passed away on Sept. 2, 1951.

Mrs. Falkenstern moved to Jamestown, N.D., where she makes her home with her daughter, Mable.

031. FREGIEN, JOHN & HERMINA (Netz) 73

[picture] John Fregien was born on the farm of his parents, 9 miles south of Fredonia, on March 8, 1891. There he worked with his father until 1912 when he left for Idaho to file on a homestead. After two years in the state of Idaho, he came back to North Dakota, where he was united in marriage to Hermina Netz, on March 30, 1915.

Soon after their marriage, Mr. Fregien purchased a farm of his own eight miles south of Fredonia in McIntosh County. There he operated the farm for almost 40 years, retiring from active farming in 1950 when he moved to Kulm, N.D. Mr. Fregien took an active part in his farming operations from which he acquired considerable land.

To this union three children were born, who are: Delores, Mrs. Gottlieb Hartman, Kulm, N.D.; Alice, Mrs. Lee Hollan, Kulm, N.D.; Viola, Mrs. Alvin Moltzen, New Salem, North Dakota.

Mr. and Mrs. Fregien are members of the first Congregational Church at Kulm.

032. FRIEDERICH, JACOB & PAULINE (Beuber) 41

[picture] Mr. Friederich was born at Tripp, S.D., on August 15, 1888. Mrs. Friederich was born in South Russia, and when she was three and a half years old, she became an orphan. Both her parents had passed away. She was then raised in an orphanage in a community near Odessa, South Russia. She lived there until she was 14 years of age, at which time she became confirmed in the Lutheran faith. She worked in Odessa from the time she was confirmed until she was 17 years of age. In 1905, she and her youngest sister immigrated to the United States, arriving at Clinton, Ia. Here her oldest sister resided, Mrs. Henry Reter. In 1906, she went to Tripp, S.D. and there she clerked in a general store for Mr. Gotthilf Doring for three years until 1909.

Mr. and Mrs. Friederich, nee Pauline Beuber, were married on September 12, 1909. Soon after their marriage, they entered the general store business in Tripp, S.D. After several years in business, they decided to move to North Dakota. In March of 1915 they settled on a farm in McIntosh County, about six miles southwest from Fredonia. Here they farmed for many years and Mr. Friederich also filled the capacity as County Commissioner of McIntosh County for four years.

In 1940, they moved to Fredonia, where Mr. Friederich operated a service station for a few years, after which he became manager of the Fredonia Co-operative Store, which position he holds at the present time. Mr. and Mrs. Friederich are the only remaining charter members of the Fredonia Lutheran Church and Mrs. Friederich is one of the remaining charter members of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid.

They were blessed with three children. They are: Harold of West Fargo, N.D.; Edwin of Jamestown, and Raymond of Rugby, N.D.

033. FRIEDERICH, WILLIAM & THERESA (Reiman) 74

[picture] Mr. Frederich was born on May 12, 1880, at Tripp, S.D. After he grew to manhood, he was united in marriage to Theresa Reiman, also of Tripp, S.D. He went into farming after their marriage and soon became a large farmer of that state. Many years passed by on the old farm, which he later sold, packed up all his belongings and moved to North Dakota in 1919. There he purchased the old Bender farm, five miles south of Fredonia. This farm he operated until 1944, when he retired from farming and moved to Fredonia, where he passed away in 1945.

This union was blessed with nine children of whom six are living. They are: Leontena, now Mrs. Andrew Schlabs, Lodi, Calif.; Albert, Lodi, Calif.; Julius, Seattle, Wash.; Paul, Fredonia, N.D.; Fred, Fredonia, N.D.

After Mrs. Friederich had been a widow for a few years, she was united in marriage to Gottfried Bietz, of Tripp, S.D., where she now resides.

034. FRIEGEN, SAMUEL & KAROLINA (Radke) 59

[picture] Mr. Friege was born in South Russia in 1868. He was united in marriage to Miss Karolina Radke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Radke, nee Vogel, in 1888. Soon after their marriage, they immigrated to the United States and filed on a homestead, south of Fredonia. For many years they belonged to the Gnadenfeld Church. In 1918, they retired from farming and moved into Fredonia. Mr. Friege served as Village Trustee for many years.

They were blessed with the following children: Christine, now Mrs. Nathaniel G. Isaak; John of Kulm; Mary, now Mrs. John Flegel, Kulm; Ida, now Mrs. David Oster, Ellendale; Bertha, Mrs. John Hauff of Fredonia; Emma, Mrs. Rudolph Friege of Jamestown, N.D.

Mr. Friege passed away on October 26, 1946; Mrs. Friege passed away on February 19, 1953.

035. FUCHS, JACOB Jr. 70

[picture] Mr. Fuchs was born in Petersdahl [Peterstal], South Russia, on January 6, 1881, son of Jacob and Elizabeth, nee Miller, Fuchs. Together with his folks, he immigrated to the United States and arrived at Menno, S.D., in 1901. They remained there for one year, then moved to North Dakota and filed on a homestead seven miles southwest of Fredonia.

In 1907, he was united in marriage to Miss Rosina Lefke, who was from Eureka, S.D. In 1909, Mrs. Fuchs passed away and left one small child.

In 1910, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Katherina Leibach of Lehr, N.D. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Ader, who was then the pastor of the Lehr Evangelical United Brethren Church. That same year, they settled on a farm, south of Fredonia. Here they lived until 1940, when Mr. Fuchs passed away at the age of 59 years.

In 1940, Mrs. Fuchs moved to Fredonia, with her two youngest children and her father-in-law, Mr. Jacob Fuchs, Sr.

In 1946, she married to Mr. George Lutt. He passed away in 1949.

Mrs. Lutt lives in Fredonia and is a member of the Lutheran Church. She has been a member of the Fredonia Lutheran Ladies' Aid for many years.

Their children are as follows: One step daughter, Hilda, now Mrs. Harold Ketterling of Fredonia; Adena, by a former marriage with Mr. Fred Leibach, now Mrs. Edwin Mund of Ashley; Albert Fuchs of Ellendale, N.D.; Ted Fuchs of Ashley; Jacob Fuchs of Seattle, Wash.; Lydia, now Mrs. Paul Frederick of Seattle, Wash.; Arnold of Fredonia; Lillian, now Mrs. Arnold Schorzman of Quincy, Wash.; Raymond of Jamestown, N.D.; Ella, now Mrs. Clarence Weispenning of Jamestown; Elmer, at home in Fredonia.

036. FUCHS, JACOB SR. 31

[picture] Mr. Fuchs was born in Petersdahl [Peterstal], South Russia in 1857. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Miller, born in 1860, in South Russia.

In 1901, they emigrated to America and arrived at Menno, S.D. They remained for one year when they moved to North Dakota and filed on a homestead in McIntosh County, seven miles southwest of Fredonia. In 1918, Mrs. Fuchs passed away at the age of 58 years. In 1920, Mr. Fuchs was united in marriage to Mrs. Katherine Mulock from Eureka, S.D. That same year, they retired from farming and moved into Fredonia.

Mrs. Fuchs passed away in August of 1929. Mr. Fuchs then sold all his possessions and went to live with his oldest son, Jacob, who was then living on a farm, southwest of Fredonia.

In 1940, he moved to Fredonia with his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Katherina Fuchs. He passed away at the Jamestown Hospital on Dec. 29, at the ripe old age of 85 years.

They had the following children: Jacob, now deceased; John, now deceased; Lottie Miller, now deceased; Lavina, now Mrs. Adam Kurtz of Lodi, Calif.; Edward of Oregon; Lydia, now Mrs. Albert Fenskie of Rendall, Minn.; Otilia, now Mrs. William Strand of Rendall, Minn.

037. GACKLE, GOTTFRIED SR. & ROSINA (Dittus) 24

[picture] Gkottfried Gackle, Sr. was born in 1862, in Postal, Bessarabia, South Russia, where he was united in marriage to Rosina Dittus. In 1897, they sailed for the United States and settled on a homestead, two miles west of Fredonia. Mr. Gackle was active in farming until 1920, when they retired from the farm and moved to Fredonia, where Mr. Gackle purchased the post office building from Mr. Henry Bentz at which time his son, Otto, was the postmaster. All the land that Mr. Gackle had is still owned by the children, namely: Dan, Otto, and Oscar.

To this union, eight children were born, of whom seven are living, they are: Gottfried, Jr., Watkins, Mont.; Otilia, Mrs. Otto Isaac, Fargo, N.D.; Pauline, Mrs. John Kinzler, Iroquois, S.D.; Dan, Dickey, N.D.; Otto, Velva, N.D.; Oscar, Ellendale, N.D.; and Elsie, Mrs. Louis Wagner, Monango, N.D.

A daughter passed away in infancy.

Fore-fathers emigrated from Germany to Russia in 1812.

They were members of the German Congregational Church.

038. GEISZLER, FREDRICH & DOROTHEA (Ziegler) 28

[picture] Mr. Geiszler came to the United States with his parents in May of 1878 and settled near Tripp, S.D.

In 1888 he was united in marriage to Miss Dorothea Ziegler, born Nov. 21, 1868, in Dennewitz, Bessarabia, South Russia. She was the daughter of Wilhelm and Barbara, nee Friederich, Ziegler.

The young couple moved to North Dakota from Yankton, S.D. the same year, by train as far as Edgeley, N.D. The trip from there to Logan County was made by team. They homesteaded three miles north of Fredonia, which has remained the family home to the present time.

In 1889, Mr. Geiszler broke up 10 acres of land and seeded three bushels of flax and harvested three bushels of flax.

In November of 1889, their first child was born. This child was born on the day when North Dakota was admitted to the Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Geiszler spent their entire wedded life on this homestead. When St. John's Lutheran Church was organized, north of Fredonia, Mr. Geiszler was one of the charter members and remained loyal to this church with his family when it was transferred to the village of Fredonia under the name of Martin Luther Church.

Fred Geiszler passed away on January 15, 1924. Mrs. Geiszler passed away on Sept. 11, 1949. They were both laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery, north of Fredonia.

They were blessed with nine children of whom four are living. They are: Regina, now Mrs. Schultz of Fredonia; Richard and Gehard of Fredonia; and Anna Bauer of Eldridge, N.D.

039. GIESER, GOTTLIEB & ROSENA (Wolf) 16

[picture: THE FIRST FREDONIA FAMILY.] Mr. Gieser was born in Odessa, South Russia on July 12, 1867. In 1891, he was united in marriage to Rosena Wolf, daughter of Mr. Friederich Wolf, while still in Russia. In 1893, he and his wife emigrated to the United States, arriving at Parkston, South Dakota, where they remained for a short time when they moved to North Dakota, and settled on a farm in the Antelope Valley, south from Fredonia.

In October of 1904, Mr. and Mrs. Gieser moved to Fredonia and were the first family to reside in Fredonia. That same year, Mr. Gieser entered the grain and lumber business. He remained in the grain business for only a short time. He was in the lumber business for some 20 years.

In the middle 20's he and Mr. Fred Miller, Sr. went into partnership and entered the hardware business, replacing Mr. Gottfried Haas. They later sold this business to Mr. Edward Kroll. Mr. Gieser also had interest in farming during all these years.

For many years, Mr. Gieser served as chairman of the Village Board of Trustees. He also assisted in the construction of the Baptist church and parsonage in Fredonia. For years he served in various positions in the Fredonia Baptist church.

Mr. Gieser was well educated, having served as an instructor in South Russia. He was well liked by all who know him and was a good provider for his family. He was a staunch Baptist and held to his faith until his death in 1934. He reached the age of 67 years.

Mrs. Gieser remained a widow for two years when she married Mr. Fred Ziegenhagel of Lehr, N.D.

Mrs. Gieser passed away in November of 1947.

They had the following children: Rosie, now Mrs. J.J. Schmierer of Lansing, Mich.; Katie, now Mrs. Henry Meidinger of Lansing, Mich.; Fred Gieser of Mandan, N.D.; Maggie, now Mrs. Ben Meidinger of Linton, N.D.; Pauline, now Mrs. Max Buechler of Kulm, N.D.; Theodore Gieser, now deceased; Henry of Alhambra, Calif.

Their son, Theodore, was the first child to be born in Fredonia, N.D. This birth occurred on Sept. 6, 1907.

040. GOEHRING, ADAM SR. & MAGDALENA (Rott) 65

[picture] Adam Goehring was born in South Russia on July 2, 1842, and immigrated to the U.S. along with others in the early 80's. Menno, S.D. was the first stop and in December, 1884, he came to McIntosh County in a covered wagon. With him, was his wife, Magdalena, nee Rott, and their children. Many were the hard days spent by his family. A breaking plow and wagon with perhaps \$35.00, were all the farm equipment they had. Their buildings, a house and barn, were constructed of sod. Often the food supply was low and loads of buffalo bones were gathered and trekked across the hills to Ellendale, where \$8.00 per ton was received. Sugar, flour and other groceries were then bought and taken home. The trip usually took three days. Mr. Goehring filed on land about 15 miles southwest of Fredonia.

Mr. Goehring was a member of the Baptist Church and his family were steady attendants.

Mr. and Mrs. Goehring later retired from farming and moved into Fredonia.

They were the parents of seven children. Three are living; they are: Henry of Ashley, N.D.; Karl of Salem, Ore.; Magdalena, now Mrs. Gottlieb Grenz of Fredonia.

They have passed on down the road which we all must go someday. Mrs. Goehring was the first to pass away, her death occurring October 16, 1913. Mr. Goehring followed on May 16, 1923.

041. GOEHRING, HENRY & FREDERICKA (Hoffman) 72

[picture] Mr. Henry Goehring, together with his parents, immigrated from South Russia in 1884. Arriving at Menno, S.D., they stayed there until 1885, when they came to North Dakota, in a covered wagon, where his father filed on a homestead, about 15 miles southwest of Fredonia. Mr. Goehring was raised on the farm for 22 years.

In 1906, he was united in marriage to Fredericka Hoffman. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. H.G. Benz.

After his marriage, he started a farm of his own. The lumber for the buildings was hauled from the Salzer Lumber Yard at Fredonia. Small buildings were put up by help of good neighbors.

Mr. and Mrs. Goehring are members of the Baptist Church, of which he has held many offices in church and Sunday school.

After many years of farming, Mr. Goehring felt he should retire from the farm, so in 1940 he sold all his farm property and went to the west coast for a visit with friends and relatives. After four months he returned to Ashley, where he now resides.

Five children were born to this union; they are: Maggie, now Mrs. August Durr, Bismarck, N.D.; Edward, Medford, Ore.; Aaron, Bismarck, N.D.; Ephraim, Fredonia, N.D.; Rose, now Mrs. Martin Grosz, Fredonia, N.D.

Edward, now deceased, was killed in a car accident at Medford, Ore., on January 7, 1953.

042. GOHRING, KARL & LYDIA (Rott) 74

[picture] Karl Gohring was born on September 5, 1887 in McIntosh County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Gorhing. He was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Rott on June 20, 1908. She was born in 1889 and was the daughter of George and Rosina Rott.

After their marriage they lived on a farm in McIntosh County from 1908 to 1920. At this time they sold their property and moved to Ashley. There Mr. Gohring was associated with the County Highway Department. In 1921 they moved to Streeter, N.D., where Karl was employed by the Standard Oil Company for three years after which time they moved to Fredonia. Here he decided to enter business for himself and so he built the White Eagle Bulk Station. Due to ill health he sold this business to Jacob Wolf of Fredonia in 1926. From 1926 to 1931, Karl Gohring leased the Fredonia Hotel and during this time he also had the John Deere Implement Agency for one year. In 1931, they once again moved to Ashley, where Mr. Gohring entered the elevator business, but due to his ill health was forced to go out of business. From 1932 to 1945 he carried on with odd jobs. In 1945 they moved to Venturia, North Dakota, and he was employed by the Wishek Elevator Company for a short time. They then moved to Lehr and at which time, not being settled, they decided to spend the winter of 1946 in Oregon. They returned to North Dakota in the spring of 1947, at which time they sold all their furniture and returned to Oregon to make their future home. Their present address is 1585 North 4<sup>th</sup> St., Salem, Ore.

The Karl Gohrings were blessed with four children who are: John, born Oct. 12, 1909 of Mott, N.D.; Lena, born June 24, 1913, now Mrs. Edward Isaack of Salem, Oregon; Bertha, born October 4, 1915, now Mrs. Wm. Doerr of Bismarck, N.D.; Wilbert, born July 17, 1921 of Salem, Ore.

043. GRAFF, ARTHUR & BERTHA (Stehr) 48

[picture] Mr. Graff grew to manhood in Canistota, S.D., and arrived in Fredonia in 1907. That same year, he went into partnership with Mr. Christ Jenner in the Farm Implement business. He was in this business for only a short time, when in 1907, he was united in marriage to Miss Bertha Stehr, daughter of Christ Stehr of Kulm, N.D. The wedding ceremony was performed by a Lutheran minister.



Immediately after their marriage, they operated the Schempp Hotel for two years and during this time, Mr. Graff was also the local postmaster.

In 1910, Mr. Graff constructed a home on Main street. The front rooms were used for a post office. This building was later purchased by John A. Kinzler and was moved to Kulm, N.D.

In December, 1915, Mr. and Mrs. Graff moved to Montana, where they filed on a homestead. They lived on this homestead for several years, then later moved to Walla Walla, Washington. There they entered the restaurant business.

They are now retired and are still living in Walla Walla, Wash.

They have two children. They are Clifford and Delita, both of Walla Walla, Wash.

044. GRENZ, FRED & MARY (Dobler) 75

[picture] Mr. Grenz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Grenz, was born on April 16, 1885, in Menno, S.D. In 1894, Mr. Grenz and his parents journeyed to North Dakota and filed on a homestead in the Antelope Valley in McIntosh County. Here Mr. Grenz grew to manhood and received his meager education. For several years Fred Grenz and his two brothers, Gottlieb and John, operated a threshing rig in the Antelope Valley.

Mr. Grenz was united in marriage to Miss Mary Dobler, daughter of Gottlieb Dobler. Their marriage occurred on April 1, 1907, and the ceremony was performed by Rev. Vogel of the Kulm Congregational Church.

The first few months of their marriage were spent with Mr. Grenz's folks. Prior to their marriage, Mr. Grenz had filed on a homestead in Antelope Valley. He later erected a new house and barn and on July 1, 1907, they moved to their new home. They remained on this farm for four years, until in 1911 they purchased Mr. Grenz's father's farm. In the spring of that same year a great tragedy struck their farm. A mad dog with rabies went into their herd of cattle and they lost all of their cattle from rabies. In the spring of 1918, Mr. and Mrs. Grenz moved to Alberta, Canada, where they engaged in farming for one year.

In the spring of 1919, Mr. and Mrs. Grenz moved back to North Dakota and purchased the Kroll farm south of Fredonia and entered farming.

On February 13, 1922, another misfortune struck the Grenz farm. This time a severe North Dakota blizzard struck and seven head of cattle were frozen to death in the raging blizzard.

In 1924, Mr. Grenz sold the Kroll farm which he had purchased prior to renting the Hellwig farm. That same year, he purchased the Gottlieb Dobler farm. Here they remained for a number of years, while Mr. Grenz did extensive farming. He later rented this farm to his son, Homer, who farmed here for three years.

In 1942, Mr. Grenz sold his farm and moved to Ellendale, N.D., where they bought a home and lived until 1945. They then sold their property in Ellendale and moved to McIntosh, S.D. There Mr. Grenz bought three quarter sections of land and again entered farming. They farmed there until 1953,

when they returned to Ellendale and purchased a home where they now live in retirement.

Mr. Grenz was a long time member of the Berlin Baptist Church, having joined in 1905. He was very active in church work, having been Sunday School Superintendent and teacher for many years. He was also the choir director and a male quartet singer for many years. He and many of his church singing friends put on many concerts.

In 1934, Mr. and Mrs. Grenz joined the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Grenz were blessed with nine children of whom seven are living. They are: Clara, born January 6, 1908, now Mrs. Christ Vilhoner of McIntosh, S.D.; Edmond, born March 27, 1910, married to Agnes Graff, now of Chicago, Ill.; Irene, born April 9, 1912, now Mrs. Richard Henneberg of McIntosh, S.D.; Lillian, born March 3, 1915, now Mrs. Rein Isaak of Leola, S.D.; Homer, born July 3, 1917, now married to Esther Schlenker of Kulm, N.D.; Lorraine, born Sept. 3, 1919, now Mrs. Phillip Kline of Ellendale, N.D.; Willard, born February 14, 1927, now deceased; Esther, born October 18, 1922. She passed away in 1924.

045. GRENZ, GOTTLIEB & MAGDALENA (Goehring) 25

[picture] Mr. Grenz was born in Menno, S.D. on Aug. 26, 1880. Together with his folks, they moved to North Dakota by covered wagon. They stopped briefly at Edgeley and Kulm, N.D. but kept going on farther west until they arrived in the Antelope Valley, which is about 15 miles south of Fredonia. The trip took two weeks. They arrived in the Antelope Valley on August 26, 1894. Soon after their arrival, his father filed on a homestead and he lived with his father until he was 23 years of age.

He was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Goehring on March 29, 1904. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. George Bergdorf, who was then the pastor of the Berlin Baptist church.

Mr. Grenz filed on a homestead one mile east of his father's farm in 1901 and in 1904, brought his bride to this site. Here they lived until 1907, when he purchased a farm seven miles further north. They lived on this farm for 36 years.

Mr. Grenz served as director on the school board for two terms and on the township precinct for three terms. He served as treasurer of the Fredonia Co-operative Store for one term.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Grenz were active in church work. They were members of the Berlin Baptist church of which they are still active members. Mr. Grenz was the superintendent of the Sunday School and choral leader for many years. He served as church deacon of the Berlin Baptist Church for 17 years.

Mr. Grenz was a quartet singer for many years. He was also a stockholder in the Farmer's Elevator in Fredonia for about eight years.

They were blessed with five children of whom all are living. They are: Theodore, born June 1, 1905, now in Mobridge, S.D.; Paulina, born August 16, 1906, now Mrs. Karl Wolf of Sioux Falls, S.D.; Bertha, born April 19, 1910,

now Mrs. Fred Hoffman, of Fredonia; Carl, born Feb. 28, 1912, of Fredonia; Henry, born May 15, 1916, of Fredonia, N.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Grenz observed their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 29, 1954.

046. GROSZ, ADOLF & LYDIA (Hanneld) 50

[picture] Adolf Grosz was born March 1, 1864, in Parkston, S.D. In 1886, he and his folks moved to North Dakota and arrived in McIntosh County. He was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Hanneld at Kulm, N.D., in 1906. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Vogel, who was then the pastor of the Kulm Congregational Church.

Later, during the same year of their marriage, Mr. Grosz purchased the farm of his father's, which is located ten miles south of Fredonia. They remained on this farm until 1943, when they moved to Fredonia.

Mr. Grosz can well remember the school conditions in the late 80's and the early 90's. There were no schools in their area up until 1890. In that year, they hired a teacher to teach in a private home. The school term was one month and the first teacher to teach in this area was Mrs. Maggie Magdalyn from Edgeley.

In 1904, the first school house was built and the Antelope School District was organized. The first school teacher to teach in this school was Miss Lizzie Robertson, from Edgeley.

Mr. and Mrs. Grosz were blessed with four children. They are: Olive, born October 5, 1907, now Mrs. Arthur Freymarck of Jud, N.D.; Clarence, born September 29, 1910, of Kulm; Martin, born January 23, 1913, of Fredonia; Stella, born August 3, 1916, of Fredonia, now Mrs. Ephraim Goehring.

Mr. and Mrs. Grosz reside in Fredonia and are members of the Congregational Church.

047. GUTSCHMIDT, CHRISTOPH 43

[picture] Christoph Gutschmidt was born in South Russia, where he married. In 1888, he and his family sailed for America, where they settled on a homestead about three miles northeast of Fredonia. There they farmed until 1909, when Mr. Gutschmidt retired from farming and moved to Fredonia. Mrs. Gutschmidt passed away in 1910.

After the passing of his wife, Mr. Gutschmidt made his home with his children. At the time he passed away, he was partly blind. He died in 1916 on the farm of his son, Jacob, south of Gackle.

Six children were born to this union of whom one is living, who is: Mary, Mrs. Wacker, Falon, Alta, Canada.

048. GUTSCHMIDT, JACOB & SELME (Hoenke) 59

[picture] Jacob Gutschmidt was born in Russia, in 1873, and came with parents and family to the United States and settled on a Government Homestead in Logan County in 1889.

He was united in marriage in 1894 to Selme Hoenke. Mr. Gutschmidt was a pioneer homesteader and for several years, a member of the Logan County board of county commissioners. He had many friends over the state as well as here in the county, where he was one of the political king pins for many years. He also served as a member of the Finnish school district for several years.

The massive frame of Mr. Gutschmidt, who was about six feet and six inches in height, and weighed over 300 pounds, carried a proportionate heart filled with generosity and good will toward everyone. However, at the time of his death, he acquired a gross weight of 380 pounds.

Five children were born to this union, they are [as] follows: Emma, Mrs. Matt Spidel, McLaughlin, S.D.; Richard, Fredonia, N.D.; Ida, Mrs. Sam Fregian, Jamestown, N.D.; Anna, Mrs. Christ Hertel, McLaughlin, S.D.; Helen, Mrs. Ed Dietrich, Phillip, S.D.

Mr. Gutschmidt passed away on July 26, 1933, and Mrs. Gutschmidt a few years later.

049. GUTSCHMIDT, JOHN & ROSINA (Opp) 49

John Gutschmidt, son of Christoph and Rosina Gutschmidt was born on March 17, 1864, at Dennewitz [Dennewitz], Bessarabia, Russia. He received a Christian training at home and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

On December 4, 1885, he was joined in Holy Matrimony with Rosina Opp. In the year of 1889, the family immigrated to America, settling on a homestead three and one half miles northeast of Fredonia. Pioneering and various hardships were the obstacles of all first settlers, as they all had to start their way through life from scratch. After devoting about 30 yrs. Of his life to the old homestead, they decided to retire from farming, so in 1919, they moved to Fredonia, where Mr. Gutschmidt passed away in November of 1942 at the age of 78 years. For 30 years, Mr. Gutschmidt was affiliated with the Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Gutschmidt went to live with her children, after the passing of her husband. She died in 1943, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Christ Rath, of Kulm, N.D.

Surviving are the following children: Lydia, Mrs. Christ Rath, Kulm, N.D.; Maria, Mrs. Gotthilf Kurtz, Jamestown, N.D.; Christine, Mrs. John Iszler, Kulm, N.D.; Elsie, Mrs. Wm. Kurtz, Edgeley, N.D.; Emma Gutschmidt, Bismarck, N.D.; Arnold, LaMoure, N.D.

050. HAAG, JOHANN & MARIA (Tobler) 21

[picture] Johann Haag, oldest son of David and Rosina Haag, nee Schultz, was born October 15, 1864, in Dennewitz (dorf), South Russia, shortly thereafter, baptized and was confirmed in 1879 in the Lutheran church, by Pastor Zaler. On January 27, 1887, he was married to the widowed Maria Schultz, nee Tobler, Pastor Scharff officiating. Two years later, in March 1889, they with their

two small children, Rudolph and Nathaniel, left their homeland to go to America, the land of opportunity. They boarded a steamship at Hamburg, Germany, in April and 18 days later arrived in Baltimore, Maryland, tired and seasick from a rough and turbulent ocean voyage. From there they took the train to Tripp and Parkston, S.D., via Chicago. After spending a month at their three uncles, Johann Jerke, Andreas Schmidt and Johann Schelske, a pair of horses and oxen were procured as well as other supplies, loaded in freight car and the trip continued by rail to Eureka, N.D. [S.D.?], via Aberdeen. A few days later accompanied by a government locator by the name of Muehlbeier they landed in eastern Logan County and homesteaded on the NW1/4 of Section 10, Township 133, Range 67, in June 1889. A little sod house and sod barn were built as well as a few acres of sod broken and seeded to flax and potatoes.

Three years later, a five-room house was built of clay brick, where the rest of the children were born: John Jr.; Maria, Mrs. Heller; David; Jacob; Edward' Gottlieb; Anna, Mrs. Irion. This house still has occupants, while not attractive in appearance, it is nevertheless quite comfortable, when sub-zero wintry blizzards howl, quite cool when in mid-summer hot south winds blow, as well as a fairly safe haven when electrical tornadic disturbances whine.

Like many other pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Haag went through many trials and tribulations. Their only source of income the first few years was from buffalo bones, which they gathered in dry sloughs, hauled to Ellendale in exchange for flour. Their only fuel for cooking and heating the home was twisted hay and cow chips. Prairie fires too were hazardous as well as numerous and would burn for weeks at a time endangering both life and property of the settlers. Knowing however that it's always darkest before dawn, they took their problems humbly to the Lord in prayer and received solace and fortitude to endure and conquer.

In 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Haag gave up farming and moved to Fredonia. A year later, Mr. Haag suffered a heart attack, coronary thrombosis, to which he succumbed on July 3, 1932, at the age of 68 years. Mrs. Haag, however, enjoyed fairly good health for many more years until in 1951 when she was struck with cerebral hemorrhage and quietly passed away on December 7th, 1951, at the age of 88 years. May they rest in peace.

051. HAAG, NATHANIEL & MARIE (Oelke) 29

[Nathaniel Haag, son of Johann and Marie Haag, nee Tobler, was born January 26, 1888, in the province of Bessarabia, South Russia, in the village of Dennewitz. With his parents, he came to America at the age of one year and with them came to North Dakota, where they settled in eastern Logan County. In 1903, in the month of March, he was confirmed in the Lutheran church, at the St. Jakobus parish, 12 miles north of Fredonia, by Rev. Henry Nagel. He joined hands in 1914, on the 31st of March in Holy Matrimony with Miss Marie Oelke. To this union were born 13 children as follows: Arthur, born June 21, 1915, of Fredonia; Ardina, born Oct. 3, 1916, now Mrs. LeRoy Klink of Sacramento, Calif.; Raymond, born October 25, 1919, of Fredonia; Esther, born July 28, 1921, now Mrs. Allen Ellington of Fort Worth, Texas; Roland, born June 21, 1924 of California; Lavina, born January 20, 1923, now Mrs. Victor Buerkle of Fredonia; Lawrence, born September 21, 1925 of Hansen, Idaho; Cora, born January 31, 1927, now Mrs. Bob Daily of Seattle, Wash.; Harold, born February 21, 1928 of Fredonia; Emgard, born March 16, 1930 of Fargo,

N.D.; Bernitta, born August 14, 1931, now Mrs. Ray Kruger of Fredonia; Aileen, born January 30, 1935, of Fredonia; and Jane, born January 11, 1940, of Fredonia.

Shortly after their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Haag moved to a farm, seven miles northeast from Lehr, but three years later, established their own farm, one mile west of Fredonia, where they still reside and are hale and hearty. Mr. and Mrs. Haag too experienced some of the hardships of the early settlers, but were determined never to falter and have therefore enjoyed many blessings from the fruits of their labors.

Mr. and Mrs. Haag are members of the Fredonia Lutheran Church. Mrs. Haag has been a long time member of the Fredonia Lutheran ladies' Aid.

052. HANSON, CHRISTIAN 40

[picture] Mr. Hanson was born December 10, 1849 in Eidsvold, Norway. He was married in Norway [to Pera (Larson) Steen] and emigrated to America in 1881, settling at Battle Lake, Minn., where they lived until 1891. Then they came to Edgeley, N.D. and settled on a homestead two and a half miles northeast of Fredonia. This farm today is operated by Fred Nitschke.

In 1904, they moved to Kulm, N.D. Mrs. Steen passed away in 1926 and was laid to rest in the Pomona Valley Lutheran Cemetery at Kulm. Mr. Steen passed away in 1927.

They were the parents of four children of whom two are living. They are Ludvig of Kulm and Bernhard of Clitherall, Minn.

[Under Peter A. Johnson history, this man's name is listed as Christian Hanson Steen.]

053. HAUFF, JACOB SR. & ELIZABETH (Grosz) 62

[picture] Mr. Hauff was born February 2, 1866 in S. Rus. In 1888, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Grosz. In 1893, they filed on a homestead in Dickey County, three miles south of Kulm, N.D. In 1902, they sold that farm and moved to McIntosh County, to what is now called the Roloff Township, which is nine miles from Fredonia.

In 1920, they moved to Fredonia. Mr. Hauff passed away in 1951 at the advanced age of 85. Mrs. Hauff then went to live in Bismarck, N.D., to make her home at the Baptist Home for the Aged. She is now 86 years old and will be 87 in October. 1954.

To this union were born 11 children of whom eight are living. They are John of Fredonia; Mrs. Christine Koth and Adolph of Aberdeen; Olga, Mrs. Fisher of Huron, S.D.; Bertha, Mrs. Fred Miller of Menoken, N.D.; Jacob and Ben of Kulm and Reinhold of Fargo.

The winters were long and hard. Their first house and barn were all in one and many times they had to shovel tunnels in order to get out of the house.

On one particular sunshiny day, the horses walked over the house because the snow was even with the roof. The ceiling began to crack and the children were afraid that the ceiling might break thru.

054. HEHR, CHRIST & ELIZABETH (Tiede) 55

[picture] Christ Hehr was born on October 24, 1859, in the village of Dennewitz, South Russia, the son of Johann and Dora T. Hehr.

In 1882, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Tiede. Six years after their marriage, in 1888, he and his wife came to America and located at Tripp, S.D. After spending a short time there, they moved to Fredonia, N.D., where he filed on a homestead, three miles north of Fredonia. On this homestead he farmed until 1905, when he retired and moved to Kulm, N.D. There he made his home until he passed away on July 3, 1922, at the age of 62 years. Mrs. Hehr remained a widow until she passed away on April 17, 1934.

Four children were born to this union of whom three are living, they are: Rebecca, Mrs. Jake Janke, Minneapolis, Minn.; Christine, Mrs. John H. Burkle, Fredonia, N.D.; Theresa, Mrs. John Schmitt, Jamestown, N.D.

They also raised Selma Leischner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Leischner, whose mother passed away when she was a baby.

055. HEHR, GEORGE & DOROTHEA (Bietz) 65

[picture] Mr. Hehr, son of George and Anna Maria Hehr, (Jeske) was born March 4, 1866, in Dennewitz [Dennewitz], South Russia where as an infant, he was baptized in the Lutheran Faith.

In 1889, Mr. Hehr, together with the Johann Haag family, went on board the steam ship, Crown Princess Cecilia and immigrated to the United States, where they landed at New York. From there, they went by train, arriving at Ellendale, N.D., on May 5, 1889, which was the end of the railroad. From there he came by ox team and wagon with his Uncle Christian Hehr with whom he stayed until he had filed on a homestead, five miles north of Fredonia, where he built a small sod shack. He had no money to continue on the homestead, so he decided to go to south Dakota, where he found employment at the Jacob Bietz farm for one year for \$100.00.

On July 22, 1892, he was united in marriage to Dorothea Bietz, daughter of Friedrich and Anna Maria Bietz, born January 14, 1870 in Bostal [Postal], South Russia.

Soon after their marriage, they proceeded back to the homestead, purchased two oxen, a wagon, and plow, with which they broke up 17 acres of sod. From this he built a larger house, one-fourth mile northwest from the first small sod shack. This sod house consisted of four rooms, bed room, kitchen, chicken house, and barn for the oxen, all in one building.

The oxen were watered on and one-half miles away from the farm and what a chore in all the blizzards. A few years later, a team of horses was purchased and a new barn built of rock and clay, also a third house made of hand made clay bricks, which was later sided on the outside. This made it look like a frame house.

Two buffaloes were seen the first years, and none ever since. Mr. Hehr considered himself luckier than those that had families, since he was a bachelor for four years. Buffalo bones were picked and sold for \$7.00 per load. Slough hay and buffalo chips were the chief heating material for the ovens and stoves, which were made of rock and clay.

On October 23, 1894, Mr. Hehr received his citizenship papers, at which time he became a full United States citizen. Many times he felt like going back to his homeland, but did not have the money, so he was forced to stay like all the other pioneers and make the best of it. In 1910, he made a return trip to his homeland, both for his health and to visit his 80 year old father, two brothers and two sisters. Three months was taken for this trip at which time his health was greatly improved. Mr. Hehr, at the age of 62, suffered a slight heart attack from which he recovered rapidly. On September 21, 1936, he suffered the second heart attack from which he passed away, a half mile from home, where he and his dog had gone to look for the cattle. His family became suspicious when he did not return home after a long time, so his son, Fred, went to look and found his lifeless body in a small ditch with the dog beside him. Mrs. Hehr was then left a widow and also not in the best of health, suffering from several heart attacks from which she died on August 27, 1941. Mrs. Hehr was an untiring worker in her early days. When money was scarce and the family was getting larger, beside her house duties, she helped with the field work, took care of the family, did all the sewing for all the family, as all the clothing was hand made and not ready-made as it is now. All the socks were made from home-spun wool. Later a knitting machine was bought, which made it much easier.

Mr. Hehr recalled a winter among the first years he was here when he had \$5.00 in cash to buy flour and groceries, and still had enough left to buy tobacco for his winter pleasure.

By 1922, he owned three sections of land, also had an interest in two threshing machines. Later he owned a machine of his own, which was a steam engine and later gasoline.

Mr. Hehr did most of the farm building himself. He was also a cabinet maker by trade. He recalled one year when diphtheria was raging in the community, he made 16 caskets for children, who passed away from the dreadful disease, in one month. Prairie fires seemed to be the order of the day, both in spring and fall, as vast areas of prairie were uncultivated. In the fall of 1900, when Mr. Hehr was away from home threshing, a storm came up, driving a raging fire towards his home. Mrs. Hehr hitched two horses to a hand plow and lowed several furrows to stop the fire, but the fire jumped over the 16 furrows, which she had made, so she had to take the horses and plow to another field, which was plowed, to save herself and horses. When she reached home, the farm was all surrounded by fire. About 400 bushels of grain were burned in stacks, and almost all the pasture. Mr. Hehr rushed home but arrived too late to be of any assistance.

056. HELLER, ANDREAS & ELIZABETH (Bauman) 44

Mr. Heller was born in 1867 in Bessarabia, South Russia. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Bauman, while still in Russia.



They immigrated to the United States in 1897, arriving at Kulm, N.D. Their first year in North Dakota was spent on a farm, five miles south of Kulm. In 1898, they filed on a homestead, four miles south of Fredonia. On this farm, Mr. Heller labored until March 22, 1909, when he suddenly passed away at the early age of 42. Mrs. Heller and the children remained on the farm and continued to farm despite all the hardships. In 1911, Mrs. Heller made her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Lux. In 1920, she married Karl A. Krueger and lived in Fredonia. She passed away on July 19, 1934.

They were blessed with eight children. They are: Mary, now Mrs. John Lux of Fredonia; John of Fredonia; Olga, now Mrs. Gerald Bruns of Burnstad, N.D.; Ida, now Mrs. Daniel Gackle of Dickey, N.D.; Elizabeth, now Mrs. Arnold Gutschmidt of LaMoure, N.D.; Martha, now Mrs. Dave Reynold of Oregon; Pauline, now Mrs. Dave Bailey of St. Paul, Minn.; and Emanuel of Parkston, So. Dak.

057. HELLER, DAVID & SOPHIA (Engel) 47

[picture] Mr. Heller was born in Postal, South Russia on February 22, 1884. He was the son of Fred and Barbara Heller.

As an infant, he was dedicated to the Lord in Holy Baptism and in the days of his youth was properly instructed and confirmed in the Christian faith.

He came to America with his parents in 1890 and homesteaded northeast of Fredonia. He was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Engel on February 21, 1911. To this union were born four children. In 1946, they retired from farming and moved into Fredonia.

Mr. Heller passed away on September 25, 1951, at the age of 67. Mrs. Heller remained in Fredonia until 1952, when she moved to Lodi, Calif.

They had the following children: Ted of Ashton, Ida.; Gertie, now Mrs. Herbert Hehr of Fredonia; Clarence, now serving in the Armed Forces, and Violet, now Mrs. Melvin Hilscher of Lodi, Calif.

058. HELLER, FREDERICK 64

[picture] Mr. Heller was born June 19, 1852, in South Russia. Mrs. Heller, nee Eslinger, was born July 1, 1855, in South Russia. They were married while still in Russia, in June of 1887. In 1890, Mr. and Mrs. Heller came to the United States and farmed in South Dakota. Later they moved to a farm, six miles north of Fredonia, where they resided until 1914, when they retired and moved to Fredonia. They were members of the Fredonia Congregational Church.

Mr. Heller died on November 7, 1918, at the age of 66.

Sometime after Mr. Heller's death, Mrs. Heller went to Youngstown, Ohio, to make her home with a daughter, Katherine. Here she passed away at the age of 80.

They were the parents of nine children, of whom two are living. Emil resides in Fredonia and Fred resides in Lodi, Calif.

Those deceased were all married and are as follows: Selma, Mrs. Philip Fey; Christinia, Mrs. Jacob Fey; Barbara, Mrs. Jacob Bohnet; Katherine, Mrs. Kramer; Lydia, Mrs. Emanuel Flaig; David and Jacob.

059. HELLER, JACOB & MARY (Haag) 30

Mr. Heller was born on May 27, 1890, on the Atlantic Ocean, while his parents, Fred and Barbara Heller were on their way across from Europe to the United States. Mr. Heller grew to manhood on a farm, north of Fredonia. He was confirmed in the Lutheran Church.

He was united in marriage to Miss Mary Haag, daughter of John Haag, in 1924. In 1932, they came to Fredonia to live. He worked at odd jobs, conducted a dairy and a cream station. They joined the Martin Luther Church and he served as janitor for several years.

They were the parents of seven children of whom all died in infancy.

Mr. Heller passed away on April 23, 1947, at the age of 57.

Mrs. Heller continued to live in Fredonia until the fall of 1953, when she went to Jamestown, N.D. Her present address is 614 ½ 4th Ave. S.E.

060. HELLER, JOHN & EMILIE (Radke) 61

[picture] Mr. Heller was born August 30, 1894, Bessarabia, South Russia. Together with his parents, they came to the United States in 1897, and arrived at Kulm, N.D.

In 1898, he and his folks came to Fredonia and filed on homestead four miles south of Fredonia.

On December 13, 1914, Mr. Heller was united in marriage to Miss Emilie Radke. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. E. Kaatz, who was then the pastor of the Johannes Lutheran Church, north of Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Heller farmed for 12 years when in 1926, they moved to Fredonia.

Since 1942, Mr. Heller has been employed by the Soo Line Railroad.

They have one daughter who is Leah, now Mrs. William Pfoest of Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Heller are members of the Fredonia Lutheran Church.

061. HILLER, CHRISTOPH 55

[picture] Christoph Hiller was born July 7, 1859 in Dennewitz [Dennewitz], South Russia, the son of Johann Hiller and wife nee Tenning.

In 1881 he was united in marriage to Salomine Keller, and in 1889 he and his wife immigrated to the United States, arriving at Ellendale, N.D. on June 20, 1890. There they stayed a few days, then left for LaMoure County and settled

on a homestead 7 miles southeast of Fredonia. A sod house consisting of two rooms [was] built the same year, for his family of 4 children.

Two [oxen], one cow and a wagon were bought the first year, mostly on time payments as his cash was all gone.

From 1890 to 1893 he bought a team of horses from a Mr. Hall at Edgeley, N.D. This made traveling rather fast at the time when oxen were the main source of transportation.

A sod barn was built for the horses and cow which was in connection with the house, so they did not have to go far to the barn.

The floor of the house was made of North Dakota clay. Twisted slough hay was used for fuel. Ovens, a built-in affair in the house, also were made of rock and clay. After being heated the fire was removed and they were ready for baking.

To this union 14 children were born, of which 11 are living and they are as follows: John of Gloverdale, Calif.; Mary, Mrs. Gottfried Irion, Kulm, N.D.; Fred of Fredonia; Emma, Mrs. Henry Klettke, Kulm, N.D.; William, Fargo, N.D.; Ida, Mrs. George Weispfenning, Fredonia; Olga, Mrs. Wm. Jans, Kulm, N.D.; Rudolf, Onida, Minn.; Julius, Oaklee, Minn.; Rosalia, Mrs. Ed Weispfenning, Fredonia; Alvin, Jamestown, North Dakota.

Mrs. Hiller passed away in 1912, and in 1913 Mr. Hiller married Mrs. Christine Weispfenning. In 1925 they retired from farming and moved to Fredonia, where he died in 1941. Mrs. Hiller died in 1953.

062. HILLER, FREDERICH 52

[picture] Mr. Hiller was born June 12, 1888 in Dennewitz, South Russia. Together with his parents, they immigrated to the U.S. in 1890. They arrived at Ellendale, N.D., where they remained only a few days.

After searching for free land, they homesteaded seven miles southeast of Fredonia. Here Fred grew to manhood and remained on this farm until he was 23 years of age.

On March 11, 1911, he was united in Holy Matrimony to Miss Bertha Grosz, daughter of August and Christina Grosz, nee Bridekreitz. That same year, they moved on the farm which is presently being owned by Dave Grosz. They remained on this farm until 1915, when they bought a farm one mile north of Fredonia. This farm was previously owned and operated by Mr. Hiller's uncle, Mr. Christian Eszlinger.

On February 11, 1920, a great tragedy struck the Hiller home. Mrs. Hiller died unexpectedly from a heart attack and left three small children. They are Ella, now Mrs. Christ Kleingartner of Fredonia; Nora, now Mrs. Albert Mueller of Wishek, N.D.; and Rev. Wilbert W. Hiller of Endecott, Wash.

On September 20, 1920, Mr. Hiller was united in marriage to Miss Lydia Flaig, daughter of Joseph and Anna Marie (nee Gackle) Flaig. They were blessed with four children. They are Fred of Fredonia; Elda, of Kulm; Noma, now Mrs. Wesley Bucholz of Lehr, N.D.; and Joseph, a student at the North Dakota University in Grand Forks.

Mr. Hiller's two great farming interests are the raising of pure bred Poland China Hogs and pure bred Hereford Cattle. They still reside on the same farm, north of Fredonia. Both are hale and hearty, enjoying good health.

Mr. and Mrs. Hiller are long time members of the Fredonia Congregational Church. Mr. Hiller has served as deacon and Sunday School teacher for many years. Mrs. Hiller is at present a member of the Guiding Light Society.

063. HILLIUS, OTTO & KATHERINE (Hoff) 57

[picture] Otto Hillius, more commonly known as Shorty, was born in Brown County, South Dakota on April 23, 1891. At the age of three years he came with his parents and settled at Kulm, North Dakota.

In 1904, he, with his parents, moved on a ranch northeast of Fredonia and hauled the lumber from Gackle for the first buildings, which also happened to be in the winter with lots of snow and blizzards.

In 1907, he, with his brother Theodore, went into the harness business at Gackle, which they operated for several years. Then in 1910 he returned to Kulm and worked for Brost and Buechler, who were engaged in the grain elevator business.

On April 6, 1912 he was united in marriage to Katherine Hoff, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Hoff. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Edward Schiedt of the Reformed Church, who was the only minister to be had at that time.

In 1913 Mr. Hillius with his wife moved to his father's farm northwest of Fredonia, where they lived for 28 years. On this farm Mr. Hillius was mostly engaged in stock raising and grain farming. In 1941 he purchased his own farm one-half mile west where he built a fine set of farm buildings together with other improvements.

This union was blessed with four children and they are: Delores, Mrs. Jerry Ledbetter, Sacramento, Calif.; Romona, Mrs. Wilmer Just, Fredonia; Sadie, Mrs. Alden Swenson, Japan; Marilyn, Mrs. Walter Zimmerman of Portland, Ore.

They are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Hillius have spent the last few winters at Portland, Ore., returning to the farm in the spring, to their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wilmer Just.

064. HOFFMAN, WILLIAM 19

[picture] Mr. Hoffman was born December 23, 1876, in South Russia. At the age of seven years, he came to the united States with his parents in 1884, where they settled on a farm southeast of Ashley. There they lived for several years, after which Mr. Hoffman filed on a homestead ten miles southwest from Fredonia. In 1898, Mr. Hoffman was united in marriage to Kathryn Wolf, who passed away in 1914, after several years Mr. Hoffman was married the second time to Mrs. Christina A. Wolf, nee Miller. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were true and faithful citizens and devoted many years of hard labor on the farm. In 1936, they retired from farming and moved to Lodi, Calif., where they lived for two years.

In 1938, they returned to North Dakota and established their home in Fredonia, where they lived until 1953, when they sold all their property and moved back on the farm with their son.

Mr. Hoffman, by his first marriage, had three children. They are: John and Fred of Fredonia, and Albert of Lodi, Calif.

Mrs. Hoffman, by a previous marriage to Mr. John Wolf had the following children. They are Christ and Lydia, now Mrs. Albert Fey of Fredonia; Albert of Portland, Oreg.; Fred of Billings, Mont.; Ephraim of Lodi, Calif.; and Karl of Sioux Falls, S.D. One daughter, Rose, Mrs. Fred Gohring, passed away in 1953.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman had two children. They are: Henry of Oakland, Calif.; and Willit of Stockton, Calif.

065. HOLMAN, JOHN & KAJA (Overgaard) 42

[picture] Mr. Holman was born October 20, 1867, in Veldere, Norway. He came to the United States in 1887 and worked on farms near Yankton, S.D.

He came to North Dakota in 1890 and homesteaded in Logan County, one-half mile east of Fredonia. He lived on this homestead for ten years. In 1900, he returned to South Dakota, driving a one-team wagon with a hay rack. This trip lasted nine days and Mr. Holman still remarks about the many problems and difficulties he encountered.

In 1903 he married Miss Kaja Overgaard at Mission Hill, So. Dak. He purchased a farm near Yankton, So. Dak., where all their children were born and where they still reside.

Mr. Holman is one of the early homesteaders who settled in this area who is still living. He is 83 years of age and still fairly active.

The one-room frame house that he built in the 90's is on the Olaf Holman farm today.

They were the parents of four children. They are Alfred of Lansing, Michigan, Jarl and Wilner of Mission Hill, So. Dak., and Karsten of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

066. HOLMAN, OLE & MATHEA (Larson) 68

[picture] Mr. Ole A. Holman was born May 20, 1865 in Veldere, Norway. He came to the United States in 1886 and worked near Yankton, S.D. on farms. On May 27, 1887 he was united in marriage to Miss Mathea Larson, born January 20, 1861 in Veldere, Norway.

In 1888 Mr. and Mrs. Holman came to North Dakota and homesteaded in Logan County two miles east of Fredonia. They arrived with very little money and after working out all summer near Edgeley, enough money was earned to buy a wagon for \$20, hay for \$25, and lumber for the house and barn for \$20. They were then left with a few dollars over the winter.

On this homestead they lived for thirty years and all their children were born there. Mr. Holman's mother, Mrs. Marie Olson, lived with them for eight years. She passed away in 1896 and was laid to rest in the Nordby Cemetery near Fredonia.

In 1919 they retired from farming and moved to Fredonia where they lived until 1937. From that time on, their home was on the old homestead with their youngest son, Olaf. Mr. and Mrs. Holman observed their Golden Wedding Anniversary in May of 1937.

Mr. Holman died on September 15, 1940 on the farm which he had homesteaded 52 years ago. He had reached the age of 75 years. Death was the result of cancer from which he had suffered for six years.

Mrs. Holman passed away on November 19, 1943 at the age of 82 years of age.

They were blessed with six children. They are Albert, Louie, Olaf, and Myron of Fredonia; Mary, now Mrs. Eli Ferch and Melvin of Verona.

067. HOLSINGER, L. & NINA (Reed) 26

Mr. Holsinger was born on March 26, 1870, at Palmyra, Wis. On December 16, 1887 he was united in marriage to Miss Nina Reed, born April 4, 1876, in Michigan.

In 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Holsinger came to Logan County and settled on a farm on Section 6, Twp.133-67, where he engaged in farming, cattle and sheep raising. Mr. Holsinger can recall the year of 1910, when Halley's Comet came along, which [brought] no crop that year. Five hundred sheep were lost in the month of February 1904, when a blizzard came along, and the same year in June, lightning struck his 30 x 40 foot barn and burned [it] to the ground with everything in it. These were two hard blows to take, but Mr. Holsinger says he made good while in Logan County. In 1916, he sold the farm to Henry Ost, and moved on a ranch near Merricourt where he was in the cattle business for several years. Later he moved to Ellendale, where he now resides.

Three children were born to this union: Gordon, Margie and I.L., all married and living.

068. HOMOLA, JOHN SR. & PRIITA (Pietila) 47

John Homola was born on September 5, 1860 in Finland. As a young man of 18 years, he set sail for the United States, arriving in South Dakota, then Dakota Territory, where he was united in marriage to Miss Pritta, Marie, Pietila, on the 23rd of August, 1884.

In 1895, Mr. Homola moved to North Dakota, settling on a farm, northwest of Fredonia, where he engaged in grain farming and stock raising.

Ten children were born to this union of whom seven are living. They are: John, Katie, Abe, Ida, Charlie, William and Frank. It also happened that his son, Charlie, was the first Finnish boy born in Logan County.

Mr. Homola passed away on May 19, 1938, after living 43 years on the old homestead. Mrs. Homola passed away in 1916 at the age of 59 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Homola were members of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church.

After the death of Mr. and Mrs. Homola, their oldest son and daughter, John and Katie took over the farming operation, until 1947, when poor health forced them to retire and move to Gackle, N.D., where they now reside.

069. IRION, CHRIST & KATIE (Rott) 60

[picture] Mr. Irion was born November 4, 1889, in Wittenburg, South Russia. He was the son of Fred and Anna Marie, nee Widmer. Together with his parents, he immigrated to the United States and arrived at Ellendale, N.D. on July 2, 1893.

A short time later, they filed on a homestead, 18 miles southwest of Kulm, N.D. There he lived with his parents, until 1913, when he was united in marriage to Miss Katie Rott, daughter of the Late George Rott. They then rented a farm 12 miles southwest of Kulm and in 1919, they purchased their own farm, which was 11 miles southwest of Fredonia. Here they lived until 1948, when they retired from farming and moved into Kulm, N.D.

Mrs. Irion passed away on March 21, 1951. Mr. Irion resides in Kulm.

They were blessed with three children of whom two are living. They are: Isador, now deceased; Esther, now Mrs. Adam Harr of Fredonia; Elledhor, now living on the old home farm.

Mr. Irion is a member of the Berlin Baptist Church, south of Fredonia.

070. JACOBY, JOHN & VIRGINIA (Schremp) 61

[picture] John Jacoby, a cousin of Fred Marx, was born at Wabasha, Minn. in the late 80's. He remained on the farm of his parents, until he was 21 years old, at which time he came to Fredonia and assisted Mr. Marx in the Gackle grain elevator. He worked in the elevator for a few years, and he assisted with various work as carpentry, meat market, and well drilling. In 1911, he taught school in Finn school district number 11. Later the school was moved away.

From 1912 to 1916, he was grain buyer for Pruetz Bros. Elevator in Fredonia. In 1916, he left for St. Paul, Minn., where he was married and later moved to Crosby, N.D., where he again entered into the elevator business. About six months later, he was stricken with influenza which resulted in his death.

He married Miss Virginia Schremp.

071. JANKE, CHRISTOFF & MAGDALENA (Ferchert) 30

Mr. Janke was born January 1, 1867, at Bessarabia, South Russia. He was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Ferchert, while he was still in Russia.

In 1898, he and his wife immigrated to the United States, arriving at Kulm, N.D. That same year, Mr. Janke filed on a homestead, 12 miles north and west of Fredonia. They endured the hardships of hard winters and hard work as did

other homesteaders at that time. They continued to farm until 1934, when they moved to Gackle, N.D. On this farm, all of their seven children were born, of whom five are living. They are: Andrew of Gackle, N.D., living on the homestead; Rudolph, Napoleon, N.D.; Jacob, Lehr, N.D.; Mary, now Mrs. Jacob Denning, Lehr, N.D.; Martha, now Mrs. Reynold Schlecht, Edgeley, N.D.

Mr. Janke passed away in 1938. In 1949, Mrs. Janke moved to Eureka, S.D., where she made her home in the Eureka Home For The Aged. She passed away at Eureka in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Janke were members of the Lutheran Church of which they were active in church work.

072. JANKE, GOTTLIEB 25

[picture] Mr. Janke was born Dec. 31, 1864, in Bessarabia, South Russia. He was married to Christina Gutschmidt, born Feb. 16, 1868, in South Russia.

They came to America in 1889, arriving at Eureka, S.D. They came to North Dakota in 1890 and homesteaded in Logan County, four miles north of Fredonia.

Mr. Janke arrived in Logan County with \$34.00. After getting established in farming, he acquired seven and one-half quarter sections of land. He gave a quarter section to each of his seven children and kept 80 acres for himself.

In 1900, he was elected country commissioner for the third district, which office he held for eight years. When he located here on a free government homestead, he drove oxen. For a time he was afflicted with rheumatism. When his wife would lead the oxen, drawing a grass mowing machine, Mr. Janke would ride the machine and hold their baby on his lap.

The prudence and industry of such settlers as exemplified by Mr. Janke and his wife conquered the Logan County wilderness. They built our homes, schools, churches, and pathways connecting the greatest and most peaceful fellowships of mankind. Their fidelity should be more fully emulated by their successors.

Mr. Janke served as clerk of the Fredonia school board of School District No. 12 for many years.

Mr. and Mrs. Janke retired from farming in 1920 and moved to Fredonia.

In 1930, Mrs. Janke passed away and was laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery, north of Fredonia. Mr. Janke remained a widower for a few years when he later married Mrs. Magdalena Lux. His second wife passed away in June of 1950. Mr. Janke passed away on May 17, 1952 at the age of 88.

They were the parents of seven children. They are: Olga, now Mrs. Edward Hertel; Gottlieb and Gust of Fredonia; Mary, now Mrs. Gottfried Schwietzter of Gackle; Arthur of LaMoure, N.D.; Robert of Seattle, Wash.; and Jacob of Gackle.

073. JERKE, GOTTLIEB & SUSANA (Lenz) 46



Mr. Jerke was born in South Russia. While still in South Russia, he was united in marriage to Miss Susana Lenz, born in South Russia on January 8, 1875. Shortly after their marriage, they immigrated to the United States and filed on a homestead, five miles west of Fredonia. Mr. Jerke was well liked by all who knew him and a good provider for his family. They lived and labored on this farm until Mr. Jerke met his death on September 9, 1915. Mrs. Jerke then moved into Fredonia, where she resided until 1953. That year she suffered a stroke and was hospitalized for eight months. She passed away February 25, 1954, at the ripe old age of 79.

Mrs. Jerke and her husband were blessed with seven children, two of them preceding them in death. The five remaining children are: John of Aberdeen, So. Dak.; Emanuel of Forbes, N.D.; Edward of Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. William Hettich of Aberdeen, S.D.; and Martha, now Mrs. Edgar Ziebart of Fredonia.

They were members of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and were both laid to rest in the Tabor Cemetery west of Fredonia.

074. JOHNSON, EINAR & JOHANNA (Carlson) 53

[picture] Einar Johnson came to North Dakota with his parents from Battle Lake, Minn., in 1892. In 1907, he homesteaded in Adams County, N.D. In 1909, he was the first well driller in the Fredonia vicinity.

In 1916, he went into partnership with Albert Holman in the implement business known as Johnson & Holman. He also continued part time well drilling. In 1916, he was united in marriage to Johanna Carlson, who came from Trondjheim, Norway in 1914.

This union was blessed with three children; they are: Bernice, now Mrs. Gordon McDonald, Belt, Mont.; Elmer, Grand Island, Neb.; Genevieve, a student at the State Teachers' College, Valley City, N.D.

075. JOHNSON, OLE 40

[picture] Ole Johnson was born in Norway and immigrated to America in 1886, arriving at Yankton, S.D. In 1887, he and his young bride came to North Dakota and settled on a farm one and a half miles east of Fredonia.

Mr. Johnson was bandmaster by trade and he organized the Antelope Valley Brass Band of which he was the leader. In later years he was the band leader of the Kulm Cornet Band.

In 1898, he moved to Hampton, N.D., where he operated a hardware store for several years. After selling his store, he moved to Moosbank, Canada, where he entered farming.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Johnson have passed to the great beyond.

They were blessed with five children of whom two are living. They are: Nels and Julia of Canada.

Mr. Johnson was a cousin to Mr. Ole A. Holman.

076. JOHNSON, PETER 18

[picture] Mr. and Mrs. Peter A. Johnson were born in Norway. They emigrated to America in the early 80's and settled in Minnesota. In 1891, Mr. Johnson left the state of Minnesota and came to North Dakota, where he took up a homestead 2 1/2 miles southeast of Fredonia, N.D. In 1892, Mrs. Johnson, with two children, Einar and John arrived at Edgeley, N.D., with an immigrant car, together with Christian Hanson Steen. They came from Battle Lake, Minn. They brought with them, three oxen and a cow besides a few household belongings.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson lived on the old homestead until 1941, when they moved in with their two sons, Marvin and Ole, on their farm near Edgeley, N.D. There they both passed away the following year in 1942.

There were five children born to this union of whom all are living; they are: Einar, Fredonia, N.D.; John, Aberdeen, S.D.; Marvin and Ole, Edgeley, N.D.; Minnie, now Mrs. Ben Bjornstad, Edgeley, N.D.

077. JONAS, HENRY & ELEANORA (Tappendorf) 58

[picture] Henry Jonas was born on January 27, 1857 in Germany, where he was united in marriage to Eleanora Tappendorf, on December 22, 1878. In 1879 this young couple immigrated to the United States & settled at Davenport, Iowa, where they stayed for a few years. Later they moved to DeSmith, South Dakota. In 1902 they moved to North Dakota, where Mr. Jonas filed on a homestead three and a half miles west of Fredonia. They operated this farm until 1926. They retired from the farm and moved to Fredonia, where they built a home and lived for several years.

Their last move was when they left for Bismarck, North Dakota. There they observed their 60th wedding anniversary.

Eleven children were born to this union of whom six are living and they are: Celia, Mrs. Jack Schloemer; Robert, Henry, Oscar, Theodore and Rudolph.

Mr. Jonas passed away at Bismarck, N.D. in 1939 and Mrs. Jonas passed away in 1941.

078. KARVONEN, MATT & FIINA (Mattila) 34

[picture] Matt Karvonen was born in Finland on September 25, 1876, and came to the United States in 1898. In 1897, he was united in matrimony to Fiina Mattila in Finland. There he left Mrs. Karvonen, who came to join her husband in 1900. They first settled at Friederick, S.D., but later moved to North Dakota, where he filed on a homestead, 10 miles northwest of Fredonia, where he was active in his farming and stock raising for many years. In 1938, he moved to Wolf Lake, Minn., where he purchased a farm, leaving his oldest son, Oscar, to operate the old homestead.

Nine children were born to this union of which eight are living, they are: Oscar, Fredonia, N.D.; Mayme, now Mrs. Kumpula, West Barnstable, Mass.; Lempi, now Mrs. Jack Huhtanen, Barnstable, Mass.; Eino, Menahga, Minn.; Arthur, Menahga, Minn.; Vaino, Wolf Lake, Minn.; Julia, Mrs. Homola,

Menahga, Minn.; Selena, Mrs. John Johnson, Portland, Oreg. A daughter, Mrs. Edwin Holmstrom passed away at Gackle in 1952.

079. KETTERLING, JACOB 62

[picture] Jacob Ketterling was born at Kassel, South Russia, on July 9, 1884, the son of Ludvig and Barbara Ketterling. He came with his parents to Eureka, S.D. in about 1890 and in October 1899, to North Dakota.

Jacob Ketterling located on a farm about eight miles southwest of Fredonia, N.D. In 1905, he started farming with three horses, a hand plow, wagon and harrow on rented land. In 1901, Mr. Ketterling bought a farm of his own which had a sod house built on it. This was replaced with a frame house which now stands on the farm which is operated by his son, Theodore.

On December 4, 1905, Jacob Ketterling married Christina Christman. Following are the names of the children: Harold, Fredonia, N.D.; Emma, now Mrs. Edward Entzie, Fredonia, N.D.; Alice, now Mrs. Arthur Lutt, Lehr, N.D.; Theodore Ketterling, living on the old farm.

Mr. Ketterling remembers the summer of 1927, when a hail storm hit his crop and knocked in all the windows in his house.

Mr. Ketterling attended school, which was held on his father's farm for four years, but only two weeks each year.

After an illness of some time, Mrs. Ketterling passed away in 1932. Farming was continued. On November 8, 1938, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Pauline Hartman. In the fall of 1945, they moved to Fredonia, N.D., where they now reside. They are members of the Congregational Church. Mr. Ketterling was a director of the Lutt school district for three years.

080. KETTERLING, LUDWIG 61

[picture] Ludwig Ketterling was born on October 22, 1857, in South Russia, where he grew up as a young man and where he also was united in marriage to Barbara Mehlhaff. In 1891, they came to the United States and settled on a homestead, 18 miles southeast of Eureka, S.D. There he farmed until 1900, when he moved to a farm, eight miles southwest of Fredonia. Mrs. Ketterling passed away in 1898. Mr. Ketterling's third wife passed away in 1936. So, in 1937, he retired from farming and moved to Fredonia, where he lived with his son, John, until he passed away in 1945, at the age of 87 year.

Eight children were born to this union of whom five are living, they are: Jacob and John, Fredonia, N.D.; Debold, LaMoure, N.D.; Phillip, Hettinger, N.D.; Ferdinand, Lemmon, S.D.; Rosie, Mrs. Reynold Entzie, Lehr, N.D.; Reynold, Ashley, N.D.

Rosie, Mrs. Reynold Entzie, and Reynold are from the third marriage.

081. KINZLER, ANDREAS & REGINA (Necker) 67

[picture] Mr. Kinzler was born January 25, 1854 [1854?] in Wittenburg, South Russia. He was united in marriage to Miss Regina Necker in South Russia. In

May of 1898 they immigrated to America, arriving at Kulm, N.D. That same year they filed on a homestead six and a half miles northeast of Fredonia. Here they lived for many years and three of their nine children were born. They later moved on a farm a few miles northwest of their former farm, where they lived until 1919 when they retired from farming and moved into Fredonia.

On January 31, 1927 Mr. Kinzler passed away. Mrs. Kinzler passed away on May 19, 1942.

They have the following children: Joachim of Gackle, N.D.; Fred of Kulm, N.D.; Andrew of Seattle, Wash.; Martin of Kulm; Albert, Kulm; Louise of Fredonia.

082. KLEINGARTNER, ED & PAULINE (Dittus) 59

[picture] Mr. Kleingartner was born April 7, 1890 in South Russia. At the age of 13, he, with his parents, immigrated to the United States, arriving in 1903. They located on a farm, near Gackle. There he lived with his folks until 1913, when he was united in marriage to Pauline Dittus. Rev. Ebertz was the minister.

Soon after their marriage, they moved to their own farm, six miles north from Fredonia, where he farmed until 1944, when he moved to Fredonia, where he now resides.

This union was blessed with seven children of whom all are living. They are: William, Kulm, N.D.; Theophil, Indianapolis, Ind.; Walter, Fredonia, N.D.; Marion, now Mrs. Roland Rossman, Fredonia, N.D.; Katherina, now Mrs. Raymond Haag, Fredonia, N.D.; Evangeline, Carrington, N.D.; Gertrude, now Mrs. Herbert Miller, Wishek, N.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Kleingartner are members of the Congregational Church of Fredonia.

083. KOENIG, EDWARD 69

[picture] Edward Koenig was born in South Russia in 1885. At the age of 15 years, he came to the United States, arriving in South Dakota, where he worked at various jobs until 1904. Then he came to Fredonia, N.D., where he started the first dray line. This was at the time when Fredonia was in its infancy and also when the first general store and elevator were built.

In 1906, he was united in marriage to Sophia Hausch. Soon after their marriage he located on a farm seven miles northwest of Fredonia, which he operated for many years. All his children were born there.

Mrs. Koenig passed away in 1937, at the age of 47 years. After the passing of his wife, Mr. Koenig lived on the farm until 1942, when he moved to Fredonia and purchased the former Miller hotel and rooming house, which is located on the original lot and block, where he operated the first dray line.

In 1945, he was united in marriage, the second time, to his sister-in-law, Mrs. Dan Koenig.

Eleven children were born by his first marriage of whom nine are living. They are: Rudolph, Jamestown, N.D.; Theodore, Lester Prairie, Minn.; Fred, Minneapolis, Minn.; Ben, Kulm, N.D.; William and Edward, Fredonia, N.D.; Martha, now Mrs. Harry Brauer, Edgeley, N.D.; Hulda, now Mrs. Obed Fischer, Aberdeen, S.D.; Dave, Fredonia, N.D.

084. KOSANKE, ANDREW & ANNA (Mertz) 60

[picture] Mr. Kosanke was born January 1, 1867 at Paris, South Russia. Mrs. Kosan,k nee Mertz, was born September 24, 1873 at Friedenstal, South Russia. On October 28, 1893, they were married in South Russia, came to America the same year, and settled five miles northeast of Fredonia.

In 1907, they moved to Fredonia, where Mr. Kosanke purchased the Livery Barn and Feed Stable. They continued to live in Fredonia until 1912, when they moved to Kulm to make their future home. In 1938, Mr. Kosanke died at the age of 71, and his widow continued to live with her daughter, Esther.

Mrs. Kosanke passed away, December 22, 1943, at the age of 70 years.

They were the parents of 10 children of whom two died in infancy. The children remaining are as follows: Mrs. Pauline Grosz; Mrs. Lydia Schuldheisz; Mrs. Esther Kosanke; Anna, now Mrs. Carl Stengel; and Otto, all of Kulm; Emma, now Mrs. Otto Winter; Rosie, now Mrs. Emil Hehr of Verdale, Minn. and Theodore of Wenatchee, Wash.

085. KOSANKE, EDWARD & ANTONIA (Knopp) 56

[picture] Edward Kosanke was born in Paris, Bessarabia, South Russia on July 28, 1876. He like many other immigrants, at the age of seventeen years came with his parents to the United States, arriving at Ellendale, North Dakota in 1893.

In 1897 he was united in marriage to Antonia Knopp. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank Lefen, of the Evangelical Church at the farm of Gottlieb Knopp.

Soon after he was married, he filed on a homestead southeast of Kulm in dickey County.

In 1898 he was one of the men with a team of horses and a hand scraper who helped to build the grade for the Soo Line Railroad from Fredonia to Lehr, N.D. Many miles were made each day behind the scraper, which at the present time is being done with modern road equipment. In 1903 he bought a farm five miles west of Fredonia where he farmed for thirty three years. Retiring in 1936, he moved to Kulm where he lives at the present time.

Mr. Kosanke was one of the first members who organized the Tabor Evangelical Church three miles southwest of his farm.

This union was blessed with ten children of whom nine are living and they are: Emanuel, Hammond, Indiana; Olga, Mrs. Alfred Ost, Jamestown, N.D.; Dan, Lodi, Calif.; Ida, Mrs. Otto Hehr, Fredonia; Albert, Bismarck, N.D.; Millie,

Mrs. Art Krueger, Kulm, N.D.; Emma, Mrs. Jennings Dok, Fredonia; Gust, Wishek, N.D.; Bennie, Fargo, N.D.

086. KRAUSCH, ELKO & SOPHIA (Jernogko) 23

[picture] Mr. Krausch was born on August 6, 1862, near Odessa, Russia. He was united in marriage to Miss Sophia Jernogko on January 2, 1886.

On July 5, 1903, they emigrated to the U.S., where they settled on a homestead 15 miles northwest of Fredonia. Here they built a sod house, broke land and seeded flax. They encountered many hardships as drought, prairie fires and hail storms.

Mr. and Mrs. Krausch lived on their homestead until they passed away. Mr. Krausch died on March 28, 1934 and Mrs. Krausch died on November 17, 1940.

Among their living children are: John and Mrs. Katie Rinkey, of Valley City, N.D.; Mrs. Roe Willey, Mrs. Mary Plush and Willie of Nampa, Ida.; Mrs. Gay Woodrich of Minot, N.D.; Joseph of Long Beach, Calif.; Mrs. J.H. Kink, of Seattle, Wash.; Mrs. John Sereda of Fredonia, N.D.

087. KRUEGER, EDWARD & KATHARINE (Wolf) 18

[picture] Mr. Krueger was born in South Russia on Nov. 9, 1887, son of Ferdinand Kreuger. In 1904, together with his parents, they emigrated to the United States and settled west of Fredonia.

In 1910, he was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Wolf, daughter of John Wolf. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Hanselman, who was then the pastor of the Johannes Lutheran Church, north of Fredonia. Their first year of wedded life was spent with her folks, Mr. and Mrs. John Wolf and the second year with his folks, Mr. and Mrs. Ferdinand Krueger.

In 1913, they bought their own farm and here they lived until 1950, when they retired from farming and moved into Fredonia.

They were blessed with six children; they are: Emma, now Mrs. Bernhard Geiszler of Fredonia; Roland of Fredonia; Ida, now Mrs. Leonard Schultz of Fredonia; Anna, now Mrs. Jacob Sukut; Herman of Clinton, Iowa; and Raymond Livingston on his father's farm at Fredonia.

They are members of the Fredonia Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Krueger has been a member of the Lutheran Ladies' Aid for many years.

088. KRUEGER, EDWARD 53

[picture] Mr. Krueger was born in Bessarabia, South Russia, on December 27, 1882. At the age of five years, he and his parents immigrated to the United States and filed on a homestead about five miles northwest of Fredonia in April of 1888. In 1906, his parents sold the farm to Johann Eszlinger.

In 1906, Mr. Ed C. Krueger filed on an 80-acre homestead about 13 miles northwest of Fredonia. Shortly afterwards, he purchased 480 acres of land and erected building on it. His parents then came to live with him.

During the winters from 1900-1904, Mr. Krueger taught school. One of his early pupils was Fred D. Hiller, who lives on a farm, north of Fredonia.

In 1908, he was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Obenhauer. To this union was born one child. Mrs. Krueger passed away in 1909.

He later married Miss Christina Widmer. They lived on the farm until 1914, when they moved to Fredonia. He built the house, which is now the Lutheran Parsonage. In 1915, he was manager of Wolf's Elevator. He remained in this business until 1918, when he decided to go back to farming. He then moved back to his farm, northwest of Fredonia.

Mr. Krueger served as clerk and treasurer in Nathan's School District, was county commissioner for eight years and welfare board member for six years.

In 1938, he purchased a farm in Minnesota, [to] which he and part of his family moved. Some members of his family remained on the farm at Fredonia.

Mr. Krueger remained on this farm at Fredonia.

Mr. Krueger remained on this farm until the beginning of World War II. At that time, Uncle Sam drafted six of their boys into the Army, and sent them to all parts of the globe.

In 1945, Mr. Krueger sold his possessions in Minnesota and moved into Fredonia, where they now reside.

They have the following children: Reginald, Magdalon, Ernest, Walter, and Hedwig, all of Fredonia; Edgar of Klamath Falls, Ore.; Inna R. Collins of Grygla, Minn.; Lorensz of Lodi, Calif.; Gerhard of Sonoma, Calif.; Hilbert of Bismarck, N.D.; Victor of Jamestown; Clifford of Langdon, N.D.; Arno of Kulm; Milford, who is serving in the Army, is presently stationed at Panama in the Canal Zone.

Clinton, who is in the U.S. Airforce is presently stationed in Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger had eight sons in the Armed Forces with six in World War II and two in the Korean conflict.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger are members of the Fredonia Lutheran Church.

089. KRUEGER, FERDINAND & EVELYN (Klettke) 26

Mr. Krueger was born January 29, 1860, in Bessarabia, South Russia. He was united in marriage to Evelyn Klettke in Russia, who, too, was born in Bessarabia, So. Russia.

They came to America in 1902, and homesteaded six miles west of Fredonia, in 1903.

They were members of the Fredonia Lutheran Church.

After 20 years of farming, they decided to retire and they moved to Fredonia in 1923.

Mr. Krueger passed away in 1930 at the age of 70 years. He was laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery, north of Fredonia.

Mrs. Krueger passed away in 1944 at the advanced age of 82. She was laid to rest beside her husband in the Lutheran Cemetery, north of Fredonia.

They were the parents of 12 children of whom six are living. They are as follows: John of Edgeley, N.D.; Edward of Fredonia; Albert of Jamestown, N.D.; Alfred of St. Paul, Minn.; Alex of Montana; and Hulda, now Mrs. Rhinhold Eisenbeis of Clinton, Ia.

090. KRUEGER, JACOB & DOROTHEA (Heller) 26

Jacob Krueger was born Dec. 5, 1872, in South Russia. At the age of 16 years, he immigrated to the United States, arriving in 1888, in the vicinity of Edgeley and Ellendale, N.D., where he worked as a farm laborer on various farms until 1895. He came to the vicinity of what is now Fredonia, and soon settled on a homestead about three miles northwest of Fredonia. On September 14, 1898, he was united in marriage to Dorothea Heller. That same year he helped to build the grade for the Soo Line railroad from Kulm west. This was all done by horses and scrapers. Mr. Krueger, as well as all other pioneers, were in need of money so whatever they could earn went a long way in buying their supplies. They were thrifty and could make a dollar go a long way, which is not the case at the present time.

Mr. Krueger served on various township boards and also served two terms as County Commissioner for his district.

Mr. Krueger was a faithful, reliable worker on the farm on which he resided until he passed away on December 15, 1921. Mrs. Krueger continued the operation of the farm with the help of her children until she passed away on April 29, 1941.

Thirteen children were born to this union. Ida, Mrs. Robert Hehr of Fredonia; Katherine, Mrs. Albert Kinzler of Kulm, North Dakota; John and Edwin of Fredonia; Jake of Fargo, N.D.; Bertha of Burlingame, Calif.; Pauline, Mrs. Ernie Nicolaus of Stockton, Calif.; Martha of Jamestown, N.D.; Emma, Mrs. Edwin Friedrich of Jamestown, N.D.; William of Fargo, N.D.; Anna, Mrs. Sherb Calvin of Burlingame, Calif.; Cora, Mrs. Vernon Rustad of Burlingame, Calif.; Irene, Mrs. Raymond Friederich of Rugby, N.D.

The old homestead is being operated by their son Edwin.

091. KRUEGER, JOHN & JUSTINA (Schadler) 38

[picture] John Krueger was born on June 24, 1884 in South Russia. At the age of 18 years, he set sail with his parents for the United States, arriving at Kulm, N.D., on January 18, 1902.

On January 9, 1908, he was united in marriage to Justina Schadler of Kulm, N.D., who was born on August 14, 1889.



Soon after their marriage, Mr. Krueger filed on a homestead five miles west of Fredonia, where all their children were born. In 1947, they left the old farm and moved to Edgeley, N.D., leaving their son, Leo, to operate the old homestead. Mr. Krueger, while he lived in Edgeley, purchased a quarter section of land adjoining the city, which he farmed for several years, until 1953, when he sold the land.

Mr. Krueger, while he was on the farm, served for many years on the school board.

They have been members of the United Brethren Evangelical Church since 1901.

Six children were born to this union; they are: Oscar, Fred and Leo, Fredonia, N.D.; Emma, Mrs. Emanuel Jerke, Forbes, N.D.; Esther, Mrs. Rudolph Ruff, Fredonia, N.D.; Mavis, Mrs. Don Phillips, Clark Ford, Ida.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger own their home at Edgeley, where they reside at the present time.

092. KRUEGER, KARL 72

[picture] Mr. Krueger, commonly known to all his friends as 'old K.A.', was born August 9, 1861, at Bessarabia, South Russia. He was united in marriage to Dorthea Brost in 1881 while still in Russia. They came to America in April of 1888 and homesteaded five miles northwest of Fredonia. They remained on this farm until 1914 when they came to Fredonia.

Mr. Krueger served as district and town assessor for many years.

Mrs. Krueger came to her passing in 1920. She was laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery north of Fredonia.

In 1920 Karl married Mrs. Elizabeth Heller.

His second wife passed away in 1934. Mr. Krueger died in 1940 at the advanced age of 79 years.

They were the parents of one child, who was born in Russia. He is Edward C. Krueger of Fredonia.

093. KUEBLER, HERMAN L. & MARTHA (Freise) 22

[picture] Mr. Kuebler was born July 16, 1859 at Stralsund, Germany. There he received his early education. He came to the United States when he was 21 years of age, in 1880. He came directly to Brownton, Minn., where he entered the grain business. He was united in marriage to Miss Martha Freise in 1889 at Brownton, Minn. Mrs. Kuebler passed away in 1906 at the early age of 37.

In 1907, Mr. Kuebler came to Fredonia. He served as manager of the Pruetz Elevator for five years. In 1912, he returned to St. Paul, Minn., where he still pursued interests in the grain business.

Mr. Kuebler passed away on May 30, 1937, at the age of 78 years.

They were the parents of two children. They are Mrs. Wm. Marquardt of St. Paul, Minn., and Mrs. Albert Holman of Fredonia.

094. KURTZ, FERDINAND 33

[picture] Mr. and Mrs. Kurtz were both born in South Russia, where they also married and all their children were born there.

Mr. Kurtz's occupation, while in Russia, was weaving woolen shawls; he also had a vineyard where the finest of wine was made.

After many years of toil and disappointment, the family emigrated to the United States, where prosperity was at hand, and to become an owner of free land. Mr. Kurtz settled on a farm about 15 miles northwest of Fredonia, which he operated for many years, after which he moved to Fredonia, and operated the meat market for several years.

Mr. Kurtz passed away on November 17, 1933, and was laid to rest at the Lutheran Cemetery, north of Fredonia.

After the passing of her husband, Mrs. Kurtz went to live with her daughter, Mrs. Maria Borth, of Kulm, N.D., where she passed away on December 2, 1941.

She was laid to rest beside her husband.

Five children were born to this union of which four are living, they are: Gotthilf, Jamestown, N.D.; William, Edgeley, N.D.; Maria, Mrs. Mike Borth, Danzig, N.D.; Rosalia, Mrs. Jacob Vollmer, Tuttle, N.D.

095. KUSLER, ADAM & REGINA (Serr) 47

[picture] Mr. Kusler was born October 25, 1876, in Yankton County, S.D. He was united in marriage to Miss Regina Serr, born in Yankton County, in 1873.

In 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Kusler arrived in Logan County, N.D. and filed on a homestead, two and a half miles south of Fredonia. They remained on this farm for seven years. They moved to Fredonia in 1909, where Mr. Kusler entered the cream and harness business. They lived in Fredonia for 13 years. In 1922, they moved to Kulm, North Dakota, where Mr. and Mrs. Kusler retired.

They were blessed with two children. They are Theodore and Mrs. Edna Kemnitz, both of Minneapolis, Minn.

Mr. and Mrs. Kusler reside in Kulm, N.D. and are members of the Reformed Church.

096. KUSLER, AUGUST & CHRISTINE (Welflea) 49

[picture] Mr. Kusler was born on August 1, 1884, in Yankton County, S.D. In 1902, he came with his folks to North Dakota and settled on a farm, south of Fredonia.

After residing on the farm for a few years, he was united in marriage to Christine Welflea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Welflea. They operated the

farm for many years and all their children were born there. Mr. Kusler and other early settlers helped to construct the platform of the first depot in town.

They remained on the farm until 1945, when they moved to Kulm, where they now reside. Mr. and Mrs. Kusler were blessed with four children; they are: Leah, now Mrs. James Polinski, Oakes, N.D.; Iona, now Mrs. Theodore Shorsman, Rupert, Ida.; Raymond, Fredonia, N.D.; Gertrude, Mrs. Otto Ribhagen, Kulm, No. Dak. Their son, Raymond, is operating the farm of his father. They are members of the German Congregational Church.

097. KUSLER, GOTTLIEB & KATHERINE (Bender) 66

[picture] Mr. Kusler was born March 2, 1879 near Yankton, S.D. Together with his parents he moved to North Dakota and filed on a homestead three miles south of Fredonia. In 1904 he was united in marriage to Miss Katherine Bender, born February 20, 1883 near Scotland, S.D. Mrs. Kusler's folks, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bender moved to North Dakota in 1903 and settled on a farm eight miles south of Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Kusler lived on their farm until 1937, when they moved to Omak, Washington.

They were blessed with 12 children and they are all living.

The children are as follows: Reinhold, Spokane, Wash.; Calvin, Spokane, Wash.; Milbert, Yakima, Wash.; Alida, Mrs. Willis Harriman, Oregon; Hugo, Wilber, Wash.; Jake, Sam, John, Gideon, all of Omak, Wash.; Johanna, Mrs. Frank Jerrow, Omak, Wash.; Edward, Fredonia, N.D.; Eda, Mrs. Carl Grenz of Fredonia, N.D.

098. KUSLER, HENRY SR. & ELIZABETH (Schempp) 37

[picture] Mr. Kusler was born January 2, 1874, in Yankton County, S.D. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Schempp at Freeman, S.D.

They moved to North Dakota, filing on a homestead two and a half miles south of Fredonia. They remained on this site for seven years, then moved to Fredonia. Mr. Kusler was forced to quit farming because of ill health. For many years Mrs. Kusler catered to roomers and boarders. Mr. Kusler served as Trustee of the Village Board for several years.

They were blessed with four children. They are Ella, Mrs. Daniel Schlenker of Wishek, N.D.; Esther, Mrs. Fred Hehr, of Fredonia; Adena, Mrs. Frank Chaney of Victor, Mont.; and Henry of Blackfoot, Idaho.

Mrs. Kusler passed away in 1929. Mr. Kusler passed away in 1932. They both were laid to rest in the Fredonia Congregational Cemetery.

Mr. Kusler served as director of the Nordby School District for many years.

099. KUSLER, JOHN SR. & CHRISTINE (Schaeffer) 39

[picture] Mr. Kusler was born in November of 1846, in Kerson [Cherson], South Russia. He was united in marriage to Miss Christine Schaeffer in 1866, while still in South Russia. They emigrated to America in 1872, arriving at Sandusky, O., where they remained for six months. They were completely unaware of the size of the United States and only knew of Sandusky, Ohio. They had in their possession the address of Jack Max of Yankton, S.D. They wrote to him inquiring about free land and soon left for Yankton, S.D., where they filed on [a] homestead in March of 1873. They remained on this homestead for 29 years, where four of their six children were born.

In 1902, Mr. and Mrs. Kusler and family moved to Logan County in North Dakota and settled on a farm two and a half miles south of Fredonia. They remained on this farm for four years, then retired from farming and moved to Kulm, No. Dak. They lived in Kulm for 11 years, and in 1913 they moved to Fredonia.

They were members of the Kulm Reform Church and were active participants in church work.

Their children are John, Adam, and August of Kulm, N.D., and Gottlieb of Omak, Wash.

Their son, Henry, passed away in 1932 and was laid to rest in the Fredonia Congregational Cemetery. Their daughter, Mrs. Wm. Orth, passed away in 1938.

Mr. Kusler passed away in 1921 at Fredonia, at the age of 75. Mrs. Kusler passed away in 1928, at the age of 81. Both were laid to rest in the Fredonia Congregational Cemetery.

100. LABRENZ, CHRISTIAN & LOUISE (Frieske) 27

[picture] Christian Labrenz was born on February 28, 1856, in Paris, Bessarabia, South Russia, where he grew to manhood and was united in marriage to Louise Frieske, who was from the same village.

In 1900, they decided to seek better opportunities for the family in the great land of America.

After 11 days on the ocean, they arrived in New York City, where the family went through the regular routine given Aliens. They then boarded the train for North Dakota, with their six children, ranging in age from 16 years to nine months. They arrived at Kulm, N.D. and spent the first winter in a sod shack on the Moldenhauer farm.

In 1901, Mr. Labrenz filed on a homestead, 10 miles northwest of Fredonia, where he built a sod house and moved the family to his own place in 1902. There pioneering was begun by breaking sod and digging rocks to get a small piece of clean field.

At the time of his retirement from the farm, he had acquired five quarters of land. In the summer of 1906, a second house of sod was started and finished in 1907, which is at the present time standing on the farm and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Koenig. Often, Mr. Labrenz would walk to Kulm, a distance of 18 miles, carrying his plow shares to the blacksmith for sharpening.

In 1927, he retired from farming and moved to Fredonia, where he lived until Mrs. Labrenz passed away in 1933. Mr. Labrenz sold his home in Fredonia and moved into a small house on the farm with his son, Wilhelm, where he passed away on January 9, 1936.

Eleven children were born, of whom seven are living. They are: Wilhelm, Samuel and Edward, all of Jamestown, N.D.; Gottfried, McLaughlin, S.D.; Katherine, Mrs. Emanuel Hach, McLaughlin, S.D.; Reinhold, Everett, Wash.; Rudolph, Gackle, N.D.

101. LABRENZ, DANIEL & ROSELLA (Dalman) 53

[picture] Daniel Labrenz was born on April 20, 1889, in Paris, Bessarabia, South Russia. In 1910, he came to the United States, accompanied by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Labrenz, his brothers and a sister. As a young boy, he followed his parents to the homestead they had taken up northwest of Fredonia. He helped his father break up the land and did other work on the farm. After several years with his parents, he decided to go for himself, so in 1910, he was united in marriage to Rosella Dalman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christian Dalman. From 1910 to 1911, he farmed together with his father, later he rented a farm for a few years and then moved back to the old place, which he sold. He moved to Jamestown in 1944, where he was employed by the Midland Continental Railroad for five years, when he was forced to give up his job on account of his health. He passed away suddenly on June 15, 1953 of a heart attack. Mrs. Labrenz is living in Jamestown, N.D.

This union was blessed with four children: Anna, Mrs. Rudolph Koenig, Jamestown, N.D.; Helen, Mrs. Gotthilf Veil, Lehr, N.D.; Elsie, Mrs. Raymond Veil, Rapid City, S.D.; Harold, Jamestown, N.D.

102. LABRENZ, WILHELM & ELIZABETH (Schuldheisz) 50

Wilhelm Labrenz was born Oct. 7, 1884, in Paris, Bessarabia, South Russia. At the age of 16, he came to America with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Christian Labrenz, arriving at Kulm, N.D. He worked on various farms in the vicinity and also helped his parents. In 1907, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Schuldheisz, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ludwig Schuldheisz of Kulm, N.D. After their marriage, they went to a farm, north of Kulm for one year, then moved to Texas. In the summer of 1911, they returned to North Dakota and he began farming which his brother, Daniel, northwest of Fredonia, known as the Ed. C. Krueger farm. Soon thereafter he began building his own farm, 10 miles northwest of Fredonia, which is a part of the Labrenz homestead. Here Mr. and Mrs. Labrenz operated the farm until 1942, when they retired from farming and moved to Jamestown, N.D., leaving their son on the farm. In Jamestown, Mr. Labrenz was employed by the Midland Continental Railroad until his retirement in 1953. He still is the owner of his farm.

They are the parents of two children: Edward, Kulm, N.D.; and Emma, Mrs. Philip Veil, Jamestown, N.D.

They are members of the Lutheran Church.

103. LAUTT, GEORGE JR. 68

[picture] Mr. Lutt was born in Kassel, South Russia on February 16, 1883. Together with his parents he immigrated to the United States arriving at Tripp, S.D. During the summer of 1889 the family moved to No. Dak. The trip, a distance of 290 miles, was made by oxen and horses. The cattle were driven all the way. It took about three weeks to make this journey. They located about six miles west of Fredonia. Here young George received his education which consisted of about two years at various periods, mostly at the home of Adam Nagel, Sr.

During spare time buffalo bones were picked and trekked to Ellendale. The price was low but the income helped along a little in buying groceries and clothing. The greatest hazards during the early years on the North Dakota prairies were the severe blizzards and sweeping prairie fires.

Mr. Lutt filed on a homestead in 1906, five miles south of Fredonia. (This farm is now occupied by his son Albert). Farming implements were few with no money available to buy more. He had to buy some things on time at 12 percent interest. His first house was a shed 12 x 14 feet. In 1898, when the Soo Line railroad was built from Kulm to Lehr, he worked all summer on this job with team and hand scraper. The rate of pay was \$1.00 per day for ten hours of work. Later he worked on the section line at Lehr for \$1.00 per day and his board and room cost fifty cents per day. He also worked on the Soo Line snow plow during the winter months.

Mr. Lutt married Karolina Roesler on March 11, 1904. They became the parents of the following children: Lizzie, Mrs. Harold Miller of Jamestown; Lydia, Mrs. Edward Sukut of Fredonia; Emma, Mrs. Fred Schmier of Bismarck, N.D.; Edwin A., Albert, and Edwin all of Fredonia.

Mrs. George Lutt passed away on August 25, 1945. On June 7th of 1947, Mr. Lutt married Mrs. Katie Fuchs.

Mr. Lutt passed away on November 18, 1949 and was laid to rest beside his wife in the Lutheran Cemetery north of Fredonia.

#### 104. LAUTT, GEORGE SR. & KAROLINE (Trautman) 51

[picture] Mr. Lutt was born in South Russia. He was united in Holy Matrimony to Miss Karolina Trautman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Trautman, while still in South Russia. In 1885, they immigrated to the United States and settled in South Dakota. 3 years later, they came to North Dakota and settled on a homestead, seven miles west of Fredonia. Here they lived in their covered wagon until a sod house was built.

Sticks were gathered along the lakes to be used for cooking. They went to church with the oxen hitched to a stone boat.

Butter was sold for five cents a pound and often was brought home unsold. Eggs were three cents a dozen and farm labor was sixty cents a day.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutt were the parents of 12 children of whom four are living. Fred of Fredonia; Adam of Lehr, N.D.; Rose, Mrs. Henry Geigle of Bismarck, N.D.; Katie, Mrs. Robert Keller of Kulm, N.D.

Mr. Lutt passed away in 1923 at which time Mrs. Lutt went to live with her daughter, Katie, now Mrs. Robert Keller of Kulm.

Mrs. Lutt passed away in January of 1954 at the advanced age of 93 years.

105. MARX, FRED 17

[picture] Fred Marx was one of the foremost citizens of Logan County, and was prominently identified with the business interests and public affairs of this section of the state. He was born in the neighboring state of Minnesota, his birth occurring in Wabasha, June 21, 1863. His parents, Matthias and Margaret (Thies) Marx, were born, reared and married in Luxemburg and came to the United States in 1860, locating in Wabasha County, Minn., where the father purchased the relinquishment on a homestead. He resided upon that place until 1908, successfully engaged in farming, and then retired. He passed away in later years.

During his boyhood and youth, Fred Marx pursued his studies in the district school and aided his father in the operation of the farm. After leaving school, he devoted his entire attention to agricultural pursuits and gave his father the benefit of his services up to his 26th year. During the winter months he also bought and sold grain and stock, which he shipped to the city markets. Subsequently he engaged in the butcher business in Wabasha, Minn., and was prominently identified with the interests of that city for a number of years.

It was in 1904, that Mr. Marx came west and located in Fredonia, when for the following eight years, he was engaged in the grain business. For the next six years, he bought and sold land and was extensively engaged in the real estate and farm loan business. He was the owner of 360 acres of good land in Logan County and a butcher shop in Fredonia. Although his meat market was conducted by Mr. John Jacoby and Mrs. Louie Wagner, he oversaw all the operations and he met with most excellent success.

In 1900, Mr. Marx was united in marriage to Catherine Bieber of Lake Benton, Minn. She passed away in 1906 and 4 years later he married Mrs. Elizabeth Henke, nee Koester, of Chicago, Ill. To them was born one child, Agatha, now Mrs. Bondreau of Danville, Ill.; and by her former marriage, Mrs. Marx had a daughter, Marie Margaret, now Mrs. Jacob Herman of Bismarck, N.D.

The Democratic Party found in Mr. Marx a staunch supporter of its principles and he took an active part in public affairs. His fellow citizens recognized his ability and elected him to represent his district in the state legislature in 1915, and he proved an efficient member of that body.

In religious faith he was a Catholic and was a member of St. Joseph's Society and the Catholic Order of Foresters. He was a wide-awake business man of whom any community might be justly proud.

Mr. Marx was commonly known as "Daddy Marx" and was the Fredonia marshall for many years.

Mr. Marx passed away November 9, 1938, and was laid to rest at Wabasha, Minn.

Mrs. Marx passed away at the home of her daughter, Agatha, at Danville, Ill, in 1951.

106. MEADOWS, L. 50

Dr. Meadows was born in Ontario, Canada, in early 1870's. There he received his early and formal education. While in Canada, he was married.

Dr. Meadows and his family moved to Fredonia from Lehr in 1921. They resided in the homes now occupied by Dr. Fred Rudolph and Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Widmer.

They remained in Fredonia for only a short time, then moved to Oakes, North Dakota. There, Dr. Meadows passed away. Mrs. Meadows and her two boys then moved to Canada, where Mrs. Meadows passed away.

Dr. Meadows was the first doctor to reside in Fredonia and practice medicine.

The present whereabouts of Dr. Meadows' two boys, Eber and LeRoy, are unknown.

Dr. Meadows was later succeeded by Dr. Reynolds, who moved to Fredonia from Wyndmere, N.D. He had his office in the Schepff Hotel. He had lived in Fredonia only a short time, when he moved to Linton, N.D.

107. MEIDINGER, ADAM & ELIZABETH (Miller) 25

[picture] Mr. Meidinger was among the early Fredonia pioneers. He arrived in America in 1885. He was born in Kassel, South Russia on March 25, 1879.

In 1903, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Miller. She was born on May 7, 1884, also in Kassel, South Russia.

They filed on a homestead in what was then known as the Hellwig settlements.

Nine children were born to the union of whom seven are living. They are: Alvina, now Mrs. Gust Herr of Aberdeen, S.D.; Reinhold of Aberdeen, S.D.; Marcella, now Mrs. Harold Klipfel of Aberdeen, S.D.; Edwin of Fredonia; Freda, now Mrs. Otto Feil of Fredonia; Katie, now Mrs. Rheinie Ladner of Dodge Center, Minn.; Hulda, now Mrs. Jacob Blumhardt of West Fargo, N.D.

In 1937, Mr. and Mrs. Meidinger retired from farming and moved into Ashley, N.D. They were active members of the Ashley Baptist Church.

Mr. Meidinger died in 1943 and was laid to rest in the Ashley Cemetery.

Mrs. Meidinger married Mr. Henry Woehl of Wishek in 1948, where she now resides.

108. MEIDINGER, JACOB & JUSTINA (Bitz) 55

[picture] Mr. Meidinger was born in Kassel, South Russia on December 11, 1878. When he was seven years old, he came to America with his parents. They arrived at Tripp, S.D. in May of 1886 and in 1887, they moved to North Dakota, coming to the Antelope Valley, where they made their home.



Coming here in May, there was much to be done, a house to be built, the land broken, to put in a small crop, well to be dug and many other things. Everyone went to work, old and young, mother and father, brother and sister. Before the well was dug, water from the slough was used. After the crop had been put in, the house was constructed and was of sod and stones. Lumber was hauled from Ellendale for rafter and window frames. All their furniture was home made, but served the purpose very well. The children picked buffalo bones and horns. They were hauled to Ellendale and sold, getting from eight to ten dollars per load for them, and food supplies bought with this money. Weeds, twisted hay, and chips were used as fuel. These were all gathered in the fall before the snow came.

Mr. Meidinger filed on land about eight miles south of Fredonia. He was united in marriage to Miss Justina Bitz in 1905. Twelve children were born to this union, seven daughters and five sons. They are Walter, Anna, Lenora, Katie, Rosa, Ruth, Leonard, Paul, Maggie, Christine, John and Rubin.

Their youngest son is at present serving in the Armed Forces and is stationed in England, Europe.

Mr. and Mrs. Meidinger are presently residing in Ashley, N.D.

109. MILLER, ADAM SR. 21

[picture] Adam Miller, commonly known as "Adam Vetter" was among the early Fredonia settlers. He was born in South Russia where in later years he was united in marriage to Miss Karolina Rott, brother [sister?] of George Rott. They, like so many others emigrated to America shortly after their marriage, seeking national freedom. They filed on a homestead in McIntosh County in the Antelope Valley. Here they farmed for many years when in the 1890's, Mrs. Miller passed away and was laid to rest in the Berlin Baptist Church.

They were blessed with 11 children: Christina, now Mrs. Wilhelm Hoffman of Fredonia; Fred Miller, deceased, Lehr, N.D.; John A. Miller of Lehr, N.D.; Lydia, now Mrs. Henry Becker of Fargo, N.D., deceased; Regina, now Mrs. August Bittner of Lehr, N.D.; Carolina, Mrs. Ed. Orley of Napoleon, deceased; Magdalena, now Mrs. J.J. Schwartzwalker of Reeder, N.D.; Rosa, Mrs. John J. Miller of Verona, deceased; Lizzie, now Mrs. Karl Hall of Los Angeles, Calif.; Katie and Gottlieb both died during their childhood.

Later, Mr. Miller was united in marriage to Mrs. Katherina Lebedorf, nee Hildenbrandt. They farmed for about ten years, when they retired from farming and moved into Fredonia. They were blessed with two children: Emma, Mrs. Albert Hellwig of Lehr, deceased; Sam of Fergus Falls, Minnesota.

Mr. Miller passed away in the early 1920's and was laid to rest in the Berlin Baptist Cemetery.

Mrs. Miller then sold her property in Fredonia and moved to Wishek, where she married Mr. J. Ackermann. She later passed away and was laid to rest in the Berlin Baptist Cemetery.

110. MILLER, FRED SR. & MARIE (Wolf) 22

[picture] Mr. Miller was born at Gordomonov, South Russia, October 28, 1870. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Miller, Sr. He came to the United States in 1884, first settling at Menno, S.D., later moving to McIntosh County and homesteading in the Fredonia vicinity in 1887.

On Oct 23, 1893, he was united in marriage to Miss Marie Wolf. They farmed until 1906 when they moved into Fredonia where Mr. Miller operated a dray and transfer line. He remained in this business until 1915 at which time he entered the hardware business in partnership with Mr. Gottlieb Geiser. He continued in this business for many years.

Mrs. Miller passed away on January 21, 1935. Mr. Miller Moved to Bismarck in 1942. Here he moved into the Baptist Home For The Aged. He passed away September 13, 1953, at the age of 82 years.

They were the parents of ten children of whom six are living. They are: Fred of Menoken, N.D.; Katie, now Mrs. Dan Klien of Ellendale, N.D.; Mrs. Louise Dobler of Vancouver, Wash.; Jack of Bismarck, N.D.; Martha, now Mrs. John Goehring of Mott, N.D.; and Margaret, now Mrs. Ernest Grenz of Rockton, Ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller were long time members of the Berlin Baptist Church.

111. MILLER, JACOB SR. & CAROLINE (Thurer) 73

[picture] Jacob Miller was born on July 15, 1861, in South Russia. At the age of 23 years, he came to America and settled at Menno, S.D. In 1887, he came to North Dakota and that same year he married Caroline Miller, nee Thurer. He filed on a homestead, nine miles south of Fredonia, where they lived on the farm until 1910. Then they moved to Fredonia, where he was active in carpenter work and shoe repairing.

Eight children were born to this union of which five are still living; they are: Emil Miller, Victoria, Texas; Harold Miller, Jamestown, N.D.; Rosie, Mrs. John Ketterling, Fredonia, N.D.; Katie, Mrs. George Sherrod, Amarilla, Tex.; Lydia, Mrs. Gideon Griess, Sutton, Nebr.

They were members of the Berlin Baptist Church. Mrs. Miller passed away in 1945.

Mr. Miller presently resides in the Baptist Home for the aged in Bismarck, N.D. and is 93 years of age. As much information that can be obtained, Mr. Jacob Miller Sr. is the oldest living Fredonia pioneer.

112. MOLDENHAUER, WILHELM & ROSA (Hauff) 21

[picture] Mr. Moldenhauer was born in South Russia in 1861. At the age of 19 years, he was united in marriage to Rosa Hauff while in Russia. After 22 years of married life in the fatherland, they emigrated to the United States, arriving in 1902.

John Moldenhauer, an uncle of Wilhelm was here at the time, so they stayed with him for a short time on the farm, south of Kulm.

Later they moved to another farm one and one-half miles east of Fredonia, where they farmed for many years. In 1916 the family moved to Idaho, where

Mr. Moldenhauer passed away in 1917. Mrs. Moldenhauer passed away in 1936, at Lodi Calif.

Nine children were born to this union of whom seven are living. They are: Dan, Rupert, Ida.; Edward, Heyburn, Ida.; Pauline, Mrs. Pauline Weispfenning, Sunnyvale, Calif.; John, Selma, Calif.; Lucas, Kulm, N.D.; Adolph, Sacramento, Calif.; William, Sacramento, Calif. All the children were born in Russia, except William.

113. MOOS, PHILIP & PAULINE (Heller) 71

[picture] Philip Moos was born on November 19, 1887 in Gerson [Cherson], South Russia, the son of Jacob and Magdalena Moos, nee Wagner.

In 1901 he, with his parents, set sail for the United States. They arrived at LaMoure, in LaMoure County, North Dakota where Mr. Moos worked as a farm laborer until 1909, when he and his parents moved on a farm near Gackle, North Dakota.

Two years later Mr. Moos filed on a homestead nine miles southwest of Gackle. In 1911 he was united in marriage to Pauline Heller. After their marriage, they took up housekeeping and farming on the homestead. In 1945 they decided to retire from the farm and moved to Fredonia, N.D. There he was steadily employed by the Soo Line Railroad until 1953 when he retired from all work.

Mr. and Mrs. Moos live at Fredonia, enjoying fairly good health. They have no children.

114. MUNSCH, JACOB & CHRISTIANA (Munsch) 57

[picture] Christiana Munsch, daughter of Karl Munsch and wife Justina, nee Fix, was born Feb. 28, 1853 in Worms, So. Russia. In 1871 she was united in marriage to Peter Billigmaier. Two years after their marriage they immigrated to America and settled in Bon Homme County, Dakota Territory at that time.

Yankton was the closest town, so they traveled by horses and wagon about 50 miles northwest and filed on a homestead of 160 acres, and 80 acres by planting trees called tree claim.

They built all their buildings from clay and rocks. After a few years the Milwaukee railroad built their line across their homestead and the town of Scotland, S.D. was started 4 miles from the farm.

On April 17, 1877, Peter Billigmaier and his neighbor went to the James River flour mill with some wheat to have ground for flour, and in trying to row a boat on the river he was caught by a swift current which tipped the boat, throwing Mr. Billigmaier out and drowning him.

This left Mrs. Billigmaier a widow with five children

On November 11, 1877, Mrs. Billigmaier married Jacob Munsch, born on March 12, 1855 in Worms, South Russia. They farmed for many years near Scotland, S.D. Main crops were corn, wheat and oats. Hogs, cattle and sheep were the main livestock on the farm. In July, 1900, he and his wife moved to North

Dakota to seek more land. As the price of land in South Dakota was \$50.00 per acre and money scarce, he found good grazing land in North Dakota. His farm of 240 acres in South Dakota was sold for 45 dollars per acre with which he bought a section of land in McIntosh County, North Dakota at \$4.50 per acre. All his personal belongings were shipped here from South Russia. One carload of cattle, nine horses, half carload of corn and oats, together with all farm machinery and household goods. At first a small shack was built to live in after which Peter Kurtz was hired. With the help of carpenters, erected a full set of farm buildings. In 1901 he bought another half section of land at \$7.00 per acre. He also bought more cows and 100 sheep. He was at that time a rancher of black angus cattle, and very little grain farming was done.

In 1920 he sold all personal property, including the farm and moved to Kulm, N.D. in 1922. Here he lived until his wife passed away in 1929. Mr. Munsch lived with his son-in-law, Alfred Ulmer, and daughter Martha at Fullerton, N.D. for some time, but later moved back to the home where he stayed with Gotthilf Mund and Marl Munsch until he died on June 17, 1935.

Eleven children were born tho this union of which four are living. They are: Karl Munsch, Fredonia; Henry Munsch, Fredonia; Martha, Mrs. Ulmer, Fullerton, N.D.; Anna, Mrs. Mund, Kulm, N.D.

115. MUNSCH, KARL & OTTILA (Widmer) 71

[picture] Karl Munsch, son of Jacob Munsch and wife, Christina, nee Mauch, was born in 1884, in Bon Homme County in South Dakota. In September of 1900, he and his parents moved to McIntosh County and settled on a farm. In the year of 1904, when Fredonia was in its infancy, he helped construct the Gackle Elevator. In 1905, he filed on a homestead in Logan County.

He was united in marriage to Miss Ottila Widmer on January 28, 1909. She is the daughter of Andrew and Christine nee Heller, Widmer. They lived on this farm until 1948, when they retired from farming and moved into Fredonia.

They were blessed with 13 children of whom 12 are living. There are eight daughters and five sons: Karl of Jamestown; Harold of Gackle; Leonard of Renville, Minn.; Theodore and Herman of Fredonia; Mrs. Ernest F. Schmidt of Medicine Lake, Mont.; Mrs. Nels L. Nelson of Berret Minn.; Mrs. Andrew Entzi of Fredonia; Mrs. Fred F. Krueger of Fredonia; Mrs. Fred W. Frederich of Fredonia; Mrs. John Schlecht of Kulm, N.D.; Mrs. Gottfried Riebhausen of Fredonia.

One daughter, Lorraine, passed away at the Tuberculin Sanatorium in San Haven, N.D.

116. NETZ, DANIEL & MARIE (Keller) 44

[picture] Daniel Netz was born in NeuElft, South Russia, on August 26, 1868. At the age of 20 he left for the United States and came to North Dakota in 1888. After he became of age he filed on a homestead, eight miles south of Fredonia, where he started farming for himself. In June of 1888, he was united in marriage with Marie Keller, who also emigrated from NeuElft, South Russia. Many happy and unhappy days were spent on the old homestead.

In 1928, Mr. and Mrs. Netz retired from farming and moved to Fredonia, where they lived until 1948, when Mr. Netz passed away.

Mrs. Netz is living with her oldest daughter at Kulm. She is 80 years of age.

Mr. Netz held the office of deacon of the Congregational Church for 28 years and Sunday School teacher for nine years.

This union was blessed with 13 children of which 11 are living. They are as follows: Theodore, Kulm, N.D.; Hermina, now Mrs. John Fregien, Kulm, N.D.; Christena, now Mrs. Ted Sandaw, Oakes, N.D.; Harold, Gackle, N.D.; John, Kulm, N.D.; Nathaniel, Monango, N.D.; Albert, Kulm, N.D.; Adaline, now Mrs. Ed Smalley, Fredonia, N.D.; Viola, now Mrs. Paul Sievert, Olympia, Wash.; Lorena, now Mrs. Melvin Pagel, Wheatland, N.D.

117. NITSCHKE, CHRIST & LOUISE (Hildenbrandt) 40

[picture] Mr. Nitschke was born November 15, 1885 in McIntosh County, eight miles east of Ashley, N.D. He labored on his father's farm until 1906, when he filed on a homestead, six miles southeast of Ashley.

Mr. Nitschke was united in marriage to Miss Louise Hildenbrandt on July 7, 1910. They moved to Logan County in 1919 and bought a farm, two miles east of Fredonia. They had lived on this farm for 29 years when in 1948, they retired from farming and moved to Fredonia.

They were blessed with 11 children and all are living. They are: Jacob of Fredonia; William of Fredonia; Anna, now Mrs. Nillis of Stockton, Calif.; Arthur of Fredonia; Lavina, now Mrs. Kolman of Alameda, Calif.; Lorraine, now Mrs. Arthur George of Alameda, Calif.; Fred of Fredonia; Helen, now Mrs. Norbert Gutschmidt of Fredonia; Leona, now Mrs. Art Schlenz of Fredonia; Elsie, now Mrs. Lawrence Ketterling of Fredonia; Jeanette of Fredonia.

Mrs. Nitschke passed away in December of 1948. Mr. Nitschke resides in Fredonia.

118. NORDBY, LARS 64

[picture] Lars Nordby was born in Nonstad, Norway. He left his fatherland in 1884, arriving at Kindred, N.D.

In 1885, his brother, Carl, came from Norway to join Lars at Kindred. That same year, Lars Nordby left Kindred, N.D., moved to Logan County and homesteaded one and a half miles east of Fredonia, while his brother settled near Edgeley.

Mr. Lars Nordby constructed the first frame house ever built in this area. It was constructed in 1885 and Mr. Nordby hauled all the lumber from LaMoure, by oxen, since Edgeley was not in existence at that time.

In the fall of 1892, Lars Nordby was married. They armed together for nine years, when in 1901, Mrs. Nordby suddenly passed away. She was laid to rest in the North LaMoure Cemetery. They never had any children.

Lars' brother, Carl, lived in this area intermittently for several years and worked as a carpenter. He was one of the early carpenters who assisted in the construction of Peter Johnson's house and several other farm buildings in the Fredonia area.

In 1901, Mr. Lars Nordby moved to Foston, Minn., where he passed away and was buried.

Carl Nordby remained in the Fredonia area until 1902, when he sold his brother's farm to George Gackle and Company. Carl Nordby then moved to Foston, Minn., where he also passed away and was buried.

The Lars Nordby farm is still in existence and is presently being occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Art Nitschke.

119. OELKE, ADAM & CHRISTINE (Ruff) 19

[picture] Adam Oelke was born August 20, 1870, in Olgenthal, Bessarabia, South Russia. In 1894, he was married to Christine Ruff. He and his family came to the Kulm vicinity in 1899. The following spring he moved on a homestead, three miles west of Fredonia, where for 24 years he faithfully and successfully built up his farm. In 1923 his oldest son, Fred, took over the farm and he moved to Fredonia, where he resided until his death. Mr. Oelke took an active part in his farming operations and worked hard.

Thirteen children were born to this union of which six are living, they are: Fred, of Fredonia, N.D.; Edward, Moorehead, Minn.; Mrs. Nathaniel Haag, of Fredonia; Mrs. Milavich, San Francisco, Calif.; Mrs. Wm. Kusler, Kulm, N.D.; Mrs. Andereggen, San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. Oelke passed away in 1945 at the age of 75 years. He was laid to rest at the Congregational Cemetery.

Mrs. Oelke presently resides with his daughter, Mrs. Andereggen in San Francisco and is 84 years of age.

120. OLLILA, JACOB 23

Jacob Ollila was born on March 3, 1868, at Wihanti, Finland. He was the son of Jacob and Hilma Ollila.

In 1892, he came to the United States, arriving at Republic, Mich., where he stayed until 1893, when he moved to Frederick, S.D. There he was united in marriage to Mary Pajuniemi in 1895. There also a son, James, was born to them.

Mrs. Ollila passed away in 1896. He later married Evelyn Martinson in 1898.

To this union, three children were born.

His second wife passed away in 1905.

In 1903, Mr. Ollila moved to North Dakota. He filed on a homestead eleven miles northwest of Fredonia, where he resided the greater part of his life, except for about four winters spent with his son, James, at Clatskanie, Ore.

Mr. Ollila passed away on the 24th day of December, 1947, and was laid to rest in the Homola Cemetery. The Rev. Arthur Niska of Minneapolis, Minn. officiated at the last rites. Mr. Ollila was a faithful member of the Finnish Old Apostolic Lutheran Church.

Four children were born to this union. They are: James, Clatskanie, Ore.; Walter, Fredonia, N.D.; Edwin, Jamestown, N.D.; Edna, Mrs. Abner Haro, Fredonia, N.D. Eight grand children and four great grand children are among their descendents.

121. ORTH, WILHELM & ELIZABETH (Kusler) 33

[picture] Wilhelm and Elizabeth, (Kusler), were born in Kehrson [Cherson] Province, South Russia, in 1867, and 1870. Both immigrated to this country with their parents, where they settled in the vicinity of Scotland, S.D. After a number of years, they were married and in 1903 they again pulled up stakes and came to North Dakota, where they took up a homestead, about three miles south of what is now Fredonia, which at that time was non-existent, but the railroad was built. The first years on the homestead was a life of pioneering, often being short of the bare necessities of food and fuel for themselves and children. In the fall of 1905, Mr. Orth became manager of the Farmers Elevator in Fredonia. In June of 1906, he moved his family and all belongings to town, he later operated a hardware store and implement business, and also did some farming.

Eleven children were born to this union of whom five are living: Lentena, Mrs. Rattray, Spokane, Wash.; W.E. Orth, Fredonia, N.D.; John Orth, Spokane, Wash.; Martha, Mrs. Arvi Isaacs, Minneapolis, Minn.; Clarence Orth, Stockton, Calif.

Mr. Orth died in 1947, and Mrs. Orth in 1938.

122. OST, HENRY JR. 49

Henry Ost was born in South Russia in 1884. Together with his parents, his three brothers and one sister, they immigrated to the United States.

They homesteaded one and a half miles north of Fredonia. Here young Henry grew to manhood. In 1906, he was united in marriage to Miss Christina Weispenning. They were blessed with four children; they are: Alber, William and Edward, all of Nortonville, N.D.; Ida, now Mrs. Henry Hehr of Seattle, Wash.

Mrs. Ost passed away in 1913 and was laid to rest in the Fredonia Lutheran Cemetery.

In later years Mr. Ost was united in marriage to Miss Martha Dallman, daughter of Christ Dallman. They farmed for several years, until in the early 1920's they moved into Fredonia.

Mr. Ost was engaged in the general store business in partnership with Mr. Bernard Meidinger and Mr. Jacob Fey. He later entered the grain business with his father, Henry Ost, Sr. He remained in this business for many years.

During his years in the grain business, he was also associated with the J.I. Case Implement Company.

They were blessed with 10 children. They are Royal of Thief River Falls, Minn.; Harry of California; Ella, now deceased; Roland and Wilbert of Seattle, Wash.; Adeline, now Mrs. August Radke, of Renton, Wash.; Clarence of Jud, N.D.; Mabel of Renton, Wash.; Marion, now Mrs. Wm. Butler of South Norfolk, Va.; Elda of Renton, Wash.

Mr. Ost passed away in 1930 and Mrs. Ost passed away in 1951.

123. OST, HENRY SR. 46

Mr. Ost was born in Bessarabia, South Russia, October 19, 1861. While in South Russia, he was united in marriage to Miss Christina Haag. Five of their six children were born in South Russia.

In 1897, they immigrated to the United States, arriving at Kulm, N.D. That same year, they filed on a homestead, two miles north of Fredonia.

Mrs. Ost passed away in 1899, at the age of 35. She was laid to rest in the Fredonia Lutheran Cemetery.

They were blessed with the following children: Henry, now deceased; John of Lodi, Calif.; Mary of Kulm; Benjamin of Jamestown, N.D.; Leontina, now Mrs. Jacob Schlenz of Kulm; and Alfred of Jamestown, North Dakota.

In January of 1900, Mr. Ost married Mrs. Simon Eisenbeis and they farmed on Mr. Ost's homestead until 1918, when they retired from farming and moved into Fredonia.

Mrs. Ost by her previous marriage had two children, Reinhold of Clinton, Ia., and Pauline now deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Ost were blessed with six children of whom five are living. They are Christine, now Mrs. Myron Holman of Fredonia; Amelia, now Mrs. Chauncey Burkee of Phoenix, Ariz.; Christ and Oscar of Fredonia; Anna, now deceased; Ottili, now Mrs. Jake Dockter of Glenwood, Minn.

In 1910, Mr. Ost, George Hehr, and Mrs. John Tiede went to Russia for a visit. They returned in 1911, after a very enjoyable trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Ost were members of the Fredonia Lutheran Church. Mrs. Ost was a long time member of the Fredonia Lutheran Ladies Aid.

Mr. Ost served on the Haag School Board for a number of years.

Mr. Ost passed away on November 10, 1940, at the age of 79 years and Mrs. Ost passed away on February 16, 1943, at the age of 69. They were both laid to rest in the Fredonia Lutheran Cemetery.

124. PRESSLER, JOHANNAS SR. & ANNA (Aeuckle) 32



[picture] Johannas Presler was born on March 24, 1870, in South Russia, where he was united in marriage to Anna Aeuckle on October 28, 1898. Mrs. Presler was born on January 20, 1877.

At the age of 32 years, Mr. Presler left his fatherland on May 31, 1902, arriving at Kulm, N.D., where they stayed for a short time, after which their filed on a homestead, five miles northwest from Fredonia. After 39 years on the farm, Mr. and Mrs. Presler moved to Fredonia, where they now reside.

They are the parents of ten children, of whom five are living, they also have two adopted grand children, they are: John Presler, Jr., Johnstown, Colo.; Dorothy, Mrs. Albert Donat, Jamestown, N.D.; Mathilda, Mrs. Jake Entzie, Fredonia, N.D.; Magdalena, Mrs. John Entzie, Lehr, N.D.; Ottilie, Mrs. Christ Retzer, Fredonia, No. Dak.

The adopted grand children are: Emelie, Mrs. Elmer Erbele, Lehr, N.D.; and Rose, Mrs. Herman Schrenk, Streeter, N.D.

Mr. Presler has the distinction of being [the oldest liv]ing couple in Fredonia at the present time. Mr. Presler is 84 and Mrs. Presler is 77.

125. PRESSLER, REINHOLD & OTTILIA (Krieger) 32

[picture] Mr. Pressler was born February 28, 1892, in Bessarabia, South Russia, son of Gottlieb and Rosina Pressler, nee Hindemith.

In 1892, he came to America with his parents, arriving at Kulm, N.D. After a year at Kulm, he, with his folks, moved north of Fredonia, where his father filed on a homestead where they farmed together for several years, until 1917, when he was united in marriage to Ottilia Krieger. Soon after their marriage, he moved to another farm, west of the old homestead, where they farmed for about six years, when he moved back on the old homestead of his father.

After 15 years of farming on various farms, he retired and moved to Fredonia, where he now resides.

Five children were born to this union, of whom all are living; they are: Henry, Gackle, N.D.; Herbert and Raymond of Fredonia, N.D.; Melvin and Devolt of Fargo, N.D.

He is a member of the Congregational Church.

126. PRUETZ, WILLIAM 52

[picture] William Pruetz, better known to his friends as Bill, was born in Neubrandenburg, Germany, on April 2, 1864. He spent his boyhood in his native land, and when a young man, 21 years old, came to the United States and located at Henderson, Minn.

Mr. Pruetz was a painter by trade, and, after leaving Henderson, he worked in St. Paul at his trade of painting for some time and then went west to Spokane, Wash. A few years later, he returned to Minnesota, locating at Buffalo Lake, Minn., where he engaged in business. In 1906, he came to Kulm, N.D., where he was engaged in the banking business with his brother, the late

Charles Pruetz, and the late James B. Sharpe. On the 14th day of March, 1907, William Pruetz, together with the late Charles Pruetz and the late James B. Sharpe, organized the First State Bank, Fredonia, N.D. Mr. Pruetz served in the capacity of Cashier from the date of organization until 1919. He served as president of the bank from 1919 until a few months before his death, which occurred January 19, 1941.

127. RADKE, DANIEL & SARAH (Rempher) 45

Daniel Radke was born April 16, 1868, in Josephdorf, South Russia, the son of August Radke and his wife, Christine, nee Vogel. He received his schooling in Kulm, South Russia and was confirmed in the Lutheran Church. He worked as a farm laborer until his marriage to Sarah Rempher, which occurred on Feb. 8, 1890, when he established a home of his own. Thirteen years later, they migrated to the United States with their small children and settled on a homestead about eight miles north of Fredonia. Here they lived with short interruptions, until the fall of 1947, when they decided to retire and move to Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Radke were blessed with six children. They are Gottfried of Dean, Mont.; Mrs. Mary Heidinger, Emilie, now Mrs. John Heller, and Jacob of Fredonia; Bertha, now Mrs. Fred Gutschmidt of Wishek, N.D.; and Hulda, now Mrs. Sukut of Pingree, N.D.

Mr. Radke passed away on Sept. 12, 1948, at the age of 80. He was laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery, north of Fredonia.

Mrs. Radke passed away in 1953, at the advanced age of 82 years. She was laid to rest beside her husband.

Mr. and Mrs. Radke were faithful members of the Lutheran Church.

128. RADKE, KARL & MAGDALENA (Keller) 20

[picture] Mr. Radke was born on September 18, 1877, in Bessarabia, South Russia. In 1894, he and his folks emigrated to the United States. In 1901, he was united in marriage to Miss Magdalena Keller, daughter of Jacob and Sophia Keller. In 1902, he filed on a homestead, three miles south of Fredonia. They lived on this homestead for six years. In 1908 they purchased a farm eight miles north of Fredonia. They lived there until 1928, when they retired and moved to Fredonia. Mrs. Radke catered to roomers and boarders for many years.

They were faithful members of the Fredonia Congregational Church for many years. Mrs. Radke was a Ladies' Aid member for many years.

They were blessed with six children. They are: Bertha, now Mrs. Robert Janke of Seattle, Wash.; Ben, and Elsie, now Mrs. Richard Gutschmidt of Fredonia; Edna, now Mrs. Fred Vogel of Kulm, N.D.; Ida, now Mrs. Turner of Seattle, Wash. One child died in infancy.

129. RASCH, MICHAEL & PAULINE (Bartz) 33

[picture] Michael Rasch was born on January 30, 1872, in Artzis [Arzis], Bessarabia, South Russia, where he grew up to manhood and was united in marriage to Pauline Bartz, born October 17, 1870.

They too heard of the great opportunity and prosperity in the United States, the abundance of land that could be homesteaded and become their own, so the family left their fatherland and arrived in North Dakota in the spring of 1910, settling on a farm, two miles north of Fredonia. Nine years were spent on this farm, when in 1919, they moved to Fredonia, where Mr. Rasch passed away on Dec. 21, 1925. Mrs. Rasch lived in her home alone until she passed away on February 1, 1941.

Children living are as follows: Emanuel, Merricourt, N.D.; John, Velva, N.D.; Adolph, Mandan, N.D.; Bernhard, Kulm, N.D.

All their children were born in Russia, except Bernhard, who was born in the United States.

130. REICH, FREDERICH SR. & ELIZABETH (Miller) 24

[picture] Mr. Reich was born on Sept. 14, 1864, in South Russia. While there, he was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Miller.

Shortly after their marriage, they emigrated to the United States and settled on a farm in the Antelope Valley south of Fredonia.

In 1919, they moved into Fredonia and purchased the William Hellwig residence.

Mr. and Mrs. Reich had the misfortune in World War I to lose their son, Fred.

They were blessed with 10 children of whom three are living. They are: Katie, now Mrs. Jacob Mundt of Kulm, N.D.; John of Lodi, Calif.; August of Sacramento, Calif.

Mrs. Reich passed away in 1948 at the age of 85 years. She was laid to rest in the Berlin Baptist Cemetery.

Mr. Reich presently resides in the Baptist Home for the Aged in Bismarck. He will be 90 years of age, Sept. 14. He has been making his home there since 1950.

They were married in 1888. In 1938 they celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary.

131. REMIEN, FRED & JUSTINA (Kaldun) 67

[picture] Mr. Remien was born July 23, 1873 in South Russia. While in Russia, he was united in marriage to Justina Kaldun in 1896. Mrs. Remien was born November 19, 1874. In 1905, they immigrated to the United States and settled on a farm south of Kulm, where they lived until 1916. They then moved to another farm one and a half miles east of Fredonia.

In 1939, they retired from farming and moved to Fredonia where Mrs. Remien passed away in December of 1948.

After the passing of Mrs. Remien, Mr. Remien made his home with his children, where he is enjoying fairly good health at the age of 81.

Nine children were born to this union, of whom seven are living. They are: Robert, Oakes, N.D.; William, Kulm, N.D.; Albert, Aberdeen, S.D.; Herbert, Clarksburg, Calif.; Emma, Mrs. Louie Kaseman, Lehr, N.D.; Olga, Mrs. Fred Dittus, Fredonia; Hulda, Mrs. Alfred Branch, Plastine, Texas.

132. RIBHAGEN, JACOB SR. & WILHELMINA (Wolf) 39

[picture] Mr. Ribhagen was born in South Russia. He was united in marriage to Wilhelmina Wolf. They came to Parkston, S.D. in 1894, and a year later, they came to Fredonia and settled on a farm seven miles northwest of Fredonia.

In later years, they moved to Fredonia and built their own house in the eastern part of town.

Mr. Ribhagen died in 1926 and was laid to rest in the Congregational Cemetery, north of Fredonia.

Mrs. Ribhagen died in 1929, and was laid to rest beside her husband.

They were the parents of seven children of whom two are living. They are Jacob of Fredonia and Christine, now Mrs. John Weis of California.

133. RIEBHAGEN, JACOB JR. & FREDERICKA (Lang) 43

[picture] Mr. Reibhagen was born on June 21, 1889 in Jacobsthal, South Russia, son of Jacob and Wilhelmina Riebhagen.

In 1894, he emigrated with his parents to America, arriving in Parkston, S.D., where he stayed a few months. In 1895, he and his parents left for North Dakota, where they settled on a homestead, seven miles northwest of Fredonia.

In 1910, he was united in marriage to Fredericka Lang. Soon after their marriage, he took over the farming operations of his father. Almost 50 years were spent on this farm when, in 1945, he retired from farming and moved to Fredonia, where he now resides.

Six children were born to this union, all living. They are: Otto, Gottfried and Elsie, Now Mrs. William Kleingartner, Kulm, N.D.; Emma, Bismarck, N.D.; Hulda, now Mrs. Lorenz Lutt, Fredonia, N.D.; Edna, now Mrs. Vernon Hildebrandt, Kulm, N.D.

134. RUDOLF, FRED & OTHELIA (Schlecht) 77

[picture] Mr. Rudolf was born on March 14, 1892, in South Russia. He arrived in the United States in 1910, and settled at Eureka, S.D., with his parents. In 1914, he and his folks moved to Montana. In 1918, he was drafted into the army and was sent to France. He was in the service until the Armistice was signed. Upon discharge, he returned to Montana and, in

1919, came to Fredonia and settled on a farm until 1949, when he moved to Fredonia.

Mr. Rudolf was united in marriage to Miss Othelia Schlecht, daughter of Carl Schlecht, in 1919. Mrs. Rudolf passed away in 1947.

They were blessed with five children. They are: Alvina, now Mrs. Ray Buerkle; Anetta, now Mrs. Roland Buerkle; Darwin; Orion; Arnie, all of Fredonia.

135. RUFF, FRED & BERTHA (Karius) 67

[picture] Mr. Ruff was born on August 10, 1875 at Mathildendorf, South Russia, the son of John and Barbara (nee Schafer) Ruff. On February 16, 1889, he married Bertha Karius.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruff, with two children, Reinhold and Emma, left Russia on May 1, 1902 and, exactly one month later, arrived at Kulm, N.D.

With the help of Adam Oelke, Fred Ruff filed on a homestead eight miles west of Fredonia. The beginning was hard but with \$600 or \$700 they had brought along, they bought two strong horses with harnesses and an old wagon from Fred Ziegenhagel for \$245 and three cows at \$35 each.

The first house was constructed of eight 2 x 4's set about eight feet apart at the bottom and coming to a point at the top, somewhat like an Indian teepee, only rectangular. On these 2 x 4's, boards were nailed and then covered with grass. When rains came, it rained much longer inside than outside. A stove was constructed of stones and clay. When the bread gave out, the dough was mixed at home and then taken five miles in a wagon to neighbors to be baked.

In the same year, 1902, Mr. Ruff built a two-room house with a small porch. It was hard, tedious work. The mosquitoes were ever present to make the situation worse.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruff are the parents of the following children: Reinhold of Lehr, N.D.; Emma, Mrs. Ben Ost of Kulm, N.D.; Gust of Fredonia; Edward of Fredonia; Rudolf of Fredonia; and Wilbert of Wenatchee, Washington.

In 1924, Mr. and Mrs. Ruff retired from farming and moved to Lehr, N.D. The following year, they moved back to the farm and, in 1928, they moved to Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruff now reside in Kulm, N.D. They observed their Golden Wedding [rest missing].

136. SCHLECHT, JOHANN & CAROLINE (Ross) 43

[picture] Johann Schlecht was born in 1841, in South Russia. Years went by until 1863, he married Caroline Ross. They had seen the future was rather dark, so in 1899, they left their fatherland, arriving at Kulm, N.D. on March 2nd of the same year, where they settled on a homestead eight miles northwest of Fredonia.

Ten children were born to this union of which three are living: Caroline, Mrs. Sam Suko, Gackle, N.D.; Matthias Schlecht, Fredonia, N.D.; Michael Schlecht, Fredonia, N.D.

Mr. Schlecht died in 1929, and Mrs. Schlecht in 1918.

They were members of the German Congregational Church.

Their grandson, Raymond Schlecht is on the farm today.

137. SCHLECT, JACOB 34

[picture] Mr. Schlect was born October 10, 1868, in Bessarabia, South Russia. He was united in marriage to Miss Barbara Vogel in 1891, in South Russia.

They emigrated to America in 1899, arriving at Kulm, N.D. They homesteaded that same year, seven miles north of Fredonia. They resided on this farm for many years and always lived in a sod house.

In 1928, they retired from farming and moved to Gackle, N.D.

They were blessed with seven children. They are: John, now deceased; Jacob and Reynold of Edgeley, N.D.; Lydia, Mrs. Rudolf Janke of Burnstad, N.D., Louise, Mrs. Jacob Gumke of Crystal Springs, N.D.; Martha, Mrs. August Elhard of Montana; and Caroline, Mrs. John Ruff of Montana.

Mrs. Schlct passed away in 1930. Mr. Schlect was united in marriage to Mrs. Katie Fogel in 1932. She passed away in 1937. He was united in marriage, for the third time, to Mrs. Fredericka Mauch from rural Kulm, in 1940

In 1950, Mr. Schlect passed away and was laid to rest in the Gackle Cemetery.

Mrs. Schlect left Gackle shortly after her husband's death and moved to Lodi, Calif.

She passed away in Lodi, in 1952.

They were faithful members of the Baptist Church.

138. SCHLECT, MATTHIAS & KATHERINE (Entzminger) 60

[picture] Mr. Schlect was born January 12, 1882, in Bessarabia, South Russia. He arrived in the United States with his folks in 1899, coming to Kulm, N.D. Their first few days were spent with Andrew Kosanke, Sr., who was then living five miles south of Kulm, N.D. After searching about for homestead land, he and his folks filed on a homestead, eight miles north of Fredonia.

He lived with his folks until he was 23 years of age. He was then united in marriage to Miss Katherine Entzminger. The wedding ceremony was performed in Kulm in 1905, by Rev. Bergdorf, who was then the pastor of the Kulm Congregational Church.

Mr. Schlect had filed on a homestead in 1903 and, in 1905, brought his bride to this homestead. Here they lived and labored for 37 years. All of their seven children were born on this farm. They are: Sophia, Mrs. Thomas Beich of Missoula, Mont.; Jacob of Kulm; Pauline, Mrs. Jacob Lang of Lehr, N.D.; Katherine, Mrs. Emil Kauck of Lehr, N.D.; Edwill of Dubuque, Ia.; Mary, Mrs. Edwin Goehring of Ashley, N.D.; and Matthias, Jr. of Riverdale, N.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlect retired from farming in 1942 and moved into Fredonia.

They are faithful members of the Fredonia Congregational Church.

139. SCHLECT, MICHAEL & ELIZABETH (Dalke) 58

[picture] Mr. Schlect was born in Friedensdal [Friedenstal], South Russia, on April 15, 1887. He was united in marriage to Miss Elizabeth Dalke, born Dec. 2, 1893. The wedding ceremony was performed on August 20, 1908.

They settled on a farm, eight miles north of Fredonia, where they lived for 38 years.

They were blessed with 11 children, of whom nine are living. They are: Elizabeth, now Mrs. Edwin Zimmerman of Lehr, N.D.; Gottlieb of Kulm; Esther, now Mrs. John Feichtner of Lehr, N.D.; John of Kulm; Raymond of Fredonia, who is living on his father's farm; Royal, now serving in the Armed Forces and is presently stationed at Japan; Victor of Fredonia; Violet, now Mrs. Edwin Batsch of Fredonia; Elmer at home in Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Schlect reside in Fredonia and are members of the Fredonia Congregational Church in which they are active participants.

140. SCHLOEMER, JOHN & CELIA (Jonas) 71

[picture of main street] John Schloemer was born in Davenport, Iowa. While a young man, he was united in holy matrimony to Celia Jonas, in about 1902. This young couple came to North Dakota and filed on a homestead about three miles west of where Fredonia now stands. There, Mr. and Mrs. Schloemer built a small house covered with tar paper on the outside, in which they lived to make final proof of their homestead. Mr. Schloemer was a carpenter by trade, so he was away from home most of the time, building homes and various buildings in Fredonia and the surrounding community.

After several years, he retired from the farm and moved to Fredonia, where they operated the Schempp hotel for a short time. When he moved to Bismarck, North Dakota, to live, Mr. Schloemer passed away. Mrs. Schloemer is living in the State of Washington, with her daughter, Margaret, Now Mrs. Marvin.

To this union four children were born, all whom are living and are: Henry, Frank, Leo, and Margaret, now Mrs. Marvin of Washington.

141. SCHULDEISZ, JOHN 7 ANNA (Stehr) 69

[picture] Mr. Schuldeisz, son of Ludwig Schuldheisz, was born July 25, 1881 in Bessarabia, South Russia. Together, with his parents, they immigrated to

the United States, arriving in Kulm, N.D. in 1894. Their first days were spent with Mr. and Mrs. John Moldenhauer, the latter being Mrs. Schuldeisz's step-sister.

Mr. Schuldeisz was united in marriage to Miss Anna C. Stehr, daughter of Christ Stehr of Kulm, N.D., on July 18, 1905. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Vomhoff, who was then the pastor of the Kulm Lutheran Church.

In July 14, 1906, Mr. and Mrs. Schuldeisz moved to Fredonia and built the second general store which is at present the Economy Store. They remained in the store business for four years. In 1910, they moved to Kulm, N.D., where they operated a general store for eight years.

In 1918, Mr. Schuldeisz entered the automobile business and conducted this business for five years.

In 1923, he went into partnership with Mr. A.J. Smith and entered the general store business. This store was known as the People's Store. He remained in this business for four years.

In 1927, he took over the management of the Farmer's Store Company and held this position for nine years.

In 1936, Mr. Schuldeisz retired from active business.

They were blessed with three children of whom two are living. They are: Alice, Mrs. Edward Wolf of St. Paul, Minn.; and Roy of Ellendale, N. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. Schuldeisz reside in Kulm, North Dakota.

142. SCHULTZ, RUDOLPH & REGINA (Geiszler) 20

[picture] Mr. Schultz was born April 2, 1886, in South Russia. He was united in marriage to Miss Regina Geiszler, born in the Fredonia area in 1890, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Geiszler. The wedding ceremony was performed by Rev. Hanselman, who was then pastor of the Johannes Lutheran Church, which was located four miles north of Fredonia.

The year prior to their marriage, Mr. Schultz had purchased a farm north of Fredonia. They lived on this farm for 34 years, where all their children were born. They were blessed with five children, of whom four are living. They are: William and Leonard of Fredonia; Elda, now Mrs. Lyle Rasch of Bismarck, N.D.; and LeNora, now Mrs. August Geiszler of Ashley, N.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz moved into Fredonia in 1945.

Mr. Schultz passed away on February 5, 1953, at the age of 67 years.

Mrs. Schultz resides in Fredonia.

143. SEMPEL, WARNER 32



[picture] Warner Cass Sempel was born in 1826 in Holland. As a young man, he emigrated to America and came to the State of Michigan in 1840, where he was united in marriage to Mary Estella Weaver, as his second wife.

Mr. Sempel finished his education in Hope College, and after this he taught in rural schools in the state of Michigan. The number of his pupils at times was as many as 120, whom he managed without any assistance. He also sailed on Lake Michigan for a number of years, which occupation he seemed to enjoy most. He possessed a very strong constitution. At the age of 20, while working on a pier, a heavy timber fell on his right forearm, crushing it badly. For a time, during his later years, fine pieces of bone would fester and had to be removed. At the age of 73 years, the arm was amputated. He was hale and hearty 'till the day of his death, which was caused by acute indigestion; he was never bedfast.

He could recall many incidents which took place in the old country that were interesting to hear.

He died at the age of 96 years.

The following children were born by his first marriage: William Warner and George Cass Sempel. By his second marriage are: Alice Grace, Sadie Jane, and John Garret Sempel.

144. SERR, CHRIST & MARIE (Koenig) 74

[picture] Mr. Serr was born October 2, 1884, in Constanza, Rumania, and at the age of 26 he set sail for the United States, arriving here in 1910. He then went into farming in the vicinity of Fredonia.

Mr. Serr was married in Rumania to Miss Marie Koenig.

In 1940, they moved to Aberdeen, South Dakota, where he found various jobs as a laboring man. In 1950, Mrs. Serr was taken ill and moved to St. John's Hospital in Aberdeen, where she passed away. Mr. Serr still lives at Aberdeen.

Four children were born to this union, of whom two are living. They are: Walter of Aberdeen, So. Dak.; Sophia, now Mrs. R.E. Geiszler.

145. STEEN, LUDVIG & LAURA (Larson) 36

[picture] Ludvig H. Steen, former county commissioner of LaMoure County and proprietor of the Eidsvold farm, which is located seven miles east from Fredonia, was born at Eidsvolderk, Norway, on the second of February, 1875. He is a son of Christian Hanson and Pera (Larson) Steen, who came to the United States in 1880, establishing their home at Battle Lake, Minn., where they remained for 11 years. In 1891, they came to North Dakota and settled in Logan County, about two miles east from Fredonia.

Mr. Steen was educated in the district schools of Minnesota and remained at home, assisting his father until 1900, when he started out a farm independently. In 1899, he had purchased 320 acres of land in Logan County and upon that tract he took up his abode, concentrating his efforts upon its further development. In 1902, he purchased another 320 acres a half mile

from his first farm and personally engaged in the cultivation of the entire tract. For the first half section, he paid \$14.00 and for the second 320 acres, he paid \$10.00 per acre. All this land he subsequently sold for \$40.00 per acre, thus realizing a handsome return on his investment. The sale of his property placed him in easy financial circumstances and in 1903, he purchased 560 acres of land in LaMoure County, a mile from Kulm. Upon this place he erected new buildings and made it one of the best improved farm properties of the county. For years, Mr. Steen bred and raised thoroughbred Percheron horses, making this a leading feature of his business.

On the 30th of June, 1904, Mr. Steen was united in marriage to Miss Laura C. Larson, a native of Eidsvolderk, Norway, who came to the United States with her parents in 1889.

Politically, Mr. Steen is a Republican. For several years, he filled minor positions such as township clerk, township supervisor and school treasurer. In 1912, he was elected to the board of county commissioners, in which capacity he served very efficiently.

In religious matters, Mr. Steen is a Lutheran and is a member of the Pomona Valley Lutheran Church in Kulm. He has served as treasurer in the church for many terms.

Mr. Steen is 79 years of age and has been living in LaMoure County for 61 years.

He has won a large measure of success attributable entirely to his own efforts, thus gaining the proud American title of self-made man. He has valuable farm property which he named in honor of his birthplace, the Eidsvold farm.

They were blessed with two children. They are: Dena, of Kulm; and Mabel, of Minneapolis, Minn.

146. STERN, BEN & GOLDIE (Braufman) 77

[picture] Mr. and Mrs. Stern were among the early residents of Fredonia. Mrs. Stern, nee Goldie Braufman, was formerly from St. Paul, Minn. Mr. Stern was employed by his brother-in-law, Mr. Joe Braufman, in Lehr, N.D. In 1907, they opened a general store and remained in this business for several years in Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Stern built the house that the Henry Nitschke family now occupy.

In the early 20's, Mr. and Mrs. Stern moved to Pettibone, N.D., where they opened a general store.

Prior to leaving Fredonia, the Fredonia Band, under the direction of Algot Johnson, who was then a local school teacher, played several farewell musical numbers. They were presented with a beautiful serving tray as a token of remembrance.

Their present whereabouts are unknown.

147. SUKO, MARTIN & KATHERINA (Tiede) 29

Martin Suko was born October 4, 1880, in Bessarabia, South Russia. He was the son of Daniel and Susanna Suko, nee Wutschke.

Mr. Suko served with the Russian Army from 1903 to 1907.

In 1907, he immigrated to the United States, arriving at Kulm, No. Dak. He was united in marriage to Miss Katherina Tiede. After their marriage, they lived with his father-in-law for nine years, when he built a farm of his own and constructed all the buildings.

In 1926, Mrs. Suko passed away, leaving Mr. Suko with nine children. They continued to farm for many years until he later moved to Fredonia, where he now resides.

The of Mr. Suko's sons served in the Second World War. They are: Willian, Roland, and Lenhard. Roland was wounded in Okinawa, which is a small island in the So. Pacific. He was then hospitalized and later passed away. Burial was at sea.

They have the following children: Marie, now Mrs. John Orth of Spokane, Wash.; Hertha, now Mrs. Walter Utecht, California; Sam of Fredonia; William of Kulm; Esther, now Mrs. Harold Cramer of Lodi, Calif.; Viola, now Mrs. Eugene Fetzer of Lodi, Calif.; Meletta Suko of Stockton, Calif.; Lenhard Suko of Lodi, Calif.

148. SUKUT, EDWARD SR. & EMMA (Bender) 63

[picture] M. Sukut was born in Bessarabia, South Russia, December 17, 1884. He was the son of Gottfried and Dorothy, nee Abel, Sukut.

Together with his parents, they immigrated to the United States, arriving at Kulm, N.D. on January of 1902. That same year, they settled on a homestead, two and a half miles southwest of Fredonia.

On December 3, 1907, he was united in marriage to Miss Emma Bender, daughter of Jacob Bender. They homesteaded that same year about three and a half miles southwest of Fredonia, No. Dak. They lived on this farm until 1913, when they moved to the Gottlieb Kusler farm. Here they lived for [t]wo years, then moved to a farm seven miles southwest of Fredonia. They lived on this farm until 1943, when they were forced to retire because of Mr. Sukut's health.

Mr. and Mrs. Sukut were members of the Fredonia Lutheran Church. Mr. Sukut served as deacon and Sunday School teacher for nine years. Mrs. Sukut is one of the charter members of the Fredonia Lutheran Ladies' Aid. She still resides in Fredonia.

Mr. Sukut passed away November 19, 1943, at the age of 58 years.

They were blessed with 14 children, of whom 11 are living. They are: Edward, of Fredonia; Christine, now Mrs. Christ Elhard of Jamestown; Martha, now Mrs. Edwin Lutt of Fredonia; Gust of Seattle, Wash.; Jacob of Fredonia; Anna, now Mrs. Albert Miller of Fredonia; Lena, now Mrs. Roland Krueger of Fredonia; Elsie, now Mrs. Clifford Janke of Leola, S.D.; Arthur of Seattle, Wash.; Erna, now Mrs. Alvin Mayer of Fargo, N.D.; Viola of Seattle, Wash.

149. SUKUT, GOTTFRIED 43

[picture] Gottfried Sukut was born in South Russia in 1859. As a young man, he was married there, and in 1902, he and his wife, with several children, sailed for the United States, arriving at Kulm, N.D. Homestead land was still available at that time, so they settled on their homestead about two miles southwest of what is now Fredonia.

Ten children were born to this union, of which five are living. They are: John Sukut, Terry, Mont.; Martha, Mrs. Fred Mayer, Tripp, S.D.; Fred Sukut, Fredonia, N.D.; Bertha Sukut, Arthur, N.D.; Lena, Mrs. Ed J. Wolf, Fredonia, N.D.

Mr. Sukut died in 1915, and Mrs. Sukut in 1947. They were members of the Lutheran Church.

150. TIEDE, JOHANN & KATHERINA (Ziegler) 27

[picture] Johann Tiede was born on November 23, 1867 in Dennywitz [Dennewitz], South Russia, where he grew to manhood. There he also served in the Russian Army for several years.

On November 5, 1890, he was united in marriage to Katherina Ziegler. After three years, the family decided to emigrate to the United States, arriving at Kulm, N.D. on December 18, 1893. The following year, Mr. Tiede filed on a homestead in Section 10-Twp.134-Range 67, in Logan County, where he built a sod house and barn, bought a team of oxen, broke up 15 acres of land which was seeded to flax. This was his first farming operation at that time. Mr. Tiede was very thrifty in all the ventures which he undertook and, at the time he retired from farming, he had acquired considerable acreage of land, together with other property. He also served a number of years as school director and township supervisor. After 36 years of farming, Mr. and Mrs. Tiede decided to retire from farming and moved to Fredonia, in 1930.

Seven children were born to this union, they are as follows: Katherine, Mrs. Jacob Dalke, Lehr, N.D., deceased; Natholie, Mrs. John Radach, Cashmere, Wash., deceased; Olga, Mrs. Gotthilf Janke, Fredonia, N.D., deceased; Edward and Otto, Fredonia, N.D.; Martha, Mrs. Christ Feichtner, Lehr, N.D.; Hulda, Mrs. Alvin Hehr, Edgeley, N.D.

Mr. Tiede passed away on December 21, 1951. Mrs. Tiede is at the present time in the Lutheran Rest Home at Eureka, S.D.

151. WEISPFENNING, GEORGE JR. & IDA (Hiller) 70

[picture] Mr. Weispenning was born on April 12, 1890, in Logan County, N.D. At the age of 24 years, he was united in marriage to Miss Ida Selma Hiller on March 18, 1914. After their marriage, they went on a farm for two years; then in 1917, he moved to Fredonia, where he operated a hotel from August, 1917 to March 1918. In the summer of 1918, he moved to Kulm, where he found a job with John Hiller, in the garage business. He returned to Fredonia, building a garage with the help of his brother, Edward, and maintained this business for a number of years, but had to leave the garage business on

account of his health. Later he operated a cream station and also became Village Marshall.

After his health began to fail, he worked at various jobs, as carpentry, watch-making, sewing machine repairing, and electrical wiring. He last operated the Fredonia Foto Service.

Seven children were born to this union, of whom five are living. They are: Ervin, Ellendale, N.D.; Walter, Cooperstown, N.D.; Lillian, now Mrs. Ed Hehr, Fargo, N.D.; Leona, now Mrs. Clifford Vensant, Cupertino, Calif.; Charles, Fredonia, N.D.

Mr. Weispfenning passed away of a cerebral hemorrhage on May 5, 1951.

152. WEISPFENNING, GEORGE SR. & CHRISTINA (Quast) 72

[picture] George Weispfenning was born in South Russia in 1861. In 1833, he was united in marriage to Miss Christina Quast, born on December 25, 1864. Soon after their marriage, they immigrated to the United States, arriving at Parkston, South Dakota. They remained there for two years, then moved to North Dakota and settled on a homestead north of Fredonia in Logan Co. Mr. and Mrs. Weispfenning were blessed with eleven children, two of which died in infancy. Mr. Weispfenning died in 1903. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Weispfenning moved to Fredonia. In April of 1913, she married Christoph Hiller and moved to his farm southeast of Fredonia, in McIntosh County.

In 1921, Mr. and Mrs. Hiller retired from farming and moved to Fredonia where Mr. Hiller passed away in 1941. After the death of her husband, Mrs. Hiller made her home with her children until 1953, when she passed away at the Jamestown Hospital on August 14th.

The following are her children by her first marriage: Emma, Mrs. John Heller, Jamestown, N.D.; Theresa, Mrs. David Grosz, Kulm, N.D.; Edward, Fredonia, N.D.; John, Seattle, Wash.; Robert, Minneapolis, Minn.

The following are deceased: Christine, Mrs. Henry Ost, Jr.; Katherine, Mrs. Jacob Heller; August and George.

153. WEISPFENNING, JOHANNES & ANNA (Schneider) 38

[picture] Johannes Weispfenning was born on June 26, 1856, in Dennevitz, Bessarabia, South Russia. On December 8, 1878, Mr. Weispfenning was united in marriage to Anna Schneider, born on October 28, 1858, at Wittenberg, Bessarabia, South Russia.

In 1886, they set sail for the United States, settling at Tripp, S.D., where they stayed until 1887, when they came to Ellendale, N.D. by train. From there they traveled by oxen and wagon, a distance of some 50 miles northwest of Ellendale, where Mr. Weispfenning filed on a homestead, which is now two miles north of Fredonia.

Their first house was a wagon box turned upside down until a house was built of sod and mud.

He broke up five acres of land with the oxen and a hand plow and seeded it to flax, his only crop that year. For the first two years, the living was made by gathering buffalo bones which he sold at Ellendale, N.D., the nearest town.

Mr. and Mrs. Weispfenning retired from farming in 1919, but remained on the old homestead until they passed away. Mr. Weispfenning passed away on April 21, 1932, and Mrs. Weispfenning on July 25, 1932. Both were laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery north of Fredonia.

Twelve children were born to this union of whom six are living. They are: Rebecca, Mrs. Christ Gumke, Gackle, N.D.; Maria, Mrs. Solomon Miller, Napoleon, N.D.; Christ, Fredonia, N.D.; Justina, Mrs. Jake Reth, Selby, S.D.; Magdalena, Mrs. Jake Hein, Lodi, Calif.; Otto, Jamestown, N.D.

154. WIDMER, ANDREW & CHRISTINE (Heller) 62

[picture] Mr. Widmer was born in South Russia. He was united in marriage to Miss Christine Heller on November 24, 1888. They emigrated to the United States in 1887, and made their home on a farm northeast of Fredonia. They moved to Fredonia in 1923. Mr. Widmer passed away on May 29, 1936. Mrs. Widmer remained at her home until 1945, when she went to stay with her daughter, Mrs. Walter Essig. In January of 1951, she passed away at the home of her son, Jacob in Fredonia. Mrs. Widmer was in failing health for 32 years and for 12 years was blind and continuously confined to bed.

They were blessed with the following children: Christina, Mrs. Ed C. Krueger of Fredonia; Ottilia, Mrs. Karl Munsch of Fredonia; Jacob of Fredonia; Leopold of Northfield, Minn.; John of Osage, Ia.; Ida, Mrs. Walter Essig of Lehr, N.D.; Pauline, Mrs. Fred Wanner of Ashley, N.D.; George of Kulm, N.D.

155. WITTMAYER, SIMON & CHRISTINA (Eisenbraun) 29

[picture] Simon Wittmayer was born on August 2, 1854 in Glueckstal, South Russia, living with his parents until 1873, when the family moved to America, settling on a farm in Tripp County, South Dakota, which at that time was Dakota Territory. In 1879, at the age of 25, he was united in marriage to Christina Eisenbraun on February 19, 1879. They farmed near Yankton and Tripp, S.D. for 12 years. In 1891, they came by team to North Dakota and located near Edgeley, where Mr. Wittmayer's brother, Christ, was farming. They resided at Edgeley until 1898, when he came to Logan County, settling on a homestead three and one-half miles southwest from Fredonia.

Mr. Wittmayer spent many years away from home as he was a collector for the International Harvester Company. He will be remembered in Fredonia due to his business ability and good management.

Seventeen children were born to this union of whom nine are living. They are: Mrs. Mollie Miller, Mrs. Hellen McCormick and Gust, all of Kulm, N.D.; Mrs. Mary Renz, Castleton On Hudson, New York; Mrs. Fred Gackle, Eugene, Oreg.; Mrs. Bertha Hellwig, Bismarck, N.D.; Mrs. Etta Alexanderson, Aberdeen, S.D.; Mrs. Emma Bender, Fairview, Mont.; Mrs. Perena Bromley, Lansing, Mich.

Mr. Wittmayer passed away on February 3, 1930, at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Fred Gackle, of Kulm, N.D., at the age of 75 years. Mrs. Wittmayer passed away on October 28, 1945, at the age of 83 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Wittmayer had one daughter-in-law, Mrs. Edythe Wittmayer, who is at the present time teaching school at Jud, N.D.

After Mr. Wittmayer passed away, his son, Harry, who was born and raised on the farm, took over the farming operations with his mother. He passed away in 1951; he would have been 52 years old, had he lived to see Fredonia celebrate its 50th anniversary.

156. WOEHL, PHILIP 36

[picture] Philip Woehl was born February 2, 1869, in Rohrbach, South Russia. At the age of 19 years he came to the United States, arriving at Scotland, S.D. in 1888. In 1891, Mr. Woehl was united in marriage to Christina Rott at Scotland, S.D. After four years in South Dakota, Mr. and Mrs. Woehl, together with a few other pioneers, moved to North Dakota, where Mr. Woehl filed on a homestead, 12 miles south from Fredonia. Their first house was made of rocks and bricks made from clay. This was their home until 1908, when a new frame house was built. In the early years, Mr. Woehl was an auctioneer. Many sales of various types were cried by Mr. Woehl. He also traveled with cattle and horse buyers, which seemed to be his hobby.

Mrs. Woehl passed away in 1930. Soon thereafter, Mr. Woehl married Raceina Baetch and they are living at Streeter, N.D. He is 85 years of age.

Eleven children were born by his first marriage of whom seven are living; they are: Elizabeth, Mrs. Pete Anderst, Medicine Hat, Canada; Gust, Fredonia, N.D.; Bertha, Mrs. Jacob Schaffer, Carrington, N.D.; Henry Woehl, Fredonia, N.D.; Eva, Mrs. Adam Rott, McLaughlin, S.D.; Albert, Fredonia, N.D.; Dena, Mrs. Otto Netz, Wenatchee, Wash.

157. WOLF, CHRIST SR. & KATHERINA (Liebedorf) 46

[picture] Christ Wolf was born in South Russia. In 1893, as a young man, he immigrated to the United States with his folks, where his father filed on a homestead in Logan County, seven miles northwest of Fredonia.

Sometime in 1890, he was united in marriage to Miss Katherina Liebedorf. After their marriage, they resided on his father's farm. Here they lived for several years, and five of their children were born.

In 1910, Mr. and Mrs. Wolf and his parents moved into Fredonia. His mother lived only a few months in Fredonia, when she passed away. His father passed away in 1911.

Mr. Wolf continued in farming operations for several years. In later years, Mr. Wolf went into partnership with Mr. John J. Meidinger and entered the general store business. He remained in this business enterprise for several years. He then entered the elevator business with his brother, John. He remained in this business for many years, but later sold his interest to the Woodworth Elevator Company.

Mr. Wolf installed and operated the first electric light service in Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf lived in retirement in Fredonia, for several years, when sometime in 1940, they held a public auction sale and sold all of their possessions. They then moved out to Lodi, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were members of the Fredonia Congregational Church.

They were blessed with five children. They are: Jacob of Idaho; Lizzie, now Mrs. Joe Flaig of Lodi, Calif.; Katie, now Mrs. Otto Gackle of Velva, N.D.; Christ of Medford, Ore.; John of Kodiak, Alaska.

Mr. Wolf passed away in Lodi, Calif., in 1951, and Mrs. Wolf passed away a few years later. They were both laid to rest at Lodi, Calif.

158. WOLF, FRED 36

[picture] Fred G. Wolf and his wife, Marie, came to the United States from South Russia, in 1894, settling on a homestead, eight miles northwest of Fredonia. As a young man with a great deal of ambition and faith in this country, he became a prosperous farmer in the community in which he lived. Mr. Wolf was a lover of good horses, of which he raised many for his own use and for sale.

Mrs. Wolf passed away in 1903, leaving Mr. Wolf with five children; they are: Mathilda, Mrs. John Golz, Nampa, Ida.; Maria, Mrs. Opp, Nampa, Ida.; Hannah, Mrs. Emanuel Eslinger, Fredonia, N.D.; Bertha, Mrs. Bomar, Burbank, Calif.; William Wolf, Portland, Ore.

Soon thereafter, Mr. Wolf was united in marriage to Sarah, nee Krueger, with whom he lived on the old homestead for many years. Twelve children were born to this union of which all are living. They are as follows: Robert, Stockton, Calif.; Edward, St. Paul, Minn.; Fred, Rowan, Ia.; Roland, Washington, D.C.; Albert, Alhambra, Calif.; Hilbert, Pacoma, Calif.; Lenhard, Los Angeles, Calif.; Hulda, Mrs. E.H. Flaig, Portland, Ore.; Ida, Mrs. Albert Wolfe, Portland, Ore.; Selma, Mrs. Henry Gieser, Alhambra, Calif.; Erna, Mrs. Stillmaker, Engelwood, Calif.; Elenora, Mrs. Kennedy, Claremont, Calif.

Mrs. Wolf passed away in 1931, and Mr. Wolf in 1940, at the age of 76 years.

159. WOLF, FRED SR. & MARY (Trichel) 18

[picture] Fred Wolf was born at Paulstal, South Russia, on January 12, 1870. Upon his arrival in America, he went to Eureka, S.D., where he filed on a homestead. He lived there until 1892. That year, he came to McIntosh County and settled on a farm in the Antelope Valley. In 1894, he was united in marriage to Miss Mary Trichel. Their first house was made of sod and mud. At present, the Wolf home is a large frame building. They did not have any money and the first years of their farm life were ones of toil and hardships. Their equipment consisted of a plow that Mr. Wolf bought for \$16.00 and a crude binder, but as conditions improved and the grain brought a better price, better farm implements were added and the work was not so arduous. Their neighbors and friends were laboring under the same conditions and each helped the other in any possible way they could. The first crop that Mr. Wolf sold, he received 45¢ per bushel for his wheat, 15¢ for the barley and



65¢ for the flax. That does not seem like much at the present time but these people were thrifty and able to save.

They were blessed with nine children of whom seven are living. They are: Fred F. living on a farm near Fredonia; Henry F. of Aberdeen, S.D.; Jacob of Kulm; Katie, now Mrs. John Jerke of Ellendale, N.D.; Gottlieb of Fredonia; Mary, now Mrs. Gideon Frey, living on a farm near Lehr, N.D.; and Theodore, living on the home place.

Mr. and Mrs. Wolf were members of the Berlin Baptist Church for many years. He served as deacon of the Church for 13 years and for many years as superintendent of the Sunday School. He took an interest in county affairs and at various times, served as assessor. He was elected as County Commissioner of his district in 1923 and again in 1931. He also held the position as clerk of the Rosenthal School District for about 20 years.

Mr. Wolf died on May 26, 1936, and interment was made in the Berlin Cemetery. Mrs. Wolf continued to live on the home place with her son, Theodore, until 1952, when she moved to Kulm to make her home.

160. WOLF, JOHN 76

[picture] John Wolf was born in Paris, Bessarabia, South Russia in 1869. When a young boy, his parents moved with their family to another Dorf [village]. Here he grew to manhood and in 1874, he was united in marriage to Katherina Burkle, born in 1874 in Wittenberg, Bessarabia. After a few years, they decided to come to America with their two small children, and John's two brothers, Fred and Christ. There he filed on a homestead, seven miles northwest of Fredonia, which is at the present time owned by his son, Edward.

The first breaking of sod was done by oxen, and at the end of his farming operations, he had acquired two and one-half sections of land. Here five of their children were born. In 1902, he built a large frame home. Previously, they had lived in a sod house.

The family attended church services regularly, which were held in a school house. Later a church was built, known as St. John's Lutheran Church with Rev. Nagel as pastor. The first school was held in the summer house of the Wolf family, with Ed C. Krueger, now living in Fredonia, as the first teacher. Mrs. Wolf passed away in 1908, very suddenly. John later married Mary Janke, daughter of Gottlieb Janke of Fredonia. To this union three children were born. In 1917, Mr. Wolf decided to retire from the farm and moved to Fredonia, where he and his brother, Christ, bought the grain elevator from George Gackle.

Mr. Wolf became ill and went to a hospital in Bismarck, where he underwent surgery. A few days later he passed away on January 8, 1924, leaving his widow, five daughters and four sons: Katherine, Mrs. Ed F. Krueger, Fredonia, N.D.; Lydia, Mrs. Sam Labrenz, Jamestown, N.D.; Emelia, Mrs. Gottfried Labrenz, McLaughlin, S.D.; Bertha, Mrs. David Sukut, Jamestown, N.D.; Edward and Arthur, Fredonia, N.D.; Rudolph and Richard, Enderlin, N.D.; Mrs. Anna Schweitzer, Jamestown, N.D.

AMONG FREDONIA'S FIRST PERSONALITIES

[picture: Mr. Gust Lindshied, First Hardware Dealer.]

[picture: Miss Florence Flaig, First Telephone Operator.]

[picture: Mr. Edward Ensslen, First Auto Salesman.]

[picture: Miss Clara S. Tautges, First School Teacher.]

[picture: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Schempp, First Hotel Operators.]

[picture: E.G. Johnson, First Well Driller.]

[picture: THE FIRST STORE IN FREDONIA. Johana Eszliner in buggy, Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Geiser and daughter, Mrs. Christ Eszlinger, Henry Bentz, Daniel Flaig, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marx, Johann Haag, Heinrich Ost, Christian Eszlinger. Fred Geiser is on the pony. The single surry belongs to Heinerich Ost and the buggy and team belong to Johann Haag.]

[picture: AN EARLY SCENE OF THE MEAT MARKET IN FREDONIA. Louie Wagner, Ben Stern, Fred Marx, Johann Haag, Gottlieb Janke, Edward Sukut, Henry Ost, Christ Serr, and Otto Hillius can be seen at the extreme left.]

[picture: TYPICAL SCENE OF PIONEERING. Stone, tar-paper, timber house.]

[picture: MAIN STREET LOOKING SOUTH IN 1909.]

[picture: Mud house built in the 1880's by Friederich Geiszler.]

[picture: First house of Andrew Berg built in 1887. Now stands on the Christ Nitschke farm.]

[picture: A horse power Threshing Machine used in 1900. Owned by Johann Haag, Johann Weispfenning, Frederich Geiszler, Andreas Kinzler and George Hehr.]

[picture: EARLY PARKING IN FREDONIA. Hank D. Jonas, Frederick Heller, Adam Miller, Christian Bentz, John Renke, Fred Miller, Sr., Gottlieb Gieser. From 1904 to 1916 there were no great parking problems in Fredonia. The parking meter consisted of an iron pipe fastened to wooden posts. The horses were tired to this pipe.

[picture: Harvesting on the Edward Blumhardt farm. Three combines.]

[picture: An early day traveling scene in the Fredonia area. People on a buggy drawn by two horses.]

[picture: EARLY RURAL SCHOOL CLASS OF 1914 OF HAAG SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4. The children are as follows: Edward J. Wolf, Mary Wolf, Edward F. Wolf, Fred Schott, Gotthilf Janke (visitor), William Wolf, Maria Eslinger, Rudolph Wolf, Fritz Wolf, Hanna Wolf, Emanuel Eslinger, David Eslinger, Kathryn Gregory, Bertha Wolf, Katie Eslinger, Emelia Wolf.]

[picture: Mud house built in the 80's by Andreas Widmer and occupied until four years ago by Oscar Ost.]

[picture: Farmers and Wood worth Elevators of Fredonia, North Dakota.]

[picture: 1911 Lumber business in Fredonia.]

[picture: Mrs. And Mrs. Adam Hoffman.]

[1904-1979]

## CITY GOVERNMENT AND SERVICES

### GROWTH & ENVIRONMENT

#### FREDONIA PROGRESSES

During the last 25 years, following our fiftieth anniversary celebration, we note the changes and improvements that have occurred in our city. Mainly, on March 19, 1963, an important election was held in Fredonia pertaining to the municipal sewer system. The vote was 34 yes and 32 no. George E. Haggert, Inc., of Fargo had the low bid of \$36,405 for underground piping and work and \$4,860.80 for lagoon work. The project was completed the following year.

Montana Dakota Utility Co. installed new mercury vapor street lights replacing the old street lighting system in the 1960's. It was a vast improvement over the old.

In the last few years, the city council has purchased street equipment consisting of a maintenance patrol tractor and grass shredder and also a tractor loader.

[picture: Major Roland Janke with city maintenance equipment.]

The city donated land for a Public Park which is located across the street on the east side of the Lutheran church and parsonage. Picnic tables have been made available, and playground equipment has been installed. The park ground is being used by many families, organizations and individuals throughout the summer season.

#### FREDONIA POST OFFICE

The Fredonia Post Office was moved to its present location across the street from the Farmers Co-op Elevator in 1975. The former building, which is now owned by Cora Egg of Valley City, N. Dak., is for sale.

A major change in Postal Department services during the past years, as it concerns the Fredonia community, is the arrival and pickup of mail by truck instead of train. The service called Metro System delivers the mail on a daily basis at approximately 6:30 a.m. and picks up the outgoing mail at 5 p.m. six days a week.

Edmund F. Ost has served as Postmaster since April 1, 1948. Assistant Postperson is Viola C. Ost.

[picture: Fredonia Post Office modular.]

At present there is only one operational rural route running north and south out of Fredonia. It covers a distance of about 104 miles. The present carrier is Roland W. Essig who has served since October, 1960. Substitute carrier is Roland R. Janke.

#### VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

[picture: Fireman. Rudolph Ruff, Edmund Ost, Secretary-treasurer for 25 years, Rodney Buchholz, Roland Janke, Art Wolf, Jim Holman, Albert Buerkley, Willie Hahne, Palmer Buerkley, fire chief, Bob Hahne, Lorenze Lautt and Bill Nitschke. Not pictured: Roland Rossman, assistant chief, Roland Essig, Edwin Lautt, Ed Ruff and Lawrence Weispfenning.]

[picture: Honorary Firemen. Edmund Ost, Albert Buerkley, Roland Janke, Rudolph Ruff and Art Wolf.]

The city's all-volunteer department is as up-dated as is financially and physically possible. It has one truck with modern equipment plus a portable standby emergency unit. Protection includes the town and community. Money raising projects, such as suppers and dances, plus voluntary contributions provide the funding for its maintenance and operation. The 17 firemen serve without any pay.

#### FREDONIA 75TH JUBILEE PEACE OFFICERS

Sheriff Math J. Schneider has been sheriff of Logan County since 1970 and is in his third term. He is a member of the North Dakota Peace Officers Association, and the North Dakota and National Sheriff's Association.

[pictures: Sheriff Math Schneider. Deputy Steve Engelhardt.]

Deputy Sheriff Steve A. Engelhardt served as special deputy sheriff since 1973. He was appointed full-time deputy in 1978. He is a member of the N.D. Peace Officers Association and N.D. Sheriffs and Deputies Association. He served as chief of police of Napoleon for six years.

These two officers are assigned, by law, to patrol city traffic and to maintain law and order in Fredonia during our Jubilee Celebration.

[picture: Map of Fredonia.]

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT OUR FREDONIA

The following are excerpts lifted out from newspaper copies filed with the Historical Society at the State Capital at Bismarck.

Fredonia, also situated on the M., St. P. & S. Ste. M. Ry., is a prosperous village of 200 inhabitants about ten miles east of Lehr. It has four elevators, one bank, a church of the Congregational denomination, and ample

retail stores for the large business which it attracts from the neighboring counties of LaMoure, Dickey and McIntosh.

Denevitz named Fredonia: Fredonia was founded in 1904 on Section 15, Fredonia Township, when a store and elevator were erected here. It was originally named Denevitz for a town in Bessarabia, South Russia, the homeland district of many early settlers of this area. It was renamed Fredonia at the suggestion of Supt. Derrick of the Missouri Division of the Soo Line Railroad. This place name is a word signifying peace. The village organized in 1915.

Today's Fredonia: Fredonia is the third smallest of three towns in Logan County. It dropped from a 1930 population of 394 to a 1970 population of 100. It continued to fade in the 70s for a while, but City Councilman Robert Hahne reports that nothing much has changed during the last several years and that the population has stabilized at about 75.

No new homes have been built in Fredonia recently, and there are some pretty good older houses now standing vacant in town, according to Hahne. No businesses have left the town for several years, and there have been few farms sold in the area recently. The businesses that have stayed include an elevator, bar, gas and bulk station, repair shop, branch bank, and well drilling enterprise.

Additionally, there is a great need for new businesses, and certainly there's lots of space available for any person interested in starting one. It would be "su'pa" if someone started a grocery and hardware business in Fredonia.

Editor Les J. Strand of The Kulm Messenger asked his readers if they knew of any towns named Fredonia other than our own Fredonia. He said, "It didn't take long to find that there indeed were other Fredonias." Harry Covell of Kulm was the first to respond about another Fredonia. Harry comes from upper New York state, and pointed out that there is a Fredonia, New York, that is situated in upper New York but is not in his home area. The Fredonia, New York, is in the grape-growing region, and it happens to be the headquarters for Welch's grape juice, and you should see the name Fredonia somewhere in fine print in the Welch's grape juice labels, Harry says. A Fargo reader, who wished to remain anonymous, wrote a few days later to say that he had checked the Zip Code Directory and had found no less than seven other Fredonias in the United States, including the Fredonia, New York. Other Fredonias he discovered were in Kentucky, Kansas, Pennsylvania, Arizona, Texas and Wisconsin. He offered a good suggestion: that the other Fredonias share in the town's jubilee celebration to be held June 22 and 23, 1979.

#### A BRIEF RESUME OF THE WHITESTONE HILL BATTLEFIELD HISTORIC SITE IN OUR AREA

As we celebrate Fredonia's Diamond Jubilee, we are continually reminded of our forefathers sufferings and our heritage by the presence of Whitestone Hill Battlefield Historic Site, a national point of interest in our area. We are deeply grateful to have this historic site situated so near our town, and hopefully, as time passes on, we will appreciate the past occurrence more so, begin to realize the great importance attached to these events for our present well being, peace and standard of living.

This is one of the major battlefields in North Dakota. Here we can congregate to reminisce about the past, enjoy the present, pay our respect to the brave, courageous people of the years gone by for their sacrifices so that the future generations may enjoy a more gratifying and peaceful life.

The battle at this site was fought in September, 1863, about 41 years prior to the beginning of Fredonia. A brief recapitulation of the tragic occasion at Whitestone is as follows:

In 1862, General Pope's headquarters in Milwaukee prepared to order troops to punish the Indians for their revolt against the whites in Minnesota and to prevent further depredations of this nature. Since it was assumed the Indians had fled to the Dakota Territory, it was decided to direct General Sibley and General Sully with their troops to this area to accomplish the planned mission. Then in August, 1863, General Sully with his Iowa and Nebraska Calvary proceeded to the southeast area of North Dakota in search of the warrior Indians. They encountered the Indians in the Whitestone area where this battle commenced on September 3, 1863.

After the engaged conflict, the location was forgotten. The battlefield was rediscovered by Frank Drew while searching the hills in western Dickey County for buffalo bones. He had sold bones many times before, but this time he came across numerous bones which proved to be other than buffalo bones. Mr. Drew did not want to reveal his treasure ground and kept it a secret, but others did notice that he had been unusually fortunate and searched the hills for more bones.

M.M. Cook and J.G. Hyde explored the area and discovered Mr. Drew's treasure ground. In addition to the bones of buffalos, horses and mules, they found a human skull and the resemblance of a knife. They did not investigate long, but took their load of bones to market at Ellendale, where they told the story of finding this mass of bones.

[picture: The above picture shows the dedication ceremony of Whitestone Hill Battlefield monument on October 13, 1909. It was planned to have the dedication on the anniversary of the battle, but the monument was late in arriving.]

Thomas Shimmen heard this and went to investigate. He found pans, kettles, and many evidences of a big skirmish. No one attached any significance to the discovery nor took the opportunity to check into the matter farther for some time to come. W.H. Leffingwell told the story of this mass detection of bones to a newspaper man who wrote an article and forwarded it to the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The article caught the eyes of Mr. Luce who had been with the Iowa troops in this battle and was a member of the scouting party that had found the Indian camp at the lake. He had longed to visit the battlefield; so on reading this account he came to Dickey County on his pony and inquired for one of the veterans he had known. He was directed to Theadore Northrop, himself an old soldier. Mr. Luce, M.M. Cook, Northrop and son, Lee, proceeded to the area. Mr. Luce identified the location and many incidents of the battle.

For many years nothing was accomplished to preserve the site of the battlefield, but fortunately the land was still the property of the government, and finally through the efforts of Honorable T.F. Marshall of Oakes, who was a member of Congress, an act was passed giving the state of North Dakota the southeast quarter of Section 7, the southwest of 8, the

northwest of 17, and the northeast of 18 for the expressed purpose of preserving the battlefield area.

In 1905, a bill was passed by the state legislature accepting the land grant and authorizing the governor to appoint a commission to have concern and manage the area. Another act of congress authorized the sale of 572 acres of this land and with the funds built a fence around the remaining 68 acres and erected a monument. The monument is surmounted by a bugler sounding the command, boots and saddles, facing the north, the direction in which the supporting troops were located. The Whitestone Battlefield area is under the jurisdiction of the North Dakota Historical Society. Numerous improvements such as shade trees, picnic and camping area, fishing area, playground, etc., have been made since the dedication ceremony in order that the public may enjoy a more pleasurable visitation.

The present Whitestone Hill Battlefield Historic Site supervisor, Eugene Irion and his family of Fredonia, invite everyone to include this historic site—learn more about this battle from information documents that are encased at the museum—whenever they visit in the Fredonia and surrounding communities. Trusting that your visitation will be an enjoyable and memorable experience. Submitted by Eugene Irion

#### OUR SCHOOL

The Fredonia school passed from inadequate school housing accommodations and too large a pupil enrollment to a closed school in the district caused by a declining enrollment and a depopulated town. The school bell rang for the last time at the end of the 1966-67 school term for its attending pupils because the Logan and LaMoure county school district reorganization committees had on October 11, 1966, annexed Norby School District No. 12 to the Kulm Public School District No. 7 by approval of petition for annexation which was signed by over two-thirds of the electors residing in the Fredonia district. The testimony given at the public hearing disclosed that because of financial conditions, the district was compelled to go to Kulm. Its valuation and enrollment was just too small to continue as a separate school.

An educational meeting held on February 23, 1959, had discussed reorganization of the respective districts surrounding Fredonia. The people voicing their opinion at this meeting were very much opposed to reorganization.

A follow-up meeting was held on April 27, 1959. The Fredonia School Board had asked the Logan County School District Reorganization Committee to meet with them to discuss possibilities for redistricting around Fredonia and to gain more information on reorganization. The committee informed the board members that the State Board of Public School education did not approve of districts formed on an elementary basis only and that it would be necessary for them to be part of a high school district. This was resorting to diversionary tactics and could have been avoided by ignoring the state board's mandate, and thus Fredonia could have proceeded with redistricting on an elementary basis. Some of the same districts surrounding Fredonia who had expressed their opposition to reorganization or annexation at preceding meetings later became a part of either the Kulm, Gackle, or Lehr school districts, and thus isolated the Fredonia area to the extent that it was unable to continue its school operations on account of the existing conditions.

[picture: Gackle Public School]

[Picture: Lehr Public School.]

[picture: Kulm High School.]

Eventually in 1976, the school house was sold by auction bids to Marvin Meyers of Gackle for approximately \$525.00 with a stipulation that the building should be removed from the premises within one year after sale. Marvin, together with some other men who shared in the salvaged material, dismantled the building within the given grace period.

The following are the teachers who taught in the Fredonia school from 1954 to the time of its closing:

Charles Weispfenning  
Emanuel Gackle  
Mrs. Lois Engelbretson  
Shirley Widmer  
Charlotte L. Gackle  
Mrs. Alice Hollan  
Mrs. Helen Fischer  
Mrs. Esther Buchholz  
Mrs. H.V. Soli  
Mrs. Harlin Wetzel  
Mrs. Dillard Hehr  
Mrs. Hazel Leppert  
Mrs. Lulla Wolfe  
Mrs. Maril Lagodinski  
LaVerne Carlson  
Mrs. Lucille Munch

Our elementary and high school students residing in the Fredonia community attend school in the Kulm, Gackle, Lehr and Ashley school districts. The Fredonia city pupils have a door to door pickup and are bused to Kulm. Pupils in rural areas are receiving the same kind of pickup service.

## SOO LINE

The conversion from coal to diesel powered locomotives was the beginning of a changing trend in carrier services in North Dakota. Most services were merged in Fredonia prior to the company's centralization of its jobs and had already occurred by 1970. This included closing the station, transferring the local section crew and resident agent, disposing of the physical property such as the stock yard, loading ramp, and depot which were sold and removed from the railroad's right of way through town. Passenger, mail, express and telegraph services east and west were discontinued and were readily absorbed by other means of conveyance and service. Time was terminating the old and ushering in the new.

At present Howard Worm is employed as the travel agent serving the Fredonia, Kulm, Merricourt and Fullerton towns. Company employees Clarence Hehr, section foreman, and Roy Schlecht, assistant, are currently maintaining approximately 42 miles of track, running east and west out of Fredonia. Both the travel agent and section crew reside in Kulm.



Fredonia is shipping a large volume of grain by rail throughout the year. Freight train service is almost on a daily basis.

In 1972, Andy Entzi bought the depot building and moved it to his farm situated west of town.

## DICKEY RURAL TELEPHONE MUTUAL AID CORPORATION

The Dickey Rural Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation was organized July 26, 1950, with intentions to furnish efficient and modern dial telephone service to its subscribers. Incorporation papers were signed November 2, and Articles of Incorporation filed with the Secretary of State November 10, 1950. The incorporators became the original board of directors of the company and held their first official meeting on November 17, 1950, with B.L. Nelson, Fullerton, president, Glenn Coleman, Crete, vice president, John Viken, Ellendale, secretary and treasurer, Albert Hauck, Forbes, Stanley Johnson, Oakes, Walter Scott, Merricourt, C.W. Holmes, Guelph, Fred Klipfel, Ashely, and Raymond Burkle, Fredonia, directors.

Dickey Rural Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation was the first of its kind in the state. It was the first Rural Electric Administration-financed telephone cooperative in North Dakota, and as such had many growing pains. Agreements concerning the operations of the Dickey Rural Telephone and Northwestern Bell Telephone Company were reached on February 15, 1951, after a two-day meeting.

Robert E. Evans was the first regular employee of the cooperative. The company headquarters were established at Ellendale on July 27, 1951. REA informed Dickey Rural Telephone that a loan had been approved in the sum of \$1,467,000.00, the note being signed by its board of directors on November 24, 1951. The loan was one of the four largest then granted, according to Sen. Milton Young. The Ulteig Engineering Corporation of Fargo was hired to design the system, and the first manager, C.C. Mitchell, was employed on January 28, 1952. Acquiring of properties followed, and bids for new line construction were let on August 7, 1952. On December 8, 1952, a contract was awarded for the manufacture and installation of switchboards for fifteen exchanges. Following July 1, 1953, subscribers on the Fredonia and Kulm switcher lines were cut over to modern dial service. All fifteen exchanges operated by the company at this time were cut over to modern dial service by September 20, 1954, serving approximately 1737 subscribers.

The company suffered financial difficulties due to material shortages caused by the Korean War which delayed the arrival and installation of the new switchboards; thus lines that had been constructed could not be put into service, and income that had been anticipated for repayment of the REA loan could not be realized. To complicate matters further, poor crops had caused economic hardship in the area, and when telephone service did become available, the potential rural subscriber refused to accept it because of the additional cost it added to his other expenses. The lack of subscribers, anticipated low income and higher maintenance costs due to severe weather damage to the outside plant forced the company to increase its rates April 1, 1957. This made growth progress even slower.

In November 1958, a sleet storm in the west area caused \$25,000 worth of damage. In March 1961, the headquarters building sustained heavy smoke and minor fire damage. On April 2, 1963, the west area experienced another sleet storm, and damage was estimated to be \$8,000.00. On December 11, 1965, the

worst sleet storm experienced so far in the cooperative's history resulted in an estimated damage of \$125,000 to its plant. The storm lasted three days and broke about 1500 poles. Ice three inches thick on single lines caused the poles and wire to break in some areas. It was estimated that some poles had to support five and one-half tones of ice. It is believed that Dickey Rural Telephone serves one of the worst sleet areas in the state.

Thirteen miles of buried cable were laid on the frozen ground in order to restore telephone service. It was buried the following spring.

In 1970 the cooperative began upgrading its system to buried plant and one-party service, the last of all conversions being completed in January of 1977.

In April and May of 1970, Fredonia, Verona and Marion were purchased from Northwestern Bell, and the subscribers on switcher lines at Ellendale, Ashley, Kulm, Lehr, Oakes and Wishek were transferred to Bell.

As of 1978, the cooperative serves approximately 2744 subscribers in North and South Dakota. Sixteen dial central offices serve 23 town and communities, and the territory is estimated to run 120 miles east and west and 70 miles north and south. The company continues to progress, and property has been purchased for a new headquarters building.

The present manager is Milton Olson. Present directors are Kent Klima, Stanley Meidinger, Norman Cross, Oscar Rau, Alfred Kabrud, William Ulmer, Vernon Krenz, Walter Kirmis, and Harley Junker.

A history book intitled, "Talking Wires, the Story of North Dakota's Telephone Cooperative," can be purchased for a cost of \$5.95 plus postage and handling charges from the cooperative.

[picture: FREDONIA CITY BOARD. Mayor Roland Janke, Auditor Frances Janke, Alderman Fred Dittus and Bob Hahne.]

## SPECIAL INTERESTS

### EARLY FARM TRENDS - HOBBIES - TRAGEDIES - DOCUMENTS

#### EARLY FARM TRENDS TO THE PRESENT TIME

In the later part of the nineteenth century most of the region retained its natural habitat for wild animals and birds. Its environment was mostly undisturbed until the twentieth century arrived. With it came the early settlers who set out to tame the wild and open prairies of the Fredonia area. Sod houses were built, and in some instances the building was designed into compartments to house both animal quarters as well as the family living quarters plus hay storage, all housed under one roof with doors leading from one room to another. Most pioneers had a cow or two for milking. Slough hay twisted and tied into bundles plus buffalo and cow chips made up the main source of fuel used for cooking and heating. They searched the prairie for buffalo bones, which at most times was their main source of income. The bones would be loaded into ox-powered wagons and hauled to Ellendale, later

to Edgeley, and sold for approximately \$2.50 a ton. Oxen were the source of power used to break up the sod and prepare the ground for seeding of grains. Seeding in some cases was done by hand, called broadcasting at the time. There were no marked section lines, and the pioneers had things pretty much their own way. Crops were good but at other times somewhat disappointing. Yields gradually became better as the source of power changed from oxen to horses, and as machinery was introduced to farm the land. The steam engine and threshing machine came into use during this period. Rural free mail delivery was inaugurated at this time. There were two routes out of Fredonia. The north route was operated on a daily basis, and the south one on the semi-daily basis. Farmers increased the acres on their farms. New houses and barns were built. School houses were erected, and several rural telephone lines were constructed, one south and north of Fredonia. Livestock herds improved and mechanization of farms was begun. Gasoline tractors came into use. Large tractors such as the Case, 22-36 IH, Twin City, Big Four, Avery, and the Rumley were used for threshing and plowing. Some of the smaller tractors used for more general work were the Case, 15-30 IH, Fordson, Titan, and the Waterloo Boy.

The years 1910-1914 were prosperous years for farmers with good crops and prices. Those years have been used by the government as a base to establish what is considered to be a fair margin between the products a farmer has to sell and the prices of goods and service he had to buy. These are called parity years when federal farm programs are under discussion.

During World War I grain prices rose sharply and livestock prices fluctuated considerably. Farmers like most everyone else increased their holdings, buying land at inflated values. When grain prices declined and expenses remained high, many farmers found themselves in financial difficulty in the early twenties. Some lost their land and holdings through foreclosure; others were able to make financial arrangements acceptable to loaning associations or credit bureaus, which did help in most cases to save the farm. Most farmers during this time diversified their farming practices. They started to milk more cows and raise more sheep. Wool prices dropped at a slower rate compared to grain.

Following this period of farming reversals conditions did improve somewhat. The community along with most other rural areas experienced difficult times during the thirties. They were the hardship years with drought, dust storms, grasshoppers, hail, and rust while at the same time, grain prices tumbled drastically, causing additional dilemmas for the farmer. In 1932, wheat sold for as low as 28¢ a bushel, oats and barley 4 and 5 cents and flax between 50-70¢ a bushel. Livestock prices declined to such low levels that it failed to bring big enough returns to pay the freight on the animals sold at the market.

In 1935 and 1937, rust epidemics lowered yields substantially, 1935 being the worst year. 1934 and 1936 were drought years and in many instances no crops were harvested for grain. Thistles and weeds were cut when green and tender, with some salt added, and put up for hay. There just was no other source of livestock feed available. Many farmers had no alternative but to dispose of or reduce their livestock to a bare minimum and in some cases completely liquidated their herds. Government agencies were set up to buy cattle, which was to help alleviate the financial stress and support a better market.

Weatherwise, 1936 was perhaps the worst year. The winter was unusually severe. For weeks—some say for over a hundred days—the temperature failed to

get above zero. There was lots of snow and blizzard conditions every so often blocked roads for months. The summer was also unusual and is believed to be one of the hottest on record. During the latter part of June and July, the temperature was above the 100 mark for many days.

Grasshopper infestations during the thirties were a constant threat to any vegetation growing in the region. To assist in alleviating the condition, the federal government or the state furnished poison which was mixed with bran and saw dust by farmers and spread along fence lines, roadsides and throughout infested grain and flax fields.

It was during this era that federal farm programs were implemented. These programs, which included commodity loans and acreage restrictions were an important factor in upgrading the living standards in the Fredonia community.

Following World War II, conditions on farms improved. The greatest improvement in farm living came with the completion of rural electrification and telephone service in the late forties and early fifties. The Fredonia rural area is served by James Valley Electric Cooperative with its office and maintenance personnel headquartered at Edgeley, N. Dak., and the Rural Telephone Association, with headquarters at Ellendale, N. Dak. The telephone company provides service to the town and extends in scope to a large area surrounding Fredonia.

Farms became more highly mechanized. Combines introduced in the forties became standard equipment on almost every farm. Standard and row crop tractors were used in the production of grain and row crops (corn). Horses by now were almost completely supplanted by tractors.

Income from cream sales still made up a large part of the farm economy. Most farm families were still in the dairy business and derived a substantial part of their income from the sales of dairy products.

In recent years cream sales no longer make up a large part of the farm income. In fact, there are very few, if any, farms in the dairy business that still separate cream from milk. Dairy operations have become larger. Improved automation and mechanization has made it possible to increase cow numbers and production. This had resulted in increased sales of raw milk being sold as grade A or B produce and generating additional revenues.

Farms have become larger and management has become more efficient. Self-propelled combines, four wheel drive tractors and large field equipment are a part of the farm operation. Lately, a large number of steel grain bins have been erected. Some farmers have either installed grain dryers or have a portable one on the place. The greater use of commercial fertilizer, chemicals for weeds and insect control, and also the introduction of improved grain varieties has resulted in greatly increased yields.

During this period following World War II crops were better and prices higher than in the thirties. There were, however, some difficult years. Several late, wet harvest seasons hurt the quality and yield of the grain crops. After the war, wheat prices that were around \$2.00 a bushel gradually declined to a low of about \$1.32 in 1969 and approximately \$1.35 in 1972. Then in 1973, following the huge grain purchases by the Russians, wheat prices reached an all-time high, selling for over the \$6.35 mark and durum wheat for \$9.30 a bushel for a short time. Flax sold for as high as \$25.00 a bushel, according to local elevator prices. For the period between 1973-76

wheat sold for an average of about \$4.40 to \$4.50 a bushel. Sugar prices also escalated, and land prices were reaching an all-time high. At the time of this writing in January, 1979, wheat is selling for \$2.80, up from the low of \$2.08 it had dropped to in the fall of 1977. Other grain and sugar prices have declined greatly, too. Sunflower plating and cropping is relatively new to this area but is fast becoming a main source of dependable income for the farmers. There are no acreage restrictions which apply to this crop; thus the producer can grow as many acres of flowers as is beneficial to his operation. Sunflowers, on the average, yield between 800 to 1,300 lbs. Per acre and have a selling market value of 10 to 12 cents a pound.

Livestock prices, on the other hand, have increased greatly, selling from a low of 26¢ a pound for feeders in 1974 to a high of \$1.05 per lb. With cows from a low of 17¢ a lb. To a high of 48¢ to 57¢ per lb., bulls from a low of 20¢ to a high of 58¢ to 66¢ a lb., fats from a low of 23¢ per lb. To 65¢. Feeder lambs were selling from 50¢ to 56¢ in 1974 and as of now from 70¢ to 74¢. Feeder pigs sold from a low of 38¢ to 40¢ to a high of 48¢ to 52¢ in January, 1979.

National news reports have indicated that there is a possibility of improved and lasting trade agreements between the U.S. and China which could again improve grain prices in the not too distant future, at least let us hope so.

In summarizing, one can safely say that great changes have taken place during the preceding 75 to 100 years. The once dependable sod and clay block houses have been replaced with beautiful farm homes with electricity and running water, modern private telephone service and school busing on a door to door pickup for all farm children to an upgraded and somewhat less than a centralized school system. The ox- or horse-drawn plow or binder, header and the steam threshing rig plus rake and hay stacker have given way to the cab tractor, self-propelled swather, combine and sophisticated haying equipment.

With the possibility of Chinese trade with our country and with more developments of trade among the bigger nations, there is a constant challenge that must be pursued to the utmost for the benefit of all countries involved.

One thing hasn't changed. As the pioneers put in long hours raising livestock and grains, producing dairy products and providing shelter for his family, so does the modern farmer often work from early morning until late at night planting, harvesting, taking care of the livestock and doing other chores essential to his business.

The fact that our modern farmers of the Fredonia community have many of the characteristics of the pioneers may well be due to their heritage. As you list the farmers of this area today, you find that many are descendants of those of an earlier day. Submitted by Raymond Burkle.

## WHAT IS KING

[by Roger J. Martin, Logan County Agent] Hard red spring wheat has been the number one cash crop for North Dakota and Logan County ever since its agriculture was developed. With 50 percent of the land in Logan County being cropped, the other 50 percent remains in native range. The amount of wheat produced on the crop acres has varied, but an average figure would be about 50 percent. So this makes a quarter of the land in Fredonia area seeded in wheat.

The reason such a high percentage of crop is wheat is due to the high quality of the wheat produced throughout the years. It has been a financial asset to all residents of North Dakota as well as those in the Fredonia area.

There have been numerous wheat varieties throughout the years, but as one looks back, it's surprising how few varieties have really stood the test.

Varieties: The first variety of wheat grown in North Dakota was Red Fife, a spring wheat from Canada. Another early variety to be grown was Bluestem. In 1903 the variety Marquis was developed in Canada. Marquis remained the leading variety until the mid-1930's. Nearly 88 percent of the wheat seeded in North Dakota in 1929 was Marquis. It was a beardless variety with strong straw, excellent milling and baking quality.

Ceres replaced Marquis during the thirties, only to be replaced by Thatcher in the late thirties and early forties. Thatcher withstood several stem rust epidemics, but it too finally fell to the dreaded wheat disease of stem rust. Rival was also raised in the late thirties and mid-forties.

Mida replaced Thatcher during the 1940s as it was released by NDSU in 1944. It was a bearded variety that finally was eliminated due to stem rust during the early 1950s.

Selkirk became the only wheat variety resistant to Race 15B during the mid-1950s. Selkirk was a beardless variety released from Canada. Selkirk remained the leading HRS variety into the 1960s. It was replaced by a number of varieties such as Christ, Manitou, and Justin.

In the late 1960s, a whole new concept of wheat varieties hit the area with the introduction of semi-dwarf varieties. The first was Red River 68, a release by a private company. However, Waldron released in 1969 has been the most popular variety with as much as 60 percent of the acreage seeded to Waldron.

Other popular varieties in 1979 will be Olaf, Butte, Era, Ellar, and Coteau.

## HARVESTING IN OLDEN DAYS

[two pictures submitted by Gottlieb Haag: Steam engine hooked up to a threshing machine. Wagon and a team of horses beside a steam engine.]

Johann Haag and Joe Graff were two of the few pioneers who had a threshing rig.

You will see in the pictures a Buffalo Petz engine which burned coal. Its smokestack is located towards the rear of the engine. Joe Graff is seen on the engine and possibly Harold Miller is on the water tank. John Haag, Jr., can be seen on the threshing machine.

## FREDONIA FARMER INVENTS STONE-PICKING MACHINE

[picture: Herbert Hehr with his successful stone picker.]

As a boy he walked for many hours behind a horse-drawn plow. He watched the wheel that followed the plow riding in the furrow, carry soil up and around, dumping it out of the furrow onto the ground above.

And as a boy he worked long hours picking stone from the rocky fields by hand. It was a hard, tedious job.

In 1963, Herbert Hehr, who farmed near Fredonia, began experimenting with a stone picker based on his observations of that wheel to make the Midwestern farmer's never-ending job of stone picking more efficient. The first wheel didn't work, it carried too much soil. Patching together the machine on his farm and ordering some parts, he tried different sizes, types and combinations of wheels. His invention improved.

Finally his work was a success. His stone picker, based on the simple idea of a revolving spoked wheel to separate the stones and soil and the commonly used slatted roller bar to gather them, picked stones more easily with less complicated machinery than any commercial stone picker.

Hehr's patented idea was purchased by Joe Anderson for \$95,000 and other considerations.

Herbert Hehr is an example of the resourceful, imaginative person that is such a valued part of American heritage. With no formal engineering or mechanical training, he has devised a needed tool that will no doubt be much used and appreciated by his fellow farmers.

#### MRS. ALBERT HOLMAN RECALLS 1911-16 PERIOD AT FREDONIA

[Mrs. Albert (Anna C. Kuebler) Holman, formerly of Fredonia, who at present is living at Watford City, has consented upon request to write some of her early experiences in Fredonia, as follows:]

I came to Fredonia from St. Paul, Minn., in 1910 to visit my father, Herman Louie Kuebler, who was then the manager of the Pruetz Elevator. I returned to St. Paul after a two week visit.

In 1911 I received a letter from Gottlieb Janke, clerk of the Nordby School District, asking me to come to Fredonia and teach in the town school. I only had a high school education, but I felt I could fill the position. I arrived in Fredonia by train in September of 1911. I found a boarding place with Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marx who at that time had one of the most fashionable and modern homes in Fredonia. I thought my pay was great indeed for I received \$40 per month, and my board and room was \$10 per month. The school term was seven months.

Some of my pupils who are still living in and around Fredonia are Mrs. John Ketterling, Mrs. Max Buechler, Mrs. David Grosz, Myron Holman and Harold Miller.

I taught in the Fredonia school for two terms. The upstairs teacher in 1911 and 1912 was Miss Marie Storandt who came from Kimberly, Wisc. She stayed at the Fredonia Hotel which was then operated by Mr. and Mrs. Jake Schloemer.

Among the early businesses in Fredonia in 1911 were the Fredonia Bazaar operated by Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stern, the Gottfried Haas Hardware Store, Flaig

and Co. General Store, Kosanke Livery Stable, Salzer Lumber Co., operated by Gottlieb Gieser, and the meat market operated by E. Wolf.

At this time there were no sidewalks or electric lights in Fredonia. I recall how Mrs. Fred Marx and I used to walk behind Mr. Marx while he carried a lighted kerosene lantern so we could find our way in the dark evenings. We used to visit with Mr. and Mrs. Hade Kennedy to pass away the long evenings. Mr. Kennedy was the Soo Line agent.

In May of 1912 Mr. and Mrs. Fred Marx, William Pruetz and I travelled in a lumber wagon to attend the silver wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Ole A. Holman. The Fredonia band played during the afternoon and a good time was enjoyed by everyone. There were guests present from Yankton, So. Dak., which at that time was a very long distance.

There were no cars in Fredonia at this time, and if I remember correctly Fred Gackle owned the first car in Fredonia. The first car that I rode in was owned by Christ Wolf. He and his wife, Miss Lena Lebedorf (now Mrs. David Haag), Miss Lizzie Lebedorf (now Mrs. David Eslinger) and I travelled in Mr. Wolf's Model T Ford to Streeter to attend the dedication services of the Streeter Baptist Church. There were no roads like today, only country lanes, and they were full of holes and ruts. It took a few hours to make the trip, and when we arrived in Streeter we were well shook up. On our journey we encountered a rain storm, and we were forced to put on chains, put up the top and fasten on the side curtains.

In the fall of 1913 I accepted a teaching position in Finn District at \$45 per month. I stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Karl Radke who lived in a three-room mud house which proved to be quite an interesting and unusual experience for me. The school was located two and one-half miles from my boarding place. Many times the Radke children and I would walk this distance, carrying lunch boxes and books. I had 28 pupils in this school with two students coming from the Finn family and all the rest from German families. Some of my students were Mrs. R.E. Gutschmidt, Bernard Radke, Jacob Radke, Fred Vogel, Frank Homola, William Homola, and Mrs. Reinhold Dittus.

In the spring of 1914 I accepted a position as postmistress in the Fredonia Post Office. Arthur J. Graff was then the postmaster. I lived with them and received \$35 per month, including board and room.

During my stay in the post office there were several immigrants arriving in Fredonia from Finland, Norway, and Russia. I recall how so many of them could not speak one word of English, and since I could speak German it helped them so much.

There was only one telephone in Fredonia, and it was located in the lobby in the post office.

My hours were from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. with half an hour off for meals.

I remained in the post office for almost two years until in February of 1916 I married Albert Holman. Mrs. Charles Funk then became postmistress and held the position for only a short time. Her husband was the cashier of the German State Bank, which was located in the building formerly occupied by the post office.



From 1911 to 1916 there was only one church in Fredonia. That was the Congregational Church which also served as the community church. Services were always held in German, and the pastor was Rev. Louie Ebertz who was later replaced by Rev. Pfenning.

Having lived in Fredonia for a period of 60 years, I am eagerly looking forward to the Fredonia Diamond Jubilee Celebration.

## VISIONS OF WHAT USED TO BE

[Ed Haag writes of his life in the Fredonia area as a young farm boy. He tells of how he and the neighbor's boy were herdsmen, mentioning things they observed and including a short summary of the early lifestyle of the community and its development and decay.]

Ed begins his story by remarking that: "At the turn of the century about seventy years ago, Section NO. 16 was school land and all in grassland. That was where two neighbor farm boys had to herd their parents' cattle. The two cattle herds were together during the day, but as we drove them home in the evening they separated at a spot where the cattle trail forked, the neighbor's went to their home and ours went to our home."

He goes on: We also had dogs with us. I had two; Fanny and Watch were their names. John had one named 'Puppy,' we pronounced it 'bobe.' These dogs were a great help to us and kept the cattle out of the grain fields which were adjacent to Section No. 16. I got my dogs from one of our neighbors who had moved to Wichita Falls, Texas. They were two fine, trained cattle dogs that heeled well and had a sharp bite. Cattle respected them very much.

The Soo Line Railroad bordered Section No. 16 on the south side and Section No. 21 on the north side, being the boundary line between the two sections, west and adjacent to the Fredonia townsite. Section No. 16 north of the railroad was the grazing land for the Kruegers and Haags. Section No. 21 south of the railroad was grazing land for the Sukuts and Gackles. We, on the north, were known as the North Outfit; they, on the south, were the South Outfit.

We had strict orders from our parents that no cattle were to cross over the boundary line (Soo Line R.R.) for fear that cattle would be run over and killed. We did not have too much trouble with this order except with the bulls when they got bit by the love bug. Then it was work for both dogs and herdsmen. When some animals did wander over the line, it caused an ill feeling between the north and the south, but we were always able to settle our disputes peacefully between us to the satisfaction of all concerned, without the intervention of a government board of arbitration.

The Soo Line operated four trains daily, two eastbound and two westbound. On Saturday a special livestock freight was run. The eastbound freight arrived at 9 a.m. and the passenger at 4 p.m. The westbound passenger arrived at 11 a.m. and the freight about 8 p.m. We herdsmen liked to hang around near the railroad track, and the engineers would have their fun playing tricks. They'd blow the whistle on the old steam engine or shovel in a load of fresh coal making a real dark smoke come out of the smokestack as the engine puffed hard, causing the whole affair to look scary as the train approached. The engineer could also blow steam out the side of the boiler making a terrifying roar, and we always stayed at a safe distance.

The railroad culverts were made of heavy planking or timber; the ones in high grades were large and roomy. We used them as shelters when inclement weather moved in, and also to cool off on hot summer days and to take our siesta after dinner. We did not go home for our noon meal but brought our lunch along.

All herdsmen were barefooted all summer long, and those prairie stones and stickers did not do justice to our feet. Our big toes were bandaged up most of the summer because in the tall grass you could not see the stones and would stub your toes against them.

Twice a year Gypsies would come by and camp for a whole week on the southeast corner of Section No. 16 where the baseball diamond is at today. They had about four or five covered wagons and teams plus approximately 30 horses that were trained to follow the wagons as they moved along. We would go to their camp, for curiosity's sake, and watch the Gypsy women prepare meals.

They had cast iron kettles used to boil meat in, and they would go into the grain fields to pick mustard leaves and blossoms from other weeds and put them in to boil with the meat. Well, it looked odd to us, but maybe it made good "Borsch'd."

Those Gypsies made us a proposition: If we could furnish them milk, they would pay us five cents a gallon. We said, "That's a deal."

We had one little red cow that was very tame and easy to catch. We milked her every day, delivered the milk during their stay and collected our nickels. Now we were in big money, and one of us would go to town and buy candy. In those days, you got quite a sack full of mixed candy for a nickel. We did not eat them all at once, but stored them in a syrup can in our railroad culvert headquarters. They was not our only source of income.

North Dakota always was a dry state. Alcoholic beverages could not be sold legally. Therefore, many North Dakota towns had what they called a "blind pig." A "blind pig" was a shack at the edge of town where alcoholic beverages were sold illegally. Fredonia had such a place, run by one William Daily who was better known at that time as "Old Bill." We herdsmen and Old Bill had a verbal agreement that for every empty beer bottle we would bring to his shack he would give us a penny. Farmers in those days did not have trucks but hauled their grain to town with a team of horses and a wagon. They were hauling all summer long, and the roads did not always follow the section lines. One of those heavily traveled roads ran diagonally through Section No. 16. When those grain haulers had unloaded their grain, many would stop at "Old Bill's" shack to slake their thirst and take a little along for home and on the road. We herdsmen would watch them going home. On clear days you would see them raise up the bottle and guzzle down the beverage. When empty they would throw it away; that's when we would go to work. After we had gathered up give bottles, one of us would be on his way to town to sell our wares and make a purchase. Some days we collected ten bottles. This was our main source of income, and it kept us well supplied with mixed candy.

Our parents did not give us any money. We were not supposed to go to town. So the Gypsy and the "Old Bill" deals were the only income we had, and it remained a confidential secret.

While we were there on the prairie, we would hear the incessant hammer blows and the carpenter's shrieking saws as they were erecting new buildings in town. We could hear the anvil at the blacksmith shop ringing as the smith forged iron and sharpened plow shares, mostly for sod-breaking plows. Now that is all silenced.

So after 70 years, the breaker plow is gone, the blacksmith is gone, the cows are gone, the dogs are gone, and blind pig is gone, "Old Bill" is gone, the Gypsies are gone, the herdsman are gone and the railroad service is almost gone, too. Where we had four trains daily, we now have one or two freights a week. So in life, it seems there is no status quo. As time marches on, everything is changed.

What once was reality is now, after 70 years, but a dream. That's why we titled this essay "Visions of What Used to Be."

May I add, memories, like dreams, can be infinite, and at the same time, fleeting. Submitted by Edward Haag

#### HILLER'S WOODCRAFT DISPLAY

[5 pictures: Fred and Lydia Hiller with their greenhouse. Hiller's Woodcraft display.]

Across the street northeast from the beautiful Congregational Church stands a house of modern beauty and attraction, the home of Fred and Lydia Hiller. When you visit with this couple you'll find that their generous hospitality and interest in you are unsurpassed by any standards.

Fred will take time out from his busy schedule to show you around the church and his ornamental yard where you can see many beautiful articles, such as animals, carts and equipment that he hand-carved out of old tree trunks and other material and hand-painted, on display. The painting seen on the pictured bulletin board, depicting the progress of the Congregational Church's history, is his creation and can be observed in the basement of the church. Once there, you'll discover a guest book pedestal that Mr. Hiller hand-carved out of the supposedly oldest tree grown in Fredonia. Following the tour, Lydia, not to be outdone, will invite you in for a little fellowship and serve you with some of her delicious home-baked goodies and a cup of coffee. Fred started his hobby about five years ago and has continued to add new things as time permits.

Mr. Hiller is 91 years young and is the oldest active person living in Fredonia.

#### JAKE STEINMETZ, RESTORER OF FORD MODEL A's, TALKS ABOUT HIS HOBBY

[picture: Jake and Rose Steinmetz and Model A Ford.]

Jake Steinmetz started collecting Model A's that were rusting to pieces in pastures, backyards and barns around the area about 14 years ago. He would tear them apart and begin building them back into sleek automobiles that are

like the new cars of its day. He started restoring the Model A's after his retirement from farming. In the summer he would scout about the surrounding areas and buy all the Model A's he could find. During warm days of the year he would break his cars down into their component parts including every last part that fits together to make a whole car. In the winter months he would start putting all the pieces together, generally reproducing one car each winter. He admits to making a little money at his hobby.

His reputation as a restorer of Model A's has spread throughout the upper midwest. He has never advertised, but hobbyists from Minneapolis and other points in Minnesota and Iowa come to visit the Steinmetz farm seeking parts. He sold one of his cars that went all the way to San Diego. The word among Model A lovers is "if it is to be gotten, Jake's got it."

Jake says, "I always had an admiration for that A because that's what I drove when I was single, and we were first married." He courted his wife Rose in a Model A back in the early thirties. In 1932 he drove to California and back twice on roads that were little more than dirt trails and in Nevada even less than that. Pavement was an unknown luxury. One one-way trip cost about \$25.00 and was trouble free.

The 50th anniversary of the Model A's has come and gone. The first A's were produced by the Ford Motor Company in 1928 and the last in 1931. Millions and millions were made and sold however. They were so well-built that many originals are still in use today. It was a car that a common man could afford to buy. For instance, a brand new two-door sedan cost about \$645.00. The thirties and forties were lean years for the Steinmetzes, and Jake turned to auto repair to earn more income for the family. What he learned fixing Model A's, he later put to use when his hobby began. Two things he did not do in the restoration process was casting main bearings and grinding crank shafts. Everything else he did himself.

His first restoration job was on the family Model A pickup that he sold to a neighbor and bought back again. In 1978 he sold that pickup to a car fancier from Aberdeen.

His collecting of Model A's started when newer cars came in to use, and the older ones were on the way out. He knew of a few that were around and brought them in.

As the hobby grew he became interested in putting together a collection of all the Model A varieties from 1930 and 1931, such as the Phaeton, the roadster, two- and four-door sedans, standard and sports coupes, town car, truck and pickup. He picked out a building on his farm that was to house the collection, but then he got sick and began to sell them.

Some cars, such as a Model A roadster or Phaeton in mint condition, will sell for as high as \$10,000.00 on the national market. Jake never got that kind of money for his cars, and he never asked for those kind of prices. His hobby is more a labor of love, and his greatest satisfaction was in a completed Model A re-done from top to bottom and ready for the road. While driving and observing the Model A's bodies lined along the hillside behind the farm, Model A lovers express their appreciation of it all by saying, "Oh, it's paradise." They would be just breathless, Jake said. When asked to explain what the appeal of a Model A is to its lovers, Jake volunteered this remark with a smile, but be assured the reason goes much deeper: "They just have a weakness for old cars."

Jake and Rose (Meidinger) Steinmetz were married September 19, 1937, and are the parents of six children: Wilbert and Lee, Kansas; Mrs. Lester (Arlene) Hehr, Fredonia; James, Delbert and Mrs. Gordon (Kathleen) Irion, Kulm. The Steinmetz farm is located about 21 miles southeast of Fredonia, near the Whitestone Hill Battlefield.

#### FATHER AND SMALL SON PERISH IN FIRE AT FARM HOME NEAR ENDERLIN

A father and his one and one-half year old son burned to death on a Saturday shortly before 6 o'clock p.m. on March 28, 1964, in a fire that destroyed their home eight miles south of Enderlin, N.D.

The victims were Arne Rudolph, 22, and one of his two children, Mark. Authorities recovered the body of the father in a bedroom where he had apparently gone in search of his other child, four-month-old David.

[picture: Mark Rudolph. Arne Rudolph.]

David, who was rescued by a farm worker, suffered superficial burns. Mrs. Rudolph was uninjured.

The fire broke out about 4 p.m. while Rudolph was using gasoline to clean up spilled paint in the basement of the one-story dwelling. Fumes from the gasoline apparently were ignited by a hot water heater, but that fire was thought to be put out. Arne then remembered the can of gasoline. Mrs. Rudolph held the outside door open while her husband carried the container up the stairs. He was about halfway up when the can exploded, spewing flames in all directions.

Mrs. Rudolph said she saw Mark standing on the stairs. He did not follow her out the door, the flames prevented her from attempting to rescue him. A farm employee broke a window of the bedroom on the opposite side of the house and carried David to safety.

The blaze destroyed the house. When firemen from Enderlin arrived, the dwelling was an inferno. The Lisbon Fire Department was also called.

Ransom County Sheriff Raymond Olson of Lisbon and the state highway patrolmen directed the search for the bodies.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph, prior to moving to the Enderlin area, were employed for about two years at the Darwin Rudolph farm approximately 10 miles northwest of Fredonia. He was a brother of Darwin and originally of Fredonia.

Arne and Mark were buried in the Gackle Cemetery at Gackle.

#### VICTIM OF A FEROCIOUS NORTH DAKOTA SNOW STORM

A teacher by the name of Ada Steie was found frozen to death by Albert Holman and two of his brothers in the winter of 1912. She suspected that a snow storm was approaching, dismissed school early, and all the children returned home safely. When she left the school house, she perhaps became confused about directions and wandered off in the wrong way. Miss Steie was 17 years

old at the time of her demise. These were events of the story leading up to the tragic incident as they were submitted by Edward Haag.

Ada Steie was our teacher. She had been boarding at our place, Johann Haag's farm, and had returned from her family farm in the Braddock area where she had spent her Christmas vacation, to resume her teaching duties.

It was a normal North Dakota wintery day with a moderately blowing, southwest wind. There was quite a bit of loose snow on the ground, and it had been ground drifting all day.

The school house was about a quarter of a mile from our home. Most of the pupils had come to school except those that had to walk a mile or more. Some of these were absent. School dismissed in the afternoon, and we kids went home. We had the habit of lunching a bit after getting home and then changing into our chore clothes. The teacher stayed a half an hour longer to clean up the room and to bank the fire in the potbellied stove. We were changing clothes when dad ordered us to hitch the gentle chore team to the sled so he could get the teacher because, by now, there was a terrific storm raging. It had changed direction and was now blowing from the northwest so hard it took away your breath. Visibility was poor, and you could not see farther than ten feet ahead of where you were going. The team was hitched to the sled, and dad drove to the school house. He called for her to come but got no response. Thinking she did not hear him calling because of the violent storm, he then tied the reins to the door knob of the vestibule and entered the main school room to discover that Ada wasn't there. Then dad drove a half a mile west to the neighbor's place, hoping that she might have gone there, but all in vain, she was not there either. Then he came home and told some of the older boys to hitch up a more spirited team and with one of the boys drove to town to give the alarm. Someone started to ring the church bell, the only one in town, in hope that Miss Steie was within hearing distance and might find her way to safety.

Shortly after midnight the storm abated, the sky cleared, a full moon appeared, and it was bitter cold. Dad and brother Dan drove to all the neighbors who had children attending school and informed them that the teacher was believed to be lost and to come to the school house in the morning to organize a search party to find her. They all came and were of the opinion that the teacher would be found within a mile or less from the school house, but they were wrong. Ada had walked about four miles before she became exhausted and fell to the ground. They were able to tell by imprints in the snow that she continued on to the Soo Line R.R. about a mile east of Fredonia and followed the track for a half mile to where she was found, at 3 p.m., lying all huddled up alongside the tracks an hour before the grain arrived. Had the train been on schedule it would have run over her body.

After the train arrived, the passengers were asked if anyone on board knew Ada Steie. And as fate would have it, yes, two people, man and a woman—her parents, were on that train returning to their home at Braddock from a funeral for an uncle of the young lady.

HELLER TRAFFIC TRAGEDY IN 1938

Funeral services were held Tuesday, November 15, 1938, at the Lutheran church of Fredonia for Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Heller, victims of an auto accident near Fredonia November 5.

Mrs. Heller, who received a fractured skull, was taken to an Edgeley hospital where she died Sunday, November 13. Mr. Heller, 54, Logan County farmer, was killed outright when his car side-swiped two coal trucks which he met north of Fredonia. His body lay in state at the Kulm funeral home.

Mrs. Heller was Katie Weispfenning, a daughter of pioneer residents of the Fredonia vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. Heller were survived by eight children.

#### A TRIBUTE TO A FREDONIA YOUNG MAN AND THE MYSTERY OF THE EGG

Isedhor Irion, son of Christ and Katie Irion, was born June 11, 1914, and grew to manhood on a farm south of Fredonia where Isedhor's parents homesteaded and lived until 1949 when they moved to Kulm.

As a young man Isedhor had many outstanding qualities and was admired by many. He was always willing to give of his best to friends as well as community.

He went through the 30's with his parents looking forward to good fortune at the end of the rainbow. He married Dorothy Rempfer in October of 1938, and they lived on a farm south of Kulm. A son, Donald Isedhor, now living at Pierre, S.D., was born to them September 3, 1939.

With times being hard Isedhor was always looking on the brighter side of life.

On February 21 or 22 Isedhor was sure his ship had come in. As Isedhor went to gather the eggs for the day, he found a normal egg with the letters CINI on it.

His excitement was high, feeling this egg was truly a sign of good luck and fortune.

A number of people tried to interpret what the letters CINI stood for. Journalists from different states voiced their opinions, but on March 1, 1940, Isedhor and his neighbor, Bill Isaak, decided to go to Cathay, North Dakota, to look at some Brown Swiss cattle. Isedhor felt that a good dairy herd would pay off for him and his family.

However, lady luck was not with the two young men as they went on their trip to Cathay, for at a railroad crossing between Cathay and Fessenden the two young men met their fate at 9:10 a.m. March 1, 1940.

Then the mystery of the letters on the egg once more started its course. A number of people felt it may have been a warning saying the letters referred to on the egg stood for "Careful Irion New Intersection". Others thought differently and who are we to say what they meant except to Isedhor and Bill's families who had lost a husband, son and brother, the days that followed seemed like days that never should have been. Yet their memory is one of Love. Romans 16:25. Submitted by Esther Harr

## TORNADO 1974

Hail and a twister battered the northwest area of Fredonia in August of 1974. It was a sultry afternoon, and a lot of "lazy Marys" came up and left, leaving an uneasy feeling among the people and livestock. Late in the afternoon, about 5:30 p.m., the sky clouded up and in its wake came violent lightening and thunder accompanied by a sudden west wind and a fast downpour that quickly totaled four inches. The worst violence of the storm occurred northwest of Fredonia, cutting a line about half mile wide running northeast of Tergesen's to Burkle's and then east. It lifted and then descended again in the Hiller and Schultz area.

The next day the farmers living in the area had no doubt that a tornado had passed through the area. Several barns, at least, were reported to be down along a line of destruction that stretched from northeast of Fredonia and as far northwest as the Buchholzes and Widmers. Numerous smaller buildings were down or damaged as well. Windows in many farm homes were broken and siding and shingles of the buildings battered by hailstones. At the home of Edwin Tergesen windows were smashed on the west side causing heavy water damage. The northwest side of the house was damaged by flying two-by-fours from the garage that was destroyed. On the Wayne Burkle farm, a large round roof machine shop was moved off the foundation. The twister picked up haystacks in its path and took them away, scattering the hay to nowhere. It lifted the water out of water tanks. It touched down at the Fred Hiller farm and destroyed his barn and did further damage at the Schultz farm.

## TORNADO 1977

Perhaps the most unusual local weather circumstances within the memory of the Fredonia community people was of several tornadoes. All were violent and destroyed crops, livestock and property.

On a day in June 1977, at about 8 p.m. a huge white cloud rolled over the dark sky with violent lightening and thunder accompanied by a sudden west wind. It brought a fast downpour with hailstones flattening the grains in the path of the storm. The line of this destruction stretched from north of Fredonia to as far east as Edgeley.

North of Fredonia the barn on the Fred Hiller farm had exploded. The rear wall was laying intact about 20 feet away. It was particularly frustrating for Hiller since, as he said, the same barn had also gone down in 1966 and 1974. Fred noted that he is hard of hearing but he had no difficulty hearing the shriek of the wind from his basement.

In Fredonia, the city was littered with broken branches. At the Fredonia Farmers Co-op Elevator a string of railroad cars moved with the wind as far as a switch and then derailed, more evidence of the force of the wind.

"It's lucky there was a derailer on the tracks, or they would have blown all the way to Kulm," Palmer Buerkly remarked of this string of empty grain gondolas on the track in Fredonia. The first two cars were derailed.

The Fredonia area received little rainfall.



[picture: Boxcars derailed in the 1977 tornado.]

## HOMESTEAD CERTIFICATE

[picture: Copy of homestead certificate.]

This document, issued in 1907, is known as a "homestead certificate" which granted the right of ownership to the named individual therein for the express purpose of securing a homestead on the land if he proved that he was an actual settler on the public domain.

It can also be ascertained that it is a legal instrument whereby the United States government granted and assigned the right to own and to hold the land described on its face, subject to the reservations listed thereon.

The property described on the certificate is the Raymond Burkles' formstead quarter.

## FAMILY HISTORIES

(Transcriber Note: These family histories are not originally all in surname alphabetical order. To assist any family research, the surnames will be transcribed in alphabetical order and a number assigned to each family entry. The number after the name indicates the page on which the article is printed in the original history book. If a picture is printed along with the article, the notation [picture] will be included at the beginning of that family history article. In some cases, if only married once, where available within the article, the maiden name of the wife will be shown in the heading.)

001. ANTLE, RICHARD & IDELLA (Janke) 109

Richard Antle was born on June 11, 1932, at Seattle, Washington, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Antle. He had elementary and high school education.

On November 11, 1960, he married Idella Janke of Fredonia, who was born on September 7, 1932, a daughter of Robert and Hattie Radke Janke. She had elementary and high school education.

Four children were born: Kenneth, Bruce, Vicki and Roberta, who all live in Seattle, Washington.

The Antles are baseball and football enthusiasts. They belong to the Eagles Club, love to travel and have a cabin where they go to on weekends.

002. BATEMAN, ELMER & VIVIAN 109

Vivian Bateman was born and educated in Indiana at about the time of World War I. She came to North Dakota to teach school, teaching in rural areas and the German-speaking communities of Fredonia, Wishek, and Lehr. She retired

from public school teaching, and the family moved to Wishek so their daughter, Saralee, could attend high school.

After the death of her husband in 1959 and with her own health poor, Mrs. Bateman moved to rural Bowsmont in 1968 and made her home with her daughter and family, the Eugene Hoseltons.

With poor health, tuberculosis was diagnosed, she had to go to San Haven. Her greatest sorrow was that the TB drugs destroyed her vision so she could no longer read.

Vivian Bateman died on September 12, 1973.

Elmer Bateman wrote the dedication of the Fredonia Golden Jubilee Book.

003. BATSCH, EDWIN & VIOLET (Schlecht) 109

[picture] Edwin Batsch was born on October 17, 1922, near Gackle, N. Dak., the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Batsch. Edwin was married on December 22, 1946, to Violet Schlecht, the daughter of Michael and Elizabeth Dalke Schlecht. Violet was born on September 3, 1928, eight miles north of Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Batsch reside in Jamestown, N. Dak., and are members of the United Church of Christ Congregational, Jamestown.

They were blessed with four children: Betty Ann Ost, Jamestown; Adeline Violet Grenz, Jamestown; Margo Lynn Bender, Jamestown; and Warren Keith, Jamestown.

Edwin worked for Richard Geiszler on his farm near Fredonia from 1947-1956. In the spring, he moved to Sanborn, N. Dak. In the fall of 1958 they moved to Spiritwood, N. Dak. In 1968, the Batches moved to Jamestown. Edwin is working at the State Hospital dairy barn. Violet is employed at the Crippled Children's Hospital School.

004. BECKER, DARVIN & MARCELLA (Schultz) 109

[picture] Darvin R. Becker was born May 31, 1944, six miles west of Fredonia, son of Fred P. and Ida Becker. He attended school at Lehr, N.D., and served in the U.S. Army for three years. He then moved to Fargo and is now employed at Fargo Air National Guard. On July 6, 1969, Mr. Becker was united in marriage at Fredonia Martin Luther Lutheran Church to Marcella D. Schultz, who was born July 20, 1945, daughter of Wilhelm and Esther Schultz.

She attended school at Fredonia, Kulm, and two years at Dakota Business College at Fargo, N.D. She was then employed at the West Fargo State Bank for five years.

The Beckers have made their home south of Fargo and are members of Atonement Lutheran Church of Fargo, where they are in a number of activities. They have two children, Stacey and Tonya.

005. BENDER, LONNIE & DELILAH (Irion) 110

[picture] Lonnie, the oldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Bender, was born on October 15, 1953. Lonnie was raised on the farm four miles northeast of Lehr. He attended Lehr Public School, graduating in 1971. After graduation he helped on his parents' farm and worked for Klein Construction of Lehr in the fall of 1971. In the winter of 1972 he attended Mechanic School at Fargo.

Delilah was born March 25, 1953, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elledhor Irion. Delilah attended Lehr Public School, graduating in 1971. She continued her education at Valley City State College, majoring in elementary education. In the spring of 1974, Delilah taught kindergarten at Lehr Public School. Since the fall of 1974, she has been teaching 6th grade at Kulm Elementary School.

Lonnie and Delilah were united in marriage on August 25, 1973. Following their marriage, Lonnie was engaged in working on his father-in-law's farm. In addition, he began renting and farming land. The fall of 1978, Lonnie and Delilah purchased the J.K. Flemmer farm. They have one son, Mitchell Chad.

006. BENDER, REUBEN & VALINDA (Opp) 110

[picture] Reuben Bender was born on December 19, 1920, near Zeeland, N. Dak., to Martin and Friedaricka Bender. He attended school through the eighth grade.

On February 2, 1944, he married Valinda Opp. Valinda was born June 25, 1924, at Ashley, N. Dak., to Simon and Marie Opp. She attended school through the eighth grade.

The Benders are active in the Baptist Church. They are farming and part-time A.S.C.

During the year of 1944 the Benders lived on a farm about 10 miles northwest of Fredonia. After a few years they moved to Ipswich, S. Dak., where they still reside.

Two children were born to this union: Connie Wayne, age 33, Ipswich, S. Dak., and Bonnie Belvig, age 25, Casper, Wyoming.

007. BENTZ, HENRY & FREDRICKA (Wolf) 110

[picture] Henry Bentz, son of Christian Bentz and Mother Felock, was born September, 1886, in Eureka, S.D. He married Fredricka Wolf. Fredricka was born in Antelope Valley, N.D., in December of 1891. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wolf (nee Rott) who had immigrated from Romania about 1890.

Mr. Bentz was engaged in general merchandising and business. They moved to Francitas, Texas, from Fredonia in 1920. This was where Pastor George Burgdorff lived.

They were blessed with five children: Irvin, Albert, and Henry of Houston, Texas; Clara of Clifton, Texas, and Mary of Perth, Australia. They were of the Baptist faith.

Henry Bentz passed away in September of 1970, and Mrs. Bentz passed away in December of 1971.

008. BILLIGMEIER, VICTOR & ANNA (Knopp) 111

[picture] Victor Billigmeir, son of the late August and Adelia Zinck Billigmeir, was born September 25, 1914, in McIntosh County eight miles south of Fredonia. He attended the local school where he completed his elementary education.

On November 8, 1942, Victor was united in marriage to Anna Marie Knopp. Anna was born May 27, 1922, near Gackle, N. Dak., to Fred and Regina Eichle Knopp.

Victor spent most of his boyhood on the family farm and later on his own farm seven and one-half miles northeast of Fredonia. In 1950, Victor and Anna moved to Kulm. Mr. Billigmeir has been working for the Isaak Elevator since 1954.

Anna Marie graduated from Kulm High School. She had taught school in the Fredonia community and worked in the Fredonia Mercantile Co. store as a clerk. In 1947, this store was destroyed by fire.

Two children were born: Margorie Ann Holmgren, Greenbush, Minn., and Harris Victor, West Fargo, N. Dak.

Victor and Anna are members of the First Congregational Church in Kulm. Victor is sexton of the Congregational cemetery, and Anna Marie is organist and pianist at the church.

009. BLUMHARDT, HAROLD & GLADYS (Nitschke) 111

[picture] Harold Blumhardt, son of Edward and Margaret (nee Schneider) Blumhardt, was born May 11, 1928, on a farm in the Berlin Settlement, McIntosh County. He graduated from country school in 1942. October 17, 1948, Harold Blumhardt and Gladys Nitschke were united in marriage.

Gladys, daughter of John E. and Emilia (nee Schaffer) Nitschke, was born December 25, 1927, on a farm near Lehr in McIntosh County.

Gladys graduated from Ashley High School in 1946. Harold and Gladys purchased his father's farm in 1951, which is located one and one-half miles directly south of the Berlin Baptist Church. The family lived there until the fall of 1974, at which time they sold the farm and moved to Ashley, N.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Blumhardt are past members of the Berlin Baptist Church and presently belong to the Ashley Baptist Church. Their two daughters are Mrs. Sidney (Linda) Berreth of Goodrich, N.D., and Randa, attending Concordia College, Moorhead, Minn.

010. BLUMHARDT, WILLIS & GERALDINE (Brandenburger) 111

[picture] Willis C. Blumhardt, a son of the late Edwin and Katie Blumhardt, was born on January 16, 1939, on the family farm home 16 miles south of

Fredonia. Willis attended Fredonia Public School and Kulm High School, and a one-year mechanics course at Wahpeton State School of Science.

On September 28, 1963, Willis was united in marriage with Geraldine Brandenburger, a daughter of John J. and Elsie Brandenburger, who was born May 10, 1943. Her birthplace is 17 miles northwest of Forbes, N.D. Elsie completed her elementary education, graduated from Ellendale High School and took a one-year bookkeeping course at Ellendale State Teachers College.

The Blumhardts are blessed with three sons: Kevin Allen, born May 18, 1967; Corey Dean, born January 2, 1972; and Kardell Jay, born November 14, 1976.

The family attended the United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Blumhardt are the owners of the Chevrolet & Pontiac dealership at Ellendale. Willis is a member of the board of directors for the rural and city fire department and also serves on the board of directors for the retail association. He is an institutional representative for Boy Scouts.

Willis was a very artistically inclined young man. He loved to tinker with things and designed a system which demonstrated the parts and functions of a human heart as a special science project. Mr. Blumhardt was recognized for his fine creation and was awarded a trip to view the State Science Fair.

He also designed and modeled a miniature combine with all the moving parts which was able to operate on its own power.

011. BUCHHOLZ, DARREL & VIOLET (Kramlich) 112

[picture] Darrel Dean Buchholz, son of Emanuel and Lydia (nee Schweigert) Buchholz, was born on March 9, 1943, on the family homestead. He attended the rural school and received his elementary education.

On May 1, 1964, Darrel was united in marriage to Violet Edna Kramlich, a daughter of Reinhold and Leah (nee Roloff) Kramlich, who was born on December 3, 1944, in Kulm. Violet received her elementary and high school education in Kulm, graduating with the Class of 1963.

Four children were born to this union: Jeffrey D., Vickie L., Todd M., and Julie J., all at home.

They are members of the United Methodist Church, Lehr.

Darrel grew to manhood on the family homestead and after his marriage to Violet continued to live there. They are engaged in farming.

012. BUCHHOLZ, RODNEY & ARDELLA (Meidinger) 112

[picture] Rodney Buchholz was born on November 13, 1936, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Emanuel Buchholz. He attended school in Logan County.

On November 27, 1960, Rodney was married to Ardella Meidinger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Meidinger, at Wishek, N. Dak. Ardella was born on June 12, 1939, and she attended school in McIntosh County. The couple lived at Lehr during the winter of 1960, and in May of 1961. Rodney started working

at the Farmers Co-op Elevator at Fredonia. The couple moved to Fredonia in July, 1961, where they have made their home since.

Four children were born to this couple: Ricky, a senior; Lucinda, a freshman; Teresa, a 5th grader; and Kurt, age 3.

The Buchholzes are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church where Rodney has been chairman of the church council for a number of years. He is also a member of the Fredonia Fire Department. Rodney and Ardella have been custodians of the church for the past 11 years. Ardella is a member of the ALCW of the church and also has been the city assessor for the past 14 years.

013. BUCKEY, FRED & EMMA (Burkle) 113

[picture] Fred J. Buckey, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Prohief Buckey, was born on April 20, 1909, northwest of Fredonia on his parents' homestead. He completed elementary education and graduated from the Ellendale High School. Fred attended Ellendale Normal Industrial College for a period of three months, received his Second Grade Teaching Certificate and taught school at Johnstad School District No. 13. He was paid a salary of \$60.00 per month for the school term.

Fred was united in marriage to Emma Burkle on December 8, 1931. Emma, the daughter of the late Johanas and Wilhelmina Schimke Burkle, was born on February 29, 1912, on the family homestead situated 11 miles northwest of Fredonia. (Emma's having a birthday once every four years is quite an accomplishment, she'll remain young for ages.) She received her elementary education in rural Nathan School District, spending her teen years on the parents' farm.

Four children were born to this union: Mrs. Joan Cob, 46, living in Bismarck, N. Dak.; Jerome, 37, living in California; James, 33, farming at Adrian, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Jim (Jane) Barnard, 25, residing in Alabama.

Following their marriage as Fred's interests were in farming, they started farming with his parents for five years, rented another farm for five years, then decided to lease a farm called the "Chicago Ranch," approximately 17 miles south of Jamestown, N. Dak., which they later purchased. Here Fred and Emma continued to prosper, raising commercial cattle and fine quality grains for the next 14 years. Again, the Buckeys decided to sell, then buying the present farming unit, which they have operated for the ensuing 17 years. Deciding it was time to retire, they sold this farm to their son, James. At present, Fred and Emma are residing in Jamestown. They are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church.

014. BUCKEY, PROHIEF & DONNIA (Gussler) 113

[picture] Prohief Buckey was born on August 10, 1866, in Odessa, South Russia. He came to the United States as a young man and homesteaded in the Lauth District, Logan County, northwest of Fredonia.

Prohief was united in marriage to Donnia Gussler, born on March 1, 1872, in Odessa, South Russia.

Eight children were born to this union: John, 72, farming at Nortonville, N. Dak.; Fred, 69, semi-retired, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Emma Hordetchey, 65, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Rosa, born September 15, 1895—died October 22, 1920; Hilda, born July 5, 1899—deceased; Peter, born March 10, 1900—died July 19, 1916; Henry, deceased April 25, 1970; and Joseph, born April 8, 1903—died April 28, 1969.

The Buckeys attended the Catholic church.

Prohief, Donnia and family were active in farming, raising crops, and livestock mostly for food for their family. There were many hardships, but it was all a victory at the end.

Prohief Buckey passed away on May 2, 1939, and Donnia Gussler Buckey passed away on October 22, 1947.

015. BUERKLE, ALBERT & ESTHER (Messner) 114

[picture] Albert Buerkle, son of Chrstine (Hehr) and the late Johannes H. Buerkle, was born on September 15, 1905, in the family farm home four miles north of Fredonia. He attended rural school and received his elementary education, growing to manhood on his parents' farm.

On October 19, 1930, Albert was united in marriage with Esther Messner, a daughter of the late Michael and Julia (Janke) Messner, who was born on February 8, 1912, at Fredonia. She had a formal education.

Five children were born to this union: Arlene (Mrs. Ed Knecht), deceased; Norma, Dakota Hospital, Fargo, N.D.; Ruby, Tastee Freez owner, Kulm; Elroy, heavy equipment foreman, Columbia, N.D.; and Doris, manufacturing signs, Jamestown, N.D.

The Buerkles attend the Missouri Lutheran Church at Kulm.

Albert enjoys fishing and baseball games.

After their marriage, Albert and Esther settled in Fredonia where he worked at various jobs, and during the WPA days was designated supervisor of the crew that did various jobs in the community. He also worked for the State Highway Department for six years. He was appointed temporary mail carrier for six years. After receiving ownership of his father's farm, Mr. Buerkle moved to the family home and became engaged in farming, raising livestock and producing grains. He joined the Fredonia Fire Department in 1933 and at present has the longest service record in the department, being chief for six of those years.

During the WPA days a dam was built on the home quarter which was completed in 1938 with a 20-year, 9-foot water level, no alteration contract. After the expiration of the agreement, Albert, with the help of Reuben Ziegenhagel and county equipment, renovated the dam, raising the water level to 15 feet and later stocking the waters with fish.

Albert says, "Lawrence Welk and his band were hired by my father to play for a dance held in the granary built and dedicated in 1918."

Albert has been active in the political arena, serving as a Democrat precinct committeeman for 25 years, chairman of central committee and one term as county chairman of the executive committee of the Democratic party. He also served as township supervisor for many years. In the last couple of years Albert has leased his land, moved to Fredonia and is now retired.

016. BUERKLE, JOHN & ELEANORE (Burkle) 114

[picture] John C. Buerkle, son of Johannes H. and Chrstina (nee Hehr) Buerkle, was born in Logan County, three miles east of Fredonia, on August 27, 1904. Later he moved with his parents to four miles north of Fredonia where he grew to young manhood. After he started to farm on his own, he moved to LaMoure County, four miles east of Fredonia. There he farmed until his death.

John married Eleanora Burkle, daughter of Rudolph and Lydia (nee Batsch) Burkle, on August 27, 1936. Eleanora Burkle was born in LaMoure County, four miles east of Fredonia on January 2, 1918.

Mr. and Mrs. Buerkle were blessed with three sons: Gerald of LaMoure, who is married to Lucille Woehl and they have two sons, Martin and Mark John; Richard of Broadview, Montana, who is married to Maxine Boles and they have one son, Richard John II; and Roger, working for Berg's Grain and Produce Co. as a bookkeeper in Fargo, N. Dak.

Mr. Buerkle passed away on December 10, 1962. He was an active worker in Norden Township and was assessor for 18 years. He was also on the church council of St. John's Lutheran Church in Fredonia, later serving at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Kulm. Mrs. Buerkle moved to Kulm on October 1, 1963, where she still is living and is employed as a cook at the Kulm school and is helping out as a waitress at the Kulm Café.

017. BUERKLE, OTTO & FRIEDA (Weispfenning) 115

[picture] Otto Buerkle was born January 12, 1907, four miles north of Fredonia on his parents' farm. Otto is the son of the late John and Christina Buerkle (nee Hehr). Otto attended grade school at the Hehr School in Haag School District. Otto and Frieda were married on her birthday in 1940. Frieda, daughter of Christ and Louisa Weispfenning (nee Rath), was born October 10, 1910, three miles north of Fredonia on her parents' farm. Frieda attended school in Haag School District.

Mr. and Mrs. Buerkle farmed with his father until 1952. At this time they purchased the Christ Eslinger farm where they still live today. They are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia. Their daughter, Mrs. Earl (Darlene) Schlenker, lives on a farm near Jud with her husband and their two children, Rory and Flora.

018. BUERKLEY, ALBERT & GAIL (Larson) 115

[picture] Albert Buerkley, a son of the late Johannes and Wilhilmina (nee Schimke) Buerkley, was born on October 5, 1907, in a sod house on his parents' farm 11 miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended the rural school where he received his education.



On September 26, 1941, Albert was united in marriage to Gail Bernice Larson, a daughter of Henry and Grace (nee Palmer) Larson, who was born on October 19, 1922, at Pine Point Township, Ponsford, Minnesota. Gail received her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Henry Albert, 36, Coon Rapids, Minnesota; Donald Dean, 34, Colman, S. Dak.; Conrad Dale, 32, Washington, D.C.; Lila Sue, 20, Wadena, Minnesota.

The Burkleys are members of the First Lutheran Church at Dorset, Minnesota.

Before setting up in Minnesota, Albert farmed on his father's farm. In Minnesota, he settled down on a farm near Park Rapids, where he was engaged in the dairy business and producing grain. At the present, they are retired and Albert enjoys fishing.

019. BUERKLEY, FRED & CHRISTINA (Burkle) 115

[picture] Fred Buerkley, son of Henry and Doretha Nittle Buerkley, was born three and one-half miles northwest of Kulm, N. Dak., in LaMoure County on June 8 1899.

Christina Burkle, daughter of Martin and Eva Oberlander Burkle, was born on March 30, 1902, on a farm three miles east of Fredonia in LaMoure County on her father's homestead, now known as the Henry Fehling Farm, where she grew up and attended the country school.

On December 30, 1919, Fred and Christina were united in marriage by Rev. H. Nuetzmann from Kulm in the Congregational Church in Fredonia.

The Buerkleys farmed in the Fredonia and Kulm area. In 1941, they bought a farm three miles west of Kulm which was Fred's father's farm and is now the Ronald Kinzler farm. There they raised the family and by occupation were farmers. In 1956, they sold the farm and moved to Jamestown where they are now retired.

The Buerkleys are members of the First Baptist Church.

To this union eleven children were born: Robert, Herbert, and Vivian Heidinger, all of Kulm; Palmer, Fredonia; Floyd and E. Lucille Walker, Fargo, N. Dak.; Marilyn Weiler, Moorhead, Minn.; and Frederich, Jamestown. Three children died in infancy. Fred and Christina Buerkley have 19 grandchildren and 10 great grandchildren.

On October 7, 1978, a grandchild, Howard Weiler, died in a car accident with two of his friends at Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. God has not promised skies always blue, joy without sorrow, peace without pain. But he promised strength for the day, undying kindness, and undying love. Thoughts from grandma and Grandpa Buerkley.

020. BUERKLEY, PALMER & ELLA (Schock) 116

[picture] Palmer LeMar Buerkley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buerkley, was born January 28, 1925, in McIntosh County south of Fredonia. He was married

December 8, 1946, at Kulm to Ella Schock, daughter of Christina and the late John Schock. Ella was born March 7, 1928, also in McIntosh County south of Fredonia. At the time of their marriage Palmer was employed at Stroehl's Service Station, and Ella was employed at the Bjornson Drug Store in Kulm. In 1951 Palmer started to work for the Kulm Farmers Elevator as a second man. In 1966 he was asked to take the managing position at the Fredonia Farmers Elevator. He accepted, so he and his family moved to Fredonia where he has successfully managed the elevator to the present time. Mrs. Buerkley is part-time bookkeeper at the elevator, and a distributor for Neo-Life Dietary Supplements, Vitamins, and Minerals.

Palmer and Ella were blessed with two children: Cynthia Ann, born February 2, 1948, and Anthony Palmer, born August 18, 1950. Both are graduates of the Kulm High School. Cynthia received her college education at Pillsburg Bible College, Owatonna, Minn. She is married to James Campbell of Anderson, Ind., where they are both teaching at the Indiana Christian Academy. They have three children. Anthony is a graduate of Wahpeton State School of Science and is managing the Kulm Credit Union. He is married to Sherry Nill, and they have one daughter.

Palmer is a member of the Fredonia Fire Department and has been fire chief several times. His favorite sports are golfing and fishing. Ella enjoys swimming and bicycling. The Buerkleys are active members of the First Congregational Church at Kulm. Both are teaching Sunday School and often sing duets together. Mr. Buerkle has been Sunday school superintendent and deacon for many years. Mrs. Buerkle is a member of the Dorcas Society, mixed choir and ladies' chorus. Their greatest interest in life is being used of the Lord and being a blessing to others.

021. BURKLE, GLENN & JOAN (Fiechtner) 116

[picture] Glenn Allan Burkle was born to his parents, Raymond and Alvina Rudolph Burkle, both native Fredonia residents, on October 28, 1949, at Jamestown, N.D. He received his education at Nathan Rural School District No. 20 for the 1st and 2nd grades, the Fredonia Public School for the 3rd and 4th grades, the Gackle Public School, graduating with the Class of 1967, and attending the University of North Dakota at Ellendale. He entered the United States Army in January, 1972, being stationed in Vietnam from July, 1972, through March, 1973, and being discharged from active military service at Ft. Bragg, N.D., in October, 1973. He is employed as office manager with the State Headquarters of the Department of the North Dakota American Legion, and is attending both North Dakota State University in Fargo and Moorhead State University in Moorhead, Minn., receiving training for becoming a Certified Public Accountant and a Consultant Cost Accountant to electrical power and utility firms.

John Kay Fiechtner was born to her parents, Russell and Delores Erbele Fiechtner, both native Lehr residents, on December 5, 1955, at Wishek, N.D. She received her education at Lehr Public School graduating with the Class of 1974 and attended North Dakota State University at Fargo. She is employed as a secretary with the North Dakota Agricultural Economics Rural Development Department at North Dakota State University and is also attending the university, receiving training for becoming a registered nurse.

Glenn and Joan were married on January 25, 1975, at the United Methodist Church in Lehr, are the parents of a three-year-old son, John Arden, and make

their home in West Fargo. They attend Faith Lutheran Church in West Fargo and are members of The American Legion and The American Legion Auxiliary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The Burkles are an adventurous outdoors family. They camp in the native outdoors, hunt upland game and waterfowl in North Dakota and selectively sport fish many of the renowned walleye producing lakes in Minnesota.

022. BURKLE, KORNARD & IRENE (Schnieder) 117

[picture] Kornard E. Burkle, son of the late John G. and Wilhelmina Schimke Burkle, was born on December 11, 1932, on the family farm eleven and one-half miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended the Fredonia Public School and Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1951.

On May 8, 1953, Kornard was united in marriage to Irene Schnieder, a twin daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antone Schnieder. Irene was born on April 9, 1934, in Strasburg, N. Dak. She received her elementary education in public school and Linton High School.

Two daughters were born to this union: Karen ( Mrs. John Stockman), Fargo, N. Dak., and Sharon (Mrs. Keith Kuntz), Dickinson, N. Dak. The Burkles have one grandson, Jason Kuntz.

Kornard and Irene are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Kornard has been working for Northwest Bell Telephone in various assignments and locations for the past 26 years. He is a member of the Air National Guard in Fargo, N. Dak., a member of the Lions and Elks Clubs, and the American Legion in Dickinson.

Kornard and Irene are making their home in Dickinson, N. Dak. They both enjoy fishing as their pastime.

023. BURKLE, RAYMOND & ALVINA (Rudolph) 117

[picture] Rymond Burkle, a son of the late Johannas G. and Wilhelmina (nee Schimke) Burkle, was born on December 27, 1921, at the family farm home, 11 1/2 miles northwest of Fredonia. He had elementary and general education and enrolled in Concordia College. He studied law and procedure with the supervision of the Law Department of the LaSalle Extension University of Chicago, Ill. He enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps and served 21 months plus, assigned consecutively to the 7,9, and 8 Corps, where he learned valuable conservation and other skills under the leadership of Army officers and civilian personnel. The 7 Corps consisted of National Parks and the Forestry Department. He worked as an apprentice in the International Peace Garden, situated on the Canadian and United States border in North Dakota and transferred to 9 Corps with headquarters at Yuma, Arizona, which rendered services to the Bureau of Reclamation. His duties were mainly building and maintaining existing irrigation feeder canals. He transferred to the 8 Corps with headquarters at Medford, Utah, which was made up of the Grazing and Water Conservation Department Service and consisted of building dams, spillways, and water reservoirs and reseeding grazing land. The general idea of having a CCC was to unite two wasted resources, our young men and the land, attempting to save both for the good of the country. Mr. Burkle was given an honorable discharge from this federal agency.

On July 2, 1944, Raymond was united in marriage to Alvina Rudolph, a daughter of the late Fred and Ottilia (nee Schlecht) Rudolph, who was born on November 29, 1920. She had elementary and high school education at Kulm, graduating with the Class of 1940.

Three children were born to this union: Wayne Ray, Fredonia; Glenn Allen, West Fargo, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Dale (Debora Jane) Holmstrom, Gackle, N. Dak. They have five grandchildren.

The Burkles are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Raymond was active in church work, serving a number of years as chairman, Sunday School superintendent and teacher. He officiated at church services in the absence of the pastor, was chairman of the Educational Building Committee and served as a member of the History Committee of the church's 50th anniversary celebration.

Alvina is active in church functions, past president of the ALCW and a member of the Senior Choir for 22 years. She was a Sunday School teacher for many years and also taught rural school both in Haag and Nathan districts.

Mr. Burkle has served and is serving in county government functions: served as chairman of the Logan County School Officers Association, was appointed a member of the Logan County School District Reorganization, was clerk of Nathan School District and board member of Gackle Public School. He was a charter board member and vice president of Dickey Rural Telephone Mutual Aid Corporation.

Raymond was actively engaged in farming on his father's farm and after his marriage to Alvina, they continued the farming operation, which they later purchased. They are engaged in producing grain and raising livestock. Through the years this operation has been expanded mostly in livestock production. The last ten years they have been backgrounding steers and heifers for market purposes. At present they are in partnership with their son, Wayne, who assists in the operation of the farming business.

At the beginning of their farming experience there were no modern improvements which would help make farm life a little easier for the family. The first change causing improvements on the farm was the coming of the REA service to the area. The second change was the RTA service to the rural area. Raymond was instrumental in obtaining funds to build and construct a telephone plant which brought telephone service to the people of the community and surrounding countryside. Another project was the revamping of the school system. The need to reorganize school districts was eminent because of the greater educational opportunities in town and city schools in comparison to rural schools. It was with the determined efforts of the Logan County Reorganization Committee that the school districts were reorganized to provide better educational opportunities for the children and students both on the elementary and secondary educational level. Through reorganization bus transportation is being furnished to all the children living in rural areas to their respective schools. This system seems to adequately serve the educational needs of the students at this present time.

[picture] Richard Burkle, a son of the late John G. and Wilhelmina (nee Schimke) Burkle, was born on February 26, 1911, in Logan County.

Richard was united in marriage to Martha Rath, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Rath of Gackle, N.D.

Three children were born to this union: James R., Burnsville, Minn., an assistant manager of work at Control Data; Kenneth J., Temple City, Calif., a registered engineer for the State of California; and one daughter, Norma, who died at a young age.

Richard grew to manhood on the family farm 11 miles northwest of Fredonia. After his marriage to Martha, they continued to farm on the homestead for a few years. They decided to buy a farm in Stutsman County, three miles north of Gackle, where they were active in raising cattle and producing grains.

At present, they are semi-retired, still remaining on their own farm.

025. BURKLE, ROLAND & ANNETTA (Rudolph) 119

[picture] Roland Burkle was born in the Fredonia vicinity on January 24, 1926, to Mr. and Mrs. John G. Burkle. He received his elementary education in Fredonia and entered the CC Camp at an early age. He served in the U.S. Navy in the Pacific Theatre during World War II. He received the U.S. Navy American Theatre Campaign Medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theatre Campaign Medals and the Campaign and Service Victory World War II Medal.

In 1945 he married Annetta Rudolph, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Rudolph of Fredonia. Mr. Burkle was owner and operator of the Kulm Café for a while. After selling the café he rented the homestead belonging to Mathias Schlecht, Sr., located on section two of Nathan Township, twelve miles northwest of Fredonia. After several successful years of ranching and grain farming, he bought the homestead and has since then added more land and buildings to this farming unit.

They are the parents of four children: Vernon, born in 1948, is married to Dona Hummel of Gackle. They have one son, Levi. They are both attending the University at Grand Forks. Chan Duane, born in 1951, was a drowning victim at an early age of twelve in 1964. DeLynn, born in 1956, has attended Bismarck Junior College and is presently doing construction work in Bismarck. Jonathan, born in 1958, is helping his father with the farming operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Burkle are members of Emanuel Lutheran Church of Gackle.

Mr. Burkle is a member of the American Legion, the 40 et 8, the Eagles Club and the national Wildlife Club. He also served on church committees, election boards and local school boards.

Mrs. Burkle received her elementary and secondary education in Fredonia and Kulm and received her college training in Bismarck and Ellendale. She has taught rural schools for ten years in the Wishek and Fredonia areas and is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary.

026. BURKLE, RUDOLPH & LYDIA (Batsch) 119

[picture] Rudolph Burkle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Burkle, was born on April 25, 1894, in LaMoure County, four miles east of Fredonia where he farmed until 1937 when he and his family moved to Devils Lake, N. Dak.

On March 22, 1917, Rudolph was married to Lydia Batsch, who was born in South Russia on December 16, 1898. She had come to the United States when she was nine years old with her parents and settled on a farm south of Gackle, N. Dak.

After their marriage, they lived on the old homestead of Martin Burkle until 1937 when they moved to Devils Lake. There he was employed in the creamery until 1944. They then moved to Jamestown, N. Dak., where he was employed by the Carpenter Lumber Company.

To this union six children were born: Eleanora Burkle, Kulm; Clifford Burkle, Jamestown; Milbert, who was killed in World War II; Mrs. Francis (Alvina) Docktor, Jamestown; Rolland Burkle, Seattle, Wash.; and Mrs. Duane (Jona) Rohde, Watertown, S. Dak.

The Rudolph Burkles were lifetime members of the First Congregational Church. Mr. and Mrs. Burkle both went to be with their Lord in February of 1960.

027. BURKLE, VICTOR & LAVINA (Haag) 119

[picture] Victor L. Burkle, son of the late John G. and Wilhelmina Schimke Burkle, was born on July 17, 1923, on the family farm 10 miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended the rural school and received his elementary education, and also attended Kulm High School

On April 1, 1945, Victor was united in marriage to Lavina A. Haag, a daughter of Nathaniel and Marie Oelke Haag. Lavina was born on January 20, 1923, on the family farm in Logan County, west of Fredonia. She completed her elementary education.

Two children were born to this union: Margaret M. Schroeder, Lincoln, Nebraska, and ElRoy V., Fargo, N. Dak.

The Burkles are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia. Victor has been serving on the church board and teaching Sunday school. They are engaged in cattle and grain farming.

028. BURKLE, WAYNE & DIANA (Job) 120

[picture] Wayne Ray Burkle was born on October 11, 1945, at Kulm, the oldest son of Raymond and Alvina (Rudolph) Burkle. Wayne received his education at Nathan Rural School District up to the fifth grade, the Fredonia Public School through the eighth grade and the Gackle Public School, graduating with the Class of 1964. He grew to manhood on his parents' farm and is farming jointly with his parents at the present time.

On August 27, 1967, Wayne married Diana Rae Job at the First Baptist Church of Linton, N.D., with Rev. E.J. Faul officiating. Diana, the daughter of the late Paul and Chrstine (Schmierer) Job of Linton, was born on August 28, 1946, at Bismarck, N. Dak. She attended country school at Temvik, N. Dak.,

Omio District No. 20, while she lived on a farm 13 miles northeast of Linton. In 1960, Diana moved to Linton and attended Linton High School.

The Burkles are blessed with three children: Cherie Kay, born January 31, 1968; Sandi Christine, born January 18, 1972; and Kacey Lynne, born April 16, 1975.

The Burkles attend the Grace Baptist Church at Gackle and live 12 miles northwest of Fredonia.

029. CLIFTON, RICHARD & PAULETTE (Entzi) 120

[picture] Richard Clifton, son of Mr. Leo Clifton of Minneapolis, Minn., and of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hrobsky of Fort Atkinson, Wisc., was born Jan. 5, 1949, at Fort Atkinson, Wisc. He is a 1967 graduate of Fort Atkinson High School. He started working at Crepaco, Inc., in 1967. Richard took a leave of absence from Crepaco, Inc., to enter the Army on Feb. 28, 1969, where he was an assistant gunner in the infantry in Vietnam.

Richard was injured in Vietnam and returned to the United States where he finished his Army duty in Texas. He returned to work at Crepaco, Inc, in 1971, where he is still employed.

On July 21, 1973, Richard Clifton married the daughter of Harold and Violet (Huse) Entzi. Paulette was born August 28, 1949, at Eureka, S.D. She is a 1967 graduate of Lehr High School. She also attended the State School of Science at Wahpeton for two years and graduated with a secretarial diploma. Paulette was employed as a secretary and clerk for four years at the Kulm school.

One son was born to Richard and Paulette, Jeremy Richard, who was born August 27, 1976, at Fort Atkinson, Wisc.

The Cliftons now live in Fort Atkinson, Wisc.

030. COPPIN, JACK & BERNADINE (Kath) 120

Jack Coppin, son of Fred and Lydia Coppin, was born January 10, 1931, at Hankinson, N.D. He attended grade and high school at Hankinson.

Bernadine, daughter of Charles and Erna Kath, was born February 22, 1932, at Hankinson, N.D., and attended school through the eighth grade there.

On March 8, 1963, the Coppins adopted Marla Jo. The Coppins lived in Fredonia from September of 1954 until January of 1967. Jack was the depot agent. They were members of the Zion Lutheran Church in Kulm during the time they lived here. Bernadine belonged to the Clifford Ost American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 260, Homemakers and the Community Club. From Fredonia they moved to Valley City for a year and then to Bismarck.

Jack is remarried now. Bernadine and Marla Jo live in Bismarck.

031. DALLMAN, CHRIST & MARTHA (Kaldun) 121

[picture] Christ Dallman, a son of the late Christian and Justina (nee Konrad) Dallman, was born on October 21, 1900, in Bessarabia, South Russia. He received his elementary education.

On December 19, 1926, Christ was united in marriage to Martha Kaldun, a daughter of Feridant and Marie Kaldun, who was born on April 17, 1903, in Bessarabia, South Russia. Martha received her elementary education.

Two children were born to this union: Mrs. Victor (Bernice) Krueger, Jamestown, N. Dak.; and Eldon, farming on the former Christ Dallman farm, near Fredonia.

Mr. Dallman was active in rural community affairs, serving in township offices and assisting in the various government farm programs at the local level. He was treasurer of the Nathan School District for many years. Christ and Martha farmed in the Fredonia area until 1959 when they moved to Jamestown, N.D., to make their home. They were both employed at various places until their retirement. Christ retired in 1972 and Martha in 1976. Christ and Martha celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in the St. John's Lutheran Church in 1976. Christ had been in poor health for some time and passed away on October 11, 1977. Martha is making her home in Jamestown.

032. DALLMAN, JOHN & MARTHA (Widmer) 121

[picture] Johannas (John) Dallman, son of the late Christian and Justina (Konrad) Dallman, was born on September 14, 1892, in Paris, Bessarabia, South Russia. He had some elementary education.

On December 13, 1920, John was united in marriage to Martha Widmer, a daughter of George and Anna Maria (Haag) Widmer. Martha was born on January 12, 1895, in Russia. She had some elementary education.

One daughter was born to this union: Viola C. Dallman Ost, Fredonia.

John and Martha are members of Fredonia Congregational Church. They farmed 12 miles northwest of Fredonia until retiring to Fredonia in 1953. Mr. Dallman served in World War I, was a member of the Gackle American Legion and then of the Fredonia Legion. He was also an adopted veteran of the Auxiliary at Fredonia. Mr. Dallman died September 8, 1976.

Martha is at present a resident at the Wishek Retirement and Nursing Home since suffering a stroke in January, 1977.

033. DELZER, WILLIE & ADLINE (Mund) 121

Willie Delzer, son of Heinrich and Margaret (Krueg ) Delzer, was born Oct. 15, 1923, at Ashley, N. Dak.

Willie married Adline Mund Oct. 3, 1945. She is the daughter of Edwin and Adina (Liebig) Mund.

Adline was born Jan. 3, 1928, at Fredonia and attended Ashley High School

Willie died Oct. 20, 1976, in Billings, Mont.



He and Adline's children are Kathleen (Drange), 28, Billings, Mont.; Cynthia (Byars), 23, Billings, Mont., and William Delzer, 13, at home.

They have one grandchild, Kari Drange, age two.

They belong to the Lutheran Church.

Bill worked for Johnson and Holman Implement for a number of years and left Fredonia in 1950.

034. DITTUS, CLIFFORD & VERNA (Palaensky) 121

[picture] Clifford Dittus, son of John Dittus and Emma K. Herman (nee Mundt), was born June 10, 1925, in Logan County, one mile south of Fredonia. He graduated from the eighth grade in McIntosh County.

On October 18, 1953, he was united in marriage to Verna Palensky of Oakes, N. Dak., daughter of James and Leah Palensky (nee Kusler). Verna graduated from high school and attended two years of college at Ellendale, N. Dak.

They are engaged in farming five miles south of Fredonia, and are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church of Fredonia.

035. DITTUS, FRED & OLGA (Remien) 122

[picture] Mr. Fred Dittus, son of Jacob Dittus, Jr., and Christina (Vetter) Dittus, was born Sept. 5, 1907, on the homestead of Jacob Dittus, Jr., south of Fredonia. He graduated from the eighth grade.

Mrs. Fred Dittus (nee Olga Remien), daughter of Fred and Justina (Kaldun) Remien, was born on March 10, 1911, at Kulm.

Olga Remien was united in marriage to Albert Dittus January 21, 1940. He passed away August 25, 1947. To this union two children were born: Herbert Dittus, Beulah, N. Dak., and Mrs. Rosemary Debertain, Berthold, N. Dak.

On November 5, 1947, Fred Dittus and Olga Dittus were married, and their two children are Jack Dittus, Fredonia, and Mrs. Linda Rowley, Shakopee, Minn.

They farmed south of Fredonia and moved into Fredonia in 1971 where they are retired. They are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church at Fredonia.

036. DITTUS, GERHARD & LEONA (Rudolf) 122

[picture] Gerhard Dittus, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Dittus, was born April 21, 1927, in Logan County.

On July 1, 1953, he married Leona Rudolf of Wishek, N.D. They have two children, Mrs. LeRoy (Debbie) Littau of Bismarck, and Lyla. Gerhard and Leona have been married 25 years and are the proud grandparents of Rachelle and Jonathan Littau.

The Dittuses are living on the homestead farm of his parents and have farmed since the death of his father in 1948.

037. DITTUS, HILBERT & ESTHER (Hein) 122

[picture] Hilbert Ditus, son of Reinhold and Helen Dittus, was born June 9, 1926, at Fredonia. He graduated from the eighth grade.

On Sept. 14, 1947, he married Esther Hein, daughter of John and Christina Hein. Esther was born June 23, 1925, at Ashley, N. Dak., and graduated from the eighth grade.

In 1971 they moved to Lodi, California.

They have two children: Cordell, age 28, and June, age 18, both of Lodi.

Hilbert enjoys fishing.

Hilbert and Esther are members of the Ebenezer Congregational Church at Lodi.

038. DITTUS, JACK & ARLENE (Klein) 123

[picture] Jack Dittus was born March 20, 1950, to Fred and Olga Dittus. He grew up on the family farm 1 mile south of Fredonia. He attended rural school, Fredonia school, and graduated from Kulm High School.

On June 27, 1971, he married Arlene Klein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Klein of Lehr. They continued to farm on the family farm until May of 1972 when they sold the farm and moved to Lehr where Jack was employed by Klein Lumber. They lived in Lehr until October, 1978, when they moved to the Ellidhor Irion farm where Jack is now employed.

Jack and Arlene have two children: Kari Ann, age 7, and Jody Jacob, age 5.

039. DITTUS, LEWALTER & MARILYN (Koenig) 123

[picture] LeWalter Dittus was born on July 29, 1934, in Logan County one-half mile south of Fredonia. He had elementary and Kulm High School education.

LeWalter is the son of Reinhold and Helen (Suko) Dittus. On October 15, 1961, he married Marilyn Koenig, who was born on June 6, 1940, in a farm home near Millerton, N. Dak. Marilyn completed her elementary education. She is the daughter of Jacob and Magdalena Koenig.

Three children were born: Kevin, 14; Keith, 11; and Kurtis, 7.

The Dittuses belong to the Congregational Church.

Mr. Dittus states that he walked three and one-half miles (one way) through snow in bad and good weather carrying his lunch in an old fashioned one gallon cream pail while attending classes during his first year of schooling. That's a lot of walking in one day for a young boy!

LeWalter was inducted into military service in 1956, and spent 18 months overseas stationed in Germany. Following his separation from the service, he

went into farming, assisting his father with the chores and farm work. He sold his purchased farm and decided to move to Vancouver, Washington, in 1966, where he became employed as a carpenter, working for Harlen Miller, formerly of Wishek, N. Dak., for a period of 13 years. At the present time, the Dittuses are still residing in Vancouver.

040. DITTUS, LYDIA 123

Lydia Dittus, a daughter of the late Jacob and Katherina (nee Eszlinger) Dittus, was born on April 13, 1896, on the family homestead one mile south of Fredonia.

Lydia grew to womanhood on the family farm. She never married and continued to live on the farm with her brother, Emmanuel Dittus, who was born on April 18, 1898, and died on October 30, 1977.

After his death, Lydia sold the personal property through an auction sale and is now making her home at the Wishek Retirement Home, Wishek, N. Dak.

041. DOK, JAMES 123

James Clifford Dok, a son of Jennings and Emma (Kosanke) Dok, was born on July 27, 1936, in Kulm. He received his elementary education at the Fredonia Public School.

James attends the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Dok has never married and for the past 20 years has been working on a farm near Merricourt during the summer months and for a car dealership during the winter months in Jamestown, N. Dak.

James has one sister, Frances Dok Thompson, Ellendale, N. Dak.

042. DURR, AUGUST & MAGGIE (Goehring) 124

[picture] August Durr was born January 20, 1906, at Fredonia in Logan County to Gottlieb and Christina (Seefried) Durr. He graduated from the eighth grade at Fredonia. August and Maggie Goehring were married November 27, 1932. Maggie was born December 5, 1907, at Fredonia to Henry and Fredricka (Hoffman) Goehring. She attended country school in McIntosh County.

Their children are Arlene Rebenitsch and her husband is Robert J. They live in Mandan and have four children whose ages are 18, 17, 14, and 12. Arlene was born April 28, 1934, at Fredonia.

Darwin Durr and wife Verna Mae (Walz) of Portland, Oregon, have four children, ages 21, 19, 17, and 14. Darwin was born June 8, 1936, at Fredonia.

August and Maggie are members of the First Baptist Church at Bismarck. August's mother, Mrs. Fredericka Goehring, still lives at the Wishek Retirement Home at Wishek, N.D., and was 90 in November, 1978.

They left Fredonia in the year 1939 and moved to Bismarck where they have been active in the hardware business ever since.

They are retired but like bowling, traveling, homemaking, gardening, and going to church activities.

043. DURR, GOTTHIELF & KATHRYN (Lebedoff) 124

Gotthielf Durr was born September 18, 1900, and died September, 1959. Kathryn Lebedoff Durr was born January 6, 1902, and died May, 1968. They lived two and one-half miles west of Fredonia and moved to Aberdeen, S. Dak., in October, 1942. They were married in December, 1920, in Fredonia.

Six children were born: Wilbert A. Durr, 56, Fresno, California; Luella Miller, who died at age 51, February, 1974, at Lehr, N. Dak.; Harry Durr, 53, Limon, Colorado; Mildred Sukut Busing, 50, Conde, S. Dak., and Merle Miller, 50, Kirkland, Washington (twins); and Jeanette Steen, 46, Ipswitch, S. Dak.

044. DURR, GOTTLIEB & THEOLENA (Mundt) 124

[picture] Gottlieb Durr, a son of the late Gottlieb, Sr., and Christina (nee Seefried) Durr, was born on July 8, 1907, at the family farm home, 2 1/2 miles west of Fredonia. He attended Wishek High School, barber college at Fargo, N. Dak., and took a home course in the California Agriculture Code with on the job training.

On August 1, 1932, Gottlieb was united in marriage to Theolena Mundt, a daughter of the late Gottlieb and Sophia (nee Kroll) Mundt, who was born on Marcy 15, 1911, in a farm home seven miles northeast of Lehr. Theolena attended elementary school and had on the job training in various occupations.

Five children were born to this union: Adeline Osterhoudt, Anaheim, Calif.; Delano and Kenneth, both of San Bernadino, Calif.; Evangeline Johns, New York City; and Olga Smith, Redondo Beach, Calaiif.

They are members of the Lutheran faith.

The Durrs are members of AARPS and AHSGR, also Mountain Air Mobile Home Park Social Club. Gottlieb worked for California Department of Agriculture as senior inspector and fruit and vegetable standardization inspector. He retired in 1970. He also worked in the building industry for many years prior to 1970 in California.

Theolena worked several years in defense work before retiring in September, 1966. They did a great job in their early married years as homemakers in bringing up their five children.

045. DURR, OTTO & MARGARET (Thurn) 125

[picture] Otto Durr, a son of the late Gottlieb, Sr., and Christina (nee Seefried) Durr, was born on May 24, 1902, on the family farm 2 1/2 miles west of Fredonia. He received his elementary education.

On June 14, 1925, Otto was united in marriage to Margaret Thurn in the St. Luke's Lutheran Church in Wishek, N. Dak.

Three children were born to this union: Jeannine, Mrs. Jack Carlin, Sacramento, California, 48 years old; Marlon, Sacramento, California, 52 years old; and Natalie, Mrs. Richard Palm, Marysville, California, 51 years old. There are four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

They were members of the Lutheran church.

The Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Otto Durr of Marysville was celebrated on June 15, 1975. They have lived in California since 1944.

046. EISEMAN, ELMER & IDA (Hildenbrand) 125

Elmer Eiseman, son of Jacob and Amelia Eisman (nee Diegel), was born Dec. 11, 1934, at Wishek, N.D. He attended school at Wishek, N.D.

On Sept. 11, 1960, he married Ida Hildenbrand, daughter of John and Emma Hildenbrand (nee Long) of Wishek. Ida was born at Eureka, S.D., July 3, 1942. Ida attended grade and high school at Wishek.

For a time after their marriage they lived at Wishek. In 1961 they moved to Aberdeen, S.D., where Elmer was employed with Surge. In 1962, Elmer and Ida moved to Kulm where Elmer worked at the Kulm Civic and Improvement Association. In 1966 they purchased the Fredonia Bar and operated it until July 1, 1975. Robert and Bernice Hahne then purchased the bar.

During the time the Eisemans lived in Fredonia, they were members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Elmer was a volunteer fireman, member of the American Legion, served on the city board as an alderman and acting mayor.

In July of 1975 they moved to Wishek where they now operate the Chicken Hut.

They have four children at home: Darcy, Gergory, Kim and Debra.

They are presently members of St. Luke's Lutheran Church.

047. EISENBEIS, REINHOLD & HULDA (Krueger) 125

[picture] Reinhold Eisenbeis, son of the late Simon and Katherina (Schott) Eisenbeis, was born on October 27, 1897, in South Russia. On February 12, 1925, Reinhold was united in marriage to Hulda Krueger who was born on February 20, 1903 in Kulm to Ferdinand and Evalina Klettke Krueger.

Reinhold spent most of his boyhood days on the family farm and worked in the Fredonia area as a hired hand. After their marriage, they lived on various farms. In 1943, they bought the Schott farm, now owned by Harvey Fiechtner. In 1953, the Eisenbeises moved to Clinton, Iowa, where Reinhold was employed by the Corn Processing Co. for 12 years.

This union was blessed with six daughters: Mrs. LeRoy (Alva) Pfeifle, Clinton, Iowa; Mrs. Ted (Mavis) Weispenning, Fredonia; Mrs. Adrell (Shirley) Wolf, Clinton, Iowa; Mrs. Cliff (Joyce) Weispenning, Clinton, Iowa; Mrs.

Charles (Janice) Hall, Pasco, Washington; and Mrs. Allen (Karen) Redell, Eric, Illinois.

Reinhold and Hulda were active members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church while living in the Fredonia area. At present, they are members of the Zion Lutheran Church, Clinton, Iowa.

They are both retired.

048. ELHARD, BILL & ESTHER (Fiegert) 125

[picture] Mr. Bill Elhard was born on April 17, 1919, in the Fredonia community where he received his elementary education. He is the son of John and Louisa Elhard.

On June 24, 1942, he was united in marriage to Esther Fiegert who was born on June 2, 1924, at Streeter where she obtained her elementary education. She is the daughter of Fred and Teracea Fiegert.

They are the parents of four children: Jerry, age 35, Vancouver, Wash.; Delephine Ward, age 33, Portland, Oregon; Dale, age 31, Vancouver, Wash.; and Kenneth, age 29, Tacoma, Wash.

The Elhards go to the Presbyterian church. He is the president of the Vancouver Chapter of Dakota Club.

Bill and Esther farmed in the Fredonia area for a number of years and in 1949 they decided to go west. At the present time, he is a car salesman for Dodge & Plymouth Garage Inc. and has won numerous trips and vacations abroad and various places in this country for promoting the most sales for his employer. He is known as "Will Bill" by friends and fellow employees. They live at Vancouver, Washington.

049. ELHARD, CHRIST & CHRISTINA (Sukut) 126

[picture] Christ Elhard, son of Jacob and Louisa (Irion) Elhard, was born on March 15, 1906, in rural Lehr, N. D. He attended rural school.

On September 6, 1934, Christ united in marriage to Christina Sukut, a daughter of Edward, Sr., and Emma (Bender) Sukut. Christina was born on June 14, 1911, in Fredonia, Logan County, attending rural school where she received her elementary education.

One son was born to this union: Raymond Elhard, Jamestown, N.D.

After their marriage, the Elhards lived on various farms in the area. Due to Christ's health, they moved to Seattle, Washington, but the climate proved no help. In 1947, they came back to Fredonia to make their home here. Mr. Elhard worked at the gas station and was doing janitor work at the Lutheran Church, where they were members at the time. Christina was a member of the A.L.C.W. They moved to Jamestown, N.D., in 1953 where Mr. Elhard was employed and worked as long as his health permitted. At present, they are retired and live in Jamestown.

050. ELHARD, JACOB 126

Jacob Elhard was born in 1859 in Russia. He and his family came to the United States in 1891 where he homesteaded in the Fredonia community. His wife passed away in 1919. He farmed the homestead until 1927 when he retired and moved to Lehr. He passed away in 1938.

051. ELHARD, JOHN 126

[picture] John Elhard, a son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Elhard, was born on June 6, 1886, at Busdale [Posttal?], Russia. When he was five years old, John immigrated to the United States with his parents. Mr. Elhard homesteaded his land in 1907 in the Fredonia community.

In 1908, John was united in marriage to Doris Tomoski, who passed away the following year. In 1910, John married Louisa Schrum.

The following children were born: Mary Spiedel, Wishek, N.Dak., who died in 1976; Tate, Ardina Weishaar, and Adolph, all of Yakima, Washington; Magdaline Schulct, who died in 1935; William D., Vancouver, Washington; Carolina Bender, Jamestown, N. Dak.; and Baraba Haas, Santa Rosa, California.

John and Louisa Elhard farmed their homestead until 1946. They then moved to Lehr, N. Dak. John passed away in 1949. Mrs. Elhard is presently at the Oakes Nursing Home.

The photo was taken in April, 1912, and shows Mr. and Mrs. Elhard with their two oldest daughter, Mary and Ida.

052. ELHARD, OTTO & BERTHA (Heller) 127

[picture] Otto Elhard was born on February 13, 1908, in LaMoure County at Jud, 15 miles northeast of Fredonia. He is the son of Andrew and Katherine (Fode) Elhard. He had elementary education.

On October 25, 1932, Otto was united in marriage to Bertha D. Heller, who was born November 5, 1910, in Logan County, 13 miles northeast of Fredonia. She had elementary education. Bertha is the daughter of Sam and Katherine (Gumke) Heller.

Three daughters were born to Otto and Bertha. They are Betty Pennington, Dazey, N. Dak., Thelma Kvanvig, Hot Springs, Ark., and Alice, who died December 14, 1963.

The Elhards go to the Assembly of God Church.

Otto and Bertha started a general merchandizing business in Fredonia in March of 1939. The establishment was known as "The Economy Store." They obtained and sold just about everything that a person needed. Their daily and biggest sales were mostly groceries and clothing. In addition to his business, he was also selling insurance at that time.

Otto put on a Santa Claus Day for the kiddies for many years, making sure that Santa arrived with all the goodies and treats for the children at the specified time. What a big day for the youngsters! They enjoyed it all.

One of Otto's hobbies was photography. He spent many hours developing pictures for his customers. He stated that many of the pictures taken at the Golden jubilee Celebration were developed by him.

Otto and Bertha sold out on July 29, 1969, having been in the business for 30 some years. They moved to Kulm where Otto is still in the insurance business.

053. ENGELBRETSON, EMIL & LOIS (Brown) 127

[picture] Emil S. Engelbretson, a son of Thomas and Mary Engelbretson, was born on July 26, 1903, at Naples, S. Dak. He had elementary and high school education.

On December 3, 1927, Emil was united in marriage to Lois E. Brown, daughter of Charles and Eldora Brown. Lois was born on August 11, 1902, at Vinton County, Iowa. She graduated from elementary and high school and attended Northern State College, Aberdeen, S. Dak., for three years.

Emil, Lois and daughter Marcia Jo moved to Fredonia in June of 1955 when Emil became manager of the Fredonia Farmers Elevator. In the fall, "school marm" Lois began teaching grades 1-4 in the Fredonia Public, a position she held for nine years, and Marcia Jo began studies as a freshman in the Kulm High School.

Emil retired from a career of 45 years in the grain business in 1966, and Lois retired from a career of 26 years of teaching elementary school, the last two years of which were spent in the 1st grade room in the Lehr Public School. While residents of Fredonia, the Engelbretsons were active in community and church affairs. Emil served as president of the Community Club, and the family attended the Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

Marcia Jo was crowned queen of the Fredonia Celebration in 1956 and passed the crown on to Mabel Schultz in 1957. On August 28, 1960 she was united in marriage to Ted Hollan of Kulm in an afternoon ceremony at the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Both Ted and Marcia Jo taught school for a number of years. They now reside at Hendricks, Minnesota and are dairy farmers. They have two children Todd, 17, and Lisa, 15.

Emil and Lois moved to Astoria, S. Dak., upon their retirement. Emil was active in community and senior citizen affairs, and Lois kept busy with substitute teaching, ALCW functions and serving as a member of the church council. They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with an open house at the Bethel Lutheran Church shortly before Emil's death in December of 1977.

054. ENTZI, ALVIN & IRENE (Lux) 128

[picture] Alvin W. Entzi was born on October 19, 1932, in McIntosh County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Entzi.

Irene (Lux) Entzi was born on September 17, 1930, in McIntosh County, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Martin Lux.



Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Entzi were married on November 13, 1951, and lived with Alvin's parents for many years. In 1968, Alvin and Irene bought the family farm 6 1/2 miles southwest of Fredonia where they are still living and farming. They have stock cows and do some grain farming. Over the winter months, the Entzis have feeder calves.

The Entzis have three sons: Rodney and his wife, Cheryl (Miller) Entzi are farming with his parents; Randy lives in Bismarck, N.D., and works for Clark Equipment, Melroe Division; and Rory is at home and goes to Lehr school where he is in the fourth grade. The Entzis have one grandson, Jamie.

They are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

055. ENTZI, ANDREW & ESTHER (Munsch) 128

[picture] Andrew Entzi, son of Jacob, Sr. and Eva (Miller) Entzi, was born on August 22, 1908, on a farm five miles southeast of Lehr. This is where he received his education and grew to manhood.

On October 3, 1932, he was united in marriage to Esther Munsch, daughter of Karl and Ottilia Munsch. Esther was born on August 29, 1915, five miles southwest of Fredonia where she also received her education.

Mr. and Mrs. Entzi lived on their farm eight miles southwest of Fredonia. In 1973, they sold their farm to their son Leo and moved to Lehr to Retire.

They were blessed with five children:

Fred Entzi, married to Gerda Jenner. They have two sons: Mark, who works for the Bell Telephone Co., and Steven, at home. Fred and Gerda operate the hardware store in Lehr.

Leo Entzi, married to Patty Kramlich. They have two sons, Brian and Brent.

Lucille, Mrs. Ervin Glaesman, who resides in Lehr. Their son Dean is at home and their daughter Elvira is married to Lawrence Ketterling.

Arlys, Mrs. Marvin Kuhn. They and their son Bruce and two daughters Peggy and Connie live south of Gackle on their own farm.

Garry C. Entzi, deceased in infancy.

Mr. and Mrs. Entzi are members of the Congregational Church at Fredonia where Mr. Entzi was a trustee for many years. He also served on the school board in his district for a few years.

056. ENTZI, ANDY & PHYLLIS (Moldenhauer) 128

[picture] Andy Entzi, son of John and Magdalena Presler Entzi, Sr., was born on August 20, 1928, in Logan County. He attended school and received his elementary education.

On November 25, 1953, Andy was united in marriage to Phyllis Moldenhauer, a daughter of Lucas and Hulda (Dickoff) Moldenhauer. Phyllis was born on April

28, 1935, in McIntosh County. She attended the regular school and received her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Boyd, who is married, has two sons, and is active in farming; Yvonne, Kelly, Lynette, all at home.

The Entzis are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church. Andy and Phyllis are engaged in farming.

057. ENTZI, BRUCE & LEEANN (Hochhalter) 129

[picture] Bruce Lynn Entzi, son of Harold and Violet (Huse) Entzi, was born March 15, 1957, at Eureka, S.D. Bruce is a 1975 graduate of Lehr High School, and he attended Mary College at Bismarck, N.D.

On August 13, 1977, Bruce married the daughter of Elmer L. and Phillis (Miller) Hochhalter. Lee Ann was born June 30, 1958, at Wishek, N.D. Lee Ann is a 1976 graduate of Lehr High School, and she has a one year secretarial certificate from Bismarck Junior College.

Bruce and Lee Ann are presently living in Lehr and are farming together with his father, Harold, and brother, Gregory.

One child was born to Bruce and Lee Ann: Hope Ann, born June 17, 1978, at Ashley, N.D.

058. ENTZI, EDWARD & EMMA (Ketterling) 129

[picture] Edward Entzi was born on February 1, 1903, son of Jacob and Eva (Miller) Entzi, on a farm 6 1/2 miles east of Lehr. He married Emma Ketterling, the daughter of Jacob and Christina (Christman) Ketterling on September 2, 1924, at Shaley. They farmed at various locations near Fredonia and Lehr until 1940. They settled on a farm nine miles east and one mile south of Lehr, known as the Jacob Friederick farm. In 1972, they moved into Lehr, where they made their home.

Edward served as clerk, director and treasurer of Hoffnungstall School District. They are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Fredonia.

The couple celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on September 1, 1974.

Edward passed away on May 17, 1975, following an illness.

They were blessed with six children: Harold, Fredonia; Alvin, on the homestead farm; Mrs. Edwin (Esther) Fuchs, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Mrs. Arnold (Adeline) Fuchs, Fredonia; Mrs. Edna Weispfenning, Fredonia; and Mrs. Darrel (Etala) Ruff, Lehr.

Emma Ketterling Entzi passed away on December 2, 1978.

059. ENTZI, GEDION & MILDRED (Hoffman) 129

[picture] Gedion Entzi, son of John and Maggie (nee Preszler) Entzi, was born July 3, 1927, on a farm west of Fredonia in Logan County. He received

his education in a country school west of Fredonia. Gedion and Mildred Hoffman were united in marriage on April 11, 1956. Mildred, daughter of John and Claudina (nee Riech) Hoffman, was born November 1, 1935, on a farm south of Fredonia in McIntosh County. She received her education in a country school south of Fredonia. Gedion and Mildred have lived on the former Dan Lutt farm west of Fredonia since their marriage. They are members of the Berlin Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Entzi have three children: Elnerta and Rita at NDSU in Fargo, and Douglas at home.

060. ENTZI, GREGORY & TRESIA (Davis) 130

[picture] Gregory Lee Entzi, son of Harold and Violet (Huse) Entzi, was born on May 26, 1951, at Eureka, S.D. He graduated from Lehr High School in 1969.

On June 1, 1969, Gregory and Tresia Davis were united in marriage. They were married in Fredonia Martin Luther Lutheran Church by the Rev. Marvin Lapp.

Tresia is the daughter of Morris J. (Jimmy) and Ethel LoRee (Herren) Holman of Fredonia. She was born on Dec. 25, 1949, in Anchorage, Alaska. Tresia graduated from Kulm High School in 1969.

They are presently farming nine miles southwest of Fredonia with his parents, the Harold Entzis, and his brother, Bruce.

Two children were born to Gregory and Tresia: LoRee Ann, born Oct. 13, 1969, in Fargo, N.D., and James Lee, born April 22, 1971, in Eureka, S.D.

Gregory is a member of the American Hereford Association and a 4-H leader for McIntosh County. He also raises registered Horned Herefords.

Tresia is a member of the American Legion Auxiliary and a 4-H leader for McIntosh County.

The Gregory Entzis attend the Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia.

061. ENTZI, HAROLD & VIOLET (Huse) 130

[picture] Harold Entzi, son of Edward and Emma (Ketterling) Entzi, was born March 13, 1925, at Guyson, N.D.

On June 20, 1948, Harold Entzi married the daughter of Herman C. and Bertha (Hill) Huse. Violet was born April 2, 1925, at Oakes, N.D.

In 1948 Harold and Violet bought the John Hauff farm nine miles southwest of Fredonia.

Four children were born to Harold and Violet: Mrs. Richard (Paulette) Clifton, born August 28, 1949; Gregory, born May 26, 1951; Bruce, born March 15, 1957; and Donald, born July 9, 1968.

Harold has served on the board of the Fredonia Farmers Co-op Elevator Co. for the past 20 years.

For six years Violet taught school at Lehr and the townships of Antelope and Hoffnungsthal. She has also been a 4-H leader for the past 21 years.

The Harold Entzis are presently farming together with their two older sons, and they are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Fredonia.

062. ENTZI, LEO & PATRICIA (Kramlich) 130

[picture] Leo Brien Entzi was born Nov. 27, 1933, to Andrew and Esther (Munsch) Entzi near Fredonia. He has two sisters and one brother, and received his education in the rural schools. He lived at Fredonia all his life.

Patricia Louise (Kramlich) Entzi was born Jan. 1, 1938, at Eureka, S.D., to Reinhold and Elsie (Roemmick) Kramlich. In 1949 her parents bought the café in Ashley, N.D., where she worked until 1956 and received her education.

Leo and Patricia were married Sept. 2, 1956, at the Zion Lutheran Church. They moved in with his parents for one year, then moved to another house which was moved in the yard.

Andrew and Leo farmed together until 1973 when his folks moved to Lehr, and they bought the farm.

They go to the Lehr Baptist Church where she is taking an active part and enjoys her hobbies.

They have two sons, Brian Leo, born Feb. 13, 1961, and Brent Russell, born June 13, 1968. Both were born at Eureka, S.D., and attended the Lehr School.

063. ENTZI, RODNEY & CHERYL (Miller) 131

Rodney Entzi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin W. Entzi, was born July 19, 1952, at Jamestown, N.D. He graduated from Lehr High School and attended Wahpeton State School of Science for three years studying architectural drafting.

Rodney and Cheryl Miller were united in marriage November 4, 1972. Cheryl, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Miller of Lehr, was born May 10, 1954, at Seattle, Wash. Cheryl graduated from Lehr High School. Mr. and Mrs. Entzi live on a farm southwest of Fredonia. They are Lutheran. Their son Jamie is five years old.

064. ENTZIE, ALVINE & DELORES (Ruff) 131

[picture] Alvin Entzie was born to John and Magdaline Entzie on October 15, 1929. He received his elementary education.

On November 1, 1953, Alvin was united in marriage to Delores Ruff, daughter of John and Magdaline Ruff. Delores was born on November 22, 1934. She completed her elementary education.

Alvin and Delores were blessed with five children: Mrs. Sharon Eiseman, Strasburg, N.D.; Ronald, at home; Mrs. Linda Stock, Wishek, N.D.; Wanda, Michigan; Sandra, at home.

The Entzies are members of the Fredonia Congregational Church. They enjoy camping, fishing, boating and hunting.

In 1953, they moved to Colorado and in 1964 they moved back to North Dakota and settled on a farm west of Fredonia.

065. ENTZIE, JACOB JR. & MATHILDA (Pressler) 131

[picture] Jacob Entzie, Jr., son of Jacob and Eva (nee Miller) Entzie, was born March 19, 1899, in McIntosh County. He passed away July 11, 1961.

As a young man, Jacob, Jr. married Mathilda Pressler, daughter of Johannus and Anna Pressler, on November 27, 1923. Mathilda was born October 24, 1904, in Logan County.

Jacob Jr. and Mathilda were educated in country schools in McIntosh and Logan Counties. They were members of the Ebenezer Baptist Church of Lehr, N.D.

They farmed on various farms in the Fredonia area. After the death of her husband, Mathilda moved to Lehr where she lived until she became seriously ill in 1971. She was taken to a nursing home in Seattle, Wash., where she passed away on March 6, 1972.

To Jacob, Jr. and Mathilda were born four children: Edwin, who farms near Lehr, N.D.; Marie, Mrs. Arthur Bernier, who lives near Fairbanks, Ala.; Belle, Mrs. A. Herman, who lives in Auburn, Wash.; and Alma, Mrs. John Tafil, who lives in Seattle, Wash.

066. ESLINGER, CHRISTIAN & PAULINE (Buerkle) 131

[picture] Christian Eslinger, a son of the late Johann and Katherina Eslinger, was born on January 7, 1893, near Fredonia. He had a formal education.

On January 16, 1916, Christian was united in marriage with Pauline Buerkle, a daughter of the late Henry and Dorathea Buerkle, who was born on March 10, 1897, in South Russia. She had a formal education.

Eleven children were born to this union: Alice (Mrs. Solomon Herman), Mrs. Delores Simms, James Eslinger, all of Jamestown, N. Dak.; Vila (Mrs. Wilbert Konrad), Kulm; Mrs. Grace Schmitt, Fergus Falls, Minn.; Lulla (Mrs. Leo Molinari), Mountain City, Nevada; LeMar Eslinger, Idaho Falls, Ida.; and Delino Eslinger, Detroit, Mich. The following children are deceased: Edwin Eslinger, Pocatello, Ida., died in 1969; Leonite Eslinger, died at the age of three years; and Walter and his wife Clare (Bangert) Eslinger, both killed in a car accident on January 18, 1978.

The Eslingers are members of the Baptist Church in Jamestown.

Christian and Pauline both are children of North Dakota pioneer families. They recall vividly the wild open prairies where there were no fences, telephone lines nor electricity. Their lives run very much the same: they recall their youth days spent herding cattle and sheep. School days were few and far in between. Winter months were very difficult; springtime brought

spring work for which the children were needed. However they managed to learn to read, write and figure well enough to continue a self-education program of their own. They learned along with their own school children as time progressed. At present they are both well and living in Jamestown, retired from a busy full and useful life.

They celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1966. All their children were present and well to help that celebration. They rejoice in the Lord for blessing them so bountifully all these years!

067. ESLINGER, DAN & ELIZABETH (Bollinger) 132

Mr. Dan C. Eslinger, son of Christian and Otilie Eslinger, was born January 30, 1908, 20 miles north of Fredonia in Logan County.

On January 25, 1929, he was united in marriage to Elizabeth Bollinger, daughter of Ludwig and Eva Bollinger.

Mrs. Eslinger was born at Merricourt, N.D., in Dickey County and graduated from high school.

Mrs. Eslinger has a Master's Degree in Education and taught school for 18 and one-half years, was abstractor for 21 years in Dunn County and has been retired since 1973. They are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Dickinson, N.D. Their children are: Lewellyn L. Eslinger, 1768 Via Flares, San Jose, Calif.; Donald D. Eslinger, 777 Hallenbeck Ave., Sunnyvale, Calif.; and Vione (Eslinger) Twing, 505 S. Francis, Sunnyvale, Calif.

068. ESLINGER, DAVID & ELIZABETH (Lebedoff) 132

David Eslinger, a former Logan County clerk of court, was born in 1892 on his parents' homestead northwest of Fredonia. He was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. John Eslinger. He was educated in Logan County schools, and on March 8, 1917, he married Elizabeth Lebedoff in Fredonia. She was born January 16, 1893, near Odessa, South Russia, and was the youngest daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. David Lebedoff. She came to America in 1898 in the company of her widowed mother, three sisters and one brother.

After several years of farming on a portion of the old Eslinger homestead north of Fredonia, they moved to Napoleon where Mr. Eslinger served as district clerk of court for ten years (1925-1935). From 1935 to 1962, they lived at Bismarck where Mr. Eslinger served as director of auto transportation with the Public Service Commission and later as an examiner for the North Dakota Insurance Department. On Mr. Eslinger's retirement in 1962, they moved to Lodi, California, and later to Anderson, California.

They had eight children. They are Hilbert and Roland of Bismarck; Mrs. Victor (Nora) Nelson of Park Ridge, Illinois; Mrs. Alfred (Angie) Sennenberg of Tacoma, Wash.; Harry and Clarence of Anderson, Calif.; Mrs. Rodney (Delores) Buehring of Dunwoody (Atlanta), Georgia; one son, Lynn C., died in 1965.

Mr. Eslinger died on March 28, 1969, and Mrs. Eslinger died on September 20, 1975. They are buried at the Cherokee Cemetery at Lodi, Calif.

069. ESLINGER, EDWARD & CLARA (Zwicker) 132

Edward J. Eslinger, son of Johann and Katherine Eslinger, was born on June 13, 1908 in Fredonia. He received grade school, high school, college (B.A. degree) and seminary (Tr. B. degree) education.

On September 18, 1935, Edward was united in marriage to Clara A. Zwicker, daughter of Gottfred and Elizabeth Zwicker. Clara was born on August 10, 1915, at Coleharbor, North Dakota. She received grade school education and attended Community Technical College.

The Eslingers attend the United Church of Christ Congregational Church. They are active in church activities.

Edward and Clara are members of Community Concert Association, members of Church Fellowship organization, members of Ministers and Souses organization of the Lincoln Association of the United Church of Christ.

Three children were born to this union: Janet, Mrs. Richard Braham, Franklin, Indiana; Gerald L. Eslinger, senior minister at Central Congregational Church, Topeka, Kansas; and Ronald L. Eslinger, minister of First Congregational Church, Ypsilanti, Michigan.

Edward and Clara are retired from the ministry.

070. ESLINGER, EMANUEL & HANNAH (Wolf) 133

[picture] Emanuel Eslinger was born on November 22, 1896, in Logan County near Fredonia, the son of Johann and Katherine Eslinger. He attended school through the eighth grade. Emanuel passed away on october 5, 1963.

On March 12, 1919, he married Hannah Wolf, the daughter of Frederick and Marie Wolf. She was born on January 5, 1901, in Fredonia. She attended school through the sixth grade.

The Eslingers were blessed with two children: Mrs. Ray (Esther) Kapp, Norfolk, Neb., and Paul Eslinger, Minneapolis, Minn.

Hanna makes her home in Lincoln, Nebraska, but keeps her church membership at the Congregational Church in Fredonia. Her activities include being a member of the Ladies Aid in Fredonia, quilting and needlework. She attends the Foursquare Church in Lincoln.

The Eslingers lived on a farm five miles northwest of Fredonia. In 1963 they sold the property and moved to Lincoln, Nebraska, where Hannah still resides.

071. ESLINGER, PAUL & VIOLET (Ketterling) 133

[picture] Paul Walter Eslinger, a son of the late Emanuel and Hannah (nee Wolf) Eslinger, was born on March 24, 1925, in the family farm home a few miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended rural school in Haag district and has high school and college education.

On June 10, 1948, Paul was united in marriage to Violet Ketterling, a daughter of Emil and Emma Ketterling, who was born on February 23, 1930, at Burnstad, N. Dak.

Four children were born to this union: Donavon Paul, Cambridge, Minn.; Darold Perry, Colorado Springs, Colo.; Debra Paulette Secrest, Stuart, Iowa, and Dale Perry, Apple Valley, Minn.

The Eslingers are members of the Methodist church.

Paul and Violet farmed on this parents' farm for a few years. In October, 1956, they moved to various other areas and at present live at Apple Valley, Minnesota.

072. FANRICH, BERNARD & ESTHER (Diegel) 133

[picture] Bernard Fanrich was born on September 25, 1922, near Burnstad, N.D., the son of John and Lydia (Pritzkau) Fandrich. Bernard completed elementary education.

On June 22, 1947, Bernard was united in marriage to Esther Diegel, born March 30, 1926, near Burnstad, N.D., daughter of Johannes and Elizabeth (Holzworth) Diegel. Esther completed elementary education.

The Fandriches were blessed with five sons: Stanley and Jeffrey, Bedford, Texas; James, St. Paul, Minnesota; Mark and Perry, at home.

They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm.

Bernard was employed at the Fredonia Elevator but illness forced him to quit his job. In May, 1962, he started employment at Farmers Union Oil Co. at Kulm, where he is still employed.

The Fanriches lived in Fredonia from October, 1960, until September, 1961. They have two grandchildren.

073. FEHLING, HENRY & VIOLA (Hein) 134

[picture] Henry Fehling, son of Mrs. And Mrs. Jacob Fehling, was born April 3, 1910, three miles south of Fredonia. He went to country schools until the eighth grade.

On June 3, 1933, he was united in marriage to Viola Magdalene Hein, daughter of John and Christina (Fregien) Hein of Lodi, Calif.

Viola was born March 7, 1914, 15 miles east of Ashley. She attended a country school east of Ashley to the seventh grade.

Their children are: Mrs. Oscar (Lucille) Klipfel, Forbes, N.D.; Mrs. Elmo (Verna) Knutson, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Delbert (Dallas) Buchholz, Gwinner, N.D.; Mrs. Morris (Velora) Kruger, Fredonia; Mrs. Dennis (Judy) Mammel, Edgeley, N.D.; and Mrs. Larry (Caroline) Dallmann, Edgeley, N.D. On son, LeRoy Milton Fehling, passed away July 18, 1959.



They moved to a farm three miles east of Fredonia October 11, 1943, and lived on the farm as retired farmers.

At the present time they are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church at Fredonia.

074. FEY, ALBERT & LYDIA (Wolf) 134

[picture] Albert Fey was born on May 25, 1908, south of Fredonia In McIntosh County, the son of Jacob and Barbara (Heller) Fey.

On April 3, 1930, Albert was married to Lydia Wolf, the daughter of John and Christina (Miller) Wolf. Lydia was born on May 28, 1908, south of Fredonia in McIntosh County. Both Albert and Lydia had rural school education.

One son was born to this union, Leroy, who owns and operates the John Deere and Ford dealership in Ashley, N.D.

The Feys belong to the Baptist church where Albert was active as a Sunday School superintendent and also as deacon. He served as school treasurer in Rosenthal School District.

Albert died on February 3, 1966, and Lydia died on September 20, 1967.

075. FICK, JOHN & KATHLEEN (Tegeler) 134

[picture] John H. Fick was born January 5, 1951, in Sibley, Iowa, to Alfred and Elsie Fick. He was raised on a farm near Boyden, Iowa. In 1969, he graduated from the Boyden-Hull Community High School. He continued his education at Waldorf College in Forest City, Iowa, where he received an Associate of Arts Degree in 1971. From there he went to Luther College, Decorah, Iowa, where in 1973 he received a B.A. in history. He then attended Wartburg Seminary in Dubuque, Iowa, and received his Master of Divinity Degree in 1977.

Kathleen Ann Tegeler was born Oct. 22, 1954, in Waterloo, Iowa, to Robert and Evelyn Tegeler. She graduated in 1972 from the Sheldon Community High School in Sheldon, Iowa. From 1972 to 1974 she attended Luthern College. She then attended Clarke College in Dubuque, Iowa, where in 1977 she received a B.A. in drama.

John and Kathy were married June 8, 1974. After completing their educations, they moved to Fredonia, where John was called to be the pastor of Martin Luther Lutheran Church. They have lived in Fredonia since June of 1977.

076. FIECHTNER, CHRIST & MARTHA (Tiede) 135

[picture] Christ Fiechtner, a son of the late William and Sophia (nee Ottembacker) Fiechtner, was born on December 30, 1895, in Hoffnungsthal, South Russia. He attended school in Russia and the United States.

On August 25, 1929, Christ was united in marriage to Martha Tiede, a daughter of Johann and Katherina (nee Ziegler) Tiede, who was born on February 20,

1908, in the family farm home a few miles north of Fredonia. She attended a rural school and received her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Wilbert, Lehr, N. Dak., Mrs. William (Hilma) Geiszler, Gackle, N. Dak., Mrs. Marvin P. (Alfreida) Meidinger, Ashley, N. Dak., and Harvey, Fredonia.

The Fiechtners are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

After their marriage they settled on a farm northwest of Fredonia where they were active in farming, both raising cattle and producing grain.

In 1966 Christ and Martha decided to turn the farming business over to their son, Wilbert. They bought the former Ed F. Krueger home in Fredonia where they now reside and are both retired.

077. FIECHTNER, HARVEY & RAMONA (Meidinger) 135

[picture] Harvey C. Fiechtner, son of Christ and Martha (Tiede) Fiechtner, was born on April 10, 1938, on a farm northwest of Fredonia. He attended the local school where he completed his elementary education.

On October 24, 1958, Harvey was united in marriage to Ramona Meidinger. Ramona was born on February 8, 1939, on a farm near Venturia, N.D., to Paul and Emma (Wolf) Meidinger. Ramona attended the local school and completed her elementary education. Harvey grew up on his family farm and after their marriage, they bought a farm northwest of Fredonia known as the Reinhold Eisenbies farm. They are active in dairying, selling whole milk, and producing grain.

Three boys were born to this union: Randy, Bruce and Bradley, all at home.

The Fiechtners are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

078. FINDEL, GOTHIELF & ELLA (Werner) 135

[picture] Gotthielf Findel, son of the late Frank and Karolina (Schlecht) Findel, was born October 31, 1904, on a farm ten and one-half miles north of Fredonia. He attended the local rural school.

On November 30, 1952, Gothielf was united in marriage to Ella Werner. Ella was born May 17, 1910, in Fairfax, S. Dak., to Gust and Rosina Werner.

Gothielf spent all of his boyhood on the family farm. He owned and operated the Jamestown Hatchery from 1953-1973.

Ella graduated from high school, attended Southern State School and graduated from North Central Bible School. She had taught Sunday school class and was Sunday School superintendent for some years.

Gothielf and Ella are members of the Assembly of God Church in Jamestown. Ella passed away on January 29, 1978.

079. FISCHER, EDWARD & LOIS (Duke) 136

[picture] Edward Fischer, son of August and Katherine (Beglau) Fischer, was born on June 15, 1907, in Kulm. He attended the Kulm Public School where he received his elementary education.

Edward was united in marriage to Lois A. Duke, a daughter of Arthur and Mary Duke. Lois was born on September 11, 1909, in Richmond, Virginia.

Six children were born to this union: Arthur W., Baltimore, Maryland; John V., Robert L., Lois A., all of Fargo, N.D.; Mary K. Pietz, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Edward, deceased.

Edward and Lois Fischer moved to Fredonia from Kulm in the spring of 1954. They operated the Fredonia Café until that fall. Mr. and Mrs. Fischer moved to Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Edward Fischer passed away on August 22, 1971, and Lois Ardith Fischer passed away on May 22, 1955.

080. FLAIG, BENJAMIN & VERNA (Ruff) 136

Benjamin F. Flaig, son of Emanuel H. and Christina (Brosz) Flaig, was born on October 2, 1921, in Fredonia. He received his education in the Fredonia Public School through the eighth grade and the Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1939.

On October 24, 1948, Benjamin was united in marriage to Verna B. Ruff. Verna was born on June 18, 1927, in Lehr, N.D., a daughter of Ludwig B. and Emma (Wexiel) Ruff. She received her education in the Lehr Public High School, graduating with the Class of 1944.

The Flaigs were blessed with three children: Benjamin F. Jr., Kalispell, Montana; Cynthia Ann, Missoula, Montana; and Bryan J., Laurel, Montana.

The Flaigs are members of the Congregational Church.

Benjamin and Verna lived in Fredonia some years ago. Benny was manager of the Fredonia Co-op Store. At present, B.F. Flaig is manager of Buttery Foods in Missoula, Montana, where the Flaigs make their home.

081. FLAIG, EMANUEL & HULDA (Wolf) 136

[picture] Emanuel H. Flaig was born on November 27, 1897, in Ahatal, South Russia, the son of Ben and Regina (Nitel) Flaig. He had elementary education.

On January 1, 1928, he married Hulda Wolf, who was born November 16, 1906, in Fredonia. She also had elementary education. Hulda is the daughter of Frederick and Sarah (Krueger) Wolf.

They were blessed with three children: Ervin, Portland, Oregon; Betty Lou Hagelganz, Arcadia, California; and Arlys Jean Bucher, Portland, Oregon.

They are active members of the Congregational Evangelical Church. Hulda is the Ladies Aid president.

They past work in Fredonia includes: E.H. Flaig, a barber for 20 years, and their last four years in Fredonia were in a general merchandise store business up to the year 1936. They then sold out and moved to Portland, Oregon. They are now retired and active in American Legion work. E.H. is the sergeant-at-arms of Barracks 53, and Hulda is the chaplain of Ladies Auxiliary 53.

082. FLAIG, HUGO & FRED A (Lebsack) 136

Hugo Flaig was born on February 4, 1922, in Fredonia. He attended elementary school in Fredonia, Kulm High School and Yankton College. His degrees include: BA (1943), B. Th. (1944), United Theological Seminary BD (1966), and M. DIV. (1971). Hugo is the son of Daniel and Karolina (Ensslen) Flaig.

On August 22, 1943, Hugo was married to Freda M. Lebsack who was born on July 27, 1922, in Crook, Colorado, the daughter of Jacob and Katherine Lebsack.

They were blessed with four children: Dr. Kenton D., Staten Island, N.Y.; Linda K. Thornton, Kearney, N.H.; Susan B., Aspen, Colo.; and Cynthia K. Gaterud, John Day, Ore.

The Flaigs attend the United Church of Christ Church. Hugo has been an ordained minister of the church since 1944.

Their hobbies include amateur radio, flying and photography.

083. FLAIG, THEOPHIL & HARRIET (Doering) 137

Theophil Flaig, a son of the late Daniel and Karolina (nee Ensslen) Flaig, was born on February 24, 1909, at Canoga Park, California.

On September 9, 1939, Theophil was united in marriage to Harriet Doering.

Two sons were born to this union: Bob, Northridge, California, and Tim, Valendia, California.

Theophil Flaig passed away on August 8, 1978.

Harriet Doering Flaig passed away in 1973.

084. FRIEDERICH, PAUL & LYDIA (Fuchs) 137

[picture] Paul Friedrich, son of William Friederich and Theresa Friederich Beitz (nee Reiman), was born December 13, 1914, in Hutchinson County, Tripp, S.D. He attended grade school. On October 30, 1935, Paul and Lydia Fuchs were united in marriage. Lydia, daughter of Jacob and Katherine Fuchs (nee Long), was born March 13, 1916, in McIntosh County near Fredonia. Mrs. Fuchs attended grade school. Mr. and Mrs. Friederich farmed in the Fredonia area until 1953. Then they sold out and went to Washington for five months. In 1954, the Friederichs returned to Jamestown, N.D., and Paul worked for Fody for five months. Following this he worked for Coca Cola for three and one-half years. For 20 years Mr. Friederich worked for the City Water Department, retiring in 1976. Mr. Friederich now does farm work during the

summers. The Friederichs are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, James River Aerie No. 2237, and the James Valley Chapter No. 9 of the Historical Society of Germans from Russia.

Mr. and Mrs. Friederich have two sons in the Air Force: Calvin, stationed in Germany with his wife, Gail, and two girls; and Darvin, stationed at Grand Forks, N.D., with his wife and two children. Their daughter, Marlene, Mrs. Arnold Becker, lives in Jamestown together with her husband and two children.

085. FRIEDERICH, RAY & IRENE (Kruger) 137

[picture] Ray R. Friederich, a son of the late Jacob and Pauline (nee Beuber) Friederich, was born near Fredonia, McIntosh County, on September 20, 1921. He was educated in public schools, graduated from Kulm High School with the Class of 1940, earned a B.S. in commerce and law, University of N. Dak. and Minnesota, L.L.B., University of N. Dak. in 1948, and was admitted to North Dakota Bar on September 7, 1948.

On November 7, 1948, Ray was united in marriage with Irene C. Kruger, a daughter of the late Jacob and Dorothea (nee Heller) Kruger. She was born on April 17, 1922, near Fredonia. Irene graduated from Kulm High School with the Class of 1939 and attended one year of college.

Two sons were born to this union: Kurt, 27, Trinity Lutheran Seminary, Columbus, Ohio, and Kent, 19, Concordia College, Moorhead, Minnesota.

The Friederichs are members of the Lutheran Church.

Ray is a veteran of World War II in which he was an infantry company commander, member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans (past state commander), N. Dak. Peace Officers Association (past state president), Lions International (past state governor). He serves on the Advisory council for the State Welfare Service Board and Department of Youth Services, is a member of N. Dak. Historical Society of Germans from Russia (past state president), a member of the board of education of the Crippled Children's School, and a former member of the board of directors of Lutheran Social Services. He has practiced law at Rugby, N. Dak., from 1948 to 1960. He served as state's attorney of Pierce County from 1951 to 1956 and assistant state's attorney of Pierce County from 1957 to 1960. He was appointed District Judge on December 30, 1960, and won re-election in 1966, 1972 and 1978.

Irene and Judge Ray Friederich are presently residing in Rugby.

086. FUCHS, ALBERT 138

Albert Fuchs, a son of the late Jacob and Kathrina (Lang) Fuchs, was born on August 13, 1911, at Fredonia. He attended a rural school in McIntosh County where he received his elementary education.

On November 23, 1932, Albert was united in marriage to Amelia Whitmeyer, a daughter of Christ and Corolina Whitmeyer, who was born in the year 1910. She received her education in the rural Lehr vicinity.

Seven children were born to this union: Marvin and Robert, both of Ellendale, N.D.; Joyce and Betty Fuchs, Phoenix, Arizona; Mrs. John (Edith) Willprecht, Battle Lake, Minnesota; Mrs. Duane (Jean) Boettger, Missoula, Montana; and Mrs. Dave (Mary) Griffen, Nava Sota, Texas.

Amelia Whitmeyer Fuchs passed away on May 21, 1972.

On August 10, 1974, Albert was united in marriage to Bernice Foley Nelson, a daughter of John and Bernice Foley. She was born on July 27, 1921, in Crocker, S.D. She received her education at a South Dakota college, Northern State, at Aberdeen.

There are two stepchildren: Mrs. Jeffrey (Debra) Steele, Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Craig Nelson, at home, Aberdeen.

Albert and Bernice are making their home in Aberdeen, S. Dak. Albert is still engaged in farming near Ellendale.

087. FUCHS, ARNOLD & ADELINE (Entzi) 138

[picture] Arnold Fuchs was born to the late Jacob and Katherina (Lang) Fuchs southwest of Fredonia in McIntosh County on April 18, 1919, on the family farm. He received his elementary education in the rural school, enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps in 1937, being honorably discharged the following year.

Arnold and Adeline Entzi spoke their wedding vows on November 22, 1947. Adeline was born to Emma (Ketterling) Entzi and the late Edward Entzi southwest of Fredonia in McIntosh County on October 28, 1927. She attended rural school where she acquired her elementary education. Her growing up years were spent on the family farm.

The Fuchs family settled on the family homestead where they became active in farming, producing grain, and are involved in the dairy cattle business.

Adeline and Arnold are the proud parents of three lovely daughters. Karen was born on October 27, 1948, and married Brent Murphy on April 14, 1972, living in Jamestown, N.D., where both are employed. They have one daughter, Shawna Leigh, born August 7, 1977. Karla Fay was born on July 9, 1953. She is presently teaching English at Forbes, N.D. Kristi Gay, last but not least, was born March 25, 1959. Her employment is in Jamestown, N.D.

Arnold and Adeline and daughters are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Fredonia.

088. FUCHS, EDWIN & ESTHER (Entzi) 138

[picture] Edwin E. Fuchs, son of the late Jacob and Kathrine (nee Lang) Fuchs, was born on October 18, 1917, near Fredonia. He attended the rural school in the Hoffnungsthal District.

On May 22, 1944, Edwin was united in marriage to Esther Entzi, a daughter of Emma (nee Ketterling) Entzi and late Edward Entzi. She was born on August 4, 1926, near Fredonia. She attended the rural school where she received her elementary education.

Three children were born to this union: Jerrold, 33, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Judy Fuchs Wohlwend, Canton, Ohio; and Jeffrey, 25, Jamestown.

The Fuchses were residents of the Fredonia area until 1952 when they moved to Jamestown. Mr. Fuchs started working for the Coca Cola Bottling Co. The starting wages were seventy-five cents an hour on common labor. In 1958, Esther was employed at the Jamestown Hospital in the Dietary Department where starting wages were \$125.00 a month, later working as a meat wrapper in a grocery store. The special of the week was selling for thirty-nine cents a pound or three pounds for a dollar, which was ground beef. She is now a Social Service Homemaker. The Fuchses are antique collectors. They are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church, Jamestown.

Mr. Fuchs entered the Army at Fort Snelling, Minnesota, on July 21, 1942, and was assigned to Camp Swift, Texas. Mr. Fuchs states that he was chosen best sharpshooter out of his company and was promoted to motor pool driver for his captain. Mr. Fuchs received serious injuries while in active duty and was hospitalized at Borrrks General Hospital at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, for several months. On November 8, 1943, he received his Medical Honorable Discharge. In 1958, he was certified service-connected disabled veteran, is a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a member of American Legion, Jamestown.

089. FUCHS, RAYMOND & MARION (Aman) 139

[picture] Raymond Fuchs, a son of the late Jacob and Katherina (nee Leibach) Fuchs, was born on April 12, 1923, in rural Logan County near Fredonia. He attended rural school and received his elementary education.

On November 19, 1950, Raymond was united in marriage to Marion Aman, a daughter of Jacob and Martha Aman. Marion was born on September 13, 1931, in rural McIntosh County near Ashley. Marion has high school education.

Two children were born to this union: Jacob A., route salesman for Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co., Jamestown, N. Dak., and Mrs. Glenn (Sheila Rae) Veil, Fairview, Montana. They have two grandchildren, Glenn, Jr., and Amy Ann Veil.

The Fuchses are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fuchs lived in Fredonia for a short while. They moved to Jamestown where Ray was employed for 24 years at the Coca-Cola Bottling Company in the Bottling and Advertising Department. He was forced to retire due to poor health in 1975.

Ray was active in church affairs and a member of the Jamestown Eagles Aerie. Marion is active in church work and is, at present, a wedding chairwoman for all the circles and the church choir. She was the past secretary at Trinity Hospital, a psychiatric technician at the State Hospital, a member of the Jay Notes (a singing group), German Russians Historical Society and Eagles Auxiliary. Marion is residing in Jamestown.

Mr. Fuchs passed away on January 6, 1976.

090. FUCHS, THEODORE & KATHERINA (Hoffman) 139

[picture] Theodore Fuchs, a son of Jacob and Katherina Lang Fuchs, was born on March 5, 1913, in McIntosh County. He completed his elementary education.

On October 30, 1938, Theodore was united in marriage to Katherina Hoffman, daughter of Jacob and Mary (Sperling) Hoffman. Katherina was born on December 13, 1915, in McIntosh County. She attended elementary school and received her education.

One daughter was born to this union: Marjorie Martz, Ashley, N.D. They have three boys and one girl.

Theodore grew to manhood on the family farm southwest of Fredonia. In 1936, he enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corps and received his discharge in the fall of 1937. After moving to Ashley, he got married and worked as a laborer on a farm for several years. He then found employment and worked in McIntosh County driving heavy equipment for 34 years. They retired and make their home in Ashley, N.D.

The Fuchsese are members of Zion Lutheran Church. Theodore has five sisters and six brothers. Two brothers are deceased.

091. GACKLE, OTTO & HATERINE (Wolf) 140

Otto Gackle, son of Gottfried Gackle, Sr., was born on October 10, 1898, three miles west of Fredonia in a new sod house. He was six years old when the townsite was founded. He still remembers quite well when the first few houses and business places were built, like the first hardware store on the east side of Main Street which was owned by Gust Lindshield, who sold the store to Gottfried Haas in 1910. Before Mr. Lindshield built the store, he homesteaded about two and one-half miles southeast of Fredonia. His land adjoined that of Jacob Dittus, Sr., who purchased it and moved the buildings.

Otto attended the Wittmayer-Heller rural grade school until 1915. He can still remember most of his country school teachers; namely, Emmanuel Schempp, Marion, S. Dak.; Miss Genevieve Tautges, Minneapolis, Minn., (possibly a sister of Clara S. Tautges, Fredonia's first teacher); Miss Nelson, Braddock, N. Dak.; Miss Nestrom, Mora, Minn.; Miss Mable Fehling, Fargo, N. Dak., (originally from Louis burg, Minn.); and Miss May Hays, Wisconsin. After grade school he attended Redfield College, Redfield, S. Dak., from 1916 to 1917. The college was affiliated with the conference of the German Congregational Church. Due to World War I, he had to terminate his schooling and help with his father's farming since his older brother, Dan, had joined the armed forces. Otto himself took part in the last registration on Sept. 12, 1918. Registration was held in the John Haag, Sr., rural school.

In the fall of 1919 his father bought the Fredonia Post Office and living quarters from Henry Bentz, postmaster. Otto was employed as postal clerk from November, 1919, to February, 1920, when he took the civil service examination for postmaster, and received his appointment in April of 1920.

In the spring of 1923 the Post Office was advanced to third class from a fourth class civil service office. It became a third class presidential office with appointments by the President of the United States. He started the office under President Woodrow Wilson, his first political appointment. He was also appointed by President Harding, Calvin Coolidge, and Herbert



Hoover in 1928. About 1923 the post office was enlarged to double its former size, with the installation of new lock boxes with new money order, and receiving windows and wire screening to the ceiling.

He left the postal service in June of 1934, completing a service to the Fredonia community of over 15 years. On August 30, 1934, the family moved to Velva, N. Dak., where he engaged in the gas-fuel and oil business. He remained in this business for nearly 44 years, selling the business to his son, Eugene, on January 1, 1978. Eugene had been the bulk agent and tank truck driver since the spring of 1946 after serving nearly three years in the Navy and Marines in World War Two.

Otto started the first telephone service in Fredonia in May of 1926. The service consisted of all new equipment with about 90 percent underground cable, new telephone boxes and switchboard. Mr. Boehmer of Bismarck made the installations with Mr. Murphy of Aberdeen, S. Dak., who did the laying of underground cable. The Bell Telephone Company in Velva just in the last year is going underground. Could it be that Fredonia was over 50 years ahead? The telephone office was built onto the post office on the north side. Miss Florence Flaig was the last switchboard operator until the exchange was phased out and the Bell Telephone Company took over in the latter part of 1945 and 1946, approximately.

On July 12, 1923, Otto was joined in marriage to the former Katherine Wolf, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Wolf, Sr., of Fredonia. Pastor John Meer of the Congregational Church performed the ceremony. A three week wedding trip was made to Yellowstone National Park.

Three children were born to this union: Eugene O. is of Velva, and Roger W. lives in Fargo, N. Dak. Roger has practiced law in Fargo since 1967 and has offices in the Black Building. Rose K. Laney has lived in Ventura, California, since 1963.

The Gackles celebrated their 50th anniversary in July of 1973.

092. GEISZLER, FRED & LORRAINE (Fiechtner) 141

[picture] Fred E. Geiszler, the eldest son of P.F.A.Z. and Lydia (nee Iszler) Geiszler, was born on November 12, 1924. He attended a rural school in Jewell Township in McIntosh County where he received his elementary education. Fred grew to manhood on the family farm, working with his father, brother and brother-in-law.

On October 10, 1948, Fred was united in marriage to Lorraine Fiechtner, a daughter of Jacob W. and Christine (nee Erbele) Fiechtner. She was born on February 27, 1931, at Guyson, N.D., where at that time her father, Jacob, was the manager of the Guyson Elevator. Lorraine attended rural school at Hillsburgh and received her elementary education.

Five children were born to this union: Walter, who is married to Jeanette Hornbacher, both teaching at Beulah, N.D. They have one son, James.

Larry, who is married to Barbara Gunderson, White Bear Lake, Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he and his wife are both employed in the Twin Cities.

Annette, who is married to Don Heinle, Long Lake, S. Dak. Don is employed at the Co-op. They have two children, Cindy and Robbie.

Loren, a senior at North Dakota School for the Deaf, and Amy, a freshman at Lehr Public School.

Fred recalls his 8th grade graduation as a big event. He graduated in 1938 with a class of 138 students, all from McIntosh County, at Ashley, N.D. Very few 8th grade graduates attended high school during those years. Having an 8th grade education during the 30s was a good education. Most parents needed the family to help with the farm chores and, besides, it was required of the parents to pay for room and board, tuition and books, if a son or daughter attended high school.

Fred and Lorraine purchased his father's farm seven miles northwest of Fredonia, known as the Ed Koenig farm. They presently are living there, active in raising livestock and producing grains.

The Geiszlers are members of the Lehr United Methodist Church.

093. GEISZLER, GERHARD & EMMA (Krueger) 141

[picture] Gerhard Geiszler, son of Fredrich and Dorothea Geiszler (nee Ziegler), was born on the family farm three miles northeast of Fredonia January 27, 1906. Mr. Geiszler lived on this same farm for 66 years. He attended various schools in Haag Township and also attended school in Fredonia.

On June 23, 1932, Gerhard and Emma Geiszler were united in marriage. Emma, daughter of Edward F. and Katherine Krueger (nee Wolf), was born on her parents' farm west of Fredonia March 11, 1911. Mrs. Geiszler attended a farm school about four miles west of Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Geiszler were engaged in farming on the family farm until the fall of 1971. At this time they retired and moved to Gackle, N.D. During the time they lived here, they were members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church where Mrs. Geiszler was the organist for many years. Mr. Geiszler was township and school board treasurer for many years. He was on the building committee for the church during the time the parsonage and the education wing were built.

094. GEISZLER, RICHARD & SOPHIA (Serr) 142

[picture] Richard Geiszler, son of Fredrich and Dorothea Geiszler (nee Ziegler), was born October 25, 1898, on the family farm three miles northeast of Fredonia. He attended school in Haag School District.

On June 7, 1928, Richard and Sophia Serr were married. Sophia, daughter of Christ and Mary Serr (nee Koenig), was born August 14, 1908, in Constantza, Romania.

Mr. and Mrs. Geiszler farmed one and one-half miles northeast of Fredonia. In 1947 they moved to Fredonia but continued to farm until 1970. Mr. Geiszler served the community in many ways including on the town board, as mayor, Sunday School teacher, church council member, elevator board, fireman,

and others. Mrs. Geiszler is a charter member of ALCW, and her hobbies are quilting and gardening. On September 4, 1976, the Geiszlers began a six-week trip to Germany to visit relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Geiszler have always been members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia.

At the age of nine, Palmer Wittmayer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wittmayer, came to live with the Geiszlers until he was 15. Palmer now manages the elevator at Monango, N.D.

Mr. Geiszler passed away on November 29, 1977.

095. GEISZLER, WALTER & JEANETTE (Hornbacher) 142

Walter D. Geiszler, son of Fred and Lorraine (Fiechtner) Geiszler, was born on November 27, 1949, in Jamestown, N. Dak. He attended the local school where he received his elementary and high school education. Walter also received his B.S. degree in agriculture at NDSU, Fargo, N. Dak.

Jeanette Hornbacher became the bride of Walter on March 15, 1975. Jeanette, a daughter of Willis and Esther (Schell) Hornbacher, was born on March 20, 1950, at Harvey, N. Dak. She attended the local school where she received her elementary and high school education. Jeanette also received her B.S. degree in home economics at NDSU.

To this union one child has been born, Jim, age one.

The Geiszlers attend the United Methodist Church. They farmed in the Fredonia area for a short time and are now both teaching at the Beulah High School, Beulah, N.D.

096. GEISZLER, WILLIAM 143

[picture] William Geiszler, a son of the late August and Doratha (nee Elhard) Geiszler, was born on July 8, 1923, at the family farm home near Gackle, N.D. He attended a rural school and received a formal education.

On December 16, 1951, William was married and the following children were born: Harry, Valley City, N.D.; and Ronald, Vernon, Randy and Carol, all of Gackle.

The Geiszlers are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Fredonia.

William was treasurer of St. James Church, an assessor for Gutschmidt Township, township supervisor, director of the Wildlife State Federation. By occupation he is a farmer. At present he is employed by Smith's Plumbing and Heating.

097. GEORGE, ARTHUR & LORRAINE (Nitschke) 143

[picture] Arthur George, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred F. George, was born March 28, 1911, at Lehr.

His wife, Lorraine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Nitschke, was born February 8, 1923, at Fredonia.

The Georges have three children, Brenda and Debbie of Edmonds, Wash., and Mrs. Danny (LuAnn) Gomes of Auburn, Wash.

098. GIESER, HENRY & SELMA (Wolf) 143

[picture] Henry Gieser, a son of the late Gottlieb and Rosena (nee Wolf) Gieser, was born in 1910 at Fredonia.

In 1934 Henry was united in marriage to Selma Wolf, a daughter of the late Fred G. and Sarah (nee Krueger) Wolf. She was born in the family farm home northwest of Fredonia.

Two children were born to this union: Elaine, Sisseton, S. Dak., and Richard, Covine, Calif. They have five grandchildren.

Henry's parents were the first family to reside in Fredonia, and also his brother, Theodore, was the first child to be born in Fredonia.

Henry and Selma lived in Fredonia until 1941. During this time he was employed at the Fredonia Post Office. They moved to California where he was employed as a machinist.

In 1945 they decided to move to S. Dak., where he was employed at Gary's Garage for 10 years. Another move was made to Alhambra, Calif., where he was employed by Rogers and Oling as a shipping clerk.

Henry Gieser died on October 5, 1965, at the age of 55 years.

099. GOEHRING, AARON & ELEANORA (Miller) 143

[picture] Aaron Goehring, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Goehring, was born on July 19, 1911, in McIntosh County. He attended rural school in McIntosh County where he received his elementary education.

Aaron was united in marriage to Eleanora Miller, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Miller. Eleanora was born on July 9, 1915, in McIntosh County at Fredonia. She attended a rural school and completed her elementary education.

Two children were born to this union: Arllow J. Goehring, Lakeview, Oregon, and Elene J. Smith, Upland, California.

The Goehrings are members of the First Baptist Church in Lakeview, Oregon.

Aaron enjoys hunting, fishing and bowling. Eleanora enjoys sewing, fishing and being a housewife.

Aaron and Eleanora and the two children farmed south of Fredonia for 18 years. In 1952, they moved to Bismarck, N.D., where he worked on construction for 12 years. They sold again and moved to Lakeview, Oregon. There they operated a 40-unit motel together with son, Arllow, and his wife, Patsy. Aaron and Eleanora retired in 1977 in Lakeview, Oregon.

100. GOEHRING, EPHRAIM & STELLA (Grosz) 144

[picture] Ephraim Goehring was born on July 18, 1914, near Fredonia to Henry and Fredericka (Hoffman) Goehring. He attended school through the eighth grade.

On November 8, 1936, he married Stella Grosz. Stella is the daughter of Adolph and Lydia (Hanneld) Grosz and was born August 3, 1916, at Fredonia.

The Goehring's are active in fishing, taking various trips and sightseeing. They also do some hunting.

They are farming an 800 acre grain farm that they own, located on the old Adam Goehring homestead.

They are blessed with three children: Glenn Gene, Fargo, N.D.; Dell Dwight, New York Mills, Minn., and Curtis Lee, Grafton, N.D.

101. GOLZ, JOHN & MATHILDA (Wolf) 144

John Golz, a son of the late John and Christina Golz, was born on April 5, 1891, at Eureka, S. Dak. He had some elementary education.

On December 4, 1911, John was united in marriage to Mathilda Wolf, a daughter of Frederich and Marie Wolf. She was born on October 4, 1893, in Russia. Mathilda had elementary education.

Three children were born to this union: Clara Golz Nichals, Nampa, Idaho, retired; Edwin, Lodi, California, retired; and Albert, Jamestown, N. Dak., employed in the county office.

Mathilda is a member of the Lutheran Church.

John Golz was a cobbler by trade and operated a shoe and harness shop when he lived in Fredonia. John passed away on December 4, 1970.

102. GRENZ, KARL & EDA (Kusler) 144

Karl Grenz, son of Gottlieb and Magelina (Goehring) Grenz, was born on February 28, 1912.

On November 14, 1933, Karl was united in marriage to Eda Kusler, a daughter of Gottlieb and Katherina (Bender) Kusler. Eda was born on December 13, 1914, four miles south of Fredonia. She attended a rural school two and one-half miles south of Fredonia where she received her elementary education.

The Grenzes attend the Berlin Baptist Church.

Three children were born to this union: Eugene, married to Ruby Bender, Jamestown, N. Dak., Roger, married to Ardella Johnson, Spokane, Washington; and Joyce, married to Leroy Kramlich, Kulm, N. Dak. There are 13 grandchildren.

Karl and Eda Grenz farmed for three and on-half years in the Fredonia area. They then moved to Washington. In 1940, they came back to North Dakota, bought a farm nine miles south of Fredonia, where they settled and are still engaged in farming.

103. GROSZ, MARTIN & ROSIE (Goehring) 145

[picture] Martin M. Grosz, a son of the late Adolph and Lydia (Hanneld) Grosz, was born on January 23, 1913, in McIntosh County.

On April 15, 1935, Martin was united in marriage to Rosie Goehring, a daughter of Henry and Fredericka (Hoffman) Goehring who was born on June 12, 1917, in the Fredonia Vicinity.

One daughter was born to this union: Mrs. Noel (Carol Connie) McCoy, Jamestown, N. Dak., and two grandchildren.

The Groszes are members of the First Congregational Church.

After their marriage, Mr. Grosz purchased his parents' farm located nine miles south and one mile east of Fredonia, where they were active in the farming business, raising cattle and producing grain. In the fall of 1978 Martin and Rosie sold their property at an auction sale and moved to Jamestown.

104. GUTSCHMIDT, ARNOLD 145

Arnold Gutschmidt, son of John and Rosina Gutschmidt, was born April 12, 1894, in Haag Township, Fredonia. He attended Fredonia Public School.

On October 21, 1921, Arnold and Elizabeth Heller were united in marriage. Elizabeth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Heller, was born February 18, 1902, at Fredonia. Elizabeth attended public school.

Mr. and Mrs. Gutschmidt were blessed with five daughters: Mrs. Otto (Mable) Kanewischer of Bismarck, N.D.; Florence, deceased; Mrs. Leo (Adeline) Krueger of Fredonia; Mrs. Donald (Marcella) Peterson of Fargo, N.D.; and Mrs. Dave (Virginia) Twete of Fargo, N.D.

Mrs. Gutschmidt passed away April 5, 1956. Arnold's father, John Gutschmidt, came to the U.S. in 1889, the year North Dakota became a state.

Arnold Gutschmidt married Alice Von Winkle in July, 1966. They are presently living in Jamestown, N.D.

105. GUTSCHMIDT, RICHARD & ELSIE (Radke) 145

[picture] Mr. Richard R. Gutschmidt was born June 17, 1902, in Logan County 10 miles south of Gackle, N.D. His parents are Jacob and Salamine (nee Henke) Gutschmidt. He graduated from the eighth grade.

On November 11, 1923, he married Elsie E. Radke, daughter of Karl and Magdalena (nee Keller) Radke. Mrs. Richard R. Gutschmidt was born April 16,

1905, in McIntosh County three miles south of Fredonia. She went to school until in the sixth grade.

They have two children: Norbert C. Gutschmidt, born Dec. 26, 1925, Widsor, N.D., and Wilbert Gutschmidt, born Nov. 21, 1927, Gackle, N.D. One son died in infancy.

They are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church, Fredonia.

They farmed until 1951 and then retired and moved into Fredonia. At the time of the 50th Jubilee in 1954 Mr. Gutschmidt served as clerk of the Village Board.

106. HAAG, ED 145

[picture] Edward Haag was born to Johann and Maria (Tobler) Haag on December 28, 1900, at the family farm situated approximately two miles north of Fredonia. He attended rural and the Fredonia public schools, completing his elementary education, and grew to manhood on his parents' farm.

Ed, as called by his friends, has a lifelong affiliation with the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. He is interested and has been active in politics and civic affairs. He has served as a Representative and a Senator in the state legislature, as board member and secretary of various local business boards, and supervisor of Haag Township. Mr. Haag became engaged in general farming practices, raising livestock and producing small grains. As a young man, he recalls the difficult time in the early days of his farming, leaving much to be desired.

Work on the farm consisted mostly of hand labor and horse drawn equipment, which was used as the main source of power to put in and harvest the crops, to mow, rake and put up hay. Threshing was done with steam engines, wood and steel body threshing separators, later changing to all steel threshing rigs and gas powered engines. The general threshing practice was to start with bundles and finish up with stacks. There being no trucks, horses and wagons were used to haul the grain from the field to the farm site or town, at times. Wages were low, but as times improved they were raised to a more tolerable level.

Ed recalls the depression of the late twenties and the drought days of the thirties. How dry, windy days depleted the little moisture that was available for pasture and crop growth, leaving no crops to be harvested for grain and little or no feed for the livestock, including the horses, the main stay of power.

Thistles and tumbleweeds grew and were cut when tender and green. With some salt added at times, they were put up for hay. This was not the best source of feed but was better than having nothing at all. Depression followed the 1928 stock market crash. The effects were far reaching. Farm prices dropped drastically, and this combined with the drought forced the producers to sell their livestock and other produce to the government at ridiculously low prices because there were no other markets.

For example, Ed states that he threshed 600 bushels of rye which he hauled to a town elevator and placed it in storage at 10 cents a bushel per year. Prior to year's end, the price had fallen to under 10 cents a bushel, and the

elevator manager suggested that he should take the rye home and feed it to the pigs, which he had none of. He did as advised and hauled the rye home, unloading all of it by hand. He purchased 32 piggies hoping the market price on pigs would improve, fed all of the rye to his hopeful money-makers (pigs) which at this time, averaged about 150 lbs. Each, and consigned them to the Farmers Shipping Association believing that it was the best agency to sell his pigs to. After the transportation and other costs were deducted, he received a check in the total sum of \$64.00, from which storage charges on the rye had to be subtracted. Ed says, "The nice thing about the whole transaction was that I got rid of the rye, rid of the pigs, and rid of the money."

In order to supplement his income, Ed was compelled to seek off the farm employment with an agency known as the WPA, a work relief program, which enabled and provided the drought stricken farmer with worthwhile project work and generally generated additional income for the drought stricken areas.

Finally better days came as the drought ended, and crops, pastures and hay began to grow again. As prices improved and prosperity returned to the land, Ed's thoughts turned to politics.

Ed's first try at politicking began in 1938 when he sought and was endorsed by the NPL to run for the House seat in the 36th Legislative District. The attempt did succeed, and he was elected and re-elected to four terms in the House. In 1942, Representative Haag served in an extraordinary session called by Gov. John Moses.

In 1946, Ed was endorsed by his party to seek a seat in the Senate. He lost this election, but in 1950 he was re-endorsed by the NPL for the Senate and was successfully elected to serve. The senator attempted to be re-elected to another term but was defeated by his political opponent.

Mr. Haag returned to full-time farming and presently is enjoying the fruits of semi-retired life, residing on the family farm.

107. HAAG, GOTTLIEB 146

[picture] Gottlieb Haag, a son of the late Johann and Maria (nee Tobler) Haag, was born on November 4, 1904, in the clay brick home built by his parents in 1892. It is unique that Gottlieb and his brother, Edward, are still living in this house which is two miles north of Fredonia.

Mr. Haag attended the rural school and received his formal education.

Gottlieb had six brothers and two sisters. He has never married and is a member of the Lutheran church.

In 1926 Gottlieb became ill. He was taken to the Bismarck hospital and it was found he had a ruptured appendix. This was very serious and he spent nine weeks in the hospital. The cost was \$600.00.

Gottlieb spent all his life on this homestead engaged in farming. He retired from farming in 1971.



So komm ich bloss herzu, mit leeren handen, das leben spendest du, den armen und elenden! Da wird dien reich gebaut, heut noch vebargen, selig, wer dir vertraut, sieger von morgen. German language - submitted by Gottlieb Haag.

108. HAAG, RAYMOND & KATHERINA (Kleingartner) 147

[picture] Raymond R. Haag, a son of Marie (Oelke) Haag and the late Nathaniel Haag, was born on October 25, 1919, on the family farm one mile west of Fredonia.

On October 21, 1947, Raymond was united in marriage to Katherina Kleingartner, a daughter of the late Edward and Pauline (Dittus) Kleingartner. She was born on May 7, 1928. She has a twin sister, Mrs. Roland (Marion) Rossman. They both were born on the family farm six miles northwest of Fredonia.

Five children were born to this union: Pauline Haag, Ventura, California; Glynn Haag, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Alvin Haag, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Todd Haag, at home; and Timothy Haag, at home.

Raymond and Katherina live on a farm a few miles northwest of Fredonia. They are producing grains and raising livestock.

The Haags are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, where both are active. At present, Katie is vice-president of the ALCW.

109. HAHNE, BERNARD & LUCY (Wald) 147

[picture] Bernard Hahne was born in Herried, S.D., on May 3, 1942. His parents were Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hahne. He completed his education at Herried High School. On October 26, 1966, Bernie and Lucy were united in marriage. Lucy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew C. Wald, was born February 2, 1947, at Hague, N.D. Lucy completed her education at Hague High School.

On May 9, 1969, Mr. and Mrs. Hahne purchased a farm just south of the railroad tracks in Fredonia and farmed there for nine years. They still own this farm with a few acres. Presently they are owners and managers of the B&L Bar in Ellendale, N.D. They are the parents of three children: Wanda 11, Mike 9, and Mark 4.

110. HAHNE, ROBERT & BERNICE (Masset) 147

[picture] Robert Hahne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Hahne (nee Bauer), was born August 8, 1934, at Herried, S.D. He attended school through the eighth grade at Herried, S.D.

On August 8, 1956, Bob and Bernice Masset were united in marriage. Bernice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Masset (nee Nagel), was born October 15, 1936, at Linton, N.D. Bernice attended high school at Linton, N.D. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Hahne moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin, until 1967. Then Bob and Bernice purchased the Ponderosa Tavern in Frederick, S.D. In 1975 they purchased the bar in Fredonia and moved here to operate "Bob's Bar." Bob is a city alderman and member of the Fire Department. Mr. and Mrs. Hahne have two children, Karen, of Aberdeen, S.D., and Kevin, of Fredonia.

111. HAHNE, WILFRED & BETTY (Wald) 147

[picture] Wilfred F. Hahne, son of Jacob and Elizabeth (nee Baur) Hahne of Herried, S.D., was born October 23, 1945, in Eureka, S.D. He graduated from Herried High School in 1964, then was drafted in 1967. He served in the Army for two years and was in Vietnam for 11 months. In 1969, he got out of the service and started working in Minneapolis, Minn., at Foley Manufacturing.

On July 11, 1970, Wilfred was married to Betty Wald, daughter of Andrew C. and Katheryn (nee Vetter) Wald presently of Groton, S.D. Betty was born September 16, 1948, at Linton, N.D. She was raised on a farm near Hague, N.D. In 1965, her family moved to Herried, S.D., where Betty graduated from high school in 1966. She then worked at Spots Int. in New Brighton, Minn.

There are three children in the Hahne family: Denise, Dennis and Russell.

The family belongs to the Church of the Transfiguration at Edgeley, N.D. Mrs. Hahne is a member of the Church Circle Society in Edgeley.

112. HARR, ADAM & ESTHER (Irion) 148

[picture] Adam Samuel Harr was born December 23, 1919, to the late Gottlieb and Kathrina (Miller) Harr who came to America from Russia in 1910 and settled on a farm ten miles southeast of Lehr. Adam had six brothers and four sisters, one of whom died in infancy. Adam received his elementary education in a small rural schoolhouse. Upon completing the eighth grade he helped his parents with farming. In the fall of 1942, he helped various farmers with their fall work. Because of an early winter and with World War II many farmers' sons were not at home to help with the work.

Adam married Esther Irion June 6, 1943, and established the present farm site which they own and operate twelve miles southwest of Fredonia. Their farm was a diversified farming operation until this past summer when they decided to semi-retire and continue living on the farm. Esther Irion was the only daughter of Christ and Katie (Rott) Irion born February 7, 1921. Her parents homesteaded and lived eleven miles southwest of Fredonia. Esther received her elementary education in a rural school of the Hoffnungsthal School District, and upon graduating from the eighth, she attended high school at Ellendale, North Dakota, graduating in 1940. She attended the North Dakota Industrial School at Ellendale for one and one-half years, and then taught rural schools in McIntosh County for six years.

The Harrs have three children:

Mrs. Roger W. (Karren Lynette) Meier, Hillsboro, N.D. The Meiers have three sons: Rodger, Ross, and Ryan. Both Roger and Karren are employed by American Crystal Sugar, Inc.

Kermit Adam is a graduate of North Dakota State University and is a juvenile court officer and counselor for the Third Judicial District. He married the former Connie Jones of Parshall, N.D., on August 5, 1978. They live in LaMoure, N.D.

At the present time Ruth Ann is a senior of Augustana College at Sioux Falls, S.D.

Throughout their entire married life, Mr. and Mrs. Harr and their family have always been very active in their community. They assisted in organizing the Torch-Bearers 4-H Club in the 1950's in which many of our community's young people had a part. The Harr family are active members of the Berlin Baptist Church. Adam and Esther acknowledge the hardships of their ancestors and are grateful and thankful for the privilege to live in such a wonderful country and community.

113. HAUFF, JOHN & BERTHA (Fregien) 148

[picture] John Hauff, son of Jacob, Sr., and Elizabeth (nee Grosz) Hauff, was born November 23, 1889, in South Russia. He passed away April 3, 1974, at his home in Kulm. He attained the age of 84 years, four months, and ten days. John emigrated to the United States with his parents in 1893.

In 1912 he went to Idaho as a young man. There he homesteaded and farmed for about four years. After he returned to North Dakota he settled on a farm about nine miles southwest of Fredonia on land that had been homesteaded by his uncle in McIntosh County.

In 1918, on February 24, he was united in marriage to Bertha Fregien in Kulm by Rev. H. Nutzmann. Bertha, a daughter of Samuel and Karolina Fregien, was born March 28, 1900, in McIntosh County. She continues to live at her home in Kulm after the death of her husband.

Both John and Bertha were confirmed in the Kulm Congregational Church. They were members of the Gnadenfeld Church, the Nazareth Congregational Church of Fredonia, and later the First Congregational Church of Kulm.

Both John and Bertha received their education in rural schools near the Kulm and Fredonia area.

After their marriage they farmed nine miles southwest of Fredonia until 1946 when they moved to the north side of Fredonia. There they continued to farm on a smaller scale. They returned from farming in 1967 when they moved to Kulm.

John served many years on the school board in Hoffnungsthal District while his children were growing up. John also served on one of the first rural telephone boards in this territory.

To John and Bertha were born five children: Arthur, born October 2, 1919, lives on a farm near Deputy, Indiana; Wilbert, born July 20, 1921, passed away August 29, 1978, three weeks after a tractor accident; Mrs. Clinton (Ruth) Harstad, born July 25, 1923, lives in Grand Forks, N.D.; Dave, born December 30, 1924, was killed in a car accident on June 4, 1964; and Mrs. Edwin (Anna) Entzie, born April 1, 1929, lives on a farm near Lehr, North Dakota.

114. HEHR, ALVIN & BETTY (Stacker) 149

[picture] Alvin E. Hehr was born on February 4, 1934, to the late Emil and Emma (Buerkle) Hehr of Fredonia. He received his elementary education in country schools. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith.

Alvin started working in Ashley for Henry Roth, drilling wells for two years. He then went into a farming partnership with Donald Ziebart for one year in the Oakes area, after which he was drafted in the U.S. Army in 1956. He spent two years in Korea, and when he returned in 1958, he bought his own well drilling rig and drilled wells in the Fredonia area until 1965. He moved to Kansas, New Mexico and Arizona, drilling test holes for uranium.

Alvin was united in marriage to Betty Lou Stacker on June 24, 1966. They are both members of the Lutheran faith and belong to the Elks Club and the American Legion. Betty Lou was born on February 17, 1943, to Rienhold and Ramona Stacker in Hosmer, S. Dak. She received her elementary and high school education and went to college for one and one-half years in business accounting.

The Hehrs have two children: Chaison, 3, and Doreen, 2 months.

115. HEHR, BERTHA 149

[picture] Bertha Hehr was born on August 21, 1893, to George and Dorthea (Beitz) Hehr. Bertha received only 13 months of education. She received her religious training in St. John's Lutheran Church with Pastor Hanselmann. She lived on the farm until 1938 and then moved to Fredonia. During the winter months she went to Minneapolis to do housework where she received \$16.00 a week wages. Many times she started work at five in the morning and worked until two o'clock the next morning. In 1938, she left to seek employment in San Francisco where she also did housework and came back to Fredonia in 1941. She then decided to stay in Fredonia and live with her sister, Maria.

Bertha enjoys gardening, raising flowers, and raising her own apples. She also does grafting. She did a lot of sewing for the family, took music lessons and sang in the choir.

Bertha is a member of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia.

116. HEHR, EMIL & EMMA (Buerkle) 150

[picture] Emil Hehr was born on June 17, 1896, on the family farm to George and Dorthea (Beitz) Hehr and received his elementary education in the rural school. He attended Eureka College for one year, studying music. He then worked on his parents' farm until he was 25, then starting a farm for himself four and one-half miles northwest of Fredonia. His sister, Anna, helped him on the farm. Emil sang in a quartet with Henry (Hans) Gieser, Otto Weispenning and Ed Haag. He also played various instruments, but violin was his favorite. Accompanied by Dave Sukut on the accordion and Arnold Gutschmidt on guitar, he played for barn dances and various entertainments. He also served as township supervisor and school clerk.

Emil married Emma Buerkle on December 18, 1929. They lived on the farm until 1946, then purchased the Rudolph Koenig farm and moved all the buildings and the family three-fourths mile north to the present farm. In 1962 they moved into Fredonia. Emil died on January 26, 1971.

Emma (Buerkle) Hehr was born on October 26, 1908, to Johannes and Christina (Hehr) Buerkle. She attended rural school and received six years of education. She worked at home until her marriage. She was in poor health for a few years and died on May 20, 1976.

The Hehrs were members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Fredonia.

To this union 10 children were born: Lucille Kennedy, Jamestown, N.D.; Lester, Fredonia; LuElla, Fredonia; Alvin and Dillard, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Thilmer, Miami, Florida; LeRoy, Fredonia; Donny, Miami, Florida; and Mrs. Dick (Diane) Watson, Bahama Islands. The Hehrs had 26 grandchildren.

117. HEHR, FRED & ESTHER (Kusler) 150

[picture] Fred Hehr, son of George and Dorothea (Bietz) Hehr, was born Nov. 16, 1905, four miles north of Fredonia. He attended rural school for eight years and helped on the family farm.

On July 7, 1936, Fred married Esther Kusler, daughter of Henry and Elisabeth (Schempp) Kusler, at Kulm. Esther was born Feb. 1, 1907, south of Fredonia and received an eighth grade education.

Fred and Esther farmed north of Fredonia until they retired and moved to Kulm in June of 1968. They are members of Zion Lutheran Church.

Fred passed away May 16, 1977, and Esther is in the Wishek Retirement Home.

118. HEHR, GEORGE 150

[picture; refer to 1954 Jubilee Book] When the Golden Jubilee book was made up, the names of Mr. and Mrs. George Hehr's children were omitted. It is the present book committee's intention to correct as many omissions as is possible.

Their children are Bertha, Fredonia; Mrs. Rudolph (Anna) Lemke and Herbert, Kulm; and Mrs. Arnold (Ida) Raugust, San Antonio, Texas. The following are deceased: Robert, Emil, Maria, Otto, William, Fred and Clara.

119. HEHR, HERBERT & GERTRUDE (Heller) 151

Herbert Hehr, son of George and Dorothy Hehr (nee Bietz), was born November 21, 1909, in Logan County. He received his education in a rural school near his home.

On October 10, 1940, Herbert and Gertrude Heller were united in marriage. Gertrude, daughter of David and Sophia Heller (nee Engel), was born April 13, 1919, in Logan County. She received her education in a rural school near her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Hehr are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia. They lived on the Hehr family farm until the fall of 1977. At this time they purchased a home in Kulm and moved there.

They have four children: Ronald of Circle Pines, Minn.; Mrs. Lemore (Janice) Krueger of Selma, Calif.; Mrs. Jerry (Myra) Rasch of Dallas, Texas; and Wally at college.

120. HEHR, LEMORE & JOAN (Ruff) 151

LeMore Hehr, son of Robert and Ida (Krueger) Hehr, was born February 6, 1932, on his parents' farm 10 miles north of Fredonia. He attended rural school for eight years and then helped on the farm until he joined the U.S. Navy in March, 1952, and was discharged in March, 1956.

On September 11, 1959, LeMore was united in marriage to Joan Ruff, daughter of Rudolph and Esther (Krueger) Ruff of Fredonia, in the Congregational Church at Fredonia.

Joan was born November 9, 1940, in Guyson, N.D., and attended one year of rural school and seven years in Fredonia and graduated from Kulm High School in 1958.

LeMore and Joan purchased the family farm where they are presently living.

They have two daughters: Brenda, born June 4, 1963, and Barbara, born April 25, 1966. Both attend school in Gackle, N.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Hehr are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

121. HEHR, LEROY & BETTY (Reeb) 151

[picture] LeRoy Emil Hehr was born on January 26, 1943, four and one-half miles north of Fredonia on the home farm. He is the son of Emil and Emma Hehr. He had eighth grade education and farmed with his parents until 1963 when they moved to Fredonia. He then farmed on his own.

On April 24, 1971, he married Betty Ann Reeb who was born in Hazen, N.D., on November 7, 1949. She is the daughter of Edna Anderson and Albert Reeb. She attended high school and one and one-half years of college. She then moved to Jamestown and was employed as a telephone operator with Northwestern Bell.

On October 19, 1972, a son Timmy Lee was born, and June 14, 1976, another son Chad Alan was born.

They are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

122. HEHR, LESTER & ARLENE (Steinmetz) 152

[picture] Lester Raymond Hehr was born to his parents, the late Emil and Emma (Burkle) Hehr, on December 7, 1931. He received his elementary education at the local school and grew to manhood on his parents' farm.

Lester is on the board of directors of the Fredonia Co-op Oil Company.

Arlene (Steinmetz) Hehr was born to her parents, Jacob and Rose (Meidinger) Steinmetz on January 3, 1945, at Ashley, N.D. She attended the local school

where she received her elementary education. Mrs. Hehr plays the accordion while her oldest boy plays the drums at local dances. Their music is enjoyed by all.

Lester and Arlene were married on August 26, 1962. They are the parents of five children: Lauren Lee, 14, Randall Raymond, 12, Keith Alan, 11, Lisa Lynn, 9, and Warren James, 6. They all make their home on the former Edward Tiede farm, which they purchased in 1962. They are active in dairying, selling whole milk and producing grain.

123. HEHR, MARIA 152

Miss Maria Hehr was born on April 1, 1898, to George and Dorothea (Beitz) Hehr. She received her elementary education in rural schools. She worked in an old people's home in Washington for one year.

Maria was a very strong woman; she worked along with the men at threshing time and hauled bundles until her health failed. In 1972, Maria suffered from a severe stroke that left her speechless and one arm paralyzed. She was in the Ashley Hospital for a time and was transferred to Colonial Manor in LaMoure, N.D., for a few years and then to Ellendale Nursing Home. She passed away on August 22, 1975.

Maria was a member of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia.

124. HEHR, OTTO & IDA (Kosanke) 152

[picture] Otto Hehr, a son of the late George and Dorothea (nee Bietz) Hehr, was married to Ida Kosanke, a daughter of the late Edward and Antonia (nee Knopp) Kosanke. After their marriage they farmed in the Fredonia community. Otto was a skilled furnace man and he installed furnaces in many homes in the area.

Three children were born to this union: Elton is married to Donna Krueger, and they have two sons and live in Lowell, Indiana. DeLoris Podenske has two children and lives in Hammond, Indiana. Harley, married, with five children, lives in Lowell, Indiana.

In 1957, the Hehrs moved to Hammond, Indiana. Otto Hehr passed away in March, 1960.

Ida Kosanke Hehr is still living in Hammond at this time.

125. HEHR, ROBERT & IDA (Krueger) 152

[picture] Robert Hehr, son of George and Dorothea (Bietz) Hehr, was born north of Fredonia in Logan County on December 4, 1894. Mr. Hehr was inducted into the U.S. Army in May, 1918, during the First World War. He served in England and France for fourteen months. After his return he was united in marriage to Ida Krueger, daughter of Jacob and Dorothea (Heller) Krueger, on March 10, 1921. Mrs. Hehr was born near Fredonia on September 10, 1899. After their marriage the Hehrs moved on a farm ten miles north of Fredonia. They farmed and endured many hardships like all farmers during this time but were determined never to falter. They enjoyed many blessings from the fruits

of their labors and retired in September 1961, at which time they moved to Kulm.

Eight children were born to this union: Milbert, who is married to Bonnie Gossage and living in Port Angeles, Wash.; Florence, who is married to Vernon Ruff and resides in Lehr; Edna, who is married to Jerry Tefft and living in Fremont, Calif.; LeMore, who is married to the former Joan Ruff of Fredonia, and resides on the family farm north of Fredonia; Marlene, who is married to York Flegel, and lives in Willmar, Minn.; Roger, who is married to Marlis Clemenshau and living in Seattle, Wash.; and Raymond, who was born December 13, 1927, and died in September, 1938. The Hehrs' eldest daughter died in infancy.

Mr. Hehr passed away on January 20, 1968, at the age of 73.

The Hehrs were members of St. James Lutheran Church, south of Gackle. After it was closed they joined the Martin Luther Lutheran Church at Fredonia until they moved to Kulm where they joined the Zion Lutheran Church. Mr. Hehr was a very proud Legionnaire and served on the St. James Lutheran Church Board.

Mrs. Hehr is a member of the Zion Lutheran Ladies Aid, a member of the American Legion Auxiliary at Kulm and a member of the Senior Citizens. Mrs. Hehr has 11 grandchildren and three great granddaughters.

126. HEHR, THILMER 153

[picture] Thilmer Willie Hehr was born May 7, 1940, four and one-half miles north of Fredonia on the home farm. He is the son of Emil and Emma Hehr. He had eighth grade education.

From 1962 he farmed with his brother, LeRoy, until November 8, 1963, when he entered the service. He was discharged November 23, 1965. He then drilled wells around the Fredonia area until 1967. He then moved to Lodi, California, for five months and then moved to Miami, Florida, where he now is doing carpentry work. He is of Lutheran faith.

127. HEIDINGER, ALBERT & ALVINA (Strobel) 153

[picture] Albert Heidinger, son of Christian and Maria (nee Radke) Heidinger, was born January 18, 1912, twelve miles northwest of Kulm in Swede Township. He attended rural school and farmed with his parents. He continued farming after the passing of his father until the fall of 1941.

On September 14, 1941, he was united in marriage to Alvina Strobel, daughter of Fredrick and Rosina Strobel (nee Kuhn), who was born July 28, 1914, four miles west of Kulm. Since their marriage they have made their home 12 and one-half miles northwest of Kulm on a farm which Albert had purchased. They have been doing dairy and grain farming. In 1952 Albert attended auctioneer school at Mason City, Iowa.

They are the parents of three sons: Ronald, married to Janice Seekerson, lives in Kulm with their three daughters; Earl and Keith are farming with their parents. They are members of Zion Lutheran Church at Kulm.



128. HEIDINGER, CHRISTIAN & MARIA (Radke) 154

[Christian Heidinger was born August 13, 1883, the son of Johannes and his wife Katherina (nee Schlenker) Heidinger, at Wittenberg, Bessarabia, Romania. Christ, at the age of 15, emigrated to the United States with his father, brother, Adam, and sister, Mrs. David (Barbara) Schlenker, on June 8 1898, and settled on a homestead northwest of Kulm in Swede Township. He shared in the labors and hardships with his father to build a farm and home.

On January 26, 1911, he was united in marriage to Maria Radke at Fredonia by Rev. G.L. Hanselmann. Maria was born September 29, 1892, at Bessarabia, South Russia. At the age of 12 she came to the United States with her parents and settled on a farm seven miles north of Fredonia.

Three children were born to this union: Albert and Edwin of Kulm, and Mrs. Nelson (Alma) Schanke, of Genoa, Ohio.

Mr. Heidinger passed away August 28, 1934, at the age of 51. Mrs. Heidinger passed away December 20, 1964, at the age of 72. They were both laid to rest in the Lutheran Cemetery north of Fredonia. Mr. and Mrs. Heidinger were faithful members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

129. HEIDINGER, EDWIN SR. & VIVIAN (Buerkley) 154

[picture] Edwin Heidinger was born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Heidinger (nee Maria Radke) on September 6, 1922. He received his education at the country school and continued farming with his mother after the death of his father when he was eleven years old.

Edwin was married to Vivian Buerkley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fredrick Buerkley, on November 18, 1945. They continued farming on the home place.

Three children were born to Edwin and Vivian: Ryan James, born December 8, 1948, who is now married to Marlene Forsman with a family of two girls, Sherry Lynn and Tanja Christine; Edwin Arnold, Jr., born June 14, 1954, who is married to Gloriann Hildebrand with a family of two boys, Chad David and Shay Allan; and Lynda LeAnn, born March 6, 1957, who is married to James Giesler. All three children are living in the surrounding area of Kulm.

Edwin and Vivian are members of the Zion Lutheran Church at Kulm, where both have served at various offices throughout the years. Vivian is at present secretary of the church council and secretary of the Esther Circle. Edwin served as supervisor of Swede Township for three years prior to the time they moved to Kulm and sold their farm to their oldest son, Ryan.

Edwin is still very active in farming with the two sons. Vivian has been working for the LaMoure County Citizens for the Elderly, Inc., for the past six years and is at present site manager at the Victor Ogren Senior Citizens Center.

130. HEIDINGER, RYAN & MARLENE (Forsman) 154

[picture] Ryan Heidinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Heidinger, Sr., was born December 8, 1948, at Kulm. Ryan attended Kulm High School.

On July 26, 1968, Ryan and Marlene Heidinger were united in marriage. Marlene, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Forsman of Jud, was born August 1, 1950. She attended 12 years of school.

They are members of Zion Lutheran Church in Kulm. Ryan is a Jaycee. Marlene is a Jayceette and in Homemakers.

Mr. and Mrs. Heidinger lived on the Leonard Mund farm south of Fredonia from 1968 to 1970. Presently they are farming north of Kulm. They have two daughters, Sherry, 6, and Tanja, 4.

131. HELLER, CLARENCE & DELLA (Woehl) 155

[picture] Clarence W. Heller, son of the late David and Sophia (Engel) Heller, was born on October 14, 1925, at Fredonia, Logan County. He attended rural school and received his elementary education.

On November 5, 1950, Clarence was united in marriage to Della M. Woehl, daughter of Albert and Bertha (Bader) Woehl. She was born on May 8, 1933, on the family homestead 11 miles south of Fredonia. Della attended the rural school and received her elementary education.

Two sons were born to this union: Clayton C., born in N.D., and married Barbara Noonan, and Larry W., born at Fort Knox, Kentucky, and married Jill Holsten. All live in California.

The Hellers are Protestants.

Clarence and his sons work at the General Motors Assembly Plant in Fremont, California.

Clarence and Della moved to Lodi, California, on July 4, 1955. In June, 1966, they moved to Milpitas, California, where they make their home.

132. HELLER, EMIL & ROSALIA (Messner) 155

[picture] Emil H. Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Heller, was born March 5, 1897, at Fredonia.

He married Rosalia Messner on October 15, 1923. Rosalia, daughter of Michael and Julia Messner (nee Janke), was born August 13, 1903, at Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Heller lived on a farm northeast of Fredonia close to the Otto Irion farm for about one and one-half years. Following this they moved to Fredonia where Mr. Heller was employed by the Soo Line Railroad. In 1955, they moved to Clinton, Iowa.

Their four children are Leonard, San Mateo, Calif.; Della Mae, Mrs. Raymond Wolf, Clinton, Iowa; Mabel, Mrs. Herman Krueger, Savannah, Ga.; and DeLores, Mrs. Donald Bennett, Prophetstown, Ill.

They were members of the Congregational Church in Fredonia.

Mr. Heller passed away May 4, 1968, and Mrs. Heller passed away Jan. 1, 1979.

133. HELLER, FRED & IDA (Bader) 155

[picture] Fred Heller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Heller, was born July 7, 1894, at Fredonia. He attended a little country school north of Fredonia.

Fred was united in marriage June 24, 1928, to Ida Bader, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bader. Ida was born August 25, 1907, south of Kulm. She attended a little country school south of Kulm until the eighth grade. Their children are: Lawrence Fred Heller, Lodi, Calif.; Ray Lloyd Heller, Lodi, Calif.; Lenora Mabel (Heller) McKauglan, Sacramento, Calif.; Shirley Ann (Heller) Simpson, Citrus Heights, Calif.; Charles W. Heller, Sacramento, Calif.; and Daniel Lester Heller, Lodi, Calif.

He belongs to the Ebenezer Congregational Church and is retired and living at 608 Tamarack Dr., Lodi, Calif.

Fred had the brick building built in Fredonia in 1924 in the fall, three years before he married Ida Bader. The building had a hall upstairs, café on the second floor, and a pool hall in the basement. Later in years they added liquor and beer to the café.

Fred and Ida had six children and all are still living.

Fred and Ida were in poor health and could not take care of the business and sold it to Harold Wolf and Art George in September of 1946, and then they moved to California to give the children high school education as there was only grade school in Fredonia. They both missed all the nice Fredonia people after they moved.

Mr. Heller passed away December 5, 1958.

134. HELLER, LEONARD & MABEL (Ketterling) 156

[picture] Leonard Heller, a son of the late Emil and Rosalia (nee Messner) Heller, was born on January 31, 1921, at Fredonia. He attended the Fredonia Public School where he received his elementary education.

On June 5, 1948, Leonard was united in marriage to Mabel Ketterling, a daughter of John and Rose (nee Miller) Ketterling. Mabel was born on September 8, 1925, at Fredonia, attending the Fredonia Public School and Kulm High School and graduating with the Class of 1943.

Three children were born to this union: Deanna Stephens, Placentia, Calif.; Debbie Van Hook, Fullerton, Calif.; Gary, 16, at home. One grandchild, Matthew Van Hook, was born May 10, 1977.

They attend the First Baptist Church of San Mateo, Calif. Leonard and Gary both like fishing; so most of their spare time is spent going to the lakes.

Leonard and Mabel make their home at 11 9th Avenue, Apartment 4, San Mateo, Calif. 94401.

135. HERMAN, JACOB 156

[picture] Jacob J. Herman, son of Johann and Caroline (Stehr) Herman, was born in Bessarabia, South Russia, November 27, 1897, and came to Kulm with his parents when he was four months old.

He attended rural schools in LaMoure County.

He married Loretta Schempp, daughter of Frederick and Justine (nee Dittus) Schempp. Loretta was born at Fredonia January 3, 1906, and attended Fredonia Public School.

Jake grew up and worked in the Kulm, Edgeley, and Fredonia areas. He served Fredonia as town marshal during the 1930s. After marriage, he and Loretta lived in Kulm and Strasburg, N. Dak., and then moved back to Fredonia for eight years. Once the children began high school, the family moved back to Kulm.

In mid-1942, Fargo became home, and in 1949, due to the severe asthma of Kathleen and Maurice, the family moved to Tucson, Arizona. Twenty-six years later, after the death of Loretta, Jake married Emma Ruff on January 2, 1976, and moved back to Fredonia.

Jake was a member of the Bethel Christian Reformed Church in Tucson, Arizona, and at present belongs to the Fredonia Congregational Church.

Jake and Loretta's children are: Mrs. Earl (Marion) Melicher, Auburn, Wash.; Vernon Herman, who married Reeta Randall, Moorhead, Minn.; Mrs. Norman (Maxine) Swanson, Argusville, N.D.; Milbert Herman, who married Marie Miller, Tucson, Arizona; Mrs. Floyd (Ann) Pfeifle and Mrs. Richard (Kathleen) Brown, both of Tucson, Arizona; Myron Herman, who married Lorraine Kennedy, Monroe, Washington; Maurice Herman, who married Pat Ellis, Benson, Arizona; Mrs. George (Patricia Ann) Eger, Franklinville, New Jersey; and Jack Jay Herman, who married Carla Blom, Anaheim, California.

There are 24 grandchildren in the family and six great grandchildren.

Emma K. Mundt, daughter of Gottlieb and Sop[hie (Kroll) Mundt, was born June 21, 1904, at Lehr, N.D., and on March 7, 1923, she was united in marriage to John Dittus. To this union four children were born and they are Clifford Dittus, Leveorn Dittus, Mrs. Frank (Darlene) Dettling and one daughter, Angeline, who died at the age of 21.

John Dittus farmed south of Fredonia until his death March 10, 1963. John and Emma were married for forty years.

Emma Dittus married Reinhold Ruff of Gackle, N. D., July 5, 1966, and he died May 17, 1970.

On January 2, 1976, Emma Ruff married Jacob Herman of Tucson, Arizona, and then they moved back to Fredonia where they made their home. They are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church, Fredonia. They are retired, and Jake still does mechanic work.

136. HERTEL, EDUARD & OLGA (Janke) 157

[picture] Eduard Hertel was born June 3, 1891, in Hoffnungstal, South Russia, son of William and Elizabeth(nee Stoecker) Hertel. He received his

education in Russia. In 1914, the family moved to Germany. Eduard was drafted into the army that same year and received his discharge in 1918, being held a prisoner during the last two years. Mr. Hertel operated a street car and worked in a factory in Stettin, Germany. He came to the U.S.A. on October 20, 1924, and settled in Fredonia, working on various farms in North Dakota and South Dakota.

Eduard Hertel and Olga Janke, daughter of Gottlieb and Christian (nee Gutschmidt) Janke were married April 16, 1933, in Fredonia. Olga A. Janke was born on April 16, 1907, in Fredonia. She received her education in Fredonia. Olga worked in the Fredonia area until her marriage. They were blessed with two daughters, Romona E., born March 23, 1934, and LaVerne O., born December 11, 1936.

Mr. Hertel received his citizenship at Napoleon, N.D., in May of 1937. Eduard and Olga farmed in the Fredonia area until September, 1956, when they moved to Jamestown, N.D.

While living in Fredonia, the family were members of St. John's Lutheran Church north of Fredonia. Eduard was an usher, and Olga was the organist. The girls always sat in the front pew. When the church closed, they became members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia.

Eduard Hertel died on June 17, 1957, in Jamestown at the age of 66 years.

Mrs. Hertel lived with LaVerne for a short time. In 1958, she moved to Gackle, N.D., and resided there until November, 1960. She then made her home with her daughter Ramona and son-in-law at Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, up to the spring of 1961. The family and Olga moved to Bismarck, N.D., in April of 1961.

Olga died on October 31, 1961, at the age of 54 years.

Ramona E. Hertel married Marvin E. Lang on September 30, 1956. They have four children and live at 1106 Lacota Circle, Burnsville, Mn. 55337.

LaVerne O. Hertel married Paul Bladow on June 27, 1958. They have four children and live in Huntsville, Arkansas (Box 683), 72740.

137. HINS, GOTTLIEB JR. & EMMA (Kleingartner) 157

[picture] Emma (Kleingartner) Hins was born January 4, 1910, to Mary (Riebhage) and Fred Kleingartner who then lived nine miles northwest of Fredonia.

Emma had seven brothers and one sister.

On February 26, 1931, Emma married Gottlieb Hins, Jr., Son of Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb Hins, Sr., of Medina, N.D.

Emma and Gottlieb are the parents of six daughters (five living and one deceased). They are Mrs. Leslie (Bernice) Guthmiller, Jamestown, N.D.; Mrs. Gerald (Leona) Walcker, Coon Rapids, Minn.; Mrs. Richard (Wanda) Topp, Glenfield, N.D.; Mrs. Gary (Darlene) Ellingson, Grace City, N.D.; and twin girls, Della, deceased, and Mrs. Ralph (Clara) Fiechtner, Monango, N.D.

Gottlieb, a retired farmer and railroad employee, and his wife, Emma, still reside in Medina, N.D.

138. HOFFMAN, ARCHIE & SHARON (Moos) 158

[picture] Archie Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoffman of Kulm, was born November 26, 1944, in McIntosh County. Archie attended Kulm High School and business college.

On June 28, 1970, Archie and Sharon Moos were united in marriage. Sharon, born May 7, 1952, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Moos of Gackle, N.D. She graduated from Gackle High School.

Presently they are engaged in farming on the family farm south of Fredonia. They have two sons, Marc and Neal, both at home. They are members of the Berlin Baptist Church where Archie is treasurer, and Sharon is financial secretary. Archie is a member of the American Legion Post #260 in Fredonia and the Fredonia Elevator Board.

139. HOFFMAN, FRED & BERTHA (Grenz) 158

[picture] Fred Hoffman, son of Wilhelm and Katherine (nee Wolf) Hoffman, was born April 30, 1905, in McIntosh County near Fredonia. He received his education at Hoffnungstal country school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman were married on November 9, 1930. Mrs. Hoffman (Bertha), daughter of Gottlieb and Magdalena (nee Goehring) Grenz, was born in McIntosh County near Fredonia. She received her education in Roloff Township country school.

Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman lived on their farm for 34 years before they retired and moved to Kulm. They have been active members of the Berlin Baptist Church, holding different offices at various times.

They had four children: Mrs. Warren J. (Ardella) Bellefeville, Fargo, N.D.; Arlys, deceased; Mrs. Donald F. (Janice) Colston, Minneapolis, Minn.; and Archie, living on the homeplace south of Fredonia. Mr. and Mrs. Hoffman have 10 grandchildren.

140. HOFFMAN, JOHN & CLAUDINA (Reich) 158

[picture] Mr. John Hoffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Hoffman, was born Oct. 20, 1903, ten miles south of Fredonia. He attended school until the 5th grade.

He married Claudina Reich, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Reich, Nov. 20, 1934. Claudina was born March 17, 1914, twenty miles from Fredonia. She went to school until the 7th grade.

Mr. Hoffman passed away May 11, 1966, and Mrs. Hoffman married Gottlieb Strobel Oct. 4, 1974, at Fredonia.

She has one daughter, Mildred Entzi, and three grandchildren, Elvirta, Rita and Douglas Entzi.

She is affiliated with the Berlin Baptist Church and belongs to the Ladies Mission Circle.

141. HOFFMAN, MARVIN & FRANCES (Weszner) 158

[picture] Marvin Hoffman, son of Gottlieb and Christine (Wolf) Hoffman, was born on January 20, 1939, at the family farm home in McIntosh County. Marvin grew to manhood on his parents' farm. He attended school, received his formal education and also attended a school of auctioneering.

On November 18, 1959, Marvin was united in marriage to Frances Violet Weszner, a daughter of Fred and Mathilda Weszner, who was born on July 23, 1941, at the family farm home in McIntosh County. Frances received her elementary and high school education.

Three daughters were born to this union: Tamary May, a freshman at North Dakota State University at Fargo, N.D.; Theresa Kay, freshman, and Taunya Fay, second grader, both at the Ashley school, Ashley, N.D.

The Hoffmans are members of the Zion Lutheran Church, Ashley. They are active in church choir and teaching Sunday School.

Marvin and Frances are making their home on the family farm and are actively engaged in producing grain and raising and buying livestock.

142. HOLLAN, LEE & ALICE (Fregien) 159

[picture] Lee Robert Hollan (better known as Bobbie) was born September 8, 1916, in the city of Kulm in the home of Peter and Christina (nee Grosz) Billigmeier, his great uncle and aunt, with Dr. F.H. Sturgeon as attending physician. He is the son of the late Robert J. and Clara (nee Grosz) Hollan. His mother, Clara Grosz, daughter of the late Daniel and Magadaline (Schlechter) Grosz, was the first child born in the city of Kulm on December 20, 1893. Lee's grandfather, Joseph Hollan, who was born in Austria-Hungary, July 3, 1863, immigrated to America in 1866 and settled in Seneca, Kansas. He was one of the first five pioneers who led the parade to the Kulm community in 1883 and homesteaded four and a half miles south of Kulm. Lee's father and mother built up a farm four miles south and one mile west of Kulm where he grew to manhood. Lee had early Sunday School training in the Kulm German Congregational Church where his mother was the organist and a member of the choir. After a lingering illness, Lee's mother passed away July 21, 1922, at the age of 29. In spite of grief and hardship, with the help of Rob's (as he was known to everyone) parents and his brothers and sisters, he was able to keep his "little son Bobbie" with him and continue his farming and his violin repairing which he did as a hobby.

In the spring of 1923 his father Robert married Sophia Klundt of Jamestown and once more Lee acquired another very devoted mother.

Lee attended grade school in Hollan School District and graduated in 1930. Due to helping his father on the farm and assuming adult responsibilities during the "dirty thirties," Lee was unable to continue his education at that time. With the musical ability of his father, grandfather and uncle, Lee, too, became a lover of music. His father and uncle Ed Hollan instructed him

in trumpet lessons. Much of his leisure time was devoted to studying music and reading.

Realizing the need for more education, Lee started high school in 1936 at the Ellendale Normal and Industrial School. At that time the Ellendale Normal and Industrial School also had an industrial high school from which he graduated in the summer of 1939 with additional college credits in instrumental music and industrial arts.

In order to pay portion of his cost of education, he worked as the early morning chef at the Ellendale Café and was assistant janitor in the evening at the courthouse for three years. Lee spent one summer working on a large cattle ranch at Eli, Nevada.

Lee was united in marriage July 9, 1939, with Alice Lorene Fregien, daughter of the late John and Hermina (nee Netz) Fregien of rural Fredonia. They were married in the Gnadenfeld Congregational Church with Rev. M.H. Grosz officiating. The reception was held in the bride's home. This church is located 10 miles southwest of Kulm and is the same church in which Alice's parents were married on March 30, 1915, and which her grandparents helped build in 1896. Alice Hollan is the granddaughter of the late Samuel and Carolina (nee Radke) Fregien and Daniel and Maria (nee Keller) Netz. Her paternal grandfather was born in Beresina, South Russia, in 1868. He married Karolina Radke in 1888, and soon after their marriage they immigrated to the United States and filed on a homestead nine miles south of Fredonia. Her maternal grandparents, Daniel Netz, who was born in New Elft, South Russia, on Aug. 26, 1868, and Maria Keller Netz were married in 1888. They homesteaded eight miles south of Fredonia in 1888.

The bargain which Catherine the Great, czarina of all Russians, had made with her native Germans to colonize in the vacated Russian area (district north and west of the Black Sea) and to receive 100 acres of fine black soil and develop "dorfs" along with a promise of civil and religious liberty with freedom from military service, was gradually forgotten and the bureaucrats began to press. The young men were dragooned into the army, and other privileges were constrained. That was why Alice Hollan's grandparents, as well as thousands of young men approaching military age, took ship on a journey to the land which had been described to them as a land flowing "with milk and honey." It was far from that, but they were free of police surveillance and grafting bureaucrats and were free and willing to adopt a new land as their own, to love, honor and cherish.

McIntosh County came into existence by the act of the Legislature of Dakota Territory held by Yankton, S.D., in January, 1883, when Logan County was divided and the southern portion named McIntosh after one of the very able members of the Legislature. McIntosh County legally became a county when the act was approved March 1, 1883. Both grandparents of Alice Hollan were original homesteaders in McIntosh County.

Alice Hollan's father, John Fregien, was born on his father's farm nine miles south of Fredonia on March 8, 1891, and her mother, Hermina, was born on a farm 7 1/2 miles south of Fredonia on April 10, 1893.

The pioneers of Roloff Township had a great spiritual desire. At first they held their worship services in the homes, but within 10 years the membership grew to 34 members so they were pressed for more space in which to hold services. In 1896 the members, along with their pastor, Paul Burkard, came



to an agreement to build a new Gnadenfeld Church. This is the oldest Congregational Church in North Dakota. Samuel Fregien, member of the congregation, donated a plot of ground for the new church structure plus enough ground for a barn and a cemetery. Daniel Netz, also a member, was a devout Christian who taught Sunday school and was a deacon for many years.

Both the Fregiens and the Netzs were among the first 20 families who settled in Roloff Township. They were on board the ship "Kaiser Wilhelm" which docked at New York, and then they came by train to Ellendale where they stopped at the land office and secured permits for homesteads and tree claims for settlement in Roloff Township, which is located four miles south of Fredonia. Alice Hollan's grandparents spoke a German dialect called "Schwabish" which came from the province in southwest Germany called Schwabenland, now called Wuerttemberg.

Alice Hollan graduated from the Kulm High School in 1936 and UND Ellendale Center in 1939 where she majored in elementary education. She has taken additional work at Northern State College, Aberdeen, S.D., Valley City State College and NDSU, Fargo. She taught rural schools in McIntosh and Dickey County for a number of years, 3rd and 4th grades in Fredonia and her last five years of teaching were in the Kulm Elementary School. She helped organize the first PTA at the Fredonia School and also at the Kulm School; helped organize the first successful Kulm Band Mothers' Organization and served as president; is a charter member of the Kulm High School Alumni Association, member of University of North Dakota-Ellendale Branch Alumni Association; served for many years as junior leader in German Northwest Farmers Union Local in Dickey County; was the first Dickey County F.U. State Senior Camp Chaperon at Medora State Park; was a charter member and first Educational Committee chairman of the Kulm Credit Union. She is past secretary of Northwest Thrifty Homemakers Club, past McIntosh County Heart and Cancer chairman, past secretary for the German Northwest Farmers Union Local and past member of the Congregational Church Choir. At present Alice is a member of the Congregational Dorcas Society, secretary of District 30 Democratic-Nonpartisan League Organization, member of the Democratic Women's Organization, and McIntosh County Youth Director and Ashley-Zeeland Farmers Union Local Youth leader. She has carried out many volunteer activities which have been an important part of her life. Alice is a distributor for Holiday Magic Cosmetics and has established her own retail organization.

Lee Hollan spent a full and active life in the community, having served in several capacities in various organizations: secretary and chairman of Roloff Township Farmers Union Local, in various capacities since 1941 in the Dickey County Farmers Union German Northwest Local, clerk in Springfield School District for 18 years, past member of the Congregational Church Choir and Church Orchestra, past member of the Jamestown Elks Band, charter member and director of the Kulm Credit Union when it was first organized, Roloff Township supervisor for many years, and charter member of the Kulm Rod and Gun Club.

At present Lee is a member of the Kulm Lions Club. Since 1971 he has been president of the McIntosh County Farmers Union and is a member of the Board of Governors of the North Dakota Farmers Union. He has been a member of the Kulm City Band since 1930, and before that he played in the Merricourt Band for two years.

Lee and Alice have always shown great interest in politics and government. They believe in cooperative enterprise and see cooperatives as a vital and

integral part of the free enterprise system. Lee has been elected Democratic-Nonpartisan League Committeeman in his district which post he is still holding and he is a member of the McIntosh County Executive Board of the Democrat-NPL party.

Both Lee and Alice are members of the Kulm Congregational Church since 1953 when Gnadefeld Church closed its doors. They have participated in lobbying groups which have traveled to Washington, D.C., to personally visit with senators and congressmen to discuss with them farm problems and urging them to support farm programs. In 1947 Lee and Alice, along with other groups, toured the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and helped promote the Missouri Valley Authority (MVA) which was modeled after the TVA.

Lee and Alice Hollan have two sons. Dennis Dwight was born Nov. 25, 1942, at his parents' farm home with Dr. F.W. Fergusson attending physician and Emma Jenner nurse. He began his grade school in Springfield School District, and completed his grade school and high school in Kulm. He has been an active member of the Farmers Union Junior program receiving his five-year Torchbearer award, which is the highest award made by the National Farmers Union. He was awarded a scholarship to the National Farmers Union All-State Camp at Bailey, Colo. He was elected to the National Junior Advisory Council representing the young people of North Dakota at the national convention which was held in Washington, D.C. He attended Northern State College, Aberdeen, S.D., where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in education with a composite music major. He is a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia, a National Honorary Fraternity.

On June 7, 1964, Dennis married Patricia Hieb, daughter of Arnold and Naomi (nee Ulmer) Hieb of Hosmer, S.D. Dennis took a teaching job in the music department in Pierpont, S.D., and Columbia, S.D., for a couple of years, and Patricia taught in the Aberdeen school system. From there they moved to Hosmer, S.D., where Dennis taught music for eight years, and after that he took a job with the Farmers State Bank as loaning officer and presently is cashier and vice president.

Patricia is a Hosmer High School graduate and a graduate of Northern State College, Aberdeen, where she received her Bachelor of Science and Masters Degree in elementary administration. She has been teaching in the Hosmer school for the last 14 years and presently is the elementary principal. She is also a licensed realtor and is operating the Hollan Realty in Hosmer.

Dennis and Patricia have one son, Robert John Hollan, born Dec. 20, 1969, the same day that his late great grandmother, Clara Grosz Hollan, was born. He was named for his great grandfathers, Robert Hollan and John Fregien.

Curtis Lee Hollan was born July 8, 1944, at his parents' farm home with Dr. F.W. Fergusson attending physician and Emma Jenner nurse. He attended three years in the Springfield School District and completed his grade and high school in Kulm. He attended the first International Music Camp at the International Peace Garden. He has completed the scope of the Farmers Union youth work and the standards for achievement. He attended the All states Camp at Bailey, Colo., where he was elected to serve on the Senior Youth Advisory Council at the National Farmers Union Convention which was held in New York. He also received the five-year Torchbearer award.

Curtis attended North Dakota State University, Fargo, and Northern State College, Aberdeen, S.D., where he received his Bachelor of Science Degree in

education with a composite music major. While attending NDSU he was on tour with the Gold Star Band to the Seattle World's Fair in 1962 to play for North Dakota Day. He is a member of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

Curtis has been in the field of music since 1966. After teaching in Redfield, S.D., he went to Body, Minn., where he taught music for two years, and after that he moved to Hector, Minn., where he has been teaching band for the last years. He has received many awards of recognition for his marching performances in several states and Canada. He is a candidate for the 1979 Minnesota Teacher of the Year.

Curtis is a member of the Medalist Concert Band of Bloomington, Minn. He is State Admissions Director of International Consortium of Education, a world travel bureau, for the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

Lee and Alice farmed with Lee's father for one year, and then in the fall of 1940 they purchased the 160 acre farm on which they now live, located four miles south and three and one-eighth miles west of Kulm in McIntosh County which is one-eighth mile from the Dickey County line. This farm was formerly owned by Rynold Flegel. Through the years, with the help of their sons, they have increased their acreage by purchasing additional land.

Alice's parents retired from their farm and moved to Kulm in 1950 but continued some of their farming until 1963 when they rented their land to their son-in-laws. Alice's father passed away April 9, 1970, and her mother passed away December 15, 1974. Since their death, Alice and Lee and her sisters and brothers-in-law, Delores and Gottlieb Hartman and Viola and Alvin Moltzen, have fallen heir to their parents' real estate. This land has sentimental value, and they are proud to be the third and fourth generations to be owning and farming the land that was homesteaded and developed by their parents and grandparents especially when they remember their ancestors telling of the hardships of clearing and improving the prairie without much machinery, slowing with a handplow and struggling through droughts, grasshoppers, crop failures, prairie fires and blizzards that lasted four and five days.

Along with grain farming the Hollans raise Hereford cattle.

In due respect to the early immigrants, especially their grandparents, Alice and Lee have joined the North Dakota Historical Society of Germans from Russia which is an organization that deals with the history and culture of Germans from Russia. It also has a research center to learn more about our ancestors and how to promote continued research for family histories and how to preserve elements of a heritage. They are charter members of the James Valley Chapter No. 9 of NDHSGR where Alice serves as a director.

Lee and Alice, with the help of their sons, have put much time and effort into improving their home and yard., an effort in which they have taken profitable pride. They are a close family and like to operate as a unit. In July, 1964, the family of Bobbie and Alice (as they are known to their friends) entertained in their home approximately 250 guests at an outdoor barbecue celebrating their 25th wedding anniversary.

[picture] Among the early residents in the Fredonia area was Albert Holman, who was born in a sod house on October 22, 1888, on his parents' homestead two and one-half miles east from Fredonia. He was the son of Ole and Mathea Holman, Norwegian emigrants. Their address at that time was Edgeley, N.D.

In the fall of 1895 he started school. The teacher was Charles McCarthy from Edgeley, and the term was two months. This school he attended for the next five terms. In 1902 he enrolled as a seventh grade student at the Kulm Public School.

On October 30, 1904, he was confirmed into the Lutheran faith at the Pomona Valley Lutheran Church at Kulm with the late Rev. K.L. Kleavland of Oakes, N.D., as pastor.

In the spring of 1914 he and the late Einar Johnson went into the well drilling business. Later in 1916, they formed a partnership and went into the International Harvester business.

On February 16, 1916, Mr. Holman was united in marriage to Miss Ann Kuebler from St. Paul, Minnesota. She was born on September 7, 1893, at Brownton, Minnesota, the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Herman Kuebler, and came to Fredonia in 1911 to teach the lower grades at the Fredonia Public School. After teaching two terms in Fredonia, she taught a rural school in the Finn School District northwest of Fredonia. She roomed and boarded with the late Mr. and Mrs. Carl Radke. Among her students still living in the Fredonia-Kulm area are Mrs. Esther Hehr, Mrs. Pauline Buechler, Mrs. Richard (Elsie) Gutschmidt, Myron Holman, Reinhold Dittus and Lucas Moldenhauer. Then for the next two years she served as the Fredonia postmistress.

Mr. Holman and Mr. Johnson served the area for thirty-five continuous years as International Harvester dealers. They retired in 1951.

Mr. and Mrs. Holman were longtime members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia. Mrs. Holman is a charter member of the first Ladies Aid which was organized in 1924. She served as its first treasurer.

Mr. Holman served on the village board of trustees for forty-six years and lived at Fredonia until June, 1971, when he and his wife moved to Watford City, N.D.

They have two children. They are Helen Hensley of Lakewood, Wash., and Clyde of Watford City. Helen was born on November 7, 1917, and Clyde on Nov. 27, 1927.

Mr. Holman died on March 24, 1972, and was buried at the Schafer Cemetery at Watford City, N.D. Mrs. Holman lives at Watford City.

144. HOLMAN, ARTHUR & DELORES (Meyer) 162

[picture] Arthur O. (Bud) Holman was born on June 4, 1930, at the farm home 1 1/2 miles east of Fredonia, the son of Olaf and Adeline (Grosz) Holman. Arthur attended grade school in Haag School District and Nordby School District. He graduated from Kulm High School in 1948 and Dakota Business College, Fargo, N.D.

On November 8, 1959, Arthur was united in marriage to DeLores L. Meyer, born on August 22, 1939, in Jamestown, N.D., daughter of George H. and Olga (Gumke) Meyer. DeLores attended grade school in Feske School District, graduated from Gackle High School in 1957 and Dakota Business College.

Three children were born to this union: Duane A., 18, attending St. Cloud, Minn., State College; Mark T., 17, and Linda L., 14, both at home.

The Holmans are members of Westwood Lutheran Church since 1962. Both are active. DeLores is a Sunday school teacher and a member of Catering Circle. Art is an usher and the children are acolytes.

Art served two years in the U.S. Army and is a member of American Legion Post 260. He has been doing accounting for 17 years and is presently with the U.S. Postal Service in Minneapolis, Minn.

145. HOLMAN, CLYDE 163

[picture] Clyde Holman was born on November 27, 1927, at Fredonia to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holman. Upon completing his eighth grade education at Fredonia in 1942, he enrolled as a freshman at the Kulm High School. The late Jacob Friederick of Fredonia owned and operated a private school bus at that time. In the summer of 1943, Mr. Friederick sold his bus. So the next year Harry Wolf and Clyde's father drove their private cars. The last two years the late Fred Heller maintained a private school bus.

Clyde graduated from the Kulm High School in May, 1946, and that fall enrolled at the North Dakota State University at Fargo. He graduated in 1951 and for the next two years served in the Army. In 1954 he received his Master's Degree in secondary education from NDSU. His first teaching position was at Martin, N.D. There he taught English, history and directed the plays. This was in 1954. In 1955 he went to Watford City, N.D., to teach English, speech and psychology. Since 1966 he was the high school counselor at the Watford City High School. He had been associated with the Watford City School for 24 years.

He is currently president of the McKenzie County Historical Society, secretary of the Watford City Lions Club and a member of the First Lutheran Church in Watford City. He is single and resides with his mother, Mrs. Anna Holman, at Watford City.

146. HOLMAN, GENE 163

[picture] Gene Holman, a son of Olaf and Adeline (Grosz) Holman, was born on September 20, 1927, two miles northeast of Fredonia on the family farm. He completed elementary education.

Gene never married. He now owns and operates the farm where he was born and which his grandfather, Ole A. Holman, homesteaded in 1888. Gene served two years in the U.S. Army and is a member of the American Legion Post 260, of which he has been treasurer for many years and is a past commander.

147. HOLMAN, KENNETH & DOROTHY (Otterstetter) 163

[picture] Kenneth K. Holman was born to his parents, Olaf and Adeline Holman, on October 15, 1941, on the Holman farm two miles northeast of Fredonia. He received his elementary education at Fredonia Public School and graduated from Kulm High School. Kenneth served in the USAF from 1960-1964, was employed by the Target stores in Minneapolis, Minn., Dallas and Houston, Tex., from 1965-1973, and is now employed as a Central Freight Lines driver.

Dorothy M. Otterstetter was born to her parents, Henry and Theresia Otterstetter, on April 20, 1944, in Dickey County, N.D. She received her education at Hillsdale No. 4 Dickey County for the 1st-6th grades, graduated from Ellendale High School and had nurses' training at NDSSS, Wahpeton, N.D.

Kenneth and Dorothy were married on June 28, 1963, attend the Springwoods Methodist Church, and make their home in Texas.

148. HOLMAN, LOUIE 164

[picture] Louie Holman, son of the late Ole A. and Mathea Holman, was born on October 2, 1890, two miles northeast of Fredonia. Louie had elementary education.

Louie lived most of his life on the farm where he was born and which his parents, who were Norwegian immigrants, had homesteaded. In his early years, Louie was a thresherman, having run steam threshing rigs and later gas engine rigs. The Avery tractor which he used was on display and in running order at the Rolaag, Minn. threshing event the past years. Later he became a carpenter and cabinet maker. Many folks have mementoes in their homes in cabinets, cedar chests, etc., which Louie had made for them.

Louie, who never married, made his home with the Olaf Holman family and in the last years of his life became a victim of cancer. Louie Holman died on January 24, 1964.

149. HOLMAN, MORRIS & ETHEL (Herren) 164

[picture] Marris J. Holman, son of Olaf and Adeline (Grosz) Holman, was born on December 11, 1928, near Fredonia. He completed his elementary education and Kulm High School.

On October 15, 1954, Morris was united in marriage to Ethel L. Herren, a daughter of Joseph and Nora (Hayes) Herren. Ethel was born on July 5, 1928, in Putnam, Texas. She finished Park Springs, Texas, High School.

Morris and Ethel are both active in the American Legion and the Legion Auxiliary.

Morris "Jim" was in the Navy for 20 years. He retired as a Master Chief Electricians Mate in 1967. The Holmans came back to Fredonia, and the home that they purchased was the first school house in Fredonia. In the fall of 1968, Jim went to work for the Fredonia Co-op Oil Company and is still working there and also doing some farming.

150. HOLMAN, MYRON & CHRSTINE (Ost) 164

[picture] Myron Holmon, son of the late Ole and Mathea Holman, was born on March 20, 1903, in Logan County, Fredonia. He attended local school and received his elementary education.

On July 29, 1928, Myron was united in marriage to Christine Ost. Christine was born on November 5, 1901, in Logan County at Fredonia, to Henry and Kathryn Ost. Christine attended the elementary school.

One son was born to this union on February 7, 1930. He passed away on July 3, 1960.

The Holmans lived on a farm two miles northeast of Fredonia for 65 years, later moving to Kulm where they are now retired. They are members of Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm.

151. HOLMAN, OLAF & ADELINE (Grosz) 165

[picture] Olaf Holman, son of Ole A. and Mathea Holman, was born on March 6, 1898, two miles northeast of Fredonia. He had elementary education.

In 1927, Olaf was united in marriage to Adeline Grosz, daughter of Gustav and Juliana (Billigmeier) Grosz. Adeline was born on November 22, 1908, at Kulm. She graduated from Kulm Elementary School and Edgeley High School and attended Ellendale Normal and Industrial School.

The Holmans were blessed with four sons: Gene and Morris, Fredonia; Arthur, St. Louis Park, Minnesota; and Kenneth, Spring, Texas.

Olaf Holman lived most of his life on the farm where he was born, until they moved into Fredonia in 1971. He was a member of Pomona Valley Lutheran Church and later Zion Lutheran Church in Kulm. He was a member of the Kulm City Band for many years. He was a farmer all his life until his retirement.

Adeline Holman taught school in Haag School District after graduation and then became a farmer's wife. Since 1961, she has been a news correspondent for several local newspapers. At the present time, she is a member of Martin Luther Lutheran Church and a charter member of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 260.

152. HOLMSTROM, DALE & DEBORA (Burkle) 165

[picture] Dale Edward Holmstrom was born on April 17, 1952, in Jamestown, N.D., the oldest son of Edward and Annetta (Tiede) Holmstrom of Gackle. He attended Gackle Public School for 11 years and one year at Bellingham, Wash. He graduated from Gackle Public School in 1970.

Dale married Debora Jane Burkle on June 21, 1974, at the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia. Debora is the only daughter of Raymond and Alvina (Rudolph) Burkle of Fredonia and was born on March 20, 1954, at Gackle, N.D. She attended Gackle Public School, graduating in 1972. Debora attended college for 1 1/2 semesters at UND, Grand Forks, N.D., and one quarter at VCSC, Valley City, N.D.

After their marriage, the Holmstroms lived in Valley City for a few months and then moved to the Raymond Burkle farm in August, 1974, where they were

employed for 3 1/2 years. They then purchased a farm eight miles northwest of Gackle in 1978 where they are actively engaged in dairying, selling whole milk, and in small grain farming.

The Holmstroms are members of the Lutheran Church and are active in bowling, Jaycees, Jayceettes, and lovers of the outdoors.

They are blessed with one child, Rebecca Jane, born on September 20, 1975.

153. HORDETCKEY, HARRY & EMMA (Buckey) 166

[picture] Harry Hordetckey was born to his parents on March 17, 1895. He grew to manhood and on September 2, 1933, Harry married Emma Buckey. Emma was born to her parents, Prokief and Donnia (Gussler) Buckey, on January 16, 1913, in Logan County. She attended the local school where she completed her eighth grade education.

Harry and Emma were blessed with three children: Leo, 43, Minneapolis, Minn.; Mrs. Eeleen Narveson, 37, Fargo; and Mrs. Shirley Leyspring, 36, Jamestown.

The Hordetckeyes are members of the Catholic Church. Harry passed away on July 5, 1947.

154. IRION, ELLEDHOR & IDA (Dollinger) 166

[picture] The Elledhor Irion farm is located nine miles southwest of Fredonia. Mr. Irion was born on this farm on March 12, 1926. He is the son of Christ and Katie (Rott) Irion.

On October 14, 1945, Elledhor was united in marriage to Ida Dollinger, a daughter of G.G. and Emma (Blumhardt) Dollinger.

The Irions have four children: Gary, married to Leona Schaeffer, Brandon, S. Dak.; Arlyn, married to Carol Clypfel, Napoleon, N. Dak.; Delilah, married to Lonnie Bender, Fredonia; and Darcy, in school at Mayville State College.

The Irions are active members of the Berlin Baptist Church south of Fredonia.

Elledhor and Ida live on the home farm which his father homesteaded in 1919. At the present time, the farm consists of 1840 deeded acres and about 880 rented acres. The Irions are mainly interested in their registered Polled Herefords which they started in 1955. The cow herd now numbers about 150, and they sell most of their cattle as breeding stock. They have sold breeding stock in four states and the province of Manitoba, Canada. The Irions were 1960 McIntosh County soil conservation winners. Mr. Irion served ad director and secretary of the Fredonia Co-op Elevator Co. for 14 years, was a 4-H leader for 17 years, served on the Lehr School Board, and was a director of the McIntosh County Purebred Association and a director of the N. Dak. Polled Hereford Association. Mrs. Irion is also a director of the N. Dak. Poll-ettes (ladies association of the N. Dak. Polled Hereford Association).

155. IRION, EUGENE & VIOLA (Wolf) 166



[picture] Eugene Otto Irion, son of Otto and Anna Irion (nee Haag), was born October 31, 1932, at Fredonia. He completed his education at Kulm High School.

On March 24, 1954, Eugene and Viola Wolf were united in marriage. Viola, daughter of Ed and Leontina Wolf (nee Sukut), was born February 26, 1934, at Fredonia. She received her elementary education in Logan County.

Mr. Irion taught school in the Lutt and Hollan School Districts from 1950 to 1952. Mrs. Ralph (Loretta) Schultz was one of his first grade students. He was employed as a bookkeeper at the Nash Finch Co. at Jamestown, N. Dak., prior to his entrance into the military service. In 1952 he entered the U.S. Navy and served continuously on active duty until 1971. In 1971 they started farming on the Gerhard Geiszler farm where they presently reside. Since 1976 Mr. Irion has also been employed by the N.D. State Historical Society at the Whitestone Hill Battlefield Historic Site.

Their three children are Perry of Huntsville, Ala., Tina, NDSU at Fargo, N.D., and Eddie at home.

They are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

156. IRION, OTTO & ANNA (Haag) 167

[picture] Otto Irion, son of Jacob and Elisabeth (Schettle) Irion, was born on September 27, 1898, in LaMoure County.

On March 30, 1927, Otto was united in marriage to Anna Haag. Anna was born on March 30, 1908, in Logan County, rural Fredonia, a daughter of Johann, Sr., and Maria (Tobler) Haag.

To this union five children were born: Florence, Mrs. Raymond Schlecht, Fredonia; Adeline, Mrs. Chester Dobler, Kalispell, Mont.; Eugene, Fredonia; Willard, Lapwai, Idaho; and Gordon, Kulm.

The Irions have farmed since 1927. Otto has been assessor of Janke Township and also worked as hail adjuster for the state department. The family are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Anna has taught Sunday and Vacation Bible School several years. Otto and Anna retired from the farm in 1973, and presently make their home in Kulm.

157. JANKE, ARTHUR & ALMA (Schlecht) 167

[picture] Arthur Janke, son of Gottlieb and Christina Janke (nee Gutschmidt), was born April 16, 1907, in Logan County. He received an 8th grade education.

On March 19, 1931, Arthur was united in marriage to Alma Schlecht. Alma, daughter of Carl and Christina Schlecht (nee Speidel), was born Oct. 15, 1912, in Logan County. Alma received an eighth grade education. The Jankes lived on a farm three miles north of Fredonia. They moved to LaMoure, N.D., in 1946.

They were blessed with six children: Mrs. George (Myra) Rada of Ellendale, N.D.; Mrs. Lyle (Alida) Albertson, of LaMoure, N.D.; Mrs. Gerald (Pansy)

Raatz of Vancouver, Wash.; James of Crystal Lake, Ill.; Joel of Bismarck, N.D.; and Mrs. Harvey (Joyce) Wiemann of Webster, S.D.

The Jankes were Lutheran. Mrs. Janke passed away April 30, 1961.

158. JANKE, ARVEN & LEONA (Ruff) 167

[picture] Arven Janke, son of Gotthilf and Olga (nee Tiede) Janke, was born October 28, 1926, on the family farm near Fredonia in Logan County. He attended school at Haag school No. 4. He served in the United States Army stationed in the States and Japan from March, 1951, to February, 1953.

Mr. Janke was united in marriage to Leona Ruff, daughter of Rudolph and Esther (nee Krueger) Ruff, on November 4, 1955. Mrs. Janke was born August 15, 1936, at Guyson in Logan County. She was graduated from Kulm High school in 1955 and taught one term of school in Nathan School district.

Mr. and Mrs. Janke are the parents of five children: Sara Jane, born August 31, 1956, presently employed at Rolla Community Hospital in Rolla, N.D.; Myrna Joy, born September 12, 1957, now in the United States Army stationed at Carlisle Barracks, Penn.; Alan Joel, born April 22, 1959, now serving in the United States Army stationed at Wertheim, Germany; Polly Jean, born August 11, 1961, a senior at Gackle High School; and Loren James, born July 15, 1963, a sophomore at Gackle High School.

Mr. and Mrs. Janke are active members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia, where Mr. Janke serves on the Parish Education Board and is a member of the senior choir. Mrs. Janke is one of the church organists and a member of the ALCW.

Mr. Janke is presently a director on the Fredonia Farmers' Elevator Board of Directors, is serving on the ASCS Community Committee, and is a member of the American Legion Clifford Post NO. 260 in Fredonia with Mrs. Janke a member of the Legion Auxiliary.

Mr. Janke served on the Janke Township Board for 12 years and also served on the church council. He has been an SCS supervisor and also a Sunday School teacher for many years.

Mr. Janke has been associated with the Fredonia baseball team since it was organized in 1953 and at the age of 49 pitched his last complete baseball game, beating Ellendale 6 to 3.

Mr. and Mrs. Janke have been living on their present farm since 1956.

159. JANKE, GOTTHILF & OLGA (Tiede) 168

[picture] Mr. Gotthilf Janke was born on October 15, 1895, on his father's homestead four miles north of Fredonia. He was the son of Gottlieb and Christina (Gutschmidt) Janke. He attended a rural school for five years and grew to manhood on his father's farm. Mr. Janke served in the United States Army during World War I, serving in Europe.

On April 6, 1923, Mr. Janke was married to Olga Tiede, daughter of Johann and Katherina (Ziegler) Tiede. She was born on December 17, 1903, in Logan

County. She was baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith. Mrs. Janke also attended rural school. After their marriage they moved to a farm seven miles northwest of Fredonia. Mrs. Janke died in March, 1946. Mr. Janke continued to live on the farm with his children until retirement. In May, 1962, Mr. Janke entered the Lutheran Rest Home in Eureka, S.D., where he remained until his death.

Mr. Janke served on the school and township boards, AAA, OPA, draft board, elevator board and oil company board. He was a charter member of the Fredonia American Legion and a member of the Gackle American Legion. He was also involved in politics. For years he fixed horses' teeth in the area.

They were the parents of nine children, three of whom died in infancy. Those living are Roland, Arven and Paul, all of Fredonia; Mrs. Waldemar (Violet) Krueger, Sebeka, Minn.; Mrs. Ted (Erna) Koenig, Motley, Minn.; and Hugo, Moorhead, Minn.

Mr. Janke passed away in Feb., 1965.

160. JANKE, GUST & LARAINÉ (George) 168

[picture] Gust R. Janke, son of Gottlieb and Christina Janke (nee Gutschmidt), was born November 1, 1904, in Logan County. He received an eighth grade education.

On April 5, 1943, he was united in marriage to LaRaine George. LaRaine, daughter of Jacob and Maria George (nee Flaig), was born March 5, 1909, at Wishek, N.D. She completed her education at Valley City State College.

Gust Janke began working for the Fredonia Farmers Elevator in 1936. In 1942 he entered the military. In 1943, at the age of 38, he became eligible for a discharge. He was then rehired by the elevator and worked there until 1953. In 1954 he became manager of the Winsor Elevator. Because of failing health, he retired. The Jankes then moved to Jamestown.

Mrs. Janke passed away in 1966, and Mr. Janke passed away Jan. 6, 1971. Their daughter, Mrs. Dan (Peggy) Cichos, lives at Fargo, N.D.

161. JANKE, JACOB & KATHERINA (Schlect) 168

[picture] Jacob E. Janke, son of the late Gottlieb and Christina (Gutschmidt) Janke, was born on February 24, 1901, in Logan County, four miles north of Fredonia. He attended the local school where he completed his elementary education.

On March 29, 1925, Jacob was united in marriage to Katherina Schlecht, born on October 28, 1904, to Karl and Christina (Speidel) Schlecht. She attended rural school and received her elementary education.

After their marriage they settled on the homestead farm four miles north of Fredonia, at present the Otto Tiede farm, later buying a farm south of Gackle. They retired to Gackle.

Mr. Janke was active in rural community affairs, serving in township offices and assisting in the various government farm programs at the local level. He was an F.H.A. county committeeman for many years.

Four children were born to this union: Hilma Jackson, St. Paul, Minn.; Lloyd, Gackle, N.D.; Adeline Muller, Lodi, Calif., and Myron, deceased, 1971, Lodi, Calif.

The Jankes were members of the Lutheran church in Gackle.

Jacob E. Janke died July 17, 1970. Katherina Janke died April 28, 1970. Both are buried in the Gackle Cemetery.

162. JANKE, PAUL & ALICE (Fiechtner) 169

[picture] Mr. Paul G. Janke was born on April 15, 1932, on the family farm seven miles northwest of Fredonia in Janke Township. Paul is the son of Gotthilf and Olga (Tiede) Janke, both deceased. Mr. Janke was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. He attended rural school and was inducted into the Army in November, 1953, serving in Japan. He was discharged in October, 1955.

Paul Janke was married on November 3, 1957, to Alice Fiechtner, daughter of Jacob W. and Christina (Erbele) Fiechtner of Lehr. Alice was born on August 22, 1939, in Logan County and was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith and attended rural school.

Mrs. Janke is president of the American Legion Auxiliary Post 260.

Children born to this marriage are Judy, Owen, Quinn and Evanda, all at home.

Mr. Janke is living on the home farm, He has served on the church council and was a Sunday School teacher. He is presently serving as a precinct committeeman, is president of the Gackle School Board and is a member of the American Legion Post 260 at Fredonia. Mr. Janke does artificial breeding of cattle in the community and is the owner and operator of a modern dairy farm.

163. JANKE, ROBERT & HATTIE (Radke) 169

[picture] Robert Janke, son of the late Gottlieb and Christina (Gutschmidt) Janke, was born on September 5, 1899, in Logan County, Fredonia. He attended rural school where he received his elementary education.

On March 22, 1923, Robert was united in marriage to Hattie Radke, daughter of Karl and Magdalena (Keller) Radke. Hattie was born on October 16, 1901, in Logan County, Fredonia. She attended rural school and received elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Wilbert, Avon, Mont.; LeRoy, Greenback, Wash.; Mrs. Idella Antle, Seattle, wash.; and Raymond, unknown.

The Jankes were members of German Congregational Church, Seattle, Wash.

The Jankes farmed in the Fredonia area. Robert was employed at Farmers Co-op Elevator for several years. In 1947, they moved to Seattle, Wash., where Robert worked for Puget Sound Salvage Company until his health failed.

Robert Janke died December 1, 1970, and Hattie Radke Janke died January 15, 1974, both in Seattle.

164. JANKE, ROLAND & FRANCES (Jonas) 170

[picture] Roland Janke, oldest son of Gotthilf and Olga Janke (nee Tiede), was born March 21, 1924, on a farm north of Fredonia. He was raised and educated in Janke Township. Roland worked on the family farm until he was inducted into the U.S. Navy on April 12, 1945. Following his discharge from the Navy, Roland farmed for about 10 years. He then operated the county maintainer for a year. For the past 20 years he has operated the Fredonia Repair Shop. Roland is an active member of the American Legion Post No. 260. He has been a member of the city board for eight years and presently is the mayor of Fredonia.

Roland was united in marriage with Frances Nedrow Jonas on Dec. 31, 1974. Frances, daughter of George W. and Lela Nedrow (nee Waugh), was born June 9, 1921. She was raised and educated at Ashton, Idaho.

Roland has three stepchildren: Mrs. Eugene (Sharon) Quast, Mrs. Ralph (Loretta) Schultz, and Henry Carl Jonas. He has six step grandchildren and a step great grandchild.

The Jankes are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

165. JAN, ROLAND & MARION (Gackle) 170

Roland Leonard Jans, son of William and Olga (Hiller) Jans, was born at Fredonia on April 16, 1919.

Roland married Marion Adele Gackle on July 25, 1943. Marion was born on April 3, 1921, to Martin and Florence (Strehlow) Gackle.

Roland is a graduate of Kulm High School. Marion is a graduate of Kulm High School with one year of college at North Dakota State University at Fargo, N. Dak., and three years of nurses training at St. John's Hospital, Fargo.

Their children are: Wesley, age 32, Camas, Wash.; Rita Marie, age 29, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Paul, age 24, Kulm.

The Janses are members of the First Congregational Church of Kulm.

Roland clerked in a Fredonia grocery and merchandise store from 1933 to 1938. He was a teller in the Kulm State Bank from 1940 to 1942 at which time he entered the Armed Services for four years, two and one-half of which were spent overseas in the European Theater.

He returned to the Kulm State Bank in October of 1945, at which time he was made cashier, and in 1958 he was named a director. In 1969 Roland became president in which capacity he is serving at the present time.

166. JANS, WILLIAM SR. & OLGA (Hiller) 170

William Jans, Sr., son of Ludwig and Julia (Kurtz) Jans, was born on February 23, 1878, in Shaba, South Russia. He received his education at Freeman, S. Dak., and Fremont, Neb.

On May 28, 1918, William was united in marriage with Olga Hiller, a daughter of the late Christoph and Salomine (Keller) Hiller), who was born on March 5, 1897, in McIntosh County near Fredonia. She had a formal education.

Two sons were born to this union: Roland Leonard, Kulm, and William Leo, Edgeley, N. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. Jans were members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

William Jans, Sr., clerked in a general merchandise store for a short time, then entered the banking business, first in Freeman, S. Dak., then in Fredonia, and lastly in Kulm where he was president of the Kulm State Bank.

Mr. Jans died on December 26, 1974. Mrs. Jans died on November 9, 1964.

167. JERKE, EDWARD & JESSIE (Roehr) 170

Mr. Edward Jerke was born December 26, 1911, at Fredonia. He is the son of Gottlieb and Susanna Jerke.

In October, 1934, he was united in marriage to Jessie Roehr, born December 12, 1915, at Nortonville, N. Dak. She is the daughter of Fred and Anna Roehr. Both Edward and Jessie have a high school education.

They are the parents of four children: Janet McBroom, Audrey Pomato, Edward A., and Joel F., all of California.

Jessie taught school for a number of years in the area while Mr. Jerke served as clerk and postmaster in Fredonia.

168. JERKE, EMANUEL & EMMA (Krueger) 171

{picture] Emanuel Jerke, a son of Gottlieb and Susanna (nee Lenz) Jerke, was born on December 15, 1903, in the Fredonia community. He received his elementary education.

On October 6, 1929, Emanuel was united in marriage to Emma Krueger, a daughter of the late John and Justina (nee Schlender) Krueger, who was born on August 29, 1911, in Logan County at Fredonia. She attended the rural school and received her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Mrs. Richard (Phyllis) Franklin, 47, Benton City, Washington; Mrs. Russell (Ida Mae) Kabrud, 45, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Marvin Emanuel, 43, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Varhold Vern, 40, Rapid City, S. Dak.

The Jerkes are members of the Evangelical Church at Forbes, N. Dak. Emanuel was Sunday school teacher and superintendent for many years. Emma is still active in church, playing piano and teaching.

Emanuel and Emma were farmers while living in the Fredonia area. In 1939, they moved to Forbes, N. Dak., in Dickey County, again bought a farm and stayed there until 1960 when they sold their farm to their son, Marvin. The Jerkes moved to a ranch farm by the hills and that is where Emma is making her home.

Emanuel Jerke passed away in 1973.

169. JONAS, CARL & FRANCES (Waugh) 171

[picture] Carl Jonas, son of Henry D. and Minnie Jonas (nee Miller), was born Jan. 4, 1911, at Sorento, Ill. His parents then moved to St. Louis, Mo., where his father was a street car conductor. When Carl was five years old the Jonases moved to Fredonia where his father operated the dray line, and Carl began school in what is presently the Jim Holman residence. In the fall of 1919 during the flue epidemic, the Jonases moved to the Henry Jonas homestead five miles west of Fredonia. (At the present time this homestead is part of the Raymond Krueger farm and all that is left to show there was a farmstead are a few plum and chokecherry trees and part of an old rock shed.) In the spring of 1923 the Jonases moved back to Illinois, but Carl was left behind and hired out to Pete Johnson on a farm about one and one-half miles southeast of Fredonia. In the fall his parents returned to Fredonia and bought what was known as the Semple place about five miles south of Fredonia. This was originally railroad land. It has a running spring on it, and early settlers tell of hauling water from it for their steam threshing engines. Carl finished his education in a rural school near there. They only had seven months of school at that time and usually the older children missed a good share of this because they were needed to stay home and help with chores. Carl farmed with his father until the depression and drought of the 30's. He joined the Civilian Conservation Corps and was stationed in various parts of North Dakota and Minnesota. During the time he was in Minnesota his thumb was completely cut off while chopping wood. After many months in the hospital, Carl did eventually gain full use of his thumb again. Following this he received his honorable discharge from the CCC and returned home for a visit. In August of 1936, Carl, Ted Heller, Herbert Hehr, and Edward Ost headed west to seek employment. It was harvest time when they came through Ashton, Idaho, and since men from the midwest had a reputation for being honest, hardworking men, they received employment immediately. In a short time Herbert Hehr was called home due to the death of his father, but the others found steady employment and remained.

On June 26, 1939, Carl was united in marriage to Frances Nedrow. Frances, daughter of George W. and Lela Nedrow (nee Waugh), was born June 90, 1921, at Ashton, Idaho. Frances grew up on her parents' ranch five miles west of Ashton and received her education in a country school near there. She graduated from Ashton High School. The first year of their marriage, Carl and Frances worked on a ranch where she cooked and did the laundry for Carl and eight other hired hands. Their wages were \$100.00 a month plus board. The following spring they rented some land to farm and in the fall were able to purchase a farm. In the fall of 1940 their first child, Sharon, was born. The following fall on Nov. 11, 1941, their house with most of their possessions was completely destroyed by fire. The neighbors helped with the

building, and the day before Christmas, Carl and Frances again had a home to move into. In the fall of 1943 they sold their land to return to Fredonia. They rented a box car to ship their belongings on since tires, gas, and food were rationed and difficult to get during the war. Machinery was impossible to buy, so they took their tractor, car, plow, household goods and a team of horses. Arriving in Fredonia was like stepping into another world for Frances, since she did not know any people nor understand a word of German. Carl and Frances purchased the Jonas farm from his father along with all the machinery and cattle, including a B John Deere tractor. The following fall they bought an Allis Chalmers combine, one of the first in the area. In 1945 their second daughter was born and in 1951, Henry Carl was born. In the early 1950s REA and RTA became available to the Fredonia area farmers, making life easier for the families. During the blizzard of March, 1966, the Jonases lost 50 head of cattle.

Through the years Carl and Frances added more land and buildings to their farm where they lived until Carl passed away on Dec. 12, 1973.

Carl was a member of the local school board. During the late 1950s the school districts were reorganized, and the children were then bussed to Kulm for school.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas were members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

Frances Jonas has married Roland Janke and presently lives in Fredonia where she is city auditor.

Their son, Henry, lives on the Jonas farm, and Mrs. Ralph (Loretta) Schultz lives near Fredonia, and Mrs. Eugene (Sharon)Quast lives at Billings, Mont. There are six grandchildren and a great grandchild.

170. JONAS, HENRY 172

[picture] Henry Carl Jonas, son of Carl and Frances Jonas (nee Nedrow), was born July 11, 1951. Henry graduated from Kulm High School in 1969. He attended college at NDSU in Fargo. Henry farmed with his father and took over operation of the family farm following the death of his father.

171. JONAS, HENRY & MINNIE (Miller) 172

[picture] Henry D. Jonas was born June 28, 1883, in Davenport, Iowa. He was the second son of Henry W. Jonas and Eleanora (Tappendorf) Jonas. He came to Fredonia in 1902 with his parents who homesteaded three and one-half miles west of Fredonia.

Minnie (Miller) Jonas was born April 7, 1887, in Sorento, Illinois, to Heye and Anna Katherine )(Hetge) Miller. Minnie came to Kulm to work in a café owned by her uncle. Here she met Mr. Jonas. They were married December 13, 1906, in Sorento, Illinois.

After the marriage they engaged in farming on a Fred Marx farm one-half mile from the home of Mr. Jonas' parents, west of Fredonia. Here the first child, Pauline, was born. In 1908 they moved to Sorento, Illinois, and engaged in farming on the farm of Mrs. Jonas' parents, where two more children, Helen and Carl, were born. In 1911 they moved to Saint Louis, MO., where Mr. Jonas



was a street car conductor. In 1914 they returned to Fredonia where Mr. Jonas bought and operated the dray line, and he built his first home in Fredonia where two more children, Ruth and Clara, were born. Mr. Jonas was also a member of Fredonia's first baseball team. In 1917 they moved to the farm of Henry's parents west of Fredonia. Two more children, Casey and Edith, were born here. In 1923 they sold all their possessions and farmed out their three oldest children to go to Illinois in search of a new home. They found not what they sought and returned to North Dakota where they bought the farm five miles south of Fredonia which is now owned by their grandson, Henry C. Jonas. Here they remained for 20 years and their last child, Joyce, was born. Mr. Jonas was active in community and governmental affairs. He was a supporter of Governor Langer and the Non Partisan League.

In 1942 they sold the farm to their son, Carl, and moved to Kulm where they bought and operated a liquor store. In 1947 the City of Kulm decided on a municipal liquor store, and once again they were uprooted. They then bought an apartment house in Aberdeen, S.D., where they remained until the death of Mrs. Jonas on August 31, 1957. Mr. Jonas then lived with various children until his death, October 24, 1965.

To this union eight children were born: Mrs. John (Pauline) Schmidt, Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Lynn (Helen) Bice, Acampo, Calif.; Carl Jonas (deceased), Fredonia, N.D.; Mrs. Alvin (Ruth) Bietz (deceased), Sacramento, Calif.; Mrs. Clarence (Clara) Guthmueller, Linton, N.D.; Casey Jonas (deceased), Redwood City, Calif.; Mrs. Alfred (Edith) Joachim, Lodi, Calif.; and Mrs. Otto (Joyce) Harr, Sacramento, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Jonas celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1956. The entire family was together for the Golden Jubilee of Fredonia, and the above picture was taken at that time.

172. KAPP, KONRAD 173

[picture] Konrad Kapp, a son of the late Mathies and Rosina (nee Meier) Kapp, was born on February 13, 1900, at Eureka, S. Dak. He received his education at Ashley, N. Dak.

Konrad was united in marriage in 1922 to Mary Eisenbeis, a daughter of Jacob and Katherina (nee Were) Eisenbeis, who was born on January 12, 1902, at Wishek, N. Dak. She received her education at Wishek.

Five children were born to this union: Alvin, deceased; Ray, Norfolk, Neb.; Ellis, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Elmer, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.; and Mary Lu, deceased.

While living in Fredonia, Mr. Kapp was engaged in the trucking and threshing business for 13 years. Mary operated the café for the same number of years. In 1957 the Kapps moved to Aberdeen, S. Dak. There Mr. Kapp was in the carpenter business, and Mrs. Kapp retired due to poor health.

Mary Kapp died on December 24, 1971.

Konrad Kapp was married the second time to Lydia Harr, the former Mrs. Edward Kauk, who was born on September 1, 1909, in Russia, a daughter of August and Wilmena (Kolb) Harr of Kulm.

Konrad and Lydia are members of the Zion Lutheran Church. They enjoy visiting their many friends and are retired at Ashley.

173. KAPP, RAYMOND & ESTHER (Eslinger) 174

[picture] Raymond Kapp was born on June 18, 1925, in McIntosh County, the son of Konrad and Mary Kapp. Raymond had elementary and general education, and also attended Bible college.

On August 12, 1945, he married Esther Eslinger, the daughter of Emanuel and Hannah (Wolf) Eslinger. Esther was born on August 18, 1923, in Logan County near Fredonia. She too had general education, teachers' and Bible college and some nurses' training.

The Kapps made their home in Norfolk, Nebraska. They belong to the Assembly of God Church where they are quite active. Esther plays the piano and attends church meetings with Raymond, besides doing nursing and needlework.

They are the parents of four children, which include a set of twins: Cheryl Kapp, age 32, South America; Carole Burgess, age 32, South Africa; Paulette Reece, age 30, South Carolina; and Joy Boscaljon, age 20, South Dakota.

[note under one picture: These are the children of Ray and Esther Kapp. At left is Cheryl Kapp, one of the twins, who lives in Caracas, Venezuela. IN the middle is Paulette Kapp Reece, who was born in Fredonia and now lives in Spartanburg, South Carolina. At the right is Joy Kapp Boscaljon of Sioux Falls, S.D. The boy is Paulette's second son, Michael. In the separate photo is the other twin, Carole Kapp Burgess, now living in Krugersdorp, South Africa, with her second oldest daughter, Tammy, and a friend.]

174. KARIUS, WILLIAM & IDA (Mundt) 174

[picture] William Karius was born October 5, 1894, in Neu-Sarata, Bessarabia, South Russia, son of Jacob and Christine (Riske) Karius, and came to America in 1910 with his mother, settling in Canada. Shortly thereafter they moved to Kramling, Montana, where they homesteaded.

Ida Mundt was born June 30, 1893, at Lehr, the daughter of Gottlieb and Sophie (Kroll) Mundt. She lived with her parents on a farm seven miles northeast of Lehr until her marriage.

William and Ida were married January 18, 1917, at Lehr. Following their marriage they lived at Kramling, Montana, until 1923, when they moved to a farm six miles north of Lehr. In 1925 they moved to a farm five miles north of Fredonia, and in 1938 to a farm 10 miles east of Napoleon, N.D. They moved to Napoleon in 1952 and resided there until their death on September 27, 1962.

They were members of the Lutheran Church of rural Fredonia and later at the Peace Lutheran Church at Napoleon.

The children of William and Ida Karius are Mrs. John J. Kuhn, Napoleon, Kenneth J. Karius, Minneapolis, and Mrs. E.J. (Alma) Stadel, Boone, Iowa.

175. KARVONEN, OSCAR & ESTHER (Dormanen) 175

Oscar was the son of Matt and Fiena (Mattila) Karvonen. He was born in Fredonia, Logan County, on October 19, 1904.

On November 6, 1941, Oscar was united in marriage with Esther Dormanen. She was born in Gackle, Logan County, on February 18, 1910, a daughter of Edward and Emma Dormanen.

Esther had been previously married to Charley Holmstrom, Jr., on October 23, 1928. To this union were born three children: Verna (Mrs. Charles Rappana), Verona, N.D.; Norbert Holmstrom, Shakopee, Minn., who is married to Beverly Egnel and has four sons; and Florence (Mrs. Marvin Kinzler), Fairfax, Minn., who has nine children. Norbert served in the Merchant Marines.

Charley Holmstrom, Mr., died in a car accident on October 10, 1935.

Esther lived in Gackle, N.D., with her children until 1941 when she married Oscar Karvonen. To this marriage was born two sons: Marvin who served in the Vietnam conflict and is at present in Fort Meade, S. Dak., and Wesley, Fredonia.

Oscar Karvonen died on April 5, 1970, at the age of 65 years.

Oscar grew to manhood on his father's homestead, living there all his life. He was actively engaged in farming and ranching and also did some trucking.

After Oscar's passing Esther continued the farming business for a few years and then sold the farm to son Wesley and moved to LaMoure, N. Dak., where she is now making her home.

176. KARVONEN, WESLEY 175

Wesley Karvonen, a son of the late Oscar and Esther (Dormanen) Karvonen, was born on April 13, 1948, at Edgeley, N. Dak. He attended the rural school where he completed his elementary education.

Wesley grew to manhood on his parents' farm which his grandfather, Matt Karvonen, homesteaded in the early 1900's about 10 miles northwest of Fredonia.

Wesley bought the homestead from his mother and is active in his farming business. Wesley is the third generation operating the homestead. He is not married and is a member of the Lutheran church. After he purchased the farm, his mother moved to LaMoure, N. Dak., where she is now making her home.

177. KAUK, PETER & MARGRETHA (Schlickemayer) 175

[picture] Peter Kauk, a son of the late John and Eva (nee Scheerer) Kauk, was born on November 4, 1892, in Alma, Nebraska. He came to the Dakotas as a boy with his parents.

On December 20, 1912, Peter was united in marriage to Margretha Schlickemayer in Artas, S. Dak. Margretha was born in Russia on September

5, 1891, and came to the United States at the age of seven with some of her brothers.

After their marriage, the Kauks made their home in Zeeland, N.D., where Mr. Kauk worked on the dray line for several years. After that the family lived on a farm about nine miles northwest of Fredonia. During the depression years, Mr. Kauk worked on W.P.A. Hardships were many during these years. Because of failing health, they entered the Wishek Retirement Home in 1968, where Margretha now resides.

Sixteen children were born to this union. The 11 who still are living are as follows: Adolf, Lead, S. Dak.; Theodore, Calvin and Mrs. Harvey (Stella) Nagel, all of Lehr, N. Dak.; Raymond, Napoleon, N. Dak.; John, Maynard and Mrs. Anna Grignon, all of Minneapolis, Minn.; Eddie, Bismarck, N. Dak.; Mrs. Fred (Ida) Dallmon, Edgeley, N. Dak.; and Mrs. Edgar (Tillie) Kaufman, Jamestown, N. Dak. There are 38 grandchildren and 32 great grandchildren.

Margretha is a member of the Grace Lutheran Church, Lehr.

Peter Kauk passed away on August 13, 1978, at the age of 85.

178. KAUK, RAYMOND & HILMA (Denning) 175

[picture] Raymond Kauk, a son of the late Peter and Margretha (Schlickemayer) Kauk, was born on January 28, 1926, at Artas, S. Dak. He completed his elementary education.

On March 16, 1948, Raymond was united in marriage to Hilma Denning, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Janke) Denning, who was born on February 9, 1930, near Lehr, N. Dak. Hilma completed her elementary education.

Two sons were born to this union: LeRoy, 30, Silverdale, Washington, and O'Neil, 29, Bismarck, N. Dak. Raymond and Hilma have three grandchildren.

The Kauks are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church. Hilma is active in the ALCW and is chairwoman of Circle One. She is a member of the Legion Auxiliary. Raymond is a member of the American Legion at Napoleon, N. Dak.

Raymond attended school in Haag District and after his marriage to Hilma, they lived on a farm 10 miles northwest of Fredonia. At present, they live on a farm near Napoleon, N. Dak., raising pure-bred Angus cattle and producing grain.

179. KELLER, PETE 176

Pete Keller was a depot agent in Fredonia until August of 1954. He then moved to Ambrose, N.D. In March of 1960 he moved to Flaxton, N.D.

Pete Keller passed away on May 29, 1975, at Flaxton.

180. KENNICOTT, DONALD & MABEL (Ost) 176

[picture] Donald C. Kennicott, son of Mr. Charles Kennicott and Mrs. Leona Eleat, was born on August 22, 1929, in Chicago, Illinois. He received his

elementary education, high school and now attends college under the G.I. Bill.

On August 13, 1955, Donald was united in marriage to Mabel R. Ost, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ost, Jr., born on September 1, 1928, in Fredonia. She attended the Fredonia Public School where she received her elementary education.

Two children were born to this union: Linda Lee Ost Mason, Brockton, Mass., and Brian Dean Kennicott, at home. There are two grandchildren: Adam Mason and Kimberly Ann.

The Kennicotts are Protestants.

Donald retired from the military and works for Naval Weapon Center, China Lake, California.

181. KETTERLING, EDWIN & ELLA (Bader) 176

[picture] Edwin Ketterling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Ketterling, was born on December 5, 1928, in Logan County. He completed his elementary education.

On September 11, 1952, Edwin was united in marriage to Ella Bader. Ella was born of September 14, 1933, near Wishek, N. Dak., to Christ and Anna (Morlock) Bader. Ella attended Lehr and Wishek schools.

The Ketterlings were blessed with two daughters, Rachel Anderson, Grand Forks, N. Dak., and Wanda Zimmerman, Lehr, and one grandson.

Edwin enjoys hunting, and Ella does sewing. Their occupation is farming. They are living on his family's farm eight miles southwest of Fredonia.

The Ketterlings are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

182. KETTERLING, ELMER & DORIS (George) 177

[picture] Elmer R. Ketterling was born on June 28, 1922, in Fredonia, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ketterling.

On October 29, 1946, he was married to Doris George, born March 18, 1921, near Lehr, the daughter of Fred F. and Katherine (Haussauer) George.

They were blessed with four children: Elaine, 28, Yakima, Wash.; Robert, 25, Yakima, Wash.; Barbara, 22, Portland, Ore.; and John, 19, Yakima, Wash.

The Ketterlings attend the First Baptist Church.

The Ketterlings moved to the State of Washington in October, 1946. After several moves within the state they settled in Yakima and have lived there for 23 years. They have been employed by the Federal Aviation Administration for 31 years.

183. KETTERLING, EMIL & EMMA (Freymark) 177

[picture] Emil Ketterling, a son of John and Dortha Kettering, was united in marriage to Emma Freymark. They farmed on various farms in the Fredonia area and later sold their property and moved to Rapid City, S. Dak.

This union was blessed with five children.

Emma Ketterling is making her home in Rapid City, S. Dak., and Emil Ketterling is deceased.

184. KETTERLING, HAROLD & HILDA (Fuchs) 177

[picture] Harold Ketterling was born June 8, 1905, to Jacob and Christina (nee Krisman) Ketterling in Logan County. He was educated in rural schools in Logan County. After he was out of school, he farmed with his father until the time of his marriage.

On March 23, 1927, he was united in marriage to Hilda Fuchs of rural Fredonia. Hilda was the daughter of Jacob and Rosina (nee Livi) Fuchs. Hilda was educated in rural schools in McIntosh County. After she was out of school, she helped out at home and also helped at the neighbors when needed. After their marriage, Harold and Hilda continued to farm with his father until 1938. After this they rented Ludwig Ketterling's farm, Harold's grandfather. They lived on this farm until the spring of 1941 when they purchased their own farm that their only son, Edwin, operates today.

Harold and Hilda were baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran faith and are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Fredonia.

The following children were born to Harold and Hilda: Alta, born Nov. 1, 1927, and passed away Jan. 12, 1929; Edwin, who operates the home place and married Ella Bader of Lehr; Mavis, married Alvin Bader and lives on a farm near Lehr; Janice, who is married to Eugene Martin of Streeter and lives in Jamestown. Mrs. Ketterling has 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

Harold passed away of a sudden heart attack on April 27, 1968. Hilda presently lives in Fredonia.

185. KETTERLING, JOHN & ROSIE (Miller) 178

[picture] John Ketterling, son of Ludwig and Barbara Ketterling (nee Melhhaff), was born April 10, 1894, at Eureka, S.D.

On October 24, 1921, John and Rosie Miller were united in marriage. Rosie, daughter of Jacob and Carolina Miller (nee Theurer), was born Sept. 29, 1906, at Fredonia. During the years they lived in Fredonia, John worked for Dan Moldenhauer on the dray line. Following this he worked in an elevator for Fred Schimp, and then he served as a cream buyer. The last 25 years Mr. Ketterling operated a Standard filling station. After his health began to fail Mr. Ketterling retired.

John and Rosie moved to Yakima, Wash., on July 3, 1966.

On February 8, 1969, Mr. Ketterling passed away. Mrs. Ketterling still resides in Yakima.

They were members of the Baptist Church. Their five children include: Elmer R. of Yakima, Wash.; Walter W. of Atlanta, Ga.; Lorence K. of Renton, Wash.; Melvin J. of Seattle, Wash.; and Mabel Heller of San Mateo, Calif.

186. KETTERLING, LORENCE & ELSIE (Nitschke) 178

[picture] Lorence K. Ketterling, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ketterling, was born April 2, 1931, at Fredonia. He received his education at Nordby Elementary School and Kulm High School.

On Nov. 11, 1951, Lorence was united in marriage to Elsie Nitschke. Elsie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Nitschke, was born July 15, 1931, at Fredonia. Elsie received her education in Haag Township.

Their children are Darcy and Bonnie Ketterling of Bellevue, Wash.

187. KETTERLING, THEODORE & MARTHA (Whittmyer) 178

[picture] Theodore Ketterling, son of Jacob and Kristina (Christman) Ketterling, was born March 13, 1912, nine miles east of Lehr in Logan County.

He married Martha Whittmyer Oct. 10, 1933. She is the daughter of Christian and Carolina Whittmyer. She was born January 7, 1913, three miles south of Lehr in McIntosh County.

Mr. Ketterling attended Lauth School No. 4 in Logan County, and Mrs. Ketterling, Lehr School District in McIntosh County.

Their children are:

Virgin H., born Oct. 7, 1934, and attended grade and high school at Lehr. He received his Bachelors Degree at the University of North Dakota, his Masters Degree in Washington, D.C., and is an economist with the federal government. Virgil, his wife, Ada, daughter, Rosa, and son, John, make their home in Washington, D.C.

Elroy J., born May 21, 1937, and attended school in Logan County and completed his education while in the Army. He drives a logging truck for the Homestake Mining Co. Elroy, his wife, Elaine, and two daughters, Anitaane and Marlene, make their home in Spearfish, S. Dak.

Adrella (Ketterling) Kranzler, born April 30, 1940, and attended grade and high school in Lehr. She attended Ellendale State Teachers College and obtained a teachers certificate and taught one year. James and Ardella and children, Julie, Terry, Karla, and Ann Marie, operate a dairy farm three miles south of Lehr.

Duane Ketterling, born February 6, 1942, and attended grade school in Logan County and high school at Ellendale. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree at New Mexico State University. He and his wife, Margarie, live at Fort Yates, N. Dak., where he is employed with the federal government as a range conservationist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ketterling are members of the United Methodist Church, and on Sept. 23, 1957, they moved to Ellendale.

188. KETTERLING, WALTER & ROSEMARIE (Sohnel) 179

Walter E. Ketterling, son of John and Rosie Ketterling, was born April 2, 1924, at Guyson, N. Dak.

He has a B.A. in accounting and attended the University of North Dakota in 1949.

He was united in marriage to Rosemarie Dora Ketterling February 21, 1953. Rosemarie was born February 26, 1931, at Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Her parents are Paul and Friedel Sohnel.

They have one child, Cindy Lynne, age 11, and they live at 4851 Springfield Drive, Dunwoody, Georgia.

189. KINZLER, EUGENE & NORA (Welk) 179

Eugene A. Kinzler, son of Albert and Kathryn (Krueger) Kinzler, was born on September 18, 1927, at rural Kulm. He had a formal education.

On March 31, 1951, Eugene was united in marriage with Nora A. Welk, a daughter of Christ and Amelia Welk, who was born on January 27, 1928, at rural Kulm. Nora had a formal education.

Three children were born to this union: Linda G. Bradley, Milton, N. Dak., and Steven D. and Keith E., both of Osnabrock, N. Dak.

The Kinzlers are members of the Dove Lutheran Church where Eugene is a Stewardship Committee member.

Eugene and the family lived in Fredonia from 1952 to 1957, operating a service station and mechanical repair business. The Kinzlers disposed of their property and moved to Kulm where he maintained a garage service until 1960 after which they decided to settle in Jamestown, N. Dak., where he worked as a car salesman. After several years, the decision to live in the northern part of the state was made, and presently they are making their home in Osnabrock.

190. KINZLER, HARRIS & SHIRLEY (Schlenker) 179

[picture] Harris Kinzler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kinzler, was born on October 29, 1941, on the family's residence approximately 11 miles northwest of Fredonia. He received his elementary education in the Fredonia Public School and then went on to attend high school in Kulm and Gackle, graduating from the latter in 1960.

Shirley Kinzler was born in Edgeley on February 27, 1939. Her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Schlenker, were engaged in farming some eight miles west of Jud where she attended a small country school and graduated in 1953.

In 1959, Shirley and Harris met each other. This meeting developed into a beautiful relationship and eventually led to their marriage on March 12,



1961. To this union of love three girls were born: Gina, 16, who is presently attending Spring Vale Academy in Owosso, Michigan, Renee, 11, a Michelle, 9, both at home and attending Gackle Public School.

Mr. and Mrs. Kinzler are members of the Church of God (7th Day) in Alfred, N. Dak. Their family enjoys doing things, sightseeing, and going places, traveling to the many points of interest in our country together as a family.

Life is change and excitement. In 1968, the family moved to Stanberry, Mo., where Harris had enrolled in Midwest Bible College. Four years of academic training passed quickly. Having received his Bachelor of Religion Degree in 1972, Harris accepted the invitation to become pastor of the Church of God (7th Day) in Conroe, Texas. Perhaps no other vocation is as rewarding or demanding as a full time ministry in the pastoral field. These experiences, however, would never be exchanged.

After five years in Conroe, the family has again moved back to Fredonia where they are engaged in the agricultural business. The family enjoys the rural life; they are happy. Harris also serves the Alfred congregation as a lay pastor.

191. KINZLER, WALTER & ALMA (Burkle) 180

[picture] Walter Kinzler, a son of the late Christoph and Mary (nee Buerkley) Kinzler, was born on June 8, 1912, 14 miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended the rural school.

On November 28, 1939, Walter was united in marriage to Alma Burkle, a daughter of the late Johannas and Wilhelmina (nee Schimke) Burkle, at the Lutheran Parsonage by Rev. Philip Peter at Fredonia. Alma was born on August 25, 1916, 11 miles northwest of Fredonia. She attended rural school where she completed her elementary education.

The Kinzlers farmed in the Kulm and Fredonia areas, living in Fredonia from 1946 to 1964. Walter also had the dray line for a number of years. In 1964, they moved to a farm 10 miles northwest of Fredonia.

Two children were born to this union: Harris, Fredonia, and Ardell, Valley, Wash.

Walter was active in community affairs, serving on the Logan County Welfare Board. After their marriage, the Kinzlers had a car, two horses, a wagon, four cows, a few chickens and a few other things, and they made enough money to keep them going.

Walter Kinzler passed away on December 23, 1967. Alma Kinzler is making her home in Gackle, N. Dak. She attends the First Congregational Church, Gackle.

192. KLEINGARTNER, CHRIST & ELLA (Hiller) 180

[picture] Christ Kleingartner, son of Fred and Mary (Riebhagen) Kleingartner, was born April 6, 1908, at the family farm eight miles northwest of Fredonia.

On June 19, 1932, Christ and Ella Hiller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred D. Hiller, were married. They began farming and resided on farms north and south of Fredonia until 1945 when they moved into Fredonia but continued to farm until 1954. During the years 1950-51, they also operated the Kulm Café in Kulm. In the remaining years up to his retirement in 1972, he was a heavy equipment operator for Logan and Dickey counties.

They were blessed with three children: Mrs. Harold (Adella) Kjos, Kulm; Ernie Kleingartner, Royal City, Wash.; and Mrs. Melvin (Judy) Schmitz, Rolaag, Minn.

Christ passed away September 28, 1973.

Christ and Ella were lifelong members of Nazareth Congregational Church, Fredonia.

193. KLEINGARTNER, FRED JR. & MARIA (Riebhagen) 180

[picture] Fred Kleingartner, son of Fred, Sr., and Carolina (Wiederspohn) Kleingartner, was born October 31, 1877, in Hoffnungstal, South Russia.

Fred Kleingartner, Jr., and Maria Riebhagen, daughter of Jacob and Wilhelmina (Wolf) Riebhagen, was born August 29, 1881, in Jacobsthal, South Russia.

They were united in marriage in the U.S.A.

This family was blessed with nine children: Fred, Jack, Christ, Emma, Rudolf, Reinhold, Edward, Mary and Albert.

In the year 1935 Fred and Mary Kleingartner moved to the state of Washington and made their home there in Granger, Wash., until the time of their death.

Fred died on April 28, 1951, and Maria died on November 29, 1953.

194. KLEINGARTNER, JACK 181

[picture] Jack Kleingartner, a son of Theo. And Lenora Kleingartner, was born in the year 1945 at Augusta, Georgia. Jack is not married. He spent three years in the Navy in Vietnam. Both Jim and Jack spent one year in the reserves. Their father, Theo., was in the Army. Jack went through college for blue printing. Jim and Jack are the owners of a tool and die machine shop in Greenwood, Indiana.

195 KLEINGARTNER, JIM & LINDA (Steward) 181

[picture] Jim Kleingartner, a son of Theo. And Lenora Kleingartner, was born in the year 1948 at Fredonia. His parents moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, on October 28, 1952, where Jim attended the schools. He graduated from Center Grove High School. Jim married Linda Steward, and they have two sons, ages 9 and 5 years. They are both enrolled in the school where Linda is a secretary.

196. KLEINGARTNER, THEO & LENORA (Schlenz) 181

[picture] Theo Kleingartner, son of the late Edward and Pauline (Dittus) Kleingartner, was born on August 4, 1916, on the family farm northwest of Fredonia. He attended rural school and completed his elementary education.

On June 24, 1943, Theo was united in marriage to Lenora Schlenz, a daughter of Jacob and Leontine (Ost) Schlenz. Lenora was born on December 26, 1924, on the family farm west of Fredonia in Logan County.

She attended rural school and completed her elementary education.

The Kleingartners were blessed with two sons: Jack and Jim, both live in Indianapolis, Indiana.

They attend the Mt. Auburn United Methodist Church.

The Kleingartners located on a farm northwest of Fredonia where they lent their talents to producing dairy products, raising cattle and grain. After several years of farming, they decided to sell their property, pull stakes and settle down in another part of the country. On October 28, 1952, Theo and Lenora moved to Indianapolis, Indiana, where they are residing at the present time.

197. KLEINGARTNER, WALTER & EVANGELINE (Schweigert) 182

[picture] Walter Edward Kleingartner, a son of the late Edward and Pauline (nee Dittus) Kleingartner, was born on April 15, 1924, on the family farm northwest of Fredonia. He attended the rural school and received his elementary education.

On November 23, 1954, Walter was united in marriage to Evangeline May Schweigert, a daughter of Lukas and Emma Schweigert. She was born on March 11, 1939, in Java, South Dakota. Evangeline attended the Fredonia Public School where she received her elementary education.

Six children were born to this union: Douglas W., married to Mary, West Fargo, N. Dak.; Russell R.; Carol E.; Patty A.; Karen K.; and Michael L., all at home.

The Kleingartners are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church, Fredonia.

Walter grew to manhood on the family farm, and after his marriage to Evangeline, they continued to operate this farm raising livestock, small grains, and dairy cows.

198. KLEINGARTNER, WILLIAM & ELSIE (Riebhagen) 182

[picture] William Kleingartner was born on April 2, 1914, in Logan County near Fredonia, a son of Edward and Pauline (Dittus) Kleingartner.

On September 3, 1937, he married Elsie Riebhagen, born on February 20, 1921, near Fredonia, the daughter of Jacob and Fredericka (Lang) Riebhagen.

The Kleingartners belong to the First Congregational Church in Kulm.

They are blessed with four children: Mary Louise Fey, 38, Kulm; Kathleen Kinzler, 36, Michigan; Larry Kleingartner, 33, Bismarck, N. Dak.; and Randa Gemar, 23, Oakes, N. Dak.

William served on the Pomona View Township Board and school board. At present, he is serving on the Kulm Credit Union Committee. Elsie is a member of Choir and Dorcas Society of Congregational Church. She is also a member of Homemakers.

Following their marriage, the Kleingartners farmed six miles northwest of Fredonia for five years. They then purchased a farm seven and one-half miles northwest of Kulm. In 1976, they moved to Kulm where they now reside.

199. KOENIG, EDWARD JR. & EDNA (Labrensz) 183

[picture] Edward Koenig, Jr., the son of Edward and Sophia (Hausch) Keonig, was born on August 18, 1913, in Logan County at Fredonia. He had an elementary education.

On April 10, 1945, Edward was united in marriage to Edna Labrensz. Edna was born on August 6, 1922, to Sam and Lydia (Wolf) Labrensz. She received her elementary education in Nathan District.

The Koenigs are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church. Edna is active in the Dorcas Circle and has been working in the hospital for many years.

Edward served in the Asiatic Pacific from February 10, 1941, to September 26, 1945.

The Koenigs bought a farm northwest of Fredonia. In 1952, they sold the farm to Walter Kinzler and moved to Jamestown, N. Dak., where Edward worked for the City Sign and Light Department.

Edward Koenig passed away on November 15, 1975.

200. KOENIG, RUDOLPH & ANNA (Labrensz) 183

[picture] Rudolph Koenig, son of the late Edward and Sophia (Hausch) Koenig, was born on January 13, 1912, on the home place seven miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended the local school and received his elementary education.

On March 31, 1935, Rudolph was united in marriage with Anna Labrensz. Anna was born on September 23, 1911, on the family farm 10 miles northwest of Fredonia. Her parents are Daniel and Rosella (Dallman) Labrensz.

Two children were born to this union: Duane, 39, Statesville, North Carolina, and Dynella, 37, Forsyth, Montana.

The Koenigs belong to the Lutheran church.

Rudolph and Anna lived northwest of Fredonia and for a time engaged in farming and raising livestock. They sold their farm property and moved to Jamestown where Mr. Koenig was employed by the railroad and also worked for the city until his retirement.

201. KOENIG, THEODORE & ERNA (Janke) 183

[picture] Theodore Koenig, son of Edward and Sophia Koenig, was born April 16, 1924, at Fredonia. He attended school through the eighth grade.

On September 5 1950, Theodore and Erna Janke were united in marriage. Erna, daughter of Gotthilf and Olga Janke, was born February 17, 1930, at Fredonia. Mrs. Janke attended school through the eighth grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Koenig are Lutherans. They moved from the Fredonia area to Minnesota in October of 1952. Their children are Brenda of Blaine, Minn., Bruce of Fridley, Minn., Lorna of Motley, Minn., and Mark at home.

202. KOENIG, WILLIAM & VIOLA (Sukut) 184

[picture] William Koenig, a son of the late Edward and Sophia (nee Hausch) Koenig, was born on September 26, 1910, at rural Fredonia. He attended the rural school where he received some elementary education.

On May 29, 1938, William was united in marriage to Viola Sukut, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sukut. She was born on October 26, 1917, at rural Wishek, N. Dak. She attended the rural school and received her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Mrs. Gideon (LaVonn) Bader, Camdenton, Missouri; Mrs. DeRay (Sandra) Bolen, Lake Isabella, California; Mrs. Edward (Phyllis) Gladding, Reno, Nevada; and Mrs. Gary (Belinda) Bartz, Fresno, California.

The Koenigs are members of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California.

William and Viola were active farmers in the Fredonia area, producing grain and raising livestock. In 1957, they sold their property and moved to Lodi, California, where they are making their home. They are both retired.

203. KONRAD, ELMER & RUTH (Schuldheisz) 184

Elmer Konrad, son of David and Theresa Konrad, was born on August 29, 1915, in Kulm. He completed his elementary education.

On September 7, 1937, Elmer was united in marriage to Ruth Schuldheisz, a daughter of Alex and Lydia (nee Kosanke) Schuldheisz. She was born on June 26, 1919. She received her education at Kulm Elementary and High School, graduating with the class of 1937.

Three children were born to this union:

Allen, 39, was born in Kulm, N. Dak. He attended Fredonia Public School and married Mary Lu Patton. He is a missionary in Liberia, West Africa. They have three children: Tamera, Cynthia, and Mark, all in Liberia.

Gene, 33, was born in Fredonia, across the street south from where his great grandparents, the Andrew Kosankes, once lived. He married Bonnie Gustafson.

He is a certified public accountant in San Diego, Calif. They have two children: Tanya and Shannon.

Timothy, 25, was born in Jamestown, N. Dak., and married Karen Land. He is a manager of a variety store in Lodi, Calif.

The Konrads moved to Fredonia in 1943 where they operated a hardware store in what was then known as the Kroll Building and later the Co-op Store. In 1960, Elmer and Ruth moved to Lodi, Calif., where Ruth is employed at F.W. Woolworth as a bookkeeper. Elmer is retired. The Konrads are members of the Lutheran church.

204. KOTH, GIDEON & CHRISTINE (Hauff) 184

[picture] Christine Hauff was born May 15, 1894, at Kulm to Jacob, Sr., and Elizabeth (nee Grosz) Hauff.

On August 6, 1914, Gideon Koth was united in marriage to Christine Hauff.

The Koths lived in Fredonia during the years 1925 to 1941. Gideon was employed at various places. He also was employed by Jack Wolf as a salesperson and handyman.

Four children were born to this union: Elmer, died January, 1975, in Seattle, Wash.; Ida, died in 1948 at Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Marvin, residing in Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Albert, residing in Sioux City, Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Koth moved to Aberdeen in 1941. Mrs. Koth was the first cook in the Aberdeen Public School lunch program. She is retired now and lives alone in her home but still enjoys gardening. She attends Christian Missionary Alliance Church.

Gideon Koth passed away on July 31, 1943.

205. KOTH, MARVIN & GLADYS (Lee) 185

Marvin Koth, son of Gideon and Christine Koth, was born on September 14, 1922, on a farm southwest of Fredonia in McIntosh County.

On September 30, 1947, Marvin was united in marriage to Gladys M. Lee.

Mr. and Mrs. Koth have one son, Ronald, who is married and attending South Dakota State University. He will graduate in May, 1979, with a Masters Degree in wildlife biology.

They are members of the First Presbyterian Church, Aberdeen, S. Dak.

The Koths like to hunt, fish, and travel. Mr. and Mrs. Koth have made several vacation trips to the Hawaiian Islands, and have taken several cruise trips to the Caribbean. They belong to the American Legion Post #24, Aberdeen, and the Elks Lodge #1046 of Aberdeen.

Marvin Koth left Fredonia in November of 1940 and moved to Aberdeen to work for Swift & Company for a short time. In April of 1941, Mr. Koth went to work for K.O. Lee Company in the shipping department. In 1943, Marvin

entered the Army and served two years with the U.S. Air Force. A year and one-half of this was with the 8th Air Force in England. After being discharged from the Air Force in 1945, Marvin returned to Aberdeen and resumed working for the K.O. Lee Company. In 1953, he was made traffic manager, the position he still holds with the company. The K.O. Lee Company manufactures grinding machines and automotive maintenance equipment which is marketed throughout the free world.

206. KRUEGER, ARTHUR & MOLLY (Kosanke) 185

[picture] Arthur Krueger, son of the late Ferdinand and Evelyn (Klettke) Krueger, was born on November 10, 1904, on his parents' farm near Fredonia. He attended the local school where he completed his elementary education.

On November 14, 1929, Art was united in marriage to Molly Kosanke, a daughter of Edward and Antonia (Knopp) Kosanke. Molly was born on May 14, 1910, near Fredonia. She attended rural school and completed her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Margie Golin, Chicago, Illinois; Lloyd, Fredonia; Betty Brosz, Jamestown, N. Dak.; and Charles, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Arthur Krueger died on March 25, 1950.

Molly was widowed in 1950 and in 1966 remarried to Emil Remmick of Streeter. At the present time they are making their home in Fargo, N. Dak.

207. KRUEGER, CHARLES & LILA (Rasmussen) 185

[picture] Charles S. Krueger, a son of Edwin and Bertha (Buerkle) Krueger, was born on August 7, 1944, in Logan County, Fredonia. He received his education at the Fredonia Public School, Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1962, and received his B.S. Degree at North Dakota State University, Fargo.

On July 19, 1974, Charles was united in marriage to Lila Rasmussen who was born on May 28, 1945, at St. Paul, Minn. She attended the St. Paul Park High School. After their marriage they made their home in Bismarck, N. Dak.

Charles grew to manhood on his parents' farm. He was active in church work, both in Sunday School and Luther League. He enjoyed baseball and softball and was one of the fastest runners. Besides farming, he is working for Burleigh County doing appraisal work.

The Kruegers attend the Lutheran Church, Bismarck.

208. KRUEGER, ED & CHRISTINA (Widmer) 186

[picture: Refer to 1954 Jubilee book, page 54. Clifford; Gerhard; Inna, deceased 1976; Ed. C., father, deceased 1960; Christina, mother, deceased 1965; Hedwig; Ernest; Walter; Clinton, deceased 1973; Edger, deceased 1963; Lorenz, deceased; Magelon; Hilbert; Arno; Reginald; Victor, and Milford.]

209. KRUEGER, EDWIN & BERTHA (Burkle) 186

[picture] Edwin Krueger was born on July 6, 1906, in Haag Township northwest of Fredonia, the son of Jacob and Dorethea (Heller) Krueger. Edwin received his elementary education at the Fredonia School.

On January 31, 1943, he married Bertha Burkle, born June 6, 1912, near Fredonia, the daughter of John H. and Christina (Hehr) Burkle. Bertha received her elementary education in the township school.

One son was born to this union: Charles C. who resides in Bismarck, N. Dak.

Edwin and Bertha are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Edwin has served on the church council, as superintendent and Sunday School teacher and in the church choir. Bertha also is participating in the church choir and ALCW.

Edwin grew to manhood on the family farm, which was homesteaded by his parents in 1897, taking over the farming operations in 1932. Edwin and Bertha purchased the farm in later years where they were engaged in diversified farming consisting of raising livestock and producing grain.

Edwin has served on various committees both on a local and county level. For a number of years, he was an active member of ASCS, PEA, RTA, (Rationing Board during the 2nd World War). He was a director of the Fredonia Co-op Elevator, Co-op General Store and Farmer Labor Corporation boards, a school board member and served as township clerk for 27 years.

The Kruegers are semi-retired and still reside on the homestead.

210. KRUEGER, ELMER & ESTHER (Dalke) 186

[picture] Elmer Krueger, son of Fred and Ida Krueger, was born Feb. 9, 1941, near Fredonia.

Esther Dalke, daughter of Gotthilf and Emma Dalke, was born Sept. 26, 1944. Elmer and Esther were married Oct. 27, 1963. Elmer attended rural Fredonia schools, and Esther attended various schools in McIntosh County and graduated from Lehr High School.

They have three children: Veronica, Jason and Dorinda.

They live on a farm formerly owned by Fred and Ida Krueger, located five miles west of Fredonia.

211. KRUEGER, ERNEST & ELLA (Essig) 187

[picture] Ernest Edward Krueger, son of the late Edward C. and Christina (Widmer) Krueger, was born on September 7, 1918, at his parents' farm home northwest of Fredonia. He attended rural school near the farm home and completed his elementary education.

On June 14, 1943, Ernest was united in marriage to Ella S. Essig, a daughter of Walter and Ida (Widmer) Essig. Ella was born on June 2, 1924, on a farm



home north of Lehr, N. Dak. She received her elementary education and graduated from Lehr High School.

Ernest and Ella were blessed with three children: Karen, Mrs. Wilbert Keller, Hague, N. Dak., who is teaching high school; Rodney, who is married to Debbie Fiechtner, West Fargo, N. Dak., and employed by the Glass and Paint Co.; and Diane, Fargo, who is a radiologist working at the Professional Building in Fargo.

The Kruegers sold their farm in 1976 to Arnold Lutt. They are now living in Wishek, N. Dak., where Ernest is doing carpenter work.

212. KRUEGER, FRED & IDA (Munsch) 187

Fred J. Krueger, a son of the late John F. and Justina (Schadler) Krueger, was born on July 2, 1910, near Fredonia. He attended the rural school and received an elementary education.

On March 25, 1938, Fred was united in marriage with Ida C. Munsch, a daughter of the late Karl, Sr., and Ottilia (Widmer) Munsch, who was born on January 3, 1919, in the family farm home near Fredonia. She had a formal education.

Eight children were born to this union: Donnel Lee, Breckenridge, Minn.; Harris, Fresno, Calif.; Lemoore, Selma, Calif.; Rodney, Albuquerque, New Mexico; Elmer, Fredonia; twins, Larry, Wahpeton, N.D., and Garry, who died April 4, 1940; and Ilene, who died December 24, 1970.

Ida Krueger is a member of the St. John's Congregational Church of Wishek, N.D. She is an active member of the Lydia Society and the Chamber of Commerce.

After Fred and Ida's marriage they lived on the farm with the John F. Kruegers for four years, working on shares. During this time they also built up a farm of their own. In 1943 they moved on their own farm about five miles west of Fredonia where they continued farming, raising livestock and producing grain.

Fred J. Krueger died on May 4, 1960.

Ida Krueger continued the farming operation until 1963 when she sold the farm to son, Elmer. Ida moved to Wishek where she is now employed at the Wishek Retirement and Nursing Home.

213. KRUEGER, HERMAN & MABEL (Heller) 187

[picture] Herman Krueger, son of Edward and Katherine Krueger, was born Dec. 3, 1926, at Fredonia. He was united in marriage with Mabel Heller April 4, 1948. Mabel, daughter of Emil and Rosalia Heller, was born Sept. 4, 1927, at Fredonia.

Herman and Mabel farmed west of Fredonia from 1948 to 1954. They moved to Minneapolis in 1956 and to Savannah, Ga., in 1977. Herman works for Hobart Corporation, and Mabel works for Cranman Insurance Agency. Their son Lynn lives in Minneapolis, Minn. They are Lutheran.

214. KRUEGER, LEO & ADELINE (Gutschmidt) 188

Leo Krueger, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Krueger, was born June 27, 1926, on the home place near Fredonia. He attended Fredonia Public School.

Leo Krueger and Adeline Gutschmidt were united in marriage December 24, 1947. Adeline, daughter of Arnold Gutschmidt, was born April 1, 1927, at Fredonia. Adeline attended Lehr Public School.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger are presently farming on the home place.

They are members of the Congregational Church.

Their children are James of Fargo, Linda of Valley City, Joel of Wishek, and Kimberly at home.

215. KRUEGER, LLOYD & ESTHER (Lieske) 188

[picture] Lloyd C. Krueger was born on March 14, 1931, west of Fredonia, the son of Mrs. Millie Remmick of Fargo and the late Arthur Krueger. He attended schools in Logan County.

Lloyd served in the U.S. Army from 1953-1955.

On April 13, 1953, Lloyd married Esther Lieske, daughter of Gust and the late Martha Lieske. Esther was born on December 29, 1934, and went to school 18 miles south of Fredonia.

Three daughters were born to this couple: Jeanney Hauff, born on July 2, 1957; Sonya, born on September 8, 1961; and Sandra, who died in 1959. Lloyd and Esther have one grandson, Jeremy Hauff.

The Kruegers have farmed three miles west of Fredonia since 1955, moving to their present farm 2 1/2 miles northwest of Fredonia in 1957.

The Kruegers are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church at Fredonia and are Legion and Auxiliary members.

216. KRUEGER, LOREN & ROXANNE (Hochholter) 188

[picture] Loren Krueger, a son of Raymond and Bernita (nee Haag) Krueger, was born on February 9, 1955, at Gackle Hospital, Gackle, N. Dak. He attended the Lehr Public School and graduated with the Class of 1973.

On May 2, 1977, Loren was united in marriage to Roxanne Hochholter, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Hochholter, who was born on March 23, 1959, at Valley City, N. Dak. She received her elementary and high school education.

One daughter, Nicole, ago one, was born to this union.

The Kruegers are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

Loren and Roxanne live in a trailer home on his parents' farm a few miles southwest of Fredonia. Loren is engaged in farming, both in dairy and producing grain.

Loren plays on the Fredonia baseball team.

217. KRUEGER, LOUALLEN & GERTRUDE (Schmierer) 188

[picture] LouAllen Krueger, a son of Edwin E. and Ottelia (nee Kaldon) Krueger, was born on August 4, 1947, at Kulm. He attended both rural school and Lehr High School.

On October 4, 1969, LouAllen was united in marriage to Gertrude Schmierer, a daughter of the late Peter and Emma (nee Forderer) Schmierer Diegel and step-father Gustav Diegel, who was born on September 2, 1948, at Wishek, N. Dak. Gertrude received her elementary and Wishek High School education, graduating with the Class of 1966. She went to hair styling college and was employed as a beautician and as a nurses aide at Wishek Retirement Home.

After their marriage, the Kruegers were engaged in farming on his parents' farm 12 miles northwest of Fredonia for some time. Later they sold their property and moved to Lehr where they now own and operate the Krueger's Café.

This union was blessed with two sons: Lynn Edwin and Lyle Peter, both at home.

The Kruegers attend the Methodist Church in Lehr.

218. KRUEGER, MAGELON 189

[picture] Magelon Krueger was born near Fredonia on July 16, 1910, to Mr. and Mrs. Ed C. Krueger. He attended school in Nathan Township and a few years in Fredonia. He worked on his father's farm until he went into the service in 1941. He served his country in Africa, Italy and France, returning home in March of 1945. He made his home with his brother Reginald and wife upon returning from the service until November 26, 1977, when he suffered a severe stroke. He was hospitalized in the V.A. Hospital in Fargo, N. Dak., and then transferred to the Soldiers Home in Lisbon where he now resides. He is a member of the American Legion in Fredonia.

219. KRUEGER, MORRIS & VELORA (Fehling) 189

[picture] Morris Clarence Krueger, son of the late Daniel and Ida (nee Elhard) Krueger, was born June 28, 1935, on a farm in Logan County northwest of Fredonia. He later moved to Lehr with his mother in 1950. In 1951 he graduated from elementary grade school in Lehr. After his marriage he moved back to the old homestead where they still reside.

Velora Victoria Fehling, daughter of Henry and Viola (nee Hein) Fehling, was born August 24, 1938, on a farm in German Township in Dickey County, 15 miles south of Kulm. Velora graduated from elementary grade school in a country school.

Morris and Velora Fehling were married July 21, 1955.

To this family three children were born:

Kermith Kem Krueger, married to Phyllis Kracke. Kermith farms with his father, and Phyllis works at the Wishek Hospital.

Keven Morris Krueger farms with his father.

Curtis Clarence Krueger is a junior at Lehr High School

The Kruegers are all members of the Lehr United Methodist Church.

220. KRUEGER, OSCAR & BERTHA (Burkle) 189

[picture] Oscar Krueger, a son of the late John F. and Justina (Schadler) Krueger, was born on March 26, 1909, in Logan county, five miles west of Fredonia. He attended the rural school and received his formal education.

On September 26, 1930, Oscar was united in marriage to Bertha Burkle, a daughter of the late Johannas G. and Wilhelmina (Schimke) Burkle, who was born on February 20, 1910 on the family farm home northwest of Fredonia. She attended the rural school where she received her elementary education.

Five children were born to this union: Donna (Mrs. Elton Hehr), Lowell, Ind.; Shirley (Mrs. Lawrence Vogel), Kulm; Johnny, Bismarck, N.D.; Judy (Mrs. Darvin Backlund), Filer, Idaho; and Betty deceased.

The Kruegers were members of the United Brethren Evangelical Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger lived on their farm approximately six miles west of Fredonia where they raised livestock, dairy and produced grain. Oscar served on the school board in Lutt district.

In 1957 Oscar and Bertha sold their farm and personal property and moved to Jamestown, N. Dak., where Oscar contracted carpentry work. Bertha was employed at the Crippled Children's School and later at the Dakota Central and Nursing Home.

Oscar Krueger died on July 31, 1972.

In November 1975, Bertha was united in marriage with Ed P. Kurtz. They are making their home in Jamestown, N. Dak.

221. KRUEGER, RAYMOND & BERNITTA (Haag) 190

[picture] Raymond Krueger, son of the late Edward and Katherine (Wolf) Krueger, was born on May 4, 1929, near Fredonia. He attended rural school where he received his elementary education.

On September 27, 1953, Raymond was united in marriage to Bernitta Haag, born August 14, 1931, on the farm home one mile west of Fredonia to Nathaniel and Marie (Oelke) Haag. She attended rural school and completed her elementary education.

Three children were born to this union: Penny Jans, Kulm; Loren, Fredonia; Greg at home.

Mr. and Mrs. Krueger are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Both are singing in the senior choir.

Raymond and Bernitta live on his parents' farm, which they bought, and are active in grain and cattle farming.

222. KRUEGER, REGINALD & THERESA (Weiss) 190

[picture] Reginald K. Krueger was born on December 18, 1908, near Fredonia, the first born son of the late Ed C. and Magdlina (Obenauer) Krueger. He went to school in Nathan Township and also a few years in Fredonia. He grew up on his father's farm northwest of Fredonia.

On March 28, 1932, he was married to Theresa Weiss. Theresa was born near Spiritwood, N. Dak., on July 22, 1910, a daughter of the late Albert and Katherine (Baltz) Weiss. She grew up and went to school in Spiritwood, graduating in 1928 from high school. She attended college at the State Teachers College in Valley City. She taught school in Nathan Township several years, teaching for \$45.00 a month during the depression years.

The Kruegers started farming during the "dirty thirtys". After their marriage they moved to Reg's father's farm, later buying it. They farmed there for 42 years. Some years during the depression, they made hay out of thistles which was the only thing that grew. They sold wheat for 25 cents a bushel, cream at 9 cents a pound, and eggs at 10-12 cents a dozen. They sold their property and farm in 1974 and retired in Lehr, N. Dak., where they now reside.

They had two children: both died in infancy. The Kruegers belong to the Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia.

223. KRUEGER, ROLAND & LEONTINA (Sukut) 190

[picture] Roland E. Krueger, son of the late Edward F. and Katherine (Wolf) Krueger, was born on February 8, 1913, on the Ferdinand Krueger farm west of Fredonia. He attended local school and received elementary education.

On October 26, 1941, roland was united in marriage with Leontina D. Sukut. Leontina was born on June 30, 1923, on her parents' farm to Edward and Emma (Bender) Sukut.

The Kruegers were blessed with the following children: Leona Snyder, 34, Tucson, Arizona; Cathleen Becker, 30, Minneapolis, Minnesota; Diane Cournoyer, 29, St. Paul, Minnesota; Alex, 24, Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Kevin, 15, at home.

They attend Atonement Lutheran Church, where Leontina is a member of a circle and the choir. She is also a charter member of Legion Auxiliary at Fredonia. Mr. Krueger is a member of American Legion Clifford Ost Post in Fredonia.

Roland and Leontina were married at the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia, by Rev. Carl Breaker. They lived on the farm with his folks for

one year when Mr. Krueger was inducted into the Army on March 13, 1942. After his discharge, the school house, once the Lutheran Church, was bought and moved 1/2 mile east of his folks where a farm was built. In 1952, they moved to Seattle, Washington, and in the spring of 1953, they came back to Jamestown where Mr. Krueger was employed at Midwest Motors and Mrs. Krueger managed a café. In January, 1954, they moved back to their family farm. In the spring of 1960, they sold out and moved to Great Falls, Montana. After that they moved back to Jamestown where they now make their home.

224. KRUEGER, VICTOR & BERNICE (Dallman) 191

[picture] Victor Krueger, son of the late Edward C. and Christina (Widmer) Krueger, was born on October 29, 1921, on his parents' farm 13 miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended the local school where he completed his elementary education.

On March 23, 1947, Victor was united in marriage with Bernice Dallman, a daughter of Christ and Martha (Kaldun) Dallman. Bernice was born on June 28, 1928, near Fredonia. She attended rural school, completing her elementary education.

Three children were born to this union: Wally, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Loren, Jamestown; and Mrs. Ken Hoerth (Debora), Lakota, N. Dak.

The Kruegers are members of the Concordia Lutheran Church. They enjoy bowling as their past-time. Bernice has been teaching Sunday School and was the Sunday School secretary. She is presently working at the Bostwick Department Store. Victor has been trustee of Concordia Lutheran Church. He now operates his own upholstery shop in Jamestown.

225. KRUEGER, WALDEMAR & VIOLET (Janke) 191

[picture] Waldemar S. Krueger born August 25, 1913, at Fredonia, N.D., the son of Edward C. and Christina (Widmer) Krueger. Mr. Krueger started farming northwest of Fredonia.

On October 25, 1952, he was united in marriage with Violet C.K. Janke who was born November 24, 1925, the daughter of Gotthelf and Olga (Tiede) Janke of Fredonia. The continued farming until 1964 when they moved to Fredonia where they spent two years. On October 8, 1966, they moved to a farm east of Sebeka, Minn. Mr. Krueger farmed until 1976, when he retired from farming. Mrs. Krueger has been employed as a seamstress for H.W. Carter and Sons in Staples, Minn., for the past ten years.

They are members of Nimrod Lutheran Church at Nimrod, Minn.

They have five children: Gerold of Aurora, Minn.; Kurt of Crystal River, Fla.; Sharon of Glenco, Minn.; Rita of Wadena, Minn.; Nada, a student at Wadena A.V.T.I.

226. KUSLER, EDWARD & EMMA (Keller) 192

[picture] Edward Kusler, son of Gottlieb and Katherine (nee Bender) Kusler, was born on February 22, 1905, near Fredonia. He attended the local school and received his elementary education.

On November 24, 1933, Edward was united in marriage to Emma Keller, a daughter of David and Emilia (nee Keck) Keller. She was born on November 26, 1904, in Kloestitz, South Russia. She completed her elementary education.

Edward grew to manhood in the Fredonia area and after his marriage to Emma, they were active in farming on the family farm. Later, they moved into Fredonia and bought a barber shop where he spent all of his time. Ed's Saturday nights would be long hours because most of his customers were from the rural area and would come in late to have their shave and hair cut, but Ed didn't mind because this was his business. Ed was a barber for 27 years. Emma was employed by Otto Elhard as a clerk at the Economy Store, and also was employed at the Co-op Store in Fredonia.

In 1954, the Kuslers moved to Jamestown where again both found employment at various places.

They are members of the Congregational Church.

Emma is retired now and makes her home in Jamestown.

Edward Kusler died of a heart attack in 1971.

#### 227. KUSLER, GORDON & SANDRA (Roscoe) 192

Gordon Kusler, a son of Raymond and LaVerne Kusler, was born on October 8, 1944, in Kulm. Gordon was baptized and confirmed in the First Congregational Church in Fredonia. He attended rural school, grades one through seven, in Haag Township two miles south of Fredonia. The eighth grade was completed in the Fredonia Public School. Gordon attended high school in Kulm, and was a member of the class of 1962. He then enrolled in Valley City State College for two years and later transferred to UNDEB which was in Ellendale, N. Dak. Gordon was farming on the family farm during the summer months while attending high school and college. While attending school in Ellendale, he started to work for Dickey Rural Telephone Co., which has its office in Ellendale, and has been working for the company for the past twelve years as a lineman installer in charge of the Fredonia, Jud, and Dickey exchanges. It was while working for Dickey Rural Telephone that he met his wife, Sandra Kay Roscoe, who was attending UNDEB.

Sandra was born on June 6, 1947, in Newport News, Virginia, to Raymond and Evelyn Roscoe. Gordon and Sandra were married on August 3, 1968, in Kulm and are members of the Zion Lutheran Church in Ellendale where Sandra was confirmed and baptized.

Gordon and Sandra have two children, Corey, age 8, and Kevin, age 6. Both are attending Ellendale Public School. Gordon has spent eight years with the Army National Guard, and Sandra at present is a teacher in the Fullerton Public School in Fullerton, N. Dak. Gordon has been a member of the Ellendale City Council and is now completing his second term which will be eight years. He is also a charter member of the Ellendale Community Ambulance Service, having served the past five years. He has been president and vice-president and is still an active member of that organization.

Gordon has taken many hours of first aid training and is at present holding a card for Instructor in CPR and is a North Dakota Emergency Medical Technician. He has taught many classes in first aid training.

228. KUSLER, RAYMOND & LAVERNE (Mayer) 192

[picture] Raymond Kusler was born July 8, 1915, 1/2 mile east and 2 1/2 miles south of Fredonia, son of the late Christina and August Kusler (both deceased). Ray had lived at the same homestead for 53 years and farmed at the same place.

On June 1, 1941, Ray and LaVerne Mayer were married. Three children were born to them. Diane is married to Donald Larson, and they reside at Faribault, Minn. Both are teaching school. Gordon married Sandra Roscoe and they reside at Ellendale. They have two children. Marlys married David Maasjo and they live at Valley City, N.D. Marlys teaches at a vocational school and David is engaged in farming.

In 1968 Ray and LaVerne decided to quit farming due to ill health and moved to Marion, S.D., where Ray was employed at the Treszen Chiropractic Clinic and Hospital for 2 1/2 years. On May 30, 1971, they moved back to Jamestown where Ray was employed at the J.C. Penney Store where he worked until his part-time retirement in January of 1978. Ray has been working part-time at the Trade Home Shoe Store at Jamestown since November, 1978.

Ray and LaVerne had managed an 18 apartment complex for 13 months before moving into a four-plex seven years ago. They still reside at the same address at Jamestown.

The Kuslers are active in church work. They belong to the First Congregational Church. They are active in community affairs, such as the Historical Society of Germans from Russia. Ray is on the board of directors, and LaVerne is the treasurer of the James Valley Chapter No. 9 in Jamestown.

229. LABRENSZ, CHARLES & ANNE (Pagent) 193

[picture] Charles Labrensz, son of Edward and Annie (Wolf) Labrensz, was born on November 20, 1944.

On May 25, 1974, Charles married Anne Pagent, daughter of Raymond Pagent. She was born on February 22, 1947, in Philadelphia, Pa.

They are the parents of one daughter, Heidi Ann, born October 27, 1975.

The Labrenszes are members of the Lutheran church. Both have an elementary and high school education.

230. LABRENSZ, EDWARD & ANNIE (Wolf) 194

[picture] Edward "Joe" Labrensz was born on March 5, 1908, at Wichita Falls, Texas. His parents were Wilhelm and Elizabeth (Schuldheisz) Labrensz.

On June 26, 1932, Ed married Annie Wolf, whose parents are Jacob and Maria (Waitzke) Wolf. Annie was born on August 19, 1911, near New Leipzig, N.D.



Two sons were born to this union: Mimmie, born in 1936 and living in Salem, Oregon, and Charles, born in 1944 and living in Richmond, California.

The Labrenszes belong to the Lutheran church.

Edward and Annie lived on a farm 11 miles northwest of Fredonia. In 1945, they moved to Kulm where Ed worked at various places until his health failed. He had both legs amputated in 1957. Joe died on March 23, 1963. Annie worked in Kulm for many years where her last job was at Kulm Drug Store. She moved to Lodi, Calif., where she is still working.

231. LABRENSZ, EDWARD & HELEN (Weiss) 193

[picture] Edward Labrensz, the youngest child of Christian and Louise (Frieske) Labrensz, was born on May 30, 1904, in a sod shack located on their homestead, about ten miles northwest of Fredonia. Here he grew to manhood. He attended the rural school located one mile north of the Labrensz home. He was confirmed in the Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Fredonia by Rev. Stadel. He farmed with his brother Rudolph and was also employed by various farmers of the surrounding area.

In the summer of 1935, he went to Jamestown, N.D., where he began employment with the Midland Continental Railroad from which he retired in 1965 due to disability. In 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Labrensz celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

On September 6, 1935, Edward was united in marriage to Helen Weiss, oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Weiss of Spiritwood, N.D. She was born on their farm located about five miles northwest of Spiritwood. She attended the schools there, graduating from high school, and then attended the Valley City State College. She taught school for nine years in the rural schools of Stutsman and Logan counties; seven were in Nathan District in the same school which Ed attended.

After their marriage, they made their home in Jamestown where Helen was employed by the Bridgeman Russell Co., which later became Foremost Dairies. Edward and Helen are members of Our Saviors Lutheran Church.

Edward passed away on May 6, 1968. Helen is retired and resides in Jamestown.

232. LABRENSZ, JIMMIE & DEANNA (Edwards) 194

[picture] Jimmie Labrensz, son of Edward and Annie (Wolf) Labrensz, was born on July 30, 1936.

On March 3, 1963, Jimmie married DeAnna Edwards, daughter of Vern and Cecilia Edwards, who was born on October 2, 1939, in Los Angeles, Calif.

One son was born to this union: Gary, born December 2, 1958.

Mr. Labrensz was born in his father's farm home, 11 miles northwest of Fredonia. They are members of the Lutheran church.

Jimmie is a bus driver.

Both Jimmie and DeAnna have elementary and high school education. Jimmie received his education at Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1962.

233. LABRENSZ, SAM & LYDIA (Wolf) 194

[picture] Sam Labrensz, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Christian Labrensz, was born on December 9, 1892, in Paris, South Russia. Sam came to the United States in 1900. He attended the local school in Logan County.

On January 29, 1915, Sam was united in marriage to Lydia Wolf, who was born January 27, 1896, to John and Katherina (Burkle) Wolf. She attended rural school in Logan County.

Two children were born to this union: John, Woodburn, Oregon, and Edna Koenig, Jamestown, N.D.

The Labrenszes are members of St. John's Lutheran Church.

Sam and Lydia were progressive in farming and lived northwest of Fredonia until 1943. Sam was active in the NPL Party before and during Langer's tenure as governor of N.D. He held various appointed political positions during the life of the league. In 1943, they sold the farm and moved to Jamestown. Sam worked for Peterson Biddick, and Lydia worked in the Trinity Hospital. Both retired in 1959.

234. LABRENSZ, WILLIAM & ELEZABETH (Schuldheisz) 193

[picture] Refer to Golden Book of 1954, page 50 for personal history. Wilhelm Labrenz died in 1960, and Elizabeth Labrenz died in 1966.

235. LAUTT, ALBERT & MAGDELENA (Lux) 195

[picture] Albert F. Lutt, son of the late George G. and Carolina (Roessler) Lutt, was born on November 30, 1916, in the rural farm home near Fredonia. He attended the rural school and completed elementary education.

On November 2, 1952, Albert was united in marriage to Magdalena M. Lux. Magdalena, a daughter of the late John and Maria (Heller) Lux, was born on July 26, 1928, in the rural farm home near Fredonia. She attended rural school and completed her elementary education.

Albert grew to manhood on the family homestead and after his marriage to Magdalena, they continued to operate the farm, mostly raising cattle and small grains.

Give children were born to this union: Delmar D., 23; Alden A., 19; Marie M., 13, all of Fredonia; Susan S., 10, attending Crippled Children's School at Jamestown, N.D.; Carolina M., deceased.

The Lautts are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

236. LAUTT, ARNOLD & KATHLEEN (Bader) 195

[picture] Arnold H. Lutt, son of the late Walter and Emily (Middlestead) Lutt, was born on January 27, 1945, at Kulm. He attended rural school in Nathan Township and high school at Lehr.

On April 13, 1968, Arnold was united in marriage to Kathleen Bader, daughter of Ray and Verna (Ulmer) Bader. Kathy was born on October 10, 1949, in Bismarck, N.D. She attended grade school at Wishek, high school at Ashley, and graduated from Capital Commercial College at Bismarck in February, 1968.

Four children were born to this union: Jeffrey, Jarold, Kari and Jason, all at home.

The Lutts are members of the United Methodist Church.

Arnold and Kathy are both active in community affairs. They own and operate the family farm 17 miles northwest of Fredonia which is the third generation. They raise livestock and grain.

237. LAUTT, DANIEL & CHRISTINE (Heyd) 195

Daniel G. Lutt, son of George and Karoline (Trautman) Lutt, was born on March 25, 1890, in the Fredonia-Lehr community where he grew up on his parents' farm.

On December 15, 1910, he was united in marriage with Christine Heyd of Long Lake, S.D. They settled in the same community of Fredonia and Lehr on a farm and made their home. They were raisers of small grain, cattle and sheep. There always was a big garden to take care of in the summer, and this took care of the family in the winter.

Mr. Lutt was clerk of the school board for many years.

After Mr. Lutt passed away, Mrs. Lutt continued on the farm until 1953. Then Mrs. Lutt and her daughter, Anna, moved into the town of Fredonia and made their home there.

Daniel and Christine Lutt were blessed with five children: Gottlieb, deceased; Rosa Eckman, deceased; Ida Harsch, Hardin, Mont.; Anna Lutt, Fredonia; and Harry R. Lutt, Aberdeen, S.D.

Mr. Lutt passed away February 13, 1949, and Mrs. Lutt passed away February 19, 1977. Both were laid to rest in the Berlin Baptist Church Cemetery south of Fredonia.

238. LAUTT, EDWIN & MARTHA (Sukut) 196

[picture] Edwin A. Lutt, son of the late George and Karolina (Roesler) Lutt, was born on March 8, 1914, on the family farm five miles south of Fredonia, which is now operated by Edwin's brother Albert. Edwin attended the rural school and received his elementary education.

On October 14, 1935, Edwin was united in marriage to Martha Sukut, a daughter of Edward and Emma (Bender) Sukut. Martha was born on May 20, 1914, on the family farm near Fredonia. She attended the rural school, receiving her elementary education.

Edwin and Martha have lived on several farms. In 1940, they bought a farm from Karl Wolf about 10 miles southwest of Fredonia. Here they raised livestock and produced grain.

This union was blessed with three children: Mrs. Royce G. (Janice) Knapp, Aberdeen, S.D.; Vernon, married to Emogene Stading, Seattle, Wash.; and Frieda, who died in infancy. The Lautts have two grandchildren, Morgan and Jacqueline.

In 1955, the Lautts sold their farm and bought the Fredonia Bar. In 1964, they sold the bar to Jake Eisenman and bought a home in the northwestern part of Fredonia, known as the Ed Sukut, Jr. home. Here they do light farming, keep a few sheep and chickens, and do some grain farming.

Edwin and Martha are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

239. LAUTT, FRED & MARGARET (Kranzler) 196

[picture] Fred G. Lautt was born May 27, 1886, at Tripp, S.D., the son of George, Sr. and Carolina (Trautmann) Lautt. At the age of two, Fred moved along with his family to Logan County near Fredonia. Mr. Lautt grew to manhood there, and on February 7, 1907, he married Margaret Kranzler at a rural Baptist Church near Lehr, N.D. Margaret Kranzler was the daughter of Gottlieb and Margaret (Schlillinger) Kranzler. She was born on September 12, 1888.

The family farmed at various locations in the Lehr, Gackle and Fredonia area, and in 1912 he moved his family to a farm 13 miles northwest of Fredonia. In 1930 the family moved to a farm 17 miles northwest of Fredonia where Mr. and Mrs. Lautt made their home until the time of Mr. Lautt's death on January 20, 1958. Mrs. Lautt made her home with her children for several years until she entered the Wishek Retirement and Nursing Home where she passed away on November 3, 1972.

Fred and Margaret were blessed with the birth of six children: Walter, deceased; Katie (Mrs. Henry Nitschke), Steele, N.D.; Ted F., Lehr, N.D.; Marie (Mrs. John Koenig), Beulah, N.D.; Harold, Cathay, N.D.; and Rubie (Mrs. Art Haag), New Rockford, N.D.

Fred and his three sons did a lot of fox and coyote hunting when the state paid a bounty price of \$3.50 per animal. The sale of a pelt plus the bounty payment was a fair return for the time and money invested to catch and secure these wild animals. The Lautts had a very efficient and capable pack of hound dogs always ready and willing to aid them in their bounty hunts.

Fred was also very involved in the breeding and raising of registered Hampshire sheep. He was a very proud exhibitor at various fairs, including the Tri-County Fair at Wishek, N.D., for many years. After Mr. Lautt became ill and was no longer able to participate in various events, he sold his flock of prize sheep to his son, Walter, who continued improving and upgrading the sheep business until 1968 when he sold the flock of registered

sheep with all these years of progressive breeding in them to his son, Arnold. Arnold still resides on the old homestead of the Lautts, 17 miles northwest of Fredonia, making this the third generation.

240. LAUTT, LORENZE & HULDA (Riebhagen) 197

[picture] Lorenze Lutt, son of George and Karolina Lutt, was born February 25, 1921, in McIntosh County. He attended school through the eighth grade. On January 29, 1943, Lorenze and Hulda L. Riebhagen were united in marriage. Hulda, daughter of Jacob and Fredericka Riebhagen, was born December 22, 1922, in Logan County. Hulda attended school through the eighth grade.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutt have farmed in the Fredonia area since 1943. Presently they are living on the former John Hauff farm, just on the north side of Fredonia. They are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church where Hulda is an ALCW member.

Mr. and Mrs. Lutt have two children: LeRoy at Edgeley and Liana, Mrs. Spencer Sargent, Bloomington, Calif.

241. LAUTT, TED & LAURA (Janke) 197

[picture] Ted F. Lutt, son of Fred G. and Margaret (Kranzler) Lutt, was born on October 23, 1919. He attended school in Guyson.

On June 9, 1944, he married Laura Annetta Janke, daughter of Jacob and Christina (Lippert) Janke, now Mrs. Fred Mertz, Steele, N.D. Ted and Laura lived with his parents for several years after their marriage. They then moved to Albert Ereble's farm until 1957, when they moved to Lehr, N.D. Ted was hired by Logan County as a road maintenance man where he is still employed.

Ted's father died on January 21, 1958, and his mother on November 8, 1972.

The Lautts had two children, a daughter Marie, born in 1949 who only lived 10 days, and Marlo, who was born in Jamestown, N.D., on December 14, 1951. Marlo married Idella Hegseth, and they have one child, Chad Allen, who is six years old. Marlo and his family live at 1227 10 1/2 Street North, Moorhead, Minnesota, where he is manager of Archie's Store.

Laura's father was killed in a gravel pit cave-in on July 25, 1962, 12 miles north and two miles west of Lehr. He had been Logan County gravel converter operator.

Ted and Laura Lutt attend the United Methodist Church.

242. LAUTT, WALTER & EMILY (Middlestead) 197

[picture] Walter Lutt, son of Fred and Margaretha (Kranzler) Lutt, was born on December 17, 1909, in Lutt Township. He received his elementary education in Lutt Township.

On October 20, 1936, Walter was united in marriage to Emily Middlestead, daughter of the late Adolph and Elizabeth Middlestead. She was born on October 9, 1913. Emily received her elementary education in Monango, N.D.

Two sons were born to this union: Elmer, born in 1942, died in infancy, and Arnold, living on the family farm 17 miles northwest of Fredonia. There are four grandchildren.

The Lautts were members of the United Methodist Church. Walter served on the rural Nathan District School Board for 18 years. He, along with his father, and with the use of a pack of hounds did a lot of fox and coyote hunting for they were skilled hunters.

Walter and Emily lived on his parents' farm 17 miles northwest of Fredonia until 1968 when they moved to Lehr following the marriage of their son Arnold who now resides on the family farm.

Walter Lutt died on June 17, 1974. He was killed while operating a Caterpillar for Logan County, where he was employed for many years. Emily Lutt died January 4, 1974, after a lingering illness due to a cerebral hemorrhage.

243. LEHR, REUBEN & IDA (Hoff) 198

[picture] Reuben Araron Lehr, son of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Lehr, was born January 2, 1907, at Lehr, N.D.

He married Ida (Hoff) Lehr June 12, 1932. Ida was born Dec. 10, 1910, at Eureka, S. Dak., and her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hoff.

Reuben and Ida Lehr attended the University of N.D. at Grand Forks, and both were teachers.

Their children are:

James Bruce Lehr, age 42, of Denver, Colorado. Jim was a chemistry teacher at a college at Oxnard, Calif. And last five years he has been the Area Representative for Federal Environmental Control (E.P.A.) at Denver. His wife Barbara is a nurse. They have three children, two girls and one boy.

Karen (Lehr) Benner, age 37, lives at Meeker, Colorado. Karen is a teacher, and her husband, George, is a lawyer who has his own practice at Meeker. They have two children, a boy and a girl.

David Reuben Lehr, age 33, lives at Chicago, Ill., and is a broker-realtor who has many business interests. His wife, Shari, is a speech therapist. They have two children, a boy and girl.

Paul Frederick Lehr, age 26, lives at Lewiston, Washington. He is a counselor at a Children's Home and Correction Center in Lewiston.

They are members of the Zion United Methodist Church.

Reuben was a teacher in Fredonia in 1931-1934. He also was postmaster there from 1934 to 1944.

Mrs. Lehr taught rural school in Haag School District.

They both attended the university after they moved to Grand Forks. After their family grew up, Ida substituted in the Grand Forks City schools for ten years. All of their children graduated from the University of North Dakota and so did their mates. Karen and Jim got their Master's Degrees.

Reuben was employed in the Grand Forks Post Office from 1944 to 1974 as Civil Service Examiner. After retirement he is working in a men's clothing store part-time now.

244. LUX, EDWIN & DELORES (Aberle) 198

[picture] Edwin E. Lux was born on May 17, 1924, in Logan County at Fredonia, the son of John and Mary (Heller) Lux. Edwin attended country school in Haag Township.

On November 26, 1957, Edwin was united in marriage to Delores Aberle. Delores was born on May 10, 1937, in McIntosh County to Mr. and Mrs. John Aberle. She attended country school in Badger Township.

Three children were born to this union: Gerald Edwin, David John, and Linda Marie, all at home.

The Luxes are engaged in farming near LaMoure, N.D. They attend Trinity Lutheran Church and are active as aid members and circle secretary.

245. LUX, JOHN & MARIA (Heller) 199

[picture] John Lux was born on February 15, 1891, in Bessarabia, South Russia. He received some elementary education.

On January 5, 1913, John was united in marriage to Maria Heller. Maria was born on November 20, 1892, in Postal, South Russia, a daughter of Andreas and Elizabeth (Bauman) Heller. She received elementary education.

John Lux came to America at the age of 14 with his uncle and grandmother. He worked as a laborer at various jobs, later at the run house in Wishek, N.D. After his marriage to Maria, they moved to the Heller homestead where a son, Rolland, now lives, making it a third generation. Their main occupation was raising cattle and small grain. John was known throughout the area as having the skill to train oxen for farm work, also using them to travel to neighboring towns. He entered them in several parades locally.

Seven children were born to this union: John and Edwin, LaMoure, N.D.; Mrs. Carey (Hilma) Sheaffer, Lodi, Calif.; Mrs. Gilmore (Lillian) Mogck, Kulm; Rolland and Mrs. Albert (Magdalena) Lauth, both of Fredonia.

The Luxes were members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. John Lux passed away on June 13, 1967. Maria Heller Lux died on February 18, 1969, and one son, Arthur, died at the age of eight years.

246. LUX, JOHN JR. 199

[picture] John Lux, Jr., a son of the late John and Maria (Heller) Lux, was born on June 27, 1916, in the family farm home south of Fredonia. He attended a rural school in Haag Township where he received his formal education. John grew to manhood on his parents' farm. At present he lives on a farm near LaMoure, N.D., where he is retired. John has never married. He enjoys fishing.

247. LUX, ROLLAND & LEVERN (Zimmerman) 199

[picture] Rolland F. Lux, son of John and Marie Lux (nee Heller), was born September 4, 1925, at Fredonia. He received an eighth grade education.

On October 19, 1948, Rolland was united in marriage to Levern Zimmerman. Levern, daughter of Jacob G. and Emelia Zimmerman, was born October 22, 1928, in the Ashley area.

Rolland and Levern have resided on the Lux family farm since their marriage. They are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

248. MEIDINGER, ADAM JR. & ELIZABETH (Miller) 200

[picture] Adam Meidinger, Sr., was born on December 28, 1848, in Kassel, South Russia. In 1866 Adam was united in marriage with Fredericka Miller who was born on April 3, 1848, in Rumania. The first eighteen years of their married life were spent in Russia. In January, 1885, Adam with his family emigrated to the United States and settled in Menno, South Dakota. On May 6, 1886, the family arrived in McIntosh County to file a homestead about 15 miles south of Fredonia. Their covered wagon was lifted from the wheels and anchored to the ground. This was their home until a sod house was built.

Mr. Meidinger has the distinction of being one of the first men to organize and help build the Berlin Baptist Church.

In 1906 Adam, Sr., sold the homestead to his son Adam A. and moved to Ashley.

249. MEIDINGER, ADAM SR. & FREDERICKA 199

[picture] Adam A. Meidinger, a son of the late Adam, Sr., and Fredericka (nee Miller) Meidinger, was born on March 25, 1879, in Kassel, South Russia. In 1903 Adam A. was united in marriage to Elizabeth Miller who was born on May 7, 1884, in Kassel, South Russia.

Nine children were born to this union: Alvina (Mrs. Gust Herr), Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Reinhold, Seattle, Wash.; Marcella (Mrs. Harold Klipfel), Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Edwin A., Ashley, N. Dak.; Freda (Mrs. Otto Feil), Lodi, Calif.; Katie (Mrs. Rheinie Ladner), Rochester, Minn.; and Hulda (Mrs. Jacob Blumhardt), Fargo, N. Dak.

Adam A. and Elizabeth were members of the Ashley Baptist Church.

In 1937, Adam A. Meidinger sold the homestead to his son Edwin A. The Meidingers retired in Ashley.



Adam A. Meidinger died in 1943, and Elizabeth died in 1958. Both are buried in the Ashley cemetery.

250. MEIDINGER, BEN & MAGDALENA (Gieser) 201

[picture] Ben Meidinger, son of John and Magdalena (Schnaible) Meidinger, was born on February 2, 1895, in the area northeast of Ashley then known as Antelope Valley. He attended public school there and later attended high school at Napoleon, N. Dak. Ben served in France during World War I from 1917 to 1919 in Co. P., 4th Battalion, 163rd Depot Brigade, and was honorably discharged. After his discharge he went into the grocery business with his brother John in Fredonia. When the business was sold, he worked for the Co-op Store and farmed. In March, 1945, Ben moved to Linton, N. Dak., where he owned and operated the Fairway Food Store, later known as the Super Valu Store, until he retired in October, 1958.

Magdalena Gieser was born on June 4, 1902, south of Fredonia to Gottlieb and Rosina Gieser. In 1904, Mr. Gieser moved into Fredonia and operated the grain elevator and lumber yard. Magdalena attended public school in Fredonia.

Ben and Magdalena were married in Fredonia on September 6, 1923. Their daughter Lucille, now Mrs. Curtis Schulz, was born on May 11, 1931, and lives in Fargo, N. Dak. They have two grandchildren, Kevin Schulz, born August 8, 1950, and Karen Shearer, born September 7, 1951; both live in Minneapolis, Minn. There are two great grandchildren, Jennifer Marie Schulz and Brian Curtis Shearer.

In June, 1968, the Meidingers moved to Bismarck, N. Dak., and lived in the Baptist Home Retirement Apartments where she still resides.

Ben passed away at the Baptist Home, Nursing Section, on November 14, 1977, at the age of 82.

251. MEIDINGER, EDWIN & MARTHA (Blumhardt) 200

[picture] Edwin A. Meidinger, a son of the late Adam A. and Elizabeth (nee Miller) Meidinger, was born on November 26, 1907, in McIntosh County. He attended a rural school and received his education.

On December 7, 1932, Edwin was united in marriage with Martha Blumhardt, a daughter of Edward and Mararetta (nee Schneider) Blumhardt, who was born on January 24, 1910, in McIntosh County. She attended a rural school and completed her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union, two of whom are living: Mercedes (Mrs. Edgard Ulmer), Ashley, N. Dak., and Stanley, Fredonia.

The Meidingers were members of the Berlin Baptist Church. After their marriage they rented a farm. This was during the dry thirties. In 1937 Edwin bought his father's homestead. They continued the farming operation, and in 1945 a house and other farm buildings were constructed. In 1956 Edwin and Martha left the farm homestead to their son Stanley, and moved to Ashley. They erected another new home and retired. Edwin A. Meidinger died on September 5, 1966.

On September 28, 1969, Jacob Flemmer was united in marriage to Martha Meidinger of Ashley. They are now residing in Lehr, N. Dak.

252. MEIDINGER, EMIL & HULDA (Fey) 201

[picture] Emil Meidinger, a son of the late John, Sr., and Magdalena (nee Schaible) Meidinger, was born on March 13, 1901, in the family farm home in McIntosh County where he received his elementary education.

On July 14, 1924, Emil was united in marriage with Hulda Fey, a daughter of the late Jacob and Christina (nee Heller) Fey, who was born on January 12, 1901, in McIntosh County where she received her elementary education.

Eight children were born to this union: Lloyd, Kenneth, and Vergil, all of Lodi, California, who are working at the Goehring Meat Processing Plant; Norman and Arlene (Mrs. Darwin Rudolph) who are farming in the Fredonia area; Vernon, working for the Soo Line at Ashley, N. Dak.; Jack, owner and operator of West Acres Standard Service Station, West Fargo, N. Dak.; and Joyce, Fargo, N. Dak.

The Meidingers are members of the First Baptist Church, Lodi, California.

253. MEIDINGER, JOHN & EMELIA (Dobler) 259

John J. Meidinger was born in 1888 south of Fredonia in the Berlin Baptist settlement, a son of John and Katherine (nee Schaible) Meidinger, Sr.

In 1912, he was united in marriage with Emelia Dobler of Kulm, N> Dak., a daughter of George and Elizabeth (Badamer) Dobler.

Three children were born to this union: Roland, Marcella and Evangeline.

As a young man, Mr. Meidinger apprenticed in the general merchandise business in Gackle and Napoleon. Eventually he owned his own store in Fredonia, and in 1927 he bought a store in Alfred, N. Dak. In 1942, they moved to Wishek and started the Meidinger's Store, which Mr. Meidinger operated until his retirement in 1954.

Mrs. Meidinger passed away in 1969 in the Wishek Nursing Home, where she had resided for some time. Mr. Meidinger followed her in death in 1971.

254. MEIDINGER, KARL & JOHANNA 202

[picture] Karl Meidinger was born January 25, 1890, to John and Magdalena Meidinger near Fredonia in the Berlin settlement. Johanna Meidinger was born to Phillip and Frieda Fey April 27, 1894, near the same area as her husband. They both attended schools in the same area, where they grew to manhood and womanhood.

Karl and Johanna were married March 2, 1914. Four children were born to them: Art, who resides on his parents' farm at Lehr; LoRaine (deceased 1978) (Mrs. Wentz), Elk Grove, Calif.; Violet (Mrs. Harold Kessler), Lodi, Calif.; and Agnes (Mrs. Harold Wolff), Kulm.

In March of 1928 they purchased a farm six miles north of Lehr to have better land and live nearer to town. Here another son, Clarence, was born. Clarence lives at Edgeley.

Hardships came along with the depression. Karl served on the school board at various times, did some state work and was a director of the Federal Land Bank.

They were members of the Lehr Ebenezer Baptist Church. Johanna was a faithful member of the Ladies Aid. Karl passed away January 12, 1955, leaving his widow who followed him in death on June 18, 1958. Burial was in the Lehr City Cemetery.

255. MEIDINGER, NORMAN & CAROLINE (Bollinger) 202

Norman A. Meidinger, son of Emil and Hulda (Fey) Meidinger, was born on June 29, 1926, in McIntosh County at Fredonia. He completed his elementary education.

Norman was united in marriage with Caroline Bollinger, daughter of Fred and Margret Bollinger. Caroline was born on July 24, 1926, in Lehr, N. Dak. She received her elementary and high school education at Ashley, N. Dak.

The Meidingers were blessed with seven children: Norley, Ashley; Darrell, Ashley; Ronald, Fredonia; Jennifer Shaul, Moorhead, Minn.; Susan, Fargo, N. Dak.; Randy, Wahpeton, N. Dak.; and Sherry, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Norman was McIntosh County Assessor for 15 years.

The Meidingers live on a farm about 22 miles south of Fredonia. They are engaged in farming, raising livestock, grains and dairy.

Mr. Meidinger, at the last election, was named to the board of county commissioners by the voters of McIntosh County.

256. MEIDINGER, PAUL & LEADDAINE (Bollinger) 202

[picture] Paul Meidinger, son of Jacob O. and Justina Meidinger, was born and raised southwest of Fredonia. There he did farm work until 1942 when he went into the service and spent most of his time in Germany until 1946. He then returned to the U.S. and worked for his uncle, Fred Wolf.

In 1948, he was united in marriage with Leadaine Bollinger, daughter of Fred and Margret Bollinger. They moved to Ashley and have lived there since they were married. He was employed 11 years by Walter Doerr for the Mobil Oil Company, and the last 17 years he worked for Co-op Oil Company of Ashley.

They are the parents of two children: Robert Lee and Roberta Ann. Robert graduated from the State School of Science at Wahpeton, and he also served in the Army for two years. Roberta is a freshman at Ashley High School.

257. MEIDINGER, STANLEY & BERNICE 200

[picture] Stanley E. Meidinger, a son of the late Edwin A. and Martha (nee Blumhardt) Meidinger, was born on November 8, 1933, in McIntosh County.

On October 7, 1956, Stanley was united in marriage with Bernice Wolf, a daughter of the late Christian J. and Rosie (nee Fey) Wolf. Bernice was born on October 7, 1936, in McIntosh County.

Stanley grew to manhood on his family farm 15 miles south of Fredonia, and after his marriage to Bernice, they rented the farm from his father for several years. In July, 1962, they purchased the farm. Since that time the place has been enlarged by the buying of more land. The Meidingers were 1978 McIntosh County Soil Conservation winners.

Three children were born to this union: Myra Jean, attending college at Wahpeton, N. Dak., Sidney Lee, sophomore, and Melanie Mae, 4th grader at Ashley schools.

The Meidingers are members of the Berlin Baptist Church. Stanley and Bernice are the fourth generation living on the homestead and hope that they son Sidney will some day continue the operation of the Meidinger homestead into the fifth generation.

258. METZ, DONALD & JULIET (Rudolph) 203

[picture] Donald Duane Metz was born to his parents, Raymond C. and Frieda (nee Gumke) Metz, on July 20, 1950, at Gackle, N. Dak. He attended the Gackle Public Schools and one year of college.

On July 2, 1971, Donald was united in marriage with Juliet Ann Rudolph, who was born to her parents Darwin and Arleen (nee Meidinger) Rudolph on October 8, 1954, at Gackle Hospital, Gackle. She attended the Gackle Public Schools.

They are blessed with three children: Patrick 7, Laurie, 4, and Joshua, 3.

The Metzses attend the Baptist Church.

Donald is a member of the Jaycees, Legion, Wildlife and the National Guard. Julie is a member of the women's auxiliary, Lo-cal, and bowling.

The Metzses are engaged in the dairy business and raise small grain crops.

259. MICHAELSOHN, VICTOR & GLADYS (Seefried) 203

[picture] Gladys Michaelsohn was born to David and Emma (Bader) Seefried on August 16, 1935, in Logan County. She attended the rural school and received her elementary education.

Victor was born to Fred and Lydia (Miller) Michaelsohn of Wishek on February 12, 1937, in McIntosh County. He attended rural school, receiving his elementary education. He grew to manhood in that area. Victor worked as a labor men in the surrounding area.

Victor and Gladys were married on November 19, 1959, at Kulm. Victor worked as a farm labor man around the Fredonia area until the family moved to

Ellendale, N. Dak., where he is working for the State Highway Department doing maintenance work.

The Michaelsons have five children: Leslie, Gloria, Warren, Fern and Billy, all at home.

260. MILLER, A. & MARY (Peterson) 204

[picture] A.T. Miller, son of Mrs. And Mrs. Adam Tom Miller, was born on August 12, 1886. He attended school through the second grade. A.T. was united in marriage with Mary M. Peterson. Mary was born Sept. 21, 1888. She attended elementary school and sewing school. The Millers farmed 10 miles southwest of Fredonia. They were Lutheran.

Four children were born to this union: Fern, Caroline, Margaret, and John. Later a half sister Jean and a half brother Adam, were born. Mrs. Miller passed away Nov. 24, 1958, and Mr. Miller passed away Aug. 7, 1964.

261. MILLER, ALBERT & ANNA (Sukut) 203

[picture] Albert Miller, son of Jacob R. and Ottilia (Mintz) Miller, was born on October 4, 1914, at Lehr, N. Dak. He attended the rural school where he received his elementary education.

On November 23, 1941, Albert was united in marriage with Anna Sukut, a daughter of Edward and Emma (Bender) Sukut. Anna was born on August 1, 1921, on the family farm seven miles southwest of Fredonia. She attended the rural school and received her elementary education. After their marriage, they moved to a farm seven miles southwest of Fredonia.

Two children were born to this union: Mrs. Verna Kauk, Jamestown, N. Dak., and Larry, Bismarck, N. Dak.

The Millers were active members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church for 24 years, and Anna teaching Sunday school. Both sang in the choir.

In April, 1971, they sold their farm at an auction and moved to Wishek, N. Dak., where Anna has been employed at the Wishek Hospital as a cook in the kitchen for the past eight years.

262. MILLER, CLIFF & DELORES (Flegel) 204

[picture] Cliff C. Miller, son of Harold and Elizabeth (Lautt) Miller, was born on March 20, 1923, in Fredonia. He attended the Fredonia Public School and completed his high school education.

On October 10, 1943, Cliff was united in marriage with DeLores I. Flegel, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie F. Flegel. DeLores was born on October 17, 1922, in Kulm. She attended the Kulm Public and High School, graduating with the Class of 1942. Cliff grew to manhood in Fredonia, doing various chores. He later became employed as a sales clerk by Otto Elhard, owner of the Economy Store. He then went out West to find employment, working at various stations. He entered the service and upon his discharge Cliff and DeLores settled down in Seattle, Washington. In 1964, they sold their business and

home and moved to Lynnwood, Washington, where they are in the mobile home business.

Two children were born to this union: Kathy, Lynnwood, Washington, and James S., San Diego, California.

The Millers are members of the Marthal Lake Covenant Church. They live in Lynnwood, Washington.

263. MILLER, EMIL & CHARLOTTA (Fuchs) 204

Emil Miller, son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller, was born on August 7, 1879, at Yankton, S. Dak. He had a formal education.

Emil was united in marriage to Charlotta Fuchs, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Fuchs, who was born on April 4, 1882, on the family home place at Fredonia.

Five children were born to this union: Oscar, Edna, Emma, Edward and Arthur.

The Millers were members of the Lutheran church.

Emil Miller died on March 3, 1964, and Charlotta Miller died on March 3, 1937.

264. MILLER, HAROLD & ELIZABETH (Lautt) 204

[picture] Harold J. Miller, son of the late Jacob and Caroline (Thurer) Miller, was born on July 31, 1898, in rural Fredonia. Harold attended rural school where he received his elementary education. As a youth, Harold worked as a farm hand.

On October 31, 1922, Harold was united in marriage with Elizabeth Lautt, a daughter of the late George and Karolina (Roesler) Lautt. Elizabeth was born on March 20, 1905, in rural Lehr, N. Dak. She attended rural school where she received her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Cliff C., Lynnwood, Wash.; Adeline (Mrs. Fred Nitschke), Jamestown, N. Dak.; Clarence, Issaquah, Wash.; and Lorraine Hansen, Renton, Wash.

The Millers are members of the Trinity Lutheran Church

In 1921, Harold went to work for Johnson and Holmen and then in 1937, he was employed by Jack Wolf driving the gasoline truck. Harold was a favorite school bus driver, taking the Fredonia school children to Kulm. Many times the roads were blocked and it was an exciting time to hear of the snow-blocked roads between Fredonia and Kulm. In 1945, Harold and his family moved to Jamestown, N. Dak., where he was employed by Midwest Motors. He retired in 1963. Harold and Liz moved to Lynnwood, Wash., where they reside in their son Cliff's mobile home park.

265. MILLER, OSCAR & ILLA (Stolz) 205

Oscar Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Miller, was born February 6, 1926, at Fredonia. He had a formal education.

Oscar married Illa M. Stolz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Stolz, in June, 1945. Illa was born on May 29, 1927, at Wilton, N. Dak. She too had a formal education.

They are affiliated with the C.M. Alliance Church.

One son was born to this union: Dennis L. Miller of Minneapolis, Minnesota.

266. MOGCK, GILMORE & LILLIAN (Lux) 205

[picture] Gilmore Herbert Mogck, a son of Herbert and Anna (Keller) Mogck, was born July 18, 1937, in the family farm home five miles northeast of Kulm. He received his elementary education.

On May 3, 1970, Gilmore was united in marriage with Lillian Lux, a daughter of the late John and Maria (Heller) Lux. She was born on October 11, 1933, on the family homestead 4 1/2 miles southwest of Fredonia. She attended a rural school and completed her elementary education.

The Mogcks live on a farm northeast of Kulm where they are raising livestock and producing some grain. Lillian has several hobbies of which one is weaving beautiful rugs. In 1975, Mrs. Mogck was informed that she had contracted a chronic illness.

The Mogcks are members of the Congregational Church, Kulm.

267. MOLL, LLOYD & LEONITA (Flaig) 205

On August 28, 1943, Lloyd Moll was united in marriage with Leonita Flaig, who was born August 13, 1914, in Fredonia to Daniel and Karoline (Ennslen) Flaig.

Two children were born: Steven, 32, and Dennis, 29, both of Minneapolis, Minn.

The Molls attended the United Methodist Church.

Lloyd Moll died March 5, 1958.

268. MOLTZEN, ALVIN & VIOLA (Fregien) 205

[picture] Viola Fregien, a daughter of the late John and Hermina Fregien, is a native of Fredonia and a graduate of Kulm High School in 1940. She attended college in Bismarck and was employed in Mandan, N. Dak.

She married Alvin Moltzen in 1947. He is a World War II veteran, serving as a lieutenant in the Army.

The Moltzens make their home in New Salem, N. Dak., and have two married daughters: Mrs. Dave Schlenvogt (Rite), a registered nurse at the Veterans Administration, Fargo, and Mrs. Terrance Doll (Sherry), a bookkeeper at

Bismarck. Both are graduates of Jamestown College. The Moltzens have one grandson, Terry James Doll.

Mrs. Moltzen has been most active in the American Legion Auxiliary, serving as state president 1964-65. She served on the national level of the ALA for twelve years and as nation vice president, 1976-77, and was installed as national president in Denver, Colorado, in August, 1978. In her role as president she served as the leader of nearly a million members, headquartered at Indianapolis, Ind. During her year in office she visited 48 states and nine foreign countries. Her special President's Project was supporting funds for the Jerry Lewis Telethon for Muscular Dystrophy, and she appeared on the national telethon in Las Vegas and presented a facsimile check of over a quarter million dollars. Her major concern was the hospitalized veteran, Americanism and our national security.

Mrs. Moltzen has served her role as a mother, but in addition she has been active as a North Dakota businesswoman with her major in accounting, she has also become interested in handicapped people and has been employed with the No. Dak. Heart Association and the Muscular Dystrophy Ass'n. for the past 14 years and is currently serving as district director of MDA.

269. MUND, EDWIN & ADINA (Leibig) 206

Edwin Mund was born on August 26, 1908, to Mr. and Mrs. Gottfried Mund in McIntosh County. He attended Hoffnungsthal District No. 25 School where he received his elementary education.

On June 6, 1927, Edwin was united in marriage with Adina Leibig, a daughter of Fred Leibig and Katherine (Lang) Fuchs, who was born on November 9, 1909, in Logan County. She attended Hoffnungsthal School and received her elementary education.

Two children were born to this union: Adeline, Mrs. Willie Delzer, Billings, Montana, and Elroy, Mandan, N. Dak.

Edwin Mund died April 4, 1973.

Adina is making her home in Jamestown, N. Dak., where she is a member of the St. John's Lutheran Church. She enjoys going out visiting the shut-in people.

270. MUND, JACOB 206

[picture] Jacob Mund came to the United States May 2, 1885, and on May 12th he became 6 years old and lived on a farm 12 miles south of Fredonia.

In February, 1904, he homesteaded about four miles west of Fredonia where he farmed for 42 years.

In the beginning his bread and butter was hauling lumber to Fredonia and Gackle, N. Dak., from Kulm.

The fall of 1904, he built a house, part of which still stands on the old homestead.



271. MUND, LENHART & GLADYS (Hein) 206

[picture] Lenhart Mund, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob G. Mund, and Gladys Hein were married Jan. 23, 1948. Gladys' parents are John and Christina Hein.

After ending their honeymoon on a hay sled, they farmed five years on the old Mund farm where Lenhart was born and grew up and had farmed two years before. In 1953 they bought a farm four miles south-southeast of Fredonia where they farmed until 1968 and then moved to Wishek.

Mrs. Mund has been a nurses aide at the Wishek hospital for the last ten years. Mr. Mund is doing carpenter work off and on.

Their children are: Delwin of Minneapolis, Minn., who is going to Bible School at the present time; Lun Ann Kuntz of Beulah who has two children and babysits off and on; Arlyn who lives at St. John's Cross Road and is doing missionary work; Curry who lives at Fargo and does construction work; Charolette who lives at Mandan and works at the Kirkwood Woolworth store in Bismarck; Annell who lives at home and is working at Pfeifle Chevrolet Garage in Wishek, and Douglas who is also at home and is a junior in high school.

All seven children were born in the Fredonia Community.

Mr. and Mrs. Mund are members of the United Methodist Church.

272. MUND, WILBERT & JEANNETTE (Wendland) 207

[picture] Wilbert Mund, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Mund, was born on May 28, 1922, at Fredonia.

On December 30, 1949, he married Jeannette Wendland, daughter of Otto and Clara Wendland of Kulm, who was born on June 12, 1932.

They have three children: James, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Sandra Stahl, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Julie Bruns, Sturgis, S. Dak.

The Munds go to the Faith United Methodist Church.

Bot are members of Moose and Eagles lodges. Wilbert has worked for K.O. Lee Co. for 27 years. Jeannette works at the S. Dak. School for the Visually Handicapped for 12 years.

273. MUNDT, NORMAN & LORRIANE (Schlenker) 207

[picture] Norman Mundt, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Solomon Mundt, was born on June 29, 1929, on a farm home near Lehr. He attended a rural school and received his elementary education.

On November 27, 1949, Norman was united in marriage with Lorraine Schlenker, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schlenker. She was born on December 29, 1929, on the family farm home at Jud, N. Dak. She attended the rural school and completed her elementary education.

Three children were born to this union: Randy, married Cecelia, Yankton, S. Dak., where he is manager of Postal Finance Co.; Loren, married Rita, Fargo, N. Dak., where he works for Gate City Savings and Loan Co.; and Lynnette, a freshman at the State School of Science at Wahpeton, N. Dak.

The Mundts are Church of God 7th Day.

Norman and Lorraine live northwest of Fredonia on the former Gothilf Veil farm. They are active in farming, raising livestock, and producing grains.

274. MUNSCH, HERMAN & LUCILLE (Grosz) 208

[picture] Herman Frederich Munsch, son of the late Karl and Ottila (Widmer) Munsch, Sr., was born December 13, 1927, on a farm five miles southwest of Fredonia. He attended the local school where he completed his elementary education.

On June 27, 1948, Herman was united in marriage with Lucille Grosz. Lucille was born September 26, 1928, on a farm 14 miles southwest of Kulm to David and Theresa (Weispfenning) Grosz.

Herman spent all of his boyhood on the family farm. In 1954, Mr. and Mrs. Munsch purchased the farm and have been engaged in raising livestock and producing grains since.

Mr. Munsch has been active in many community functions. Presently, he is township clerk, a member of the board of directors on the Farmers Co-op Elevator Co. and a church trustee.

Lucille graduated from Kulm High School and received her B.S. degree in education from the University of North Dakota-Ellendale Branch. From 1946 to 1976 she taught school in the Kulm, Fredonia, and Lehr communities.

Herman and Lucille are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

275. MUNSCH, KARL & MARTHA (Entzi) 208

Karl Munsch, a son of the Kate Karl and Ottilia Munsch, was born on November 7, 1909, on the family farm home near Fredonia. He completed his elementary education.

On December 11, 1929, Karl was united in marriage with Martha Entzi, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Entzi who was born on June 15, 1910, at Lehr, N. Dak. She had a formal education.

Four daughters were born to this union: Viola (Mrs. Ruben Kinzler), Edna (Mrs. Erwin Jose), Lucille (Mrs. Roland Weispfenning), all of Clinton, Iowa, and Verna (Mrs. George Schafer), Eugene, Oregon.

The Munsch's were members of the Lutheran church.

Mr. and Mrs. Munsch farmed 1 1/2 miles south of Fredonia until 1946, when they moved to a farm near Gackle, N.D., where they farmed until the fall of 1950. After that they moved to Jamestown where both were employed at the

Jamestown Hospital. In 1956, the Munsch moved to Clinton, Iowa, where Karl was employed by Clinton Auto Parts Co.

Karl Munsch passed away December 7, 1962.

Mrs. Martha Munsch married Joe Reuter on February 1, 1975. They live at Clinton, Iowa.

276. MUNSCH, THEODORE 208

[picture] Theodore Munsch was born on July 22, 1914, to Karl and Ottilia (Widmer) Munsch, Sr., on a farm five miles southwest of Fredonia. He attended elementary school and later worked on his father's farm.

Mr. Munsch entered the Army on June 27, 1941, and was discharged on September 29, 1945. During this time he served three years in the South Pacific. After he returned home, Ted continued farming, first with his father and later with his brother Herman.

Mr. Munsch is a member of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church and is a township treasurer.

277. NETZ, HARRY & MARTHA (Reule) 208

Harry Netz was born at Ashley, N. Dak., on August 18, 1920, to Elmer and Bertha (Heinz) Morse. Harry's mother passed away in 1926, and his father passed away two years and 12 days later, leaving five little boys as orphans.

Each child was farmed out to different families as was the custom in those days: Julia to John Schock, Ashley, N. Dak.; Harry to Harold Netz, Kulm; Alvin to Edward Golz, Alpina, S. Dak.; Wilbert to a Broz family in the state of Washington; and Clarence to John Schawargt, Ashley, N. Dak. They were all grown men with families of their own before they were to get together again. This happened in 1946 when they met in Leola, S. Dak.

Harry went to rural Ashley and Alfred schools, graduating from the eighth grade. He was confirmed in the Congregational Church in Kulm.

On January 1, 1943, Martha Reule of Forbes, N. Dak., and Harry were married. Martha Reule was born at Marsh, Montana, a daughter of Jacob and Mary (Patzner) Reule, and at an early age moved to Forbes. She received her eighth grade education from rural farm schools in the vicinity of Forbes. She was confirmed at Zion #1 Lutheran Schumaucher Church in the rural Ashley area.

During their first two years together, Harry and Martha farmed in the Jud area, and later five years in the Coldwater area. In 1949 they moved to their present farm five miles south of Fredonia in McIntosh County.

Their only child, Allen, was born April 12, 1951, and as times had changed, it enabled Allen to have the legal name of Netz. Harold and Caroline Netz legally adopted Harry. Even though they had raised him from five years of age, Netz was not his legal name until 1951.

278. NITSCHKE, ARTHUR & LEONITA (Schlenz) 209

[picture] Arthur A. Nitschke, son of the late Christ and Louise (Hildebrandt) Nitschke, was born on April 17, 1916, at Ashley, N. Dak. He attended the rural school and received his elementary education.

On September 30, 1945, Arthur was united in marriage to Leonita R. Schlenz, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Schlenz. Leonita was born on December 26, 1924, at rural Fredonia. She attended the rural school and received an elementary education.

The Nitschkes were blessed with two children: Mrs. Diane Thompson, Nashville, Indiana, and Duane Nitschke, Indianapolis, Indiana. They have four grandsons: Rusty and Ryan Thompson, and Billy and Brian Nitschke.

Arthur and Leonita are members of the United Center Methodist Church.

Art is employed at Arvin Auto at Greenwood, Indiana. Leonita is self-employed with a beauty shop in her home.

While living in the Fredonia community, the Nitschkes were engaged in farming, raising cattle and grains.

279. NITSCHKE, CHRIST & LOUISE 209

[picture] Refer to 1954 Golden Book, page 40, for personal history. This is a complete family picture of Christ and Louise Nitschke and children.

Christ Nitschke died on November 10, 1959.

280. NITSCHKE, FRED & ADELINE (Miller) 209

[picture] Fred Hilbert Nitschke, a son of the late Christian and Louise (Hildebrandt) Nitschke, was born October 5, 1921, in Logan County at Fredonia. He received his elementary education.

On February 9, 1947, Fred was united in marriage with Adeline Florence Miller, a daughter of Harold and Elizabeth (Lautt) Miller. She was born on April 6, 1928, in Fredonia. Adeline received her education at Fredonia Public School and Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1946.

Two children were born to this union: Mrs. Robert (Linda) Todd, Jamestown, N. Dak., and Mrs. Paul (Monica) Syron, Lynnwood, Wash. They have one grandchild, Aaron Todd.

The Nitschkes are members of St. John's Lutheran Church, Jamestown.

After their marriage, the Nitschkes lived on a farm a few miles east of Fredonia, raising livestock and grain. They sold their property and moved to Jamestown where they are employed. Fred is employed by the city, and Adeline is employed at the Woolworth Store.

281. NITSCHKE, HENRY & KATIE (Lautt) 210

[picture] Henry Nitschke, a son of August and Teresa (Quast) Nitschke, was born on December 16, 1911, in Stutsman County. He attended school in Braddock, N.D.

On January 10, 1935, Henry was united in marriage with Katie Lautt, a daughter of the late Fred and Margaret (Kranzler) Lautt, who was born on May 24, 1913, in Logan County. Katie attended rural school in Lautt Township and received her formal education.

Two sons were born to this union, Clifford Nitschke was born February 10, 1936, at Gackle, N.D., and later moved into Fredonia with his parents. He attended the Fredonia Public School. Clifford joined the U.S. Army in 1954 and was stationed in Korea for two years as a demolition expert. He has been employed with Bek Telephone Corporation of Steele, N.D., as a resident engineer for the past 22 years. Clarence Nitschke was born April 21, 1940, at Gackle. He attended the Fredonia Public and Kulm schools. Clarence went into the U.S. Air Force in 1958. He is now retired and is living in Port Huron, Michigan.

After their marriage Henry and Katie lived on several farms in the Fredonia community. Henry decided to find employment somewhere else. They moved into Fredonia where he was employed by the Soo Line Railway since 1948. He was also stationed at Fullerton. They moved to Bismarck in 1963.

Henry Nitschke died on August 13, 1971.

Katie Nitschke is a member of the United Methodist Church. She is employed at Bek Telephone Corp. at Steele and is "Grandma" Nitschke to many who love her.

282. NITSCHKE, JACOB & EDNA (Elhard) 210

[picture] Jacob Nitschke, son of Christ and Louise Nitschke, was born July 22, 1911, in McIntosh County.

On October 12, 1947, he was united in marriage to Edna Elhard. Edna, daughter of Andreas and Katherine Elhard, was born at Jud, N.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Nitschke farmed in the Fredonia area until 1956. At this time they moved to Galt, California where Jacob ran a dairy for about 20 years. In 1977 they retired and moved to Lodi, California.

Mr. and Mrs. Nitschke have two children. They are Doris Preston of Auburn, Calif., and Douglas of Stockton, Calif.

The Mitschkas are members of Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church.

283. NITSCHKE, WILLIAM 210

[picture] William Nitschke, son of Christ and Louise Nitschke (nee Hildebrandt), was born October 9, 1912, at Ashley, N.D.

Bill was united in marriage with Esther Sukut on Jan. 9, 1949. Esther, daughter of Dave and Bertha Sukut (nee Wolf), was born September 15, 1930, at Fredonia. She received an eighth grade education.

The Nitschkes were blessed with five children: Barbara Skowboe of San Mateo, Calif.; Sandra Chapin of Fairbanks, Alaska; Victoria Numes of Marina, Calif.; David in the U.S. Army, stationed in Germany; and William (Billy) at home.

Esther Nitschke was active in the church choir, auxiliary, and Ladies Aid. She passed away February 18, 1964. Mr. Nitschke continued to reside on his farm one and one-half miles southwest of Fredonia. On June 13, 1971, Bill was united in marriage to Alice Ammon of Gackle, N.D.

284. OELKE, EDWARD & ADINA (Burkle) 211

[picture] Edward Oelke was born on August 20, 1906, near Fredonia in Logan County, the son of Adam and Christine Oelke. Mr. Oelke was married to Adina Burkle on March 27, 1930.

Adina Burkle was born on December 17, 1908, on her parents' farm 11 miles northwest of Fredonia. She is the daughter of Johannes and Wilhelmina Burkle.

Five children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Oelke: Eugene, 47, Moorhead, Minn.; Idella Lacasse, 46, San Gabriel, Calif.; Roger, 41, Chula Vista, Calif.; Virginia Pesco, 37, San Leandro, Calif.; and Mabel DuShey, 35, San Jose, Calif.

Edward and Adina are active in the Jehovah's Witnesses Kingdom hall where they worship. After their marriage, they lived on several farms near Fredonia, later moving to Moorhead, Minn. There they purchased a small farm and did some small scale farming. Since times were tough, Mr. Oelke took on off-the-farm employment, working for the Armour slaughtering plant in West Fargo, N. Dak., for a number of years. He later became self-employed, doing landscaping and sodding yards for private homeowners. After selling the business to their son Eugene, they decided to move to Palo Alto, California, where they are now retired.

285. OELKE, FRED & LYDIA (Scherbenske) 211

[picture] Fred Oelke, a son of the late Adam and Christine (Ruff) Oelke, was born on January 15, 1901, in Logan County, 2 1/2 miles northwest of Fredonia.

On March 20, 1924, Fred was united in marriage with Lydia Scherbenske, a daughter of Gottlieb and Katherine (Schott) Scherbenske of Lehr, N. Dak.

Fred grew to manhood on his parents' farm, and after his marriage to Lydia, they continued to farm the homestead 2 1/2 miles west of Fredonia. In 1940, Mr. Oelke became disabled. They bought a home in Fredonia and lived there for eight years until they moved back onto their farm again. Now their only son LeRoy continues to keep the farm in operation, which is the third generation.

Two children were born to this union: Delores, Mrs. Laurence Koenig, Fargo, N. Dak., and LeRoy, Fredonia.

Lydia Oelke is making her home in Fredonia. Fred Oelke passed away on November 7, 1971.

286. OELKE, LEROY & JEANETTE (Nitschke) 212

LeRoy Oelke, son of Fred and Lydia (Scherbenske) Oelke, was born on October 7, 1929, at Fredonia. He attended the Fredonia Public School and Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1948.

On October 24, 1954, LeRoy was united in marriage to Jeanette Nitschke, a daughter of Christian and Louise (Hildenbrandt) Nitschke. Jeanette was born on April 13, 1933, on the family farm near Fredonia. She attended Fredonia Public School and Kulm High School, graduating with the class of 1951.

Two children were born to this union: Rhonda, a graduate of North Dakota State University, Fargo, N.Dak.; and Bruce, a member of the Armed Services, stationed in Germany.

The Oelkes are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. They both have been active in church work. LeRoy served as supervisor in Haag Township and as treasurer of North Side Telephone Company.

LeRoy and Jeanette are, at present, living on the Oelke homestead 2 1/2 miles northwest of Fredonia, making them the third generation living on this farm.

287. ORTH, WILLIE 212

Mr. Willie Orth was born June 8, 1895, at Parkston, South Dakota, the son of Wilhelm and Elizabeth (Kusler) Orth. At the age of seven years, in the year 1903, he came with his parents to the Fredonia community where they homesteaded on a farm three miles south of Fredonia. In the year 1905 Wilhelm Orth became manager of the Farmers Elevator in Fredonia, and in June 1906 the family moved to the east edge of Fredonia townsite. He attended the local school near Fredonia and completed his elementary education in the Fredonia Public School. He assisted in the family business and grew to manhood in the vicinity where the family operated a hardware store and implement business as well as farming. For a short time he did carpenter work in the community, and in 1916 he became a rural mail carrier in Fredonia. Two years later, in 1920, he was employed as a railway mail clerk, later returning to Fredonia to be employed in the Farmers Lumber, Land and Machinery business, which stock he purchased and became sole owner. Several years later he sold the lumber stock but retained the office property from which he conducted his business, such as doing income tax work for area people and managing his farm properties to the time of his death.

He died October 24, 1971.

He was a member of the Nazareth Congregational Church in Fredonia and had served as its treasurer. Mr. Orth never married.

288. OST, ALBERT & PAULINE (Gumke) 212

[picture] Albert Ost, son of Henry H. and Christine (nee Weispfenning) Ost, was born March 25, 1908, in Logan County at Fredonia. He grew up as a farm boy in the Fredonia community.

On November 11, 1932, he was married to Pauline Gumke, daughter of Christian and Rebecca Gumke (nee Weispfenning). Pauline was born on March 6, 1913, in Logan County at Gackle, N.D.

They have three sons: Roger Ost, Eckelson, N.D.; Morris Ost, Nortonville, N.D.; and Larry Ost, Los Angeles, Calif.

Mr. and Mrs. Ost farmed in the Fredonia area three years. Then they sold out and bought the Fredonia Dray Line which Mr. Ost operated for six years. In 1941, Mr. Ost sold the dray line and went back to farming in the Nortonville community. Here the Osts bought a farm and made their home until 1955. At this time they moved to Jamestown where Mr. Ost was engaged in the implement business as a salesman for 20 years. In 1975 they retired.

Mr. and Mrs. Ost are members of the United Methodist Church.

289. OST, ALFRED & OLGA (Kosanke) 213

[picture] Alfred Ost, a son of the late Henry, Sr., and Christina (nee Haag) Ost, was born November 12, 1896, at Bushdall [Posttal], South Russia.

On October 16, 1919, Alfred was united in marriage with Olga Kosanke. They settled on a farm eight miles north of Fredonia. In 1939, the Osts moved to the old homestead 2 1/2 miles north of Fredonia.

In 1947, Mr. Ost had a severe heart attack, and due to poor health they disposed of their personal property and moved to Jamestown, N. Dak. After living in Jamestown for a few years, Alfred was employed at Midwest Machine Shop, and Olga was employed as a cook at the Catholic Convent cooking for the nuns. In 1964, the Osts purchased Olga's parents' home in Kulm. After remodeling they moved to their new home in 1965.

This union was blessed with seven children: Marvin, Kulm; Osborn, Ellendale, N. Dak.; Calvin, Lillian (Mrs. William Adam) and Marion (Mrs. William Jull), all of Billings, Mont.; Clifford, the oldest son, was killed in action during World War II in North Africa. He was the first soldier killed from Logan County. Charles died in infancy.

Alfred Ost passed away on September 22, 1966.

Alfred was a member of the St. Paul's United Brethren Church at Jamestown of which Olga is still a member. Olga is making her home in Kulm, being employed as a cook at Murphy's Snack Hut.

290. OST, BEN & EMMA (Ruff) 213

[picture] Ben Ost was born November 22, 1894, in South Russia. He came to the U.S.A. in 1898. Ben passed away April 3, 1977. He had elementary education. He was a son of Henry, Sr., and Christina (Haag) Ost.

On November 20, 1919, Ben was united in marriage with Emma Ruff who was born April 2, 1901, in Russia and came to the U.S.A. in May, 1902. She is a daughter of Fred and Bertha (Karius) Ruff. Emma had elementary education.



This union was blessed with four children: Edmund F., born May 21, 1921, and living in Fredonia; Edna L., Mrs. Ben Koenig, born May 11, 1922, living in Kulm; Oscar H., born May 6, 1924, farming west of Fredonia; and Elva D., Mrs. Wilbert Gutschmidt, born August 23, 1928, farming north of Fredonia.

The Osts are members of the Kulm United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Ost farmed two miles northeast of Fredonia until 1926 and then bought a farm near the little town of Guyson, N. Dak., which no longer exists. They retired from farming in 1950 and moved to Kulm where Mr. Ost kept busy doing carpenter work for a few years. Mr. Ost served in World War I, serving in the Infantry in France and Germany until the peace treaty was signed. Mr. Ost was a member of the Fredonia Legion for a few years and then of the Kulm Legion.

291. OST, CHRIST 213

Christ Ost, son of Henry, Sr., and Katherina (Schott) Ost, was born August 4, 1904, a couple miles north of Fredonia.

He went to school until about the 4th grade in Haag Township and also a while in the town of Fredonia.

He was the janitor at the old school and also at the new school for quite a few years. The teacher at the old school was Jessie Reinholdt and at the new school Miss Rembolt from Gackle and Stella Geger.

Christ has worked for farmers most of his life.

292. OST, CLARENCE & LUELLA (Kinzler) 214

[picture] Clarence Ost, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Ost, was born July 26, 1926, at Fredonia. He graduated from the eighth grade at Fredonia Public School.

He was united in marriage to LuElla Kinzler Dec. 31, 1947. LuElla was born Oct. 13, 1925, at Kulm. She graduated from the eighth grade at Norden Township School.

Their children are Terry ost, age 30, who lives at Jud, N. Dak., Karen, age 27, (Mrs. Donald Carlson) Edgeley, N. Dak., and Kemeth Ost, age 26, who lives at Jud.

They are members of the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Jud.

Clarence is mayor of Jud and a volunteer fireman. He was in the service in Korea for two years and three months. They farmed east of Jud for 18 years, and Clarence has been assistant manager for 13 years at Farmers Elevator in Jud.

293. OST, CLIFFORD 214

[picture] Clifford Ost, a son of the late Alfred and Olga (nee Kosanke) Ost, was born on July 23, 1921, in Logan County near Fredonia. He was baptized

and confirmed in the Evangelical United Brethren Faith. Clifford attended the rural school and Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1940. Mr. Ost enrolled in the Civilian Conservation Corp at Kenmore, N. Dak., for six months, receiving an honorable discharge at the end of his work period. In January, 1941, he joined the National Guard, entering into the armed services of his country at Bottineau, N. Dak., and becoming a member of the 164th Infantry Medical Detachment, stationed at Camp Claiborne, La. It was his pleasure to be home on furlough from June 3 to June 13, 1941. While at Camp Claiborne, Clifford became ill and upon the movement of the 164th Infantry from the camp, he was unable to leave. He was therefore transferred to the 135th Infantry Medical Detachment at Camp Fort Dix, New Jersey. In April, 1942, he was sent to Northern Ireland, and in December, 1942, was sent to North Africa. A telegram received on May 3, 1943, informed his parents that Clifford had been killed in action on April 10, 1943. A letter written by Clifford on April 4, 1943, was received by his parents after they had received the telegram from the War Department informing them of the death of their son.

294. OST, DUANE & RENEE (Becker) 214

[picture] Duane Ost, a son of Marvin and Evelyn (nee Schlenker) Ost, was born on September 3, 1948. He attended Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1966, and received his Bachelor of Science Degree in music at Valley City State College.

On October 25, 1974, Duane was united in marriage with Renee Becker, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Pete Becker of Napoleon, N. Dak. She is a graduate of Napoleon High School and Joseph's School of Hair Dressing, Bismarck, N. Dak.

In 1971, Duane started his music teaching career at various schools. In 1977, the Osts moved to Jamestown, N. Dak., where Duane is employed as a business manager at R.M. Stoudt's. He is a member of Elks and the Jamestown Choralaires where he is assistant director. Duane is a nephew of Clifford Ost, who was killed in World War II.

Renee was employed as a hair stylist at the beauty salon at Rugby, N. Dak. At present, she is employed at Don's House of Flowers. They are members of St. Phillips Catholic Church, Napoleon.

295. OST, EDMUND & VIOLA (Dallman) 215

[picture] Edmund F. Ost, son of Ben Ost and Emma (Ruff) Ost, was born on May 21, 1921, near Fredonia. He attended grade school, high school and two years of business college at Fargo, N. Dak.

On May 26, 1961, Edmund was united in marriage to Viola C. Dallman, a daughter of Johannas and Martha (Widmer) Dallman. Viola was born on November 25, 1925, on the family farm near Fredonia. She attended grade school, high school by correspondence, evening business classes at Bismarck Junior College and two years at L.B.I. at Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The Osts are members of the Kulm United Methodist Church. Mr. Ost has been postmaster at Fredonia since April 1, 1948, and a life member of the Fredonia

Fire Department for 30 years, having served as its secretary and treasurer for about 25 years.

Mrs. Ost has been a clerk at the Fredonia Post Office since March, 1957, and also has served as a clerk in the Kulm Post Office since July, 1977, when needed. Before becoming a postal clerk, Mrs. Ost worked at Quain and Ramstad Clinic at Bismarck for many years as a receptionist.

Mr. and Mrs. Ost are both keeping busy with church work and gardening. Mrs. Ost is church organist, church secretary and Sunday School treasurer. Mr. Ost is a Sunday School teacher and assistant Sunday school superintendent. He also has served seven years as a lay delegate to annual conferences for his church.

296. OST, EDWARD & EMMA (Coon) 215

[picture] Edward Ost, son of Henry and Christine Ost, was born Nov. 27, 1910, on the farm northwest of Fredonia. The far was later sold to John Ost. Its present owner is Art Ost.

His father and family moved to Fredonia where Edward started school. He was confirmed at the Congregational Church of Fredonia.

In 1936, he went west looking for work and ended up at Ashton, Idaho. He worked at Mr. George Nedrow's until February of 1941. He entered the service on Feb. 22, 1941, and was discharged in June of 1945.

He settled at Nortonville, N.D., acquired a farm, and has been farming there since.

Mr. Ost was married March 30, 1950, to Emma Coon of Nortonville, who was born Jan. 6, 1914, at Wisconsin Dells, Wisc., to George and Adeline Coon.

Three children were born to this union: Martha, now Mrs. Ron Pfaff of Litchville, N.D.; Carol of Minneapolis, Minn., and Alonzo of Nortonville, N.D.

297. OST, JAMES & DIANA (Thurn) 215

[picture] James Wilmer Ost, a son of Art and Pauline (nee Schock) Ost, was born on August 31, 1942, at Kulm. He attended rural school and Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1961.

On October 6, 1973, James was united in marriage with Diana Leona Thurn, a daughter of Ben and Leona (nee Bader) Thurn. She was born on October 18, 1950, at Eureka, S. Dak. Diana attended the rural school, graduated from Wishek High School and Capital Commercial College, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Two children were born to this union: Sahlenia L., born October 10, 1974, at Ashley, N. Dak., and Travis J., born November 22, 1976, at Ellendale, N. Dak.

The Osts attend the First Congregational Church at Kulm. James and Diana are actively engaged in farming, producing grain and raising purebred Hereford cattle.

298. OST, MARVIN & EVELYN (Schlenker) 216

[picture] Marvin Ost, a son of the late Alfred and Olga (nee Kosanke) Ost, was born on August 8, 1925, at Fredonia.

On December 28, 1947, Marvin was united in marriage with Evelyn Schlenker, a daughter of the late Martin and Martha (nee Fey) Schlenker of Kulm.

The Osts resided on a farm 2 1/2 miles north of Fredonia until 1949 when they moved to Kulm. Marvin was employed at Brost Bros. Auto and Implement and Kulm Standard. Evelyn was employed at Palm's Dept. Store for 21 years and the Kulm Café for a number of years. In 1962, Marvin again went back to farming. They own and operate Murphy's Rack and Snack Hut at Kulm.

One son was born to this union: Duane, Jamestown, N. Dak.

The Osts are members of the United Methodist Church where Evelyn was organist and Sunday School teacher for several years. Marvin is a member of the Kulm Ambulance Corp and Kulm Lions Club.

299. OST, OSCAR & PAULINE (Becker) 216

[picture] Oscar Ost, son of Henry, Sr., and Katherine Ost (nee Schott), was born Nov. 12, 1906, at the family farm home near Fredonia.

Oscar Ost and Pauline Becker were united in marriage Sept. 13, 1928. Pauline, daughter of Henry and Margaret Becker (nee Moos), was born Aug. 1, 1908, at the family farm home near Lehr, N.D. Pauline received her eighth grade education in a local farm school. The Osts were Congregational. They farmed north of Fredonia until the time of his death.

Mr. Ost passed away April 9, 1973, and Mrs. Ost passed away Dec. 15, 1974.

They were blessed with six sons: Wesley G., Willis H., and Jimmy J., all of Jamestown, N.D., Dell R. of Bismarck, Darrel D. of Wichita, Kan., and Donald D. of Cleveland, N.D.

300. OST, OSCAR & VIOLA (Roloff) 216

[picture] Oscar Harold Ost was born May 6, 1924, on a farm northeast of Fredonia, N.D. At the age of two years he moved with his parents to a farm eight miles west of Fredonia in Logan County where he still resides. He was the son (third child) of Ben and Emma Ost (nee Ruff). He attended the rural school in the Lauth District.

He was married to Viola Marie Roloff March 25, 1949. She was born May 18, 1928, to John and Fredericka Roloff (nee Hettich). She attended grade school in Fredonia and graduated from Kulm High School in 1946. She was employed before marriage at the Fredonia Co-op Store, Economy Store and Post Office at Fredonia.

They have three children: Dale, the oldest, who is now in the air conditioning and refrigeration business of his own in Brasilia, Brazil, South America; Lyle who is with the Western Geophysical Co. of Houston, Texas, and

has spent the last four years most of the time in Africa, and Doris, the youngest, who is employed as a legal secretary for a lawyer at Fargo, N.D. They are all three graduates of Lehr High School in the classes of 1967, 1969, and 1975 and are graduates of the State School of Science at Wahpeton, N. Dak.

The Oscar H. Osts have resided all their married life on the homestead farm of the Ben Osts and are engaged in mixed farming, raising grain and cattle. They are members of Grace Lutheran Church of Lehr.

301. OST, WILBERT & IRENE (Schadler) 217

[picture] Wilbert Ost, son of Henry, Jr., and Martha (Dallman) Ost, was born June 23, 1922, in Fredonia. Wilbert attended Fredonia Public School for the first eight grades, Kulm High School and served 20 years in the Navy-Aircraft Engine School.

On August 12, 1945, Wilbert was united in marriage with Irene A. Schadler. Irene, a daughter of Reynold and Anna (Gumke) Schadler, was born on April 19, 1926, near Gackle, N. Dak. She completed her elementary education and graduated from Jamestown High School.

Three children were born to this union: Gary W., Seattle, Wash.; Keith D., Edmonds, Wash.; Gregg H., in the Navy, San Diego, Calif.

While living in Fredonia, the Osts attended the Congregational Church.

Wilbert has retired from 20 years of Navy service and 10 years of postal service.

The Osts enjoy square dancing, traveling and camping. They go south to Arizona in the winter months.

302. PAPE, FRED & LYDIA 217

[picture] Fred Pape was born on February 18, 1891. He was married to Lydia, who was born on October 1, 1904.

Fred and his family came to Fredonia, where he was employed as a Soo Line section foreman. Fred is retired now and makes his home at 408 Crestwood Danville, Tillton, Illinois.

Fred and Lydia had one son: Fred F. Pape, who was born on March 29, 1937, in Artas, S.D. On May 13, 1961, Fred F. was united in marriage with Marian who was born on August 27, 1938, in Shawano, Wisconsin.

Four children were born to this union: Patti, Pam, Jimmy and Peggy.

The Papes are members of the Assembly of God Church.

Fred F. is a salesman for the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Fred F. and Marian are at home at 112 Oak Drive, Shawano, Wisc. 54166.

303. PARVEY, WILLIAM & ANNA 217

William Robert Parvey, son of Robert and Hilda Parvey, was born June 19, 1894, near Lake Norden, S. Dak., and died October 12, 1977, at Minneapolis, Minn. He was one of seven children. His brothers and sisters are Ben and Arthur, both deceased; Hannah and Florence, both deceased; and Mamie Lindberg and Esther Clausen, who both live in Seattle, Wash.

About 1900 the Parvey family homesteaded in Logan County, nine miles north of Fredonia on Highway 56. In his early years, Mr. Parvey farmed with the family and did custom sod breaking and threshing with his brother, Ben. Mr. Parvey, known as Bill, was well known in the Gackle, Fredonia, and Kulm areas for his exceptional ability to diagnose and repair all manner of problems with automobiles, tractors, and machinery.

During the Great Depression, Mr. Parvey lived in Fredonia with his own family. His children attended schools in Fredonia, Gackle and Kulm and for a time his wife, Anna, taught in the rural schools north of Fredonia. He built from old auto parts, scrap iron, and pine boards, many small, wind powered generators that furnished the first electric light and radio power for dozens of farm homes. He designed and built several lightweight farm tractors (we called them "bugs") that performed very satisfactorily for many years from old parts. Rural mail carriers, Mr. Joe Sarkinen of Gackle, and Mr. Bullis of Fredonia, owned cross-country wheeled snow-tractors made by Mr. Parvey that enabled them to traverse their blizzard-blocked routes.

In 1942, the Parvey family moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where he worked in the war effort as a master machinist, welder, steam-fitter and pipe-fitter. In 1945 he started Parvey's Skelly Station on North Humbolt Avenue which he operated until his retirement in 1965.

Survivors are his wife, Anna, of Minneapolis; son, Norman, of Minneapolis; and two daughters, Marjorie (Mrs. Byron Anderson), Madera, Calif., and the Rev. Dr. Constance Parvey, Cambridge, Mass. There are three grandchildren: Dr. Dennis Parvey, Mora, Minn.; David Parvey, Blaine, Minn.; and William Brian Anderson, Madera, Calif.

304. PRESLER, HERBERT & EDNA (Gumke) 218

[picture] Herbert R. Presler, son of Reinhold and Otelia (Krieger) Presler, was born August 20, 1918, on a farm 10 miles south and 2 1/2 miles west of Gackle, N.D. He attended school until the 7th grade at Feska School District No. 4. His dad passed away February, 1959, at the age of 67, and his mother, February, 1972, at the age of 74.

He married Edna Gumke June 26, 1942. Edna was born January 10, 1924, to Jacob and Louisa (Schlecht) Gumke on her parents' farm 10 miles south, 2 miles east and 1 1/2 miles north of Gackle. She graduated from the 8th grade at Feska School District No. 4. Edna's mother passed away in June, 1973, at the age of 77.

Their children are: Veara (Presler) Scott, age 35, and her daughter, Maryann, 14, living at home with the parents; Ronald, age 30, married to Patsy Arnold, age 28, who have three girls, Julie, 10, Laura, 8, and Paula, 5, and who live near Alvin, Texas; Vera, age 28, who is married to Ernest Arnold, age 30, who

have one girl, Melissa, 7, and live near Manvel, Texas; and Kenneth, age 24, who is single and living at home with his parents in Alvin.

They are members of the Missionary Baptist Church in Angleton, Texas. Herbert is the adult Sunday School teacher. Edna is teaching juniors on Sunday nights.

They both go to the homes for the aged. Edna plays gospel hymns on the accordion, and Herbert brings a message from God's word on Tuesday and Thursday nights. Herbert served in the U.S. Army from June, 1941, until August, 1945; 26 months of this time was spent in Europe.

They then lived on his parents' farm for nine years and moved to Fredonia in December, 1954, where he was the blacksmith for nine years. Then in December, 1963, they moved to Alvin, Texas, where Herbert is a welder in a tank factory near Alvin.

Edna did nurses' aide work in a home for the aged from January, 1976, until August, 1977. At the present time she is working at Perry's Variety store in Alvin. Prior to that she was a housewife.

305. PRESLER, JOHN Jr. 218

[picture] John Presler, Jr., a son of the late John, Sr., and Anna (Eichele) Presler, was born on March 31, 1900, in Russia. He attended the rural school in Logan County receiving his elementary education.

On November 10, 1921, John was united in marriage to Katharina Entzie, a daughter of Jacob, Sr., and Eva (nee Miller) Entzie. She was born on July 24, 1901, in McIntosh County at Lehr. She attended a rural school in McIntosh County and completed her elementary education.

Two daughters were born to this union: Emilie, Mrs. Elmer E. Erbele, Lehr, and Rose, Mrs. Herman E. Schrenk, Gackle, N.D.\

John farmed in the Fredonia vicinity until 1929. He then moved to Gackle and operated a drayline. During the war years he was employed in a defense plant in Indiana, later moving to Colorado where he worked in construction until his retirement. In 1972, he moved to Lehr.

After the death of Katharina Entzie, John was united in marriage to Magdalena Schultz. To this union were born six children. Two died in infancy. One son, Luther, passed away at the age of 17. Living children are: Lorena, Mrs. Eldo Hilluis, Jamestown, N.D.; Ray Presler, Fargo, N.D.; and Alvina, Mrs. Aaron Moldenhauer, Hanover, Ill.

Katharina Entzie Presler passed away on May 5, 1924. Magdalena Schultz Presler passed away in 1959. John Presler, Jr., passed away on October 8, 1974.

306. PRUETZ, SHARPE & MABEL (Willard) 291

[picture] Sharpe Pruetz was born on April 23, 1900, in Kulm. He was the son of Friederich and Katie Buechler. During his early childhood he was adopted

by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pruetz. Mrs. Pruetz was the sister of Sharpe's father.

His early education was obtained in the Kulm Public School, which at that time consisted of 10 grades. He then attended Shattuck Military School for a time and completed his four years of high school at Sentinel Butte, N.D., where a former Kulm superintendent Harry E. Emery, was superintendent. After completing his high school education, he attended college in Oberlin, Ohio, and Dakota Business College in Fargo, N.D.

In 1921, following in the steps of his forebearers, he started in the First State Bank at Fredonia, which is now the Kulm State Bank. Mr. Pruetz served as clerk of the Fredonia School Board for quite a number of years.

On the 17th of June, 1922, he was united in marriage to Mrs. Pruetz, the former Mabel Willard, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Willard of Peshtigo, Wisconsin. Mrs. Pruetz taught the primary grades in the Kulm school.

Sharpe and Mabel, as they are known to all of their friends in Fredonia and Kulm, are members of the First Congregational Church of Kulm.

307. QUAST, EUGENE & SHARON (Jonas) 219

[picture] Eugene Quast, son of Bennie and Hulda Quast (nee Rath), was born Jan. 9, 1939, near Kulm.

Eugene and Sharon Jonas were married Nov. 19, 1957, at LaMoure, N.D. Sharon, daughter of the late Carl Jonas and Mrs. Roland Janke, was born Nov. 4, 1940. She received her L.P.N. training at Foothill College, Los Altos, Calif.

The Quasts have resided in Billings, Mont., since 1969. There, Gene is owner and manager of Gene's 24th Street Husky, and Sharon works at Deaconess Hospital.

They are blessed with four children: Lonnie and Doug of Billings, and Teresia and Brenda at home.

308. RADKE, BENHARD & CAROLINE (Gall) 219

[picture] Benhard E. Radke was born March 28, 1903, at the family farm home three miles south of Fredonia in McIntosh County, the son of Carl and Magdalene (nee Keller) Radke. At the age of three years, in 1906, the family moved to a farm eight miles north of Fredonia in Logan County. He attended the local rural school where he received his elementary education and grew to manhood in the vicinity, working on his parents' farm.

On November 6, 1924, Ben was united in marriage to Caroline Gall, who was born on October 1, 1903, at Wishek, N.D., in Logan County. Her parents are John and Magdelin (Land) Gall.

One son was born to this union, Clifford, Fredonia.

Ben was, and Caroline is, a member of the Nazareth Congregational Church in Fredonia.



After their marriage they made their home on the family farm of his parents' homestead north of Fredonia for one year and then moved to a farm one mile east. In 1934 they moved into Fredonia where Ben was engaged in the trucking business, doing commercial hauling of livestock and merchandise. He was in this business for 35 years. Ben Radke passed away on January 5, 1978, at the age of 74 years.

Mrs. Radke worked as a clerk in the Economy Store in Fredonia for 14 years and is now actively sewing quilts as a hobby.

309. RADKE, CLIFFORD & FLORENCE (Herrmann) 220

[picture] Clifford Radke was born September 16, 1925, to Benhard and Caroline (Gall) Radke at Fredonia. He attended elementary school and graduated from Kulm High School in 1944. He is presently engaged in the trucking business.

He married Florence Herrmann on June 22, 1947. She is the daughter of Otto and Elsie (Schweigert) Herrmann. She attended school and graduated from Kulm High School in 1946. They have lived in Fredonia since their marriage.

Mrs. Radke is employed at Lehr Super Valu at Lehr.

Two children were born to this union. Neill was born September 16, 1952, at Jamestown, N.D. He attended public school in Fredonia and graduated from Kulm High School in 1970. He attended North Dakota State University for four years and graduated in 1974. He was married to Patricia Voracek on June 1, 1974. They live in Burnsville, Minn., where Neill is employed at Sperry Univac at St. Paul, Minn., as a systems engineer. Brian was born April 4, 1956, at Gackle, N.D. He attended Fredonia and Kulm public schools and graduated from Kulm High School in 1974. He attended the North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton for one year. He is single and works for Culligan Water Softeners at Fargo, N.D. He lives in Fargo.

Mr. and Mrs. Radke are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church of Fredonia.

310. RASCH, BERNHARD & BERTHA (Mammel) 220

[picture] Bernhard Rasch, son of Michael and Pauline (nee Bartz) Rasch, was born at Fredonia on May 9, 1911. He married Bertha Mammel May 9, 1939. Mrs. Rasch, daughter of Arndt and Fredricka (nee Beiderstedt) Mammel was born September 25, 1911, at Merricourt, N.D.

Mr. Rasch worked for the Soo Line Railroad from April, 1927, until his retirement in July of 1974. Mrs. Rasch was employed at the Kulm Drug from 1949 to 1972. They lived in Fredonia until August, 1948, when they moved to Kulm where they are presently living.

While in Fredonia they were members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church. They are now members of Zion Lutheran in Kulm.

They have one daughter, Joanne Joyce, now Mrs. Delano Herrmann of Fargo, N.D., and three grand-daughters, Jodell, Jana and Justine.

311. RATH, DANIEL & PAULINA (Maas) 221

[picture] Daniel Rath, son of Ferdinand and Julivinia (nee Bierwagen) Rath, was born December 7, 1887, at Tarantina [Tarutino] Bessarabia. Mr. Rath had little opportunity to receive an education.

On February 5, 1911, Daniel Rather and Paulina Maas were united in marriage. Paulina, daughter of August and Wilhamina (nee Triebwasser) Maas, was born November 1, 1885, at Parkston, S.D. Mrs. Rath did not receive any education.

Mr. and Mrs. Rath were Lutheran all their lives.

They farmed eight miles north of Lehr, and Mr. Rath was a county commissioner. In 1956 they retired in Fredonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Rath celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1961.

After Mrs. Rath passed away on February 19, 1965, Mr. Rath continued to live in Fredonia for three more years. After this he entered the Napoleon Senior Center for 18 months. Following this Mr. Rath made his home with his children until he passed away on June 18, 1975.

Mr. and Mrs. Rath were blessed with six children: Viola, Mrs. Herbert Koerner of Freeman, S.D.; Herbert, Parkston, S.D.; Irene, Mrs. Edwin Schnabel of Menno, S.D.; Leona, Mrs. Fred Fiechtner of Lehr; Olga, Mrs. Ted Kauk of Kehr; and Paul of Lehr.

312. REMIEN, ALBERT & EDNA (Miller) 221

Albert Remien, son of Fred and Justina (Kaldun) Kemien, was born Nov. 1, 1907, south of Kulm. He went to school until the eighth grade.

On July 3, 1931, he married Edna Mae Miller, daughter of Emil and Charlotta (Fuchs) Miller. Edna was born Sept. 26, 1913, at Fredonia and graduated from the eighth grade.

Albert and Edna lived and farmed in the Fredonia area until 1953 at which time they moved to Aberdeen, S.D. There Albert worked as a mechanic and owned a used car sales business for a short time. Then he went to work for Keeley Lumber as a carpenter until his retirement in 1973 when they moved to Graham, Wash.

Their children are Albert Lee Remien, age 46, Graham, Wash.; Richard Remien, 45, Phoenix, Arizona; Harry J. Remien, 43, Graham, Wash.; Mrs. James (Elizabeth) Thiery, 41, Graham, Wash.; Roger Remien, 40, Aberdeen, S.D.; Mrs. Lyle (Jean) Gardner, 37, Graham, Wash.; Robert L. Remien, 36, Aberdeen, S.D.; Gerald W. Remien, 34, Graham, Wash.; and Dennis D. Remien, 29, Graham, Wash.

They were members of the Lutheran church. Albert passed away April 19, 1978, and Edna on Oct. 18, 1976.

313. REMIEN, ROBERT & EMMA (Strobel) 221

[picture] Robert Remien, a son of the late Frederich and Justina (Kaldun) Remien, was born on July 24, 1899, in Bessarabia, South Russia. Robert was five years old when he came with his parents to the United States and settled in the Fredonia-Kulm area.

On April 16, 1922, Robert was united in marriage with Emma R. Strobel, a daughter of the late Frederich and Rosina (nee Kuhn) Strobel. She was born on September 6, 1901.

Robert and Emma were married at her parents' home about four miles east of Fredonia. They were active in farming, raising livestock and small grains for several years. Later, they moved to Fredonia where Robert operated the dray line and did trucking for various businesses and individuals. In 1941, the Remiens moved to Oakes, N.D., where Robert resumed his trucking job and Emma was employed at the creamery and also at the senior home. The Remiens are members of the St. John's Lutheran Church.

Two children were born to this union: Frederich, married, living at 26130 S.D. 425, Emunclaw, Washington 98022; and Alvina Gamer, Rt. 1, Oakes, 58474.

Mr. Remien died March 2, 1979.

314. RIEBHAGEN, GOTTFRIED & LILIA (Munsch) 222

[picture] Gottfried Riebhagen, son of Jacob, Jr., and Fredericka (Lang) Riebhagen, was born Sept. 28, 1914, at the family farm home northwest of Fredonia located in Janke Township. There he grew to manhood.

On Dec. 3, 1944, he was united in marriage to Lilia Munsch, daughter of Karl, Sr., and Ottilia (Widmer) Munsch. Lilia was born at the family farm home southwest of Fredonia located in Haag Township. Following their marriage they made their home on the Riebhagen farm where they are residing at the present time. Gottfried has spent his entire life on this farm and is the third generation to occupy it.

The Riebhagens have no children.

They are active members of the Nazareth Congregational Church of Fredonia.

315. RIEBHAGEN, OTTO & GERTRUDE (Kusler) 222

[picture] Otto Riebhagen, son of the late Jacob and Fredericka (Lang) Riebhagen, was born on May 13, 1911, on the family farm seven miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended the rural school, completing his elementary education.

On January 3, 1935, Otto was united in marriage to Gertrude C. Kusler, daughter of the late August and Christine (Woelfle) Kusler, who was born on October 8, 1917, on the family farm two miles south of Fredonia. She completed elementary education.

Two daughter were born to this union: Mrs. Melvin (Darlene) Herrmann, Fargo, and Mrs. Melvin (Betty Lou) Zimmerman, Fargo.

The Riebhagens are members of the First Congregational Church, Kulm. Both are active in choir, and Gertrude is a member of the Dorcas Society.

Otto grew to manhood on his parents' farm, and after his marriage to Gertrude, they lived on a farm northwest of Fredonia for four years. They then purchased a farm south of Kulm where they still reside. The Riebhagens were active in farming, raising cattle and small grain.

316. ROLOFF, JOHN & FREDERICKA (Hettich) 222

[picture] John Roloff, son of John and Caroline Roloff (nee Schlenker), was born June 20, 1886, at Kulm, South Russia, where later he was baptized in the Evangelical Lutheran Church at Kulm. The same year the Roloff family moved to Beresina in Bessarabia, South Russia. At the age of 15 he was confirmed by Pastor Julius Peters at Kloestitz. In 1909 his mother died, and a year later the family came to the United States and settled for the first two years at Jud, N.D., and then farmed near Fredonia.

On March 30, 1916, he was united in marriage with Fredericka Hettich of Fredonia.

Since the flu of 1918 he suffered of a heart ailment. January 23, 1933, his father died at the age of 73 years. Three sisters have died, and a sister, Mrs. Bertha Fregien of Jud, is the only family member living.

John passed away April 10, 1952, of a stroke.

Fredericka was born Oct. 28, 1898, to Matthies and Rosina Hettich (nee Jacober) in Klinebergdorf, South Russia. She came with her parents to the United States in 1905 at the age of seven years. They settled in S. Dak. She was confirmed in the Lutheran Church at Roscoe, S.D., by Pastor Ernst Binkholz. On March 16, 1913, they moved to Lehr and then to the Fredonia area. She was united in marriage to John Roloff in the country church north of Fredonia. Mr. and Mrs. John Kinzler were married the same day which made it a double wedding.

They have one daughter, Viola M. Ost, who lives on a farm eight miles west of Fredonia. There are three grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. John Roloff moved into town in the 1920s and Mrs. Roloff still resides in her home. She is a member of the Congregational Church.

317. ROSSMAN, ROLAND & MARION (Kleingartner) 223

[picture] Roland Rossman, a son of the late Emanuel and Rosealia (Kurtz) Rossman was born on October 16, 1927. He attended the Fredonia Public School and completed his elementary education.

On June 30, 1950, Roland was united in marriage to Marion Kleingartner, a twin daughter of Edward and Pauline (Dittus) Kleingartner. She was born on May 7, 1928. Marion has a twin sister, Katherina, Mrs. Raymond Haag. They were both born on the family farm six miles northwest of Fredonia. Marion attended a rural school and received her elementary education.

Six children were born to this union: Linda, Mrs. Jeffrey Weispfenning, Terry, Thomas, Roger and twins, Lana and Laura.

The Rossmans are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church.

Roland served time in the military. He worked as an employee at various places, before he became a truck driver for the Fredonia Co-op Oil Company which was managed by Mr. Widmer during that time. Roland attained managership of the Fredonia Co-op Oil Company following the passing of Jacob Widmer. This position Roland still holds at the present time.

Roland and Marion celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary on June 29, 1975.

318. ROTT, ELLIOTT & VIOLET (Dollinger) 223

[picture] Elliott Rott, son of John and Eva Rott, was born on December 17, 1923, on a farm 11 miles south of Fredonia. He completed elementary education and is a Kulm High School graduate.

On October 14, 1945, Elliott was united in marriage to Violet Dollinger, a daughter of Gottlieb and Emma Dollinger. Violet was born on February 26, 1924, in McIntosh County at Rural Venturia, N.D. She completed her elementary education.

Two children were born to this union: Kathleen Kay, West St. Paul, Minn.; and Daryl Elliott, Fredonia.

The Rotts are members of the Baptist Church and both are active in church work.

The Rotts have lived on the family farm 11 miles south of Fredonia all their lives.

319. ROTT, JOHN & EVA (Rott) 223

[picture] John Rott, son of Christian and Fredrecka Rott, was born on February 17, 1900, in McIntosh County at rural Fredonia. He had elementary education.

In 1923, John was united with Eva Rott, a daughter of George and Rosina Rott. Eva was born on April 25, 1901, in McIntosh County at rural Fredonia. She had elementary education.

One son was born to this union: Elliott, Fredonia.

The Rotts are members of the Berlin Baptist Church, Fredonia.

John and Eva were by occupation farmers, living 11 miles south of Fredonia. In 1947, they moved to Kulm, but continued to farm with their son until 1974. Since then they have lived in retirement in Kulm.

320. RUDOLF, PETER & LYDIA (Eberhart) 224

[picture] Peter Rudolf was born on December 18, 1887, in Kessel [Kassel], Russia and died on September 3, 1953. He attended German School in Russia. He was the son of Peter and Katherine (Walth) Rudolf.

On November 3, 1914, he married Lydia Eberhart, who was born August 4, 1895, in Eureka, S.D. She passed away on March 10, 1976, at the age of 80. Lydia was the daughter of George and Margaretha (Rudolph) Eberhart.

Four children were born: Paulina, Gottlieb, Alvin and Martha, all of Ashley, N.D. They go to the Lutheran Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rudolf and family lived about nine miles northwest of Fredonia and were involved with farming during the years of 1926-1935, when they decided to sell their farm and settle on a farm purchased in the Ashley area. The children are still living there.

321. RUDOLPH, DARWIN & ARLENE (Meidinger) 224

[picture] Darwin Isadore Rudolph, a son of the late Fred and Otille (nee Schlect) Rudolph, was born on March 16, 1929, on the family farm home seven miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended the rural school in Haag District and completed his elementary education.

On July 19, 1953, Darwin was united in marriage to Arlene Meidinger, a daughter of Emil and Hulda (nee Fey) Meidinger, who was born on February 12, 1934, in McIntosh County at Ashley. She had elementary education.

Six children were born to this union: Juliet, Mrs. Donald Metz, Gackle, N.D.; Colleen, who is employed at First Federal Savings and Loan, Jamestown, N.D.; Robin, attending Moorhead State University, Moorhead, Minn.; and Gene, Carmen, and Arno at home in Fredonia.

The Rudolphs are members of the Berlin Baptist Church.

Darwin grew to manhood on the family farm. He loved sports and enjoyed trapping and hunting, while helping his father operate the farming business. In 1952 he entered the Marine Corps, and after receiving an honorable discharge Darwin returned to his parents' farm and continued the farming operation. After his marriage they purchased the place and at present are engaged in raising livestock and producing grains. In the last few years they have expanded the farming operation.

322. RUDOLPH, ORION & DELORIS (Hoffman) 224

[picture] Orion A. Rudolph, a son of the late Fred and Otilie (Schlecht) Rudolph, was born on June 1, 1938, on his parents' farm six miles northwest of Fredonia. He received his education at Fredonia Public School, Kulm High School, graduating with the Class of 1957. He earned a B.S. Degree at Northern State College, Aberdeen, S.D.

Orion grew to manhood in the Fredonia community, helping out with farm work wherever needed. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy for a four year term and served in the Pacific.

On February 10, 1963, Orion was united in marriage to DeLoris Hoffman, a daughter of Gottlieb and Christina (Wolf) Hoffman. She was born on February 19, 1942, in a farm home southwest of Fredonia. She received her education at Ashley, N.D., and attended business college at Bismarck, N.D.

Two daughters were born to this union: Stephanie and Sara, both at home. The Rudolphs are members of the Zion Lutheran Church and are both active in church affairs.

Orion is parts manager at Kessel Implement at Ashley. He enjoys flying and pilots his own plane.

323. RUFF, DARREL & ETALA (Entzi) 225

[picture] Darrel Ruff, son of Edward and Pauline (Erbele) Ruff, was born on November 11, 1935, on his parents' farm in Logan County. He attended rural school in Lauth Township.

On December 10, 1957, Darrel Ruff married Etala Mae Entzi, the daughter of Emma Ketterling Entzi and the late Edward Entzi. Etala was born on December 2, 1940, in McIntosh County and attended rural school in Hoffnungstal Township.

After their marriage, they moved to a farm seven miles west of Fredonia, known as the Guyson area. The farm had belonged to Etala's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Ketterling. Guyson was a little town with a grocery store, post office and depot. For a few years, the Ruffs were able to ship cream from the depot, but it was later torn down.

Darrel and Etala were blessed with four children: Darcy, a junior at Valley City State College; Vicki and Valerie (twins), sophomores at Lehr High School; and Michelle, attending Lehr Grade School.

In addition to farming, Darrel also does carpenter work and has had various jobs on community committees. At the present time, Darrel is secretary of the Fredonia Co-op Elevator Board of Directors.

Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Ruff and family are active members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church of Fredonia.

324. RUFF, EDWARD & PAULINE (Erbele) 225

[picture] Edward Ruff, son of the late Fred and Bertha (Karius) Ruff, was born on May 29, 1905, in Logan County, eight miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended elementary school in Lauth Township and grew to manhood on his parents' farm. He started farming for himself in 1928, eight miles northwest of Fredonia in Lauth Township, Logan County.

Edward and Pauline Erbele were united in marriage on December 28, 1927. Pauline was born on June 26, 1907 in Ketterling Township, Logan County. She is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Andreas Erbele, Sr. She attended elementary school in Ketterling Township.

The Ruffs experienced bad years and severe drought when dust clouds rolled across the prairies leaving huge dust drifts along fences and roads. It was

so dry that only thistles grew, and they were cut for hay to keep livestock alive. Crops were better in the 40's, but due to the war, most everything was rationed. Stamps were required to buy sugar, coffee, meat and gasoline. Edward had to get a permit to build a barn in 1942.

The Ruffs are members of the Lutheran Church. They retired in 1966 and live in Fredonia.

Six children were born: Idella Wilson, Enderlin, N.D.; Merrlyn Meland, Moorhead, Minn.; Darrel, Lehr, N.D.; Larry, who lives on the homestead, Fredonia, N.D.; Carol Mayer, Page, N.D.; and Arleen, deceased. There are 18 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

325. RUFF, FLOYD & DELLA (Kramlich) 226

[picture] Floyd Ray Ruff, son of Gust and Bertha (Nagel) Ruff, was born on September 14, 1933, at the farm home northwest of Fredonia. He attended a rural school in Lauth Township where he received his elementary education.

On September 12, 1954, Floyd was united in marriage to Della Mae Kramlich, daughter of Adolph and Lydia (Sukut) Kramlich. Della was born on October 18, 1936, at a farm home northeast of Wishek, N.D. She attended the rural schools and received her elementary education.

Three children were born to this union: Candy Mae, Mrs. Ronald Riffey, Bismarck, N.D.; Sandy Rae, Mrs. Marlow Werth, Lehr, N.D.; and Randy Ray at home.

The Ruffs are active members of the United Methodist Church, Lehr.

Floyd and Della Mae are operating the family homestead which the grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ruff, settled in June of 1902, eight miles northwest of Fredonia. Although some changes have been made, they are still living in the house built in 1912. The summer kitchen is still being used for butchering and canning. In contrast to the many struggles of their grandparents and parents, the Ruffs' life is easy on the farm, with many improvements. The most appreciated is the R.E.A. which really changed the lifestyle on the farms.

326. RUFF, GUST & BERTHA (Nagel) 226

[picture] Gust Ruff, son of Fredrick and Bertha (Karius) Ruff, was born on December 4, 1903, on his parents' homestead eight miles northwest of Fredonia. He attended the rural school in Lauth Township where he received his elementary education.

On November 5, 1928, Gust was united in marriage to Bertha Nagel, a daughter of Jacob and Caroline (Bittner) Nagel. She was born on July 11, 1908, on the family farm southeast of Lehr, N.D. She attended a rural school in Lowenthal District at Lehr where she received her elementary education.

Gust grew to manhood on his father's homestead, and after his marriage to Bertha, they became actively engaged in farming on the family farm. Getting started in farming wasn't easy. All the field work was done with horses, and along with the dry thirties, Gust and Bertha decided to take a vacation. So



in 1936, a cry year, they went on a vacation to California. They came back again and resumed their farming occupation, raising livestock and producing grains. In 1941, Gust bought his first tractor, which made the farm work a little easier. Mr. Ruff recalls that hired men were hard to come by, so he hired maids who worked as hard as most men. Gust and Bertha enjoyed the farm life and in 1955 they moved into Lehr to retire.

Four children were born to this union: Florence (Mrs. Wilbert Becker), Eckelson, N.D., a postmistress; Floyd, married to Della Kramlich, Fredonia, farming the homestead; Fillmore, married to Marcia Suetrich, Belgrade, Montana, moving trailer homes; and Farrel, Los Angeles, Calif., doing marketing research. A son, Freddie, died in infancy.

The Ruffs are members of the United Methodist Church of Lehr where Gust has been custodian for the past five years.

327. RUFF, LARRY & SHARON (Hochhalter) 227

[picture] Larry Ruff, the son of Edward and Pauline (Erbele) Ruff, was born on February 7, 1939, on his parents' farm northwest of Fredonia. Larry has three sisters: Mrs. Wayne (Idella) Wilson; Mrs. Wallace (Merryln) Meland; Mrs. Marvin (Carol) Mayer; and one brother, Darrel.

On January 15, 1961, Larry was married to Sharon Hochhalter, daughter of Ted and Ida (Goehring) Hochhalter. Sharon was born on September 17, 1943, on a farm south of Wishek. Sharon has seven brothers: Dermot, Stanley, Dennis, Ronnie, Jim, Donny, and Terry; and one sister, Mrs. Richard (Betty) Morey.

The Ruffs live on the farm where Larry grew up. They were blessed with five boys: RoDell, born December 1, 1961, at Jamestown; Keith, born February 16, 1964, at Oakes; Brian, born January 15, 1968, at Oakes (passed away on January 23, 1974); Doug, born September 29, 1969, at oakes; and Greg, born February 16, 1976, at Ashley.

Larry and Sharon have dairy cows, and Larry and his boys operate a repair shop known as "Ruff's Garage".

The Ruffs are active members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

328. RUFF, RUDOLPH & ESTHER (Krueger) 227

[picture] Rudolph Ruff was born on September 3, 1911, in Logan County to Fred and Bertha (Karius) Ruff of Fredonia.

On July 15, 1935, he married Esther Krueger who was born May 12, 1916, the daughter of John and Justina (Schadler) Krueger, Fredonia.

In 1934, Mr. Ruff purchased the store at Guyson, N.D. He was Postmaster from 1934 to 1947 when they moved to Fredonia. From 1950, he was rural mail carrier until he retired in 1969.

The Ruffs are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church, Fredonia.

They were blessed with five children: Leona, Mrs. Arven Janke, Fredonia; Joan, Mrs. Lemore Hehr, Gackle, N.D.; Josephine, Mrs. Larry Bietz, Oriska,

N.D.; Vivian, Mrs. Robert Giannuzzi, Syracuse, N.Y.; and Rudolph Charles Ruff, West Fargo, N.D. Charles is a Vietnam veteran and is employed at the Fargo Post Office. He is married to Marcella Wilen.

329. SCHADLER, ANDREAS & CHRISTINA 227

[picture] Andreas and Christina (nee Borth) Schadler came from Beresina, South Russia, and settled in Kulm in December, 1897. Andreas worked as a blacksmith, both in Kulm and Fredonia. He was skilled in sharpening plow lays. There were hundreds and hundreds of acres of land plowed in the Fredonia community. That required lots of sharp plow shares. Mr. Schadler would sharpen them all. In 1905, Andreas filed on a homestead 9 miles north of Fredonia on the east side of Highway 56. He farmed for many years and retired as a farmer.

Then children were born to this union: Mary Schadler, born December 25, 1891, died 1897; Jacob Schadler, born August 15, 1893, died September 18, 1970; Reinhold Schadler, born October 3, 1895, died 1897; Amelia Schadler Gumke, born March 9, 1898; Lydia Schadler Hartwig, born May 28, 1900; Reynold Schadler, born June 1, 1902; Matilda Schadler Kienlough, born September 27, 1904; Marie Schadler Rosenberg, born September 21, 1907; Bernhard Schadler, born June 15, 1909, died April 22, 1974; and Emil Schadler, born August 5, 1912, killed in W.W. II October 15, 1942.

Mother Christina Schadler died January 28, 1917. Andreas remarried and moved to Bismarck, N.D. He passed away in 1934.

330. SCHADLER, REYNOLD & ANNA (Gumke) 228

[picture] Reynold Schadler, a son of the late Andreas and Christina (nee Borth) Schadler, was born on June 1, 1902, in LaMoure County at Kulm. He received some elementary education.

On December 23, 1923, Reynold was united in marriage with Anna D. Gumke, a daughter of Christian and Rebecca (nee Weispfenning) Gumke. Anna was born on October 6, 1905, in Logan County at Gackle. She completed her elementary education.

Five children were born to this union: Violet in Utah; Irene and Melwin in Washington, and Frieda and Reuben in California.

The Schadlers are members of the United Methodist Church.

Reynold was three years old when his father moved on the homestead nine miles north of Fredonia. He grew to manhood on the family farm. This family farm was known as the "Schadler farm". After his marriage to Anna, they continued to farm on his father's farm until 1938 when they moved to Jamestown, N.D. In 1943, Reynold and Anna packed up and moved to Tacoma, Washington. They are now retired.

The Schadlers celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on December 23, 1973.

331. SCHARF, GOTTLIEB & BARBARA (Rath) 228

[picture] In February, 1878, Gottlieb Scharf was united in marriage with Barbara Rath. They immigrated to America in the year 1898 and settled on a farm two miles north of Fredonia.

Four children were born to this union: Christine (Mrs. George F. Meyer), Gackle, N.D.; Marie (Mrs. Gottlieb Gehring), Dorothy (Mrs. Gottlieb Rattie), and George Scharf, all of Wishek, N.D.

In 1907, Gottlieb and family moved to Wishek where they made their home until the time of their passing.

Gottlieb Scharf died on March 3, 1915.

Barbara Scharf died on December 26, 1923.

332. SCHLECHT, ERNEST & JULIA (Wilén) 228

[picture] Ernest Karl Schlecht, son of the late Karl and Christina (Spiedel) Schlecht, was born on January 28, 1909, on the rural farm homestead. He attended rural school, receiving his elementary education.

On October 5, 1940, Ernest was united in marriage with Julia Wilén. Julia, a daughter of the late Nickolai and Elina (Dorvinen) Wilén, was born on June 1, 1913, in rural Fredonia. She attended rural school and completed elementary education.

Three children were born to this union: Beulah Schlecht Kruse, Jamestown, N.D.; Warren D. Schlecht, Gackle, N.D.; and Randall R. Schlecht, Vancouver, Wash.

The Schlechts are of the Lutheran faith.

Ernest spent most of his boyhood days on the family farm 10 miles northwest of Fredonia. After his marriage to Julia, they lived on various farms doing agricultural work and also indulging in the enterprise of raising turkeys for commercial purposes. After a period of time, they dissolved this business and moved to Missouri where they purchased a farming unit and again were raising turkeys and doing other money-raising projects. After a few years, the opportunity availed itself to buy a farm near the place where Ernest grew to manhood. They moved back to N.D. and purchased their present farm 10 miles northwest of Fredonia. Ernest and Julia have been engaged in farming, raising grain and some cattle. Ernest was somewhat active in community affairs. The Schlechts are semi-retired and make their home in Gackle.

333. SCHLECHT, GODHIELF & SUSIE (Burkle) 229

[picture] Godhielf Schlecht, son of Michael and Elizabeth (Dalke) Schlecht, was born on March 26, 1911, on a farm north of Fredonia. He attended rural school where he completed elementary education.

On February 14, 1934, Godhielf was united in marriage to Susie Burkle. Susie was born on February 14, 1915, on a farm 10 miles northwest of Fredonia to John G. and Wilhelmine (Schimke) Burkle. Susie completed her elementary education.

Godhielf grew to manhood on his family's farm, and after his marriage to Susie, they lived on various farms in the Fredonia, Gackle, Kulm, Jud and Edgeley areas. They now are retired and live in Jamestown.

The Schlechts were blessed with six children: Oliver and Chester of Gackle; Murhel Carlson, Ellendale; Wesley and Solomon, Edgeley; and Selma Groth, Selby, S.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Godhielf Schlecht are members of the Assembly of God Church.

334. SCHLECHT, JACOB & EMELIA (Sommerfeld) 229

[picture] Jacob Schlecht, a son of the late Matthias and Katherine (nee Entzminger) Schlecht, was born on July 20, 1907, in Logan County northwest of Fredonia. He attended the rural school and received his elementary education.

On March 31, 1957, Jacob was united in marriage to Emelia Sommerfeld, a daughter of Dan and Lydia Sommerfeld, who was born on December 8, 1908, in Stutsman County.

Jacob grew to manhood on his parents' farm and worked there until the age of 21. He has been active in community affairs and is a board member of Fredonia Co-op Oil Company.

Jacob and Emilie have been farming 12 miles south of Kulm. A few years ago, Jacob sold all his property at an auction sale and built a new home in Kulm where they are now retired.

They are members of the Congregational Church, Kulm.

335. SCHLECHT, JACOB JR. & CHRISTINA (Rudolph) 229

[picture] Jacob Schlecht, Jr., son of the late Jacob, Sr., and Barbara (Vogel) Schlecht, was born September 21, 1896, in South Russia. He had some elementary education.

On June 27, 1919, Jacob was united in marriage with Christina Rudolph at Vananda Rosebud, Montana. Christina was born April 6, 1900, at Kassel, South Russia, the daughter of Peter and Katharina (Walth) Rudolph. She had elementary education.

The Schlechts were blessed with two daughters: Hilda Wiexel, Jud, N.D., died August 16, 1978; and Esther Ruth Sandvick, Dickinson, N.D.

Jacob and Christina are members of the Congregational Church.

The Schlechts at one time lived on his father's farm seven miles north of Fredonia. From there they moved to their own farm north of Edgeley. They have always been busy farming and gardening. At this writing, they plan on selling out through an auction sale September 29, 1978. They will retire on the farm at a ripe age and still active.

336. SCHLECHT, JOHN & MARIA (Schwabe) 230

[picture] John Schlecht, a son of the late Jacob and Barbara (nee Vogel) Schlecht, was born on February 23, 1892, in Freidendahl [Friedenstall], Russia. On January 8, 1914, John was united in marriage to Matilda Gumke, a daughter of Michael and Sophia (nee Rosenhart) Gumke, born on May 7, 1895, in Beresina, South Russia.

John Schlecht and Matilda Gumke came to America with this parents in 1898. They lived in the Fredonia and Gackle area, where they were married. They lived the first four years with her parents. Then they moved to Forsyth, Montana, but returned again to a farm 11 miles northwest of Fredonia where they lived until 1938 when they moved to a farm six miles west of Enderlin, N.D.

Fourteen children were born to this union: Daniel, Mrs. Matt (Martha) Schlecht, William, Andrew, Mrs. Lester (Ella) Skramstad, Mrs. Arne (Olga) Skremstad, Mrs. Lorne (Clara) Lund, and Reuben, all living in the Enderlin area; John, Edmonds, Washington; Bernhard, Lynnwood, Washington; Karl, West Fargo, N.D.; and Mrs. Gerald (Anna) Anderson, Britton, S.D.

The move to Enderlin was quite an undertaking for the whole family. The older boys drove the hayracks and 18 horses. Dad and Andy were in charge of the household goods and the rest of the family. This was indeed the longest and most exciting trip for most of the family.

John Schlecht passed away on November 11, 1943, leaving Andy in charge of the farming operation since Bill was in the service, stationed in New Guinea.

Reuben now operates the family farm. All in all, there were hard times, but it was a happy and closely knit family. One son died in infancy and a daughter, Emma (Mrs. Ernest Ortmann) of Minot, died in August, 1973.

Matilda Schlecht was remarried in October, 1955, to Gottfried Roedel. He died on December 24, 1968. Matilda is making her home with her children.

337. SCHLECHT, JOHN & MATILDA (Gumke) 230

[picture] John Schlecht and Maria Schwabe Schlecht were both born in South Russia. Five children were born to them in South Russia, as follows: Emanuel, deceased in Russia; Rudolph, Medina, N.D.; Carolina, Mrs. John Schultz, deceased, Napoleon, N.D.; Mike, Jamestown, N.D.; and Emil, Gardenett, Jamestown, N.D.

The family left the old country in 1907 and came on the train to Kulm. Friends greeted the Schlecht family, and with a team of horses and wagon, they moved the Schlecht family on a farm 12 miles northwest of Fredonia.

Here four more children were born to this union: Herbert, deceased, Streeter, N.D.; Bernard, deceased, Fargo, N.D.; Lydia, deceased at an early age; and Mrs. Philip (Delores) Goebel, deceased, Lehr, N. Dak.

Judge John J. Silbernagel issued the citizenship papers to John and Maria Schlecht in 1914, after they immigrated here from South Russia.

338. SCHLECHT, KARL & CHRISTINA (Speidel) 231

[picture] Karl Schlecht, son of the late John and Karolina (Ross) Schlecht, was born on November 7, 1879, in Russia. He died on February 17, 1936.

In 1901 he was married in a local rural church to Christina Speidel who was born on December 25, 1882, in Beresina, South Russia, the daughter of the late Christian and Katherina (Gohner) Speidel. Christina died on August 25, 1965. The Schlechts belonged to the Church of God.

Karl Schlecht arrived in the United States with his parents in 1889, coming to Kulm. Later his parents settled on a homestead eight miles north of Fredonia. Christina Speidel arrived in Ashley, N.D., with her parents later on. They homesteaded on a farm 12 miles southwest of Gackle, N.D. After the passing of Karl, Christina and the family kept on farming the homestead for some time. She retired in Gackle, N.D.

Eleven children were born to this union: Mrs. Fred Rudolph (Ottilie), Fredonia, born May 6, 1903, died 1947; Mrs. Jacob E. Janke (Katie), Gackle, born October 28, 1904, died 1970; Christ Schlecht, Everett, Wash., born May 16, 1907, died 1968; Ernest Schlecht, Gackle, born January 28, 1909; Mrs. Rudolph Wolf (Anna), Enderlin, N.D., born June 21, 1910; Mrs. Arthur Janke (Alma), LaMoure, N.D., born October 15, 1912, died 1961; Matt K. Schlecht, Enderlin, N.D., born November 2, 1914; Mrs. Stanley Weir (Elsie), Everett, Wash., born November 12, 1916; Mrs. Eddie H. Hehn, Gackle, born November 2, 1918; Arthur Schlecht, Battle Ground, Wash., born May 20, 1921; and Hilbert Schlecht, Everett, Wash., born September 24, 1926.

339. SCHLECHT, MATT & Martha (Schlecht) 231

[picture] Matt Schlecht, son of the late Karl and Christina (Speidel) Schlecht, was born on November 2, 1914, on the farm home in Logan County near Fredonia. He attended rural school and received his elementary education.

On November 16, 1937, Matt was united in marriage with Martha Schlecht, who was born on July 8, 1918, near Vananda, Montana, to John and Matilda (Gumke) Schlecht.

Two children were born to this union: Jeanette Jensen, Iowa, and Wilbur, Enderlin, N.D.

The Schlechts attended the Methodist Church in Enderlin, N.D. They are active in farming and Matt also does car body work.

Matt and Martha bought a farm eight miles north of Fredonia and lived there until 1943 when they sold and moved to a farm two miles west of Enderlin. They have built a new home and are semi-retired.

340. SCHLECHT, OLIVER & JUNE (Heupel) 231

[picture] Oliver Leslie Schlecht was born on September 14, 1934, in the family farm home north of Fredonia, the son of Godhielf and Susie (Burkle) Schlecht. Oliver had elementary and high school with some college education. He taught school for five years in the Fredonia area.

On December 18, 1953, he married June Heupel, born December 10, 1935, the daughter of Arthur and Otellia Heupel. June had elementary and high school education.

Five children were born to this union: Carey and Harry, both of Gackle, N. Dak.; and Larry, Kay, and Sarah, all of Jamestown, N. Dak.

The Schlechts are members of the Assembly of God Church.

Oliver has served as clerk of election proceedings. He is engaged in producing grain and raising livestock. They have expanded their land holdings, improved their farm buildings and erected a new home in 1975.

341. SCHLECHT, RANDALL & NAOMI (Haugland) 232

[picture] Randall R. Schlecht, a son of Raymond and Florence (Irion) Schlecht, was born on September 20, 1949, at Jamestown, N. Dak.

On June 16, 1973, Randall was united in marriage with Naomi Haugland, a daughter of Harold and Dorothy (Wenberg) Haugland. She was born on October 25, 1948, at International Falls, Minn. Naomi received her education at International Falls High School and Concordia College.

The Schlechts are blessed with one son, Matthew, 2.

Randall was confirmed by Rev. R. Hunter at Martin Luther Lutheran Church in 1964. He graduated from Kulm High School and Concordia College at Moorhead, Minnesota. He received his pastoral training at Luther Theological Seminary at St. Paul, Minnesota. He was ordained into the ministry of the American Lutheran Church on August 3, 1975. Ordination services were held at the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia. Rev. Schlecht is the first member of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church to be ordained into the ministry. The Rev. Carl Klein was the ordaining minister.

Rev. Schlecht at present has accepted a position to serve a parish at the Ebenezer Church at Northwood, N. Dak.

342. SCHLECHT, RAYMOND & FLORENCE (Irion) 232

[picture] Raymond R. Schlecht was born on his parents' farm eight miles northwest of Fredonia on April 15, 1925. He is the son of Michael and Elizabeth Schlecht (nee Dalke).

At the age of 19 years he was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War II. After his return from service, he was united in marriage to Florence M. Irion. She is the daughter of Otto and Anna Irion (nee Haag). The wedding ceremony was performed on October 24, 1948, at the Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia by Pastor Bunge. Florence was born January 17, 1928, at Fredonia.

After their marriage the couple farmed on his parents' farm for eight years. In 1956 they purchased their own farm three miles northwest of Fredonia where they are now farming and dairying. Raymond is Soil Conservation Supervisor of Logan County at the present time.

They are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia.

Their children are Rev. Randall R. Schlecht of Pine Island, Minn.; Jeffery Schlecht who died April 4, 1953; Fay Lenard, Tampa, Florida; Isabell Weber, Egeland, N.D.; and Naomi at home.

343. SCHLECHT, RUDOLPH & MAGDALENA (Gunsch) 233

[picture] Rudolph Schlecht, a son of the late Johann and Maria (nee Schwabe) Schlecht, was united in marriage to Magdalena Gunsch on February 12, 1921. After their marriage, Rudolph and Magdalena moved on a farm eight miles northwest of Fredonia. A small house was built. It is recalled that the lumber cost \$500. Their first home was very modest compared to today's standards. Furniture consisted mostly of apple boxes, and the original "hope chest" is still in possession and in use. Being near to his parents' farm, Rudolph worked for them for one year. After five children were born, a move was made to a farm about eight miles southwest of Cleveland, N. Dak. This was a major expedition. The cattle were driven on foot, spending the first night at the Ed Moos farm. Herbert Schlecht, John's brother, now deceased, was one of the cattle drivers. This move was made in 1929, so the open touring car and Model T truck were quite ancient.

The drought of the 1930's is almost indescribable, and a neighbor still marvels that the family survived, but with straw, thistles and molasses, life, limb, and soul were kept together. In 1952, Rudolph and Magdalena moved to Medina, N. Dak. A new home was built, a sales agency started, and now the hardships are almost forgotten.

Eight children were born to this union: Gideon, Clarence, Walter, Reuben, Mrs. Marvin (Leona) Moser, Alvin, and twins Mrs Warren (Hilda) Perkins and Mrs. John (Alvina) Broste. There are 25 grandchildren.

John and Magdalena Schlecht celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1971 with all the children and grandchildren being present.

344. SCHLECHT, VOCTOR 233

[picture] Victor Schlecht was born June 7, 1930, on the family farm northwest of Fredonia. He was the son of Michael and Elizabeth Schlecht. He served in the Korean Conflict. On July 9, 1960, Victor was killed in a car accident a few miles west of Lehr.

345. SCHLECHT, WARREN & LANA (Knutson) 233

Warren Darrell Schlecht, a son of Ernest and Julia (nee Wilen) Schlecht, was born on August 21, 1947. He received his education at Gackle High School and the University of North Dakota at Grand Forks.

On February 12, 1969, Warren was united in marriage with Lana Knutson, a daughter of Louis Knutson and Wilma Kickbush Berg, who was born on July 24, 1948. She has high school and college education.



Three children were born to this union: Kristina Angel, born September 4, 1969; Lincoln Ernest, born October 15, 1971; and Ryun Whitefield, born July 27, 1974.

The Schlechts are of the Lutheran faith.

At present Warren and Lana are residing on his parents' farm about 10 miles northwest of Fredonia. They are engaged in farming, producing grain and some livestock.

346. SCHLENKER, GORDON & YVONNE (Miller) 233

Gordon D. Schlenker was born to Mr. and Mrs. David Schlenker on May 27, 1941, at Jud, N. Dak. He received his grade and high school education and attended two years of college at NDSSS, Wahpeton, N. Dak.

Yvonne Schlenker was born to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Miller on January 31, 1938, at Brighton, Colorado. She is a high school graduate.

Gordon and Yvonne were married on April 26, 1968. They are the parents of one seven-year-old daughter, Elena Rae. They attend the Church of God Seventh Day.

The Schlenkers are active in farming near Jud, N. Dak., and at one time lived on a farm 10 miles northwest of Fredonia.

347. SCHLENZ, ARTHUR & LEONA (Nitschke) 234

[picture] Arthur Albert Schlenz, son of Jacob and Leontina (Ost) Schlenz, was born on July 19, 1920, at Fredonia. He graduated from the eighth grade in a rural school.

Art joined the Civil Conservation Corps in 1938 and was honorably discharged from its ranks in 1939, serving approximately two years.

On October 7, 1945, Art was united in marriage to Leona Louise Nitschke, a daughter of Christ and Louisa (Hildenbrandt) Nitschke. Leona was born April 14, 1925, at Fredonia and graduated from the eighth grade in a rural school. Their children are: Larry Schlenz, Fredonia, Mrs. James (Charlotte) Hehr, Jamestown, and Robbin in college. They have five grandchildren.

The Schlenzes are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Leona is a member of the ALCW and works with ceramics.

Their farm is three miles north and three miles west of Fredonia. In the fall of 1977 they turned the farming operation over to their son Larry and moved to Wishek, N. Dak.

348. SCHLENZ, JACOB & LEONTINA (Ost) 234

[picture] Jacob Schlenz, a son of the late George and Elizabeth Schlenz, was born on June 15, 1894, in South Russia.

On October 16, 1919, Jacob was united in marriage to Leontina Ost, a daughter of the late Henry and Christina (Haag) Ost, who was born March 10, 1898, at Fredonia.

Five children were born to this union: twins, Mrs. Arthur (Leonita) Nitschke, and Mrs. Theo (Lenore) Kleingartner, Mrs. Hobart (Ardella) Adkins, all of Indianapolis, Ind., and Art, Wishek, N. Dak. One son, Ervin, was killed in World War II. The Schlenzes were living on their farm several miles northwest of Fredonia, where they were engaged in raising cattle and producing grain. They left their farm in the 40s and moved to Montana. Later they moved to Indianapolis, Ind., where they now reside and are retired.

349. SCHLENZ, LARRY & GWEN (Seibel) 234

[picture] Larry Schlenz was born at Kulm, N. Dak., on July 6, 1946. He is the son of Art and Leona Schlenz (nee Nitschke). He went to elementary school at Fredonia and graduated from Kulm High School in 1964. He attended Dakota Business College in Fargo for one year. For a brief time he worked for Northwestern Bell Telephone before working for Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Fargo. He joined the Army National Guard in December, 1965, and was discharged in December of 1971.

On October 25, 1968, he married Gwen Seibel of Harvey. She was born May 10, 1945. She grew up in Harvey, N.D., and attended elementary and high school there. She also attended Tabor College at Hillsboro, Kansas, and Interstate Business College at Fargo, N. Dak. She worked three years at Pioneer Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Fargo and worked for a brief time at the First National Bank of Fargo.

In March 1969 they began farming and lived on a farm four and one-half miles north and one mile east of Fredonia. In September of 1977 they moved on his father's farm three miles north and three miles west of Fredonia. They have two children: Lisa Marie, 7, and Jennifer Amy, 1.

They attend Martin Luther Lutheran Church at Fredonia.

350. SCHLICK, CLAYTON & VIOLET (Widmer) 235

Clayton Schlick was born on February 6, 1916, in Mason City, Iowa. He graduated from Mason City High School and also Bradley Technical School of Watchmaking in Peoria, Illinois.

On January 20, 1942, Clayton was united in marriage with Violet Widmer, who was born April 23, 1920, near Kulm to Mr. and Mrs. John Widmer. Violet is a graduate of Kulm High School and Dakota Business College, Fargo, N. Dak.

They are blessed with four children: John, Greenville, N.D.; Jerry, Osage, Iowa; Joellyn, Osage, Iowa; and Judy, Nora Springs, Iowa.

The Schlicks are active in bowling, American Legion and Auxiliary, golf and hospital auxiliary. They attend the Congregational Church.

351. SCHMITT, JOHN & JOHANNA (Schmidt) 235

[picture] Among the Lutheran pastors who served the Martin Luther Lutheran Church at Fredonia was the late Rev. John Schmitt who was born in Germany on September 26, 1882, to Mr. and Mrs. Matthew Schmitt. He came to the United States in 1909 and completed his training at Wartburg Seminary at Dubuque, Iowa. He was ordained on June 24, 1910, in Waverly, Iowa.

He married Johanna Schmidt on May 16, 1911, and in the fall of 1923 accepted the call to serve as pastor at Fredonia. He had formerly been a pastor at Tuttle, N. Dak., and at Ada, Minn. He remained as pastor of the Fredonia parish until 1935 when he moved to Kaylor, S. Dak.

They have six children. They are Mrs. W.C. (Irmagard) Liefeld of Peru, Illinois; Mrs. John (Erna) Thompson of San Antonio, Texas; Mrs. Lee (Hedwig) Maurer of Fontana, California; Mrs. Albert (Elfrieda) Drawbert of Madison, Wisconsin; Mrs. Elsie Caruso of San Antonio, Texas; and Rev. Herman Schmitt of Altenburg, Missouri.

Pastor and Mrs. Schmitt retired to Mendota, Illinois, in 1952. Mrs. Schmitt died on August 16, 1969, and Rev. Schmitt died on March 12, 1977. He was 94 years old. Both are buried at the Lutheran cemetery at Mendota.

352. SCHOCK, GEORGE & MAGDALENA (Krieger) 235

[picture] George Schock, a son of Christ and Magdalena Schock, was born on December 3, 1900, in South Russia. He came to America with his parents in the year 1903. On October 18, 1930, George was united in marriage to Magdalena Krieger, a daughter of John and Maria Krieger, who was born on August 15, 1907. Both received a formal education.

George and Magdalena lived on a farm 15 miles south of Fredonia until 1940 when they purchased a farm two miles south of Fredonia where they made their home.

To this union were born two children: Mrs. Bill (LaRella) Russell, who now lives at Billings, Mont., and Melvin, born May 29, 1936, near Fredonia, who attended the rural school, receiving his elementary education. Melvin grew to manhood on his parents' farm. He has not been married and is actively engaged in farming. Melvin and his father are both living on the family farm.

They are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

Magdalena Schock died on October 6, 1973.

353. SCHULTZ, HOWARD & LINDA (Rutschke) 236

[picture] Howard E. Schultz was born on September 10, 1950, to Mr. and Mrs. Wilhelm Schultz. He went to farm school one year, to Fredonia School for five years and graduated from Kulm High School in 1968. After high school Howard went into farming on the family farm near Fredonia.

In June of 1974, Howard married Linda Rutschke, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Rutschke of Kulm. Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are members of the Martin

Luther Lutheran Church of which Howard is treasurer and together they are sponsors of the church youth group.

Howard is a Janke Township supervisor and a member of the Fredonia Baseball Club.

354. SCHULTZ, LEONHARD & IDA (Krueger) 236

[picture] Leonhard Schultz, son of Rudolph and Regina Schultz (nee Geiszler), was born November 15, 1914, at his parents' farm three miles northeast of Fredonia. He received his education at nearby rural schools. He grew to manhood during the dirty thirties. Like most other young men at that time, he worked for his parents, doing all the field work with horses or by hand.

On November 30, 1941, he was united in marriage to Ida Krueger. Ida, daughter of Edward and Katherine Krueger (nee Wolf), was born September 29, 1915. Ida received her education in rural schools west of Fredonia. Leonhard and Ida farmed with his parents for several years, living in the same house with his parents, brother and wife, sister, and the local school teacher. That's what you call family togetherness. He was active in local organizations, of which one was the North Side Telephone Company. This telephone company was locally owned and operated by 15 farmers, and all of them were on one party line. This telephone company disbanded in 1972.

They were blessed with two children: Mrs. James (Mabel) Ziebart of Kimball, Minn., and Ralph of Fredonia.

In 1968 Mr. and Mrs. Schultz retired and moved into Fredonia. In 1970 they moved to Wishek where they resided until Leonhard's death January 11, 1976. Ida still resides there.

355. SCHULTZ, RALPH & LORETTA (Jonas) 236

[picture] Ralph Schultz, son of Leonhard and Ida Schultz (nee Krueger), was born January 6, 1947, at Edgeley, N.D. He attended rural school in Haag School District, Fredonia Grade School, Kulm High School and Waldorf Junior College at Forest City, Iowa. Ralph was employed by Eyemans Implement in Forest City, Iowa, until May of 1968. At this time his parents moved to Fredonia, and he returned home to take over operation of the family farm three and one-half miles northeast of Fredonia.

On July 1, 1968, Ralph and Loretta Schultz were married at Fredonia. Loretta, daughter of the late Carl Jonas and Frances Janke (nee Nedrow), was born October 19, 1945, at her grandparents' home in Kulm. Loretta attended rural school in McIntosh County, Kulm Elementary and High School, and Northern State College in Aberdeen, S.D. She has a degree in elementary education and has taught school in Watertown, S.D., Anoka, Minn., Wishek, N.D., and is presently teaching in Kulm.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church. They have two children, Jeffrey and Patty.

356. SCHULTZ, RUDOLPH & REGINA (Geiszler) 237

[picture] Mrs. Rudolph (Regina) Schultz, a daughter of Fredrich and Dorothea (Ziegler) Geiszler of Fredonia, was born on the same day, month, and year that North Dakota was admitted to the union—November 2, 1889. Regina was born on the family farm home about three miles northeast of Fredonia. Her parents had immigrated to the U.S. from Russia in 1888.

In 1912 she married Rudolph Schultz. They were blessed with four children of their own and one foster child: William and Leonard, who lived in the Fredonia area all their lives, now deceased; Mrs. August (Lenora) Geiszler, Ashley, N. Dak.; Mrs. Lyle (Elda) Rasch, Glenwood, Minn.; and Edward Haag, son of John and Lydia (Eslinger) Haag.

Regina Schultz passed away on April 23, 1962.

357. SCHULTZ, WILHELM & ESTHER (Buerkle) 237

[picture] Wilhelm G. Schultz was born on September 18, 1913, in Logan County near Fredonia, the son of Rudolph and Regina (Geiszler) Schultz. He died on February 7, 1968.

On December 18, 1942, he married Esther Buerkle, who was born April 26, 1916, in Logan County near Fredonia. Both had elementary education. Esther is the daughter of John H. and Christina (Hehr) Buerkle.

Two children were born to this union: Mrs. Darvin (Marcella) Becker, who has two children, Stacy, 8, and Tonya, 4, and lives in Fargo, N. Dak.' and Howard, who is married to Linda Rutschke and is living near Fredonia.

The Schultzes belong to the Martin Luther Lutheran Church where Esther is active in ALCW, is a Sunday School teacher and Senior Church Choir member.

358. SCHWEITZER, GOTFRIED 237

[picture] Gotfried Schweitzer, son of John and Magdelina (Wagner) Schweitzer, was born on January 29, 18884, in Bessarabia, South Russia.

On April 19, 1925, Gotfried was united in marriage with Maria Janke. Maria was born on November 11, 1898, to Gottlieb and Christina (Gutschmidt) Janke.

To this union one son was born, Elmer Schweitzer, Gackle, N. Dak.

They attended the Congregational Church.

The Schweitzers lived on a farm northwest of Fredonia. In 1926, they moved to the Gackle area. Maria is retired in Gackle. Gotfried died on June 16, 1966.

Gotfried Schweitzer's first marriage was to Rosa Hertel. To this union eight children were born:

Fred (deceased) married Alive Kinzler, Eldridge, N. Dak.; John, married Anna Wolf, Roseberge, Oregon; Robert (deceased) married Rose Presler, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Ida, married Art Wolf, Fredonia, N. Dak.; Reiny, married Flora Schmidt, Boise, Idaho; William, married Darlene Mayer, Boise, Idaho; Erna,

married Joe Schott, Alfred, N. Dak.; and Elsie, married Ben Wutzke, Roseberge, Oregon.

Maria Janke's first marriage was on November 26, 1908, to John Wolf.

To this union three children were born: Richard, married to Anna Gumke, Enderlin, N. Dak.; Arthur, married to Ida Schweitzer, Fredonia; Mrs. John (Anna) Schweitzer, Roseberge, Oregon.

359. SEEFRIED, CLARENCE & MARIE (Gohner) 238

[picture] Clarence Seefried, son of the late David and Emma (Bader) Seefried, was born on February 17, 1931, in McIntosh County. As a young boy, he moved with his parents to a farm near Guyson where he attended rural school. He served in the Korean Conflict, and following his discharge on October 23, 1952, he worked as a labor man and farmed with his parents for a number of years. Later he moved to Fredonia with his parents and operated the service station with his father.

On May 3, 1970, Clarence was united in marriage to Marie Gohner at Alfred, N. Dak. After their marriage, they moved to Aberdeen, S.D., and later to Jamestown.

The were blessed with one son.

Clarence passed away on March 4, 1978.

360. SEEFRIED, DAVID & EMMA (Bader) 238

[picture] David Seefried, born on October 12, 1905, in Logan County, is the son of David and Emily (Ruff) Seefried. He grew to manhood on his parents' farm and married Emma Bader on July 13, 1930, at the Hoffnungsfield Church in rural Dickey County.

Emma Bader, daughter of Daniel and Ann Marie (nee Schultz) Bader, was born on August 27, 1909, in Dickey County.

Mr. and Mrs. David Seefried farmed in the Fredonia area in Logan County until they moved into Fredonia in 1959. Mr. Seefried operated the service station until his death.

Born to them were seven children: Clarence Seefried, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Howard Seefried, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Mrs. Victor (Gladys) Michaelsohn, Ellendale, N. Dak.; Gordon Seefried, Ellendale, N. Dak.; Mrs. Jerome (Darlene) Lickfelt, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Roger Seefried, Fargo, N. Dak.; and Daniel Seefried, who died at a young age. They have 13 grandchildren.

Mr. Seefried passed away on February 9, 1963. Mrs. Seefried passed away in 1969. Son Daniel passed away in December, 1947, and son Clarence passed away in March, 1978.

361. SEEFRIED, HOWARD & LULLA (Entzi) 238

[picture] Howard Seefried, son of the late David and Emma (Bader) Seefried, was born on April 11, 1933, in McIntosh County. He attended a rural school where he received his elementary education and Hanson's Mechanical Trade School, Fargo, N. Dak.

On April 10, 1960, Howard was united in marriage to Lulla Belle Entzi, a daughter of John, Sr., and Magdalena (Pressler) Entzi. She was born on September 12, 1939, in Logan County. She attended rural elementary school and graduated from high school.

Howard grew to manhood on the family farm, and after his marriage to Lulla Belle they continued to live on the farm west of Fredonia, raising livestock and producing grains. In 1962, they moved to Fargo, N. Dak., where Howard attended trade school. In 1963, they moved to Jamestown, N. Dak., where they are making their home.

Two children were born to this union: Rocky and Brenda, both at home in Jamestown, N. Dak.

The Seefrieds are members of the First Congregational Church. They enjoy fishing. Howard is employed at Midwest Motors.

362. STROBEL, FREDRICK & ROSINA (Kuhn) 239

[picture] Fredrick Strobel was born November 12, 1868, in Bessarabia, South Russia. At the age of twenty-one he came to the United States where he worked as a laborer in the Jamestown vicinity and filed on a homestead four and one-half miles west of Kulm and four miles south of Fredonia.

On July 15, 1893, he married Rosina Kuhn, daughter of Christoph and Karolina Kuhn.

Mr. and Mrs. Strobel were active members of the Nazareth Congregational Church in Fredonia. After Mr. Strobel's death, Mrs. Strobel moved to Kulm and became a member of the Kulm Congregational Church.

Mr. Strobel passed away on November 26, 1923, and Mrs. Strobel on March 11, 1945.

This union was blessed with twelve children, seven of whom are living. They are Emil Strobel, Kulm; Mrs. Robert (Emma) Remien, Oakes, N.D.; Mrs. T.A. (Ida) Larson, Selah, Wash.; Mrs. Sherman (Clara) Johnson, Phoenix, Ariz.; Mrs. R.R. (Anna) Heffelfinger, Wahpeton, N.D.; Mrs. Albert (Alvina) Heidinger, Kulm; and Mrs. Harry (Olga) Isaak, Kulm.

John, Otto, Mrs. Fred (Karoline) Pfeifle, Napoleon, N.D., Mrs. Gust (Magdalena) Hoff, Lodi, Calif., and Fred Strobel, Kulm, are deceased.

Mr. and Mrs. Strobel were laid to rest at the Congregational Cemetery at Fredonia.

363. SUKO, SAMUAL & LEONA (Schield) 239

Samuel Earnest Suko was born November 30, 1913, in Logan County at Fredonia to Martin and Catherine Suko.

He married Leona Schield June 2, 1934. Leona was born March 11, 1916, at Dodge, N. Dak., to Robert and Emelie Schield.

Samuel passed away December 15, 1975, at Riverside, Calif. Sam and Leona's children are Marcella (Sally) Christianson, Glenburn, N. Dak., who was born September 4, 1939, and Robert S. Suko, who was born in 1936 and resides at Huntington Beach, Calif.

364. SUKUT, DAVID & BERTHA (Wolf) 239

[picture] David Sukut, son of Gottfried and Dorothy (Abel) Sukut, was born June 27, 1896, in South Russia. He came with his parents to America, arriving at Kulm in January of 1902, and settling on a homestead about two and a half miles southwest of Fredonia. He attended rural school and received his formal education. David grew to manhood on his parents' farm.

On December 15, 1921, David was united in marriage with Bertha Wolf, daughter of John and Katherina (Burkle) Wolf. Bertha was born on March 15, 1902, at Fredonia. She attended school and received her formal education. She grew to womanhood in the Fredonia vicinity.

After their marriage they purchased the family farm and were active in farming until the time of his demise. David Sukut died on February 6, 1949.

Six children were born to this union: Isadore, Jud, N. Dak., and Mrs. Malvin (Mildred) Zenker, Gackle, N. Dak. are living. The following are deceased: Raymond, Harold, Esther, and Irene.

Bertha is a member of the Emanuel Lutheran Church.

She is retired and is making her home in Gackle.

365. SUKUT, EDWARD JR. & LYDIA (Lautt) 239

[picture] Edward Sukut, Jr., son of Edward, Sr., and Emma (Bender) Sukut, was born on August 25, 1908, in McIntosh County. He attended rural school where he received his elementary education.

On December 4, 1930, Edward was united in marriage with Lydia Lautt. The wedding took place in her parents' home, officiated by Rev. John Smith. Lydia was born on February 26, 1909, in McIntosh County five miles southwest of Fredonia to George and Carolina (Roesler) Lautt, Jr.

Edward and Lydia were farmers. They farmed four miles west of Fredonia on what is known as the Pruetz farm for 14 years. They then moved to the Wittmayer farm for two years and also lived on the John Hauff farm. In 1949, they purchased a home in the northwest corner of Fredonia. In the fall of 1954, due to Mr. Sukut's health, they discontinued farming and moved to Jamestown, N. Dak., where Edward did carpenter work and then was employed by the State Hospital for 10 years. Lydia was a clerk at the Woolworth Store in Jamestown from 1955 to 1971. Lydia is now retired and makes her home in Jamestown.



The Sukuts were blessed with two daughters: Mrs. Marvin (Florence) Goehner and Mrs. Robert (Marilyn) Duchscherer, both of Jamestown.

The Sukuts are members of St. John's Lutheran Church where Lydia is an active member in the Ladies Aid.

Edward Sukut, Jr., passed away on March 3, 1966.

366. SUKUT, GUSTAVE & PEARL (Templien) 240

[picture] Gustave Sukut, a son of the late Edward, Sr., and Emma (nee Bender) Sukut, was born on September 5, 1915, on the family homestead southwest of Fredonia. He attended school in the Hoffnungstal School District in McIntosh County.

On September 22, 1938, Gustave was united in marriage with Pearl Emma Templien, a daughter of Augusta Templien. She was born on July 13, 1917, in Kulm and attended the Dickey County School District.

Two sons were born to this union: Darwin, 37, Shoqualmie, Washinton, and Ronald, born November 14, 1946, who died May 20, 1969, as the result of a car accident.

The Sukuts are members of the Bethel Lutheran Church, Seattle. Gustave grew to manhood on his parents' homestead, and after his marriage to Pearl, they continued to farm with his family from a time. They moved to Fredonia and settled in the old Labrensz house which now has been converted to other uses. Gustave operated a filling station while living in Fredonia.

In 1941, the Sukuts left Fredonia and moved to Seattle, Washington, where they are both retired at this writing.

367. SUKUT, HAROLD & MILDREN (Durr) 240

Harold Sukut, son of David and Bertha (Wolf) Sukut, was born on January 12, 1926, in rural Fredonia. He attended the rural school and completed his elementary education.

On July 20, 1947, Harold was united in marriage with Mildred Durr, a daughter of Gotthilf and Kathryn Durr. Mildred was born on December 8, 1928, in rural Fredonia. She received her elementary education and graduated from high school at Aberdeen, S. Dak.

Eight children were born to this union: Karla Kay Cook, London, England; Duane David, Bath, S. Dak.; Robert Dale, Air Force for six years, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Cynthia Lee Ramirez, Aurora, Colorado; Randy Brian, Air Force for four years, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Harold Jr., Hecla, S. Dak.; Bruce Gale, U.S.N., San Diego, California; and Timothy Paul, Stratford, S. Dak. They have nine grandchildren.

The Sukuts are members of the Zion Lutheran Church, Aberdeen. Harold Sukut died on September 1, 1975, at the age of 49.

On October 1, 1977 Russell L. Buising was united in marriage with Mildred Durr Sukut. Russell was born on June 2, 1928. His occupation is farming. Russell and Mildred enjoy bowling, hunting, fishing and golfing.

368. SUKUT, HERMAN & DELLA (Zimmerman) 241

[picture] Herman Sukut, a son of the late Gottfried and Emelia (nee Weinbender) Sukut, was born on August 2, 1926, near Fredonia. He attended a rural school and received his elementary education.

On September 28, 1955, Herman was united in marriage to Della Mae Zimmerman, a daughter of Jacob and Emelia Zimmerman. She was born October 8, 1935, at Fredonia. Della Mae attended Rosenthal School where she received her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Sandra, 22, (Mrs. Brian Kerl), Greeley, Colorado; Rhonda, 16; Shana, 14; and Kristi, 13 all at home.

The Sukuts are members of the Zion Lutheran Church.

After their marriage, the Sukuts lived in Ashley for a short time. They then moved to Aberdeen, S. Dak., where Herman has been employed by Watertown Rendering for the past 15 years. Della is employed by the United Parcel Service.

369. SUKUT, ISADORE & VIOLET (Miller) 241

Isadore Sukut was born on a farm two miles southwest of Fredonia on May 1, 1927, to David and Bertha Sukut (nee Wolf). He attended rural school at Haag No. 6.

On January 3, 1969, he was married to Violet Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Miller of Ashley. Violet was born August 9, 1918, at Ashley where she received her education.

Violet Sukut passed away on February 6, 1972.

Mr. Sukut served in the U.S. Air Force in the Philippines from 1945 to 1946. After he returned home from the service, he farmed with his father until his father's death in 1949. At this time Isadore took over operation of the farm until 1952. He then bought the beer parlor in Fredonia and operated it under the name "Sukut's Bar". In 1956, he sold this and began working for Milton Weispfenning, drilling wells and helping put in some of the first water systems on the farms in the Fredonia and Gackle area. After 1960, Isadore worked for Miller Hardware in Gackle for a year and then moved to Jamestown to work for Goodman Electric as a plumber. In 1971 Mr Sukut worked for Rolla Homes putting plumbing in trailer homes. In 1975 Isadore came back to the Gackle vicinity. Today Isadore owns and operates the Jud Bar.

370. SUKUT, JACOB & ANNA (Krueger) 241

[picture] Jacob Sukut, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sukut, was born Feb. 25, 1917, at Fredonia. He received his education in McIntosh County.

On Oct. 26, 1941, Jacob was united in marriage with Anna Krueger. Anna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Krueger, was born May 21, 1920, at Fredonia. She received her education in Logan County and Bismarck, N.D.

Mr. and Mrs. Sukut lived with Mr. Sukut's parents the first two years of their married life. They then moved to a farm three and one half miles west of Fredonia. There Mrs. Sukut also taught school for a time. In 1954, they moved to Fredonia where Mr. Sukut operated a tavern, and Mrs. Sukut managed the Fredonia Co-op Store. In 1959, they moved to Minneapolis, Minn., where they still reside. Jacob is employed at Hitchcock, Inc., and Anna is employed at Colorcraft of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Sukut have three children: Mrs. Evelyn Entzi of Jamestown, N.D., Marvin Sukut of Apple Valley, Minn., and Stanley Sukut of Minneapolis.

Mr. and Mrs. Sukut are members of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church.

371. SUKUT, RAYMOND & ALVA (Eisenbeis) 242

Raymond J. Sukut, son of David and Bertha (Wolf) Sukut, was born on January 17, 1924, on the family farm south of Fredonia. He attended the rural school and received his elementary education, growing to manhood on his father's farm.

On November 26, 1944, Raymond was united in marriage with Alva Eisenbeis, a daughter of Reinhold and Hulda (Krueger) Eisenbeis. Alva was born on November 24, 1926, on a rural farm west of Fredonia. She attended rural school and completed her elementary education.

Eight children were born to this union.

Raymond and Alva were members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

After their marriage, the Sukuts lived in the Fredonia vicinity on several farms. Their occupation was mostly milking cows and raising livestock. They also produced grains. In 1953, they moved to Clinton, Iowa. There all of the children grew up and received their education.

Raymond Sukut died on November 17, 1962, at the age of 38 years.

On September 17, 1964, LeRoy Pfeifle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius J. Pfeifle of Ashley, N. Dak., was united in marriage with Alva Eisenbeis Sukut.

Two daughters were born to this union: Kim and Deanna.

The Pfeifles are making their home in Clinton, Iowa.

372. TIEDE, EDWARD & OTTILIA (Burkle) 242

[picture] Edward Tiede, a son of the late Johann and Katherina (nee Ziegler) Tiede, was born on December 7, 1900, on the family homestead north of Fredonia in Logan County.

On December 29, 1925, Edward was united in marriage to Ottilia Burkle, a daughter of Johanas and Wilhelmina (nee Schimke) Burkle. Ottilia was born on

August 15, 1906, on the family farm 11 miles northwest of Fredonia in Logan County.

After their marriage, Edward and Ottilia farmed with his parents until the parents moved to Fredonia, selling some of their property and the farm to Edward. The Tiedes continued to farm, both raising livestock and producing grains. In 1962, they sold their farm to Lester Hehr and moved to Kulm where Ed is still active in remodeling and repairing buildings.

Four children were born to this union: Hedwig, Mrs. Laurence Fandrich, Loveland, Colorado; Adline, Mrs. Walter Presler, Gackle, N.D.; Norma Tiede, Twin Falls, Idaho; and Willard, born on December 4, 1940, and who passed away on January 10, 1972.

The Tiedes are members of the Lutheran Church.

373. TRAUMAN, ERNEST & EMELIA (Hoffer) 242

[picture] Ernest Trauman was born on January 26, 1890, south of Richardton, N.D. He had elementary and high school education. He died on June 13, 1956.

On November 29, 1920, Ernest was united in marriage to Emelia Hoffer, a daughter of Jacob and Selma (Schmerier) Hoffer, who was born on January 21, 1904, near Roscoe, S.D. Her father came to America in 1896 and began working at Ipswich, S.D., for the railroad. He took up a homestead near Roscoe. He married Selma Schmerier in 1901. In 1905 her parents moved to Guyson, N.D., where Jacob was section foreman on the Soo Line Railroad. In 1909 Emelia's parents moved into the new section house in Fredonia where Emelia started school. Her first teacher was Clara Helpfern. In 1917 Jacob and family moved on to a half section of land 10 miles northwest of Hebron, N.D. There were 11 children born to Jacob and Selma Hoffer. Five are still living: Emelia, Edward, Esther, Fred, and Martha.

Emelia still has a cousin in Wishek (Mrs. Fred Ketterling) and some of the George Rath's children. She can well remember when her parents attended the Jewish(Temple) Synagogue in about 1915, by a special invitation of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Stern (a store keeper) of Fredonia. Emelia remembers many of the very dear school teachers as well as the neighbors. She recalls the time when the upstairs floor of the Orth Store came down with an overload of sacks of flour, also the Flaig Store and the old Congregational church

Emelia was overjoyed when Anna and Clyde Holman came to Hebron about five years ago to visit her. She has been in the Bismarck hospital a great deal since August 14, 1977, and had many operations for cancer, including 27 cobalt treatments.

Emelia writes, "I am not so sure that I'll be able to come for the Fredonia Diamond Jubilee; it would be very wonderful if I would be able to make the trip."

Emelia is 75 years young. It sure would be wonderful to have her attend our Diamond Jubilee.

374. ULRICH, CYRUS & ALICE (Bockwoldt) 243

[picture] Cyrus Ulrich was born on April 11, 1941, near Fredonia on the family farm, the son of Jacob G. and Anna (Hehr) Ulrich. Cyrus completed his elementary education.

On February 14, 1963, Cyrus was united in marriage with Alice Bockwoldt, daughter of the late Ernest K. and Elsie F. (Klatt) Bockwoldt. Alice was born on April 20, 1940, at Marion, N.D. She completed her elementary and high school education.

To this union two daughters were born: Hope Marie and Carmen Kay, both at home. The Ulrichs are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

Cyrus grew to manhood on the family farm, and after his marriage to Alice, they bought a farm of 1120 acres twelve miles south of Fredonia and are active in growing small grains and raising registered Angus cattle.

375. ULRICH, JACOB & ANN (Hehr) 243

[picture] Jacob G. Ulrich, son of the late George and Katharine (Kranzler) Ulrich, was born on February 10, 1895, in Jacobsdahl [Jacobsthal], Russia. He had some elementary education.

On October 25, 1930, Jacob was united in marriage with Ann Hehr, a daughter of Jahn and Marie (Rossman) Hehr. Ann was born on December 25, 1905, in Kulm. She had some elementary education.

This union was blessed with nine children: Paulene (Mrs. Bill Pease), Oakes, N.D.; Helen (Mrs. Clayton Stafford), died at 38 years old; Leonard, Frederick, S.D.; Lea Ulrich, Omaha, Neb.; Rose (Mrs. Harvey Miller), Bismarck, N.D.; Wilbert, Ashley, N.D.; Hulda (Mrs. Adolph Harsch), Riverton, Wyoming; Pearl Ulrich, Denver, Colorado; and Cyrus, Fredonia.

They are members of the Zion Lutheran Church in Ashley.

Jacob Ulrich immigrated to America at the age of 11 with his family who started farming 16 miles south of Fredonia at the top of the hills. At an early age, Jacob started working for other farmers in the area and later rented different farms in the area south of Fredonia. In 1943, he purchased his first farm 12 miles south of Fredonia and farmed there until his retirement in 1961 when they moved to Ashley. His farm is currently owned and operated by his youngest son, Cyrus, and his family

376. VEIL, GOTHILF & HELEN (Labrensz) 244

[picture] Gothilf T. Veil, son of Theobald and Barbara Veil, was born on June 11, 1910, on a farm near Streeter, N.D. He attended the local schools where he completed his elementary education.

On September 27, 1936, Gothilf was united in marriage to Helen Labrensz. Helen was born on May 10, 1913, on a farm 10 miles northwest of Fredonia to Daniel and Rosalia (Dallman) Labrensz. Helen completed her elementary education in rural schools.

Following their marriage, they lived on a farm four miles north of Streeter. In 1941, they purchased and moved to a farm known as the Henry Nathan place 14 miles west of Fredonia. New buildings were put up while they resided on the farm. In 1965, a year after the passing of her husband, Mrs. Veil sold the farm to Norman Mundt and moved to Rapid City, S.D., to be closer to her two sons who both live and work for the Dakota Block Co.

The Veils were blessed with two sons: Gordon and Ronny, both of Rapid City, S.D.

The Veils are members of the Lutheran Church.

Gothilf Veil passed away on April 13, 1964.

377. VEIL, PHILIP & EMMA (Labrensz) 244

[picture] Philip L. Veil was born on January 1, 1906, near Streeter, N.D. He died in July, 1959. He had an elementary education. He was the son of Theobald and Barbara Veil.

On September 29, 1931, he was married to Emma Labrensz of Wichita Falls, Texas, who was born on July 19, 1909. She died on April 29, 1975. She also had an elementary education. She was a daughter of Wilhelm and Elizabeth (Schuldheisz) Labrensz.

Four children were born: Harry and Florence Willy, both of Jamestown, and Ruben and Roger, both of Seattle, Wash.

They belonged to the Lutheran Church.

Mr. Veil worked for Otter Tail Power Co. in Jamestown.

They lived in the Fredonia area during the year 1940.

378. VEIL, RAYMOND & ELSIE (Labrensz) 244

[picture] Raymond Veil, a son of Theobald and Barbara Veil, was born on February 9, 1916, in the Streeter community where he received his elementary education.

On November 16, 1941, Raymond was united in marriage with Elsie Marie Labrensz, a daughter of the late Daniel and Rosalia Labrensz, who was born on June 16, 1921, in the Fredonia community. Elsie completed her elementary education.

Two daughters were born to this union: Donna May Davis, Salt Lake City, Utah, and Sandra L. Hudson, Missoula, Montana. There are four grandchildren.

After Raymond's marriage to Elsie, they resided in Streeter for about a year and then in several West Coast communities while Raymond served in the military. They returned to Fredonia and were engaged in farming, raising livestock and grains. Later they resided in South Dakota before moving to Missoula, Montana, where they have been residing for the past 15 years.

Ray is actively engaged in the manufacturing of R-Lite Products which are distributed over a large portion of the western part of the county.

The Veils are members of the First Lutheran Church. They enjoy fishing for pastime.

Elsie Labrensz Veil passed away in November, 1978, following a long illness.

379. VOGEL, LAWRENCE & SHIRLEY (Krueger) 245

[picture] Lawrence H. Vogel, son of Fred and Edna (Radke) Vogel, was born January 24, 1930, in Logan County. He received his elementary education in Logan, LaMoure and McIntosh counties. On June 19, 1955, Lawrence was united in marriage to Shirley Krueger, daughter of Oscar and Bertha (Burkle) Krueger. Shirley was born January 18, 1936, in Logan County. She had elementary and high school education, graduating from Kulm High School.

Lawrence and Shirley are engaged in farming.

Five children were born to this union: Murray, Glenn, Curtis, Perry, all of Kulm, and Julianne, attending college at Wahpeton, N.D.

Mr. Vogel is president of the Kulm Rod and Gun Club and a board member of Kulm Farmers Co-op Elevator.

They are members of the Assembly of God Church.

380. WAGNER, LOUIS & ELSIE (Gackle) 245

[picture] Louis Wagner, son of Ludwig and Annie (Christenson) Wagner, was born on July 15, 1897, in St. Paul, Minnesota. On April 10, 1929, he married Elsie Gackle, the daughter of Gottfried and Rosina (Dittus) Gackle, who was born February 28, 1904, in the Fredonia area. Louis received his education in St. Paul, and Elsie graduated from Edgeley High School.

Six children were born to this union: Gerald, 48, Roseville, Minn.; Neil, 47, Great Falls, Mont.; Duane, 45, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Jean Kay, 43, Stillwater, Oklahoma; Fred, 38, Monango, N. Dak.; and Carol Deforest, 36, Bismarck, N. Dak.

Elsie attends the Presbyterian-United Church in Ellendale, N. Dak.

The Wagners owned and operated the Wagner's Bar in Fredonia for a number of years. They then moved to Monango, N. Dak. where they were engaged in farming and raising cattle.

Louis Wagner died on May 28, 1963, at the age of 65.

381. WAHL, TED & CHRISTINA 245

[picture] Theodore Wahl was born Sept. 10, 1910, at Ashley, N.D. He received an eighth grade education. On May 5, 1937, Ted and Christina Wahl were united in marriage at Ashley, N.D. Christina was born Aug. 25, 1907, at Ashley.

Mr. Wahl was a farmer and gravel trucker and also operated a business in Venturia, N.D. He retired in 1972.

Their children are Leonard of Portland, N.D., Carrold and Claude of Aberdeen, S. Dak., and Marie (Mrs. James Delzer) Of Ashley.

Mrs. Wahl passed away Oct. 4, 1972, and Mr. Wahl passed away July 9, 1973.

382. WEINTZ, KARL & BERTHA (Dalke) 246

[picture] Karl Weintz, son of Michael and Fredricka Weintz, was born July 9, 1909, at Fredonia.

He attended school to the fourth grade.

Karl married Bertha Dalke, daughter of Jacob and Katherine Dalke, on July 30, 1936. Bertha was born September 14, 1916, at Fredonia and graduated from the eighth grade.

Their children are Kathleen, Mrs. Robert Stading, age 33, Lodi, Calif., and Arlys, Mrs. Warney Becker, age 40, Des Moines, Wash.

They are members of the Lutheran Church.

Karl is retired, and Bertha works at the retirement home. They have seven grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

383. WEISPFENNING, CHARLES & MARY (Higgins) 246

[picture] Charles G. Weispfenning, son of George and Ida Weispfenning (nee Hiller), was born Feb. 18, 1933, at Fredonia. Charles had a B.S. in medicine from the University of North Dakota and an M.D. from the University of Washington (Board Certified in Family Practice Diplomate A.B.F.P.)

He married Mary Ellen Higgins. Mary is the daughter of George and Nancy Higgins (nee Ritchey). She is a certified medical technologist.

Their children are Heidi, Gretchen and Kristen.

Charles was born and raised in a little house on the north side of Fredonia. He attended Kulm High School, University of North Dakota and Ellendale Normal and Industrial School. He taught in Fredonia from 1953-1956. In 1956 Charles went to Minneapolis for training in medical technology. From there Charles moved to Wenatchee, Wash., and worked as chief medical technologist for the Deaconess Hospital until 1965. He then returned to school to earn his doctorate. After seven more years of school he received his M.D. and then took three year residency in family practice at the Doctors Hospital in Seattle. From there Dr. Weispfenning moved to Vashon Island where he has held the position of medical director of the Vashon-Maury Health Services Center since.

384. WEISPFENNING, CHRISTIAN & LOUISA (Rath) 246



[picture] Christian Weispfenning was born on July 23, 1890, in Logan County, three miles north of Fredonia. He died on February 1, 1962. Christian was the son of Johannes and Susanna (Schneider) Weispfenning. He had elementary education.

On January 14, 1912, he was married to Louisa Rath who was born on November 5, 1894, in Alboda [Albota], Bessarabia, Russia. She had elementary education. Louisa is the daughter of Christian and Justina (Necker) Rath.

Six children were born to this union: Edna, at home; Alma Buerkle, Gackle, N. Dak.; Frieda Buerkle, Fredonia; Theodore, Fredonia; Raymond, California; and Clifford, Iowa.

The Weispfennings attend the Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

Christian and Louisa were active in farming. After Christian died, Louisa and Edna bought the former Einar Johnson home and moved to Fredonia.

385. WEISPFENNING, EDWARD & ROSALIA (Hiller) 247

[picture] Edward Weispfenning, a son of the late George and Christina (nee Quast) Weispfenning, was born on February 12, 1889, in the family farm home west of Fredonia. He had elementary education.

On June 15, 1923, Edward was united in marriage with Rosalia Hiller, a daughter of the late Christoph and Salomine (nee Keller) Hiller, who was born on May 22, 1904, in the family farm home 7 miles southeast of Fredonia. She had elementary education.

Six children were born to this union: Bertrum, Minneapolis; Lorraine (Mrs. Emil Roesler), Lehr, N. Dak.; Frank, deceased October 6, 1976, Minneapolis; Lawrence, Fredonia; Betty (Mrs. Ed Sukut), Aberdeen, S. Dak.; and Erna (Mrs. Clarence Goehring), Minneapolis.

The Weispfennings are members of the Nazareth Congregational Church.

Edward entered the U.S. Army July 6, 1917, and was honorably discharged February 8, 1919. After his marriage to Rosalia, he worked as a hired hand on farms and later was a mail carrier on the south route of Fredonia for 11 years. Due to a lingering illness Ed lived a quiet and reserved life. He died June 26, 1955, from a stroke.

Rosalia was kept busy with her ability to bake and decorate beautiful wedding cakes. She recalls that she did baking, cooking and hosting at many special dinners, weddings and church suppers. She also went out painting for 10 cents an hour. Mrs. Weispfenning stated that this improved as wages increased.

Mrs. Weispfenning purchased the former Jacob Widmer residence in Fredonia where she now resides and is semi-retired.

Rosalia and Fredonia have one thing in common: They were both born in 1904.

386. WEISPFENNING, GLENN & VICKI (Wolf) 247

Glenn Roy Weispfenning, son of Milton and Edna Weispfenning (nee Entzi), was born November 8, 1949, at Jamestown, N.D. He attended Fredonia Grade School and graduated from Kulm High School in 1967.

On November 16, 1974, Glenn Roy and Vicki Weispfenning were united in marriage. Vicki is the daughter of Ruben and Darlene Wolf of Kulm. Vicki was born January 19, 1957, at Dickinson, N.D. She attended elementary school at Regent and finished her education at Kulm High School.

Glen Roy is presently engaged in the water well drilling, plumbing, excavating, and grave digging business. Weispfenning Bros. Digging Co/ is stationed in Fredonia and owned and operated by Glenn Roy and his brother Steve of Kulm. Vicki works as a dental assistant at the Ashley Dental Clinic, Ashley, N.D. They have made their home in Lehr the past four years.

Mr. and Mrs. Weispfenning are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia.

Their children are Todd Glenn, 10, Glenns' son by a previous marriage who is living in Bismarck, and Jason Lee, 3, at home with his parents.

387. WEISPFENNING, JEFF & LINDA (Rossman) 247

[picture] Jeff Weispfenning was born to Ted and Mavis Weispfenning in Jamestown, N.D., on August 4, 1950. He attended elementary school in Haag Township and in Fredonia. He graduated from Kulm High School in 1968 and enrolled at North Dakota State University in Fargo. In 1973, he graduated from NDSU with a B.A. in biology. In the fall of 1973 he accepted the position of science instructor in the Climax-Shelly, Minn. school district

Linda Rossman was born to Roland and Marion Rossman on July 30, 1951, in Jamestown. She attended elementary school in Fredonia and graduated from Kulm High School in 1969. She enrolled at the State School of Science at Wahpeton in the fall of 1969, but transferred to North Dakota State University after one quarter. In 1974, she graduated from NDSU with a B.S. in microbiology. After graduation, she worked as a lab technician at the USDA Metabolism and Radiation Lab in Fargo.

Linda and Jeff were married on October 18, 1974. Their marriage was blessed with a daughter, Nikki Lee.

In 1978, Linda accepted employment with the JR Simplot Company in Crookston, Minn. She is in charge of the bacteriology lab and water analysis lab. The Weispfennings currently reside at rural Buxton, N.D.

388. WEISPFENNING, MILTON & EDNA (Entzi) 248

[picture] Milton Edwin Weispfenning was born February 6, 1923, near Fredonia in Logan County, a son of Otto and Matilda Weispfenning (nee Rath).

He married Edna Entzi, daughter of Edward and Emma Entzi (nee Ketterling), on November 7, 1948. He worked as a mail carrier, farmed, worked on the railroad, trucked, and worked in the elevator until he entered into well drilling, excavating, plumbing, and grave digging. He was in business for 25

years until was stricken with leukemia in June of 1977. Milton passed away on March 29, 1978, at Rochester, Minnesota, at the age of 55.

He was a member of the Fredonia Fire Department, a member of the Gackle Wildlife Club, served as mayor and on the city board.

The Weispfennings are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Edna is a member of the ALCW and remains in Fredonia.

They were blessed with four children: Glenn Roy, Lehr; Barbara Ann (Mrs. Leo Johnson), Kulm; Steven Mark, Kulm; and Jolene Rae, at home.

389. WIESPFENNING, STEVEN & PATTY (Buchholz) 248

[picture] Steven Mark Weispfenning, son of Milton and Edna (nee Entzi) Weispfenning, was born October 25, 1955, at Jamestown, N.D. He graduated from Kulm High School in 1973.

On June 7, 1975, Steven Weispfenning and Patty Buchholz were united in marriage. Patty Jean, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Buchholz, was born July 6, 1955, at Wishek, N.D. Patty graduated from Lehr High School in 1974.

In 1977 Steve started a partnership business with his brother doing water well boring, grave digging, plumbing and trenching. Patty is presently employed as a bookkeeper at Carlson and Sjostrom, Inc., in Kulm.

Mr. and Mrs. Weispfenning are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church in Fredonia.

390. WEISPFENNING, THEODORE & MAVIS (Eisenbeis) 248

Ted J. Weispfenning, the oldest son of Christ and Louisa Weispfenning, was born May 13, 1922, on the farm that was homesteaded by his grandfather Johannes Weispfenning. It is located three miles north of Fredonia. He received his education in rural schools near there.

On November 28, 1948, he was united in marriage with Mavis P. Eisenbeis in the Martin Luther Lutheran Church at Fredonia. Mavis was born March 13, 1929, on a farm several miles northwest of Fredonia to Reinhold and Hulda Eisenbeis. She received her education in rural schools of Logan County and grew to womanhood on the farm, spending much of her time helping her dad with farm chores as she had no brothers.

Ted and Mavis are the parents of two sons:

Jeffrey Keith who is married to Linda Rossman. They have a daughter, Nikke, and reside at rural Buxton, N.D. He is a teacher at Climax, Minn.

LeBaron Kent who is a 1971 graduate of Kulm High School and a 1977 graduate of NDSU at Fargo, N.D., with a B.S. degree in agriculture with a major in horticulture. He is presently employed at the NDSU Computer Center as a computer operator.

Ted and Mavis have always resided on the family farm, part of which they bought from his dad and his aunt in the 1950s. They rented an additional

quarter of the homestead from his uncle Otto Weispfenning until his death. This land, a very vital resource in their farming operation, was sold at a land sale in March of 1978, and due to the inflated value of land, they lost it. They have always been grain and dairy farmers, maintaining a small herd of purebred and grade Brown Swiss.

Ted enjoys most outdoor activities, including trapping and hunting. Fishing is enjoyed by both. Mavis finds gardening a source of pleasure and very rewarding. She spends a lot of time reading and playing her Hammond organ for relaxation.

They are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church at Fredonia.

391. WENDLAND, HAROLD & MAE (Kinzler) 249

Harold Wendland, a son of the late Gottlieb and Mary Wendland, was born on February 17, 1915, at Kulm. He attended elementary school and Hanson Auto School, Fargo.

On September 14, 1940, Harold was united in marriage with Mae Kinzler, a daughter of the late Christoph and Maria Kinzler, who was born on August 15, 1918, at Fredonia. She attended the rural school and received her elementary education.

Five children were born to this union: twin daughters Lavonne and Yvonne, and Warren, all at Walnut Creek, California; and Gary and Paulette at Union City, California.

The Wendlands are members of the First Assembly of God, Fremont, California.

The family's hobby at present is playing tennis.

Harold Wendland and Walter Kinzler formed a partnership and purchased the Jack Wolf garage business in Fredonia in 1945. The business consisted mostly of mechanical and repair work. Later Mr. Kinzler sold his interest in the business to Mr. Wendland who at the time reduced his repair work on cars and trucks. He contracted with the Allis Chalmers Company for a dealership to sell tractors and equipment. After a number of years in this trade he decided to sell the business and establishment in 1958. Harold and Mae Left Fredonia in June, 1959, and have since lived in Union City, California. He worked for United Airlines as an aircraft mechanic at San Francisco International Airport.

392. WERRE, JULIUS & EMELIA (Zimmerman) 249

[picture] Julius Were was born in Logan County, SW1/2 , Sec. 32, Rge. 69, to Fred and Rose (Weisenburger) Were in the year 1900. He attended rural schools and graduated from high school by correspondence from Lehr High School. He had two years of college in Ellendale and Valley City. Julius was born on the old homestead in a sod house.

Julius was united in marriage in 1924, to Emelia Zimmerman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Balthasar Zimmerman. All their lives were spent in Logan County in the Lehr vicinity.

The Werres remember the seven years of drought, 1932-1939, but have been blessed with health and wealth since 1939; only God gave them their blessings.

Emelia was born in Hoffnungsthal, Bessarabia, South Russia, in 1904, and came with her parents to the United States and the Lehr vicinity in 1911, seven miles southeast of Lehr.

The Werres have two daughters: Adeline, Mrs. Wilbur Quatier, who lives with her husband on the original homestead which is the third generation, and Mary Ann, Mrs. Eugene Lehr. Mr. and Mrs. Lehr have been teachers for the past 20 years and are teaching in Linton, N. Dak., at the present time.

393. WIDMER, ELMER & MAVIS (Dalke) 250

[picture] Elmer D. Widmer, son of the late George and Lydia (Elhard) Widmer, was born June 5, 1927, in Logan County at Fredonia. He attended farm school and completed most of his school through Correspondence School of Fargo. He taught two years in the country school in Nathan District. In May, 1951, he was inducted into the U.S. Army and served until May, 1953. He served in Korea and Japan. Following his discharge, he attended the North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton for two years. In 1958, he graduated from a two-year course in auto body refinishing.

Mavis J. Dalke was born on January 30, 1938, a daughter of Gotthilf and Emma (Marzolf) Dalke. She attended rural schools in McIntosh County. She was employed as a checkout clerk at Super Valu at Ashley and later for Grenz General Store, Lehr. The couple were married October 23, 1960. They are presently engaged in farming on his parents' farm which he purchased in 1959.

Mr. Widmer is a director of the Fredonia Co-op Oil Co. They are members of the Grace Lutheran Church at Lehr. Mr. Widmer is church secretary.

394. WIDMER, GEORGE & LYDIA (Elhard) 250

[picture] George Widmer, a son of Andreas and Christina (Heller) Widmer, was born on September 11, 1893, in South Russia. He came to the United States with his parents when he was four years old, and they settled on a farm 13 miles northwest of Fredonia in Logan County.

Lydia Elhard, a daughter of Jacob and Louise (Irion) Elhard, was born on February 10, 1901, in the United States.

George and Lydia were married on March 6, 1922, at Napoleon. They began farming about 14 miles northwest of Fredonia where they lived until they moved into Kulm in 1948 where Mr. Widmer worked in the carpentry trade. Mr. Widmer had served as secretary of Nathan School District for over 30 years. They were members of the Kulm Lutheran Church.

The Widmers had five children: Royal, Jamestown; Elmer, Fredonia; Winona (Mrs. LeRoy Oberlander), Kulm; and a set of twins, Laverna (Mrs. Gordon Kleingartner), Gackle, and Lenora (Mrs. Kermit Herman), St. Louis Park, Minnesota.

The twins preceded their parents in death. Mrs. Widmer passed away on January 12, 1954. Mr. Widmer passed away on December 16, 1969.

395. WIDMER, HARRIS & ARLYCE (Gall) 251

Harris W. Widmer, son of Jacob and Bertha (George) Widmer, was born August 2, 1934, at Fredonia, N. Dak. He graduated from Kulm High School in 1952, and Jamestown College in 1958.

He was united in marriage on June 16, 1958, with Arlyce J. Gall, daughter of Emanuel and Rose Gall.

Arlyce was born September 2, 1936, at Wishek, N. Dak., and graduated from Kulm High School and attended Valley City State College for two years.

They have one son Keith Widmer and are members of the United Church of Christ.

Harris is a certified public accountant in private practice. He is a past president of the North Dakota CPA Society.

396. WIDMER, JACOB & BERTHA (George) 251

[picture] Jacob Widmer, a son of the late Andrew and Christina (nee Heller) Widmer, was born on September 26, 1904, in the Fredonia community. He attended a rural school where he received his elementary education.

On February 24, 1929, Jacob was united in marriage with Bertha George, a daughter of Jacob and Maria George. She was born on September 6, 1907, in Wishek, N. Dak. She attended the Gackle school where she received her elementary education.

Three children were born to this union: Harris, Fargo, N. Dak.; Shirley Campbell, Fargo, N. Dak.; and Larry, Carmel, Indiana.

The Widmers were members of the Nazareth Congregational Church, Fredonia. Later, they became members of the First Church in Fargo.

Jacob was employed as manager of the Fredonia Co-op Oil Company for a period of 21 years. He was active in church affairs, serving in various church functions.

Bertha reported the news for the local papers at various times. After Jacob's death, she moved to Fargo to be with her children where she is retired.

Jacob Widmer died of a heart attack on May 22, 1967.

397. WIDMER, JOHN & EMILIE (Hille) 251

Mr. John Widmer was born January 7, 1898, near Fredonia, the son of Andrew and Christine Widmer.

On March 7, 1918, he was united in marriage with Emilie Hille of Kulm, the daughter of Simon and Susan Hille. Emilie passed away on May 2, 1975.

They were blessed with six children. They are Harry 59, Victor 55, Lemore 47, All of California; Violet 58, Iowa; Vivian 50, Florida; and Gordon who passed away October 18, 1975.

Mr. Widmer was manager of the Fredonia Co-op Store for a number of years and also served as Logan County Treasurer for two terms.

398. WIDMER, LARRY & BARBARA (Turner) 251

Larry Widmer was born on February 12, 1943, to Jacob and Bertha (George) Widmer at Crosby, Minnesota. He completed his elementary and high school education. He also received his B.S. Degree in 1964 and M.S. Degree in 1967, both from the University of North Dakota.

On November 29, 1969, Larry was united in marriage with Barbara Turner. Barbara was born on June 18, 1947, to Mr. and Mrs. W. Dale Turner of Hemlock, Michigan. She received her A.B. at Northwood Institute, Midland, Michigan.

The Widmers are members of United Church of Christ.

They are active in Community Fund and both work for Dow Chemical.

399. WIDMER, ROYAL & EVA (Schock) 251

[picture] Royal A. Widmer was born on February 28, 1923, near Fredonia, the son of George and Lydia (Elhard) Widmer. He had elementary and high school education.

He was married on July 20, 1945, to Eva Schock, who was born on March 28, 1923, at Lehr, N. Dak. She has an elementary education. Eva is the daughter of Phillip and Katherina (Oberbauer) Schock.

They were blessed with four children: a set of twins, Janet Orbian, Marion, Iowa; and Joan Bible, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Randy who is in the Air Force in Arkansas; and Marlys (Mrs. Gene Clark) DeQuincy, Louisiana, who died January 4, 1979.

They attend the Lutheran Church, and both are members of the Gackle Legion and Auxiliary.

The Widmers lived on his parents' farm where they were actively engaged in grain farming and raising cattle. They sold out and moved to Jamestown. At the present time he is employed by the Jamestown Hospital.

400. WILEN, ERNEST & MAMIE (Bakkila) 252

Ernest Wilen, a son of Nick and Edina Wilen, was born on July 20, 1912, in the family farm home north of Fredonia. He attended a rural school and received his elementary education.

On November 15, 1945, Ernest was united in marriage with Mamie Bakkila, a daughter of John and Christina (nee Waayren) Bakkila, who was born on April 9, 1925, at Gackle, N. Dak. She received her education at the Gackle High School.

Six children were born to this union: Vernon, Lehr, N. Dak.; Marcella (Mrs. Charles Ruff), West Fargo, N. Dak.; Margaret (Mrs. Ardell Kinzler), Valley, Wash.; Loren, Jamestown, N. Dak.; Lyle, Dickinson, N. Dak.; and Todd at home.

The Wilens are members of the Old Apostolic Lutheran Church. Ernest and Mamie live on their farm 13 miles northwest of Fredonia. They are actively engaged in farming and raising a fine grade of Angus cattle.

401. WITTMAYER, GUST 252

[picture] Gust E. Wittmayer, a son of the late Simon and Christina (nee Eisenbraun) Wittmayer, was born on October 18, 1890, at Yankton, S. Dak. Gust never married and after coming to the Fredonia area, he made his home with his parents. Upon the death of his parents he continued to live with his brother Harry and family. Gust helped his parents and brother with the farming operation. He was a lifelong butcher, helping his friends and neighbors with their butchering, and also worked on an elevator crew for five years. Later in years he moved to Kulm and lived with his two sisters, Mollie Miller and Helen McCormick. His last few years were spent at the Edgeley Manor Home.

Gust E. Wittmayer died January 14, 1968.

402. WITTMAYER, HAROLD & GLADYS (Weisenburger) 252

[picture] Harold S. Wittmayer, a son of the late Harry and Edyth (nee Lanz) Wittmayer, was born on January 7, 1932, on the family farm home. He attended a rural school and Kulm High School where he received his education.

On May 11, 1952, Harold was united in marriage with Gladys Weisenburger, a daughter of Emanuel and Thusanelda Weisenburger, who was born on November 6, 1933, in the Eureka Hospital. Gladys attended the rural school in Greenway, S. Dak.

Three sons were born to this union: Harold Gust, at home; Kevin Jay, Fargo, N. Dak.; and Timothy James, at home.

The Wittmayers are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church. Gladys is active in church work, teaching Sunday School and is president of the ALCW.

Harold and Gladys own and operate his father's and grandfather's farm located a few miles west of Fredonia, making them the third generation. They are actively engaged in dairy and diversified farming.

Harold was elected county commissioner for Logan County in 1978.

403. WITTMAYER, HARRY & EDYTHE (Lanz) 253



[picture] Harry E. Wittmayer, son of the late Simon and Christina (Eisenbraun) Wittmayer, was born on March 1, 1902, on a farm south of Fredonia. He attended the local school where he completed his elementary education.

On April 3, 1931, Harry was united in marriage with Edythe Lanz, who was born April 3, 1902, in Wilder, Minnesota. Edythe graduated from high school and college at Ellendale, N. Dak., with extension credits from North State College at Aberdeen, S. Dak., Valley City State College, and Minot State Teachers College.

One son was born: Harold S. Wittmayer, Fredonia, who owns and operates his father's farm.

Harry was a lifetime resident and farmer on the Wittmayer farm south of Fredonia. He died on May 26, 1951.

Edythe Wittmayer taught elementary education in rural and city schools. She taught 28 years in North Dakota and lives in Denton, Texas, at the present time.

Harry and Edythe were members of the Congregational Church at Fredonia.

404. WOEHL, ART & MARION (Kramlich) 253

[picture] Art Woehl, son of Gust and Christina Woehl, was born July 31, 1931, in McIntosh County. He finished the eighth grade in country school.

On June 19, 1960, Art Woehl and Marion Kramlich were united in marriage. Marion, daughter of Reinhold and Leah Kramlich, was born April 16, 1942, in Dickey County. Marion finished the eighth grade.

The Woehls are presently farming south of Fredonia.

The are members of the United Methodist Church in Kulm. Mr. and Mrs. Woehl, along with their two sons Kevin and Randy, enjoy traveling, camping and fishing.

405. WOEHL, GUST & CHRISTINA (Schilling) 253

[picture] Gust Woehl, a son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Woehl, was born on April 6, 1899, in a farm home south of Fredonia.

Gust was united in marriage to Christina Schilling. She was born on May 15, 1905, in South Russia. Christina was six years old when she came with her parents to America on March 30, 1911. The Woehls moved to a farm about 15 miles south of Fredonia. For many years Gust was in the Threshing and farming business. For a couple of years they had good crops, but prices were poor. A bushel of wheat was 25 cents, barley 14 cents, and eggs 10 cents a dozen. They experienced some bad years of severe drought when dust clouds rolled across the prairie, like a bad snow storm, leaving huge dust drifts along the fences and roads. For fuel and cooking they picked dried manure chips. It was so dry nothing grew but thistles which they cut for hay to keep the livestock alive. The cattle had to be sold to the government. Cows brought \$20.00 a head and calves, \$4.00. In the forties crops became better

but, due to the war, most everything was rationed. Everyone had to have stamps to buy sugar, coffee, meat and gasoline. In 1943, they got a permit to build a barn.

Five children were born to this union: Alice, Mrs. Herbert Buerkley, Kulm, farming; Arthur, married Marion Kramlich, Fredonia, farming; Ida Fregien, Ellendale, N. Dak.; and Pearlene, Mrs. Lloyd Koenig, Georgia. Wilbert died in infancy in 1929. There are 10 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

The Woehls attend the Berlin Baptist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Woehl are now retired and have lived in Kulm for the past 18 years.

406. WOEHL, HENRY & EMMA (Koenig) 254

[picture] Henry Woehl, who was born in McIntosh County 17 miles southwest of Kulm, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Woehl.

On May 13, 1929, he was united in marriage to Emma Koenig, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nathaniel Koenig, who lived 13 miles northwest of Fredonia. Mr. and Mrs. Woehl started farming in 1929, when they built a two-room house and moved a small barn from the Phillip Woehl farm onto their quarter which Henry had purchased from his dad to make a home of their own. Mr. Woehl started farming with three pairs of horses and a very small line of machinery. They endured many hardships during the depression years when there were no crops to be harvested and not enough moisture for even the grass to grow to be cut for hay, so they put up thistles to feed the livestock. For approximately eight years they purchased seed and sowed it and reaped very little when harvest time came, which meant that it took a lot of courage and faith to keep going. One year, Mr. Woehl recalls, when they had a fair crop standing, but before they got in with the header the grasshoppers came and made a clean sweep of the crop. As the years went on and things began to look more prosperous the couple purchased more land and began to operate with larger and more modern machinery. The children grew up and left home. Mr. and Mrs. Woehl farmed alone for three years, but this was too much for them. They sold their farm to their youngest son Raymond in 1962, and moved into their new home in Kulm in March of 1963.

Mr. Woehl is now semi-retired as his ambition and interest in agriculture is still too great to give up entirely so he still does a little farming.

The Woehls have four children: LuElla (Mrs. George Gieger) of Glendive, Mont.; the twins, Darlene (Mrs. Virgil Bjur), who farms northwest of Kulm, and Darwin who is living in Lodi, Calif., and married to LaVonne Johnson; and Raymond who is married to DeNome Johnson and lives on the Woehl homestead. Mr. and Mrs. Woehl have nine grandchildren.

407. WOEHL, RAYMOND & DENOME (Johnson) 254

[picture] Raymond Woehl was born August 5, 1938, in McIntosh County, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Woehl. On October 4, 1959, he married DeNome May Johnson who was born May 12, 1935, the daughter of Mrs. Fannie Johnson and the late Herman Johnson of LaMoure County.

The Woehls spent over three years of their married life in Lead, S. Dak., where Raymond was employed with the Homestake Gold Mine and did farming on the side until 1963 when he purchased the farm from his parents.

They have three children: Charlene, Cary Jean, and Ricky. The children all attend school in Kulm.

They attend the Assembly of God Church.

408. WOEHL, WILLIS & VIOLET (Kempf) 255

[picture] Willis Woehl, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Woehl, was born June 10, 1924, in McIntosh County south of Fredonia. He attended high school for one year.

On July 1, 1945, Willis and Violet Kempf were united in marriage. Violet's parents were Mr. and Mrs. Julius Kempf. She was born April 21, 1925, in Dickey County at Forbes. Violet is a high school graduate.

Willis and Violet farmed south of Fredonia from 1945 until 1967. At that time they moved to Fredonia where Willis worked for the Fredonia Co-op Oil Co. for four years. From there they moved to Kulm where Willis became and still is water and street commissioner of the City of Kulm. Violet has been a social Service Homemaker since 1974, working with the elderly and needy in LaMoure County.

Mr. and Mrs. Woehl are presently members of the First Congregational Church in Kulm.

They were blessed with nine children including a set of twin boys: Carol, Mrs. Rodney Uecker, Calvin, N.D.; Jo Ann, Mrs. Allen Nitschke, Ashley, N.D.; Duane Woehl, Aberdeen, S. Dak.; Bonnie, Mrs. Patrick McCloskey, Moorhead, Minn.; John Woehl, Jamestown, N.D.; Diane Woehl, Kulm; Janell Woehl, Edgeley, N.D.; and Verlyn and Vernie at home.

409. WOLF, ARTHUR & IDA (Schweitzer) 255

[picture] Arthur Wolf, son of John and Maria (Janke) Wolf, was born on October 12, 1912, near Fredonia. He attended local school and completed his elementary education.

On November 9, 1932, Art was united in marriage with Ida Schweitzer, a daughter of Godfried and Rosena (Hertle) Schweitzer. Ida was born on March 11, 1911, near Fredonia. She attended rural school and completed her elementary education.

Four children were born to this union: Ardell, Clinton, Iowa; Eugene, Wisconsin; Doris Buerkle, Minnesota; and Rose Mary Williams, died in 1974.

The Wolfs attend Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia. Ida is a past Sunday School teacher and also was the church janitor at one time. She is an active member of the ALCW and her last office held was treasurer. Art is a lifetime member of the Fredonia Fire Department and also served 17 years on the Fredonia School Board.

After Art and Ida's marriage, they moved to the farm on the west side of Fredonia where they have lived for the past 45 years. Farming was not easy in the "Dirty Thirties" with drought and no prices; the outlook was dark. Later on it got better, but then came the war. Many of our young men went off to war. Art and Ida kept themselves busy doing various jobs. Ida does painting and cleaning other people's homes. Art is kept busy with farming.

They retired in 1976, but they say that they are working harder now than before their retirement.

410. WOLF, ED & LEONTINA (Sukut) 255

[picture] Ed J. Wolf was born March 13, 1904, at Fredonia, son of John and Katherina Wolf (nee Burkle). He received a 7th grade education.

On March 29, 1925, Ed was united in marriage with Leontina Sukut. Leontina, daughter of Gottfried and Dorthea Sukut (nee Abel), was born Nov. 29, 1904, at Fredonia. Leontina received a 7th grade education.

They lived on a farm 5 miles north and 2 1/2 miles west of Fredonia until the fall of 1954. They moved to Fredonia where Mr. Wolf worked for Eugene Kinzler and Milton Weispfenning.

Mrs. Wolf passed away Nov. 25, 1968. Mr. Wolf has resided with his daughter (the Eugene Irions) since 1971.

The Wolfs were blessed with three children: Raymond of Clinton, Iowa; Ervin and Viola (Mrs. Eugene Irion), Fredonia.

They are members of Martin Luther Lutheran Church.

411. WOLF, ERVIN & EUELLA (Hehr) 256

[picture] Ervin Wolf was born on July 21, 1929, on the family farm 7 1/2 miles northwest of Fredonia. He is the son of Ed J. and Leontina Wolf. He received his elementary education in a rural school.

Ervin worked on his father's farm until he was drafted into the U.S. Army in November, 1951. He served in the Korean Conflict until a truce was signed in July, 1953. He came home in August, 1953. He was separated from active duty and was in the reserve until he received his discharge in December, 1959. After his separation from the Army, he went into farming on the family farm.

Ervin has served as Sunday School superintendent, County Community Committee member and ASCS committeeman, and he also played on the Fredonia baseball team. He is presently on the church council, choir and FmHA board.

On October 25, 1953, he was united in marriage with EuElla Hehr in the Martin Luther Lutheran Church where the Wolfs are members. EuElla Hehr was born on January 23, 1933, on the family farm 4 1/2 miles northwest of Fredonia, the daughter of the late Emil and Emma (Buerkle) Hehr. She received her elementary education in the rural school. EuElla worked in the Fredonia Café for a short time after which she was home until her marriage. She is a member of the ALCW and the church choir.

To this union four children were born of whom three are living: Cynthia (Mrs. Terry hairgrove), 24, Arizona; Ritchie, 22, student at SSS, Wahpeton; and Jeanine, 16, Fredonia. Merry Jo was born December 9, 1957, and died April 10, 1978.

412. WOLF, FREDERICK 156

[picture] All in the family—these are 17 brothers and sisters whose father, Frederick Wolf, a Fredonia farmer, died in 1940. They had a family reunion in North Hollywood, California, on July 6, 1952.

Many had not seen some of the brothers and sisters in 25 years. Time and the vicissitudes of marriage had caused many to leave the family's sod house while others were still being born. But by means of the round robin, everybody knew about everybody else.

Thirty-one children were born to the original 17, and their children became parents of 25.

The 17 brothers and sisters range in age from Mrs. Matilda Golz, 85, to Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy, 55.

To Frederick Wolf's first wife Marie, who died in 1902 in Fredonia, were born five children: Mrs. Matilda Golz, Mrs. Mary Opp, William Wolf, Mrs. Hannah Eslinger and Mrs. Bertha Bomar. To help care for the five motherless children (Mrs. Bomar was only a week old at the death of her mother), Mr. Wolf married his second wife, Sarah (nee Krueger), later that year. Then 12 children were born to the family: Robert, Edward, Mrs. Hilda Flaig, Fred, Mrs. Ida Wolfe, Roland, Albert, Mrs. Sally Gieser, Mrs. Erna Stillmaker, Hilbert, Leonard and Mrs. Eleanor Kennedy.

The following children of Fred Wolf are deceased: William who died on December 2, 1974, in Oregon, and Roland who died on November 24, 1966, in California.

413. WOLF, JACOB 256

[picture] Jacob Wolf was born October 9, 1899, at Fredonia on a farm. He was the son of Christian and Kathryn (Lebedoff) Wolf. He lived in Fredonia until 1946, being in the automobile and gasoline business for about 30 years. He was also engaged in buying cattle and raising grain.

He married Magdalena Strobel on March 11, 1920. To this union four children were born. Magdalena passed away in 1972 in Lodi, California. They were members of the Ebenezer Congregational Church at Lodi.

Jacob Wolf passed away in February, 1975, in Paul, Idaho, where he was a member of the Ebenezer Congregational Church. His second wife Kathryn Wolf is now residing in Kulm.

The four children are: Lillian Coppinger of Stockton, California, who passed away in February, 1976; Walter Wolf, Denver, Colo.; Helen Baumbach, Lodi, Calif.; and LeRoy J. Wolf, Lodi, Calif.

414. WOLF, RAYMOND & DELLA (Heller) 257

[picture] Raymond L. Wolf, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Wolf, was born Jan. 28, 1926, at Fredonia. He received his education at Fredonia.

On Nov. 12, 1950, Raymond was united in marriage with Della Heller. Della, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Emil H. Heller, was born Sept. 10, 1932, at Artas, S.D. Della received her education at Fredonia.

They were blessed with five children: Beverly Sullwold, Underwood, N.D.; Barbara Wolf, Rodney Wolf, and Douglas Wolf, Clinton, Iowa; and Sandra Hiekey, Clinton, Iowa.

They are members of Zion Lutheran Church at Clinton, Iowa.

415. WOLFE, ALBERT & IDA (Wolf) 257

[picture] Albert Wolfe, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Wolfe, was born October 4, 1906, on a farm southwest of Fredonia. He attended rural school

On June 14, 1934, Albert and Ida Wolf were united in marriage. Ida, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick G. Wolf, was born September 30, 1910, on a farm northwest of Fredonia. Mrs. Wolfe attended rural school. The Wolfes' former home in Fredonia is no longer there; however, at that time it was located immediately north of Mrs. Richard Geiszler's home.

Mr. Wolfe worked for the State Highway Department as a road maintenance man during the mid 1930's. During this time he was active in State Republican party politics and often sang in the quartet at fund raising campaigns. As the Great Depression grew worse, he eventually went to work for the WPA until World War II began. He then entered the State School of Science at Wahpeton, N.D., and made arrangements for their move to the West Coast. In Portland, Oregon, Mr. Wolfe worked in the shipyards until the war ended. He then became an employee of the Union Pacific Railroad where he worked until his death on August 9, 1963.

Mrs. Wolfe lives in Portland and enjoys retirement, occasionally doing some traveling. The Wolfes' son Gordon lives in Portland with his wife and two daughters.

416. WOLFF, HAROLD & AGNES (Meidinger) 258

[picture] Harold Wolff was born February 25, 1917, on his parents' farm east of Danzig, N. Dak., the second of six children of the late Gottlieb and Frances (Helmer) Wolff. He attended the Danzig School. He served in the Army from July, 1942, to June, 1944. After his discharge he worked in the Lehr Blacksmith Shop for his uncle, Martin Helmer.

In 1945, He and Arthur George purchased the Fredonia Bar from the Fred Hellers.

On May 4, 1947, he was married to Agnes Meidinger, daughter of the late Karl and Johanna (Fey) Meidinger of Lehr. She was born on a farm south of Fredonia on April 20, 1926.

She attended the Lehr schools, and has been employed at the Kulm Credit Union since September, 1969, as treasurer and bookkeeper.

In 1952, Harold purchased Arthur George's half of the business which he then sold in 1956 to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Lauth of Fredonia. After spending two years in Lodi, Calif., they returned to Kulm in 1958, and have been making their home there since. Harold was employed at the Kulm High School as a custodian. In October, 1975, illness forced Harold to retire.

The Wolffs have two children. Julie Ann was born in 1949 at Bismarck, N. Dak., and attended schools in Fredonia, California, Kulm and the Ellendale University branch. She married George Schauer in 1969, and they have two children Bret Alan, 8, and Michael 5. They are living in Bismarck, N. Dak. Randy Charles was born in 1957 in Lodi, Calif. He attended Kulm schools and the State School of Science at Wahpeton. He is now employed by U.S. Steel Co. at Virginia, Minn.

Harold's hobbies are hunting and fishing. He is well known as "Goose" Wolff.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Wolff are members of First Congregational Church.

417. ZIEBART, EDGAR & MARTHA (Jerke) 258

[picture] Edgar J. Ziebart, a son of John and Mary (nee Gieszler) Ziebart, was born on April 13, 1901, in Delmont, S. Dak.

On March 27, 1929, Edgar was united in marriage to Martha Jerke, a daughter of Gottlieb and Susana (nee Lenz) Jerke, who was born on August 14, 1908, at Fredonia.

Edgar was employed by the state, working on road construction. After his marriage to Martha they moved to his parents' farm in South Dakota. There they farmed for several years. After that Edgar moved his family back to Martha's parents' farm west of Fredonia. Later on they bought the farm. This is where their children grew to adulthood. The Ziebarts were active farmers, raising livestock of every kind and producing grain and a big garden. In 1975 Edgar and Martha bought a home in Kulm where Martha is now retired.

Eleven children were born to this union: Edgar Paul, Phillipine Islands; Gerald, Donald, Delmar, and Larry, all of Minneapolis, Minn.; James, Kimball, Minn.; Lucille, Rapid City, S. Dak.; Betty Ann, Campbell, Calif.; Norma, Leguna Hills, Calif.; Joyce and Robert, Fredonia.

Martha is a member of the Zion Lutheran Church, Kulm.

Edgar died on November 26, 1978.

418. ZIEBART, JAMES & MABEL (Schultz) 258

[picture] James Ziebart, son of Edgar and Martha Ziebart (nee Jerke), was born March 1, 1937. He attended rural school and served in the U.S. Army. In June of 1961, Jim was united in marriage to Mabel Schultz. Mabel, daughter of Leonhard and Ida (nee Krueger) Schultz, was born Nov. 14, 1942,

at Edgeley, N.D. Mabel was raised on a farm three miles northeast of Fredonia. Mabel received her education in Haag Township and graduated from Kulm High School in 1960.

The Ziebarts lived in Minneapolis, Minn., for many years where Him was employed by Honeywell, Inc. Presently they reside on a farm near Kimball, Minn.

They were blessed with two children, Bernadine and Owen.

Mabel was crowned queen of Fredonia July 4, 1958.

419. ZIEBART, ROBERT & BETTY (Thurn) 259

[picture] Robert H. Ziebart, son of Edgar and Martha (nee Jerke) Ziebart, was born on January 18, 1945, at Kulm. He attended the rural school and Lehr High School, graduating with the Class of 1964. Robert attained his adulthood on the family farm, being employed by various farmers.

On June 9, 1973, Robert was united in marriage to Betty Lou Thurn, a daughter of Ben and Leona (nee Bader) Thurn. She was born on April 8, 1952, in Bismarck, N.D. Betty attended rural school and graduated from Wishek High School. Betty was employed as a nurses' aide at the Wishek Retirement Home.

After their marriage, they continued to make their home on his parents' farm, purchasing a mobile home which was destroyed by fire, causing second degree burns on Betty's body which required hospitalization. The Ziebarts lost all of their possessions and personal belongings in this fire. They rebuilt and continue to live on the home place, engaged in producing crops, raising livestock and doing off the farm custom work for various people.

One daughter was born to this union: Natasha Kay, born on December 6, 1974, at Ashley, N. Dak.

The Ziebarts are members of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Fredonia.

## HISTORICAL HIGHLIGHTS

### GOLDEN JUBILEE QUEEN

[picture: Queen Shirley Campbell and attendents Leona Ruff and Rosemary Wolf in 1954] In the Golden Jubilee Year, Shirley Widmer Campbell was chosen and crowned the reigning queen of 1954, being the only girl from the City of Fredonia to graduate in that year. Leona Ruff, a junior, and Rosemary Wolf (deceased) a sophomore, were the attendants.

Shirley relinquished the crown to Marcia Jo Engelbretson in 1956 who passed on the crown to Mabel Schultz in 1958.

Who will get the crown during the Diamond Jubilee???

### STATE DAIRY PRINCESS 1974



[picture] Sara Jane Janke, age 22, was a State Dairy Princess in 1974. After competing in the state contest as Miss LaMoure County, Sara won the contest. During her reign, she traveled all over the state, attending fairs, county contests and conventions representing North Dakota Dairy people.

Sara attended Gackle High School graduating with the Class of 1974 and North Dakota State University with a B.S. in food service administration in 1978. At present, she is employed at Rolla Community Hospital as an assistant supervisor in the dietary department since August 1, 1978. When Sara has a break from her duties she lives to go back to the farm and enjoys seeing the dairy cows which her parents are taking care of.

Sara is the daughter of Arven and Leona (Ruff) Janke. She has two sisters, Myrna and Polly, and two brothers, Alan and Loren. She is a member of the Martin Luther Lutheran Church where she was active in Luther League and choir.

#### TWINS, THREE CONSECUTIVE GENERATIONS

[picture] An unusual occurrence is the appearance of twins in three consecutive generations as shown above. All the twins but one are residing in Fredonia. Pictured above, left to right, are twin sisters Mrs. Ed Schultz of Lod, Calif., and Mrs. Edward Kleingartner of Fredonia. The next set of twins are children of Mrs. Kleingartner, Marion (Mrs. Roland Rossman) and Katherine (Mrs. Raymond Haag). Mrs. Rossman is the mother of the third set of twins, Laura Ann and Lana Rae, nine months old at the time this picture was taken (1961). The Rossman's have four other children: Linda (Mrs. Jeffery Weispfenning), Terry, Thomas, and Roger. The Raymond Haags unfortunately do not have twins, but were blessed with the following children: Paulie, Glynn, Alvin, Todd and Tim. Who knows? Maybe in next generations there will be another set of twins!

#### ATTEMPT MADE TO BURGLARIZE AND ROBBERIES OF FREDONIA BANKS

Sometime in February of 1933, on a Friday night, an attempt was made to rob the First State Bank of Fredonia by bandits who endeavored to gain entrance into the bank vault by using acetylene torches. The attempt was unsuccessful as the gas tank was emptied before an entrance could be gained into the vault.

When the bank was opened for business Saturday morning officers found the two tanks. A small hole had been drilled into the bank vault but didn't quite reach through the thick steel door.

The tanks were stolen from the Ed Scheeler's blacksmith shop at Wishek. Sheriff Ed. Kroll had been in Fredonia during the night of the attempted burglary.

Fredonia banks have been the prey of looters on four occasions, and three times the burglars picked the month of February.

The German State Bank, which was consolidated with the First State Bank a year prior to the robbery, was burglarized during the night of Feb. 11, 1921,

and \$2,500 in cash and valuables from safety deposit boxes were stolen. The burglars were not apprehended.

A person, who held up and robbed the German State Bank of \$655 shortly before noon on Feb. 11, 1931, was apprehended and served his time in the state penitentiary. It was the first bank robbery in North Dakota for the above mentioned year.

Bank raiders obtained about \$1,400 from the First State Bank on Sept. 16, 1932, in a daylight holdup and were never apprehended.

#### FREDONIA BANK ROBBERY

Sharpe Pruetz writes about his experience with bank raiders during his banking career while living in Fredonia. He remarks on his attitude and behavior at the time of the bank holdup and the course of action he and others undertook to delay or stop the departure of the gangsters in their getaway car, plus an attempt to obtain an indictment against a person believed to have been one of the robbers.

Your history book chairman, as a young lad, witnessed part of that robbery including the shooting and driving of the getaway car.

Sharpe begins his story with enthusiasm and relates the following:

One of the highlights of my banking career occurred on the 16th of September, 1932. About three o'clock that day Otto Gackle, who was the postmaster, came to the bank to do some business. I was taking care of him, getting his deposit, and found that he had made an error. I heard the door open and close; so, I thought he was leaving. I called to him, "Come back." Just then two fellows came in and they said, "Get down, you guys, this is a holdup." They were unmasked.

Believe you me, it did not take me long to hit the floor. Mr. William Jans also got down in a hurry. My uncle Bill sat there smoking his pipe and reading his newspaper. The robber yelled at him, "Get down, old man, this is a holdup." Then the robber started to laugh and told us to take our time for we all bumped together trying to get into the vault.

When we were all in the vault, he slammed the door, but he couldn't close it tight for we had a safety catch on the door.

He yelled at his partner, "Let's get the hell out of here; the door won't close." They left in a hurry and got very little money for their effort.

Mr. Jans and I each grabbed a pistol which we shot empty at their fleeing car. Some of the local fellows were standing out in front of Louie Wagner's pool hall. They claimed they heard some of the bullets hit the back of the car, but we never stopped them. The bandits were never apprehended.

Ed. Kröll, who was Logan County sheriff, came to Fredonia one day in February, 1933, thinking he had some clues regarding the robbers. There being no hotel in Fredonia at that time, Kröll stayed with us that night. We sat around visiting, so Mabel said she was going out to the kitchen to prepare a little lunch. All of a sudden she came into the living room all

excited telling us there was somebody around the house. Kroll and I went outside and looked around, but we did not see anybody.

The next morning Kroll and I went downtown. Kroll went over to the garage to get his car, and I went to the bank to check the furnace. When I got into the back room leading to the basement, there stood two acetylene tanks. I got out of there in a hurry. They did not have enough gas to do any damage to the vault door.

The clues Kroll had led us to Minot, North Dakota, where the police were holding one fellow who they suspected was in the robbery. We took him to Napoleon where he was tried. Otto Gackle, Edgar Ziebart and John Kinzler, all of Fredonia, were called there to look at the person. One of the men felt certain that the suspect was one of the robbers while the other three men saw similarities, but we couldn't pin a thing on him.

The whole thing was an exciting experience. When you look into the muzzle of a pistol and it looks as big as a stove pipe, you can't care for more experience like that.

#### JULY 4, 1958, CELEBRATION

[picture: Queen candidates of 1958] Fredonia had many celebrations with a full program. Fredoniaites with friends and relatives from surrounding communities and out of state visitors came to see the parade. In 1958, a spectacular highlight of the parade was the float bearing the lovely queen candidates. In the evening, Fredonia's 1956 queen, Miss Jo Engelbretson, placed a crown upon the head of Miss Mabel Schultz, thereby conceding her throne to the new sovereignty. The queen candidates were: Misses Dianne Kusler, Yvonne Wendland, Josephine Ruff, Verna Miller, Betty Ann Ziebart and Norma Jean Buerkley.

#### MARCH 2, 1966 BLIZZARD

[picture: Huge snowbanks in Fredonia] The storm began about noon on Wednesday, March 2, and lasted through Friday evening. The whole area was paralyzed, and people were living in a world of swirling white. Luckily, the temperature did not drop below 15 degrees above zero. The blizzard engulfed all but the northwestern corner of the State. Total snowfall during the storm was estimated at 24 inches. This was driven by winds gusting past 70 mph, causing a condition that had not been seen in this area for at least 64 years and perhaps even longer. Radio stations cancelled regular programs to broadcast lists of names of those who were safe, though marooned.

The community had a great livestock loss. Some reported that the weight of the snow had collapsed the barns in which many head of cattle were killed. Other cattle wandered away with the storm and finally were covered up with snow, or their noses and eyes iced up and they suffocated. Sickness was reported among the cattle that survived the storm.

As soon as the snow and wind subsided, the sun came out and quickly thawed the large drifts. The result of that, of course, was a fast water run off, causing soil erosions and filling up the sloughs to overflowing levels.

## GUYSON

[picture: Guyson Store and Post Office; A View of Guyson] Guyson was founded in 1922 on the NW1/4 of Sec. 34 in Lauth Township approximately 5 miles southwest of Fredonia. It was named by Alonza R. Welch, one of the first local homesteaders, for his son. It was platted in 1926, and an elevator with a loading station on a sidetrack was completed. Mr. John Ketterling was employed as manager. The Mercantile Store was erected in which the post office was established on April 21, 1926, with Lester L. Meade as postmaster. A blacksmith shop was operated by Fred Wittmayer and Fred Grabau. Guyson became a shipping point for livestock when a stockyard and loading facility were added. Farmers from the surrounding area who last used the facilities for shipping cattle in the fifties were Gust Ruff, Fred Geiszler and Oscar H. Ost.

John Ketterling built the first house and other buildings on the townsite. He sold later the property, which included the birthplace of Mrs. Fred (Lorraine) Geiszler, to Jacob W. Fiechtner.

The owners of the elevator were Fred Ziegenhagel and Jacob "Setch" Fiechtner who was a cousin of Jacob W. Fiechtner who managed the elevator for six years. It was destroyed by fire during the latter part of the thirties.

Some of the people who served as postmasters and postmistress during the existence of Guyson were: Mr. Van Dyke, Mrs. Fred (Mary) Krueger, and Rudolph Ruff. The post office and store were discontinued in 1947.

The house and barn were sold and moved to Lehr. The house was resold and situated on the Herbert Klein farm in 1944.

How did Guyson get its name? After Welch had named it Guy for his son, people said, "The name is too short, it should be longer." Mr. Welch agreed and said, "Why don't we add the word 'son' and call it Guyson?" This was considered fair enough for all concerned parties, so it was named, you guessed it, "Guyson". Only memories remain of what was once known as Guyson, "that little town".

## FREDONIA VETERANS

This is a list of the men who have served in the armed forces, and are living or have lived in the Fredonia community. It includes World War I, World War II, the Korean Conflict, Vietnam, the present peace-time military and also the 20 plus years of service roster.

We are not absolutely sure whether everyone who has served in the military during the periods mentioned is included in the lists. If there are any omissions, it was unintentional.

WORLD WAR I: Alexander Dallman, John Dallman, Jake Dobler, Robert Hehr, Albert Helwig, Emanuel Hieb, Julius Hiller, William Hiller, Melvin Holman, Gottlielf Janke, Gust Lieske, Arnald Lyson, John Meyer, Fred Norling, Fred D. Orley, Benjamin Ost, Fred Rudolph, Reinhold Ruff, Jacob Schlenz, Edward Weispfenning.

WORLD WAR II: Arno E. Belikka, Edwin H. Belikka, Chester Billigmaier, Milton Billigmeier, Roland Burkle, Jack Coppin, Fred Dewald, Elmer Dewald, William Deward, Hilbert Dittus, Lee Walter Dittus, Roy Dittus, Arthur Dockter, Clarence Dockter, Harry Dockter, Harry Durr, Wilbert Durr, Allen Eszlinger, Paul Eszlinger, Roland Essig, Benjamin F. Flaig, Emanuel H. Flaig, Raymond Friederick, Edwin Fuchs, Albert Gall, Walter Giedt, Harry Grosz, Paul Grosz, Norbert Gutschmidt, Wilbert Gutschmidt, Arthur W. Haag, Raymond Haag, Alvin Hehr, LeMore Hehr, LeRoy M. Hehr, Lester Hehr, Roger Hehr, Leonard Heller, Theadore Heller, Gene Holman, Morris J. Holman, Gust Janke, LeRoy M. Janke, Roland Janke, Wilbert Janke, Elmer R. Ketterling, Benjamin Koenig, Edward Koenig, Benjamin Kosanke, Arno Krueger, Clifford R. Krueger, Hilbert Krueger, Lorensz R. Krueger, Magelon R. Krueger, Roland E. Krueger, Victor Krueger, Theadore A. Lauth, John Lux, Jr., Arnold L. Lyson, Heinz D. Moldenhauer, Lenhart Mund, Theadore Munsch, Arthur A. Nitschke, William Nitschke, Calvin Ost, Clarence Ost, Clifford Ost, Edward Ost, Harry Ost, Osborn Ost, Roland Ost, Royal Ost, Wilbert Ost, William Ost, Roland Rossman, Oscar O. Rathfuz, Fred Remein, Wilbert F. Ruff, Christ Schlabz, Raymond Schlecht, Royal Schlecht, Victor Schlecht, Ervin Schlenz, Clarence Seefried, Roland Suko, William F. Suko, Edward Sukut, Edwin Sukut, Herman F. Sukut, Isadore Sukit, Bertram H. Weispfenning, Raymond Weispfenning, Walter Weispfenning, Royal Widmer.

KOREA: Wesley Buchholz, Kornard Burkle, Arthur Dittus, Levern Dittus, Willie Dittus, Alvin L. Entzi, Dugene Entzi, Leo L. Entzi, Ruben Entzi, Roger Grenz, Harold Haag, Arthur O. Holman, Clarence Holman, Willard Irion, Arvin A. Janke, Hugo Janke, Paul Janke, Marvin A. Karvonen, Lorenz K. Ketterling, Algot C. Krieger, Allen H. Krieger, Donald L. Jrueger, Clinton Krueger, Lloyd C. Krueger, Milford Krueger, Raymond Krueger, Harold Lauth, LeRoy Lauth, Victor Michaelsohn, Wesley Ost, Albert Remein, Richard Remein, Orion Rudolph, Arne D. Rudolph, Darwin I. Rudolph, Chester Schlecht, Elmer Schlecht, Elmer D. Widmer, Ervin Wolf, Leroy Wolf, Donald Ziebart, James Ziebart, Paul Ziebart.

VIETNAM: DeNeil Ammon, Glenn A. Burkle, Vernon Burkle, Glynn R. Haag, Wilfred Hahn, Donald E. Hehr, Archie Hoffman, Kenneth Holman, James A. Krueger, Darrell J. Meidinger, Norley D. Meidinger, Randy Meidinger, Darrel Ost, Rudolph C. Ruff, Gordon Schweigert, Carrel Schweigert, Marlin Schweigert, Gorden Seefried.

PRESENT MILITARY SERVICE: Perry Irion, Allen Janke, Myrna Janke, David Nitschke, Roy Nitschke, Victoria Nitschke, Bruce Oelke, Gerald Ziebert.

NATIONAL GUARD: Aaron Dewald, Alfred Dewald, Anthony Dewald, Arlow Dewald, Rodney Entzi, Kevin Hahne, Archie Hoffman, Arlen Irion, Gary Irion, Harry Johnson, Laurie Karvonen, Wesley Karvonen, Darrel Krueger, James Krueger, Kermith Krueger, Larry Krueger, Loren Krueger, Rodney Krueger, Myron Lepp, Warren Schlecht, Larry Schlenz, Loren Wilen, Vernon Wilen, Robert Ziebart.

20 PLUS YEARS OF SERVICE: Morris Holman, Eugene Irion, Harry Ost, 30 years plus, Wilbert Ost, Laurence Weispfenning, Paul Ziebart.

## CHURCHES, ORGANIZATIONS & BUESINESSES

BERLIN BAPTIST CHURCH 1953-1978

A FORWARD: Jesus said: "I will build my Church. Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

We wish to dedicate this historical sketch to Our Forefathers and to those who were determined to accept God's cause and exercised a Christian stewardship of time and talent, means and concern, love and devotion. They took their marching orders of their Lord seriously.

We are known as a church on a hill, letting its light so shine that others can be drawn unto Him. More than four generations have come and gone from 1888-1978.

As we cast our reflections over the years we see where two acres of land were purchased from Mr. Jacob Meidinger, and in 1889, the first Berlin Baptist Church edifice was erected. This place has been held by the Berlin Baptist Church throughout its history of 90 years and holds the honor of being the Mother Church of the area Baptist churches.

Jacob Rott, son of George and Katherine Rott and "Son of the Church," entered the seminary in 1919, graduating in 1926. He served several churches in our denomination until he died in 1953. Pastors who served the first 66 years of our church are in the first Fredonia Jubilee book. "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow."

[picture: Berlin Baptist Church, Rev. and Mrs. John Reimer] This is the Lord's doing and to Him belongs all glory. He is the Great Shepherd of the Flock and the Head of the Church.

Many loyal men and women have been affiliated with the church throughout the last 25 years:

Rev. and Mrs. Victor Prendinger, 1953-1960  
Rev. and Mrs. David Littke, 1960-1967  
Rev. and Mrs. Kurt Brenner, 1967-1970  
Rev. and Mrs. Arthur J. Fischer, 1970-1977  
Rev. and Mrs. John Reimer, 1977-

The church edifice is always kept in good condition by the people of the church. They also take care of the church's parsonage at Fredonia. Financially speaking the church has had its best years during the 1970's.

The Berlin Baptist Church has always had a very active youth group. During the ministry of Rev. Kurt Brenner in our church, this activeness of the youth was demonstrated once again. In the summer of 1969, we had a large group of our young people work in the Spanish-American mission field for two weeks in the community of Del Norte, Colorado.

Rev. Arthur Fischer was serving as the church's pastor during the church's recognition of its eighty-fifth anniversary.

The Berlin Baptist Church has had an active choir and at the present it is under the leadership of Pastor John Reimer. Our Women's Missionary Society meets regularly and has done outstanding work in a number of areas in home and foreign missions.

When the church was organized in 1888 there were only eight to ten families. The congregation grew and was large and influential in the 1920's when there were 150 members. Today our membership is less than 60 resident dwellers. Many families have moved away, young people have gone to college and have found new church homes and have become extinct household names. Yet those names that are on the church-roll are almost all of the original families and background. We are few in number but Praise the Lord for being so good to us and for giving us joy to serve Him. May this church always be a blessed witness and be able to go forth to proclaim His word.

Pastor: John Reimer  
Deacons: Fred Hoffman, Herbert Buerkley  
Trustees: Adam Harr, Darwin Rudolph, Karl Grenz  
Treasurer: Archie Hoffman  
Financial Secretary: Sharon Hoffman  
Secretary: John Reich

#### UPDATED HISTORY OF THE MARTIN LUTHERAN CHURCH

Rev. and Mrs. Hans Senft were the first residents of our new parsonage which was built just north of the church in 1954.

The church was able to continually grow in numbers and to progress. In 1963, it became apparent that a larger educational unit was needed, so the north wing of the church was annexed. In the basement several Sunday school rooms were added and the kitchen was enlarged. These units were dedicated in 1964. During 1975 and 1976 the original church basement was renovated. It received extensive repairing, paneling, and painting.

When the 1947 Hammond electric organ malfunctioned, it was replaced with a new Allen electric organ in 1973. The funds for the organ were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Geiszler.

Emma Geiszler was one of the church's most devoted organists. She served as organist from 1930 to 1970. However, after 1967, until her retirement in 1970, Emma and Mavis Weispfenning shared the work. It was in 1964, during Rev. Russel Hunter's pastorate, that Raymond Burkle, chairman, presented Mrs. Geiszler with a certificate of appreciation for her dedicated service.

On August 3, 1975, Randall Schlecht, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Schlecht, was ordained into the ministry of the American Lutheran Church. Ordination services were held at Martin Luther Lutheran Church at Fredonia by Rev. Carl Klein. Rev. Schlecht is the first member of Martin Luther to be ordained into the ministry.

On June 27, 1976, Martin Luther celebrated its 50th anniversary. Members and friends from far and near enjoyed the memorable event that started with an anniversary banquet and program the night of June 26. Sunday was a full day with a communion service in the morning, dinner at the church, and another service in the afternoon. A pictorial directory was made.

For many years Martin Luther was affiliated with Zion Two, which was located south of Fredonia. Zion Two dissolved in 1977, but a segment will continue to maintain the cemetery.

Pastors who have served Martin Luther Lutheran Church since 1954, and in later years at Zion Two are: Rev. Hans Senft, Rev. Ernest Theilen, Rev. Ray Heidtke, Rev. Russel Hunter, Rev. Lee Mentink, Rev. Marvin Lapp, Rev. Larry Vigen, Rev. John K. Olson, and our present pastor, Rev. John H. Fick.

Organists at the present time are Leona Janke, Mavis Weispfenning, Naomi Schlecht, and Kathy Fick. It has a Sunday school of 33 members and 6 teachers. The present auxiliary of Martin Luther is the ALCW (American Lutheran Church Women). They meet for Bible study and fellowship, and help plan and execute certain activities carried on by the church.

Martin Luther also has an active Luther League, and senior and junior choirs. The church has a baptized membership of 225 and a confirmed membership of 172.

#### ALCW MARTIN LUTHER CHURCH WOMEN

[picture: Loretta Schultz, Katie Haag, Ella Ketterling, Alvina Burkle, Ramona Fiechtner, Ida Wolf, Kathy Fick, Lucille Munsch, Etala Ruff, Hilda Ketterling, Esther Schultz, Frieda Buerkley, Florence Schlecht, Edna Weispfenning, Pastor John Fick, Alice Nitschke, Leona Janke, Sophia Geiszler, Adeline Holman, Alice Janke, Esther Krueger, Anna Irion, Mavis Weispfenning, Bertha Krueger, Frances Janke, Levern Lux, Teresia Entzi, Alice Ulrich, Maggie Lauth, Adeline Fuchs, and Hulda Lauth.]

#### MARTIN LUTHER LUTHER LEAGUE

[picture: Naomi Schlecht, Valerie Ruff, Cindy Buchholz, Vicky Ruff, Billy Nitschke, Keith Haag, Jolene Weispfenning, Sonja Krueger, Brenda Hehr, Jeanine Wold, Polly Janke, Linda Schultz, Kathy Fick, Owen Janke, Loren Janke, Quin Janke, Todd Haag, Ricky Buchholz, Rory Schlenker, Howard Schultz, Pastor John Fick. Advisors: Pastor John and Kathy Fick, Howard and Linda Schultz.]

#### NAZARETH CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH

[picture: Inside of Nazareth Congregational Church] In 1954, the Nazareth Congregational Church was under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Emmanuel Gackle. He served until 1958. Rev. and Mrs. Jonathan Knecht was the next minister, serving one year. Rev. and Mrs. Christian Martin served from 1959 to 1963. In the spring of 1963 Rev. and Mrs. Fred Heydel came to serve this church and also the Kulm Congregational Church. They have served both churches for a period of 16 years.

Numerous improvements have been made in recent years. In 1967 a water and sewer system were put into service. In 1972 an amplifier system was installed. In 1973 the church interior was painted and preparations were made for the 75th anniversary which was celebrated June 19-July 1, 1973. Improvements have also been made in the lower auditorium.

The following have become ministers out of this church: Rev. Edward Eslinger, Rev. Hugo Flaig, and Rev. Wilbert Hiller. Ministers wives are:



Mrs. George Kuhn (nee Emilia Eslinger), Mrs. Emil Klein (nee Martha Eslinger), and Mrs. Emmanuel Gackle (nee Katherine Eslinger).

The present deacons are Reinhold Dittus and Fred Hiller. Sunday School Superintendent is Clifford Dittus. Treasurer is Mrs. Ella Kleingartner. Organist and pianist is Mrs. Clifford Radke. Trustees are Fred Dittus, Leveorn Dittus and Rudolph Ruff. Secretary is Richard Gutschmidt. The ushers are Elmer Schlecht and Henry Fehling.

This church stands as a monument to the trust in God for which its members have committed themselves to the task of the furtherance of God's Kingdom.

#### GUIDING LIGHT SOCIETY

[picture: Elizabeth Schlecht, Emma Herman, Ella Kleingartner, Elsie Gutschmidt, Verna Dittus, Viola Fehling, Ruth Heydel, Rev. Fred Heydel, Rosalie Weispfenning, Lydia Hiller, Bertha Widmer, Lilie Riebhagen, and Lavern Kusler. Not pictured: Olga Dittus and Hannah Eslinger.]

The Guiding Light Society of the Fredonia Nazareth Congregational Church in the Golden Anniversary year of 1954 was just two years old and under the leadership of Rev. and Mrs. Emanuel Gackle with 19 active members. On May 12, 1977, the Guiding Light Society observed its 25th anniversary with guests present from the neighboring towns of Gackle, Jud, Wishek and Kulm.

At present the membership stands at 15. The following are holding offices: Verna Dittus, president; Viola Fehling, vice president; Ella Kleingartner, secretary; and Lilie Riebhagen, treasurer.

The society's purpose and ministry is Christian fellowship, Christian service, Christian education and Christian stewardship. It aims to undergird the spiritual program of the home church as it serves the cause of Christ in the community and throughout the world.

#### FREDONIA COMMUNITY CLUB

The Fredonia Community Club was organized in October of 1952 as a non-profit organization engaged in community humanitarian services. Its purpose is to create better understanding between rural and town citizenry.

The first officers of the club were: Raymond Burkle, president; Roland Rossman, vice president; Edmund Ost, secretary; and Rudolph Ruff, treasurer.

In order to finance the service and community betterment program, the Community Club promoted various projects through the years, such as turkey and ham suppers, talent contests, 4th of July celebrations and special fund-raising drives to assist in other needs.

The funds realized are or were directed mainly toward local community projects. Projects have included the buying of chairs and a public address and record-playing system for the Legion Hall, Santa Claus Day, a 4-H activity fund, help for needy parents of children with medical care and hospital expenses, purchasing of a small tract of land for the baseball diamond, erecting bleachers, putting up outhouses and making contributions to

other worthwhile campaigns. Other projects included organizing of a baseball club, boys' and girls' 4-H clubs, and sponsoring the 1954 Fredonia Golden Jubilee Celebration.

A great deal of work is involved in the club's programs, but the members also like to take time to play and to attend talent programs, entertainment at special occasions, family night banquets, bingo, etc.

The club was reorganized January 27, 1979. Its officers and directors are Raymond Burkle, president; Darwin Rudolph, vice president; Verna Dittus, secretary; and Florence Radke, treasurer. Directors are Clifford Dittus, Clifford Radke, Lorenze Lauth, Ella Kleingartner and Frances Janke.

#### PEPPY PALS 4-H CLUB

[Four pictures: Peppy Pals 4-H Club members; Cynthia Essig; Colleen Essig; Sandi Burkle.]

Peppy Pals 4-H Club holds its monthly meetings in the Fredonia Legion hall. The club consists of nine members at the present time and as of 1978 there are four present leaders. They are as follows: Mrs. Harold (Violet) Entzi who received her 20 year gold diamond clover pin, Mrs. Roland (Adaline) Essig who received her 10 year gold clover pin, Mrs. Greg (Tresia) Entzi who received her 5 year silver clover pin, and Mrs. Wayne (Diana) Burkle who received her 1 year bronze clover pin.

Officers are as follows: President Lucinda Buchholz, Vice President Teresia Buchholz, Treasurer Colleen Essig, and Secretary Jolene Weispenning.

In the year 1970, Peppy Pals 4-H Club was transferred from Logan County to McIntosh County. Cynthia Essig has completed her full term of nine years and received a \$5.00 gift certificate from the club. Every year the Peppy Pals 4-H Club exhibit their 4-H projects at the Tri-County Fair at Wishek.

These are the years of membership: Colleen Essig 8 years; Jolene Weispenning 7 years; Naomi Schlecht 7 years; Lucinda Buchholz 6 years; Lynette Entzi 6 years; Cheri Burkle 3 years; Teresia Buchholz 3 years; LoRee Entzi 2 years, and Sandi Burkle 1 year.

#### BOYS 4-H CLUB

[picture: Greg Entzi, Donald Entzi, Rory Entzi, Brian Entzi, Brent Entzi, Ricky Buchholz. Not pictured: Darcy Irion, Keith Ruff, James Entzi. Leaders: Teresia and Greg Entzi.]

#### AMERICAN LEGION

[picture: Legion members.] The Clifford Ost Post No. 260 has been in active operation during the past 34 years and has been involved in many community ventures.

Construction of the Legion Memorial Hall was started in 1954 and completed in 1955. Louie Holman, the main carpenter, contributed many hours of time and

effort to the building and completing of the structure. In addition, many hours of labor were donated by helpful and concerned individuals. At present the building is available to individuals and organizations for social meetings, dancing, banquets and other activities.

The post has had a continuous interest in the youth of our community. It annually sponsors 11th grade boys who attend North Dakota Boys State and also conducts Memorial Day services on a yearly basis.

Present officers are Commander William Nitschke, Vice Commander Raymond Haag, Adjutant Roland Janke, Historian Paul Janke, Finance Officer Gene Holman, Service Officer Arvin Janke, Chaplain Ted Munsch, and Sgt. At Arms Raymond Schlecht.

The Fredonia American Legion members are Daniel C. Ammon, Roland C. Burkle, Tom Chapin, Levearn H. Duttus, Roland W. Essig, Emil Geisler, Wilbert Gutschmidt, Harold Haag, Wilfred Hahne, Alvin E. Hehr, LeMore Hehr, Lester R. Hehr, Archie Hoffman, Arthur O. Holman, Gene Holman, Kenneth K. Holman, Morris J. Holman, Eugene O. Irion, Arvin A. Janke, Hugo C. Janke, Paul G. Janke, Roland R. Janke, Algot C. Krueger, James H. Krueger, Lloyd Krueger, Larry J. Krueger, Magelon R. Krueger, Raymond Krueger, Roland E. Krueger, Ted A. Lauth, Theodore Munsch, William Nitschke, Elmer Schlecht, Larry A. Schlenz, Raymond Schlect, DeWayne R. Staeck, Isadore Sukut, Jake H. Trautman, Laurence Weispfenning, Erwin Wolf.

#### AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY UNIT OF CLIFFORD OST POST 260

[picture: Mrs. Wilfred Hahne, Mrs. William Nitschke, Mrs. Paul Janke, Mrs. Roland Janke, Mrs. Lloyd Krueger, Mrs. Raymond Schlecht, Mrs. Raymond Haag, Mrs. Morris Holman, Mrs. Gregory Entzi, Mrs. Adeline Holman, Mrs. Arvin Janke.]

ON the evening of February 8, 1958, a group of ladies met at the Legion Hall in Fredonia for the purpose of organizing an American Legion Auxiliary unit of Clifford Ost American Legion Post 260. Present for this organizational meeting were Mrs. Ardeen Sveum of Enderlin, president of the American Legion Auxiliary Department of North Dakota, and Mrs. Alice Fallgatter of Kintyre who was the 5th district president of the American Legion Auxiliary. Also present were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dewald of Napoleon. Mr. Edward was the Logan County Service Officer for the American Legion, and Mrs. Dewald came along to do the paperwork. One of the aims of the American Legion Auxiliary is to help the local Legion post in their work and in promoting the programs of the American Legion for the love of God and country.

Eleven ladies signed their membership applications that evening. These are the charter members of Unit 260: Alva Gutschmidt, Katie Haag, Adeline Holman, Leona Janke, Esther Krueger, Leontina Krueger, Esther Nitschke, Florence Schlecht, Lavern Taylor, Rosalie Weispfenning, and Euella Wolf. Nine of the charter members are still with the unit. The meeting date for Unit 260 was set for the last Tuesday of the month. The ladies received their charter on April 14, 1958, making everything official. They had the charter roll framed, and they are still on display in the Legion Hall.

The first thing the ladies did was to raise money by serving lunches at various Legion sponsored functions to equip the kitchen. It took a number of years to fully furnish the kitchen.

The unit takes part in the annual Poppy Day program and has had an adopted veteran and a retarded adopted friend for many years whom they remember on special occasions. They do sewing for the Veterans Hospital in Fargo and have been serving an annual Memorial Day dinner for the public for the past 10 years. Their monetary contributions are made to child welfare, national and rehabilitation programs, memorials, Legion band and education funds, as well as other local fund drives such as Red Cross, heart and cancer funds, etc.

41 ladies are or have been members of Unit 260. Some have passed away, transferred or just dropped their membership. The present membership is 31 which includes junior members. They have out-of-state members in Minnesota, Texas, California and Alaska.

The present officers are: President Alice Janke, Vice President Frances Janke, Secretary Esther Krueger, Treasurer Mrs. Wilfred Hahne, Historian Adeline Holman, Chaplain Alice Nitschke, and Sgt. At Arms Florence Schlecht. Submitted by Adeline Holman.

#### QUARTET

[Four pictures: Otto Weispfenning, Henry Gieser, Emil Hehr, Ed. Haag.] The Quartet was organized in 1932 under the direction of leadership of Rev. Weurth. The participating members from left to right were: Otto Weispfenning, Henry (Hans) Gieser, Emil Hehr and Ed. Haag. Substitutes were Albert Wolf and Jake Haag. They sang in churches for funerals and weddings and at other functions such as firemen's meetings and pioneer picnics at Burnstad. They broadcast their singing over radio station KSJB at Jamestown, the Mandan station or wherever they received an invitation to sing.

IN the dirty thirties when money was scarce and Langer was campaigning for U.S. Senate, the quartet was invited to sing at those political rallies held in New Rockford and the Thompson Lumber Yard at Lehr.

A song, "Go along Mule," was a big hit at the time, and the words were as follows: "I bought some biscuits for my dog; placed them on the shelve; times got hard, I shot the dog; and ate them myself."

Of all the men who joined the quartet only two are living: Jake Haag of Washington and Ed. Haag of Fredonia.

#### GOOD HUNTING

[picture: Walter, Ted and Harold, sons of Fred Lautt.]

Hunting and trapping is enjoyed by many people of the Fredonia community. During the pioneer days some hunting was done by hounds, mostly for catching coyotes and foxes. These animals at times, in order to avoid starvation, would start running in packs and kill domestic animals. During the present era, most taking of wild animals, such as fox, raccoon, minks, etc., is done by trapping.

It is a great sport during the winter months at the present time.

The Lautt brothers were putting things in order [in the picture] after returning with a day's catch in the 1940's.

## GOOD FISHING

[picture: Fishermen and their catch.] Fishing is a great sport for the Fredonia community people, both open water and winter ice fishing. The fishermen's smiling faces are evidence of how proud they were of their catch when posing for this photo. Their lucky day was in May of 1958, during the first open fishing season at the Jamestown Dam. They are, left to right, Matt Elgland, Ernest Schlecht, Darwin Rudolph, Warren Schlecht and Arne Rudolph, deceased.

## FREDONIA BASEBALL CLUB

Fredonia throughout the years has always had a great interest in baseball, in fact, it is a most important sporting event as it is the game that brings the community together. To win a game from a rival town is a big event of the season.

Various teams, at different times, have been organized and in most cases became victims of circumstances of time.

The present baseball team was organized in the spring of 1953 with the Community Club as its sponsor. Shortly thereafter the team formed its own baseball club with Rudolph Ruff as president and Edmund Ost as secretary and treasurer. Those positions were held by both officers for a number of years.

The first year of baseball consisted mostly of games played with teams from neighboring towns on the ball diamond situated one-half mile east of Fredonia. The problem with this baseball field was that its home plate faced into a northwestern direction and during the late afternoon hours the sun's angle would hamper the batter and catcher's view of the ball. It was a dangerous situation at best.

[picture: 1954 GOLDEN JUBILEE BASEBALL TEAM. Leonard Ernst, Arvin Janke, Emanuel Flaig, Ervin Wolf, Fred Pape, Raymond Haag, Hugo Janke, Eugene Wolf, Lionel Flegel, Lorenze Lautt, Raymond Burkle, Melvin Ketterling, Roland Rossman. The small bat boys are Larry Widmer and Glenn Burkle.]

In the spring of 1954, the present ball park was developed, located on the west side of town on a parcel of land purchased from Arthur Wolf. This was the year that the club began playing organized league baseball, and since then it has been a member of one league or another throughout its playing years. It is self-supporting but did have a little financial difficulty in one of its years.

[picture: 1979 BASEBALL TEAM. Todd Haag, Howard Schultz, Richie Wolf, manager, Henry Jonas, Loren Krueger, Paul Janke, Darcey Ruff, Ralph Schultz, Ronald Geiszler, Vernon Geiszler, Arvin Janke. Not pictured: Rick Buchholz, Billy Nitschke, Harold Wittmayer, Jr., Brian Radke.]

Even though the club has consistently produced a number of good players, it has never won a state tournament. Everybody loves to play the game, and who can tell? They might just pull it off this year. How about that, fellows?

The present officers are: Arvin Janke, president, and Paul Janke, secretary-treasurer. Arthur Wolf was the umpire for a number of years, and Lorenze Lauth replaced him in the later years.

#### POOL TEAM

[picture: The Fredonia Pool Team is sponsored by Bob's Bar. Left to right: Arvin Janke, Harvey Fiechtner, Henry Jonas, Bob Hahne, Ralph Schultz, Dennis Essig, Leroy Hehr, Art Wolf, and Lorenze Lauth.]

#### BUSINESS HAPPENINGS SINCE 1954

The Fredonia Co-op Store, with Bennie Flaig, Chester Dobler and Jacob Friederick as successive managers, remained in business until the early 1960s. After Mr. Friederick retired, David Tweite became manager, and after Mr. Tweite, Mrs. Jacob Sukut assumed management. Shortly thereafter the store closed. Mr. Friederick died on January 29, 1964. For many years the building remained vacant. In 1976 it was sold to Eugene Irion and moved to his farm.

That old building which still remains on the Main Street in Fredonia was built by George Gackle, Sr., Pete Billigmeier, and John Wishek as an International Harvester store. Fred Gackle was the manager. It was built about in 1908. In 1915 it was sold to Christ and John Wolf and in 1916 to Johnson and Holman. They remained in this same business until 1951. In October, 1955, they held a public auction sale and the building was sold to Fredonia Co-op Oil Com. It has been vacant for the past number of years. The old Co-op Store which was on the corner south of the Fredonia Oil Company was the first business in Fredonia. It was built by Grosz and Co. of Kulm, and Dan Flaig was the first manager. It always remained a cooperative. The four succeeding managers were Emanuel Flaig, John Widmer, Sam Ensslen and Bennie Flaig. In later years the store was enlarged with an addition. It was destroyed by fire in the fall of 1946.

The Economy Store was built by John Schuldheisz in 1907. After a few years he sold out to Bauer and Dobler. Then it was sold to John Meidinger and Joe Graff. After Joe Graff left the business, Ben Meidinger went into business with his brother John. After the Meidinger Brothers, it was sold to Emanuel (Barber) Flaig, then to Mr. Joseph Vetch, then to John Wolf, and the last owner was Otto Elhard. He came to Fredonia in about 1940. Mr. Clifford Dittus purchased the building in 1976.

The Fredonia Pool Hall, a two-story structure, was built in 1909 by E.D. Dailey. The downstairs was used for pool and the upstairs for dancing and traveling medicine shows. It was the town hall, and the stairway was on the outside. In 1912 Mr. Dailey sold the building to E.H. Cook who sold it to J. Becker in 1916. Later it was sold to F.J. Norton, and John Kinzler bought it in 1923. He sold it to Sam Miller in 1925. Later that same year Miller sold it to Louie Wagner who owned it for 23 years. In 1948 Walter Fiedt bought it and sold it to Norbert Gutschmidt in 1950. He later sold it to Harold Wolf

and Arthur George. In 1963 Harris Kinzler bought it from Logan County for delinquent taxes and tore it down.

The Miller Hotel building was constructed in 1910 by Mrs. Sarah Kosanke Morgan. In 1911 Gottlieb Lang of Kulm bought the building and remodeled it as a general store and had his son William operate it. In 1914 John Baroney, his mother and his sister, Mrs. Poplinger, took over the management of the store. In 1919 Jacob Miller, father of Harold Miller of Lynnwood, Washington, purchased the building and with extensive remodeling, operated a hotel with a shoe repair shop in the front part of the building. In 1943 Mike Wolf bought the building and sold it to Edward Koenig in 1944. Koenig sold it to Mrs. Mary Kapp in 1948. In 1963 it was purchased by one of the Kapp boys and torn down.

The Norling Service Station was later managed by Richard Gutschmidt. It, too, has closed, and the building is vacant.

Shortly after 1954 Ed G. Kusler's barber shop closed. The building was sold at a public auction on August 28, 1976, to Robert Hahne.

The Ketterling Standard Service Station closed during the late 1960s, and the building remains vacant.

The Farmers Lumber, Land and Machine Co. closed upon the death of its manager, William (Bill) Orth, on October 24, 1971. The building was sold and removed. Sukut's Beer Parlor with Isador and Jacob Sukut as managers at different times has since closed, and the building was sold in 1976 to Clyde Essig of Lehr and moved out.

The Jake Friederick building on the corner was later sold to Dave Seefried. In 1976 it was sold to Wilbert Hauff and removed.

The Woodworth Elevator with R.G. Herman as agent closed in the 1960s. Presently it is owned by Elliot Rott and Ellidor Irion for private grain storage.

Since 1954 the old Dan Flaig Garage was sold to Lester Hehr and moved to his farm. In its place the Fredonia Oil Co. erected a new building. Submitted by Clyde Holman.

## BOB'S BAR

[picture: Bob Hahne's Bar.] Robert and Bernice Hahne, husband and wife, are the owners and operators of Bob's Bar which they purchased from the Elmer Eisemans in the year of 1975.

In 1926, a new building was erected by the late Fred Heller. Its intended purpose was to serve as a community recreation hall for different sorts of occasions. The lower story was used as the recreation center, which included a bar, booths and pool tables. The upper area was for entertainment, such as dances and shows, and was also a meeting place for community gatherings.

Heller operated the center for several years and, having other interests, leased the business to various parties at different periods, namely Ted Geiser, Roy Schuldheisz and Jake Grozhunz for a time.

Following the leasing period, Fred took possession of the business and continued to serve the community until 1945 when he sold the building and business to Harold Wolf and Art George.

During the course of years, the partnership of Wolf and George was dissolved with Wolf emerging as the new proprietor. He eventually sold the business to the Edwin Lautts in 1955.

The Lautts remodeled the upper floor and converted it into living quarters for themselves. They managed the bar for some time and in 1964 decided to sell the establishment to Jake Eiseman. One year later, this business was acquired by his son, Elmer, who continued it into 1975.

It was during this time that the main place of business was renovated. The first story ceiling was lowered and covered, side walls were paneled and painted wherever required, and rest rooms with accessories were added. The addition of these improvements to the interior of the building evidently seems to have induced larger gatherings of people on special events, which is healthy for business.

The present owners remodeled a portion of the front wall of the main building in 1976, as it appears on the picture.

#### FREDONIA COOPERATIVE OIL COMPANY

[picture: Richard Gutschmidt, Roland Rossman, Jim Holman.] The company was organized in July, 1946, by a group of cooperative spirited farmers in the Fredonia community who recognized the value of a local cooperative to supply their needs for petroleum products and agricultural merchandise.

The first board of directors elected to get the operation under way were: Richard R. Gutschmidt, pres., Myron Holman, vice pres., Rudolph Schultz, Gottheilf Janke and Alfred Ost as regular members.

The first order of business was to rent a building and employ the personnel needed to get the business started. Office space was leased from the Farmers Coop Elevator, and they hired Fred Schnabel as secretary, Arthur Haag as temporary manager, and Marvin Ost as truck driver. After a short time, Jacob Widmer was employed as manager and served in this capacity until May, 1967, when he suddenly passed away.

In 1955 the company purchased the Johnson and Holman office building and bought the Dan Flaig garage. It was during this period that the cooperative voluntarily moved its storage tanks off the Soo Line Railroad right of way to a new site situated near the ball diamond west of town. Throughout the years, a fine volume of business has been established. Inventories have increased and sales of petroleum products and other miscellaneous items are just great.

After Mr. Widmer's death Roland Rossman became manager, a position he still holds. His assistants are James Holman, truck driver, and Richard Gutschmidt, attendant. Former bulk drivers since 1954 are Adam Kaseman and Willis Woehl.

Present directors are Elmer D. Widmer, pres., Stanly Meidinger, vice pres., and Darwin Rudolph, Lester Hehr and Clifford Dittus as regular members.



## FREDONIA FARMERS COOPERATIVE ELEVATOR COMPANY

[picture: Fredonia Farmers Coop Elevator.] The Fredonia Farmers Cooperative Elevator was built shortly after 1904 although we have not been able to find out by whom—and its charter was received on July 24, 1905. William Orth, Sr., was employed as the first manager.

In 1926, the establishment was reorganized in accordance with the requirements set forth by the North Dakota State Century Code. Total assets shown were \$23,197.11. Liabilities totaled \$22,891.73, and it had a net worth balance of \$305.38. In the early thirties, the local economy went into a tailspin, caused by depression and drought, delaying planned programs and bringing decreases in employees' salaries. In 1934, the manager's salary had dropped to \$63.00 per month compared to \$125.00 a month received in 1929. As financial problems appeared almost everywhere and progressively worsened, the stockholders, in 1936, reassessing the business situation, voted to close the elevator because people were unable to patronize the establishment due to previous and present crop failure in the community. Following this action, Gust R. Janke became employed on a part-time basis, and was to conduct business whenever he felt that it would be beneficial to the company and stockholders. His salary was set at \$20.00 and went up to \$40.00 per month when coal and feed sales were realized. One year later, grain holdings in the elevator were 131 bushels of durum and 235 bushels of flax. Thereafter financial conditions started to improve due to better crops and prices, and soon the elevator was running short of storage space.

By 1945, the stockholders voted to purchase the Pruetz Elevator which was later destroyed by fire in the fall of 1947.

A new unit was constructed in 1948, increasing capacity to 65,000 bushels. The elevator's full capacity in 1978 was 185,000 bushels.

The biggest paying dividend year was 1974 when \$234,705.39 in savings was paid out to its patrons, which numbered approximately 578 customers.

Managers who have succeeded Mr. Orth were: Christ Jenner, Grant Mathews, Fred Schempps, Gust Grosz, William Hiller, Gust R. Janke, Carl J. Fisher, Gust R. Janke who was re-employed after being discharged from the Army, Adam Jangula, and Emil Engelbretson. Palmer Buerkley is presently managing the business, his employment beginning in 1966. Other employees: Rodney Buchholz, assistant, and Wilfred (Willie) Hahn, helper. Ella Buerkley has been bookkeeper since 1977.

Present board of directors are: Harold Entzi, president; Arvin Janke, vice president; Darrell Ruff, secretary; and Herman Munsch and Archie Hoffman, members.

## HISTORY OF FREDONIA REPAIR SHOP

[picture: Roland Janke.] Fredonia Repair Shop was started on March 1, 1959, when there was no repair shop in town.

David Seefried decided that there needed to be somebody in town to service cars and trucks, but he didn't want to do it on his own.

He finally got Roland Janke to go into partnership and opened the shop. After two and a half months the partnership was dissolved because it just did not work out; so Roland Janke took over the business.

The business was started in the Wendland building which at present is owned by Weispfenning brothers excavating, plumbing and well boring.

In 1964, the blacksmith shop was purchased and is the present site of the repair shop. As for the building, it was built in about 1908 on the south side of the former Economy Store, which was the Bauer and Dobler General Store then, by Joe Graff and Christ Jenner for machinery. It was later sold to George Gackle, Sr., of Kulm and moved behind the Johnson and Holman implement shop. Years later it was purchased by Herbert Pressler and moved to the present location. He then built on to it and made a blacksmith shop. In 1963, it was purchased by Roland Janke and converted into a repair shop, which it is to date.

#### HAUT FUNERAL HOMES

[Jamestown & Gackle, N.D.] The Haut Funeral Home in Gackle had its beginning on January 1, 1959, when it was moved into the new building at 124 E. Elm Street with Eugene and Muriel Haut as the owners. Others who assisted in the new business were Norbert Haut, Ervin Eissinger and Colette Eissinger. Besides offering a complete funeral and burial service, also provided were full time ambulance service and monument sales and services. The firm became plural when the Nazarene Church in Jamestown was purchased in 1966 and remodeled for the second funeral home, which was formally opened with an open house in 1967.

The firms are managed by Eugene Haut, who is licensed in all phases of funeral service, and his wife, Muriel, who assists him in all services including ladies hairdressing. The Hauts are lifelong residents of the Gackle and Streeter communities.

Eugene Haut is a graduate of the Gackle High School, attended North Dakota State University and Iowa State College, and received a degree from the St. Louis College of Mortuary Science in St. Louis, Missouri, in 1951. He served his apprenticeship in Bismarck, Jamestown and Casselton, and was employed at the Haut and Marckel Funeral Home and Store in 1958.

Services available include complete funeral and burial service, receiving and shipping service to or from any place in the world, and a personal assistance and guidance program.

#### JOHNSON & HOLMAN IMPLEMENT SHOP

[picture: This shop picture was taken at the Johnson & Holman Implement Shop in 1941. The men are from left to right: Richard Geiszler who died in 1977, Fred Hiller who is now 91 years young, and Albert Holman who died in 1972. Not pictured is Einar Johnson who was Mr. Holman's business partner for 35 years and who died in 1971.]

## KULM STATE BANK

The Kulm State Bank was organized the 14th of March, 1907, as the First State Bank of Fredonia. It was organized by James B. Sharpe, Charles Pruetz and William Pruetz, all of whom are now deceased.

In 1932 the German State Bank of Fredonia and the First State Bank of Fredonia merged as the First State Bank of Fredonia. The officers of the new bank were William Pruetz, president, B.B. Pruetz Smith, vice president, William Jans, cashier, Sharpe Pruetz and M.C. Buechler, assistant cashiers.

In 1938 the First State Bank of Fredonia moved to Kulm and changed its corporate name to Kulm State Bank. The bank operates on the original charter issued in 1907. Officers at the time of the move were the same as mentioned above.

In 1940 William Jans was elected president of the bank; B.B. Pruetz Smith, vice president; Sharpe Pruetz, cashier; M.C. Buechler and R.J. Jans, assistant cashiers.

[picture: John Borth, manager, Fredonia Paying and Receiving Station.]

William Jans officially retired from the bank in January, 1957, but remained as chairman of the board of directors with Sharpe Pruetz, president; B.B. Pruetz Smith, vice president; M.C. Buechler, vice president and manager of the paying and receiving station at Fredonia; R.L. Jans, cashier; and Esther Klettke and Wayne Hieb, assistant cashiers.

Charles W. Buechler was assistant cashier and manager of the Fredonia Paying and Receiving Station from February 23, 1959, to December 6, 1961. Edwin Hieb was elected as assistant cashier on December 6, 1961, and served until June 9, 1966, the time of his death. John Borth was then elected cashier and manager of the Fredonia Paying and Receiving Station and is still serving in that capacity. Wayne Hieb resigned February 5, 1969.

Sharpe Pruetz and M.C. Buechler retired December 31, 1967. Due to change of stock ownership, the board was reorganized with William Jans as chairman (inactive), R.L. Jans, president; Marion A. Jans, vice president (inactive); Darwin F. Stobel, cashier; Marcella Ogren, assistant cashier; Paul R. Jans, assistant cashier; Marjorie V. Busch, teller; and Penny Jans, bookkeeper.

William Jans passed away on December 26, 1974, and R.J. Jans assumed the chairmanship.

## RUFF'S GARAGE

[picture: Larry Ruff's Garage.] Larry Ruff is owner and operator of Ruff's Garage which is situated 9 miles northwest of Fredonia, on his father's farm. In the fall of 1967, Larry moved on to the family farm and shortly after started a service shop in a small building located on the farm site. A few years later, as business flourished, he purchased the old MDU building at Ashley and moved it on the farm premises for use as a work shop. Again, it soon became apparent that Larry needed more working space and modern

conveniences in order to meet the increased demands and needs of the community. Thus, in the spring of 1977, he decided to build. A new building was erected and equipped with hoist, modern tools and facilities. Larry's sons, Rodell and Keith, are learning the mechanics trade from their father and help whenever possible. Younger sons, Doug and Greg, are just beginning to know and understand the basics of a wrench and screwdriver.

Larry started tinkering around on engines at an early age. His father did not have too much faith in his tinkering son and often wondered if he should let Larry practice on his tractors. But Larry had lots of ambition, and it soon became apparent that he possessed the knowledgeable know-how to do mechanical work. Why at the age of 15 years, he bought a 1951 Dodge which needed a "new used piston" every week, or Larry couldn't go courting the neighborhood girls.

As time progressed, Larry's skills improved and, as of present, he is recognized for his fine and reliable services rendered to the community.

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