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# *Hatton's Heritage*

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# Dedication

**T**O THE PIONEERS of the Hatton community who came to this part of the Red River Valley in the early 70's and 80's and through whose diligent efforts, bravery and sacrifice, have made this part of North Dakota one of the most highly developed and productive regions of the world, this historical booklet is gratefully dedicated.



# Foreword



**T**O RELATE the true story of the Hatton community would require volumes, and to assemble and put into print the hundreds or thousands of interesting anecdotes in connection with the life of the earlier settlers in this area would be next to an impossibility.

We have attempted to cover at least a small portion of the highlights, and have made an effort to secure the names and brief biographies as well as pictures of the pioneers, all of whom played such a great part in developing this part of the Red River Valley, often referred to as the "World's Breadbasket."

We must not and we cannot forget to pay just tribute to the early settlers, who came to these parts in the 70's and 80's and by their heroic efforts, fortitude and wisdom, laid the foundation for all that is good, which we are privileged to enjoy today. Certainly they were

guided by God in their great effort to make a literal paradise out of what was once but an uninhabited prairie.

As we observe our Diamond anniversary, we are mindful of their bravery, their hardships, their ceaseless toil, their foresight and their sacrifices. To them all we owe a great debt of gratitude. We realize full well that from very humble beginnings of plowing with oxen the first furrows came the transformation of the wilderness into what it is today.

We are also thankful to our pioneers for the great Christian heritage which they left to us. Without faith in a Divine Providence they would have been unable to accomplish what they did, either in a cultural or spiritual way. The many churches, scattered over the prairies and in our cities, stand as living monuments to these pioneer men and women whom we honor today.

## GOOSE RIVER AREA WAS HOME OF EARLIEST SETTLERS

The banks of the Goose River was the scene of the earliest homes in the Hatton area. As this western part of the Red River Valley attracted its earliest settlers, it was only natural that they staked out their claims along streams. There they had access to logs with which to build their first humble log cabins, plenty of wood, which was their only source of fuel, good shelter as well as a sufficient supply of water for both men and beast. As time went on, the early settlers began to spread out in larger numbers, and within a few years claims were staked out and the areas of what is now known as the Hatton, Portland, Mayville, Northwood communities were settled.

One of the earliest settlers in this area was Fingal Enger, for whom Enger Township was named. Born in Aadalen, Ringerike, Norway February 22, 1846, he emigrated to America in 1869 and first came to Mitchell County, Iowa and later went to Albert Lea, Minnesota, where he attended school and worked at railroading. He "squatted" on a claim southwest from what is now Hatton in 1872. He was married to Gjertrud Nyhus Nelson, another pioneer here, in 1875, and to this union nine children were born. Mr. Enger was elected to the State Senate in 1890, and served two terms. He was also instrumental in the organization of Oak Grove Seminary of

Fargo and Augsburg College in Minneapolis and served as a member of the board of directors of the latter institution for many years.

In 1874 Torkel Mehus and Andrew Stavens arrived here and took up land in what is now Newburg Township. Halvor Berg was the leader of a group who migrated from the vicinity of Northwood, Iowa, a district which furnished a large number of early settlers to this community.

### Filed in 1873

Nickolai Berg, a son of Halvor Berg, recalled many years ago that his father came to these parts and filed on a claim west from Hatton in 1873 and then returned to Iowa to guide a group of colonists to the new country. The party traveled in three groups, their means of conveyance being covered wagons drawn by oxen and horses. The Berg section started out with four covered wagons and came by way of Mankato, Minnesota, crossing the Red River at Breckenridge and traveling north along the river on the North Dakota side. Some of the emigrants stopped at points along the route. Members of the Berg group who reached their destination were the Halvor Berg family, Obadia Berg and Halvor Halvorson. Others of the groups of which Halvor Berg was the leader located in the vi-



cinity of what is now Northwood. The Berg family settled along the Goose River in Section 28, six miles southwest of the present townsite of Hatton. Andrew Stavens who, with Torkel Mehus, set out from the Northwood, Iowa neighborhood two weeks earlier, established claims just across the Goose River. In 1924 hundreds of persons gathered at the Andrew Stavens home to commemorate his arrival there fifty years earlier. Mr. Stavens, who died June 17, 1934, lived on the old homestead continuously for 60 years.

Settlement of the district between the Berg claim and the site of Hatton developed slowly. As near as can be learned, the early settlers who were there in 1878 include Ole O. Benson, Ole Benson, Jr., Ole Fosse, Ben Benson, Ole Thompson, Osten Pladson, Even E. Sondreal, Ole Tollefson, Christian Lyste, Ole Midbo and Knute Pladson. T. R. Tobiason, filed on a claim just east of the present townsite of Hatton in 1878.

Halvor Berg was an enterprising settler and soon he established a community center on his claim. He opened a store there, and also conducted a post office, the first in these parts. The Berg home was a primitive log hut with a dirt floor. Soon a more pretentious cabin, 16 by 16 feet, was built. Timber suitable for logs was obtainable on the claim and there were some men down the river who had an upright saw, for sawing lumber. Basswood boards were used for flooring and oak shingles, made from blocks or "bolts," were cut from the logs. Later this was



First School House in Enger Township

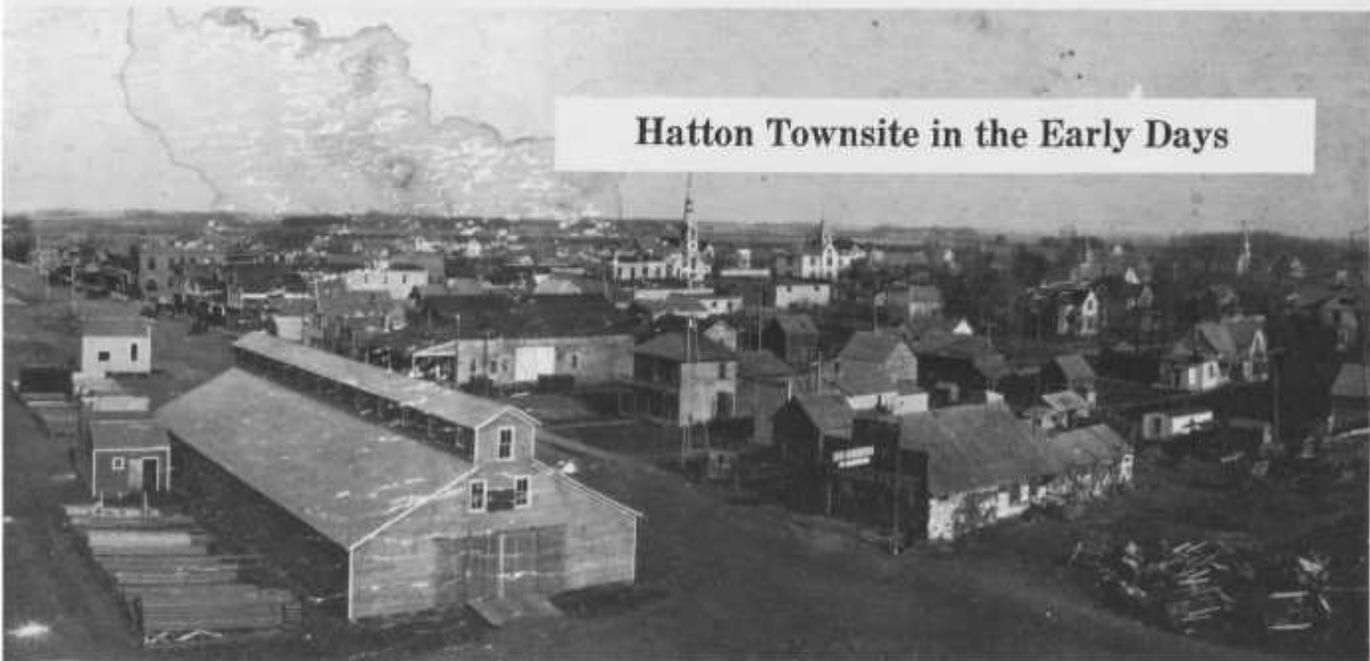
replaced with a story and a half log house, 16 by 24 feet. The first store building was sold to Ole Benson.

#### Mail Route Established

A mail route had been established between Caledonia and Newburg, the latter place being named for the elder Berg. Naturally the name should be "Newberg," but the present spelling is the official form.

The Berg store was opened in 1876, and in that same year, the new Post Office was established. Goods for the store's stock were transported from Fargo and Moorhead with oxen and horses. Naturally, the business place was of a rather primitive nature, but it served the community well, both as a place of business as well as a community gathering place.

### Hatton Townsite in the Early Days





An 1895 View of Hatton

#### First School Established

It was at Newburg that the first school in the neighborhood was established. A school district was organized June 21, 1879, with Nickolai Berg as chairman of the board. Another member of the board was Peter Gulbrandson, and the building committee's report was signed by Lewis Thompson as treasurer. Records indicate that the building material cost \$156.75, and the dimensions of the new structure were 28 by 20 by ten feet. The school was moved from place to place and finally was located a short distance east from what is known as the Thorval Stavens home.

#### Garfield Township Settled

Interesting data on the first settlements in Garfield Township are found in a letter written in 1930 by Nels A. Lyste who at that time was a resident of Rochester, Minnesota, and who was a pioneer resident of Garfield Township. Concerning the early settlers, Mr. Lyste wrote:

"Those who came in 1879, the same year I did, were Peder O. Pederson, Martin Leidahl, Halvor and Harald Kjorlie, Arne Maaren, Nels Grimson, Grim Grimson, Tollef Solberg, Lars Gulbro, Asle Myrand, Borger Hanson, Erick Veltikol, Knute Selstad, Syver Koldingsness, Thor Koldingsness, Christian Mastrud, Christian Ness, Haldor Sponheim, Peder Sponheim. Later came John Moe, Anton Digness, Henry Bakken, Ole Bjertness, Harold Bjertness, Olaus Kamp-haug, Erick Aaker, Hans Aaker, Nels Lillemoen,

Peter Lomheim, Prof Anderson and Torger Sul-land came in 1880. They settled along the coulee, southeast of Hatton."

Mr. Lyste also related an interesting story about the naming of Garfield Township.

"The first town officers were Asle Myrand, Borger Hanson and Gunder Aamens. Ellef Gilbertson was justice of the peace, Lars Gulbro, assessor, and Tollef Solberg, clerk. They had not been elected, but were appointed by the Traill County commissioners at Caledonia. An election was held in 1879 at which time the same officers were duly elected. The election was held at the home of Tron (Texley) Foss.

#### Township Organized

"Evidently boundary lines were not too carefully organized at that time, for the official organization of Garfield Township did not take place until 1882. The organization meeting was held at the pioneer home of Mr. and Mrs. Kristen Tronson. Mrs. Tronson had the honor of suggesting the name which was finally chosen for the township. There were many of us gathered at the Tronson home the morning the election was to be held. Gunder Aamens suggested that the new Township should be called 'Emmons,' the English spelling of his name, as he was the first settler. We did not all agree on that. Mrs. Tronson then said, 'why not call it Garfield.' This is a nice name and it would be a tribute to our martyred president.' (President Garfield was assassinated in September 1881.) Her sugges-



Hatton pictured in 1902

tion was seconded by Torger Sulland and won unanimous approval. Present at that meeting were Soren Anderson Tandberg, Torger Sulland, Even Torkelson, Ole S. Green, Arne Maaren, Martin Leidahl, Peder O. Pederson, Mr. and Mrs. Kristen Tronson and Nels Lyste."

#### Early Day Scene in Hatton

There is an interesting story associated with the claiming of the quarter section on which the original townsite of Hatton is located. In his letter Mr. Lyste says:

"Amund Vaade filed at the same time I did in 1879. Anne Vaade, his daughter, filed on the quarter section that Hatton is built on in that same year. She owned it for a short time and then sold it to L. O. Fisk for a sewing machine. It was the land on which I had intended to file. I had plowed a little piece in the southwest quarter, but when I returned from a trip to Fargo Anne Vaade had filed on it two days earlier."

The Hatton townsite is in the northeast quarter of Section 18, Township 148, Range 53. Miss Vaade erected a sod hut 6 feet long, 5 feet wide and 5 feet high. A few timbers, covered with hay, formed the roof. This was Hatton's first house. When Mr. Fisk acquired the land he built a structure 10 by 12 by 6 feet. This house served as a gathering place and dance hall. Other accounts corroborate Mr. Lyste's statements, but add that Mr. Fisk gave Miss Vaade \$60 in addition to the sewing machine.

#### Hatton Site Chosen

Prior to 1879 there was little evidence in Garfield Township of the possibility of a village being established. Newburg was the community center, and when the railroad locaters visited this section in 1879 to map out a railroad

route, it was generally believed that the village to be built up beside the railroad would be at Newburg. However, James J. Hill and his associates did not wish to route the railroad so near the Goose River, so the Hatton site was chosen. The prospect of a town on the Hatton site existed at least three years before the railroad was built here, as the grade was constructed in 1881. The Northern Pacific branch from Casselton to Blanchard had been built in 1880, and extended to Mayville in 1881. Three years later the road was built thru Hatton. The line was sold to the St. Paul, Minneapolis and Manitoba, now the Great Northern, and in July, 1884, Hatton could boast of a railroad.

Mr. Fisk had built a store on the townsite, which he sold to M. F. Hegge and T. E. Nelson in 1882. This store was located on the present site of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. The first building on the townsite, which served as a store and postoffice, was located on the present site of the Eielson home. This structure, built in 1880, was 12 by 16 feet and later was moved and became the residence of the late Mrs. Ole Green. With the coming of the railroad Hatton had its first "building boom." Hans Westrum erected a store building south from what is now Green's Service Station. This building was leased by Hans Heen, who operated a general store. Mr. Heen later moved to Adams, N. Dak. where he operated a store for many years. Charles Mas-trud erected a hardware store where the Hatton Co-operative Oil Company station is now located. The Beidler & Robinson Company established Hatton's first lumber yard which was located across the street from where the Farmers & Merchants National Bank building was later erected.



First Hatton School, erected in 1895

### Hatton's First Elevator

The Cargill Company erected the first elevator in Hatton. It was built on the site where the Dean Osking Company potato warehouse and office is now located. Harry Argall was Hatton's first elevator manager, being employed by the Cargill Company, and in later years his brother, Ed Argall succeeded him and managed the Cargill elevator for a number of years. Soon other elevators were built along right-of-way, the second to be constructed was the Northwestern elevator, and a little later the Great Western. Others followed a little later, including the Farmers Elevator, which is now one of the largest in the entire state, having a capacity of 270,000 bushels, in addition to its present modern seed house and cleaning plant. Old timers recall that along the Great Northern right-of-way there were nine elevators in operation.

### Hatton Pictured Before 1905

Main street soon assumed the proportions of



### Hatton's Early Cornet Band

Pictured above are members of Hatton's Cornet Band back about 1895. In the front row, left to right: Carl Thompson and Ed Jenson. In the center row: Johnny Johnson, Gilbert Thompson, Jens Iverson, Gust Trandby and B. Paulson. In the back row: Theodore Tronson, E. N. Hogge, Mr. Arneson and C. P. Anderson.

a business section, and in the next few years many new structures were added. Most of those mentioned were erected before the close of 1885. John J. Hogen and L. O. Fisk opened Hatton's first drug store in 1885. Mr. Hogen sold his interest in the drug store to Mr. Fisk, who later sold the business to Peter Davidson. Years later Mr. Davidson became Traill County auditor. Another early structure was the Ole Korsmo blacksmith shop. Mr. Korsmo operated a blacksmith business in Hatton for many years. Before that Ole Tollefson operated a shop about 1½ miles west from Hatton.

### Boxcar Was First Depot

The activity following the advent of the railroad increased rapidly and Hatton soon began to take on the proportions of a thriving village. A boxcar was Hatton's first depot and freight warehouse. Van Amberg, the first agent, found his limited quarters quite a handicap in handling the rapidly increasing volume of business. Considerable grain was handled the first fall after the railroad was in operation here, and the settlers benefited greatly by having a home market. Previous to that time the nearest markets were Fargo and Grand Forks, until the railroad came into Mayville in 1882.

Trains began arriving at Hatton in July, 1884, and the first regular train carried an excursion party to Devils Lake. From then on train service in Hatton began to be on schedule, truly appreciated especially by the earliest settlers, whose only means of travel up to that time was by means of oxen and horses.

### First Bank Established

Progress in the Hatton community went steadily on with more and more new businesses established. The need for banking facilities was quite apparent, and in 1887, only about 15 years after the first settlers arrived, Hatton had its first bank. The Bank Of Hatton was opened in that year in the building which now houses the Peterson-Biddick produce store, which for some years has been managed by Oscar O. Thompson. Mr. Rosholt was president of the new bank and its first cashier was A. S. Frosolid. Later in the same year the First National Bank was established, with A. Hanson as cashier. In 1905 the Farmers & Merchants National Bank was organized, which since 1930 has been Hatton's only financial institution. The First National Bank merged with it in 1930. M. L. Elken was the first president of the bank. Directors included M. L. Elken, president, G. L. Elken, C. S. Edwards, Fingal Enger (vice-president), Ole Eielson and T. E. Nelson. T. E. Nelson was cashier, and Olaf Hegge was bookkeeper. Con-



"Back In 1886"

Dr. Ekern and John Hogen



Early Pioneers

Among Hatton's best known Pioneers must be included L. O. Fisk. He is well remembered by all of the living old timers. Mr. Fisk is shown at the right. At the left is Ole Brevig, and in the center is John J. Hogen, also one of Hatton's earliest business men.

trolling stock in the bank was purchased by C. S. Anderson and H. M. Nash, who have operated the bank since coming here in 1920. Another bank, The Peoples State was in operation here for a few years, at which time Hatton was served by three banking institutions.

### Schools Established

Educational and religious interests occupied the attention of the settlers at an early date. Harold Kjorlie, one of the early pioneers who passed away a number of years ago, had made some memos as to the early schools in this community. District 79 in Morgan Township was formed in 1879 at which time two schools were established in the township. In 1883 the district was divided, and one school was built on the southeast quarter of Section 16 in Garfield Township. Records show that Mr. Kjorlie was the school district clerk; Anton Digness, treasurer, and Gunder Aamens, chairman of the board.

### First School Built in 1885

In 1885 the first school was erected in Hatton. This was destroyed by fire. In 1889 another school was built. In 1895 a larger and more elaborate building was constructed. This building, which at present is used as a city hall, housed Hatton's educational facilities until 1908, when the present school building was constructed. Members of the board of education at that time were T. R. Tobiason, president, T. E. Nelson, Ole Eielson, Dr. O. M. Seehus and A. J. Teie. A new high school addition and gymnasium was

added to the old structure in 1934. From a small enrollment with two teachers, our city school system now has grown into a large institution of learning with more than 300 pupils enrolled and a total of 13 teachers in the grade and high school departments.

### First Church Organized

The early settlers, despite being extremely busy with their daily toils, realized that churches should be established. In 1879 a Norwegian Lutheran congregation was organized by the early settlers east of the Goose River, under the direction of Rev. B. A. Harstad, a Lutheran missionary minister. Listed among the founders of the first congregation in these parts were T. O. Midboe, Even Midboe, Ole T. Midboe, John and Edward Erstad, Nels Bale, and Kari Lee. On November 15, 1879 a meeting was held at the home of O. T. Arneson, the first such meeting of which there is any record. Members added at that meeting were Swen Huus, Tollef H. Noss, Thorstein E. Tuftte, Ole Tollefson, Lars M. Solberg, O. T. Arneson, Lars T. Gulbro, and Inger Berge. Families of the married men were included in the membership. The following year plans were made to build a church. Ole Tuftedahl donated two acres of land, now included in the cemetery site which is one mile north from Hatton. It was there that the first church was built. Rev. C. J. M. Gronlid was the first pastor to serve the newly formed congregation and preached the first sermon there August 12, 1881. Services were held there before the edifice was completed, planks covered with white muslin serving as benches. The present St. John Church was erected in 1893. Later the congregation divided and the Zoar congregation was formed. The Lutheran Free Church was built in 1899. Our Saviours Congregation was organized about the same time, which has since merged with the St. John congregation. (Note) More complete histories of the various church congregations in the Hatton area will be found in another part of this book.

Another of the early landmarks in Hatton was a hotel operated by Brandon Brothers. It was located on the present site of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank. Later a store was operated in the same location but that was destroyed by fire. The present bank building was erected in 1905.

### Townsite Platted

L. O. Fisk, M. F. Hegge and T. E. Nelson had platted the Hatton townsite, and when a village organization was effected in 1885, Mr. Hegge was named president of the board of trustees, a



**Hatton Fire Department in the Early 1900's**

Pictured here are members of the Hatton Fire Department in the early 1900's. The Department won many honors at various state tournaments in the early days. Front row, left to right, Charlie Ness, Abraham Han-

son, Andrew Lee, Jens Iverson, and David Hyde. Middle row, C. O. Mastrud, E. H. Korfhage, Ole Wikoren, Paul Welo, Jens Tenold, Hans Spoonheim, Lars Huset and Ed Cole. Back row, A. T. Ofstehage, Sever Wiseth, Emil Jelitzky, O. N. Hegge, Charlie Swenson, N. C. Norgaard, William Offerdahl and Bill Meyers.

position corresponding to that of mayor. Hatton was incorporated as a city in 1901.

The first newspaper to be read to any extent in Hatton was the Vesterheimen (Western Home) printed at Hillsboro. In 1892 the Banneret was launched, its editor being A. S. Froslid,

who was also cashier of the Bank of Hatton. Both of these papers were published in the Norwegian language. The "Banneret" was declared by its publisher to be the "only Norwegian Democratic newspaper in the state." The Hatton Free Press was established in 1905 by T. R. Tobiason



**Hatton's Band In 1886**

Possibly only the old timers are aware of the fact that Hatton had a real live and peppy band over seventy years ago. The picture of the Hatton Municipal Band was taken in 1886 as the members posed in front of the

Hegge & Nelson Store. Reading from left to right the band members are: Chas. Gunderson, John Norgaard, the director Tom Nuttingham, Ole Eielson, Hans Knutson, John Tunes, M. F. Hegge, Harry Argall, L. O. Fisk, T. E. Nelson, John J. Hogen, Bert Jacobson, Jim Mayhood.

and Bjorgo Omlid. The paper was first printed on an old hand press.

In the early days a store building was erected by M. F. Hegge on the present side of the Green's Service Station. This was later remodeled and enlarged and for many years was operated as the "Commercial Hotel" by Charles Swenson. The Gunderson saloon, one of four in Hatton at that time, was located next to the hotel.

### Hatton Gets Its Name

Mr. Fisk, who was named postmaster in 1882, had sought to have the office named Garfield, but the postoffice at Park River then bore that name, so the Hatton office was named after Frank Hatton, who was third assistant postmaster general in 1882. Following the resignation of Mr. Fisk, Sarah Thompson was named postmistress.

An important personage in Hatton's early years was Dr. Andrew Ekern, who drove about the countryside day and night to minister to the settlers in the lonely homes on the prairies, even in the most severe weather. Dr. Ekern later moved to Grand Forks where he became associated with Dr. J. E. Engstad, a well-known physician and surgeon. After many successful years of practice Dr. Ekern moved to Seattle.

Mrs. Henry Groven was the first white child born in the community, just over the line in Newburg Township. Her maiden name was Anne Green. The first child born in the village of Hatton was Clara Hegge in 1885. She became the wife of Rev. R. R. Syrdal, who from 1910 to 1918 served as pastor at Northwood. The second child born in Hatton was Ida Korsmo the following year.

Through the drab pattern of the history of pioneer days run the colorful threads of romance. The hardships and privations appear less severe when viewed through the haze of years. The harsh lines are softened and memory brightens the threads of romance. Although the earliest settlers had to drive with oxen to Caledonia, on the banks of the Red River, Blanchard and even to Moorhead for supplies, and even though they must have suffered severely in their rude huts in winter, they remember very vividly much that was pleasant. There were dances, parties and church gatherings. Once, in the first Fisk house on the townsite a man who was called "Lars with the big stomach," danced Halling so vigorously and kicked so high that Torger Sulland is said to have laughed so hard that tears rolled down his cheeks.

The early settlers, their wives and children, were drawn closely together by their common

trials, and found comfort in each other's company. Hard tasks were lighter when they worked together, and there was usually gayety at haying and harvest time and in winter when it was necessary to break through the snow drifted roads. But they also told of great prairie fires that swept mercilessly over the land, destroying all in their paths. They recalled how when warned in time, settlers hurried to start backfires and plow firebreaks. There are tales of blizzards and hailstorms, of grasshopper plagues, drouths and deluges. There were Indians here in the pioneer days but they were not hostile, and, although there were occasional Indian scares, the community history does not include any killings of whites by them. A story is told that one day Gunder Stavens came upon a half-dozen braves sleeping in a straw stack and took a shot at them. When he told of the incident at home he was roundly scolded, but the Indians did not seek reprisals.

There were four main types of early settlers' homes, old-timers recalled. These were log cabins, shanties, sod huts and "dugouts." The cabins need no description, as some of the original ones still remain. The shanties were usually built with one layer of boards for walls, and a sloping roof. They were covered either with tar paper or other paper, either inside or outside, or sometimes both. The sod huts were made by placing rough boards upright and walling them up on the outside with sod. The dugouts were formed by excavating a space in the side of a ridge or side of hill, so the interior would resemble a cave. At first roofs were thatched with elm bark, and few if any of them had any floors.

### Fire Losses

In the disasters recorded, the fires of 1915 and 1923 loom prominently. December 4, 1915 the gasoline lighting system in the Commercial Hotel, exploded and caused a conflagration that destroyed seven business places, entailing a loss of more than \$50,000. The buildings destroyed in this blaze were the hotel, owned by Charles Swenson, and operated by Iver Stordahl; The Gunderson building, occupied by Thompson Bros.; the Herman Desgagnes building, occupied by Fossen & Hovick; the Emil Jelitzky Harness Shop; the City Cafe, operated by Verke & Son, and owned by Ole Bale; the John Nyhus Shoe Shop, owned by John Lane, and the postoffice building, owned by T. R. Tobiason. The fire started at 3:30 P.M. and raged for several hours. A girl, ill in bed at the hotel, lost \$125 in cash.

On December 23, 1915 the Hatton Mill was destroyed by fire, entailing a loss in excess of \$17,000. The mill had been built many years



**Hatton Pioneers, July 1934**

Pictured here are a group of Hatton Pioneers at the Half Century of Progress celebration staged in Hatton on July 11-12, 1934. In the front row are from the left: Mr. and Mrs. Harold Kjorlie, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Pederson, Mrs. M. S. Haakenson, Mrs. R. Nordheim, Mrs. A. Bjorgo, Mrs. C. O. Ness, Mrs. H. N. Dolve, Mrs. Knud

Monson, Mr. Knud Monson, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Tufte, Mrs. T. H. Noss. Back row, from the left, Mr. Edward Nyhus, Mr. Arnt Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Thompson, Mr. Erick Gullickson, Mr. Erick Smestad, Mr. Andrew Thorson, Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Castella, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Sander, Mrs. John Hogen, Mr. John Hogen, Mrs. W. P. O'Harow, Mrs. A. O. Nelson, and Mr. and Mrs. Ole Bale.

earlier by O. T. Stenmo and L. O. Tollefson, and was owned by the Hatton Milling Company, the members of the company being H. H. Bissell, Ole Eielson and Thomas Lavin. It had been leased to Mr. Bissell.

May 9, 1923, fire which originated about 8 A.M. in the basement of the H. W. Larson store gutted an entire block with the exception of two buildings. The business places destroyed were the Foss Clothing Company, H. W. Larson store,

Peoples State Bank, Larson & Groven Millinery, Desgagnes Cafe, Swenson Confectionery, Welo & Teie general store, Olson, Hegg & Company, Keller and Vik pool hall, Pearl Welo Millinery, Erick Olaveson restaurant, Ole Bakken building, occupied by the Carl Severson Cream station and Clifford Berg's livery, occupied by Richard Lee. The estimated loss from the fire was well in excess of \$150,000. Although Hatton's fire equipment was modern for those days, and the Northwood and Mayville departments aided, the firemen were unable to cope with the raging flames. Today with a thoroughly modern fire fighting system, Hatton could give a good account of itself.

#### **Great Transformation Made**

During the past quarter of a century great transformations have been made in this as well as in all farm areas. Oxen drawing the old Red River carts are now seen only in parades at celebrations such as Hatton's Diamond Jubilee this year. Horses and machinery drawn by horses have practically disappeared and have been replaced with modern power machinery. Huge self-propelled combines now harvest the crops in a few days with one man operating each machine. The threshing machine has completely disappeared from the scene. Transient laborers, which came by the hundreds every fall to help harvest and thresh the crops, have long since left the scene. Yes, farming in the Red River Valley is a



**Four Prominent Hatton Pioneers**

The above photograph of four of Hatton's most prominent pioneers, M. F. Hegge, C. Tronson, Mrs. Tronson, and Mrs. M. F. Hegge was taken at the Tronson home on their Golden Wedding Day.



#### Hatton's 1934 Half Century of Progress Committee

Pictured above are members of Hatton's Century of Progress Committee which had charge of the celebration in July, 1934. In the front row, left to right are: H. G. Wambheim, Irvin Iverson, Carl Solberg, Ernest Teie, Martin E. Olson, Selmer Texley, Hans Bjertness, M. T. Langemo, Selmer Brudevig, Knute Aasen, John Teie, Oscar Soliah, M. S. Haakenson, Melvin Ostlie,

O. E. Green, Albert Thompson and Almer Castella. In the back row, left to right, Gust Sand, Iver Wambheim, Garvin Olson, Dr. A. A. Kjelland, Albert Gilbertson, Kenneth Grinager, M. G. Pederson, Ben Halverson, Mrs. G. L. Thompson, Carl Texley, Mrs. M. S. Haakenson, Earl Ahrlin, Oliver Norgaard, Rev. O. L. Jensen, Andrew Thorson, Mrs. A. O. Nelson, E. L. Anderson, H. M. Nash, Richard Tronson, K. E. Smedsrud, Mrs. A. T. Ofstehage, A. T. Ofstehage and Dr. E. N. Hegge.

completely different operation than it was 25 years ago.

With the coming of the REA our farm homes have been completely modernized, and much of the hard work and drudgery which was so prevalent on the farm only a few years ago is no more. The old prairie trails have long since been abandoned, and now practically every city and town is located on one or more hard surfaced highways. Fertile fields are studded with beautiful modern farm homes. The trees planted by the early pioneers have now become beautiful groves that enhance the appearance of the farmsteads, and show an unbroken line of trees against the horizon.

Not only on the farms have these great transformations been made, but in our cities as well. Hatton is no exception. From a little hamlet back in the 70's and 80's Hatton has grown into a modern city of 1000 people serving a large trade territory. Now completely modernized, including a modern city water and sewer system, many new beautiful brick business structures, new and modern street lighting, hundreds of beautifully landscaped homes, a beautifully illuminated park, hard surfaced streets and the very latest in fire fighting equipment, which serves both city and rural areas, has changed Hatton from a small hamlet in the pioneer days into a beautiful and modern city.



Hatton during its early building period



Another Early Day Scene in Hatton

Hatton in its Diamond Jubilee year looks back on a glorious history in which its pioneers played such a great part. It was they who laid the foundations for greater things to come. To-day we pay tribute to the sturdy settlers and their successors who have contributed so mightily to the upbuilding of our community. They came to these then unknown parts and found a wilderness. With foresight, determination and hard toil, they have transformed it into the wonderland that it is today.

There appears no way whereby the present

generation can repay the Pioneers for what they have done to make this the most pleasant spot on earth to live, build our homes and rear our families. But in a measure of genuine appreciation, this 75th anniversary observance has developed. May this event bring back many pleasant memories of the years gone by, and as the years roll on, the noble sacrifices of those early times will rest as a benediction upon the "settlers," to whom this book is gratefully dedicated.

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Hatton, North Dakota on June 22, 1928





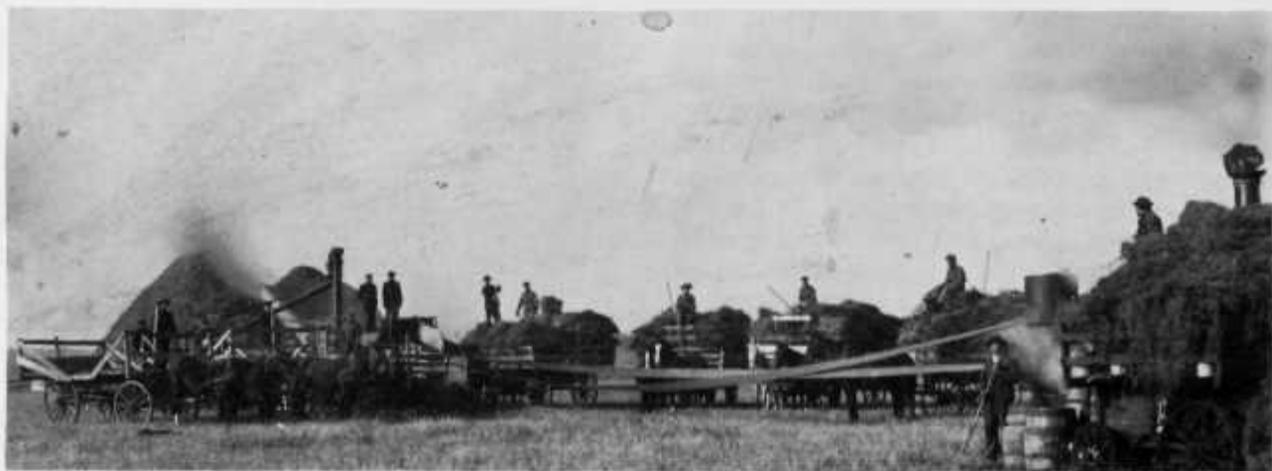
Ed Bye's Dray Line in the early days



Ole Korsmo blacksmith shop about 1903



Ready to gather in the harvest—a scene on Hatton's main street in the early days.



Threshing scene, Hatton area



Colonel Ben Eielson, Hatton's World-Famous Son

Son of pioneer parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Eielson, as well as a pioneer in his own right, was Hatton's most illustrious son, Carl Ben Eielson. Soldier, aviator, humanitarian, pioneer, he became a world figure at the age of 31 years, when, together with Sir Hubert Wilkins, he piloted the first airplane ever to fly "Over the Top of the World," from Point Barrow to Spitzbergen.

Born at Hatton, North Dakota July 20, 1897, Ben graduated from the Hatton High School in 1914, and later attended the University of North Dakota. He was a member of the Hatton High School debating team which captured the state trophy in 1914. While at the University he was a member of the University debating team. After teaching at Hamilton, N. Dak. for one year he went to Fairbanks, Alaska to become high school principal. Previous to that, however, he had served as a pilot during World War I and earned a commission as Second Lieutenant.

After coming back to Hatton he worked out plans for the organization of the Hatton Aero Club, the first such enterprise in North Dakota. He was named general manager as well as pilot, and during the year which followed did much exhibition flying at various fairs in and out of the state.

During his year of teaching in Fairbanks, he thought as well as talked a great deal about aviation. As a result a number of Alaskans became interested in aviation. A Curtiss Jenny single motored plane was ordered shipped to Fairbanks, and before long he had proved that

## COLONEL CARL BEN EIELSON



flying in the far north had great possibilities. On February 1, 1924, he entered into a contract with the United States Post Office Department to carry mail from Fairbanks to McGrath. He completed ten trips successfully, each trip requiring but one day, whereas with dog teams each trip required a period of thirty days. Shortly after completing his mail contract, Sir Hubert Wilkins, who was planning a flight from Alaska to Spitzbergen contacted Ben and engaged him to be his pilot.

On March 19, 1928 all preparations for the long and hazardous flight had been completed. After twenty hours of flying, sometimes thru storms, the great flight was completed. Ben Eielson became a world character. Not only the United States became enthusiastic over the great flight, but practically every European country paid its respects to him, as well as to his navigator, Hubert Wilkins. Mr. Wilkins passed away November 30, 1958.

After making a trip to the South Polar regions with Wilkins the following year, Ben went back to Alaska to organize the Alaskan Airways, and became its vice-president as well as its general manager. He had dreamed of a great network of airlines to replace the slow means of travel and transportation by dog teams. He ministered to many people in remote outposts by bringing medicine to sick persons as well as transporting others to hospitals.

The final chapter in Ben's life came to an end with a dramatic suddenness. A ship was frozen in the ice off the coast of Siberia. An S.O.S. was sent out. Ben heard the summons, and immediately arranged to attempt to rescue both passengers and cargo. One trip was successfully made and six persons as well as a cargo of valuable furs was transported to the mainland of Alaska. Another trip was attempted, but never completed. The fierce Arctic storms, which he had so often conquered, claimed Ben Eielson as their next victim. Weeks later his body, together with that of his mechanic, Earl Borland, was found sixty miles from the stranded ship.

The bodies were flown to Fairbanks, where thousands gathered to pay their last respects to a real pioneer. Brought to Hatton from Seattle by special train, Ben's body lay in state for two days. On March 26, 1930 the most impressive funeral services ever held in North Dakota were conducted at St. John Lutheran Church, of which he was a member. Thousands came from far and

near, including many nationally and internationally known officials to pay their last respects to a great pioneer and hero.

A Memorial Arch was erected in his honor at St. John Cemetery by the people of North Dakota the following year; and in 1957 the Alaskan Air Force Base at Fairbanks was named Eielson Air Force Base in his honor.

## DR. ANDREW A. KJELLAND SERVED HATTON COMMUNITY MORE THAN FORTY YEARS



Dr. Andrew A. Kjelland, who served the Hatton community for more than forty years, was honored on Sunday, May 23, 1948, on "Doctor Kjelland Day" which was sponsored by the Hatton Commercial Club. He came to Hatton on June 7, 1911, and up to that time had served our community faithfully for 37 years. His many friends, associates and "babies" were present on this occasion to show him their appreciation for his untiring service.

Dr. Kjelland was born at Rushford, Minnesota on July 30, 1880 and spent his boyhood on the farm of his parents, Ole A. Kjelland and Turine Romeren. He attended grade school at Rushford and high school at Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Upon graduation he entered the University of Minnesota at Minneapolis in 1902 and graduated from the Medical College in 1910 with the degree of M.D. He spent one year as intern at Luther Hospital in St. Paul and came here in June, 1911.

On August 5, 1911 he was married to Blanche Elizabeth Tucker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Tucker of Minneapolis. They were the parents of one daughter, Natalie Lucille, now Mrs. Ellard B. Schweiger of Highland Park, Ill. Mrs. Kjelland passed away in November, 1955.

Dr. Kjelland served on the Traill County



Doctor Kjelland

Selective Service Board during World War II. He has also been a long time member of the Hatton Commercial Club, having served as president for two years; Phi Rho Sigma fraternity, University of Minnesota; Past Master of Garfield Lodge No. 105, AF&AM of Hatton. He also served several terms as president of the Traill-Steele Medical Association and is a member of the State Medical Association. He affiliated as staff member of the Northwood Deaconess Hospital in June, 1911.

He is also a member of the St. John Lutheran Church in Hatton and has served several offices in the church, besides being an active choir member for many years. He was also active in Red Cross work in the community for many

years and served on the St. John cemetery board, of which he was also president.

His main hobby was gardening and he was a great lover of flowers and raised peonies which he entered on several occasions at the Grand Forks Flower Show. He also served on the flower show board there.

Dr. Kjelland continued his practice here up until May, 1957, when he became ill. Since that time he has been a resident of the Northwood Deaconess Hospital.

### "OLD DOC"

*Weary and tired, he walks alone  
Down your town's dusty street.  
With a smile and a nod or a cheery "hello"  
For folks that he happens to meet.*

*You don't realize as you see him there  
How much he has meant to you,  
You think of the hours you've spent in pain  
And the times he's "pulled you through."*

*You think of the times he always came  
When you called, even tho' 'twas night  
And when he came, your hopes would lift  
And you know you could win the fight.*

*He has earned a rest, but how well we know,  
If we call him through night or day,  
He'll come with a smile and a cheery word  
To help us along life's way*

*So tonight as I kneel beside my bed,  
I'll ask our Lord above;  
To guard him and guide him along life's path  
The "Old Doc" that we love.*

—Anonymous.

(The above poem was sent to the Hatton Free Press and was dedicated to Dr. Kjelland.)

Doctor and Mrs. Kjelland shown on "Dr. Kjelland Day,"  
May 23, 1948



## HATTON'S CHURCHES

*As we look back over the seventy-five years of Hatton's history we are aware of the fact that churches played a very great part in the development and growth of our city and community. No sooner had the early pioneers become settled in their new homes on these prairies than they began to make plans for their spiritual welfare. At the outset, meetings for the purpose of worship were held in homes and schoolhouses, but, before long, plans were made for building of churches in the various communities. The history of our city and community might well be portrayed in the history of the various congregations which came into being in the days of the early settlers. That they played a most important part, both in the physical and spiritual development of our community, is without question.*



### BEAVER CREEK EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The very first Lutheran Pastor that visited this settlement was D. C. Gronvold but he was not able to get anything started. The first Lutheran pastor who was able to begin work here was C. J. M. Gronlid who was at the time pastor in Hatton. He began preaching in the homes and later in schoolhouses. Pastor Gronlid organized Beaver Creek Congregation in 1886 with about 35 members counting the children. The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Gronlid; Secretary, Ole Coltom; and Treasurer, Knudt Heskin. Trustees elected were: Knudt Heskin; Peter E. Bjerke and Knut Johnson. Mr. M. Ullensaker was elected Precentor, "klokker."

The Ladies Aid was organized January 26, 1887. Mrs. Pete Coltom was the first president; Mrs. M. Ullensaker was Secretary and Mrs. Johanne Heskin Treasurer.

Mr. Knut Brunsdale gave two acres of land for the church and cemetery and on this place the Beaver Creek church was built in 1898 at the cost of \$3,625. In 1909 Beaver Creek united with West Union and Bethania. In 1914 they bought the parsonage in Northwood and in 1949 it was completely remodeled. In 1957 the

church was remodeled and in 1958 the old chapel was torn down and a new addition was built.

The following pastors have served the congregation:

Rev. C. J. M. Gronlid, Rev. B. Tollefson, Rev. L. S. Marvick, Rev. P. A. Thoreson, Rev. V. E. Boe, Rev. T. Tjornhom, Rev. S. H. Njaa, Rev. V. C. A. Ovrebo, Rev. A. G. Sherve and Rev. Raymond Poppe, present pastor.

### BETHANY EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, located east of Hatton, has been a definite in-

fluence in the life of the Hatton community, having joined the St. John congregation in 1903 to form the present parish.

This congregation was organized May 27, 1887, in the H. G. Braaten home. Charter members were H. G. Braaten, Nils G. Lillemoen, John Svenson, M. E. Soliah, Charlie Lomin, Halvor L. Lee, Peder P. Lomin, Clement Gulicks, T. C. Kopseng. T. C. Kopseng was the first secretary; Clement Gulicks and Martin Soliah, the first trustees; Halvor Lee the first deacon and H. G. Braaten, the first custodian.

The church was built in 1890 and has continued to serve the congregation. A number of improvements have been made during the years.

The first pastor was Gustav C. Gjerstad, who served from 1885 to 1892. Others to serve this congregation include Laurits T. Kringle; Hans Hjertaas; Peter R. Syrdal; Martin Romstad; T. T. Tjornhom; O. L. Jenson; S. D. Fauske; R. S. Aanestad and the present pastor, Leonard T. Thompson, who came here in 1951. The present baptized membership is 271.

Among the organizations active in the church are the Ladies Aid, the Sunday School and the Men's Chorus and the Brotherhood.

### BETHEL CHURCH



The first pioneers that came to the Hatton community settled in the Goose River Valley. From the history of these early settlers it becomes clear that many of them were deeply concerned about their spiritual life and the spiritual life of the community. The Norwegian Synod

and the Norwegian Danish Conference were especially interested and concerned about ministering to the Norwegian pioneers. Home Mission pastors conducted services in the log houses and sod shanties, the humble homes of the settlers. Within a few months after the settlers had arrived preparations were made to organize a Lutheran congregation.

"Hol Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation," was the first congregation to be organized Southwest of Hatton on the banks of the Goose River. As the area became more thickly populated new congregations were organized which could more effectively minister to the people in the neighborhood.

Communities and congregations became divided as people took their stand either with the Norwegian United Lutheran Church or the "Friends of Augsburg." Several neighbors West of Hatton, whose sympathy and loyalty was with the Augsburg Seminary and the Lutheran Free Church, gathered at the Ole G. Dahl home on March 19, 1901, for the purpose of organizing a new congregation. Rev. H. S. Quanbeck, the Lutheran Free Church pastor from Aneta, was present at this meeting when the Bethel Congregation was organized.

Charter members of the congregation include the following: Nickolai Berg, Engebret M. Sondreal, Mr. and Mrs. William Olson, Oscar Thompson, Knute O. Berg, Mr. and Mrs. Ole G. Dahl and Guri, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, Gulbrand O. Norgaard, Mrs. Even Sondreaal and Helen E., Mrs. Anne Berg, Ole H. Solem, Ellef N. Nubgaard, Gilbert O. Dahl, Birgit G. Sondreaal, Ole K. Aasen (Knutson) and son John O., Thor Torgerson, Tosten T. Raaen and Syver O. Norgaard.

Rev. Nils Halvorson, who was installed, September 22, 1901, was the first resident pastor of the congregation. The letter of call stipulated that he was to give two thirds of his time for Bethel Congregation.

A school house served as a place of worship until a church could be built. Building operations began in 1902, on a tract of land donated by Thor Torgerson located near the Goose River. Under the direction of Rev. Halvorson, who was a carpenter by trade, the church was completed in 1903. Bethel Church was dedicated, November 13th, 1904.

Even before the church was completed the congregation voted on, April 14, 1903, to build a parsonage on the East bank of the Goose River one half mile Northeast of the Bethel Church. Ole Dahl donated land for the parsonage. This parsonage was sold and moved away in 1924.

In 1922, Bethel became affiliated with Ebenezer at Northwood and Zoar at Hatton to form a three church parish.

Pastors who have served Bethel are: Rev. Nils Halvorson, Rev. H. J. Urdahl, Rev. W. M. Hagen, Rev. Ingel Hovland, Rev. J. M. Halvorson, Rev. P. J. Sonnack, Rev. H. P. Halvorson, Rev. Johannes Ringstad, Rev. G. Ronholm, Rev. Julius Hermunslie, Rev. Paul Blikstad, and the present pastor, Rev. G. N. Berntson.

### GOOSE RIVER CHURCH



The pioneers along the Goose River, desiring a church in their midst, held a meeting March 25, 1884, with Pastor M. J. Waage as chairman and E. M. Sondreaal as secretary.

The first officers elected were Lars Mark, N. H. Berg and Nils Maystad, trustees; Lewis Thompson, Vebjorn Sondreaal and Edward Mobeck, deacons; E. M. Sondreaal, secretary; Lewis Thompson, treasurer; Nils Rodningen, forsanger, and Guttorm Tostenson, janitor. M. J. Waage was called as the first pastor at a salary of \$167 a year and all voting members were requested to pay 25 cents a year for local expenses.

Charter members were Tor Torgerson, P. G. Lundberg, E. M. Sondreaal, Carelius Bye, V. M. Sondreaal, Guttorm Tostenson, Nils May-

stad, Lewis Thompson, Jacob Olson, Osten H. Pladson, Knut O. Pladson, P. K. Pladson, K. K. Pladson, B. K. Pladson, Olaus Larson, Ole Berg, Arne Berg, Bendick Benson, Edward Mobeck, N. H. Berg, Paul Sondreaal, Lars Mark, Knut Larson, Nils Rodningen, Tosten Guttormson, Carl Benson, Knut Walsvick, Christen Christensen, Even Sondreaal, Helleck Sondreaal, Tobias Johnson, Ole Dahl, Even Hagen, Daniel Bjerke, Lars Solem, Anders Fluevaag and Retsins Rasmussen.

Knut O. Pladson donated an acre of land for a very beautiful church site and in 1888 a church was built, but in 1889, before it was finished, a tornado demolished it. Much of the lumber was salvaged and rebuilding was started in 1893. By 1898 it was completed at a total cost of \$885 and was dedicated that same year by Pastor Gustaf Oftedahl. Osten H. Pladson, a very capable carpenter, supervised all the building and also made the altar, altar ring, pulpit and baptismal font.

Pastors having served this congregation are M. J. Waage 1883-1887; Bernhard Tollefson 1887-1905; A. J. Eikeland 1905-1940; K. C. Grundahl 1940-1946; A. E. Setness 1947-1954; present pastor is C. J. Field.

This congregation is observing its seventy-fifth anniversary this year.

### HOLMES EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL UNITED BRETHREN CHURCH



In April, 1882, Rev. R. W. Tesch of the Evangelical Church conducted the first service in Union township in the home of Emil Schave, located just west of the present EUB church. Some of the pioneer members were Mr. and Mrs. W. Hauter, Herman Nienas, Ferdinand Roeder, Mr. and Mrs. Block, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Roeder, Mr. and Mrs. E. Neiss and the family of Ferdinand Lenz. Emil Schave and

Henry Steinberg were elected as the first class leaders.

In 1883 Rev. E. Blanchard was assigned as pastor. In that year a Sunday School was organized with Ferdinand Lenz as the first superintendent.

In the autumn of 1885 church services were transferred to the school house, south of the present church. Previously services had been held in the Carl Block home, it being the largest available, 14'x22'.

In 1890, Emil Schave donated five acres of land to be used for the church premises. The first church was built that summer. A parsonage was erected several years later.

In 1906 the Homes Band was organized and was an asset to the church and the community for over forty years. In 1902 the first Women's Missionary Society was organized with eight members. Mrs. W. Blanchard was the first president. During the year 1920-21 the Young People's Missionary Circle was organized with fourteen members under the supervision of Mrs. Arnold Nienas. An extra hour of study and fellowship for the children each Sunday evening was established in 1956. In 1939 a Men's Brotherhood of thirty members was organized.

In the years of 1920-1922 transition from the German to the English language was accomplished.

In 1934 fire destroyed the parsonage, which was replaced with a new and larger one the same year. After the merger in 1946 with the Church of the United Brethren, the name was changed to Evangelical United Brethren Church.

In 1951, during the pastorate of Rev. C. Shaeffer, the first church was dismantled, and a new, well equipped church was erected, of which Rev. Sterling Wenzel has been pastor since 1952.

Other pastors serving this church were Rev. W. Fritz, Rev. Wm. Suckow, Rev. R. Teichman, Rev. J. Bechtel, Rev. G. Menzes, Rev. R. E. Strutz, Rev. A. Oertli, Rev. G. Heur, Rev. W. L. Martin, Rev. E. Ermel, Rev. A. Heidinger, Rev. G. Hack, Rev. L. Belzer, Rev. G. Bruns, Rev. J. Wienands, Rev. J. W. Schindler, Rev. Robert Bechtel, Rev. C. Schaeffer and Rev. Wenzel.

Men licensed to preach from this congregation are G. F. Leining, 1886; R. E. Strutz, 1894; C. A. Bremer, 1896; E. J. Bechtel, 1899; C. F. Strutz, 1900; J. J. Schroeder, 1904; W. O. Ferk, 1913; E. J. Schroeder, 1916; Harold Nienas, 1945. In 1952 Miss Anne Fichtner, a member of the church, was commissioned to serve as a

missionary. She served a year in British West Africa and at the present time is serving in Japan.

## LITTLE FORKS CONGREGATION



The Little Forks congregation was organized by Pastor Bernhard L. Hageboe, Dec. 28, 1877, at the Fingal Enger home. Present were Erick Nyhus, Torgrim Olson Fecher, Johan Olson, Ellef P. Nyhus, Sevat Swenson, Kolbjoen Olson Livedalen, Amund Amundson, Bernt Johnson, Gunder H. Stavens, Helge Nelson and Fingal Enger.

A constitution was adopted and officers elected; president, Pastor Hageboe; secretary, Helge Nelson; treasurer, Ellef P. Nyhus; Trustees, Sevat Swenson, Gunder Stavens and Fingal Enger; deacons, Holbjen Livedalen and Torgrim Fecher; advisor, Ellef P. Nyhus.

First confirmants in 1880 were Nils Anderson Heslien, Helge Amundson, Ole Olson Haagenson, Carl Olson, Nils Olaus Olson, Anders Anderson Heslien, Halvor Christofferson, Ragnild Amundson, Sigrid Anderson and Ingeborg Nilson. First baptism, recorded May 26, 1878, was that of Johanna, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Boe. First marriage, July 28, 1878, that of Erick Pederson Nyhus and Anna Olson. First death, that of Ingeborg Helgeson Nilson, July 23, 1881.

Services were held in the homes of members and in school houses until in 1885 when

## ST. JOHN EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH

the first church was erected on a two acre plot of land in Enger township, donated by Anders Heslien for a cemetery in 1881. Daniel Bjerke and Peter Wold built the 50' by 33' by 20' high structure. This church was destroyed by a cyclone, July 27, 1900, and the present Little Forks church was built on the same site the following year. Midland was the carpenter. In this church stands the same altar built by Osten Pladson for the first church, being only slightly damaged in the cyclone. The pulpit was built by A. Norby. The altar painting, depicting the crucifixion, was painted by Mrs. Johanna Raygland, at one time a resident of Cummings, N. Dak.

The Ladies Aid was organized in 1884. In 1891 the bell, still in use, and the first organ were donated by this organization which today has 50 active members and 8 honorary members.

In 1903 the Young People's Society—the present Luther League—was organized. Three types of lighting systems for the church were provided by this organization—first the kerosene chandeliers, next gas lights and then the present electric lights. In 1910 the young people purchased a new organ which in turn was replaced with a Hammond electric organ in 1951.

Various improvements have been made on the church buildings from time to time. In 1914 the chapel was extended. In 1939 the church was redecorated and improvements made on the chapel. In 1950, an automatic oil burning furnace was installed. In 1952 more improvements were made, the church redecorated and a new church carpet installed. The carpet was donated by the Ladies Aid. In 1957 the sacristy was enlarged and more Sunday School room and a new entrance added to the chapel.

The congregation today has a membership of 296 and its Sunday School an enrollment of 50.

Pastors who have served the congregation are Pastor Hageboe 1877-1880; M. J. Waage 1880-1887; B. Tollefson 1887-1905; A. J. Eikeland 1905-1940; K. C. Grundahl 1940-1946; A. E. Setness 1946-54 and C. J. Field, present pastor, came in 1954.



When the pioneers came to settle this community, the Christian Church was given an important place in their affairs and became a great influence for good down through the years.

The St. John Lutheran congregation was organized Nov. 15, 1879, five years before the Hatton community. Charter members were Sven A. Huus, Tollef H. Noss, Thorsten T. Tufte, Ole Tollefson, Lars M. Solberg, O. T. Arneson, Lars T. Gulbro and Inger Larsdatter Berge. O. T. Arneson was elected as the first secretary.

The first church was built in 1882, one mile north of Hatton. When this building became too small for the congregation, another church was built in Hatton in 1893. This structure, with a number of improvements made during the years, is still used for worship by the congregation.

Pastor C. J. M. Gronlid was the first pastor to serve this congregation and served from August, 1881, to May, 1895. Other pastors to serve here are Louis S. Marvick, P. R. Syrdal, Martin Romstad, T. Tjornhom, O. L. Jensen,



S. D. Fauske, R. S. Aanestad and the present pastor, Leonard T. Thompson, came here in July, 1951.

On December 8, 1933, Our Saviour's Lutheran church of Hatton, united with the St. John congregation. At the present time the baptized membership is 985.

The Ladies Aid was organized in the spring of 1886, however, officers were not elected until 1890. First president was Mrs. Kathryn Wambheim. The present Aid, of which there are two sections, numbers 138 members. Its members are active in the affairs of the church and work toward the improvement of the church and community.

The Sunday School, with its three departments, Primary, Intermediate and Bible Class, has a membership of 257. There are three choirs within the church, Youth and Senior choirs directed by Mrs. E. W. Teie, and the Junior choir directed by Miss Gloria Peterson. Other organizations in the church include the LCR and the Brotherhood.

#### STJORDALEN LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Stjordalen Lutheran congregation was organized in 1882 at a meeting held July 22 at the home of Arndt A. Lee. The name Stjordalen Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran was adopted, Stjordalen being the name of the community in Norway from which many of the charter members had come.

Henrik J. Hjelmstad was elected the first secretary and Christopher P. Hjelmstad, Arndt A. Lee and Nils J. Oyen, the first trustees.

Earliest names connected with the congregation were Henrik J. Hjelmstad, Christopher P. Hjelmstad, Iver J. Hjelmstad, Lasse P. Hjelmstad, Ole J. Silrand, Ole O. Almlie, Lars L. Kleven, Bortinius L. Kleven, Ole L. Kleven, J. R. Aas, Christopher Olsen, Henrik O. Bjerken, Jonas Pederson Berg, A. A. Lee, N. J. Oyen.

First service was held Sept. 13, 1882, in the home of Lasse P. Hjelmstad by Rev. C. M. J. Gronlid. First child baptized was Lars L. Kleven on Nov. 7, 1882. First confirmant was Caroline Lee on Nov. 11, 1883. First couple married was Ole L. Kleven and Barbro Magnusdatter. First communion service was Dec. 8th, 1882, when 13 souls partook of the Lord's Supper. Rev. Gronlid was called as the first pastor. The present cemetery plot was chosen in 1884.

The congregation joined the Norwegian Synod in 1884 but because of differences with parts of the doctrines it severed relations in 1888. In 1890 it joined the United Church Synod and now belongs to the Evangelical Lutheran Church.

First building committee was elected in 1892. Ladies Aid financed the cost of the basement as construction of the church began in 1893. On Feb. 20, 1893, the congregation was incorporated and on Sept. 8, 1895, the cornerstone of the church was laid. The church was dedicated on July 10, 1904.

Stjordalen congregation was served by pastors of the Hatton parish until 1923 when it joined St. Olaf and Zion congregations of Reynolds to form the present parish. This parish built a parsonage in 1926 with Stjordalen contributing its share of the cost.

Pastors serving this congregation have included C. M. J. Gronlid 1882-1895; Louis S. Marvick 1895-1902; Peter R. Syrdal 1902-1907; Martin Romstad 1907-1913; Tobias Tjornhom 1913-1923; M. O. Ensberg 1923-1932; P. C. Oas 1932-1939; Michael Luthro 1939-1942; Thomas Gabrielson 1942-1949; A. E. Norson 1949-1953. Present pastor is V. G. Gilbertson.

## WASHINGTON PRAIRIE CHURCH



The beginnings are recorded in the secretarial book of the congregation in these words, "Minutes from the meeting held by Norwegian Lutherans in schoolhouse Dist. 71, Washington township, the first of February, 1890." Charter members include Mr. and Mrs. Erick Sander, H. E. Sander, Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Offerdahl, Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Draxton, Mr. and Mrs. Amund Snare, Mr. and Mrs. Knud Monson, Mr. and Mrs. John Dalseide, Marit Renaa, Mr. and Mrs. Arnt Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Sander, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Molden, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Pederson, Mr. and Mrs. Anton Jenson, Olaf B. Sander, Mr. and Mrs. Erik Smestad, Mr. and Mrs. Ole C. Rydland, Christen Rydland, Mr. and Mrs. Hans Melaas, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Smestad, Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Dalseide, Mr. and Mrs. Ole G. Molden, Mr. and Mrs. Erick Hanson, C. E. Sander, Ole Jenson. The only living charter member is Mrs. Andrew Smestad who now resides in Mayville, N. Dak.

First pastor was Pastor Kringlie, called in 1892. First trustees, Erick Hanson, Ole B. Draxton, Ole C. Rydland; treasurer, Knut Monson; secretary, Anton Jenson.

The church was built in 1895 at a total cost of \$1,000 and was dedicated by Formand

Bjorgo, July 9, 1899. In 1927 a chapel was added. The interior has been decorated several times and is undergoing an extensive redecoration at the present time. An electric organ was purchased in 1951.

Pastors J. Tinglestad and I. D. Ylvisaker were called in 1894. Pastor Tinglestad resigned in 1900 and Ylvisaker in 1917. Other pastors serving this congregation include T. Tjornhom 1918-1919; A. J. Eikeland 1920-1940; K. C. Grundahl 1940-1947; A. E. Setness 1947-1954. Present pastor is C. J. Field.

First Sunday School was organized in 1898 with Ole Rydland as superintendent. First meeting of the Ladies Aid was held at the Knud Monson home, Nov. 13, 1893. Mrs. Edward Pederson was the first president and Mrs. A. N. Offerdahl, treasurer-secretary. There is nothing definite on the beginning of the Luther League as the early records are rather obscure. With the ministry of Pastor Eikeland and his family, the Luther League was strongly revived.

The congregation held their 25th anniversary in 1915 with Rev. H. A. Stub as speaker. In June, 1917, the congregation asked to be admitted as a member of the Norwegian Lutheran Church of America. On June 17, 1945, the 50th anniversary of the church was observed with Pastor F. E. Eikeland as guest speaker.

Milton Olson, son of Mrs. Mable Olson, a member of this congregation, was ordained into the ministry Feb. 10, 1957.

The congregation has 140 baptized members at the present time. Present officers are deacons, Martin Hanson, Sr., Otis Stendahl; trustees, Martin Hanson, Jr., Carsten Brandon; secretary, James M. Bjerke; financial secretary, Chester Offerdahl; treasurer, Maurice Smestad; Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. Chester Offerdahl; Ladies Aid president, Mrs. Clarence Rydland; Luther League president, Myron Rydland.



## WASHINGTON LUTHERAN CHURCH



First services in this community were conducted by Rev. B. Harstad, Home Mission worker, in 1881. Under the leadership of Rev. C. J. M. Gronlid, who was serving the Hatton parish, the Washington congregation was organized on June 5, 1882, and was annexed to the Hatton parish. First officers were Philip Amundson, secretary; Peder Amundson, treasurer; Emil K. Sandvik, trustee. Ole K. Sandvik donated 3 acres of land for a cemetery.

First members of the congregation were Kittel O. Aae, Knudt Melfald, Ole O. Tronsgaard, Knute Sandvik, Even Sandvik, Ole K. Sandvik, A. K. Mandt, Knudt O. Flaaten, Thorsten M. Kjos, Sten Tufte, Philip Amundson, Christian Fosser, Albert Koto, August H. Bakken, Ole E. Tufte, Ole Kaasa, Stener T. Kaasa, Halvor Omdal, O. F. Gronlie, P. N. Watterud, Ole P. Mandt, Elling Nyhus, Ole Haraldson, Ole Meyer, A. O. Gaastjon, Tjostof Aasland, K. A. Utigaard, Aslak Haugland, Mikkel Kleven, Ole M. Kleven, Ole G. Kleven, H. E. Tandberg, T. O. Fladager, Eivind Osmondson and Iver Bjerke.

Another meeting in November, 1882, and the constitution was accepted. O. A. Gaastjon, Kittel O. Aae, and Ole T. Kaasa were named to the Parochial school committee and the teacher was to receive \$25 a month plus room and board. Ole O. Tronsgaard was elected trustee. The pastor's salary was fixed at \$100 per year. In November, 1883, plans were made to build a parsonage in Hatton and K. A. Melfald was added to the Board of Trustees.

In June, 1886, the Washington congregation left the Hatton parish and joined with Clermont and West Union. In May, 1890, the

congregation voted to build a church and one acre of land was purchased from P. O. Mandt for \$10. In the spring of 1892 the contract for the church was let to Ed Coltom of Hatton. By fall of that year, the church was in use and was dedicated in June, 1895.

In 1891, Washington joined with Northwood to form a new parish and a reorganization meeting was held in March, 1892. Board of Elders were Ole Thronsgaard, Thorvald Larson, A. O. Gaastjon; trustees, Iver Bjornson, A. K. Mandt and O. M. Grefsheim.

About 1898 parsonage at Northwood was remodeled and in 1915 a new parsonage was built. The Golden Jubilee of Washington church was observed June 19, 1932, and the sixtieth anniversary in 1942. In the intervening years, the church has been remodeled, basement built, electric lights put in and a number of other improvements made.

First children baptized in the congregation were Ole Aae and Alfred Watterud; First marriage performed that of Mr. and Mrs. Ole K. Sandvik in May, 1882; Anna Kjos was the first to be buried in the church cemetery; first house built near the church was that of Kittel O. Aae, built in 1880.

Membership of this congregation number some over 50 families. The Ladies Aid was organized in May, 1888, at the Albert Koto home by Mrs. Olav Lee. Thirteen members were present. Mrs. Albert Koto was first president and Mrs. Emma Gronlie, first treasurer. The Luther League was organized Oct. 23, 1894, by Rev. Albert Johanson at the home of Ole P. Mandt. First officers were Petra Gunderson, president; Julia Thronsgaard, vice-president; P. O. Mandt, secretary; Ingeborg Amundson, treasurer.

Pastors who have served this congregation since its organization include B. Harstad, C. J. M. Gronlid, Olav Lee, B. Tollefson, Albert Johanson, J. D. Runsvold, R. R. Syrdahl, L. O. Lasseson, A. Rholl. Present pastor is E. C. Astrup.



## ZOAR LUTHERAN CHURCH



The Zoar Lutheran Congregation came into being as result of the spiritual revival in the '90's. Interested followers and supporters of this Revival Movement became increasingly concerned about organizing an Evangelical Lutheran Congregation in Hatton. On November 28, 1898, a few interested men gathered at the home of Erik Johnson for the purpose of discussing this matter. At this meeting a motion was made and unanimously carried, to organize a Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Congregation. The following men were elected as the first officers of the congregation:

President	Elling A. Aase
Secretary	Ole A. Huus
Treasurer	Halvor T. Bjertness
Trustees	Hellick S. Dokken, and Erik Johnson

The following men were present at this organizational meeting and their names recorded in the minutes and thus became, with their families, the charter members of the congregation: Johannes Kamphaugh, Peder J. Kamphaugh, Ole A. Huus, Hellick S. Dokken, Elling A. Aase, Erik Johnson, Peder O. Pederson, and Halvor T. Bjertness.

At a meeting on December 19, 1898, the name, "Hatton Congregation," was adopted, but on July 20, 1903, the name was changed to: "Zoar Evangelical Lutheran Church." "Zoar" means place of refuge.

On March 13, 1899, the newly organized congregation decided to make plans for the building of a church. Erik Johnson, Peder J. Kamphaugh and Halvor T. Bjertness were chosen as the committee in charge. Nils Pladson was the master carpenter who directed

building operations in the summer of 1899. By October 28, 1899, the first unit which included only the main auditorium, steeple and entrance, had been put into use. The total cost, including the lots, was \$1,539.02.

Zoar Congregation, from the very beginning, has affiliated with the Lutheran Free Church.

The pastors who have served Zoar Congregation are: Rev. O. J. Edwards, Rev. H. S. Quanbeck, Rev. H. J. Urdahl, Rev. W. M. Hagen, Rev. Elias Aas, Rev. J. M. Halvorson, Rev. P. G. Sonnack, Rev. H. P. Halvorson, Rev. Johannes Ringstad, Rev. G. Ronholm, Rev. Julius Hermunslie, Rev. Paul Blikstad, and Rev. G. N. Berntson, present pastor who came in 1958.

The Ladies Aid was organized in 1904 at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Peder O. Pederson. The attendance at this meeting was not large and the proceeds only 75 cents. A small beginning but the attendance increased and the income accordingly. The Young People's Society was organized in 1909 electing Mary Syverson as the first president. This organization has continued to be active and is now known as the Luther League.



# HATTON

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS



The first school in the neighborhood of Hatton was established at Newburgh about six miles southwest of our present town site. The school district was organized on June 21, 1879 with Nickalai Berg as chairman of the board.

Morgan school district, east of Hatton, was also formed in 1879. Two schools were established in this district, but in 1883, the district was divided and a school was built on the southeast quarter of section 16 in Garfield township. Harold Kjolrie was the school district clerk; Anton Digness, treasurer and Gun-der Aamens, chairman of the board.

In 1885 the first Hatton school was built a half mile north of the present ball park. This was destroyed by fire and in 1889 another building was erected on the present City Hall location within the townsite of Hatton. In 1895 this building was sold and moved and was used for many years as a restaurant known as the White House and operated by Herman Desgagnes. To replace the building that was sold, a new school building was erected in 1895 and is now the present City Hall.



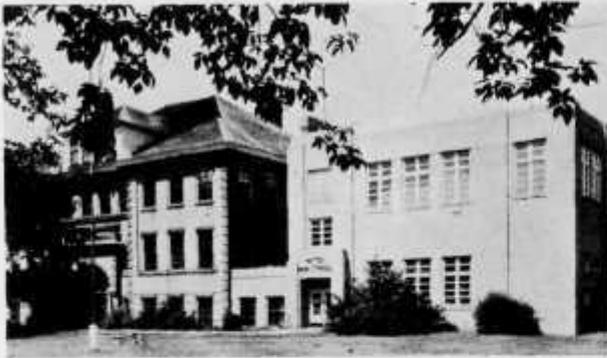
Hatton High School 1908-1934

The present school district was created Nov. 28, 1894. In 1906 the school board consisted of T. R. Tobiason, Dr. M. O. Seehus, M. S. Lund, O. Eielson and J. Teie. The tax levy at that time was \$2200. Enrollment was increasing as evidenced from the minutes of a board meeting on Jan. 10, 1908 at which time it was decided to have one half of the primary department attend school in the forenoon and the other half in the afternoon due to over crowding.

At a board meeting on Jan. 21, 1908, a petition was received from the taxpayers of the school district asking the board to call an election for bonding the district in order that a new grade and high school building might be erected. Up until this time there was no high school department in the school system. An election was held in 1908 on the bond issue with the majority voting in favor of it. The building was constructed by the late Ed Col- tom, local contractor, at a cost of \$22,638.00 and was dedicated on Nov. 20, 1908. The first high school graduating class is the Class of



First HHS Graduating Class 1911



Present school with 1934 addition

1911 consisting of Carl Solberg, Conrad Mastrud, Edwin Eielson, Mrs. Elmer Osking and Wm. Foss.

An addition was built in 1934 at a cost of \$29,000 and is used mainly for high school

purposes. The enrollment in both grade and high school at the present time is approximately 300 pupils with 14 teachers employed. Superintendents who have served the Hatton School District are L. C. Reep, S. Sigurdson, Oscar Erickson, J. E. Pearson, D. C. Schnabel, Theodore Gilbertson, M. T. Langemo, H. R. Eastman, Foster Bucher, Edward Knalson, Clifford Holth and the present superintendent, Edward Streu.

The Hatton P-T.A. was organized in 1924 with Mrs. Isaac Hegge as the first president. The organization has continued throughout the years working for the betterment of the school and its students.

Custodian for many years was August Bye who served the Hatton school faithfully and well for 39 years, from 1909 to 1948. Present custodian is Henry Amundson.



August Bye



# Graduating Classes of the Hatton High School from 1911 through 1959

## Hatton, North Dakota

1911  
Elma Eielson  
Carl Solberg  
Dr. Wm. Foss  
Edwin Eielson  
Conrad Mastrud

1912  
Christine Hanson  
Inga Foss

1913  
Belle Berg  
Evelyn Kloster  
Emelia Hogen  
Selma Dulien  
Marie Hegge  
Minnie Hendrickson  
Denora Nelson  
Alfred Solberg  
Guy Hanson

1914  
Agnes Kjorlie  
Betsy Thompson  
Clara Kravig  
Bertina Kringlen  
Hazel Steen  
Marcus Foss  
Chester Hanson  
Carl Ben Eielson  
James Lavin

1915  
Mabel Pederson  
Minerva Kloster  
Laura Wambheim  
Theodora Tjornhom  
Jennie Johnson  
Alma Bye  
Ralph Peterson  
Garvin Olson  
Selmer Digness  
Charles Arnoll  
Arnt Lee

1916  
Olga Flesche  
Cornelia Grimson  
Clara Groven  
Alma Mastrud  
Olga Ostlie  
Louise Peterson  
Angela Pladson  
Mildred Thorson  
Judith Welø  
Adolph Hegge  
Peder Naastad  
Martin Solberg  
Harvey Wambheim

1917  
Ruth Argall  
Marvin Ericson  
John Huset  
Edith Huset  
Laura Hegg  
Julia Kringlen  
Albert Mastrud  
Della Nelson  
Pearl Teie  
Tom Tjornhom  
Alva Wambheim

1918  
Gertrude Davis  
Henrietta Digness  
Nora Digness  
Adeline Eielson  
Emelie Foss  
Edwin Flesche  
Hilda Hegg  
Olga Korsmo  
Stella Nelson  
Clara Ness  
Hilda Ostlie  
Clara Pederson  
Anna Teie  
Alvin Thorson  
John Tobiason

1919  
Hans Grimson  
Vivian Ericson  
Esther Gunderson  
Hazel Halverson  
Alice Lyche  
Florence Offerdahl  
Joseph Tobiason  
Mathilda Welø  
Julia Jolnson

1920  
Alfild Bong  
Hilda Castella  
Oliver Eielson  
Dagmar Foss  
Clara Groth  
Arthur Groven  
Norma Hanson  
Hilma Johnson  
Irene Johnson  
Muriel Nyhus  
Roy Olson  
Edgar O'Harow  
Irene Olson  
Clara Solberg  
Amanda Solberg  
Clara Soliah  
Guy Thorson  
Emma Tobiason

1921  
Alma Braaten  
Elnor Green  
Gilman Hegg  
Corrine Mastrud  
Elvina Ness  
Aagot Nordby  
Ernest A. Nelson  
Clarence Norgaard  
Lester Tollefson  
Myrtle Thompson  
Beatrice Thorson  
Alfred Texley

1922  
Calmer Buen  
Avis Buen  
Alice Eide  
Hazel Digness  
Gladys Hogen  
Marie Iverson  
Alvina Johnson  
Mae Ness  
Orville Ofstehage

Hattie Pladson  
Helen Settevig  
Eleanore Tjornhom  
Alf Tjornhom  
Emma Tobiason  
Alice Tollefson  
Ernest Teie

1923  
Magnhild Aaker  
Gladys Amundson  
Ovedia Burud  
Myrtle Bjertness  
Harriet Berg  
Orion Cole  
Roy Eken  
Alice Ericson  
Arthur Eielson  
Marvin Digness  
Gladsey Digness  
Rudolph Foss  
Ruth Gunderson  
Irvin Iverson  
Andrea Ovred  
Florence Pladson  
Nina Pladson  
Ernest Sander  
Reta Tronson  
Adolph Teie  
Marie Tobiason

1924  
Ellen Atkinson  
Lawrence Olaveson  
Hazel Pladson  
Mathilda Solberg  
Erling Thorson  
Paul Thompson  
Erling Tobiason  
Jubel Welø  
Thordis Bong  
Minerva Coltom  
Norma Hegg  
Thelma Hegg  
Julia Jensen  
Ernest Kjorlie  
Hilda Kringlen  
Sammie Norgaard  
Emma Olson  
Amelia Olson  
Myrtle Ofstehage

1925  
Mable Bjerke  
Esther Buen  
Lenor Cole  
Helen Eielson  
Agnes Groven  
Jalmer Groven  
Helen Nyhus  
Carl Meldahl  
Alvin Nyhus  
Carroll Olson  
Gladys Teie  
Ida Gulbrandson  
Myrtle Texley  
Arthur Hauge  
Mabel Norgaard  
Stella Ostlie  
Cora Hanson  
Gladys Stevning  
Alida Naastad

Tillie Larson  
Magda Meldahl  
Ruth Thompson  
Alice Tobiason  
Bjarne Thorson

1926  
Esther Johnson  
Bert Ness  
Bennie Amundson  
Walter Lyche  
Gilman Bjertness  
Gilman Ness  
Marget Olson  
Irene Bye  
Marie Thorson  
Gina Bjerke  
Roger Holmen  
Hazel Breen  
Cyrus Lyche  
Grace Huus  
Olive Bjertness  
Rosella Groven  
Esther Brekke  
Gunda Olson  
Orpha Severson  
Gudrun Brekke  
Cora Tronson

1927  
Amy Amundson  
Arthur Bye  
Agnes Bjerke  
Elmer Bye  
Bernice Buen  
Clara Haugen  
Oliver Hegg  
Rolf Lyche  
Jane Lonne  
Lillian Larson  
Palmer Monson  
Trygve Nyhus  
Oscar Norgaard  
Evelyn Ostlie  
Harold Rud  
Marie Rydland  
Claire Tollefson  
Adolph Tobiason  
Inez Wambheim

1928  
Orella Amundson  
Lester Brandon  
Lilah Bjerke  
Alice Bjerke  
Dagmar Castella  
Adeline Desgagnes  
Sadie Ericson  
Kermit Ericson  
Hannah Eielson  
Rudolph Iverson  
Kermit Monson  
Atelia Soliah  
Inga Samnoen  
Thea Samnoen  
Serene Stevning  
Joseph Teie  
Clara Thompson  
Laura Cordahl  
Olive Indergaard  
Bernice Ness  
Clenore Olson

Clara Lyche  
Waldo Norgaard

1929

Joseph Noss  
Herman Iverson  
Caroline Aaker  
Evelyn Berg  
Berthrand Bye  
Mildred Eikeland  
Frida Eikeland  
Gladys Evensen  
Hazel Groven  
Emma Haugen  
Hazel Hannestad  
Thelma Lyche  
Nora Meldahl  
Esther Ostlie  
Doris Ostlie  
Thelma Pladson  
Bernice Sponheim  
Howard Sondreal

1930

Hollis Ahrlin  
Cora Bjerke  
Margaret Brekke  
Walter Brekke  
Selma Digness  
Ethel Evenson  
Ethel Gensrich  
Alice Hegge  
Charlotte Lyche  
Frances Lyche  
Tina Midboe  
Alvin Meldahl  
Pearl Ness  
Anton Mastrud  
Muriel Rud  
Gladys Samnoen  
Bergliot Thorson  
Myrtle Vikar  
Anna Wattenford

1931

Walter Thompson  
Alpha Korstad  
Lillian Stavens  
Mabel Cordahl  
Alpha Nyhus  
Winfred Duncan  
Nina Enger  
Robert Bjertness  
Lillian Bjorseth  
Ruth Olson  
Stanley Teie  
Sophia Pladson  
Irvin Voll  
Joseph Aasen  
Ruth Stavens  
Albert Olson  
Walter Green  
Lillie Smestad  
Karen Beatha Hegge  
Nicholi Norgaard  
Fridtjof Eikeland  
Rueben Enger  
Grace Moe  
Julia Erickson  
Elmer Hauge  
Marion Aaker

1932

Clara Aasen  
Gyda Severson  
Cora Bjorseth  
Julian Bye

Blanche Ness  
Sibbie Helgeson  
Frederic Ericson  
Adeline Hove  
Norine Holter  
Ingolf Thorson  
Norma Larson  
Amelia Thompson  
Natalie Kjelland  
Thelma Brekke  
Ruby Livedalen  
Evelyn Thompson  
Edna Hegge  
Marvin Paulson  
Olaf Iverson  
Arthur Rice  
Clayton Ahrlin  
Robert Rice  
James Moe  
Thornton Rud  
John Glasrud  
Marion Buan  
Agnes Anderson

1933

Elliot Paulson  
Milton Burud  
Theodore Bjerke  
Maurice Noss  
Edward Tobiason  
Margaret Strutz  
Esther Indergaard  
Gladys Mastrud  
Lloyd Texley  
Esther Vikar  
Tedeman Ofstehage  
Frances Groven  
Fred Cox  
Thrine Johnson  
Leif Ericson  
Alphield Rud  
Margaret Bjertness  
Edna Krohg  
Leo Froke  
Tina Norgaard  
Thelma Ofstehage  
Carol Dean  
Clemens Meldahl  
Winston Dolve  
Evelyn Hegge  
Mildred Gilbertson  
Lorraine Glasrud  
Allan Hauge  
Esther Lyche

1934

Willis Ahrlin  
Grace Arneson  
Pauline Berthold  
Marie Brungvold  
Amanda Burud  
Mildred Erickson  
Frances Froke  
Lyle Hanson  
Phyllis Hanson  
Audrey Kent  
Alice Lonne  
Edgar Mark  
Engebret Midboe  
Bert Monson  
Thelma Ness  
Myrtle Sorlien  
Marjorie Olson  
Esther Stavens  
Margaret Offerdahl  
Dorothy Strutz  
Peter Paulson

Mathilde Thirud  
Edgar Rice  
Frieda Vigen  
Bernice Aaker  
Edgar Agotness  
Lynn Bjerke  
Ethel Blaufuss  
Lois Bruns  
Nels Dolve  
Alice Johnson  
Eleanor Rosvold

1935

Ernest Nelson  
Alpha Heskin  
Minerva Krohg  
Mildred Samnoen  
Martin Soliah  
Roland Hegg  
Eon Tufte  
Hazel Bye  
Altha Pladson  
Madelyn Evanson  
Thea Erickson  
Emilie Mork  
Eleanor Harmon  
Alice Larson  
Kenneth Green  
Obert Bjorseth  
Lewis Groth  
Arland Offerdahl  
Clarence Aasen  
Howard Hanson  
Prentice Korstad  
Lewis Thompson  
Sylvia Sorenson  
Frances Gensrich  
Vernon Iverson  
Ervin Brunsvold

1936

Bruce Paulson  
Clarence Brekke  
Clarence Norgaard  
Harvey Arneson  
Julian Stenehjem  
Orville Korsmoe  
Robert Lee  
Mildred Rosvold  
June Bjertness  
Ethel Hove  
Helen Hegge  
Anna Naastad  
Eunice Dolve  
Dagny Krohg  
Marion Hegg  
Haggie Pladson  
Gladys Nelson  
Martha Indergaard  
Ethel Stenehjem  
Ruth Lee  
Josephine Holman  
Rudolph Holman  
Duane Johnson  
Lucille Holter  
Lucille Knutson  
Calmer Verke  
Edna Rice  
Joyce Teie  
Benjamin Halverson

1937

Bernice Aasen  
Luella Tobiason  
Clara Heskin  
Muriel von Ruden  
Olive Paulson

Margaret Dahlen  
Enid Soliah  
Alice Sondreal  
Alfred Bjorseth  
Nickolie Thompson  
Cornelius Thompson  
Kathleen Tufte  
Sylvia Kringlen  
Frances Mastrud  
Harriet Thompson  
Grace Brunsvold  
Marion Naastad  
Stella Torkelson  
Myrtle Thompson  
Carolyn Clauson  
Kendall Mork  
Melvin Midboe  
Howard Livedalen  
Frances Arveson  
Eileen Dolve  
Norman Bjerke  
William Dean  
Palmer Karlstad  
Phebe Gensrich

1938

Clarice Berg  
Luella Amundson  
Sybil Teie  
Gertrude Thompson  
Judith Bjerke  
Cecile Gensrich  
Gertrude Naastad  
Alice Erickson  
Roy Nelson  
Gladys Solum  
Elma Thirud  
Robert Ness  
George Bjerke  
Agnes Pederson  
Robert Adams  
Adeline Karlstad  
Eugene Anderson  
Mildred Lyche  
Phyllis Tveten  
Aagot Lerfald  
Frederick Soliah  
Judith Bye  
Harold Gulbrandson  
Russell Ofstehage

1939

Marvin Aaker  
June Beck  
Alvern Gunderson  
Doris Berg  
Wilma Bjerke  
Reuben Burud  
Marie Bye  
Delores Gensrich  
Helen Haakenson  
Jordis Holter  
Amy Kringlen  
Wallace Johnson  
Edna Kayser  
Oleen Knutson  
Helen Larson  
John Mark  
Gilbert Midboe  
Agnes Nelson  
Adella Nyhus  
Hans Odegaard  
Audrey Offerdahl  
Mercedes Olson  
Eileen Onking  
Genevieve Owen  
Grace Pladson

Marvin Rosvold  
Constance Sondreal  
Helen Severson  
Elton Teie  
Wallace Thompson  
Eliza Thompson  
Muriel Voll

1940

Lucienne Gensrich  
Idella Rydland  
Leslie Stenehjelm  
Floyd Lyste  
Viola Thompson  
Marjorie Braaten  
Lucille Naastad  
Barbara Olson  
Glen Arneson  
Edith Jensen  
Edna Erickson  
Minnie Kayser  
Thelma Hannestad  
Kenneth Bjerke  
Alice Gilbertson  
Phyllis Olson  
Hazel Mehus  
Omer Tveten  
Wilda Bjerke  
Vern Onstad  
Perdin Hanson  
Alice Lillemoen  
Marguerite Wikoren  
Idella Solberg  
Robert Olson  
Grace Hjelmstad  
Leon Korsmoen  
Carl Nelson  
Barbara Anderson  
David Green  
Marion Thompson  
Iver Staupé  
Hazel Mastrud

1941

Ragnvald Aaker  
Arthur Anderson  
Ione Benson  
Gloria Berg  
Violet Berg  
Kathleen Bjorseth  
Gladys Braaten  
Thyrone Foss  
Phyllis Goughnour  
Eldora Hanson  
Gene Haroldson  
Anna Heskin  
Norris Holmen  
Sadie Hove  
Constance Huus  
Hazel Huus  
Noel Johnson  
Gladys Kayser  
Anna Midboe  
Glenn Moen  
Marcus Naastad  
Burnette Offerdahl  
Elizabeth Olson  
Lois Olson  
Orella Onstad  
Thelma M. Orvid  
James Rice  
Vernon Sletten  
Carl Smestad  
Reuben Sondreal  
Marjorie Sondreal  
Doris Thompson  
Glen Thompson

June Thompson  
Thelma Thompson  
Theodore Thompson  
Mary Thurnau  
Donald Tollefson  
James Tronson  
Waldemar Tveten

1942

Geneva Berg  
Mardelle Bjerke  
Donald Bucher  
Vaughn Champeaux  
Elnor Cordahl  
Doris Dean  
Lymon Foss  
Duaine Gensrich  
Jean Gulbrandson  
Philip Haakenson  
Martin Hanson  
Elgie Haroldson  
LaVerne Haugen  
Elsie Hilde  
Harriet Hjelmstad  
James Holgate  
Carsten Karlstad  
Delores Knutson  
Betty Lee  
Warren Lee  
Clifford Livedalen  
Phillip Lyche  
Eleanor Lyche  
J. Gilmore Ness  
Frances Nyhus  
Verna Olson  
Orvis Peterson  
Mae Smestad  
Lois Stenehjelm  
Ruby Teie  
Adelaide Thompson  
Joyce Tveten  
Elton Teie  
Cathryn Wambheim  
Mardell Westvedt

1943

Winnifred Anderson  
Phyllis Bucher  
Duane Bjerke  
Ellsworth Buen  
Orvis Bjerke  
Ruby Jean Champeaux  
Carsten Brandon  
Monica Enger  
Carol Halvorson  
Margaret Lyste  
Carrol Holmen  
Doris Mastrud  
Irvin Holmen  
Elner Monson  
Ray Hovland  
Donna Nelson  
Lillian Ness  
Walter Omang  
Robert Offerdahl  
Paul Skjoiten  
Edward Olson  
Theresa Sondreal  
Melvin Olson  
Helen Sorenson  
Katherine Staupé  
Artis Tveten  
Arther Stavens  
Thilfofd Walsvick  
Jewel Thurnau  
John Wambheim  
Mary Teie  
Yvonne Westvedt

1944

Jean Berg  
William Bjerke  
Paul Boe  
Duane Buen  
Robert Castella  
Eloise Dahlen  
Jean Dokken  
Marian Gustafson  
Marguerite Haakenson  
Merle Holman  
Mardell Karlstad  
Lorraine Klabo  
Marceline Lavin  
Opal Livedalen  
Cora Midboe  
Hattie Nelson  
Doreen Olson  
Elmer Osking, Jr.  
Goodwin Owen  
Muriel Thykeson  
Haydie Thykeson

1945

Ethel Beine  
Jerome Berg  
Jean Bjerke  
Shirley Bjerke  
Corrine Boe  
Solveig Braaten  
Helen Brien  
Beulah Brunsvold  
Dorothy Enger  
Adeline Foss  
Ada Goughnour  
Mardell Haraldson  
Axel Korsmoen  
Ruth Kringlen  
Marion Lyste  
Ann Marie Nelson  
Marjorie Nelson  
Shirley Ness  
DeVere Norgaard  
Betty Onstad  
Barbara Pederson  
Delphia Pladson  
Edna Rydland  
Natalie Thompson  
Sylvia Thompson  
Clark Tollefson  
Helen Wambheim

1946

Eugene Beck  
Dorothy Benson  
Willard Bjerke  
Olaf Bjertness  
Reuben Braaten  
Duane Brunsvold  
Mary Enger  
Arthur Gulbrandson  
Dorothy Hanson  
Jean Hanson  
Opal Hanson  
Marion Huus  
Allan Larson  
Phyllis Lee  
Norman Lillemoen  
Della Nelson  
Irene Nelson  
Selma Nelson  
Elaine Ness  
Richard Ness  
Delores Olson  
Dorothy Olson  
Frances Onstad  
Parnell Ostmoen

Monroe Pederson  
Gilman Pladson  
Ruby Pladson  
Mardell Rydland  
Gaylord Sanda  
Esther Sondreal  
Eileen Sorenson  
Delores Thompson  
Gladsey Thompson  
Jean Thompson  
Russell Thompson

1947

Ruby Aaland  
Alphild Anderson  
Genevieve Bahr  
Betty Beine  
Elroy Berg  
Roy Berg  
Ardath Bjerke  
James Bjerke  
Luther Bjerke  
Allan Bjertness  
Frances Bye  
Gail Bye  
Pernell Dahlen  
Jeanette Dean  
Ann Evenson  
Lyle Haakenson  
Curtis Hanson  
Albert Holmen  
Parnell Hovland  
Rudolph Kleven  
Bette Larson  
Carrol Ness  
Marilyn Norgaard  
Lloyd Pladson  
Ronald Pladson  
Robert Sanda  
Glenn Skjoiten  
Marilyn Stoa  
Cecil Sundeen  
Christopher Sylvester  
Evelyn Thompson  
Marian Thompson  
Selma Thompson  
Lyla Tveten

1948

Otto Aaland  
George Berg  
James M. Bjerke  
Donald Bjertness  
Richard Braaten  
Russell Ericson  
LaVerne Fillbrandt  
Elroy Gulbrandson  
Betty Hannestad  
Edward Mastrud  
Delores Nelson  
Norma Nelson  
Jeanne Offerdahl  
Ben Osking  
Verona Ostlie  
Lenore Pladson  
Mavis Ramstad  
Janet Rebsch  
Kay Scott  
Cyrus Solberg  
Gordon Stoa  
Eula Mae Swenson  
Evenelle Tveten  
Eunice Weeks

1949

Selma Severson  
Delores Karlstad

Elaine Griese  
Eileen Knalson  
Jean Sylvester  
Barbara Evenson  
Jean Aaland  
Norman Fillbrandt  
Eileen Hanson  
Dorothy Weeks  
Keith Nelson  
Joan Melby  
Lorraine Ostmo  
LaVerne Wastvedt  
Peter Boe  
Lorraine Sanda  
Beverly Savage  
Arian Teie  
Mary Ann Gilberts  
Dorothy Bjerke  
Lois Soliah  
Ruth Offerdahl  
Carroll Swenson  
LeRoy Peterson  
Ruth Gronhovd  
John Dean  
Donald Stevning  
Curtiselle Thompson  
Robert Olson

1950

Willis Bjerke  
Merilyn Bjerke  
Ernest Evenson  
Barbara Larson  
Robert Thompson  
Arlene Bjerke  
Elsie Stavens  
Curtis Dokken  
Bonnie Brooks  
Ronald Frydenlund  
Darlene Groth  
Howard Ness  
Violet Olson  
Beverly Stavens  
Donna Enger  
Doris Jacobson  
Norma Lenz  
Stanley Larson  
Mary Jane Sanda  
Jean Thompson  
Magnus Pladson  
Renee Thompson  
Scott Pederson  
Phyllis Kringlen

1951

Francis Leining  
Geraldine Thompson  
Gloria Beck  
Janet Scott  
Maynard Njos  
Delores Thompson  
Patricia Nelson  
Doloris Sundeen  
James Ness  
Richard Teie  
Clarice Bratvold  
Olive Rydland  
Lucille Nelson  
Elsie Nelson  
Harriet Grimson  
Graydon Pladson  
Ruth Johnson  
Viola Thompson

1952

Donna Mae Nelson  
Marsha Alsaker

Jean Olson  
Janice Holter  
Delores Bye  
Elroy Onstad  
Leroy Brenna  
Aubrey Fillbrandt  
Cecil Cordahl  
Glen Rebsch  
Gilman Stavens  
Rodney Thompson  
Luvonne Berg  
Ella Mae Hanson  
Eileen Thompson  
Stewart Sander  
Willette Bjerke  
Dave Anderson  
Carol Gronhovd  
Arley Boe  
Nita Hanson  
Earl Bjerke  
Hjalmer Pederson  
Arleigh Bjerke  
Melvin Larson  
Marion Green  
Marlys Bjerke  
Guy Middtbo  
Gida Berg

1953

Ronald Bjerke  
John Bjertness  
Beatrice Lee  
Morris Ostmo  
Gene Thompson  
Kathryn Stevning  
Benjamin Bjertness  
Dayle Johnson  
Aldene Dokken  
David Hanson  
Donald Hanson  
Dale Ness  
Alpha Gulbrandson  
John Ostlie  
Shirley Eken  
Donovan Onerheim  
Ronald Hjelmstad  
John Finstad  
Gene Sanda  
Duane Huus  
Gloria Brenna

1954

Jean Amundson  
Leland Thompson  
Ronald Pederson  
Glen Wambheim  
Kermit Bye  
Eunice Pladson  
James Gronhovd  
Arleigh Huus  
Ann Louise Ostlie  
Charles Meldahl  
Mary Morten  
Cynthia Finstad  
Walter Thompson  
Helen S. Nelson  
Joan Leno  
Dale Wamstad  
David Holter  
Gary Holmen  
Allan Pederson  
Mary Ostlie  
John Sand  
Robert Lee  
Lowell Finstad  
Dale Bjerke  
Juliann Ostlie

James Huset  
Carell Foss  
Arden Johnson  
Marie Evenson  
James Offerdahl  
Helen M. Nelson

1955

Janice Ness  
Henning Sorlien  
Ruby Jane Thompson  
Carol Beth Soliah  
Glenda Kamphaugh  
Rolf Olson  
Willie Thompson  
Neal Holter  
Beulah Haldahl  
Donald Pladson  
Dennis Nesland  
Norma Field  
Richard Prestbo  
Janice Vaagene  
Caroline Beck  
Gordon Frydenlund  
Emil Gulbrandson

1956

Lois Ione Thompson  
Lois Ancile Thompson  
Carol Jean Staupe  
Beverly Hofstad  
Eunice Goughnour  
Marilyn Meldahl  
David Soliah  
Oriyn Bratvold  
Shirley Olson  
Orville Fillbrandt  
JoAnn Onstad  
Lynn Skjoiten  
Dale Gulson  
Barbara Ho Grande  
Mary Mastrud  
Keith Iverson  
Philip Bjerke  
Sharon Draper  
Gayle Strand  
Eugene Beck  
Mary Brenna  
Arlene Olson  
Clayton Ness  
Gerhard Sorlien  
Ronald Cady  
Ardell Olson  
Lois Ann Enger  
Raymond Hanson  
Richard Bjerke  
Donald Huus  
Rachel Bjerke

1957

Jeanette Fillbrandt  
Marlys Erickson  
William Johnson  
Maxine Gulson  
Cynthia Teie  
Ivan Wambheim  
Gordon Bakken  
Cheryl Engel  
Mary Pladson  
Patty Eken  
Sylvia Lee  
Shirley Thompson  
Chester Thompson  
Clark Hanson

Ray Pladson  
Ronald Lerol  
Charlotte Thompson  
John Vaagene  
David Meldahl  
LeAnne Solberg  
Duane Benson  
Sandra Pladson  
Jean Johnson  
Luana Engebretson  
Robert Bjertness  
Ricky Hoiter  
Andrew Ostlie  
Gerald Lillemoen  
James Foss  
David Peterson  
Raymond Nelson

1958

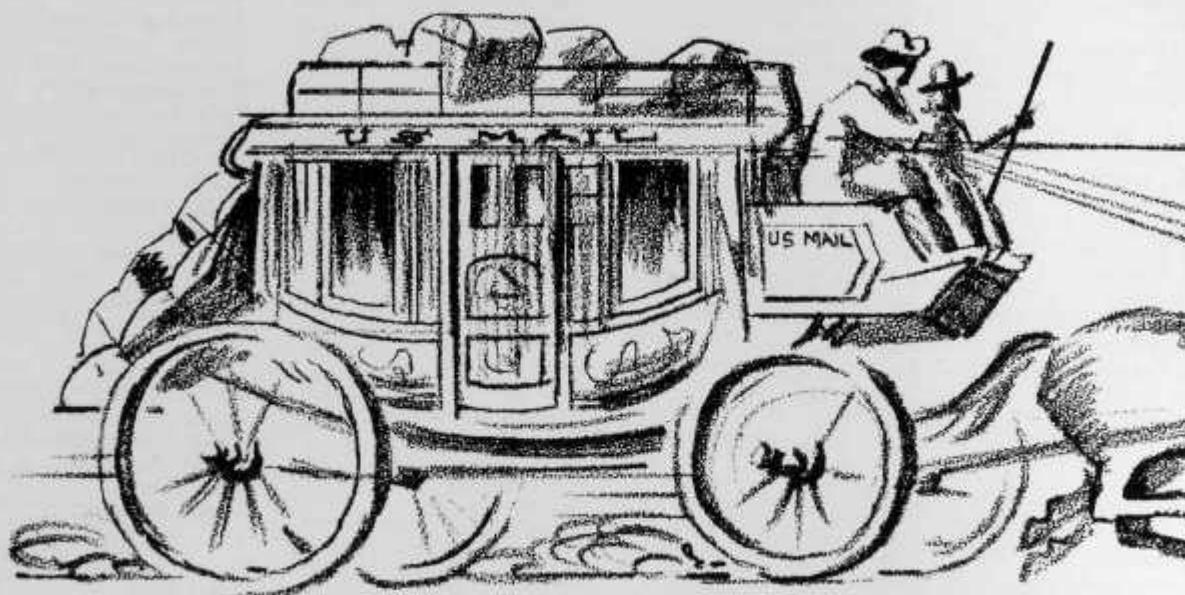
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Darrel Bjerke  
Erliss Bratvold  
Myrna Erickson  
Mary Ann Ericson  
Sharon Goodwin  
Margie Grande  
Dale Gronhovd  
Judy Gronhovd  
Carolyn Field  
Gail Groth  
Gilbert Groth, Jr.  
Carlton Jacobson  
Wanda Lee  
Donald Nelson  
Joann Ness  
Wendell Ostlie  
Dorothy Pederson  
Maurice Sorlien  
Steven Sander  
Myrna Sorlien  
Twyla Pladson  
Gerald Thompson  
Ernest Thompson  
Ardis Teie  
Donald Wastvedt

1959

Thomas Iverson  
James Ness  
Dennis Bjerke  
Robert Johnson  
Donovan Stormoe  
Gary Boe  
Robert Wastvedt  
Linda Aasen  
Marjorie Bye  
Lyle Nelson  
Carol Meldahl  
Judith Larson  
Rosemary Alsaker  
Bertha Sieg  
Ronald Foss  
Norine Hanson  
Gordon Grimson  
Barbara Engebretson  
Ray Cordahl  
Eldon Erickson  
Bonnie Verke  
Marcia Stormoe  
Faye Bjerke  
Janice Foss  
Ronald Mastrud  
Shirley Vigen  
Susan Bjerke

The total number of graduates from the time the high school was organized through the present year of 1959 is 1113.

## HATTON 1959



The site upon which Hatton was nourished and was chosen because of the railroad then being built. The pioneers who settled in the area sensed that they had found a rich, fertile land where, through their toil and ambitious dreams of a bright future for their families and neighbors, they could attain their dreams.

The metamorphosis accomplished a changed scene, naturally, through the 75 years. The panorama, typically rural by choice, and not marked by tall smokestacks of urban industries, is entrancing to both the artistic and practical senses. The appearance of the large, bulging elevators for grains, the warehouses for potatoes and leguminous crops, the inspiring church steeples lifted toward the heavens, the prosperous and well-kept modern farms separated, as if by a magical pattern, by groves of trees and the more recently planted shelter-

belts, inspire all who come to this community. As a connecting link, the hard-surfaced highways entering Hatton have taken the place of the old wagon trails, as the newest modes of transportation have replaced the horse-drawn wagons.

The locale of Hatton is one of verdant growth and lush floral beauty from spring through autumn. Trim, neat homes are characteristic of the pride in the community and it is linked with the efforts and accomplishments of the city government in the development of modern utilities. The aim toward solidarity and progressive enterprise, the necessary adjustment to the changes in trends of modern times, together with the important part of any city—the units of business which serve our needs—all have combined to make Hatton a good place to live.

## HATTON FARMERS ELEVATOR COMPANY



The Hatton Farmers Elevator Company was incorporated Aug. 9, 1915, and at that time had a capacity of 30,000 bushels. First officers were J. O. Anderson, president; T. R. Tobiason, secretary and Edward Mickelson, manager.

An addition was built in 1951 and another in 1957, giving the present plant a capacity of 275,000 bushels. They handle approximately one million bushels of grain. A state approved seed cleaning plant has been added as have side lines of fertilizer and feed. A new office was erected in 1958 replacing the one destroyed by fire.

Past managers of the Farmers Elevator were Edw. Mickelson, Ed Argall, Richard Tronson, Gust Sand, J. H. Gullickson, S. E. Olson, Myron Harmon and the present manager is William Fairbanks. The president now is Theo. Huus and the secretary is Gilman Wastvedt.

## HATTON MEAT MARKET



From left to right: S. Lunde, A. T. Ofstehage, Martin Johnson and Gladys Hogan

Mr. A. T. Ofstehage came to Hatton in 1900 and was employed for 3 years in the Huset Meat Market. He then became a partner of Mr.

Lars Huset in this business. Several years later, Mr. Huset sold his half interest to Simon Lunde, who, after a couple of years, sold to Mr. Ofstehage who then became sole owner. This was about 1910 or 1911.

Later, Mr. Ofstehage sold half interest to Andrew Ostlie. They erected a new building and moved their business into it in 1913. The Hatton Meat Market is still located in the same place. Mr. Ofstehage soon bought out Mr. Ostlie and again became the sole owner.

In 1939 Mr. Ofstehage added the locker plant. Later he rented the meat counter to Leonard Hofstad and continued to operate the locker business.

After World War II Mr. Ofstehage's sons, Teddy and Russel, leased the market from their father and continued operation of the meat market and locker plant. Teddy passed away in 1948. Russel continued on in the meat business until 5 years ago when the business was leased to Pete Hanson and Robert Hanson.

## RED OWL AGENCY



The Red Owl Agency was started in Hatton by Oliver Norgaard in the 1940's. It was then located in the old People's State Bank building. Leonard Hofstad purchased the business in 1947 and has operated the Red Owl Agency ever since. It is now located in the former Glasrud Cafe.

## FARMERS MERCANTILE COMPANY

The first preliminary meeting of the Farmers Mercantile Company of Hatton was held Nov. 19, 1904 for the purpose of organizing this company. The meeting was called by Samuel Digness and 50 other farmers and was held at the Stenmo Hall. S. E. Wiseth was temporary chairman and G. A. Ericson, temporary secretary. Following directors were elected, M. S. Digness, G. E. Sander, Paul



Farmers Mercantile Company

Wambheim, H. E. Sander, Samuel Digness, M. S. Lund and Gunnerius Johnson.

First meeting of all stockholders was held at the Hatton Bowling Alley on Dec. 14, 1904. Mr. M. Brumwell was elected president; Paul Wambheim vice-president; G. A. Ericson, secretary and board members, M. S. Digness, G. E. Sander, P. J. Maddock, Sam Thompson, E. S. Digness and Jonas Lenz.

Mr. Roland Tisdell was the first manager of the store which opened for business in June, 1905. Other employees at this time were H. W. Larson, clerk in the grocery department; and Miss Anna Rolfson, clerk in the drygoods department. Mr. Tisdell continued as manager for two years when Theo. Tronson was named his successor. In 1932 Andrew Teie was named manager and since that time other managers have been Ben Sather, Harvey Wambheim, Carl Teie and the present manager, Carl Thorson.

During the time Mr. Wambheim was manager, the company built a new fireproof modern store building in 1947.

Present employees include Mr. Thorson, Donovan Onerheim, Mrs. Elmer Johnson, Mrs. Glenn Thompson, Pauline Thompson and Mrs. Esther Pladson, Bookkeeper. Present board members are Mr. Gilman Wastvedt, president; Willie Pladson, vice-president; Walter Thompson, secretary; Theodore Huus and Garvin Melby.

### HAAKENSON DRUG STORE

In the year 1899, Mr. Edward Nyhus arrived in Hatton from LaCrosse, Wisconsin and founded a drug store located on Railroad Ave. The store was known as the Lion Drug Store. Dr. A. N. Currie was the local physician.

In the fall of 1905, as one of the employees



Interior of Lions Drug Store

was melting carbolic acid over a kerosene flame, the acid ignited and the building and contents went up in flames. M. F. Hegge was then erecting a store building on Main Street, part of which was intended for his own use as a general merchandise store and part for the drug store. This building was not yet completed but through necessity, Mr. Nyhus had to move in and get along as best he could. By early winter, the building was completed and new fixtures and a complete line of drugs and sundries were installed. It might be stated here that the drug store is still located in the same building.

In June, 1906, Dr. Currie sold his practice to Dr. H. E. Canfield and in 1907 Mr. Nyhus sold part interest in the drug store to Harry L. Weatherwax, who had previously opened a jewelry department in a corner of the drug store building. In 1909 Mr. Nyhus bought out Mr. Weatherwax's jewelry stock and his interest in the drug store and operated alone for some years.

On April 1, 1911, Mr. M. S. Haakenson was employed and on June 1 Dr. Canfield sold his practice to Dr. A. A. Kjelland. On Sept. 1, 1919, Mr. Haakenson purchased half interest in the drug store from Mr. Nyhus and the store was then operated under the name of The Lion Drug Store (Nyhus and Haakenson, props.) until in 1930.

In the latter 1920's Mr. Nyhus became interested in going to the west coast and in Sept. 1930, he sold his remaining interest to Mr. Haakenson. The store continued under the name of The Lion Drug Store until in the late 1930's when it gradually assumed the name of The Haakenson Drug Store.

Mr. M. S. Haakenson operated the store until January 1, 1957, when he retired and leased it to his son, Phillip, who owns and op-

erates a drug store in Portland, N. Dak. Early in 1958 Philip secured the services of Mr. Clairmont Vestre as pharmacist and at present is operating under the name Haakenson Drug, Clairmont Vestre, Mgr.

### **BUEN AND SON**

The building in which Buen and Son operate was built by Mr. Wicker of Hillsboro for Bert Vik in 1923. From Oct. 1923, to Sept. 1924, the basement was used by Olson, Hegg and Pederson Company, a hardware company having lost their own building by fire. The building was purchased from Mr. Vik by S. O. Brudevig and Calmer Buen in 1934. Mr. Brudevig sold his share to K. B. Bye in the summer of 1934 and in 1948 Mr. Bye sold out to Mr. Buen. Mr. Buen and his son, Ellsworth, at present are operating this business.

### **NESS LUMBER COMPANY**

The Ness Lumber Company was started in April, 1912 by brothers, Gilbert and Oscar Ness, and was located on the west side of Hatton. Part of the lumber shed and office still stand, the office now being used as a shoe repair shop.

The partnership was dissolved in July, 1920 and Gilbert Ness became sole owner. In 1938 the business was moved to a new building located in the south part of the city and has remained in this location ever since.

After Mr. Ness' death in 1943, two sons-in-law, Arne Larson of Osakis, Minn., and Albert Winkelman of Long Prairie, Minn., purchased the business. After a year Mr. Winkelman sold his interest to Mr. Larson who has continued operation of the lumber yard ever since.

### **WOODY'S CAFE**

Woodrow Knudson, who came to Hatton from Portland, N. Dak., purchased Ahrlin's Cafe in March, 1948 from Mrs. Sophy Ahrlin. Name of the cafe was changed to Woody's Cafe. His mother, Mrs. Sara Knudson assisted him with the management of the cafe for a number of years.

Mrs. Ahrlin had operated the cafe in its present location for many years and before that had operated the hotel and a cafe in that building.

### **OLSON'S CAFE**

Olson's Cafe and Tavern, operated by Roy Olson, was started in 1931. His brother, Arnth

Olson, has also helped to manage the establishment through the years. A new building was erected in 1940 housing both the cafe and tavern.

### **DON'S CHEVROLET**

Chevrolet Company was started in the early 1920's by Melvin Ostlie and Andrew Ostlie. They operated the business for many years and after their deaths, the business was operated for the Ostlie estate by A. E. Dale, first manager, and Joe Holgate, second manager.

Later Wendell Ostlie and Elmer M. Bjerke purchased the business and in a few years Mr. Bjerke bought out Mr. Ostlie's interest. Next owners were Martinson and Bergman who soon sold to Don J. Ciekliński who bought the business in October, 1956.

The business was originally located in the garage building in the south part of town. Mr. Ciekliński moved his business to its new location on the west side of town in 1958.

### **HATTON COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER**



The Hatton Community Medical Center was incorporated Feb. 14, 1950 by F. L. Bucher, H. M. Nash and Woodrow Knudson. First directors were Alva Wambheim, president; H. M. Nash, secy.-treas.; F. L. Bucher, J. O. Anderson, O. H. Pladson, Hjalmer Pederson and Peder Bjerke.

Contract for construction of the building

was let to B. E. Ray of Thompson on May 26, 1950, to be completed for occupancy by September, 1950.

Facilities include a waiting room and offices for doctor and dentist. At present, Dr. H. M. Walter, dentist, has his offices in the Community Medical Center.

## AASEN HARDWARE



Aasen Hardware 1919

In March, 1919, Knute Aasen purchased the Hardware and Furniture business from Ed Coltom. It was located in the building now occupied by the Hatton Free Press and the Rex.

In 1925 he moved his business into the building, which, until that time had been occupied by the Hatton Hardware Company and was located on the present site of the Nesland Standard Service Station.



Aasen Hardware 1959

In 1935, Mr. Aasen moved the business to its present location. He remained active in the business until ill health forced him to retire in 1952. His son, Clarence, now owns and operates the Aasen Hardware.

## DAKOTA KIST BOTTLING COMPANY



In 1931 a small concern, the Dakota Spring Water Company, was started for the purpose of bottling spring water by the following men: Dr. A. A. Kjelland, A. T. Ofstehage, Selmer Haakenson, Ben Halvorson, Martin Olson and Adolph Sorenson.

In 1935 they received a franchise from the Citrus Products Co. of Chicago to bottle Kist flavors and then became known as the Dakota Kist Bottling Company. In 1936, Mr. Halvorson sold his share to the company and moved to California.

In 1938 the business was organized into a corporation. In 1955, they received a franchise from the Double Cola Company to bottle Double Cola. In 1957, Dr. Kjelland, Mrs. Ofstehage, Selmer Haakenson and Martin Olson sold their shares in the business to Byron, Cleova, Roland and Beverly Sorenson.

## IVERSON BARBER SHOP



First Chair Jens Insom; Second Chair Elling Swenson in 1910.

Thomas Jackson, first barber in Hatton, came here about 1885. Jens Iverson began his barbering with him. Jacob Lund was the next

owner of the business which was located next to the present Woody's Cafe. Mr. Iverson then bought out Mr. Lund and moved the business to its present location in 1905. Barbers who worked with Mr. Iverson from 1905 until 1918 include Gilbert Brimson, Carl Evju, Melvin Simley and Alfred Pederson.

From 1919 to 1926 the shop was operated by Mr. Iverson and his sons, Collin and Irvin. The shop was then purchased by Oscar Gilberts. The Iversons worked for Marvin Digness for 1 year in a shop opened in the present Sanda building. Three years later, Jens Iverson bought out Mr. Gilberts and the Iversons continued to operate their own business.

Irvin purchased the shop in 1948, the same year Collin passed away. Jens continued working until 1952—establishing a record of 56 years in the barbering trade in Hatton. The present owner, Irvin Iverson, has spent 37 years in this business in Hatton—with the exception of one year.

#### LARSON BARBER SHOP

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Larson and son came from Maddock, N. Dak., and on November 2, 1937, purchased the barber shop from Mr. Gust Halvorson. Mr. Halvorson had operated a barber shop in Hatton for seven years, first in the Sanda building and later moving it to its present location.

#### PEAVEY ELEVATOR

The Monarch Elevator, division of F. H. Peavey and Company, purchased the Northwest Elevator properties in Hatton on August 18, 1921, which elevator was managed by Mr. R. E. Argall until 1926. Mr. A. T. Larson and Mr. Albert Thompson were the next two managers.

In 1935, Mr. Nels Tacklind became manager and was here until 1940. On July 25, 1938, the elevator and warehouse burned to the ground. On Dec. 31, 1938, the Monarch Elevator Company purchased the properties of the Imperial Elevator in Hatton and once again were in business.

Mr. O. E. Thurnau took over the management in 1940 and continued until his death in 1944. On July 1, 1940, the Monarch Elevator Co. and the National Atlas Elevator Co., both divisions of the F. H. Peavey and Company, consolidated under the name of Peavey Elevators.

The present manager, Even Evenson, came to Hatton in 1944. In 1945, the company built a feed mill attached to the present properties. Through these years, they have continued to

modernize the facilities by installing new legs, head drives, enlarging the boot for additional dumping space, additional conveyors to the annexes, rewiring and enlarging the office in 1951.

In 1953, a new Hart Carter Cleaner with a cyclone dust collector was installed to enable them to give complete cleaning service to their trade.

#### FARMERS & MERCHANTS NATIONAL BANK



From left to right: C. S. Anderson, Iver Vigen, Andrew H. Stavens and H. M. Nash.

The Farmers and Merchants National Bank was organized in 1905 and opened for business on September 11, 1905, with a capital of \$25,000. The first board of directors included M. L. Elken, G. L. Elken, F. B. Wood, and C. S. Edwards, all of Mayville, and Fingal G. Enger, Ole Eielson and T. E. Nelson of Hatton. The first officers were M. L. Elken, President, Fingal G. Enger, Vice-President, and T. E. Nelson, cashier. Olaf Hegge was employed as book-keeper.

Iver Thompson served as a director from 1906 to 1934. Andrew Ostlie succeeded him and served for several years. T. E. Tufte became a director in 1910 and served until 1938. G. H. Bolkan was named assistant cashier in 1908 and in 1910 was named cashier in which capacity he served until 1922. He also was a director until January 1924.

Upon the death of Fingal Enger, Ole Eielson became vice-president and acted in that capacity until 1920 when he was named president. He served in this office until 1931.

In January 1920 C. S. Anderson and H. M. Nash purchased controlling interest in the bank. At that time a new board of officers was named with Ole Eielson as President, C. S. Anderson, Vice-President, G. H. Bolkan, cashier and H. E. Tufte, assistant cashier. Mr. Nash

became cashier in 1921. G. M. Olson became assistant cashier in 1930 and has been with them ever since. Mr. Anderson served as vice-president until December 1931, when he was named president. He held this office until January 1958, when he was named chairman of the board.

The following have also served as directors since its organization in 1905: Andrew Stavens, Chas. Ness, J. O. Anderson, Albert O. Bjertness, Carl E. Johnson, Elmer Osking, and E. M. Kent all of Hatton and K. S. Groth of Mayville.

Present officers and directors as named in January, 1959 are: H. M. Nash, President; G. M. Olson, Vice-President; E. C. Anderson, Cashier; C. S. Anderson, Chairman of the Board; R. S. Dean, Gilman Wastvedt, O. H. Pladson and Theo. Huus, directors. Assistant Cashiers are Gladys Hogen and Mrs. Edwin Stavens.

This bank is one of the few that claims the record of never having levied an assessment against its stockholders and of never having been reorganized. The deposits were always met on demand and it was also one of the few banks that remained open following the bank holiday in 1933.

### OLSON, HEGG AND PEDERSON COMPANY



Interior of first Olson-Hegg store about 1905

Fifty years ago, on January 1, 1909, the firm of Olson, Hegg and Company came into existence at Clifford, N. Dak. The incorporators were Martin E. Olson, Ole Hegg and Mrs. E. E. Olson. The store was operated by Martin E. Olson assisted by Christ Nordby, who was a tinsmith and general handyman. The stock consisted of heavy hardware, kitchen utensils, stoves, ranges, builders hardware, harness, harness hardware, collars and sweat pads. Mr.

Nordby was a handyman and during the winter months oiled and repaired harness, repaired shoes, made stove pipe, pails, half bushel measures, grain scoops and countless other repairs from soldering to sewing.

In April, Ole Hegg, having sold his farm near Hillsboro, Wisconsin, came to Clifford with his family and joined the force at the store. On Sept. 1, 1910, the firm purchased the N. C. Norgaard store at Hatton. Mr. Hegg, together with A. C. Cole and Christ Nordby, managed the Hatton store and Martin E. Olson remained at Clifford assisted by John Nordby, a brother of Christ Nordby.

In 1911 a line of caskets was added at Hatton and Mr. A. C. Cole, after completing a course in embalming at the University of North Dakota, became Hatton's first funeral director. A new horse drawn hearse was purchased as well as countless other items used in conducting a funeral business.

In February, 1912, the Clifford store was destroyed by fire originating in an adjoining barber shop. There is little doubt that the fire was of incendiary origin and a few years later the barber, a man named George Lee, was returned from Oregon to stand trial on a charge of arson. The jury disagreed and the man went free.

After the Clifford fire, Mr. Olson joined the Hatton store where he has been since. In 1915, A. C. Cole resigned for reasons of health. This left the firm without an embalmer so Martin E. Olson took the embalming course at the University of North Dakota and in February, 1916, was granted an Embalmers license.

On May 9, 1923, the store at Hatton was destroyed by fire which originated in the H. W. Larson general store basement. In this fire some twelve business buildings were leveled in the matter of two hours. A large portion of the Olson, Hegg and Co. stock was saved and was stored in a potato warehouse located on the site of the present Odegard Potato house. There the business was conducted during the summer and in the fall, when the potato season began, the stock was moved to the basement of the present Buen and Son building which was just completed. There the business was conducted until the spring of 1924 when it was moved into the new building in which the business is still conducted.

In August, 1924, Mr. Melvin G. Pederson joined the firm and it became known as Olson, Hegg and Pederson Company. For many years it was conducted with Martin E. Olson, Ole



Present Store Building

Hegg and Melvin Pederson all active in the store.

Robert L. Bjertness was hired in September, 1942, to help out for two weeks while Mr. Olson attended the National Conference of State Embalming Boards at Detroit. He is still with the firm as its most valuable employee.

In 1947, Mr. Hegg retired and moved to California with his family, still retaining his financial interest in the business. After the death of his wife (a sister of Martin E. Olson), he has made his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. O. N. Norgaard at Santa Barbara, Calif.

In 1957 Mr. Pederson disposed of his interest in the business to Mr. Olson and retired.

Olson, Hegg and Pederson Company has the distinction of being the oldest firm in Hatton, operating continuously for over fifty years in Traill County and under the same management.

#### DUKE'S DRAY

The early day dray business in Hatton was operated by a partnership consisting of Helge Lillemoen and Ed Bye. S. O. Green bought out the interests of Mr. Lillemoen and the business became known as Green and Bye for several years. Several units were operated consisting solely of horse drawn wagons.

Ed Bye sold his interest in the business to Carl Bye and the business remained known as Green and Bye. After some time Mr. Green sold out to C. S. Texley and soon after Mr. Bye also sold to Mr. Texley, who became the sole owner. Carl Bye went into the livery business.

Mr. Texley later sold a half interest in the business to S. O. Green who was back in the business for the second time. The firm of Texley and Green operated until Mr. Green

sold out to Mr. Texley's son, Selmer. The dray line was operated by Texley and Son for several years.

Tom Tollefson had started operating a second dray line in Hatton some time previous. Pete Hanson and Sons bought out Mr. Tollefson and a short time later also bought out Texley and Son. The Hansons operated the business for several years until they sold the coal hauling business to John Sundeen and the freight hauling to Gilman Bjertness. Mr. Sundeen operated his business for several years and then sold his interests to Mr. Bjertness who is now the sole owner of Duke's Dray.

#### SOLIAH-TEIE MOTOR COMPANY

Oscar Soliah and George Teie formed a partnership on August 1, 1930, which became known as the Soliah-Teie Motor Company. They purchased a building on the west side of Hatton, remodeled it into a garage and have been located there ever since. They received a franchise for Ford cars and trucks and continue with this line.

In 1938, a new addition was added to the building, enabling the company to expand its services.

#### MOHAGEN AND HUNTER FURNITURE

May 28, 1953, the Mohagen-Hunter Furniture Store was opened in the building now known as the Legion building by partners Bob Mohagen and Cy Hunter.

Before coming to Hatton, Mr. Mohagen had been with Gamble Stores for 8 years, first as department head, then as manager. Before that, he was with the FBI in Washington, D. C. Mr. Hunter had operated his own plumbing and heating business in Nash, N. Dak., and had been associated with Geo. Loos and Sons Plumbing and Heating in Grafton, N. Dak. Both men are veterans.

To begin with, the firm handled furniture, paints, appliances and linoleum. When WDAY-TV came on the air, television was added to their line. In December of that year, Earl Stavens joined the firm as a salesman. In the fall of 1954, plumbing and heating services were added.

In November, 1956, the business moved to the former Johnson Store building and the lines were expanded. That same fall, Kenneth Maystad began work in the plumbing and heating department.

At the present time, both Mr. Mohagen, Mr. Hunter and their wives and Mr. Maystad are working with the firm.

## PEDERSON IMPLEMENT COMPANY



"The Old"

Oscar Arneson and Hjalmer Pederson formed a partnership in the implement business in 1934 and were located in the Groven garage. Mr. Pederson bought out Mr. Arneson in 1936 and moved his business into the Halvorson and Soliah building which he purchased. The business continued in this location until 1957 when Mr. Pederson moved it to the Tri-County building in the south part of Hatton.



"The New"

The company handles John Deere farm equipment. Mr. Pederson also owns the Power Equipment Company in Northwood which he opened in 1947.

## HATTON COOPERATIVE OIL COMPANY

The Hatton Cooperative Oil Company was organized Feb. 15, 1930. First officers and directors were Knute Aasen, president; Andrew Ostlie, vice-president; Albert T. Gilbertson, secretary-treasurer; Mr. Gilbertson was bookkeeper and Mr. Ostlie, tank man.

The service station was built in the spring of 1931 with Mr. Gilbertson being named manager; Henry Wastvedt and Millard Thompson,



station attendants and Ernest Teie, tank man.

Mr. Wastvedt became manager in 1936 and has continued in that capacity. An addition was built in 1941 enlarging the facilities for greasing and servicing cars and trucks. The company is now doing a gallon volume business of over 2,200,000 gallons.

Present officers and directors are Carl Meldahl, president; Lockerd Thompson, vice-president; H. G. Wastvedt, sec.-treas.; W. L. Thompson, C. O. Brandon, Ernest Erickson and Roy Lee. Present employees are Stanford Hanson, Leonard Loing, Millard Thompson, Harris Olson, Art Stavens and J. S. Stenehjelm, bookkeeper.

The company has 397 stockholders.

## THE WEST SIDE GROCERY



The present West Side grocery store was established by H. W. Larson in 1924, the year after his store on main street was destroyed in the big fire of '23. It was called The West

Side Produce. Mr. Larson bought produce in connection with his lunch counter.

In 1927 the business was purchased by Mr. Selmer O. Brudevig who added a line of groceries. In 1934 Mr. Lloyd Thompson purchased the store and in 1944 he discontinued the produce line. He also remodeled the store and added a new front.

Mr. Winfred Duncan leased the business in July, 1947, and continues to operate the West Side Grocery.

### THE REX

The Rex was opened in the latter part of the 1930's by Selmer and Oscar Brudevig. They later sold it to Elmer Bjertness who in turn sold the business to Ole J. Staupe. About three years ago Mr. Staupe sold it to Louis Peterson. John Prondzinski was the next owner and Clarence Hanson purchased the business in the latter part of 1958.

### HATTON CO-OP CREAMERY



The Hatton Co-operative Creamery was organized in January, 1929. The old creamery equipment and business was purchased from C. T. Towland and was located in the rear of the State Theater.

Articles of Incorporation were filed Feb. 11, 1929. First Board of Directors consisted of C. E. Aaker, W. L. Thompson, Albert O. Bjertness, George Melby, Lewis Larson, Oliver Boe and Otto Gensrich. E. L. Anderson was the first manager.

The first year the creamery manufactured 260,865 lbs. of butter as compared to 407,857 lbs. in 1958. The peak volume was in 1942 when they had receiving stations in Reynolds and at the Lakeside Store. That year 518,865 lbs. of butter were manufactured.

In looking over old records the paying

price for butterfat was 12 cents in March, 1933, as compared to \$1.00 per pound in January, 1948.

At the present time all old equipment has been replaced with stainless steel and the cooling systems are mechanical, which at first was all done with water and ice. Stainless steel equipment for pasteurizing, homogenizing and bottling of milk has also been added.

Since the organization of the creamery, close to \$5,000,000 has been paid to producers for cream and milk.

At the close of the 1958 year directors were Arthur Gronhovd, president; Oliver O. Bjerke, vice-president; Ernest Strand, secretary-treasurer; Harold J. Ness, Lockard Thompson, Gilbert Sorlien and Arnold Bye. Mr. Ness has been a board member since 1934 and served as secretary-treasurer for many years.

The present employees are Herman Iversen, manager; Horace Engel, assistant manager; Calmer Verke, Arthur Foss, Glenn Thompson and Harris Holmen. Hans P. Bjertness, bookkeeper, has been with the company since April, 1934 and at the present time is 80 years of age.

### STANDARD OIL STATION



The present station was built in 1949 with Edwin Stavens as manager for the first year. Joe Johnson took over as manager till May 17th, 1951, when the present manager, Knute Nesland, came to Hatton from McVile. His son, Dennis, has worked at the station and Oscar Gilberts has been associated with Mr. Nesland for a number of years.

## HATTON BAKERY



Interior of the Hatton Bakery

The Hatton Bakery was established in 1928 by Jim Cox and was located in the building on Railroad Ave., now occupied by George Erickson's repair shop. Some time later, Mr. Cox moved to a new location on Main Street, the place now used as a warehouse by Aasen Hardware.

In November, 1939, the business was purchased by Laura and Oscar Staube and became known as Laura's Bake Shop. Mr. and Mrs. Staube operated the bakery for 16 years, except for a short time when their son, Iver, managed the business. In 1943, the Staubes purchased the old First National Bank building and moved their bakery into its present location.

Four years ago they sold the business to the present owner, Mr. Lawrence Schmidt-kunz.

## HATTON GRANITE COMPANY



Hatton Granite Company about 1920

The Hatton Granite Company was organized by Christian O. Ness in 1908. He and his sons worked together until he retired and his son, Clarence, bought the business from his father. In 1949, Clarence Ness sold a half interest in the business to his son-in-law, Palmer Wamstad. After the death of Mr. Ness, Mr. Wamstad became owner and operator of the Granite Company.

## HATTON CLEANERS AND CLOTHIERS

In March, 1949, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Smestad, Jr. purchased from Harry Anderson the dry cleaning business, then located in the rear of the theater. In July, 1953, the business was moved to its present location and the Smestads added a line of clothing. The name was changed to Hatton Cleaners and Clothiers.

The company now handles a complete line of men's and boy's clothing and also some women's sport clothing. The dry cleaning plant is located in the rear of the building.

## SANDA IMPLEMENT COMPANY



In 1938 Clarence Sanda opened his business of selling farm machinery in the old Ness Lumber building located on the west side of Hatton. In 1944 he purchased the building south of Green's Service Station and the adjoining lots and moved his business to its present location. Mr. Sanda sold a line of Allis-Chalmers and Case farm machinery for some time and recently became associated with Gateway Direct Dealers. Robert Sanda is employed by the business.

## GREEN'S OIL COMPANY



This business had its origin in 1913 when the late S. O. Green became the bulk agent for the Standard Oil Co. with headquarters in Fargo. In 1928 he erected a service station on the corner lot formerly occupied by the hotel which burned down in 1915. This station opened for business on June 23, 1928, with Mr. Green's son, Elnor, as its operator.

A few years later, another son, Walter, was taken in as a partner. As the original station was built without any inside service facilities, an addition was built in 1935 on the south side for greasing and general servicing of automobiles and trucks. On March 14, 1941,



Elmer Osking and Royce Dean

duce. The business prospered and in 1928 another warehouse, known as warehouse No. 2, was constructed to store approximately 45,000 bushels. Also in 1928 the owners felt that to enlarge the business they should incorporate and on March 18, 1928, they received from the State of North Dakota a corporation charter for the Dean-Osking Company. This charter

Elnor Green took over as bulk agent for the Standard Oil Co., succeeding his father who retired on the same date.

Elnor continued as Standard Oil bulk agent until March 7, 1949, when a new partnership was formed, consisting of Elnor, Walter and David Green. A new bulk plant was built during the winter of 1949 and this change put them in the oil jobber business, handling products of the Pure Oil Company. In 1956 another addition was added to the service station to take care of the increasing service needs of their trade territory.

This brief history of Green's Oil Company indicates the changes that have taken place from the time the bulk of the sales consisted of kerosene and axle grease to the present time when gasoline and all the other related products of petroleum are sold.

### DEAN-OSKING COMPANY

In 1922 Royce Dean and Elmer Osking formed a partnership to buy and sell potatoes and other farm produce. They bought an old elevator located on trackside and commenced operations.

The first year approximately ten cars of potatoes were handled besides other farm pro-



First Office and Warehouse

was renewed in 1948. Principal incorporators and officers were Royce Dean, Elmer Osking and J. O. Anderson.

The business continued to grow, employees were added and another warehouse, with a capacity of 65,000 bushels, was built in 1936. Another was added in 1940 with a capacity of 20,000 and an elevator to handle Austrian winter peas was built in 1943. This was later sold. A potato washer, one of the first in the Red River Valley, was installed and put into operation about 1939.

Volume of potatoes handled by this company steadily climbed to the peak of just under 3,000 car volume in 1944.

## FUGTA LINE ELEVATOR



For quite a number of years, Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association was urged to establish marketing relations at Hatton and finally, in June, 1954, it was decided to build a Line elevator facility. This decision was arrived at after a meeting with local business men, the Commercial Club, bankers and producers, who urged that this step be taken in order to provide the type of multiple service they felt was necessary to adequately meet the needs of the community.

We are very pleased to have been invited to engage in grain marketing at Hatton and our experience the past few years has fully justified the recommendation to become a part of the community.

Since our first year's operation, our patronage at this point has increased threefold and the elevator capacity has been doubled. Clarence Olson is the present manager.

### ODEGARD POTATO COMPANY

O. J. Odegard started buying potatoes in Hatton in 1932 with Gust Melaas as manager and buyer. Home offices are at Princeton, Minn. In 1937 John Weeks took over and has continued as manager ever since.

The Odegard Company also grows potatoes on a partnership basis with several growers around Hatton and Northwood in addition to buying at the local warehouses. The company owns two potato storage warehouses in Hatton and two in Northwood and also owned a farm near Northwood for several years.

### HATTON FREE PRESS

The Hatton Free Press is one of the oldest business establishments in the city, having been in continuous operation since 1905. Rec-



Bjorgo Omlid, First Editor

ords show that the first issue of the Free Press, edited by the late T. R. Tobiason and Bjorgo Omlid, came off the press in January, 1905.

In August of that year Omlid sold his interests in the publication to Tobiason, who sold it to W. H. Kelley in January, 1906. Kelley edited the paper until March, 1910, and then sold it to the late C. P. Anderson. In December, 1924, Harvey G. Wambheim became the editor and publisher, and in March, 1939, Orion Cole purchased the business and has continued



R. S. Duncan at type cases

as editor and publisher of the Hatton Free Press.

A paper was also published in Hatton in the early 1890's and was called the Banneret, and was published in the Norwegian language. The present editor has but one copy of this paper published in 1893 marking the second year of its publication.

R. S. Duncan, coming here from Tennessee, began work with the Free Press in 1908, and has been associated with the firm ever since. This makes 51 years of setting type, running presses and assisting with getting the paper out each week. He is the oldest employee in years of service in Hatton.

The Free Press has been located in the west half of the Eielson building since the early party of 1931. Before that it was located in the building now housing Woody's Cafe.

### OTHER HATTON BUSINESSES

Among other Hatton business places are the Dine-A-Mite Drive-In, opened here in May, 1953, by Mrs. Florence Cady and Mrs. Joe Rozum, located just off highway 18. Mrs. Cady took over as sole owner in August of the same year and has continued the business each summer since. Tom Stoa, local General Agent for Indianapolis Life Insurance Co., has been in the life insurance business for almost 8 years, selling a complete line of insurance.

The State Theatre and Star-Nite Drivein Theatre are being operated by K. C. Brandhagen of Cavalier, N. Dak. A roller skating rink

located in the south part of the city has been operated during the summer months and dances have also been held there. Ole Braaten operates a Blacksmith Shop in the building which was built some thirty or more years ago by the late Oscar Korsmo. Nick Olson came here several years ago and started a shoe repair shop which is located in the Ness building on the west side.

Arthur Mehus purchased the Chevrolet garage building about a year ago and is operating Art's Repair there. Mr. and Mrs. Knute Nesland manage the Hotel Hatton, also located in the south part of the city. Another business is the Hatton Egg Market, now owned by Palmer Wamstad, who bought the place from Oscar O. Thompson, who had managed the market for several year. Heskin Garage, owned by Bernard Heskin and located in the old John Groven garage, handles the Studebaker-Packard line of cars. Hans Skarphol, present city auditor, also has a Tax Service and writes auto insurance and bookkeeping for several city firms.

The Hatton Lounge, owned and operated by the Hatton Improvement Corp., erected a new building in 1949 on the site of the old White House Cafe. It has about 65 members. The Wambheim Potato Co., owned by The Wambheim Bros. and Allen Wambheim, have a warehouse in the north part of the city erected several years ago. Sig Alsaker also has a warehouse just north of the Wambheim potato plant.



### POSTMASTERS OF HATTON

According to information received from the National Archives and Records Service and the Post Office Department in Washington, the following have served as postmasters of Hatton, with dates of appointment:

Lawrence O. Fisk	Dec. 19, 1881
Sarah Thompson	June 28, 1889
Sam Thompson	April 22, 1891
Adolph P. Johnson	Oct. 29, 1895
Theodore Tronson	June 24, 1896
Tobias R. Tobiason	Nov. 18, 1899
H. M. Haakenson	Jan. 25, 1912
Olaf N. Hegge	Nov. 18, 1921
Tilda J. Engebretson	June 20, 1930
(Name changed by marriage to Tilda J. Flesche, Nov. 22, 1934.)	
Carl Solberg	Jan. 22, 1935

### HATTON CITY PARK

Hatton City Park is located on the north-east edge of town and provides a delightful place for picnics, family gatherings, etc., during the summer months.

The park, itself, has fine shade trees, well cared for, shrubs and a graveled drive. Clean, well-kept picnic tables are provided as well as fire places, and running water. For the children, there are swings, slides and a merry-go-round. The ball diamond is located at one end of the park and is busy most every evening during the season.

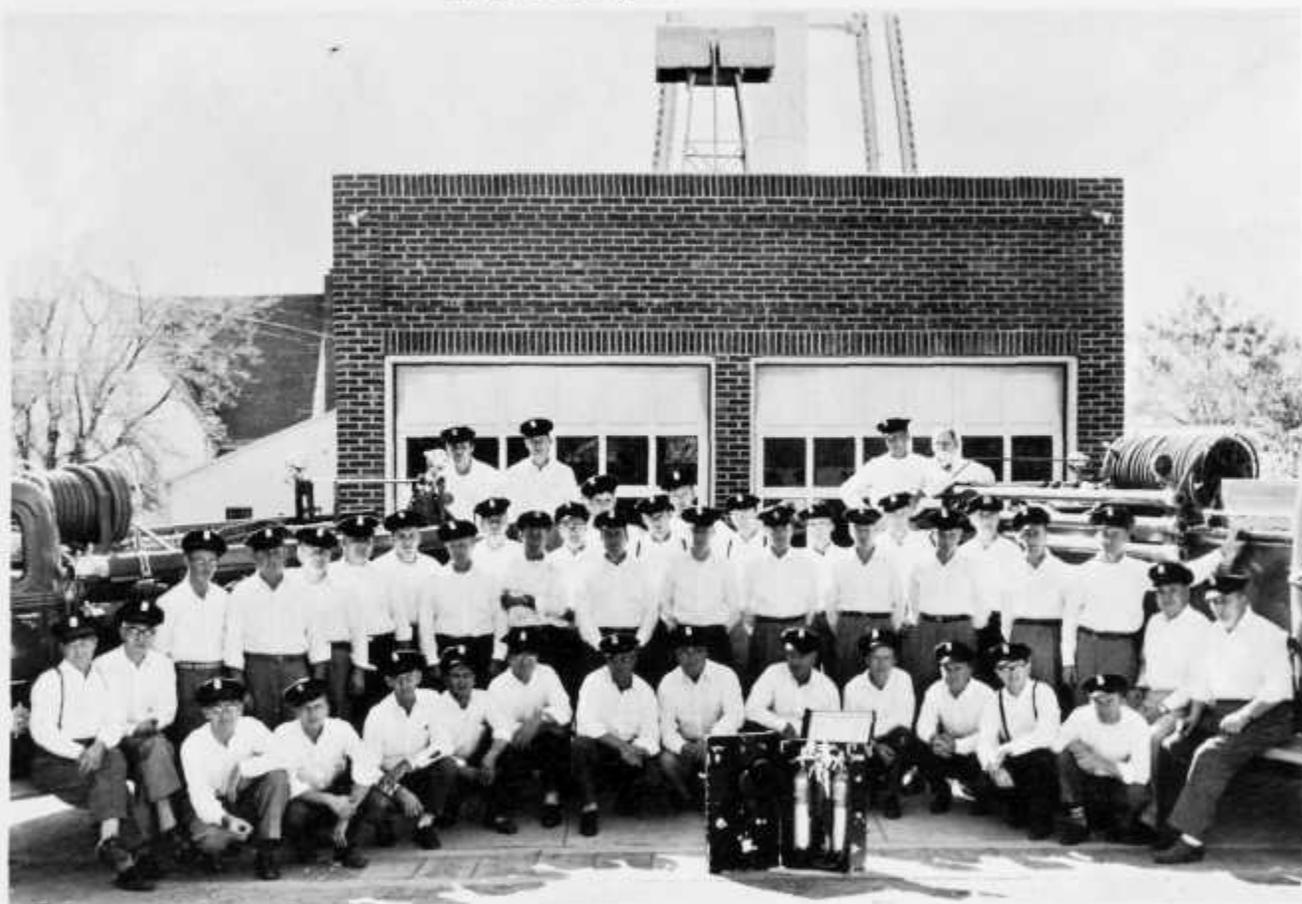
A grandstand and bleachers provide ample seating space. Lights were installed recently, making possible night baseball and soft ball games.

# HATTON'S

## ORGANIZATIONS



Hatton Fire Department 1958



### HATTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

The Hatton Fire Department was formed on Nov. 16, 1895. First chief on record was A. A. Lee, although, according to recollections, Jens Tenold was chief for several years before that. All the old records, prior to 1910, were lost in a fire. The new bylaws were adopted June 12, 1905. The company then consisted of 25 men, including a Chief, assistant chief, secretary, treasurer, one captain and one lieutenant.

In November, 1955, the department formed

the Hatton Family Blood Donors Club which has been of great benefit to the residents of this area. First chairman was Ellsworth Buen.

The department now has 47 members. Art Stavens is Chief; Robert Hanson, assistant chief; Bob Mohagen, secretary; Bernard Johnson, treasurer. Captain of the city engineers is Hjalmer Pederson, Jr.; Lieutenant is Cy Hunter. Captain of the rural engineers is Leonard Loing; Lieutenant is Milford Hanson. Resuscitator captain is George Erickson; Lieutenant is Eugene Anderson.

## **GARFIELD LODGE NO. 105, AF&AM**

Late in the fall and winter, 1912-1913, Masons residing in Hatton began making plans for organizing a Masonic Lodge. Dispensation was granted early in 1913, the Lodge was constituted and the charter presented on June 17, 1914.

First officers were Harvey H. Bissell, WM; Edward N. Hegge, SW; A. C. Cole, JW; Olav J. Wikoren, treasurer; Edward Nyhus, secretary; Isaac Hegge, SD; John M. Johnson, JD; Theo O. Thompson, SS; Severin E. Wiseth, JS; Joseph T. Thompson, tiler. First members were Archibald N. Currie, Alfred M. Henderson, Gregorius Helland, Wirt H. Kelly, Edward N. Korfhage, Charles Mills, Elmer O. Nelson, George Rudolph, John A. Teie and James W. Tucker.

Fortieth anniversary of Garfield Lodge was celebrated in June, 1954 with a picnic and program in the Hatton City Park. Grand Lodge officers, Members of Hatton Chapter, OES, and families were present.

Officers for the year 1958-1959 are Woodrow Knudson, WM; Carsten Brandon, SW; C. A. Thompson, GW; Herman Iverson, treasurer; Richard Prestbo, secretary; Harley L. McLain, SD; Leonard Hofstad, JD; Chester Offerdahl, SS; James N. Kent, JS; Gilman Wastvedt, tiler and Martin E. Olson, service officer. Present membership is 72.

In the fall of 1958 a plot of land was secured in the southeast part of Hatton and construction of a Masonic Temple was started. Inclement weather halted building operations during the winter but work was resumed in the spring and the building will be ready for occupancy this fall.

## **HATTON CHAPTER, NO. 113, OES**

Hatton Chapter, No. 113, OES, was instituted in September, 1927, and constituted on June 22, 1928, with the following charter members: Mary L. Anderson, Helga Smedsrud, Janice S. Olson, Axeline Castella, Hilda Norgaard, Inga M. Foss, Bertha Cole, Luella K. Dean, Luella Grimson, Andrea Hegge, Mattie Froke, Pearl Tronson, Hilda Olson, Carrie Kent, Christine N. Hegge, Lilly Jacobson, Gladys Teie, Martin E. Olson, Dr. William F. Foss and Herbert M. Nash. Meetings are held on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month.

In June, 1953, the chapter observed its twenty-fifth anniversary with a tea in the chapter rooms.

Present officers are Evelyn Hofstad, WM;

Martin E. Olson, WP; Ethel Kent, AM; Nickoli Norgaard, AP; Janice Olson, secretary; Fern Johnson, treasurer; Elizabeth Anderson, Conductress; Vera Hunter, associate conductress; Muriel Arneson, chaplain; Eileen Larson, marshal; Elma Osking, organist; Olive Offerdahl, Adah; Hattie Thompson, Ruth; Beverly Hofstad, Esther; Olive Holter, Martha; Wanda Dean, Electa; Alpha Wastvedt, warder and Tena Aasen, sentinel.

Members of Hatton Chapter are happy to join with the members of Garfield Lodge in their project of a new Masonic building, and are supporting them wholeheartedly and looking forward to the first meeting in their new home.

## **CARROLL O. FLESCHE POST NO. 70**

The Carroll O. Flesche Post No. 70, American Legion, was organized on Nov. 17, 1919, with its first meeting held in the Ben Halvorson machine hall. The post was named in honor of Carroll O. Flesche, who entered service Sept. 21, 1917, and was killed in action in France, Oct. 8, 1918, while serving with Co. G of the 327th Infantry. He was the first man from the Hatton community killed in action during World War I.

Nov. 17, 1959, will mark the 40th birthday of the Post with four present members having had 40 years of continuous membership, namely Elmer Osking, H. G. Wambheim, Oliver Norgaard and H. M. Nash. The Post has a present membership of 125.

The aim of the American Legion is Service to God and Country, with freedom for all people. The local Post has been active in community affairs, sponsoring such things as the Junior Legion ball team and Boy's State.

One of its charter members was Carl Ben Eielson who gained fame pioneering aviation in Alaska and the Arctic regions.

The local Post purchased a building on Hatton's main street in 1947 and have used its rooms for their own meetings and for other community affairs.

## **CARROLL O. FLESCHE UNIT NO. 70**

The Carroll O. Flesche Unit No. 70, American Legion Auxiliary, was organized May 16, 1922, with 45 women signing the charter roll. First officers were Inga Foss, president; Mrs. Isaac Hegge, vice-president; Adeline O. Eielson, secretary; Tilda Engebretson, treasurer; Mrs. Abraham Hanson, chaplain and Mrs. Charles Lyche, historian. The present member-

ship is 81. The local Unit came into existence as a result of World War I and has been actively engaged in rehabilitation and helpfulness as an auxiliary to the Legion through subsequent war years and during peace times.

Present officers are Mrs. Leonard Loing, president; Mrs. Edward Streu, vice-president; Mrs. Conrad Frydenlund, recording secretary; Olive Bjertness, corresponding secretary; Mrs. C. A. Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. V. F. Champeaux, chaplain; Mrs. Wm. Fairbanks, historian; Mrs. Winfred Duncan, sgt.-at-arms.

#### HATTON CIVIC CLUB

No definite date can be established for the organization of the Hatton Commercial Club, now known as the Hatton Civic Club, but it has been functioning since the early 1900's.

During this time, the club has done much to promote Hatton. In its early years, the club sponsored baseball teams and Hatton had many outstanding semi-pro ball clubs. The club has also worked toward improving the Hatton City Park and ball diamond and Hatton now has one of the finest parks in this area. In the past year, lights were erected to provide night baseball and softball.

Also sponsored by the club were the Half Century of Progress celebration in 1934 and the 75th anniversary of the settling of the Goose River Valley area in 1947.

Membership in the Civic Club is made up of the business men in Hatton.

#### HATTON JAYCEES

The Hatton Jaycees were organized in 1946 and membership includes the younger business men and interested farmers from the surrounding area. The Jaycees, too, work toward the improvement of Hatton and were instrumental in getting the sewage system project started in Hatton.

They also sponsor the Mid-Summer Festivals; Christmas lighting and are now sponsoring the swimming pool project. This group also started the Hatton Improvement Corporation.

#### HATTON BENEVOLENT SOCIETY

A meeting was called Feb. 13, 1931, by G. L. Thompson for the purpose of organizing a Benevolent Society. First officers were G. L. Thompson, secretary; C. S. Anderson, treasurer; Dr. A. A. Kjelland, Thorval Stavens, Pastor O. L. Jenson and Martin E. Olson, members of the executive committee. Martin Olson was elected chairman of the executive committee later that same month.

Five hundred and forty applications were approved in March, 1931, and the Society was officially in business. The first death claim was paid that same year.

In 1937 the Society was incorporated under the laws of the State of North Dakota. The membership has been increased to over 1200 members and \$1,000 is paid on each claim.

Mr. G. L. Thompson, who was the main cog in organizing the Society, and who did much to promote the Society at every opportunity, passed away in December, 1947.

Since organization, the Society has paid to 246 beneficiaries the sum of \$237,191 with 232 assessments having been levied during this time. A fund has been built up during the years, enabling the Society to pay several claims without making assessments.

Serving on the board during this time have been A. T. Ofstehage, Osten H. Pladson, Clarence Hjelmstad, Vernon Johnson, Norine Holter, Edgar E. Bjerke. Dr. Kjelland has been named an honorary director.

Martin E. Olson has served as treasurer since 1950 and G. M. Olson as secretary since 1947. He had previously served as treasurer. Other present officers include Osten H. Pladson, president; Clarence Hjelmstad, vice-president; Norine Holter and Edgar E. Bjerke, directors.

#### HATTON STUDY CLUB

The Women's Study Club of Hatton was organized at the home of Mrs. H. G. Wambheim, March 28, 1931, with nine charter members, Mmes. G. J. Clauson, G. Arveson, M. G. Pederson, R. C. Tronson, M. T. Langemo, H. M. Ostrem, G. M. Olson, R. S. Dean and H. G. Wambheim. Other members the first year included Mmes. A. A. Kjelland, C. Solberg, E. Teie, A. Thorson and Miss McKinnon. First officers were Mrs. Clauson, president; Mrs. Dean, vice-president; Mrs. Wambheim, secretary; Mrs. Olson, treasurer and Mrs. Langemo, publicity chairman. The club affiliated with the General Federation of Women's Club on April 15, 1931.

The organization has supported and been sponsors for many civic and welfare projects, including Girl Scouts, Safe driving, swings for Hatton park, Red Cross, German Youth assistance, Peace Garden, Finnish Relief, etc. For several years, the Study Club sponsored a public library in Hatton and when it was dissolved, donated the books, valued at \$800, to the school library.

Members have been active in district work

throughout the years. The 25th anniversary of the club was observed in 1956 with a tea at which members of other clubs were guests. Two charter members still belong to the Hatton Study Club, namely Mrs. G. J. Clauson and Mrs. H. G. Wambheim.

Present officers are Mrs. George Erickson, president; Mrs. Don Ciekliniski, vice-president; Mrs. George Teie, secretary; Ellen Bakken treasurer; Mrs. C. A. Thompson, historian and Gladys Stevning, press correspondent.

#### HATTON SUNSHINE CLUB

The Hatton Sunshine Club was organized in the fall of 1923 at the Elmer Engebretson home. Tilda Engebretson was first president and Louise Groven, vice-president. Purpose of the club is to spread sunshine wherever possible.

The club now has a portable TV for use by convalescents in hospitals or homes. Present membership is 14.

#### THE CHORDSMEN

A group of male singers first organized in 1951 and continued singing at various community affairs for a number of years. Their membership dwindled through the years until those left reorganized and formed what is now known as the Hatton Chordsmen.

This group of 12 men enjoy singing together and are always willing to bring their music to any function or group in the area. Mrs. E. W. Teie is the director and present accompanist is Roberta Aasen.

#### BAND MOTHERS CLUB

The Hatton Band Mothers Club was organized in March, 1950. They were called together by Mr. Fillmore Sanderson, band instructor, who needed financial and moral backing for his band. First officers were Mrs. Calmer Buen, president; Mrs. R. S. Aanestad, vice-president; Mrs. G. M. Olson, secretary and Mrs. E. M. Bjerke, treasurer.

The club has helped buy instruments, care for the uniforms, provide transportation for band members and also sponsor the Arian Award which is inscribed each year with the name of the most deserving student. The membership is now about 40.

#### SCOUTING UNITS

Hatton's Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts offer wholesome recreation to many of its young citizens. The Boy Scouts are under the sponsor-

ship of the Hatton Civic Club and the Cubs are sponsored by the St. John Brotherhood. The Girl Scouts and Brownies are sponsored by the Hatton P-T.A.

#### HOMEMAKERS CLUBS

Fifteen members organized the Busy Homemakers Club, Nov. 18, 1949, at the Kenneth Amundson home. First officers were Mrs. August Neyssen, president; Mrs. Kenneth Amundson, vice-president; Mrs. Palmer Wamstad, secretary-treasurer and Mrs. Ray Hovland, program chairman. The club participates in various activities in the community. Present membership is 14 and present officers include Mrs. NoBell Pladson, president; Mrs. Orion Bye, vice-president; Mrs. Ellsworth Buen, secretary; Mrs. Wallace Thompson, treasurer and Mrs. Roland Sorenson, program chairman.

The Lakeside Homemakers Club was organized September, 1958, with eleven members. Officers are Mrs. LeRoy Pederson, president; Mrs. Charles Vigen, vice-president; Mrs. Thilford Thompson, treasurer; Mrs. James Ness, secretary. The club meets once monthly with yearly dues set at \$1.

The Washington Homemakers Club was organized May 18, 1949. Present membership is 15 including charter members, Mrs. Clarence Brandon, Mrs. Ernest Brandon, Mrs. Helmer Hanson, Mrs. Erling Johnson and Mrs. Frederic Ericson. The club has exhibited at State Fairs and Achievement Days and attended Homemakers camp and the Minneapolis tour.

Newburgh Homemakers Club was organized in September, 1927, at the John Thompson home. As far as is known, this was the first club organized in Steele County. The club was dormant from 1936-44 when it was reorganized at the O. H. Pladson home. Membership has ranged from 8 to 15. The club has participated in civic affairs and made donations to a number of welfare organizations.

The Hatton-Nites Homemakers Club was organized by twenty young women in October, 1948. As a public service, this club sponsors a community flower show each season. Five members have served as officers on the County Council. At present there are eighteen members, nine of whom are charter members.

The Union Homemakers Club was organized March 22, 1950, with thirteen charter members. First officers were Mrs. Melvin

Hjelmstad, president; Mrs. Herald Hjelmstad, vice-president; Mrs. Harry Hjelmstad, secretary-treasurer. At present the membership is eighteen.

Morgan Homemakers Club of Traill County was organized in 1944 with 15 members. The present membership is thirteen with 5 charter members. All major projects and many special activities have been included each year.

Holmes Homemakers Club was organized July 15, 1925, at the home of Mrs. Floyd Dean. Miss M. Beatrice Johnston, who assisted in the organization, is an honorary member of the club. First officers were Mrs. Alfred Gensrich, president; Mrs. F. S. Dean, vice-president; Mrs. E. M. Kent, secretary-treasurer. The club has been active for nearly 34 years, promoting worthwhile projects in the community. The members have learned much through the work of this club, but most of all, they have learned to know each other better—thus enjoying real fellowship with their neighbors.

A meeting at the Emil Hanson home in November, 1949, was for the purpose of organizing this Homemakers Club—named the

Progressive Homemakers Club. First officers were Mrs. Henry Hjelmstad, president; Mrs. Joe McMenamy, vice-president; Mrs. Bernard Eken, secretary-treasurer. Purpose of the club was to find new and better methods of doing their work, making more interesting meals and to improve sewing methods. Club has kept the membership at 12 and there are still 4 charter members active in the club. Present officers are Mrs. James Warner, president; Mrs. Joseph Pederson, vice-president; Mrs. Bernard Johnson, secretary-treasurer.

Garfield Homemakers Club was organized by County agent R. L. Nelson on Sept. 25, 1936, in Garfield School No. 1. First officers and members were Mrs. Allen Wambheim, president; Mrs. Willie Hanson, vice-president; Mrs. Nels Paulson, secretary-treasurer; Mmes. Ole Agotness, Alma Anderson, Selmer Digness, Edward Mastrud, Kernel Stevning. Joining the club the same year were Mmes. Oscar Agotness, Berthold, E. Bjerke, Bjertness, Brandon, B. Hauge, Smestad and Viker. To date, about 240 meetings have been held with the club participating in local, state and national projects. Mrs. Arnold Brandon is president of the club for this year.

### TOBIASON LAKE

In June, 1881, when Tobias Johnson came to Beaver Creek and homesteaded on the north-west quarter of section 14 and built a little shack near a slough which was later referred to as the "Tobias Slough," he did not know that that place would some day become a recreation spot.

On January 28, 1931, a meeting was held at the Beaver Creek Center schoolhouse to discuss the possibility of digging a channel or ditch from the stream or creek so as to divert the overflow water into Tobias Lake. The meeting was called to order by Nels Berge. The following were elected temporary officers: T. K. Walsvick, president; H. J. Ness, secretary and treasurer. The following were elected to supervise the work: Andrew Leral, John Ness and Elmer Bjerke. Charles Mills of Hatton was hired to survey the project.

On February 2, 1931, seventy-four persons met up with picks and shovels and on February 3, seventy-five met up and finished digging the ditch—the start of Tobias Lake. A metal culvert 60 feet long by 48 inches in diameter was installed.



On April 6, 1932, a meeting was held to elect seven directors to serve for a term of one year. These were: Carl Klabo, Arthur Gronhoyd, H. J. Ness, Andrew Leral, Nels Berge, Edgar Bjerke and Gilbert Erickson. These directors of the Tobias Lake Association bought 55 acres of land from the Klabos at

\$20.00 per acre and 21.2 acres from the Federal Land Bank at \$15.00 per acre.

In 1932 a bath house and two refreshment stands were built. On June 11, 1933 Earl Ahrlin of Hatton was hired to serve as police and lifeguard. In May 16, 1935 Ingvald Walsvick was hired to plant trees around the lake. Miss Inga Samnoen was hired as swimming instructor and lifeguard.

In June of 1946 the Lake property was sold to the N. D. Farmer's Union and they have built it up to a beautiful camp with a large auditorium, two dormitories, office, home for the caretaker and a recreation area. There is swimming, boating, water skiing and fishing.

Luther Bjerke was swimming instructor and life guard from 1949 to 1954.

### HISTORY OF LAKESIDE STORE

In 1933 the present garage building was moved in from Golden Lake township by John A. Bjerke and Paul Thompson. Mr. Bjerke started a repair shop and gas station known as Lakeside Garage, and in 1934 Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson opened the Lakeside Store in the east portion of the building. They operated at that location for a couple of years at which time it became necessary to secure larger quarters for the store. The present building was moved in from the Berg farm and has since been expanded several times.

The latest expansion was in 1958 when

the store was enlarged by a 12x36 addition. Mr. Thompson operated a cream truck route for the Hatton Creamery for a time. Lakeside Garage was also operated by Gilman Thompson as Mr. Bjerke's successor.

In 1947 Mr. and Mrs. Tilford Thompson joined the operation, which has been a partnership for the past 12 years. The store has enjoyed a good patronage, which has steadily been gaining through the years, as new items and larger inventories have been added. Lakeside Store will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 1959.



## NEIGHBORING COMMUNITIES

### BEAVER CREEK TOWNSHIP

The first settlers who came westward settled along the Goose River where there was water, wood and shelter. It soon became necessary to move farther west and many of the pioneers found their way into Beaver Creek or Norway Township, as it was called then. The first ones settled in 1877. The land westward was hilly and rugged and those living there were referred to as living "vest i Mounta."

A township election as held in Schoolhouse No. 4 on May 6, 1886, for the purpose of organizing the township and to elect officers for Norway Township. Knut Johnson, Nels Maystad and Knut Heskin conducted the meeting. Elected were Alexander Falconer, chairman; Daniel Bjerke, supervisor; Peter J. Ostmo, supervisor; K. H. Brunsdale, clerk; E. A. Johnson, treasurer; Knut Johnson, assessor; Ole Brunsvold, justice of the peace; Nels Maystad, justice; Lars Martinson and Jens Tenold, constables; Ole Dahl, overseer of the poor; Jens Berge, pondmaster. Road overseers were Jens Berge, C. C. Christianson, Jacob A. Nelson and Ed A. Johnson.

At the annual township meeting March 21, 1905, it was voted to change the name from Norway to Beaver Creek township. Officers then were Ed. O. Norgaard, chairman; A. E. Tosterud and Ed E. Bjerke, supervisors; K. A. Walsvik, treasurer; O. H. Windloss, assessor; M. Brumwell, justice; H. K. Walsvick, constable.

Four schoolhouses were built and school began in 1885. Terms included two months in the fall and three in the spring. In 1885 August Coltom was a director and E. J. Roste was clerk. In 1895 P. J. Ostmo was president of the board; Knudt Johnson, clerk and Ole Coltom and D. J. Bjerke, directors.

Settlers in the NW sections of Beaver Creek got their mail at the Nebo post office, established by James Savage in July, 1890.



Mail was brought by carrier from Hatton twice weekly and later three times a week. Savage came to Dakota in 1881 and homesteaded a quarter section in Westfield Township and a Quarter timber claim in Beaver Creek. Nebo served the local area until it was discontinued in 1906. The farm home at Nebo passed to David and is now the home of Miles Savage.

Ole Brunsvold homesteaded on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 7 and established a store at his home. Andrew Holmen had a blacksmith shop on section 7, southeast of this store. He later moved to Northwood. Ole P. Anderson homesteaded the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 8, and had a blacksmith shop on his place. As the railroad came through and villages sprang up many of the settlers with a special trade moved into town. Ole Anderson moved to Hatton. Charlie Hanson, who settled SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 10, and John P. Hanson, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 18, moved to Mayville and had the drug store there for many years. Jens Tenold sold to John Buan and moved to Hatton and operated a flour mill.

Settlers in the SE sections of Beaver Creek, which is part of Golden Lake, got their mail at the Golden Lake post office, established by a Jew, Isaac Golden. Another store was started by John Kolden. M. Ullensaker was a mail carrier and later had the post office in his home. The Golden Lake store was discontinued in the 1930's.

Golden Lake Territory, a hunter's paradise since the settlers first came, has created new interest. A dam, constructed in 1956 across the Beaver Creek on the Elmer Bjerke farm, serves to divert water into a 3-mile canal. This empties into Rush Lake, west of Golden Lake. Local farmers contributed land for rights-of-way, making the project possible. The area will continue to be a good hunting area, and will soon provide fishing as well. Boating and water skiing will also be enjoyed. In 1955 the Golden Lake Restoration Corporation was started with headquarters in Hatton and in-

cludes members from Finley, Portland, Mayville, Buxton, Hatton and Northwood.

Oldest living pioneers of Beaver Creek: Gilbert Erickson, 89, recalls the many times he walked to Northwood for the mail. He still lives on the home place. Mrs. Halvor Benson, 92, lives in Richmond, Calif., with her daughter, Berthine. Edward Bjerke, 88, is an invalid in the Northwood hospital. Mrs. Gust Bjerke, going on 80 years old, lives in California. Daniel Bjerke, 84, and William Bjerke, 80, live in Hatton. Mrs. Lauritz Brenna, 85, lives in Newburgh Township. Mrs. Ole Solem, 83, lives in Overly, N. Dak.



**OLE M. BALE** was born in Dane County, Wis., and moved to Columbia County when he was a year old. In 1872 he migrated by covered wagon to Northwood, Iowa, where he lived for 6 years. There he attended Luther College at Decorah, Iowa. He came to North Dakota in 1878 to his cousin, Nels Bale. From there he found his way to the spot now known as the John Hogen farm. He was the first to settle out from the river in this area. Here he took his tree claim and homestead. He farmed and during the winter, served as the first parochial school teacher. About ten years later, he entered the hardware business and was engaged in that for six years. He built the store which Welo and Teie later purchased. He also owned another building near it and the hotel, called "The Hatton House." This was later sold and remodeled into a residence. He also owned a store on the site of the present Sanda Implement Co. This was destroyed by fire in 1915. He discontinued the hardware business in 1894 and moved to Northwood where he married Louise Berge. They soon returned to Hatton and continued to live in this community for many years.



**NELS MAYSTAD** was born in Trondhjem, Norway, in 1838. He married Ingeborg Guttormson. She was born in Hallingdal, Norway, in 1848 and came to America when she was 12 years old.

They had 9 children: Tilla (Mrs. Oscar Berg), Ida (Mrs. Carl Johnson), Jenny (Mrs. David Chisholm), Mary (Mrs. Pete Sherva), and Nels. Four children died during the diphtheria epidemic.

Nels was a carpenter by trade. He made all the coffins needed in the community and during the epidemic there were many families with multiple deaths. Mrs. Maystad, being a seamstress, made the little white dresses that were needed.

Nels died May 2, 1898, and Ingeborg in 1918.



**PER OSTMO** was born May 31, 1855, in Hoff, Solar, Norway, and

came to Iowa in 1866. He married Pauline Pederson in Iowa, March 25, 1882. Pauline was born May 17, 1855, in Hoff, Solar.

They came to Beaver Creek in spring of 1882. They had 9 children: Marius and Carl (twins), Mathilda (Mrs. Olaus Pederson), Clara (Mrs. Wm. Westlake), Julia, Petra (Mrs. Hans Midstokke), Mina (Mrs. Loyd Claire), Carolyn (Mrs. James Barnes).

Per died Dec. 25, 1933, and Pauline died March 27, 1937. Marius has this farm.



**TOSTEN KLABO** was born at Northwood, Iowa, May 8, 1861. His wife, Barbro Rugland, was born at Northwood, Iowa, November 3, 1855. They were married in Iowa Feb. 2, 1882. They came to Beaver Creek in 1883. They had 7 children: Mary (Mrs. Lewis Thompson), Oscar, Carl, Gilbert, Selmer, Henry, and Clarence.

Mr. Klabo died Sept. 27, 1926 and Mrs. Klabo died Dec. 4, 1934. Carl lives on this farm.



**JORGEN OLSON BERGJUVE** was born April 15, 1852 in Seljor, Telemarken, Norway. He came with his brother, Bjorn, to Lyle, Minnesota. They came to Beaver Creek in 1887 and Jorgen homesteaded on the southeast quarter of section 20. The same year he married Ingeborg Haukaas. Ingebor was born in Mo Ore, Telemarken, Norway, Jan. 1, 1850 of parents, Olav and Kari Haukaas. They had no children. Ingeborg died June, 1897. Jorgen sold his farm to his brother and in 1906 he went to Mountrail County and homesteaded near Blaisdell, N. D. He died March, 1936.



**KNUT HESKIN** was born at Etnedalen, Valdres, Norway, in 1856. He was married to Johanna Amundson in Norway. They had one daughter, Guri, now Mrs. Anton Hestekind.

They came to America in 1882 and homesteaded in Beaver Creek. Knut sold his farm and moved to Hatton where he did carpenter work and clerked in stores. He was active in church work as Sunday School teacher and lay preacher. Knut died suddenly in 1913 on Easter morning in the Zoar church after Sunday school. Iver Vigin now has this farm.



**KNUTH BRUNSDALE** was born in Iowa County, Wisconsin, May 1, 1856, of sturdy Norwegian stock. The family name originally was Brunsdalen, but his father dropped the final "n" when he came to the U. S. in 1832. Knut came to Dakota Territory in 1882 and bought land near Sherbrooke and went into real estate business. In 1886 he was elected County Treasurer of Steele County and was twice re-elected. He secured a section and a half in Beaver Creek Township and there he lived until the time of his death in Jan. 16, 1899. He was a pioneer in banking.

He was married to Margaret Nordgaard on May 29, 1888, at Decorah, Iowa. She was the daughter of Nels and Eline Nordgaard and was born in Norway June 5, 1860, a year before her parents came to Washington Prairie, Iowa. She came to Dakota in 1885 and was a school teacher, having taught both in Newburgh and Beaver Creek before her marriage. When left a widow with six children she rented out her farm and moved into Portland because Portland had a Lutheran Academy located there. The children were: Elmer, Norman, Edward, Anna (Mrs. J. G. Kjos), Karl and William, who passed away in 1908.

Norman owns the home farm.



**AUGUST COLTOM** was born in Vestre Toten, Norway, Oct. 22, 1855, and died May 9, 1922. He married Andrine Nelson in Minnesota. She was a cousin of Ex-Senator Knut Nelson of Minnesota. They had 10 children and moved to Tacoma, Wash., in 1888.

**MADS COLTOM** was born Dec. 29, 1856, in Ostre Totem, Norway, and died Jan. 2, 1938. He married Ragnild Nelson, sister of Andrine, Mrs. Aug. Coltom, at Sacred Heart, Minn. They had 5 children and moved to Stanwood, Wash. He homesteaded on what is now the Elmer Bjerke farm.

**OLE JACOB COLTOM** was born in Ostre Totem, Norway, in April 22, 1858 and died Oct. 10, 1924. He married Elfrieda Peterson Sept. 3, 1904 at Tacoma, Wash., and had two sons.

**OTTO COLTOM** was born in Ostre Totem, Norway, in 1862. He married and had two children. He died at Strathcona, Minn., May 7, 1945.

**MARTIN COLTOM** was born at Ostre Totem, Norway, April 14, 1867. He married Oleanna Tomte Jan. 23, 1897. They had 3 children. In 1902 they moved to Strathcona, Minn. He died Dec. 3, 1937.

**EDWARD COLTOM** was born in Ostre Totem, Norway, Nov. 23, 1864. He married Julia Fluto at Hatton. They had no children. Julia Fluto was born in Worth County, Iowa, on April 7, 1863, of parents Osle and Gunhild Fluto. Edward was an architect and contractor and built many buildings in and around Hatton. Ed died May 3, 1934. Julia died Jan. 2, 1944.



**ANDERS BERG** was born in Norway. He married Anne Heskin in Norway. Anne was born in Etnedalen, Valdres, Norway, in 1858. They came to Dakota in 1885 and homesteaded the SW quarter of section 22 which is now the Edwin Olson farm. They lived there until 1912 when they moved to Hatton. They had two children: Guri (Mrs. Gunerius Berg) and Ingeborg (Mrs. Carl Haugen). Anders died in 1924 and Anne died in 1941.



**ERIK ERIKSON BJERKE** was born June 2, 1818, in Hadeland, Norway and married Berthe Maria Hagen there in 1846. She was born Sept. 28, 1825. They had eleven children: Andreas, Peter, Ole, Julius, Syver, Anne, Lauris, Edward and Mathia. The first Ole and Mathias died in Norway. Andreas, Peter and Ole left Norway in 1872 and came to Brown County near New Ulm, Minnesota. They worked until they had enough money to send tickets to Norway to bring their parents, brothers and sisters to Minnesota in 1877. Andrew, Peter and Ole then came to Beaver Creek in 1879 and homesteaded on their land. In 1881 they sent for the rest of the family from Minnesota. Erik died Oct. 18, 1907. Berthe Maria died Feb. 9, 1920 at 95 years of age.



**EDWARD BJERKE** was born in Hadeland, Norway, May 25, 1870. He married Caroline Norgaard on Oct. 28, 1894. She was born in Iowa Oct. 20, 1874. They had 9 children: Oscar, Benard, Edgar, Anton, Arthur, Theodore, Mable (Mrs. Obert Berg), Cora (Mrs. Clifford Schnebley) and a son Alfred who died in infancy. Edward came with his parents to Beaver Creek when he was eleven years old. Caroline died June 18, 1924. Edward is an invalid at the Northwood Hospital. Edgar, a son, now owns the home farm.



**GUSTAV BJERKE** was born Sept. 1, 1866, in Norway of parents Daniel and Johanna Bjerke. They came to Madison, Wis., in 1871 and to Beaver Creek in 1882. He was married to Christine Tolen Feb. 27, 1900, by Rev. Tollefson at the Daniel Berke home. Christine was born in Enger Township Dec. 9, 1878 of parents Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Tolen. They had eleven children: Daniel, Cora (Mrs. Petter Bakken), Daniel, Melvin, Agnes, Walter, George, Roy, Carl, Norman and George. Gust died June 2, 1954. Mrs. Bjerke resides in California. Leroy Peterson now owns the farm.



**JENS HOLMEN** was born Jan. 27, 1856, near Christiania, Norway. Thea Hanson was born in 1854 in Odalen, Norway. They were married in Norway and four of the children were born there. Jens came to America first and he liked it so well he sent for his family. They came to Mayville in 1888 and lived there about a year before coming to Beaver Creek. Jens was a blacksmith by trade and had his shop on his homestead and did blacksmithing for the people in the community. They had 8 children: Nels, Hjalmar, Jennie (Mrs. Fred Holter), Thorval, Gunda (Mrs. Alfred Holter), Georgen, Clifford, and Bernt. Jens died Jan. 19, 1910 and Thea died Dec. 19, 1938. Orville Holmen now owns the homestead.



**ANDREW HOLMEN**, brother of Jens Holmen, had a blacksmith shop in Beaver Creek on section 7 SE quarter, in the early 1800's and moved to Northwood when the railroad came through and had a blacksmith shop there for many years. He married Annie Bale and they had five children, Mabel, Edith (Mrs. Simonson) and Stella (Mrs. Kringlie). The others died young.



**DANIEL BJERKE** was born in Vermeland, Sweden, Feb. 20, 1826. He married Johanne Fuglerud, March 23, 1861, in Risoer Kirke, Norway. Johanne was born Jan. 26, 1838, in Naes Romerike, Norway. Daniel came to Madison, Wis., in 1868, and his family in 1871. They came to Beaver Creek in 1882. Daniel died July 28, 1904 and Johanne died April 12, 1912. They had seven children: Anna (Mrs. Andrew Gunderson), John, Gust, Carl, Daniel, Albert and William.



**LAURITZ BJERKE** was born June 19, 1867 in Hadeland, Norway, and came to Beaver Creek in 1881. He married Berthea Bye, daughter of Arne and Johanne Bye, at the Goose River parsonage April 12, 1903. Berthea was born in Newburgh Township January 11, 1884. They had two children Artha (Mrs. August Peterson) and John. Lauritz died July 29, 1955, and Berthea died July 1, 1935.



**ANDREAS TOSTERUD** was born Sept. 22, 1854 at Feiring, Norway, of parents, Erick and Marie Tosterud. He left Norway in 1882 and came directly to Northwood, N. D. Being a carpenter by trade, he found work right away. He filed homestead in Beaver Creek on July 30, 1884, where he made his home the rest of his life. Oline Olson Ness was born Feb. 27, 1866, at Hadeland, Norway, of parents Johanne Paulson and Ole Olson Ness. She left Norway in 1881 and came to relatives in Decorah, Iowa, and from there to Northwood, N. D., April 4, 1885. Andreas and Oline were married by Rev. Waage. They had three children: Ida (Mrs. Theodor Walsvik), Olga (Mrs. Andrew Leral), and Elmer, who is now the owner of the homestead. In the early 90's the frame houses began to be built. Mr. Tosterud leased his land to Edward Norgaard in 1891 and did only carpenter work for a number of years. Andreas passed away Feb. 4, 1922, and Oline passed away Nov. 28, 1942.



**VEBJORN MIKKELSON SONDREAAL** was born in Hol Hallingdal, Norway, in 1849. He was married in Norway to Bergit and they had three children: Mikkel, Bergit (Mrs. Ole Solem) and a baby girl. They came to this community in 1878. In 1879 Vebjorn went to Fargo for supplies and when he came home he found his wife had given birth to a baby girl and both mother and babe were dead. Mikkel and Bergit were adopted by their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Mikkel Sondreaal. In 1884 Vebjorn married Olava Torgerson at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thor Torgerson, by Rev. A. J. Vaage. To this union were born 14 children: Thor and Gilbert, drowned in the Goose River near their home in 1916, Engebret, Guri (Mrs. Ole Langager), George, Knute, Arthur, Bernhard, William, Martin, Beata (Mrs. A. Hjelman), Olga (Mrs. John Aaland), and Marget (Mrs. Peter Dahl). They also reared two grandchildren, Guri and Oscar Langager. They homesteaded in Beaver Creek on the SE quarter of section 12 and lived there until 1904 when they moved to Newburgh to what is now called the Gust Haga farm. Vebjorn passed away Nov. 26, 1928 and Olava passed away in Jan. 27, 1955.



**EVEN E. SONDREAAL** was born in Hol, Hallingdal, Norway, Dec. 10, 1858. He was raised by his foster parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mikkel Sondreaal. He left Norway in 1878 and homesteaded on the farm his family

has always lived on. Mr. Sondreaal's wife, Gurine Sondreaal, was born Feb. 22, 1867, near Northwood, Iowa, of parents Mr. and Mrs. Per Sondreaal. She was married to Even March 18, 1882. Eleven children were born to them: Helen (Mrs. M. W. Sondreaal), Caroline, Beata (Mrs. T. Tweeten), Pearl (Mrs. Andrew Kari-vold), Emma (Mrs. Oliver Nelson) Elvina (Mrs. Oscar Septon), Alida (Mrs. Jack Peterson), Theodore, Edwin, Gilmore, and Howard. Even died Nov. 30, 1933, and Gurine died Oct. 7, 1958.



**HALVOR BENSON** was born in Valdres, Norway on Nov. 26, 1860. At 10 years of age he came with his parents to Boscobel, Wisconsin. In 1882 he came to Beaver Creek and homesteaded on the NW quarter of section 22. He was married to Christine Tobiasson in January, 1890. Christine was born in Christiansand, Norway, on April 4, 1867, and came here in 1889. They had eleven children: Bernard, Clarence, Emma (Mrs. Ingvald Anderson), Albert, Signe (Mrs. Bob Myers), Garfield, Berthine (Mrs. Carl Berg), Esther (White), Ferdinand, Hilda and Oscar. Halvor died March 31, 1929. Christine (see photo) is still living at 92 years of age, in Richmond, California with daughter, Berthine.

**PETER LAURITZ COLTOM** was born in Ostre Toten, Norway, Feb. 13, 1860. He married Sophie Wilhelmine Rice at Sacred Heart, Minn., April 17, 1888. Sophie was born March 3, 1866. They had eight children: Josephine (Mrs. Gilbert Aasen), Olava (Mrs. Albert Odden) Emma (Mrs. C. Bye), Cora, Clara (Mrs. Elmer Halvorson), Christie (Mrs. Karl Kringler), Minerva (Mrs. Armand Tharoldson) and Henry. Peter homesteaded and lived on what



is now the Ole Heskin farm until 1916 when he moved into Hatton. He had been Sunday School superintendent for 30 years.

Peter died Oct. 9, 1923 and Sophie (pictured above) died Dec. 1, 1916.



**OLE DAHL** was born Oct. 20, 1850, at Hol, Hallingdal, Norway, of parents, Gunvald and Sigsdi Dahl. Ambjor Sondreaal was also born in Hol, Feb. 6, 1856. Her parents were Mikkel and Guri Sondreaal. They were married in Hol church on June 10, 1877, and later that same year left for America. They homesteaded on the present Gilmore Berge farm. They had two children, Guri and Gilbert. Guri was born July 13, 1878 and was the first baby born in Beaver Creek. She married Nils Berge on Dec. 7, 1901.

Guri died July 26, 1938.

**OSMUND H. WINDLOSS** was born in Dane County, Wisconsin, Nov. 1, 1858. His parents are Halvor and Ambjor Windloss. At the age of two he moved with his parents to Dodge County, Minnesota, where he lived for a number of years. He came to Dakota in 1879 and homesteaded in Norway



Township on land now owned by C. B. Norgaard. In 1891 he bought a farm from Peter L. O. Coltom where he resided until his death Feb. 5, 1933. His son, Darwin, now owns and lives on that farm. Anne Margarete Bjerke was born in Hadeland, Norway, March 12, 1865. She came with her parents, Berte Maria and Erik Bjerke, to the United States in 1880. Osmund and Anne were married at the St. John Lutheran Church at Hatton, N. D. in 1884. They were charter members of the Beaver Creek Church and Ladies Aid. Mrs. Windloss passed away September 9, 1944. Mr. Windloss was school director for twenty-two years and assessor of Beaver Creek Township for thirty years. Osmund and Anne had seven children: Annette (Mrs. N. J. Qualey), Hannah (Mrs. Miller Trilhus), Elvina (Mrs. P. H. Vareberg), Olga (Mrs. Otis Vigen), Selma (Mrs. Henry Simonson) Alexander and Darwin.



**LARS MARTINSON** was born March 10, 1857, at Benson, Minn., son of Martin Martinson. He married Anna Caroline Halvorson, daughter of Jacob and Isabelle Halvorson. She was

born Jan. 21, 1869, at Benson, Minn. They were married June 9, 1887, near Beaver Creek. They had eight children: Herman, George, Louis, Inga (Mrs. Olaf Opsahl), Nora (Mrs. Helmer Krabseth), Charlotte (Mrs. Don Chance), Zella (Mrs. Bob Matson), Phillip.

Lars died at Finley May 23, 1913, and Anna died at Stanley, N. D., March 10, 1948.



**ANDREAS ERIKSON BJERKE** was born in Hadeland, Norway, in March, 1851, of parents, Erik and Berte Maria Bjerke. He came to America in 1872. He married Johanne Nygaard June 24, 1873. She was born in Hadeland, Norway, June 6, 1849. Andrew came to Beaver Creek in 1879 and homesteaded on the north-east quarter of section 20 bringing his family in 1881. They had six children: Maria (Mrs. Lauritz Brenna), Oletta (Mrs. George Erickson), Bertina (Mrs. John Erickson), Emma (Mrs. Ole Berg), Anne (Mrs. Olaf Harven) and Lars. Andrew died Jan. 22, 1886, and Johanne died Sept. 23, 1929.



**BJORN OLSON BERGJUVE** was born April 25, 1862, in Seljor, Telemarken, Norway. He came to Beaver Creek in 1887 and farmed with his brother, Jorgen. In 1889 he bought his brother's homestead. He married Aasna Sordahl in 1890. Aasna was born in Sordahl, Saterdalen, Norway, Dec. 11, 1865. They had seven chil-

dren: Carl, Gunhild (Mrs. Albert Walsvik), Anne (Mrs. Oscar Ostenson), Ole, Edwin, Alec and Bert. Ben died Jan. 6, 1913 and Mrs. Olson died April 22, 1952.

**TOBIAS JOHNSON** family came to Beaver Creek in 1881 by covered wagon with the Nels Roisen and Jens Berge families and settled by what is now the Tobiasson Lake. First digging a cellar by the cottonwood trees there and later built a house there. Tobias died there and his wife went to Minnesota and married a man named Haugemoe and later moved northeast of Northwood after which they moved to Canada. Tobias Johnson's had five children all marrying homesteaders in Beaver Creek: John Tobias married Christina Christopher, Letta married Charlie Christopher, Stina married Anton Hundebj, Gurine married John Evanson, Bina married Tollef Furuhaug. They separated and she married Hegstrom.

**CHARLIE CHRISTOPHER** married Mrs. Kjittel Kittelson and homesteaded in Beaver Creek about 1881 and lived on section 8, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , until 1891 when they moved to northeast of Northwood. Mrs. Christopher's maiden name was Viel Olson and as Mrs. Kittelson she had three children: Kari, Thurine and Andrine (Mrs. Bendick Platson). Mr. and Mrs. Christopher had eight children: Christine (Mrs. John Tobias Johnson), Isabel (Mrs. Carl Storkson), Tillie, John, Nels (perished in a well in B. C.); and Willie—married Emma Kjorven. Charlie—married Letta Johnson, and Lou—married Hattie Marshall.

Charlie was born in 1839 and died 1931. Viel was born in 1834 and died 1921.

**KNUT BENSON**, brother of Halvor Benson, was born in Valdres, Norway in 1858 and came to Beaver Creek in 1882 and settled on the farm which is now owned by Andrew Leral. He married Cecelia Tobiasson, a sister of Mrs. Halvor Benson in 1884. They had 14 children: Bennett, Carl, Harry, Selma, Mary, Clara, Sarah, Annie, Julius, Solomon, Fred, Joseph, Ole and Clara. In 1905 they moved to Canada and settled at Parkbeg, Sask., until 1928; and then moved to Central Butte where they resided until their deaths; Knut in 1943 and Cecelia in 1954.

**NELS BALE** came from Wisconsin with his wife, Solveig Boyum. They moved to Northwood, Iowa, in 1872. They came with their five children to Hatton community in April, 1881, to the home of his brother, Ole Bale, and his mother (Uni Olsdatter Marcussen). Ole Bale owned the farm which is now the John Hogan place. In 1882 Nels moved his family to

Beaver Creek and settled on NE section 14 on land which now belongs to Gillis Gulbrandson.

They had six children: Melvin—was a Nursery agent for many years and made his home around Hatton and Northwood until his last years when he retired at the Caledonia Home until his death in June, 1947; Annie, married Andrew Holmen; Christian, Celia (Mrs. Carl Westre), Louie and Bertine—was adopted by Jorgen Iversen's. Mrs. Bale died when Bertine was 6 months old.



**JENS BERGE** was born Aug. 22, 1838, in Norway and came to Minnesota. He married Synnove (Susan) Thompson in 1867. Synnove was born May 5, 1844, in Traana, Norway. She sailed for America with her family when she was 9 years old. Her father and a sister died on board ship and the mother and two sisters went to Wisconsin to live with relatives. The mother soon married a Mr. Thompson in Minnesota. Synnove married Jens Berge and they made their home near Rochester, Minn. In 1881, the families of Tobias Johnson, Nels Johnson and Jens Berge, with two daughters, migrated to Dakota in covered wagons. One of the Berge girls was Louise (Mrs. Ole Bale), then 13 years old, who had to drive the cattle. The rest of the family came by train to Blanchard. When the wagon train came to Kasson, Minn., the people there were celebrating the "Syttende Mai" (May 17). The Berge family came to Beaver Creek Township in June, 1881, and settled on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 14. They had nine children, Louise (Mrs. Ole Bale), Tina, Betsy (Mrs. Ole Pearson), Annie (Mrs. John Anderson) all deceased, Hannah (Mrs. Iver Brenno), Serine (Mrs. Andrew Okland), Tina (Mrs. Anton Olson) and Andrew Christopher, both deceased. Jens Berge died Feb. 3, 1919 and Mrs. Berge (pictured here) in April, 1923.



**KNUT WALSVIK** was born Jan. 14, 1852 in Voss, Norway of parents, Engebret and Aase Walsvik. His father died when Knut was 4 and he came to America with his mother and sister in 1870. They went first to Kenyon, Minn., and then to Northwood, Iowa. Gunhild Olson was born Sept. 27, 1848, in Sogn, Norway, of parents, Arne and Brita Olson. They came to America in 1854. Knut and Gunhild were married in Iowa May 12, 1877, and came to Beaver Creek in June, 1882. Their homestead has passed from son, Theodore, to grandson, Thilford, who now owns the farm. Knut died July 23, 1907, and Gunhild on June 15, 1930. They had five children, Albert, Henry, Theodore, Ingvald and Bennetta (Mrs. Gillie Klabo), all deceased.



**KNUDT JOHNSON** was born in Dane County, Wisconsin, April 3, 1855. His parents, Osmond and Anse (Windloss) Johnson, were of Norwegian birth. When Knudt was twelve years of age the family settled in Worth County, Iowa and there he remained until he had received his common-school education. He went to Dakota on a visit to his cousin, Osmond H. Windloss, in the spring of 1880 and then filed claim to land on section 2 in Norway Township. He built a small dwelling, half dugout, and arranged a place for cooking outside and with an oyster can for a coffee pot. Knudt passed the first winter with Mr. Windloss and the following summer was joined by his mother who took charge of the home. Antoinette Calheim was born Feb. 5,

1863, in Sweden, and came to Ken-  
sett, Iowa, with her parents (Chris-  
tine and Andrew Calheim) when five  
years old. Knudt and Antoinette were  
married in Hatton by Rev. Gronlid  
July 19, 1883. They had twelve chil-  
dren: Albert, Andrew, Christine (Mrs.  
Roy Warsop), Oscar, Carl, Nettie  
(Mrs. Sander Midboe), Betsy (Mrs.  
Ferdinand Rochleau), Selmer, Hilma  
(Mrs. V. H. Green), Julia (Mrs. Mel-  
vin Mootz), Elvina (Mrs. George  
Kling), Esther (Mrs. Arthur Hun-  
deby). Carl and Nettie were twins.  
Knudt died Jan. 16, 1943 and An-  
toinette died July 13, 1928.

Knudt was one of the organizers of  
Norway Township and was assessor  
for many years, and chairman of the  
board of supervisors several terms.  
Township clerk and county commis-  
sioner for several terms. He also held  
many offices in church and school.



**MARTIN RASMUSSEN** was born  
in Stavanger, Norway, and came to  
America in 1881, settling first in Min-  
nesota. He later came to Mayville and  
worked as a hired hand. He married  
Laura Halvorson Nordingen from  
Hudsren, Norway, on June 3, 1889.  
They were married by Rev. Tollefson  
at the P. L. Coltom home in Beaver  
Creek. They homesteaded in Beaver  
Creek on the southeast quarter of  
section 4 in 1889. They had eight chil-  
dren: Lena (Mrs. Christ Stavedal),  
Hilda (Walter Enge), Magda, Ru-  
dolph, Harold and Tom. Two died in  
infancy. Martin died in October,  
1946. Laura died in March, 1935.

**EDWARD O. NORGAARD**, son of  
Ole Norgaard, was born in Decorah,  
Iowa, April 13, 1864. In 1880 he came  
with his parents to Dakota and set-  
tled six miles west of Hatton. He



married Gulbjor Olson, daughter of  
Johanne Paulson and Ole Olson at  
Hatton in July, 1891, by Rev. Gron-  
lid. Gulbjor was born in Hadeland,  
Norway, Aug. 11, 1872. They lived  
where Andrew Leral now lives until  
1892 and then moved to their home  
near the Beaver Creek Church. In  
1913 they moved to a farm near Hat-  
ton. Mrs. Norgaard passed away May  
8, 1914. Edward passed away June 6,  
1939. They had ten children: Oscar  
Albert, Emma (Mrs. William Bjerke),  
Ida (Mrs. Willie Pladson), Annette  
(Mrs. Carl Gulson), Gina, Clarence,  
Ole, Mabel (Mrs. Miles Savage),  
Oscar and Gilmore.



**PETER ERIKSON BJERKE** was  
born April 13, 1854 in Hadeland, Nor-  
way. At the age of twenty-two he left  
Norway and came to Clearmont,  
Iowa, in 1876. There he married Inger  
Buraas. Inger was born in Norway  
Feb. 3, 1856, and came to Iowa when  
three years old. In 1879 they, with  
their daughter, Berthine, came to  
Beaver Creek. Five children were  
born here: Emma, Henry, Ole, Malla,  
Clara. They moved to Northwood,  
N. D. and lived there a short while.  
A daughter, Ida, was born there. In  
1894 they all moved to Minnesota. He  
bought a farm in Hill River Town-  
ship north of Fosston, Minn. He  
passed away Aug. 1, 1950, at the age  
of 96 years. Inger died Dec. 8, 1941.  
They homesteaded NW 1/4, section 30  
—now owned by Carl Meldahl.

**GUNERIUS BERG** was born in  
Solor, Norway in 1848. He was mar-  
ried in Norway to Karen and they



had four children: Annie (Mrs. G. A.  
Erickson), Gunda (Mrs. Oscar Peter-  
son), Oscar, and Alex. They came  
from Norway in 1885 and settled in  
Beaver Creek near the Nebo post  
office. Karen died in child birth in  
March, 1885. Gunerius then married  
Christine and they had five children:  
Theodor, Minnie (Mrs. J. Allis), Clif-  
ford, Clara (Mrs. J. C. Huddbeaten),  
Edgar and Gilmen. Christine died in  
1901. He was married again in 1904  
to Guri Berg and in 1907 went back  
to Norway to live. They had three  
daughters: Taelle, Mina and Marie.  
Gunerius died in Solor Feb. 11, 1935.  
Guri died in 1937. Gunerius also  
owned the land on which the Carl  
Meldahl family live. He also lived on  
and owned land where Edwin Stavens  
lives.



**OLE ERIKSON BJERKE** was  
born May 12, 1856, in Gran, Hade-  
land, Norway. He came to Minnesota  
in 1872 and then homesteaded in  
Beaver Creek in 1879 on the south-  
west quarter of section 20. He brought  
his parents to Beaver Creek and gave  
them his homestead. Ole then home-  
steaded in Newburgh Township on  
the northwest quarter of section 7.  
There he was married to Anne Maria  
Olson in January, 1891. She was born  
in Branbu, Hadeland, Norway, Feb.  
19, 1869, daughter of Ole Olson and  
Johanna Paulson. She came to Da-  
kota in 1887 to her sister Mrs. A.  
Tosterud. Ole and Anne Maria moved  
back to Beaver Creek in 1897 having  
bought a farm from Mads Coltom in  
1895. This farm now belongs to Elmer  
Bjerke.

Ole and Maria had ten children:  
Edwin, Julia (Mrs. Clifford Holmen),  
Olga (Mrs. Alfred Bye), Melvin,

Annie (Mrs. Clarence Lyste), Oliver, Elmer and Peter. John Melvin and Arvid died in infancy. Ole died Feb. 17, 1923 and Anne Maria died Aug. 5, 1948.



**JULIUS E. BJERKE** was born March 8, 1859 in Hadeland, Norway, and came to America with his parents, Erik and Berthe Maria Bjerke, when he was 18 years old. He married Eline Maria Martinson on March 26, 1885, at Hatton, N. D., by Rev. Waage. Eline Maria was born July 20, 1863, in Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin, of parents Hans and Inger Martinson. Julius homesteaded in Beaver Creek on section 18, the southwest quarter, and lived there until 1900 when the family moved to Fosston, Minn. They lived there until March, 1910 and then came back to Beaver Creek to farm where John L. Bjerke now lives. Julius died April 17, 1933, and his wife died July 12, 1936. They had 13 children: Ida, Mina, Edward and Martin died in infancy. Ella Mathilde (Mrs. Hans Thuen), Eddie Herbert—died at 20 years, Bernhard Melvin, John Edgar—died at 25 years, Albert, Emma, Clara Louise (Mrs. Ben Sordahl), Josephine (Mrs. Frank Kaufman) and Oscar.



**ERICK G. ERICKSON** was born near Christiania, Norway, January 5, 1840, and was the only child of Gilbert and Marte (Hanson) Erickson. At the age of sixteen years he learned the carpenter's trade and in 1862 he and his father came to America, the

mother having died in Norway. They first resided in Spring Grove, Houston county, Minnesota, and he plied his trade there for over ten years. He later resided in Allamakee County, Iowa, and about 1878 went to Dakota to make a home for his family. He went directly to Fargo and for six years followed carpenter work in that vicinity. He filed claim to his land in 1883 and in the Spring of the following year moved his family to the new home where they since remained. His sons operated the farm and Erick continued at his trade. He built many of the buildings in Northwood, N. D.

Erick was married in 1862 to Anne Olson. She was born Feb. 22, 1832. They had seven children: Gilbert I, Michael, Mary (Mrs. O. Field), Gilbert II, Emma, Christine (Mrs. G. Gronhoyd) and Oscar. Gilbert is still living and is 89 years old. Kenneth Gronhoyd now owns the homestead. Erick died March 1, 1927 and Anne died June 20, 1913.



**OLE COLTOM** was born in Vestre Toten, Norway, May 25, 1824. His wife Johane was born in Vestre Toten, Aug. 16, 1823. They, with their family of ten children, came over the Atlantic in a sailboat, the trip taking over six weeks. They arrived in Milwaukee, Wis., in 1869, moving to Minnesota in 1870. They suffered many hardships with hostile Indians and severe winters. In 1882 they moved to Dakota Territory and into what was then called Golden Lake Territory.

They had seven boys and three girls: August, Mads, Peter, L. O., Martin, Otto, Ole Jacob and Edward, Berte (Mrs. Halvor Roste), Jorgine (Mrs. Hans Tomte).

Ole died Nov. 30, 1892 and Johane died Feb. 7, 1895.



**NELS JOHNSON-ROISEN** was born March 6, 1844, in Norway and

came to Beaver Creek in 1881, settling in section 14. He later moved to Lind Township where his son Louis now lives. He married Ingrid Bale on Nov. 20, 1869 at Spring Grove, Minn. Ingrid was born June 17, 1848. They had 13 children, all died during the diphtheria epidemic except the three who were born after the epidemic: they are Joseph, Louis and Martin. Ingrid died April 19, 1926 and Nels died Dec. 24, 1918.



**DANIEL BJERKE** was born May 16, 1874, in Worth County, Iowa, of parents Daniel and Johanne Bjerke and came to Beaver Creek in 1882. Anna Tolen was born near Portland, N. D., June 2, 1882. They were married Easter Sunday, March 29, 1902, by Rev. Tollefson at the Goose River Parsonage. They settled in Beaver Creek and resided there until 1912 when they moved to Golden Lake Township. Anna died Oct. 22, 1944. They had nine children: Myrtle (Mrs. Leonard Christianson), David, Oscar, Esther (Mrs. Melvin Peterson), Lyla (Mrs. William Havig), Alice (Mrs. Marvel Wenaas), Henry, Hazel (Mrs. Eugene Johnson), Verna (Mrs. Irving Walsvick). Dan lives in Hatton now and is hale and hearty at 84 years.



**JOHN O. BUAN** was born in Stordalen, Norway, Feb. 2, 1863, of parents Ole Ness and Randi Lassesson. He came to Goodhue County, Minnesota in 1883. He bought his farm from Jens

Tenold in 1887. He married Emma Fossum at Fargo N. D. on Dec. 2, 1891. She was born Jan. 9, 1870 in Selbu, Norway, and came to America in 1887 with her parents, Thomas and Sophie (Mebust) Fossum. They had eight children: Ragna (Mrs. Edwin Hamre), Olai, Thilda, Stella (Mrs. Ole Pederson), Thilda, Jeanne (Mrs. Eyre), Agnes (Mrs. Kenneth Evenson), Marianne (Mrs. Mills). John died June 14, 1933. Emma died Oct. 30, 1942.

Ole Pederson now owns the farm.



**WILLIAM BJERKE** was born in Worth County, Iowa, Aug. 22, 1878, and came with his parents (Daniel and Johanne Bjerke) to Beaver Creek in 1882. He was married to Emma Josephine Norgaard, daughter of Edward and Gulbjor (Olson) Norgaard, March 29, 1919. Emma was born in Beaver Creek Township April 26, 1894. They had six children: Wilma, Wilda, William, Willard, Willis, Willete. William, or Bill as friends call

him, attended Mayville Normal in 1900 and also attended Bruflat Academy and the A.C. He served two terms in the Legislature as Representative in 1919 and 1921. They have lived in Hatton since 1928.



**CHRISTIAN LYTE** was born at Aadalen, Prestegjaeld, Norway, on June 2, 1846. He came to Rochester, Minn., when 23 years old. He was married in Olmstead County, Minn. in 1874, to Oline Mehus. They had three children: Mrs. Anne Homme, Mrs. Martha Tangney and Oscar. He with his family came to the Red River Valley and homesteaded a mile and a half southwest of Hatton. Hatton at that time did not exist. Mrs. Lyte passed away in 1883. He then married Ingeborg Huus, daughter of Andrew and Lukris Huus. She was born Dec. 22, 1863. They had seven children: Lena (Mrs. A. S. Huus), Nels, Albert, Gina (Mrs. Oscar Sletten), Otto, Theodore, Ida (Mrs. Ole Sordahl). In 1890 he moved his family to Min-

nesota again to the Pine Creek settlement. They stayed there for 7 years but finally decided to return to Hatton community. He rented land for three years and then purchased the farm in Beaver Creek in 1900. Mrs. Lyte died in 1925. Mr. Lyte died March 30, 1945.



**GUNDER K. SANDA** was born September 2, 1856 in Telemarken, Norway. He came to Northwood, Iowa in 1881 and to Beaver Creek in 1883. In 1895 he returned to Norway where he married Bergit Erickstein June 25, 1896. She was born July 4, 1876, in Bo, Telemarken. She died January 11, 1946. Gunder died June 25, 1926. They had six children: Gunda (Mrs. Elmer Tosterud), Clarence, Ingvald, Alfred, Sam, Ida (Mrs. Gilmen Stavens). Sam lives on the old homestead.

## NEWBURGH TOWNSHIP

Newburgh township was settled in the 1870's. First homesteaders selected their claims along the Goose River where they could obtain logs for their cabins and for firewood. Several of these cabins are still intact. First one built was the Rodningen cabin—later purchased by Anton Berg and moved to section 23. The Andrew Stavens cabin is also one of the first built. Two have had additions and are still in use, the Lars Mark cabin on the Ernest Stavens farm and the Ole Berg cabin at the Oscar Berg farm. Later settlers took their claims on the prairie and lived in dug-outs and sod houses.

First wedding in the township was that of N. H. Berg and Tonetta Heskin in 1874. First store was established at the Halvor Berg homestead in 1876 and in 1877 a post office was added. When the township was organized

in 1883 it was named Newburgh in honor of this post. First township officers were J. H. Berg, clerk; Lars Mark, treasurer and O. T. Arneson, Lewis Larson and Ole Berg supervisors.

Rognhild Rodningen, born March 23, 1875, was the first girl born in the township and Thomas Thompson, born, May 13, 1875, the first boy. In 1881 the first school was built on a corner of section 16 with O. T. Arneson as the first teacher. Goose River church was the first church in the township, built in 1887.

All homesteaders were from Norway with the exception of one from Sweden, Hans Anderson. Most had lived in other states before coming to Dakota. In the southern half of the township, every other section was railroad land due to a grant from the Federal government to help get the railroad built.



*Olaus Larson Ole O. Benson Ole Benson Sr. Thor Torgerson John Flittie  
Ole E. Fosse Ole L. Thompson Osten H. Pladson Bendick Pladson Bendick Fosse  
Carl O. Benson Lewis Thompson*

This is the group of pioneers from Newburgh Township who went to Fargo in December, 1884, to prove up their claims. Right to left—front row—John Flittie,

Thor Torgerson, Ole Benson, Sr., Ole O. Benson, Olaus Larson; second row, Bendick O. Benson, Bendik K. Pladson, Osten H. Pladson, Ole L. Thompson, Ole E. Fosse; third row, Lewis Thompson, Carl O. Benson.

The people of Newburgh have always been associated with Hatton and on the occasion of Hatton's Diamond Jubilee, extend congratu-

lations and pledge their good-will and help in making a prosperous future for Hatton.

Records show that the first party who settled on this land for a short period, E½ of NW¼ and W½ of NE¼, sec. 33, was Knut Paulson, later of Northwood. He sold to John Sveen (Swain) who had located in the Bang territory. His wife was Olive Rud. Their first home in Newburgh was a dugout and later a log cabin with frame addition. John later sold to his neighbor, Anton Berg. The daughter, Karen Sveen was married to Albert Larson in 1897, at Portland. Their last home was Northwood.

OLE AASEN and his wife, Ingeborg, both came from Numedal, Norway. Ole was born March 28, 1849 and Ingeborg Dec. 7, 1850. They were married in Norway in 1872. In 1886 they came to Dakota and bought 80 acres in section 3, Newburgh township from Lars Aasen, Ingeborg's brother. Later, he sold this 80 acres to Osten Pladson and bought a quarter of school land in section 17 where he



made his home. Ole died in 1934 and Ingeborg in 1931. Their children were Guri, Ole, Turi, Knut, Margit, Gilbert, Lewis and Bernhard. John L. Thompson now owns this farm.



OLE L. THOMPSON was born in Sogn, Norway, Dec. 19, 1854. At the age of six, he came with his parents to America and first settled in Worth County, Iowa. In 1878 he came to Dakota Territory and homesteaded in NE¼ section 14. In 1881 he went back to Iowa for a visit and there met and married Guri Rugland at Northwood, Iowa, in 1882, returning to Dakota the same year. They had seven children, Edwin, Sarah, Tilda, Gulbrand, Oscar, Marie and George. Gulbrand (G. O.) Thompson bought the homestead some years after his father retired, but later sold it to Edward Pladson, who now lives there. This first Thompson home is pictured here.



**LARS MORK** came with his parents to America in 1851 and settled in Worth County, Iowa. He was born in Hol, Hallingdal, Norway, in 1849. His wife, Gro Viken, was also born in Hallingdal in 1844 and they were married in Worth County in 1872. They came to Dakota in 1874 and homesteaded in section 8 in Newburgh township. Gro died in 1887 and Lars in 1900. Their children were Beata and John Mark. This farm is now owned by Ernest Stavens.



**CARL STORKSON** homesteaded the N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 18 in 1880. He married Esabell Christofferson in 1890 and they had twelve children. Julia, Caroline, Severine, John, Stina, Clarence, George, Clint, Symore, Hawland and Carrie. Carl died in 1927 and Mrs. Storkson moved to Glasgow, Montana in 1930 where she died in 1953. Present owner of the farm is Conrad Berg.



they came to Dakota and made their home on section 1 of Newburgh twp. Orloug died in 1911 and Halvor in 1914. Of their twelve children, only five lived to maturity. They were Helga, Ida, Julia, Emma and Clara. Carl Gulson is the present owner of this homestead.



**PER GULBRANSON** was born and married in Norway and first settled in Wisconsin when he came to America. They had two sons, Matias and Gulbran. Per joined a Wisconsin regiment and took part in the Civil War. After the war he came to Dakota and homesteaded in section 20, NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , Newburgh township. His second wife was Birgit Sondreal and they had one daughter who died at an early age. He was the only Civil War veteran in this township and is buried in the Goose River cemetery. The place is now owned by Lewis and Willie Thompson, Jr.



**SEVER HESKIN** was born in Valdres, Norway in 1860. In 1884 he came to Dakota and settled on N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 15, Newburgh twp. In 1888 he was married to Marie Hagen and they had ten children. Lina (Mrs. Thorvald Enger), Selmer, Malina (Mrs. Melvin Hanson), Norman—deceased, Ingvald, Hilda (Mrs. Christian Mstrud) deceased, Alvin, Sammie—deceased, Harold, Julia (Mrs. Theo Sletten)—deceased. Mr. Heslin died in 1948. The land was sold to Sam Thompson who in turn sold to Ingvald Lykken in 1928. Ludvig Strand, present owner, bought it in 1950.

**HALVOR AASEN** was born in Numedal, Norway in 1836 and his wife, Orloug Torsrud was also born there in 1844. They were married in Numedal in 1864 and came to America in 1869 settling in Freeborn, Co., Minn. In 1881

**MR. and MRS. LEWIS OLAUS LARSON** came to Dakota in 1879 and homesteaded on the S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 4 in Newburgh. His wife, Martha, died in the late 1880's and in 1892 he sold the place to Knut Jacobson. In 1903 Knut sold to Mr. and Mrs. Ole Midboe and they turned it over to their son, Tobias, in 1904. Tobias put up a nice set of buildings and lived there until 1945 when he sold to his brothers, Torger and Tollef Midboe, and moved to Minneapolis. Mr. and Mrs. Tollef Midboe are the present owners and their son, Olaf, lives there and works the farm.



**ARNE and JOHANNA BYE** were born and married in Solor, Norway. They came to America in 1882, staying a short time at Mayville, N. Dak. before coming to Newburgh twp. Their first home was on N.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of S.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 8, which he bought from Ole Jacobson. In 1893 they sold this to Ole Dahl and bought the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 16 (school land). In 1899 they sold this quarter to Lewis Thompson and bought the Per

Gulbrandson place, the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 20 and W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of N.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 21. Arne Bye died in 1911 and Mrs. Bye in 1927. They had 16 children, Carl, Jorgen—deceased, Bertha (Mrs. Lauritz Bjerke—deceased), Emma (Mrs. Knute Assen), Anna (Mrs. Henry Brenna—deceased), Johnnie — deceased, Carelius, Alma (Mrs. Edw Nyhus—deceased), Albert—deceased, Mayme (Mrs. Joe Keller—deceased), Alfred — deceased, Olga (Mrs. Howard Ostlie—deceased), Nora (Mrs. Alfred Gallock) and Clara (Mrs. Freddie Enger), Olve and Clarence. Present owners of the farm are Lewis and Willie Thompson, Jr.



came to America in 1869 and stayed with his sister, Mrs. Birgit Mark, in Northwood, Iowa. On Feb. 28, 1873, he married Ragnhild Rodningen who was born March 11, 1839. In June, 1874, the Raasens traveled by covered wagon with the Knut Pladson and Torkel Mehus caravan to Dakota Territory and homesteaded on the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  section 5 in Newburgh township, Steele County. Due to his military background in Norway, Thomas took no interest in farming. Ragnhild died Nov. 6, 1923. No date was given for Thomas' death. Their children were Julia (Mrs. Andrew Rice), Aagot (deceased), Ragnhild (deceased), Christi (deceased), Tosten (deceased). Tollef Midtbo is the present owner of this homestead.



MR. and MRS. EDWARD MOBECK were born in Romerike, Norway. Edward in 1836 and Bertha Maria Kvernhougen, his wife, in 1834. They were married in Norway in 1868. In 1869 they came to America and settled in Houston County, Minn. In 1878 they came to Dakota and homesteaded in section 8 in Newburgh township. They had seven children, Anne, Kaspara, Lotta, Rachel, Agness, Oscar and Maria. Selmer Berg, a great grandson, is the present owner of this farm.



In 1877 WILLIAM OLSON left Norway and came to America. He was born in Hol, Hallingdal in 1858. He came to Newburgh twp. in 1881 where he met and married Guri Thorsgaard in 1882. She was also born in Hol, Halingsdal in 1865. They made their home on section 6 and had a family of eleven children, Ole, Amanda, Eden, Beata, Albert, Gilman, Clara, Gina, Clarence, Genette and Luella. Gilman is the present owner of the farm.



JOHN J. ERSTAD was born in Tronhjem, Norway, coming to America in the 1870's, and settling in southern Minnesota. John Erstad and Anne Jacobson were married at Kenyon, Minn., by Rev. Muus in 1877 and shortly after came to Dakota and filed on land in NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  section 2. He later sold this and bought 80 acres in section 18, Newburgh township. There were five children, Inger, Jacob, John, Alfred and Elvin. Gilbert Groth now owns this land.



THOR TORGERSON and his wife, Margit, were born in Hallingdahl, Norway. Thor in 1832 and Margit in 1830. They came to America in 1870 and made their home at Northwood, Iowa. In 1876 they came to Dakota and homesteaded in section 8, Newburgh township. They had two children, Karen and Olava. In 1900, Vebjorn Mikkelsen, married to Olava, bought the place and made it their home. They had fourteen children, Thor, Gilbert, Engebret, Martin, Guri, Margit, Beata, Knut, George, Olga, William, Bernhard, Engebret and Arthur. Vebjorn had two children from a previous marriage, Mikkell and Guri. Present owners of this farm are Selma and Thora Haga.



In 1882 CHAS. MILLS bought the N.E.  $\frac{1}{4}$  and the S.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of sec. in Newburgh twp. from E. F. Powers who had bought it from N. P. Railroad in 1878. In 1893 he added the school and in section 36 except for the W.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$ . This made the farm 1040 acres. He died in 1936 and the land is now divided among several owners, William Dean, Glen Arneson, Harvey Arneson and Eileen Osking Mork.

THOMAS RAAEN, born March 4, 1827, in Hol, Hallingdahl, Norway,



**OLE O. BERG**, born Sept. 23, 1849, in Hovet, Hallingdahl, Norway, came to Houston County, Minn., in 1869. He married Anne Olson Mobeck March 11, 1876, and they came to Dakota and homesteaded on N½ of NE¼, section 8, Newburgh township. Mr. Berg died Oct. 16, 1897, and Mrs. Berg, March 23, 1907. Their children were Guri (Mrs. Roy Hall), Oscar, Mina (Mrs. Sten Willand), Edsel (Mrs. Olef Nubgaard), Emil—deceased, Selmer—deceased, Halvdan—deceased, Conrad, Stella (Mrs. Peder Utseth), Andy—killed in World War I, and Dagny. Oscar, the oldest son, lives on the homestead.



**NILS PLADSON**, born in Ness Hallingdal, Norway, came to America in 1868 and settled in Worth County, Iowa. He married Karoline Kittelson who was born in Wisconsin, June 4, 1853. They came to Dakota in 1878 and homesteaded on the NE¼, section 10, which they later sold to Edward Erstad. He was a carpenter and helped build the Goose River church. The twelve children were Ida (Mrs. Ludvig Davidson) deceased, Helen (Mrs. Ole Hanson), Clara (Mrs. John Hanson), Bella (Mrs. E. O. Olson), Kari, twin of Bella, deceased, Nora (Mrs. Ted Gunurud), Selma (Mrs. Hans Siljan), Bernt, Bernt Olaus, Henry Halvor, all deceased. Mr. Pladson died in 1919. Present owner of this land is Krabbenhoff. Other owners include Ole Fosse and Andrew Ostlie.



**PEDER K. PLADSON** was born at Houston County, Iowa, Oct. 11, 1861, of parents, Knut and Barbo Pladson. Later they moved to Worth County and in 1878, the family came to Dakota Territory. Peder settled on the SE¼, section 14, Newburgh township. In 1884 he married Anne Troim who had come here from St. Ansgar, Iowa, in 1882. They had 12 children, Bella (Mrs. Helland), Alfred, Carl, Minnie Edgar, all deceased, Elise (Mrs. Flaten), Oliver, Esther (Mrs. Ernest Pabst), Annie (Mrs. Alex Jensen), May (Mrs. Van Reuden), Margrete—deceased, and Gilbert. Mrs. Peder Pladson died in June, 1917, and Mr. Pladson in December, 1946. Son Oliver is the owner of the old home.

**KARI LEE**, with her family, Peder, Margrete, Eling, Bendick and Maria, came from Worth County, Iowa and homesteaded in Newburgh in 1877. Kari on center ¼, section 5 and Peder on NE¼, section 4. Kari, with her son, Bendick and two grandchildren, are buried on her homestead. Peder had four children, William, Klara, Caroline and Maria. Present owners of his property are the two daughters, Klara and Caroline.



**OLE FOSSE** came from Illinois to Dakota Territory in 1878 and homesteaded on SE¼, section 10 in Newburgh. He married Magnhild Benson. Both were born in Sogn, Norway.

They had no children of their own but provided a home for two, Caroline Dokken (Mrs. Osear Hove), and Bennie Benson. Fosse sold his homestead to Andrew Ostlie. Adolph Ostlie, son of Andrew, is now the owner.

**KNUT K. PLADSON**, born May 9, 1863 at Houston County Minn., moved with parents, Knut and Barbo Pladson, to Worth County. In 1878 the family came to Dakota and settled on the SE¼, section 24, in Newburgh. Knut married Kari Arneson of Highlandville, Iowa. She was born May 4, 1860. This homestead was their home all the time, except for two years when Knut was in partnership with Erick Brunsvold and had the Hatton Meat Market in 1894 and 95. They



had five children, Bertha (Mrs. Albert Hanson), Clarence, Magnus—deceased, Sam and Benjamin. Mrs. Pladson died Oct. 20, 1918, and Mr. Pladson, Nov. 6, 1935. A daughter of Bertha, married to Oliver O. Bjerke, is the present owner of the home farm.



**GULBRAND NORGAARD** came here with his parents in 1880 from Decorah, Iowa. He was born in Norway, Nov. 19, 1859. In 1881 he mar-

ried Maria Lee, born Jan. 19, 1863. In 1884 he settled on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 18 in Newburgh. In 1896 he sold this land to B. K. Pladson and purchased the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 19 and also 40 acres in section 20 where he lived for many years. He died April 27, 1937, and Mrs. Norgaard on May 13, 1916. There were nine children, Bernt and Oscar, deceased, Agnetta (Mrs. Thomas Thompson), Gilmanda (Mrs. Lewis Sletten), Alfred, Clarence and Olga, deceased, Kenneth and Myrtle (Mrs. Herbert Taves). Gillis Gulbrandson is the present owner.

In section 13 of Newburgh township, the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  was homesteaded by Ervin Kvale and the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  by Knutson, but neither stayed here for any length of time. They sold their land to G. H. Stavens. Present owner Mrs. Artha Mehus who got the land from her father in 1927. Her son, Gunder lives there and farms.

**HALVOR O. BERG**, born in Valdres, Norway, Feb. 10, 1828, came to the U. S. in 1853 and farmed for several year in Dane County, Wis. He was married in 1853 to Brita Mele, born June 24, 1823 in Bergen, Norway, and the family moved to Worth County, Iowa, in 1868. In 1873 Halvor set out on a scouting trip to Dakota Territory and picked a homestead in section 28, Newburgh township. He made arrangements with nephews to erect cabins on claims while he (Halvor) returned to Iowa. In 1874 he returned to Newburgh as leader of one of three caravans who settled along Goose River in Steele and Grand Forks counties. In 1876 he built a store on his homestead and in 1877 started a post office in connection with his store. Halvor Berg died Feb. 2, 1881, and his wife died in 1903. They had three sons, Nicolai, who died in infancy, Nicolai (N.H.) and Joseph, both now deceased. Both sons helped their father with the store and post office.



Osten H. Pladson, born Feb. 5, 1846, in Ness, Halingdal, Norway, came to America with his parents in 1868,

settling in Worth County, Iowa. In 1873 he married Hage Midboe, born in Telemark, Norway. In 1878 they came to Dakota with three children and homesteaded on SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  and tree claim on NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 3, Newburgh township. He was a skilled carpenter and at that time had one of the nicest homes in the area. He planned and supervised the building of the Goose River church. Fifty years after planting his grove he cut logs from it and built a log cabin on his place which now stands as a relic. Part of his grove has been used as a community picnic ground for many years. Eight children were born, Beata (Mrs. Knut Bakken), Halvor—deceased, Tina (Mrs. Martin Johnson), Sever, Gina (Mrs. Dr. Currie—deceased), Maria (Mrs. E. Norgaard), Sophia—deceased, Sam. Osten Pladson died in 1914 and his wife in 1915. Andrew Pladson, youngest son of Halvor, is now living on the homestead.

**ELLEN and HANSINE OVRED** were both born in Vik, Sogn, Norway. They came to America in 1875 making their home near Northwood, Iowa. In 1878 the family came to Dakota and homesteaded on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 14, Newburgh. There were two children, Erick and Andrew, both deceased. Present owner of this farm is Wendell Ostlie.



**ARNE BERG**, born Nov. 7, 1854 in Hovet Hallingdal, Norway, came to Houston County, Minn., in 1874, and later the Newburgh township. He homesteaded on NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 8, and was married to Kristi Settunggaard, who came from Voss, Hallingdal. Both died in 1921. They had six children, Guri (Mrs. Carlson, deceased) Syver, Oscar, deceased, Olaus who disappeared in 1895 and was never heard from, Julia (Mrs. Fandrie) and Emil. Halvor Midboe is present owner of this land.

**OLE TOLLEFSON** came to Dakota Territory from Iowa in 1878 and homesteaded on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 13, in Newburgh township. He was a blacksmith by trade and shortly after



coming here set up a blacksmith shop at this farm and had a good business in the early days. Present owner of this farm is Melvin Thompson of Hatton.



**JACOB OLSON** came to Dakota in 1878 from Wisconsin and homesteaded on NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 9, Newburgh township. He married Kaspara Mobeck in 1881 and they had six children, Edward, Martin, Klarise, Amanda, Fern and Alf. His wife died in 1908 and shortly after, he sold his farm to Lewis Thompson and moved to the western part of the state. Present owner is Martin Groth. His son, Lewis lives there and farms the land.

ERIK and GUNHILD OLSON came to Newburgh in 1880 and homesteaded on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 29. They had eight children, Sophie, Thomas, Tilda, Edward, Maren, (Mrs. Lars A. Bjerke), Lewis, Levi and Martin. Present owner of the land is Peder Bjerke.



ENGEBRET SONDRÉAAL was born in Hol, Hallingdal, Norway, Oct. 15, 1852. He came to the U.S.A. in 1872 and lived in Houston County, Minn., for four years. In 1876 he came to Dakota Territory and took a homestead on SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 5, in Newburgh township. In 1878 he married Karen Torgerson who was born in Ringerike, Norway, Aug. 1, 1860, and had come to Dakota in 1876. Twelve children were born, the three oldest dying at an early age. Others were Thor, Guri, Margit (Mrs. Tobias Midboe), Michael, Conrad, Bernhard, Clara (Mrs. O. B. Pladson), Beata (Mrs. Eiven Fossum) and Edgar. Mrs. Michael Sondreaal owns the homestead now and lives there with her son Rueben farming.



One of the earliest settlers in Newburgh township was Nicolai Berg, born in Dane County Wisconsin Aug. 30, 1856. He came to Dakota Territory in a caravan led by his father, Halvor, in 1874. Nicolai homesteaded on S  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 28. In 1874 he married Tonetta Heskin, born in Valdres, Norway, and they were the first couple married in Newburgh township. Nicolai and his brother, Joseph, both helped their father at the

store and post office. There were 11 children in the Nicolai Berg family, Beata (Mrs. Syver Norgaard) deceased, twins, Nicoline (Mrs. Halvor Pladson) and Helen (Mrs. Lewis Larson), Halvor, Annie (Mrs. Syver Pladson), Anne, died in infancy, Julia (Mrs. Thor Sondreaal), Josephine (Mrs. John Thompson), Hannah, deceased, Nicolai, died in infancy, and Christine (Mrs. Oscar Mastrud). Mrs. Berg died in 1929 and Mr. Berg in 1945. Present owner of the homestead is Mrs. Thor Sondreaal.



MRS. L. K. LARSON and MRS. H. O. PLADSON, twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Nicolai Berg, still live in the Hutton community and are 77 years old. When they were babies about six weeks old, James J. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway Company, stopped at the Berg home in Newburgh township while on an inspection trip. Upon seeing the babies, he prophesied they would vote for president some day—though, at that time, no one had heard of women suffrage. Before leaving, Mr. Hill left a silver dollar for each baby.



OLE T. MIDTBO was born in Telemark, Norway, Oct. 2, 1850, and came to America in 1859 in a sail boat with his parents. They lived first in Wisconsin and then moved to Worth Co., Iowa. Here he married Maren Haugo, in 1877. She had come from the same part of Norway in 1874. They came to Dakota in 1877 and homesteaded in section 4 of Newburgh twp. They had 8 children. Tobias, Torger, Tollef, Halvor, Sigri, Sophia, Inger and Olive. Mrs. Midtbo died in 1922 and Mr. Midtbo in 1935. Sigri died in 1889, Olive in 1948, Sophia in 1953 and Torger in 1958. The Midtbo's raised four other

children, Louise Holdahl, Bernt Onerheim, Alvilda Haugo and Tina Midtbo.



KNUT LARSON, born April 14, 1836, Hallingdal, Norway, was married to Ragnhild Aasen, born in 1831. The family first settled near Kensett, Iowa and came by covered wagon to Newburgh in 1874. Homesteaded on banks of Goose River, NE  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 34. They spent their entire lives on this farm which is now operated by a grandson, Clarence Larson. Knut died Oct. 22, 1922. They had 3 children, Ole Knutson Larson, Margit Larson Bratager and Lewis Larson.



GABRIEL (G. O.) BERG, son of Ole O. Berg, was born Nov. 20, 1856, at Northwood, Iowa. He came to Newburgh in 1881 and homesteaded on NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 32. Married in 1884 to Ingeborg Sagabrotten Thorson who was born June 3, 1854 at Sol, Hallingdal, Norway. After the death of the mother, the children were taken into homes of neighbors. Gabriel later sold his home farm to his brother, Anton, and made trips to Canada and Montana. He died April 14, 1932 and his wife on Dec. 9, 1904. Present owner of the land is a nephew Olaf T. Berg. There were six children, Oscar, Selma (Mrs. Otto Timm), Cora (Mrs. George Brunsvold), Isabelle, Olga, Evelyn and George. The family group shown here was made about 1896.



Record show that this quarter of land, being railroad land, was first owned by Oscar C. Brandon who purchased it in Dec., 1878. In 1881 he sold it to ELIAS BACON. His home, a log cabin, is still standing at SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 33. In 1900, Bacon sold to Anton O. Berg and the farm is now owned by Alfred Berg and Ida Berg Bye. Bacon married Guri Holdahl. After sale of farm, they moved to Hope, then to Ryder and their last home was in Canada. Mrs. Bacon was an aunt of Oliver, Oscar and George Holdahl, all of Hatton. The Elias Bacon family is pictured here.



KARLIUS BYE, carpenter, emigrated to Iowa from Norway. In Iowa he met and married Kari Troim in 1870. He moved to North Dakota and filed on a claim in Newburgh twp., a short distance from the Staven's boys whom he knew. He built a log cabin and sent for his wife and three children. In 1883 they built a two story framehouse and planted trees and shrubbery. Seven children were born, Marie Brandon, Bertha Anne Anderson, Edward, Helene Berget Oslund, Carl, Serene Bate and Mathilda Gunderson. Karlius died in 1890. Kari remained on the farm until the children

were grown, then moved to Hatton. She also raised George Mehus, who was orphaned at the age of eight, and made a home for Hilmen Bye, whose mother died when he was born. Kari died in 1919.



WILLIAM NORDHEIM came from Winneshiek County, Iowa, where he had married Randi Arneson at Highlandville in 1878. They lived there for several years. In 1881 they came to Dakota and homesteaded on SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 12 in Newburgh twp. In 1895 they sold their farm to Ole Huset and moved to Hatton. There were four children, Maria (Mrs. N. C. Norgaard), Thilda (Mrs. Theo Tronson), Ruth (Mrs. Ole Korsmoe), Amanda (Mrs. Samson) deceased. Present owner of the land is Henry Huset.



LARS BRENNA was born in Numedal, Norway, in 1833 and his wife, Kristi Hanson Stavens was born in Flaa, Hallingdal, Norway, in 1846.

They were married in Worth Co., Iowa, in 1871 and lived there until 1878 when they came to Dakota. They settled in section 20, Newburgh twp. They had five children, Lauritz, Betsy, Inga, Henry and Tina. Lars went back to Norway and died there in 1908. Mrs. Brenna stayed on the farm with her family until her death in 1917. Present owner of the farm is Miles Savage.



OLE NORGAARD and wife, Agnette Gulbranson, were born in Norway. They came to America in 1860 and settled in Decorah, Iowa. In 1880 they came to Dakota Territory and bought the right of his son, Kristian to homestead the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 20 in Newburgh twp. Their children were Kristian, Gulbrand, John, Edward, Sever, Martin and Caroline—twins, Mathias, William, Anton, all deceased, Clare (Mrs. Nick Kalland). Mrs. Norgaard and sons, Mathias and Anton, died the winter of 1884 of typhoid fever. Mr. Norgaard died in 1905. Present owner of the land is Oliver Pladson. Photo shown here was taken in 1876.

SIMON BRANDON was born in Norway and came from there to Audobon, Minn., where he married Annie Skjold. They came to Dakota and homesteaded on the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 30, Newburgh twp. in 1880. They had 3 children, Elmer, Gustav and Hazel. Later they sold to Gunnerius Berg and moved to Oregon. In 1907 Erick Ramstad bought the place, built it up and made a beautiful home for himself and family. Erick died in 1953 and Mrs. Ramstad is the present owner.

HANS STAVENSBRATEN and wife Berit Gunderson were both born in Ness, Hallingdahl, Norway. Hans on July 26, 1816 and Berit, Feb. 2, 1817. They had five children, Kristi, Live, Andrew, Gunder and Maria. Berit came to America in 1862 with the youngest child and three years later, Hans came with the other four. They settled first at St. Ansgar, Iowa, but in 1874 they came to the Staven's caravan to Dakota Territory homesteading on the NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  of sec. 35 in Newburgh township. Berit died Feb. 28, 1885, and Hans on Jan. 29, 1908.



**EDWARD J. ERSTAD**, born in Tronhjem, Norway, came to Dakota territory in 1877. He married Toneine Jacobson and homesteaded in Newburgh twp., the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 11, which he sold and then bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 10, from Nils Pladson. There were five children in the family, Jacob, Ildre, Edwin, Henry and Minnie. O. H. Pladson is the present owner his homestead.



**BENDICK PLADSON**, born in Ness, Hallingdahl, Norway, in 1856, came to America with his parents in 1858. The

family settled at Worth Co., Iowa. In 1878, he came to Dakota Territory and homesteaded on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 18, Newburgh twp. In 1878 he married Guri Mehus, born in July, 1859. Their children were Beata (Mrs. Charles Wichert) deceased, Caroline (Mrs. Edward Sparrow) deceased, Nicolai and three children who died in infancy. Guri died in Feb. 1887. In 1893 Bendick married Andrine Kittleson Evenson. Their children were Ella (Mrs. Henry Hanson), Malvine (Mrs. M. E. Sondreal, Angela (Mrs. Tollef Midtbo), Willie, Ostinius, Clifford and Florence (Mrs. Peder Bjerke). Mr. Pladson passed away in July, 1913, and Mrs. Pladson in March, 1950.

**ANDREW STAVENS** was born in Hallingdahl, Norway in 1851 and was the leader of the caravan that came in 1874 to Dakota Territory. He homesteaded in sec. 34, Newburgh twp. His first wife, Kari Haugen, was born in Valdres, Norway in 1852. They had three children: Andrew Henry, Betsy and Hanna—all deceased. In 1890 Andrew married Randine Austvold, born in Glenwood, Minn., in 1869. They had 3 daughters, Louise, Agnes and Hanna. Andrew Stavens died June 7, 1934 and his wife on Feb. 2, 1934.

**GUNDER STAVENS**, born in Hallingdahl, Norway, in 1855, came to Dakota Territory from Iowa in 1876 and settled in sec. 26, Newburgh twp. In 1878 he married Gunhild Bakken, born Jan. 4, 1856. Gunder was an early member of the state legislature and became one of the largest real estate owners in the state. They had five children, Lillie, Helen, Thorvald, Arthur and Artha. Gunder died June 2, 1924, and Gunhild on Aug. 7, 1919. Mrs. Cora Stavens, widow of Thorvald, is the present owner of the homestead.



Pictured here are the Hans Stavenbrauten family except for Mrs. Anders and Mrs. Gunder Stavens. Sitting: Andrew Stavens, Hans Stavenbrauten, Gunder Stavens. Standing: Mrs. Andrew Stavens, Mrs. Livi Faroe, Mrs. Kristi Brenna, Mrs. Maria Nyhus, Mrs. Gunder Stavens.



**ANTON and LOUISE HOLTER** were born near Oslo, Norway and were married in Norway. Like many other couples they became interested in emigrating to America and came to Worth Co., Iowa, where they lived for several years. The family, together with several neighbors took off by covered wagon and oxen for Dakota Territory and arrived in June, 1879. They settled on NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 1, Newburgh twp. Nine children were born, all of which have passed away. Mrs. Holter died July 21, 1917, at the age of 78 and Mr. Holter died Dec. 31, 1923 at the age of 86. A daughter, Mrs. Lottie Bjertness, became the owner of the farm in 1930 and since then it has been unoccupied. Mr. and Mrs. Gust Skoiten became owners of the land in 1939 and have farmed it since. The family group shown here was taken about 1899.

Section 19 in Newburgh twp. was railroad land and was first purchased by George T. Angell in 1879. In 1891 he sold to John J. Sime, who sold in 1892 to W. J. Grandin. He in turn, sold in 1904 to Ed Johnson and John Dahl. Lars E. Bjerke bought the land in 1908 and made his home there, improving it with a set of beautiful farm buildings. Present owner is Peder Bjerke.



**OLE RODNINGEN, SR.**, born March 26, 1809 at Etnedalen, Valdres,

George, Theodore. The photograph shown here was taken in 1898.



Norway, was married to Ragnhild Oldsdatter Berg, aunt of N. H. Berg, born March 31, 1811 at Valdres, Norway. Family came to U. S. in early 1873, stopping first in Worth Co., Iowa. In June of that year they moved to Dakota and to Newburgh where they settled on railroad land in sec. 27. Later a cabin was built on E 1/2 of S 1/2 of SW 1/4 sec. 27. This cabin was later purchased by Anton Berg and is now located on the Theodore Berg farm. Ole died Oct. 28, 1879, and was buried near his cabin home. His wife died Feb. 9, 1892. They had six children, Ole (changed name to Ole O. Berg), Ragnhild (Mrs. Thomas Raaen), Nils, presenter in Goose River church for several years, Ole R. (named "One-arm Ole,") Kjersti (Mrs. Knut Haugen), and Andrias or Andrew (father of first white child born in Newburgh twp.). Pictured here are Mrs. Rodningen, Sr., and the cabin built by her husband in 1874.



NILS RODNINGEN, born at Etnedalen, Valdres, Norway, came to Newburgh from Iowa in 1879. He lived for a time on Sec. 28 and was Presenter in Goose River church from 1884-1890. His wife's name was Seri. The family moved to a small farm in Grand Forks Co. in 1885, and then to Northwood. Nils had an unusual voice and knew music very well. His hobbies were making spinning wheels, violins and Sal modicenes and was also a good jeweler.



ENGBRET O. BERG, son of Ole O. Berg, was born July 2, 1850 at Valdres, Norway. The family moved to the U. S., stopping first in Dane Co., Wis., and then going to Northwood, Iowa. Part of his early years were spent with the Dahlseid family in Iowa. Mr. Berg left in 1878 for Dakota and homesteaded on NE 1/4 sec. 23 in Newburgh, where he married Gustava Ostlie on Feb. 16, 1879. For several years this farm was the home of Pastor M. J. Vaage, first installed minister to Goose River church. Engebret and family later moved south of Northwood and then into Northwood. His last home was in Grand Forks. Engebret died Jan. 19, 1917, and his wife on August 28, 1935. Ten children: Martin, Otilda (Mrs. Morque), George, Edwin, Oliver, Clarence, William, Walter, Ervin. One son died in infancy. Present owners of the land are a niece and nephew. Mrs. Annie Thompson and Olaf Berg.



ANTON O. BERG, born Feb. 2, 1858 at Northwood, Iowa. His father, Ole O. Berg (brother of Halvor Berg) immigrated from Norway. He was a teacher and organist in Norway and Iowa for over 20 years. Anton joined a caravan for Dakota Territory in 1877 and homesteaded in sec. 10 of Northwood, later selling to Lars Thompson. He filed on NW 1/4 sec. 32 in Newburgh and purchased the first log cabin in the twp., and spent his bachelor days there. In 1885 he married Gurine (Gina) Waldstad who was born Sept. 28, 1854, at Gjesdal, Stavanger, Norway. Later Anton purchased land from his cousin, Ole Rodningen, and this became the family's permanent home. The land is now owned and operated by son Alfred. Anton died July 31, 1953, and his wife on April 10, 1942. Their six children were Annie (Mrs. G. L. Thompson), Olaf, Ida (Mrs. Edwin Bye), Alfred,



OBADIAS O. BERG, son of Ole O. Berg, and brother of Anton Berg, was born March 8, 1854, near Lodi, Wis. After death of their father, Obadiah and Anton lived in the Halvor Sanda home, Northwood, Iowa. Obadiah came to Newburgh in 1874 and filed on SE 1/4 sec. 30. Later sold to N. H. Berg. He remained a bachelor and lived part time on one of brother Anton's farms, dying Feb. 11, 1931. He worked for a time on freighters for the Hudson Bay Co. before coming to Newburgh. He had a younger brother, Andrew, and two sisters.

JOSEPH BERG, son of Halvor O. Berg, was born July 6, 1859 at Lodi, Wis. The family moved to Iowa and then to Dakota in May, 1874, with the father as leader of a caravan. In 1882 Joseph married Bertha Buraas and settled on NW 1/4 sec. 27, Newburgh. G. H. Stavens later became owner of this land. Joseph and family moved to Northwood and in 1898 he left for Alaska during the Klondike Gold Rush. He returned home in 1913 and he and Bertha were divorced. In Dec., 1922, he married Mary Alice Pringle at Bradford, Michigan and moved to Chestertown, Maryland. Joseph died Jan. 18, 1940, and Bertha died June 13, 1937. They had five children, Henry, Clara, Oliver, John and Bessie.



**REV. BERNHARD TOLLEFSON** came to Newburgh twp. in 1887, being called as pastor of the Goose River and Little Forks congregations. He married Malina Lockrem in 1887 and shortly after bought the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 15. He tried to farm besides caring for his pastoral duties but found it didn't work out so he sold the land to Sam Thompson in 1897, and moved into a parsonage built by the two congregations in 1898. They had nine children: Olive, Edgar, Elsie, Norman, Anna, Marie, Mable, Ruth, Bernhard. Rev. Tollefson died Nov. 22, 1905, and Mrs. Tollefson died Dec. 10, 1928. Present owner of the land is Mrs. Luella Thompson.



**LEWIS THOMPSON**, one of the leaders in Newburgh twp., was born in Rock Co., Wis., March 24, 1847. He came to Dakota Territory March 2, 1877, and selected his homestead in SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec. 9. On March 12, 1880, he married Elisa Gilbertson, born Aug. 18, 1857 at Clinton, Wis. Mr. Thompson served one term in the N. Dak. State Legislature. They had five children, Gilbert — deceased, John, Mayme (Mrs. Martin Groth), Willie Selma (Mrs. Clarence Groth), Theodore, son of John, now lives on the homestead.



**KNUT O. PLADSON** was born in Ness, Hallingdahl, Norway, in 1830. He married Barbo Evenson Hagelie in Ness and they came to America in 1858. They lived in Worth Co., Iowa, for 20 years, coming to Dakota in 1878. He settled first on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 24 in Newburgh but later sold it to his son, Knut, and bought the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 17 which was railroad land. He donated one acre of this land for the site of the Goose River church. They had six children. They were Bendick, Margit (Mrs. Christian Norgaard), Peder, Margrete, Maria (Mrs. Erick Brunsvold), all deceased. This farm is now owned by Mrs. Digness and is farmed by Alfred Bye, Jr.

**OLE BENSON** came from Sogn, Norway, and lived for a time at Northwood, Iowa. There he married Marti Thompson in 1873 at Hartland, Iowa. They came to Dakota Territory in 1878, and took a homestead and tree claim on E $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 11 in Newburgh. They had two sons, Edwin and Odin. Paul Skjoiten is the present owner of this farm.



**ERICK AASEN**, born in Numedal, Norway, in 1857, came to America in 1873, and settled in Albert Lea, Minn. Later he came to Dakota and homesteaded on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 3 in Newburgh. In 1886, he married Mathea

Hanson, also born in Norway. They sold to Hans Jensen and moved away. They had no children. Present owner is a Walter Thompson.



**PAUL THOMPSON** was born in Hol, Hallingdal, Norway, Jan. 12, 1845, and came to America in 1869 settling at Albert Lee, Minn. Helga Aasen, born in Numedal, Norway, Feb. 21, 1849, came to America in 1851 and lived with an older brother at Albert Lee. Paul and Helga were married there May 28, 1874. Their trip to Dakota was made by covered wagon drawn by oxen. They reached the place they homesteaded in Newburgh twp. on July 4, 1874. Paul died April 4, 1918 and Helga on Oct. 21, 1929. Their children were Thomas, Tonetta, Caroline, Oscar, Julia, Carl, Lewis, Henry, Helmer and Alfred. The farm is now owned by Mrs. Ragna Thompson, (Henry's widow).

**KOLBJORN LIVEDALEN**, born in 1854, was the first white child born in Freeborn Co., Minn. He came to Dakota in 1876, and worked for Fingal Enger. Later he bought the homestead rights from Halvor Thorson and lived there long enough to fill the demands. Kristi Ovnand, from Eggedal, Norway, also worked at the Enger home and on Christmas Day, 1877, Kolbjorn and Kristi were married. It is reported that in June, 1878, they walked to Caledonia to have their wedding picture taken. They had two children, Ole and Hans. When Kolbjorn retired he turned the homestead over to Hans' children as Ole didn't have any. Ole took charge of the farm until they became of age.

**OLE THOMPSON** came from Norway to America with his only child, a daughter, Toren, in 1878. He homesteaded on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 18 in Newburgh twp. In 1886 Toren married Iver Groth and it became their home. They had 13 children, 3 dying in infancy. Others were Oscar, Martin, Selma (Mrs. Willie Thompson deceased), Emma (Mrs. Bernhard Aasen) deceased, Gina (Mrs. Martin Aaland) deceased, Clarence, Clara, Gilbert, Inga and Palmer. Present owner of the land is Gilbert.

**MIKKEL SONDREAAL** (always known as Gamle Mikkel) was born in Hallingdahl, Norway in 1825, and there married Guri Settinggaard, born in 1831. He came to America alone and worked as a laborer and saved until he drove his own team to Dakota Territory in 1877. He settled on the NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 7 in Newburgh. With the help of his son, Engebret, he built a log cabin, getting ready for the rest of his family. In June, 1878, the following came direct from Norway: Guri (his wife); Bergit (mother of Mikkel); Vedjorn, wife Bergit and son Mikkel; Ole Dahl and Ambjor. Later Gamle Mikkel exchanged 80 acres of his quarter for the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 5 so as to be near the river. Gamle Mikkel died Oct. 16, 1915, and his wife on Dec. 4, 1911. Selmer Berg now owns this 40 acre lot.

**ERICK J. ERSTAD** and wife Berit came to Dakota from Tronhjem, Norway in 1878. They bought a tree claim from his brother, John, on SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 2, in Newburgh twp., and made their home. Erick was interesting in threshing and for many years did most of the threshing in the community. They had one child, Ildrid, who is still living at the age of 84. The land is now owned by Mrs. Digness and Arnold Bye rents and farms the land.

**HERLECK P. SONDREAAL** was born in Hol, Hallingdahl, Norway. He was married to Birgit Dahl, sister of Ole Dahl, and came to Dakota and homesteaded on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 6 in Newburgh twp., in 1879. They had four children, Peter, Oscar, Gilbert and Selma, all deceased. Glen Berg is the present owner of this land.

**OLE RODNINGEN, JR.**, was born in Etnedal, Valdres, Norway and

came to the U. S. with his parents in 1873. They settled first in Worth County, Iowa. Ole came to Dakota in 1874, and homesteaded and built a cabin on 80 acres of NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  sec. 24, in Newburgh and later bought another 80 acres of railroad land in sec. 33. Ole and his wife, Aase, lived there for a number of years when they sold their land to a cousin, Anton Berg, and moved to Northwood. They had two children who died when young. Ole operated threshing rigs and had the misfortune of losing one arm in an accident, hence the nickname "one-armed Ole." Present owner of the land is Alfred Berg, son of Anton Berg.



**ARNE OLSON**, born Dec. 15, 1863, in Grue, Soler, Norway, came to the U. S. and Dakota Territory in 1886. In June, 1886 he was married to Karen Thorson, who was born May 27, 1864, in Soler, Norway. Their first home was a dugout on the Halvor Berg farmstead, a haven for other immigrants and newlyweds until permanent homes were located. They settled on railroad land, W  $\frac{1}{2}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{2}$  sec. 31, which became their permanent home. They had eight children: Mary, Carl, Alma, Alfred, Alfred, Anna, Tillie and Oliver.

Arne died May 22, 1942, and Karen on July 6, 1939. Present owner of the farm is the daughter Alma (Mrs. John Boe).



**ANDRIAS or ANDREW RODNINGEN**, born Jan. 28, 1853, at Etnedal, Valdres, Norway, came to the U. S. in 1873, stopping first in Worth Co., Iowa. Moved to Dakota territory in 1874, and settled on railroad land in Sec. 27, Newburgh twp. In 1874 he married Barbo Gronbeck, born Oct. 21, 1850, in Valdres, Norway. Their first child, Ragnild, was born March 23, 1875 and records make her the first white child born in Newburgh Twp. Family later moved to 40 acres of woodland in SW corner of Sec. 27 and made this their permanent home. Land was later purchased by a cousin, Anton Berg. Andrias died Nov. 1884, and Barbo on April 5, 1899. They had six children: Ragnhild, Beatha (Mrs. M. H. Hylland—only one living), Oscar, Clara, Andreas, Oscar. Pictured are two daughters who grew to womanhood, Mrs. Hylland and Mrs. E. J. Trovatten.

## ENGER TOWNSHIP

The old township of Enger, Traill County territory, was dissolved by the governor of Dakota Territory when Steele County was organized in 1883. On petition of legal voters of 147 Range 54, the township was organized into a civil township to be known as Enger township, named for Fingal Enger, first white man to enter and homestead here, March, 1872.

First meeting of Enger township was held June 23, 1885, and elected to offices were R. K. Lien, Ole Anderson and Ole Haagenson, supervisors; S. H. Hustvedt, clerk; F. G. Enger, treasurer; O. O. Fechar, assessor; D. W. Sprague and S. H. Hustvedt, justices of the peace; P. P. Boe and Gunder Rud, constables.

A town hall was erected in 1881 in the center of the township at a cost of about \$100. This building is still in use for township meet-

ings. It was the original home office for the Farmers Mutual Fire and Lightning Insurance Co. of Steele County.

Enger township had the first school teacher as well as the first log school house in Steele County. Steffa Husvedt came in 1876 to teach school and the log school house was built in 1877 on Per Nyhus' land. This was used until about 1885 when a new school was built which is still in use. The school term was five months, two in the fall and three in the spring and summer. First vacation Bible schools were taught during the summer in the Fingal Enger home and were taught by Ole Bale. Records of meetings in 1885 show the following school board members, Reir Lien, director; D. W. Sprague, clerk; F. G. Enger, treasurer.

First cemetery of Enger township dates

back to 1880 and is located on land owned by Lawrence Severson and originally homesteaded by Lewis Severson. First burials were of small

children who had died from diphtheria during an epidemic in the 80's.

**AMUND AMUNDSON** was born in Eggedahl, Norway, in 1843. His wife nee, Marie Lovely, was born in Eggedahl. They came to Silver Lake, Iowa, and after a short time came to Steele County in Enger Township and settled on section 2 in 1875. They lived here until 1908 when they moved to Hatton. Mr. Amundson was one of the first settlers in Enger Township. He was also one of those present at the Fingal Enger farm in 1877 when the Little Forks Congregation was organized. Mrs. Amundson was a charter member of Little Forks ladies aid. They died in 1911 and 1920. They were parents of ten children: Helge, Ragnild, Anton, Johanne, Olaus, Helge, and Bernt (deceased), Andrew, Martin and Anna.

**TOSTON NYHUS** a brother of Per came to this territory a year before his brother in 1873. He homesteaded in section 12 of Enger township. Toston went back to Iowa after living here a few years.



**OLE HAAGENSON HESLIEN** was born August 14, 1842, in Krodsherred, Norway. He was married to Thora Glesne from Sigdal, Norway, in 1860. There were 13 children in the family. In 1863, Ole and his family and mother came to America settling at Jefferson Prairie, Wis. They moved to Spring Grove, Minn. in 1871. In 1877, they came to Dakota Territory settling on his homestead in Enger township, the place where Ingolf Amb is living. Mr. Heslien lived here until in 1902, and then moved to Palermo, N. Dak. In 1925, he came back and lived with his son, Ole Haagenson of Portland. He entered the Old People Home at Northwood in 1927. He died in 1931. Mrs. Heslien died in Sept. 1927 at Palermo. His mother died in 1893.

He was one of the founders of the Little Forks congregation.



**KOLBJORN O. LIVEDALEN** was born November 28, 1854. He was the first white child born in Freeborn County, Minnesota Territory. The log cabin, in which he was born, is now on the Fair Grounds at Albert Lea, Minn. At the age of twenty-two he left for the newly settled county, Steele County, North Dakota Territory. In 1877, he homesteaded on the Northeast Quarter of Section 2 in what is now Enger township. He married Kresti Hanson in 1877. She was born in Norway on January 4, 1854. They had seven children. Mr. Livedalen was one of the first charter members and also one of the first officers of Little Forks Church. He died in Rockford, Washington on August 14, 1939. Mrs. Livedalen died October 9, 1933.



**GUNDER RUD** was born June 12, 1848. He came to Portland in 1879, and homesteaded. In July, 1883, he married Anna Evanson. They had four daughters, Clara, Carine, Anna Carine, and Inga. He served as song leader (kloker) for 35 years in Bang church. He

died October 12, 1929, and Mrs. Rud died July 12, 1950.



**KNUTE SLETTEN** was born in Aurdahl, Norway, October 8, 1852, and passed away in 1922. Oline Bakken, Mrs. Sletten, was born in Vestre, Slydre, Norway, May 17, 1861, and passed away February 24, 1917.

Knute Sletten and Oline Bakken were united in marriage, in Portland, N. Dak., in 1880. They started farming in Golden Lake Township and in 1890 purchased land in Enger township from Ellen Tronson. This place is presently the Lewis Sletten farm. To their union six children were born.



**ERICK TORKELSON** was born in 1844, in Sigdal, Norway. He came to the United States in 1848, making his home at Freeborn, county, Minnesota, where he lived for several years. Mr. Torkelson came to Enger township in 1885, and worked for Fingal Enger. He homesteaded in section 22 in the year of 1889.

Mr. Torkelson was married to Sigre Simonson, who was born at Valdres, Norway. They had one son Torkel.

The homestead now belongs to the grand-children. Mr. Torkelson died in 1915 and Mrs. Torkelson in 1942.



**DANIEL WIGEN** was born in Trondhjem, Norway, March 7, 1842. He was married to Oline Haul. He came to the United States in 1877, and came to this township in the 1880's. At first he worked for Fingal Enger. He was a blacksmith also.

There were two children: Marit and Ingebrit. He passed away January 5, 1916.



**CHRISTAIN RUD** was born in Norway in 1854 and came to Portland in 1879. In 1894 he married Ingeborg Klath. They had one child, Anne. Christain died in 1895.



**REIER LIEN** came from S. Aurdal, Norway. He married Ingrid L. Moen, March 24, 1878. They made their home in Enger township, homesteading the north  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of section 34 along the Middle Fork of the Goose River, in 1878.

Lien was a member of the Bruflat congregation in 1877; later he and his wife helped organize the Bang congregation in 1881 and were charter

members. Lien was the first president of the church and Mrs. Lien the first president of the ladies aid. Church services were held in Lien's home until the church was built.

The Liens lived in a two-room log house. They had seven children. In 1893 the Lien family moved to Oregon. Mr. Lien died in 1946.



**OLAUS N. ENGER** was born November 30, 1870 at Northwood, Iowa. At the age of 4 he came to Dakota Territory, with his widowed mother, sister and grandparents, Per and Kari Nyhus. The trip was made in a covered wagon and took about a month.

They settled in Enger township where his mother later married Fingal Enger.

He started farming on a farm of his own in 1890. On December 3, 1894, he married Dina Christianson, who was born January 11, 1874, at Ness Romerike, Norway.

Twelve children were born of whom eight are living. They are Carl, Melvin, Ella, Gustava, Herman, Olaf, Edwin and Gertrude.

They were members of Little Fork church. They were married for fifty years. Their two sons, Herman and Olaf, took over the farming after the death of their father. Mr. Enger died September 23, 1944, and Mrs. Enger died December 1, 1944.



**MARTIN SYVERSON** was born near Kongsvinger, Norway, October 14, 1855. He came to America in 1879 and married in Worth County, Iowa. Mrs. Syverson was born in Norway, February 2, 1858. They left Iowa, came here, and bought a homestead in Enger township. In 1914 they

moved to Portland.

Mr. Syverson died May 8, 1944.



**ANDREW O. RINGRUD** was born in Norway in 1854. He came to America in 1876 and settled in Iowa. In 1877 he came to North Dakota, then Dakota Territory, and later became Enger Township, Steele County.

Mrs. Anna Ringrud was born in Norway in 1859 and came to America in 1881 and settled at Grand Meadow, Minn. In 1883 she came to Dakota and was married to Andrew O. Ringrud. There were five children: Olaf, Sigurd, Selma, Bertha and Albert.

The Ringerud's were active in township and church affairs. They were members of the Little Forks Church. Mr. Ringrud passed away in 1916 and Mrs. Ringrud in 1942.



**ELLEF P. NYHUS** was born in Eggedal, Norway, February 10, 1850. He came to America in 1866, with his parents, Per and Kari Nyhus, a brother Erick, and two sisters Ingeborg (Mrs. Dr. Bleckre) and Gjertrude (Mrs. Fingal Enger). They came to Iowa first and decided to journey to the prairies of North Dakota. Ellef took homestead July 2, 1874, in section 12 along the Goose River.

Mr. Nyhus married Maria Stavensbraaten who came from Norway in 1865. She was born in Flaa, Hallingdal, July 24, 1854. They were parents of 10 children: Karen, Gena, Edward

and two small children (deceased), Henry, Betsy, Elvin, Louise, and Theolai.

Fingal Enger and Ellef P. Nyhus were the first settlers to buy a threshing rig.

He was a charter member of the Little Forks church.

He lived on his homestead until his death September 7, 1906.



**OLAF TOLEN** was born May 26, 1841, in Varmland, Sweden. He came to Northwood, Iowa, as a young man. Mrs. Tolen, Berit Nelson, came to Northwood, Iowa, with her brother, Helge Nelson and family. They came to North Dakota in the spring of 1877. They were married at Little Forks December 25, 1877. They homesteaded in Enger Township in 1877. Their first daughter, Christine, was born December 9, 1878, one of the first white children born here. The Tolens had six other children: Ingeborg, Anna, Pauline, (twins), Nels, Betsy and Peder. In 1889 they sold their farm to Henry Johnson and moved to Portland, where Tolen was a tailor. Later they moved to Wadena, Minn. In 1904 they left by covered wagon for Wadena, Sask., Canada. Two boys, Henry and Otto were born at Portland. Mr. Tolen passed away March 26, 1926 and Mrs. Tolen died October 9, 1937.



**MR and MRS. OLE ANDERSON** sold their farm near Dodgeville, Wisconsin in the spring of 1882 and moved to Steele county, Enger township, where they bought 240 acres of land. They lived on this farm until the year of 1905 when they moved to Portland, N. Dak.

Mr. Anderson died in 1909 and Mrs. Anderson died in 1906.



**PER and KARI NYHUS** were born in Eggedal, Norway. They came to Lake Mills, Iowa, in 1874. They came to the Dakota the same year and homesteaded in Enger township. In later years they went back to Norway.

There were four children: Ellef, Erick, Gjertrude and Ingeborg.



**PAUL BOE** was born Dec. 6, 1852, in Kristiansand, Prestegjeld, Stift, Norway. He came to Silver Lake, Worth County, Iowa, in 1859. He was married to Kari Tangen, Feb. 2, 1875. Upon hearing about Dakota Territory, he came out in 1876 and filed on a homestead in Enger township. After hauling and piling up logs for a home, he returned to Iowa for his family. In May 1877, they loaded all their worldly possessions into a covered wagon drawn by oxen and the cow tied behind. A month later they arrived and settled on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 4 in Enger Township which remained their home the rest of their lives. Mrs. Boe passed away February 5, 1940. Paul Boe passed away June 20, 1944.

**HALVOR H. HAMMERSTAD** was born in Telemarken, Norway, May 5, 1867 and came to this country in 1887. He worked at various places in Enger

township and on Sept. 28, 1890, was married to Enghjor Hylland, who was born in Norway in 1870 and came here with her parents, Halvor and Live Hylland, settling in Enger township in 1877. Halvor and Enghjor had seven children of which five are now living, Halfdan, Oliver, Alfred, Mabel (Mrs. Elmer Eken) and Mrs. Ruth Vigen. They lived in Enger township for many years. Mr. Hammerstad was also a carpenter. He died March 27, 1944, and Mrs. Hammerstad on Oct. 18, 1915.

**MARIT and IVER BRANDON** came from Gulbrandsdalen, Norway in 1872. They first came to Wisconsin, then to Buffalo, N. D. In 1876 they came to Enger township and homesteaded on a tree claim on NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 6. There were seven children: Ole, Amund, Andrew, Simon, Oscar, Annie and Sarah.

The farm is owned by a grandson, Oscar Johnson. Mr. Brandon died at Buffalo and was buried at Hatton.

**MARTIN OLSON** was born November 21, 1863. He was married to Bertha Johson, from Wisconsin, she was born March 25, 1874. They were married November 30, 1898 in Wisconsin. Martin Olson owned the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 6 in Enger township. He became the owner in 1889.

There were twelve children in the family. Nine are still living.

Mr. Olson died in 1932. Mrs. Olson died in 1951.

**GULBRAND HALVORSON MOEN** was born December 4, 1829. He married Marit Evenson Moen June 30, 1863. They came to America in 1874 with five children, Halvor, Gjertrud, Even, Christain, and Martin. The fare for the entire family from Norway to Quebec was \$60. The trip took seven weeks. The family left Quebec, for Winnipeg and then on to Fargo.

The Moen family lived in Norway township, Traill county first. Later the family came to Enger township and homesteaded in section 24. While living here three children were born, Christain, Martin and Anne. Mr. Moen died in 1882. Mrs. Moen moved to Portland and she died in 1918.

Three of the children died while living in Traill county: Christian, Martin and a baby.

**ANDERS A. HESLIEN** was born December 8, 1865 in Sigdal, Norway. After the death of his mother he came with his father to America in 1868 and lived for several years in Spring Grove, Minnesota. He came to Enger township in 1879 and started farming in 1885. In the summer of 1891 he was married to Kari

Leland. They had 12 children. Mrs. Heslien died in January 1936. Mr. Heslien died July, 1942.

**ANDERS A. HESLIEN** was born in Krodser, Norway, February 18, 1832. His wife died in Norway. He came with his four children Anders, Nels, Mary and Ingborg to Spring Grove, Minnesota in 1868. In 1879 they came to Dakota territory and settled on the farm where Little Forks church now stands. It is now owned by his grandson Elvin Heslien. In 1881 Mr. Heslien donated two acres to the Little Forks cemetery.

Mr. Heslien died June 3, 1883.

**LEWIS SEVERSON** was born in Dane county, Wisconsin, May 12, 1855. He married Ingborg Nelson, who came from Norway. In 1879 they came to Enger township, Steele county.

The Severson's had eight children. Two died during the diphtheria epidemic of 1880-1883. Two more died in 1887 and 1889. There was no church so the children were buried on a hilltop on the farm. Other children were buried there also. Nine in all.

There was no railroad so Lewis and his neighbors had to go to Fargo and Grand Forks for their supplies. Their transportation was by oxen.

Lewis Severson, Lars Hefta, Nels Endrud and Ellef Nelson organized the first baseball team in Enger township in the year 1887.

Mrs. Severson died in 1916. Mr. Severson died in 1932.

**STEPHEN HUSTVEDT** was born in Vinje, Telemarken, Norway. He was married to Margrete Lee. He came to Caledonia, Traill county, where he farmed for awhile. In 1876 he came to Enger township and homesteaded in section 10.

Hustvedt was the first school teacher in Enger township. He taught school in Enger's granary. The neighbors helped him put up a log house and then taught school in his home, until the log school house was built.

**T. O. SCHJELDAHL** was born in Voss, Norway, November 3, 1849. He came to America in 1874 and to Portland in 1877. He homesteaded in Enger township. He married Martha Bjoro in 1879. She died in 1889. In 1892 he married Thora Thorson who died in 1933. He died in 1928.

**ELLEF NELSON** was born Sept. 10, 1854, in Egedal, Norway. He came to Iowa in 1873. While in Iowa he married Larine Olson who was born in Wisconsin and had later moved to Iowa.

Mr. and Mrs. Nelson came to this

territory in the spring of 1877 and homesteaded on section 28 in Enger township.

He was brother to Helge Nelson and Nels Endrud.

They had a family of ten children.

**ANDREW FUGLEBERG** was born in Ossian, Winneshek County, Iowa, on April 22, 1875. In 1879 he came with his father to Belmont, near Hillsboro, where they lived five years before settling in Enger township, section 34, in 1884. He married Betsy Groven in Hillsboro, February 1896. The Fuglebergs had two daughters: Claudine and Selma.

**MR. and MRS. ANDERS AASEN** were married in Sigdal, Norway, July 28, 1865. They immigrated to America in 1865. They settled in Iowa for a few years, moving up to the Dakota Territory in a covered wagon. In 1874 he bought land in Enger Township, which remained their home. A son, Edward, lives on the home place. There were seven children: Olaus, Anton, Carolina, Maren, Elise, Edward and Helmer.

**DR. VALENTINE OLSEN BLECKRE** was the first doctor in the Goose River country, say the old settlers. He was born near Stavanger, Norway, February 10, 1845, and came to the United States in 1866. He studied in doctor's offices, as was the custom of these times, and was a member of the first medical class at the University of Minnesota.

He came to this northwest territory about 1879 and was the first Norwegian doctor in the Little Forks country (meaning Hatton, Portland, and Mayville).

During a terrible diphtheria epidemic which ravaged here in 1883, he was caught in a blizzard. He used a horse and buggy, and his horse found her way to the settlement, but Dr. Bleckre, overworked and weak, was found unconscious in his seat.

He became stronger but never completely well again. He died at the Per Nyhus home at the age of 32. And was the first one to be buried at the Little Forks cemetery.

Dr. Bleckre was married to Ingeborg Nyhus, and had only one son, Oliver.

**MR. and MRS. OLE GRIMLEY** were both born in Eggedal, Norway. When Mr. Grimley came to the United States, he went to the western part of the state, settling around Leeds, N. Dak. He came to Enger township in July of 1884 and settled on a farm in section 14, which is now the Alvin Heslien farm.

Mr. Grimley was married to Inge-

borg Nyhus Beckriem, in 1885. There were nine children: Oliver (stepson), Fred, Carl, Fultin, Edwin, George, Christine, Olga and Ida.

**OSTEN THYKESON** was born in Freeborn county, Minnesota in 1858. He married Elizabeth Fugleberg. They lived near Hillsboro before coming to this township where he bought land in 1886. They farmed several years before retiring to Portland. They had a family of four children: George, Alfred, Arthillia, and Lillain, and one foster son, Milton Madson.

**TORGER O. GRONBECK** was born in Valdres, Norway, January 23, 1857. He came to America in 1869. In 1877 he came to North Dakota and homesteaded west of Portland. In 1878 he married Ronaug Fetjar. Three children were born to them, all of whom have passed away several years ago. Mr. Gronbeck sold his farm and moved to Hatton and later to the Old Peoples Home at Northwood. Mrs. Ronaug Gronbeck was born in Hedaalen, Norway, October 2, 1848. She died at the Old Peoples Home at Northwood.



**GULLICK H. WASTVEDT** was born June 6, 1862 at Telemarken, Norway. He came to Decorah, Iowa, in 1869 with his widowed mother and a sister, his father having died during the ocean voyage and was buried at sea. His mother later remarried and in 1879 he came with the family to Enger Township, Steele County. Mr. Wastvedt was now 17 and began working out. In 1883 his mother again became a widow and he began farming her land. This is now the Elvin Heslien land east from Little Forks church. Mr. Wastvedt continued to rent until he bought his own land in Enger township part of which is now the Sam Christianson farm.

In 1893 he married Aasta Bjornson who was born October 25, 1864, at Saude, Telemarken, Norway. She had come in 1887 to Enger Township where she was employed in the Livedalen, Nyhus, and Heslien households.

In 1908 the Wastvedts sold their land in Enger Township and purchased a farm south of Hatton in Viking Township where they lived until they retired in 1939 and moved to Hatton.

Mr. Wastvedt passed away in 1945, and Mrs. Wastvedt in 1952.

Five children were born to them: Henry, Randine, Ida, Bessie and Gilman.



**IVER THOMPSON** was born in Valdres near Hedalen, Norway, September 12, 1855. In 1866 the family came to America and lived for a time at Black Earth, Wisconsin, later at St. Ansgar, Iowa. The father died at an early age, shortly after the family came to America, but the mother, Mrs. Gunhild Thompson, managed to keep the family together. Iver came to N. Dak. in a covered wagon in June, 1881. He settled first near Cooperstown and later moved to Steele County, and purchased land in Enger township in 1882. He made his home here until his death.

Mr. Thompson was very active in the Little Forks congregation, serving as its treasurer for eighteen years. He served on the Board of Directors for Concordia College, Farmers and Merchants Bank of Hatton, Red River Valley Telephone Company, Northwood Hospital, and the Farmers Elevator Company for forty-eight years. Mrs. Iver Thompson was born in Jackson County, Wisconsin, April 20, 1871, and came to Enger township 61 years ago where she married Mr. Thompson.



**KNUTE LELAND** was born March 28, 1839. He was married to Eli Nestos in Norway. They came here in 1881. Lelands live on section 16 in Enger township for a few years and later moved to Traill county and set-

tled on section 33, which is now owned by a grandson Selmer Heslien. Leland died December 1, 1918. Mrs. Leland died July 19, 1923.



**ERICK NYHUS** was born October 21, 1855, in Eggedal, Norway. He came to Lake Mills, Iowa, with his parents Per and Kari Nyhus, one brother Ellef and two sisters Gjertrud and Ingborg. Erick came here in 1874 and homesteaded in Enger township.

Erick Nyhus was married July 28, 1878, to Anna Fecher. She was born in Norway in 1852. To this marriage five children were born. They are: Peter, Karine, Olava, Andrina and Edward.

His second marriage took place June 22, 1888, to Bertha Stoa. They had ten children.

Mr. and Mrs. Nyhus lived on the homestead until the spring of 1917, when they moved to Hatton. A son, Edward, has been on the farm since they moved to town.

Their children were: Selma, Alice, Clara, Anne, Christine, Alvin, Oliver, Theodore, Bert, and Lauritz.



**HANS H. FUGLEBERG** was born September 22, 1865, at Ocean, Iowa. His parents were Hans Hanson

Fugleberg and Anna Olson Berge. His mother died when 12 years old. The family came to Hillsboro where they resided for a short while before coming to Enger township, Steele county in 1884, where he continued to live except for a year spent at Barton, N. Dak.

Mr. Fugleberg was married to Bertha Jemtrud on June 18, 1898. They had one son, Hartvig. Mrs. Fugleberg was born May 20, 1880 in Enger township where she has lived all her life.

Mr. Fugleberg was commissioner of Steele county from 1919 to 1939 and was member of the board which built the present county court house. He served for many years on both the Enger township board and the Portland Elevator.

He died at his farm home May 31, 1948.



**WILLIAM BRAINED** was born in 1846 in Wittenberg, Germany. In 1871, in Wisconsin, he was married to Agneta Heskin, born in Valdres, Norway in 1844. The Brainerds came to the Dakota Territory in 1881. They homesteaded west of Portland. Their first home was a dugout, where they lived for eight years. Their children were: Nels, Henry, Annie, John, Gunhild, and Andrew.



**ANDREW C. RUD** was born April 25, 1856, in Norway and came to America in 1875 with his parents, brothers and sister. In 1879 he homesteaded on a farm in Steele County, Enger Township, now occupied by a grandson Myron A. Rygg. Mr. Rud married Julianna Kopperdahl in 1894. They have six daughters living, Amanda, Ingeborg (Mrs. Herby Rygg), Claudine (Mrs. C. Skoglund), Josephine (Mrs. T. O. Thompson), Selma (Mrs. William Sjoborg), Carine (Mrs. Henry Lindeland).

Mr. Rud passed away on August 5, 1938. Mrs. Rud passed away December 27, 1950.



OLE RUD was born Nov. 13, 1851, in Norway and came to America in 1879. He homesteaded in what is now the Bang community. In 1883 he married Beatha Tollefsrud of Goodhue, Minn. They had three children: Carl O., Mrs. T. B. Linn (Ida), and Mrs. F. E. Tkykeson (Ogla). Ole passed away in January, 1907 and Mrs. Rud in December, 1939.



OLE GJELLERIET was born at Sundmore, Norway, May 28, 1857, and came to America in 1883. Mrs. Gjelleriet was born Ragne Ramstad in Sigdal, Norway, May 5, 1867, and came to America in 1886. They were married at Portland, N. D. Jan. 8, 1887, by Rev. Lonne. To this union seven children were born, five who are living.

The first years Mr. and Mrs. Gjelleriet were married they rented the Kolbjorn Livedahlen farm. In 1891 bought and settled on the farm which remained their home thereafter. The Gjelleriet's celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary in 1937. Mr. Gjelleriet died February 17, 1939. Mrs. Gjelleriet died February 2, 1941.

OLE ERICKSON was born in Hedahlen, Norway, November 17, 1847. His wife, Guri Hagan, was born in Norway, October 27, 1847. They were Valish descendants. Mr. Erickson's family settled in Iowa County, Wisconsin in 1869. Ole and Guri were married in Wisconsin in 1871. In 1879 they set out for North Dakota with five small children and one only six weeks old. They homesteaded in section 6, in Enger township. They lived in a log house until they built in 1905. This is now the home of his



grandson, Ernest Erickson.

They were members of Bang Congregation where both are laid to rest. Mr. Erickson passed away November, 1926 and Mrs. Erickson in January, 1922. They celebrated their Golden Anniversary at home in October, 1921. There were ten children: Annie, Emma, Erick, Celia, Ida, Thea, John, George, Julia, and Clara (Mrs. Haraldson) the only living member.



#### FECHAR BROTHERS

OLE (left), ANDREW and TORGRIM (right) FECHAR were brothers and homesteaded in Enger township. They were sons of Ivar Fechar. They homesteaded in 1886 and 1887.

Ivar Fechar came to the United States from Eggedal, Norway. He came to this territory in 1871 together with John Amb and Fingal Enger. He homesteaded on the place which is known as the Nils Hilde farm.



MARTIN JEMTRUD and Karen Maristuen were born in Aadalen, Ringerike, Norway, and came to the United States in 1877. In the spring

of the same year they were married at Albert Lea, Minn. They resided there about a year and came by ox-cart to North Dakota in 1878. They came to the Fingar Enger farm where they worked for a year to earn enough to start a home of their own. Settling on their homestead in Steele county, Enger township, where they lived all their lives. Martin passed away in 1922, and Karen 1930.

Four children blessed this family: Anton, Bertha (Mrs. Hans Fugleberg), Caroline and Oscar. Caroline passed away in 1908, Oscar in 1904 and Anton in 1955. Bertha is the only child living.

Mr. and Mrs. Jemtrud were among the first members of the Little Forks congregation and served their church faithfully in its organizations.



CHRIST THOMPSON was born in Hedalen, Norway, July 22, 1865. He and his family came to the United States in 1866 when he was one year old. They lived in Iowa until 1881, when they came to Dakota territory.

He was married to Ida Anderson, January 6, 1900. Mr. Thompson lived on his farm until his death in 1955.

They had five children: Sophus, Tobias, Ernest, and Mildred, now living, and Freda, who died in 1930. Mrs. Thompson died in 1940.



HALVOR HYLAND was born in Telemarken, Norway, March 23, 1837. He was married to Liv Lunden who was born in Telemarken, Norway, January 5, 1842. The three oldest children were born in Norway. When coming to the United States, they settled at White Water, Wis., for awhile where two more children were born. The family then moved to

Northwood, Iowa, where they resided for a year, sharing a one-room log cabin with the Torger Mandt family. They also had five children at that time.

The Hylland family came to Dakota in a covered wagon and a team of oxen in the year 1877. They lived for a short while, where presently George Berg lives, before homesteading on section 10 of Enger township. Their first home was a sod dugout. His brother Knute lived with them part of the time.

They were members of the Little Forks Church. Mr. Hylland passed away December 24, 1912 and Mrs. Hylland passed away March 16, 1912. It is said that Mr. Hylland had lost only one permanent tooth when he died at 75. They had ten children: Aslak, Ole, Ingborg (Mrs. Halvor Hammerstad) Charlie, Martin, Osmund, Emma (Mrs. E. O. Erickson), Amanda, a twin (the other died in infancy), Marie, (Mrs. Ole Flaten), Gurine (Mrs. Hans Olson), and Henry.

FINGAL G. ENGER was born in Aadalen Ringorike, Norway, Feb. 22, 1846 and immigrated to this country in 1869 and first began working in Mitchel County, Iowa. In March, 1871, Mr. Enger, in company with others,



arrived in the Goose River Valley. He was the first white man to settle in Steele County. He was married in 1875 to Gjertrud Nyhus Nelson and to this union, nine children were born. He also had a stepson, son of Mrs. Enger by her first marriage. Children were Olaus (stepson), Gilbert, Peder, Edward, Carl, Gabriel, Fritz (all deceased), Thorval, Oliver and Elisa. He was elected to the State Senate in 1890 and served two terms. He also served as vice-president of the Farm-



ers and Merchants Bank in Hatton, president of the Deaconess Hospital, Grand Forks, and on the executive board of the Oak Grove Seminary in Fargo, of which he was one of the founders. He helped to establish Augsburg College in Minneapolis and served on its board. Mr. Enger was one of the largest land owners in this state at the time of his death, owning 73 quarters of land. Mr. Enger died in August, 1913, and Mrs. Enger in November, 1913.

## WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP

### A Look At The Past

By Albert Stenmo

The first to settle in what later came to be called Washington Township were two brothers, Amund and Ole Fluto. They drove up from Worth County, Iowa, in 1878 in a covered wagon hauled by mules. During the next two years, all the land in the township, aside from the two school sections, had been taken either as a homestead, pre-emption or tree claim. Most of the settlers came from Norwegian communities in Iowa or Minnesota. Few were of Irish stock.

Amund Fluto had died in 1882. Doctors were not near at hand and cures for many diseases were unknown. Old tombstones in cemeteries in the Goose River valley are mute reminders of an epidemic of diphtheria in 1881 and 1882.

I can remember seeing only one log house and two or three sod houses in the township. Sawmills were already operating in northern Minnesota and lumber was available.

Preachers of the Lutheran confession were active almost from the beginning. I remember Pastor Waage, who had homesteaded in Newburgh, and used to preach in the school houses. By the end of the century, two churches had

been built in Washington Township.

The township was organized and named in 1883, and in 1884 the four school districts were created and a school house built in each one. Four of the seven pupils who attended school No. 70 are still living—Louise Haakenson Olson, Albert and Ole Stenmo, all of Hatton, and Even Erickson, who lives in Canada.

A rapid development took place after the railroad was extended north from Mayville in 1884. The rich soil yielded bountiful crops and larger dwellings and barns were built. Milk cows were kept on every farm and wheat was the main crop. Grain was stacked, four stacks to the setting. In the early 1900's shock threshing became more general. Threshing machines, powered by steam engines, came into use early.

Wages were low. In 1888, I recall, men were paid \$1.25 a day in threshing. Work was from sunrise to sunset and after, weather permitting.

Of farm machinery I especially recall the walking plows, the Canton and Flying Dutchman sulky plows and several makes of binders: Woods, Plano, McCormick and Deering. It was not until the first decade of the present century

that telephone lines were built and mail delivery was started.

One is reminded of the many changes in plant and animal life. In the grasses of the prairie many kinds of native flowers grew—crocuses of early spring, tiger lilies of summer and the goldenrod of autumn. All are gone now. Gone also are the delicious wild strawberries. Prairie chickens were numerous. The pugnacious king birds and melodious meadow larks are seldom seen. One summer four cranes strayed for some time down on the creek bottom. They were probably whooping cranes, a species once numerous in the country and now almost extinct. Mosquitoes were a disagreeable pest.

A favorite sport of the young boys was the



**JOHANNES JOHNSON KAMPHAUGH** came to Decorah, Iowa, from Solor, Norway, in 1867. After working for five years he sent tickets to Norway for son Peder, his mother, one brother and two sisters. In 1879 the family moved to Hatton settled on what later became the Olaus Kamphaugh farm.

In 1891 Peder Kamphaugh bought from Thor Stenmo the farm in Section 30, Washington Township. In 1887 he married Margit G. Borgen. To this union twelve children were born. Deceased are—Johan, Jalmer, Obed, Gilman and Emma. The living are Mamie, Clarence, Caleb, Ruth, Lillian, Freda and Rufus. Mr. and Mrs. Peder J. Kamphaugh were charter members of The Zoar Lutheran Free Church in Hatton. They are pictured here at time of their wedding.

Mrs. Peder J. Kamphaugh was born near Hol, Hallingdal, Norway, in 1869 and passed away in 1935. Peder J. Kamphaugh was born near Kongsviger, Solor, Norway, in 1860 and passed away in 1944.

After the passing of Mr. and Mrs. Peder Kamphaugh, this farm located five miles northwest of Hatton became the home of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Kamphaugh.



This farm was bought from the U. S. government by **NELS K. JOHNSON** in 1889. Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Johnson; namely, Clara who died in 1955, Bertha, Mabel, Nora, Judith, John, Emma, and Minnie. Mrs. Johnson died in 1900 at the age of 33. Mr. Johnson died in 1918. This farm is now owned by his son, John.



**GUNNIRIUS JOHNSON** was born July 29, 1862, in Solor, Norway. He came to America at the age of 16 years with his widowed mother, Karen Erickson Johnson, and two brothers and a sister, and worked in Iowa.

After awhile they migrated to the Hatton area where they settled. Here he had six brothers and sisters that had come here before him, his mother being widowed twice in Norway.

Gunnirius married Anne Korsmo, who was born at Solor, Norway, Sept. 29, 1865. To this union two children were born: Henry and Clara. His first wife passed away and in 1900 he married Ida Edwardson. They had ten children: Clarence (deceased), Geneva (deceased), Bennie, Evelyn, Helen (deceased), Angot, Rudolph, Edna (deceased), Nina and Noel. Mr. Johnson passed away in October, 1931, and Mrs. Johnson in July, 1949.

The farm was sold Feb. 16, 1929, to Ole T. Stenmo.



**ERICK G. AAKER** filed on homestead in 1879 four miles north of Hatton and later acquired land east and north of the home place. When Mr. Aaker retired from farming he sold out to his sons and moved into Hatton with his wife. Four children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Aaker: Hannah, Gust, Ida, all deceased; and Carl. Mr. Aaker died in 1931; Mrs. Aaker in 1926. Carl, with his wife, now lives at Larimore. He is the present owner of the homestead and Mr. and Mrs. Joel Pladson rent the farm.

**ERICK A. GULLICKSON** was born in Vik, Sogn, Norway, in 1852 and came to this country with his parents when a year old, settling in Illinois. He came to North Dakota in 1881 and settled the SW $\frac{1}{4}$  section 34, Washington township. He married Martha Knutsen Sund in 1912. She came from Koppervik, Stavanger, Norway, and



Josie, Josie, Hildor—all deceased; Albert, Hilda, Anna (Mrs. Alfred Solberg), Ida (Mrs. Marvin Rydland), Ole and Adolph. Mrs. Kamphaugh died in 1908 and Mr. Kamphaugh in 1935. Hildor became owner of the farm in 1935. The land is now owned by Lockerd Thompson and is farmed by his son, Wayne.

settled near Pickert, North Dakota. Mrs. Gullickson died in February, 1944, and Mr. Gullickson in December, 1946. He lived with Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heskin until his death. They acquired the land in 1944.



This farm was first filed on by Knute Olson whose wife was Barbro Fluto. They had three children, Emma, Oscar and George. They sold to OTTO ALGREN. Mr. and Mrs. Algren had five children, Willerd, Elvira, Oscar, Arvid and Oliver. Mr. Algren died in 1947. Farm is now owned by Arvid and his mother, who is 85 years old.

In 1880 ALBERT O. KOTO, age 21 years, arrived from Orfordville, Wis., landing at Mayville. He looked for land and settled in Washington township 7 miles north of Hatton, and was issued a U. S. Patent (deed to 160 acres) on Feb. 10, 1885. He married Lizzie Amundson Dec. 1, 1881 and five daughters were born, Karren, Clara, Amanda, Neenah and Stella. As time went by Mr. Koto added to the original homestead by buying additional land. He died Feb. 19, 1920 and his wife on Sept. 17, 1936. The farm is now owned by a daughter and son-in-law, Neenah and Alfred Steenstrup and is operated by their son, Robert Koto Steenstrup.



HALVOR T. BJERTNESS, born in Hadeland, Norway, in 1861, and emigrated to America in 1878, settling first at Montevideo, Minn., where he was a mailman for two years. In 1880 he came to Dakota and settled in Newburgh township on March 24, 1885. He bought land in Washington township from Erick Aase who returned to Iowa. Halvor married Lottie Holter on June 18, 1902. They were active members of the Zoar church in Hatton. Mr. Bjertness died May 17, 1925, and Mrs. Bjertness on July 7, 1939. A daughter, Myrtle (Mrs. Gus-

tav P. Skjoiten) survives. She and her family have lived on this farm since 1923 and have four children, Paul, Glenn, Lynn and Mae.



In 1879 ELLING AASE, one of the pioneers of Washington township, immigrated from Iowa and began homesteading on SE¼ section 31. In 1896 a raging snowstorm covered their buildings. Neighbors came and moved the family to a farm near the Kjolrie farm and there they remained for the rest of the winter. Mr. Aase was crippled in a runaway with a team of horses. On Feb. 17, 1900, he sold his farm to Ole Huus and moved to Roseau County. Later the farm was sold to Helena and Olaf Erickson, then to Ed Johnson. Mr. and Mrs. Erling Johnson now own and operate this farm as well as W½ of SE¼ section 29.



Parts of the OLAUS KAMPHAUGH farm were filed on by Johannes Kamphaugh and Samuel Digness in 1879. Olaus Kamphaugh bought the land in 1885. Thirteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Kamphaugh, Oline, twins, Eddie,



SVEN HUUS was born in Hallingdal, Norway, and came to the United States as a young boy. The family settled in Nicollet County, Minn. In the spring of 1879 Mr. and Mrs. Huus, with several other families, traveled by covered wagon and oxen to Da-

kota Territory and settled in Washington township. They built a sod shanty and lived in it for some years. In the summer of 1896 they built the house now occupied by the Herman Huus family. To the Sven Huus union, seven children were born, Lena (Mrs. Harry Johnson), Helena (Mrs. Olaf Erickson), Thea, Selma, Thea—all deceased, Andrew and Herman. Herman, living on the homestead, was married to Louise Lukkason who died Jan. 28, 1959. They have four girls living, Margaret (Mrs. Julian Heggested), Hazel (Mrs. Henry Yokom), Selma and Constance.



**THOR STENMO** and his wife Ragnild Fluto emigrated to America from Ness, Hallingdal, Norway. In 1883 they, with their four children, Ole, Albert, Martin and Nellie, left Kensett, Iowa, and came to Dakota Territory, homesteading in Washington township. A daughter, Kristi, was born here in 1886. Thor was a blacksmith by trade and set up a shop on his farm. He died Jan. 7, 1918, and Mrs. Stenmo moved to Hatton where she passed away in November, 1933. Kristi, Nellie and Martin are deceased. Albert took over the farm after his father's death. He married Annie Johnson of Merrifield. She passed away in 1946. Albert still farms the land and spends some time with his daughter, Olga (Mrs. Gordon LaBree).



**OLE SWENSON, SR.**, and Gro Nilsen Gudmundarud were married in Aal Hallingdal, Norway, and immigrated to America, settling at Estherville, Iowa. Ten children were born. Mrs. Swenson and the older Sigri died in Iowa. The father and nine children came to the Goose River territory in 1879 homesteading 5½ miles north of Hatton. They built a log house which still stands and became known as a land mark on the route to Grand Forks. Ole, Sr., died March 18, 1918. Ole, Jr., only living child, took over

the homestead and was married to Inga Ingebretson. They had no children but made a home for three foster children. Mrs. Swenson died in 1946 and Ole in 1957 and was buried in the family cemetery in a grove on the homestead. Corliss Swenson, nephew of Ole, is the present owner of the homestead.



**MARK AARHUS** was born in Ness, Komerike, Norway, and his wife came from Oslo, Norway. They came to Dakota Territory in June, 1879, from Northwood, Iowa, with their seven children: Edward, Emily, Peder, George, Ida, Sophie and Clara. Markus homesteaded north of Hatton in Washington township. Six more children were born: Anker, Nora, Mark, Olga, James and Harry. Mr. Aarhus farmed until his death Sept. 26, 1902. Mrs. Aarhus lived on the farm until November, 1913, when she sold to Andrew and Herman Huus. Later Herman sold his share to Andrew and they continued to farm until 1940. Andrew married Lena Lyste and they had four children, Sanford, Alvin, Norris and Mabel. Farming the land now are Mr. and Mrs. Sanford Huus.



**PHILLIP AMUNDSON** immigrated to this territory in August, 1879, with his wife and family. They had 10 children: (one died in infancy), Arthur,

Emma, Mary—all deceased, Ingeborg (Mrs. Wold), Josephine (Mrs. Carlyn Flint), Alma (Mrs. Offerdahl), Clara (Mrs. Johnson), Thora (Mrs. Onsager), Mabel (Mrs. Haugstad). They homesteaded the SW¼ section 8 in Washington township in 1881 and later acquired the SE¼ section 8. The land is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Blaine Johnson.



**PEDER AMUNDSON** was born in Hadeland, Norway, Sept. 5, 1848, and immigrated to Elgin, Iowa, in 1870. He married Caroline Holt, born Aug. 9, 1856, on May 9, 1875, at Clermont, Iowa. In 1879, along with his brother, Phillip, he traveled to the Dakota prairies looking for a suitable site for a home. He homesteaded on a claim in Washington township and in the fall brought his family here. The NW¼ section 17, was filed on by Peder in 1881. He received patent from the U. S. in May, 1883, and tree claim rights in September, 1889. In 1918 he retired from farming and they moved to Northwood where they lived until their deaths. They had 10 children: Albert, Conrad, Marie, Henry, Mathilda, Pauline—all deceased; Clara, Louie, Carl and Blondie. The farm was sold to Louie Krabbenhoff of Northwood in 1943.



**MR. and MRS. HANS E. AAKER** filed on land in Washington township in 1879 and later bought one quarter of land from Samuel Digness who had filed on it in 1879. They had five children: Mabel, Clara, Helmer and Henry—all deceased; and Emma who

lived in Hatton. Mr. Aaker died in 1914 and Mrs. Aaker in 1908. The land was sold to the children in 1920 and part is now owned by Thorger Tveten. The Samuel Digness quarter is owned by Martin Hanson, Jr.



A receivers receipt was issued to Karen A. Ericson in June, 1882 on land in Washington township and to Ericson. This later was acquired by G. A. ERICSON, Martin's son. G. A. Ericson was born Nov. 1, 1872 in Northwood, Iowa, and at the age of 9 came to this territory with his parents, who homesteaded in Washington township. In his early years, G. A. Ericson taught school in Washington township and later moved to Hatton where he lived for many years. In September, 1895, he married Annie Berg of Hatton. They had 11 children: Grace, Vivien, Alice, Sadie, Hazel, Evangeline, Marvin, Wendell, Kermit, Frederic and Leif. In 1944 Mr. and Mrs. Ericson moved to Grand Forks where he passed away Feb. 16, 1948. Frederic Ericson bought the land from his father in 1945 and has added additional acreage through the years.



The W $\frac{1}{2}$  was filed on June 2, 1879. Other parts of this farm were filed on by C. E. Sander and P. Gulbrand Melby and later bought by Mr. Melby. The W $\frac{1}{2}$  was later bought by George

G. Melby. Mr. Melby died in 1908 and Mrs. Melby in 1910. Six children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Melby; namely, Erick, Peter, Otila, Emma, Mina, and George, all deceased. George was married to Bertha Melaas of Cresco, Iowa, on December 2, 1903. Three children were born to them; namely, Garvin, Corra, (deceased), and Palmer (deceased). This farm is now owned by Mrs. George Melby and Garvin Melby who is the third generation to farm this land. (Picture shows Mr. and Mrs. Gulbrand Melby).

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 18 filed on by John F. Hogan in 1881, now owned by Charles Orvick, Sr. John McGowan homesteaded NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 11, and the present owner is Otis Stendahl.

The SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 30, was owned by Thina Anderson in 1881. Present owners are Mr. and Mrs. H. M. Naah and rented by Maurice Noss.

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 1, homesteaded by Edward Armstrong in 1885, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Thoralph Suby.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 1, homesteaded by Hannah C. Ashman, now owned by Otto and Shirley Sanderson.

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 2, homesteaded by Mr. and Mrs. Ole M. Kleven in 1882, is owned by Mrs. Thilda Klevberg Haugen and son, Marvin.

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 2, homesteaded by Edward Donovan in 1882, owned by Hans and Gunilda Klevberg.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 3, homesteaded by Knud Melfald in 1882, now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Mandt.

SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of section 4, homesteaded by A. K. Mandt in 1882, now owned by daughter-in-law, Mrs. Mabel Mandt.

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 4, homesteaded by Hans E. Tandberg in 1886, now owned by Albert and Christeen Grefshiem.

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 3, homesteaded by Bjon Bakrud in 1884, owned by Mr. and Mrs. Palmer Bjerke.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 2, homesteaded in 1882 by Kristi M. Melfald, is now owned by Gro, Elsie and Hans Klevberg.

SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 6, homesteaded by

Frederic L. Brown in 1884, now owned by Carl Bjerke.

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 6, homesteaded in 1884 by Thorval Larson, now belongs to a daughter-in-law, Mrs. Anna Larson.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 6, homesteaded by Fred Carlson in 1884, now owned by Louis Thompson.

SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 5, homesteaded by Tollef Fladager in 1882, owned by Elmer Thorstenson.

NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 5, homesteaded by Knut Sandvik in 1884, owned by Willie Bergdahl.

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 6, homesteaded in 1884 by Even Sandvik, owned by Sam Fladager and daughter, Mendora.

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 4, homesteaded by Knud Melfald in 1881, is now owned by Mrs. Hartwick Mandt.

JULIUS JOHNSON homesteaded the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 32 in Washington township and this later became the Ed S. Johnson farm. Ed Johnson was born at Melo, Helgeland, Norway, in 1865, came to America in 1887 and stayed in Sterrns County, Minn., for one year. Started westward to Dakota and settled in Steele County. He married Susanna Norum from Nod, Helgeland, Norway, in 1901. They had five children, Alpha (Mrs. Huus), Alma (Mrs. Rendahl), Thrine (Mrs. Bye), Odin and Erling. When they moved to Hatton, Odin took over the farm. Mr. Johnson passed away in 1955. Mrs. Johnson still lives in Hatton.

PETE SPOONHEIM homesteaded 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of Hatton in Washington township in 1885 and made this his home until he passed away. 80 acres became part of the Johnson farm and the other 80 acres part of the Skjoiten farm.

The NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 20, was filed on by Hans Haakenson in 1881 and sold in 1887 to Hans Aaker. Present owner is Ole G. Opdahl. The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 20, was filed on by John Johnson in 1892 and is now owned by Ole G. and Orphie Opdahl.

NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 17, filed on by Aslak O. Skrattegaard in 1881, is now owned by Selmer Swenson. The NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , sec-

tion 18, filed on in 1881 by John J. O'Leary, was purchased in 1907 by Erick O. Tufte and Carl O. Tufte. The SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 7, filed on in 1884 by Cornelius Hogan, is owned by Mrs. O. T. Peterson and rented by Melvin Mullet.

Susan Winden homesteaded the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 30, in 1881, after coming here in 1878. She was married to Ole G. Opdahl and they lived near Northwood until their deaths. This quarter is now owned by a daughter, Marie Opdahl.

The NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 30, filed on by Ole Fluto in 1886; SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 18, filed on by John J. O'Leary in 1883; W  $\frac{1}{2}$ -SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 20, filed on by Kristi Fluto in 1882; south  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S  $\frac{1}{2}$ -NE  $\frac{1}{2}$ , section 19, miled on by Nora Daily and Michael Daily in 1888, now owned and operated by Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Kamphaugh (Gladys Ovrld). The farm contains 426 acres.

NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 7, was owned by Halvor O. Trovaten in 1882. Present owners are Mr. and Mrs. Hans Tufte and is rented to their son, Noel.

Michael and Nora Daily filed on the SW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 19, in 1881. Present owner is Caleb Kamphaugh who also owns land in the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$ -NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 19.



PATRICK J. and ELLEN DORA MADDOCK came to Washington township to homestead in 1879, having arrived from Somerset, Wis. Mr. Maddock came first and then returned for his wife and widowed mother, Bridget Maddock. He filed on NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 14, and his mother filed on NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  of NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ . Mr. Maddock also filed on a tree claim where the home was later established and is still there. Twelve children were born: Walter, Mary, John, Rose, Clare, Jerome, Ethel, Helen, Joseph and

Alice. Mrs. Maddock died in April, 1919, and Mr. Maddock in November, 1920. They were active in community affairs. The Washington School No. 68 was built on their land in 1889. His sister, Almira Maddock, taught the first school in Washington township and their oldest son, Walter, also taught school in the township. In 1917, Jerome took over management of the farm where he and his family lived until his death in 1949. The family still retain the farm.



EDWARD PEDERSON was born at Decorah, Iowa, Jan. 3, 1856. Mrs. Pederson was born near Ridgeway, Iowa, March 19, 1859. They were married March 18, 1882, at Cresco, Iowa. Mr. Pederson came to N. Dak. in 1880 and returned to Iowa in 1881. He left Iowa again in 1882, traveling by covered wagon, to Washington township where he filed on NE  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 27. He sold his oxen and hired 15 acres of land breaking and put up a small sod shanty. He again returned to Iowa and back to N. Dak. in 1882 when he broke some more land and put up a frame shanty. Mrs. Pederson left Iowa in May, 1882, and her husband met her at Mayville, end of the railroad line. They were active in community and church affairs, helping to organize the Washington Prairie church and school district 71. In 1916 Mr. Pederson was the N. Dak. delegate to Progressive National Republican convention in Chicago. He also was active in various business enterprises. They had six children: Bernard, Marie, Hilda, Ella, Melvin and Mabel. They moved to Hatton in 1914. Mr. Pederson died Aug. 30, 1942, and Mrs. Pederson on Aug. 26, 1949.

ARNT HANSON was born June 5, 1858, in Selbu, Trondhjem, Norway, and came to the U. S. in 1866 with his parents. Their first home was at Big Canoe, Iowa, where the father died.



At the age of 9 years, he began working to help support the family. In 1880, together with his mother, Marit Renna Hanson, and the Ole Draxton family, he came to N. Dak. The family settled in Washington township. In 1886 he was married to Malinda Pederson. Five children were born: Alma (Mrs. Alfred Offerdahl), Helmer, Peder, Arthur and Martin. In November, 1927, Mr. Hanson moved to Hatton where he lived until his death, Feb. 2, 1938. Mr. and Mrs. Martin Hanson, Sr., now live on this homestead.



MRS. MARIT RENNA HANSON was born Oct. 20, 1831, in Selbu, Trondhjem, Norway. In 1853 she was married to Hans Renna Hanson and five children were born: Helga, Arnt, Sigrid, Gunder and Helena. The family came to the U. S. in 1866 and settled at Big Canoe, Iowa. Her husband died the following year. In 1880, Mrs. Hanson, son Arnt, and the Ole Draxton family came to N. Dak. They lived with the Nels Grimson family while buildings were being put up on their homestead in Washington township. There she lived alone until her death April 9, 1911. Living on this farm now are Mr. and Mrs. Helmer Hanson.



**ERICK and HERMANA SANDER** (top photo) came to America from Solar, Norway in 1861, settling first at Ridgeway, Iowa. In 1881, they made the trip to N. Dak. by train, bringing with them five children: Bertha, Olaf, Charley, George and Hildor. The family homesteaded on two quarters of land in Washington township. After their deaths, Hildor, the youngest son, inherited the farm. On Jan. 12, 1899, Hildor married



Mina Melby and two children were born, Hazel (deceased) and Ernest. They lived on this farm until 1911 when they moved into Hatton. In 1935 the farm was sold to Marvin Rydland who is the present owner.

**OLE B. DRAXTON** was born Sept. 14, 1853, in Selbu, Trondhjem, Norway. He came to the U. S. in 1873 and settled at Big Canoe, Iowa. In 1878 he was married to Helga Renna Hanson and in 1880, they, their small son, Bernhard, together with Arnt Hanson and Mrs. Marit Renna Hanson, came to N. Dak. in a covered wagon. They made their home with the Nels Grimson family while putting up buildings on their homestead in Washington township. Eleven children were born, Bernhard, Henry, Clara, Mina, Peder, Olaf and Arthur (deceased), Albert,



Melvin, Hilma and Helen. Mr. Draxton continued living on the farm until his death, March 23, 1922. Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Smestad live on this farm now.



**A. N. OFFERDAHL** immigrated from Sogn, Norway with his parents to Stoughton, Wis., in 1860 at the age of 15 years. He worked in lumber camps and on the Mississippi river log drive from McGregor, Minn., to Memphis, Tenn. Later he moved to Iowa and bought land near Ridgeway where he met and married Bertha Sander at Decorah in May, 1870. Mrs. Offerdahl came from Solar, Norway, with her parents in 1861 at the age of seven years. They, together with three children, came to N. Dak. in 1881 and filed on a claim in Washington township. There they lived until their deaths, Mr. Offerdahl in 1925 and Mrs. Offerdahl in 1940. Both were active in church and community affairs and Mr. Offerdahl served in the State Legislature in 1897. They had 12 children, Emma (Mrs. John Hogen), William, Clara, Olivia, Edda (Mrs. Otto Davidson), Albert, Oscar, and Edgar (deceased), Josie (Mrs. A. K. Prestbo), Clara (Mrs. J. C. Nelson), Mina (Mrs. M. Monson) and Alfred.

**GUSTAV A. AAKER** was born in Decorah, Iowa, and came by covered wagon to N. Dak. at the age of six weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Aaker. In 1903 he married Anna Koldingness and that same year they



built their home in section 15, Washington township. Land was homesteaded by a Ollsgaard. They had 13 children, one girl and two boys dying in infancy. Others were Edmund, Irvin, Herman, Garvin, Erick, Rudolph, Oliver, Frederick, Marvin and Ragnvald. Mr. Aaker died in 1936 and Mrs. Aaker lives on a farm near Crookston, Minn., with four sons.



**ANTON JENSEN** was born April 3, 1865 at LaCrosse, Wis., and came to North Dakota in 1885 by covered wagon and homesteaded in Washington township. He attended Luther College at Decorah. In 1890 he married Sigrid Renna Hanson and six children were born, two of whom are living, Mae Torvik and Harma Munson. In 1898 Mr. Jensen sold his farm to Arnt Hanson and moved to McHenry, N. Dak. where he engaged in general merchandising. In 1910 he retired and moved to Valley City where he passed away Sept. 14, 1911. This homestead is a part of the Martin Hanson, Sr. farm.

**CHRIST RYDLAND** was born in Fitjar, Norway, in 1869, and came to Hatton in 1888. He bought the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 23, Washington township from Knut Naastad in 1894. This land had been homesteaded by Erick Hanson Textebaken. In 1916 he married Emma Olson of Winger, Minn. Children are Carroll, who operates the home farm, Idella and Edna (Mrs. Wendell Corbet). Mr. Rydland passed away in 1935.



**KNUD MONSON** was born near Bergen, Norway, in 1853. He came to Ossien, Iowa, in 1874, and to Dakota Territory in 1880. He filed on land in the NW section 35, Washington township. In 1882 he married Anna Marie Lysne of Fergus Falls, Minn., and soon after they returned to the homestead, breaking the land with oxen. He later bought the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 35 and built a farmstead where he lived for 50 years. They were active in church and school affairs. They had five children, Martin, Clarence, Selmer, Palmer, Pearl and one adopted daughter Coyla (Mrs. Alfred Hanestad). Knud Monson died in 1935 and his wife in 1944. Arthur Hanson now farms the original homestead. A son, Clarence, lives on the NE section 24, Washington township, and a grandson, Millard Monson, lives in Union township. This land was also acquired by Knud.

**IVER KNUTSON** was born in Norway April 25, 1848. He came to Wisconsin when he was 20 years of age and worked as a lumberjack for some time and then started farming there. He married Elizabeth Urness April 14, 1873. She was born in Wisconsin April 11, 1855. In 1880 he came to Newburgh, Dakota Territory by ox cart and in 1881 homesteaded in Washington township. They had 12 children: Knut, Peter, Severin and Christ, born in Wisconsin; Sarah, Ina, Peder, Oluf, Clara, Elmer, Louis and Roy, born here. Mr. Knutson died April 14, 1931, and Mrs. Knutson on Aug. 17, 1940.



In 1881 **JOHN BENSON** (above) homesteaded the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 16,

Washington township, which he sold to George Sander in 1890. Mr. Sander married Emma Melby in 1890 and



they lived on this farm. They had four children, Hilda, Esther, Henning and Ernest. Esther, married to Clarence Brandon in 1917, now lives on the homestead.



**OLE C. RYDLAND** was born in Fitjar, Norway, in 1862 and immigrated to the United States in 1887. He married Malena Anderson, also of Fitjar, Norway, in 1893 and they settled on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 24, Washington township in 1894. (This land had been homesteaded by John Moe). Mr. Rydland served as Kirke Sanger for 40 years in the Washington Prairie church of which he and his wife were charter members. There are six living children: Clarence, who lives on the homestead, Marvin, Mrs. Charles Schumacher, Mrs. Alfhild Ness, Gudrid, Mrs. D. E. Lommen. Ole died in 1946 and Mrs. Rydland in 1948.



**HANS H. MELAAAS** was born at Decorah, Iowa, in 1865 and came to the Hatton vicinity in 1888. He

bought the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 25, Washington township, homesteaded by Annie Wilson in 1884. In 1890 he married Lena Christen who was born in Norway. They had two children, Herbert and Hazel. Hans Melaas died in 1938 and his wife in 1957.



**KRISTEN MONSON** was born at Fitjar, Norway, in 1864 and came to Hatton in 1886. He married Ingeborg Vidness, also from Fitjar, Norway, in 1889. He bought the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 26, Washington township in 1893—land homesteaded by Morris Johnson in 1879. Two children survive, Mrs. Chris Landa and Mrs. Ole Kamphaug. The Monsons lived on their farm until their deaths in 1946. Lloyd Landa, a grandson, lives on this farm at present.



**A. E. BJORGO** came from Hadeland, Norway, in 1882 and was married to Jensine Halvorson in 1879. In 1884 they settled in Washington township on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 35. They sold this land in 1902 to Ole O. Brandon who was born in Norway in 1865 and came to America when he was 18. Settling first in Wisconsin, he later came to Hatton, where he married Maria Rye, daughter of Carlus and Kari Bye, in 1892. They had five children, Olga, Clarence, Ernest, Lester and Arnold. Mrs. Ole Brandon is the oldest woman living in Washington township and still lives on this farm with her son, Ernest, and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Bjorgo are pictured here (top). Mr. and Mrs. Brandon are shown in lower photo.

## GARFIELD TOWNSHIP



MR. E. S. DIGNESS was born in Cresco, Iowa, Feb. 7, 1872, and came with his parents, Svenning and Maren Digness, to Dakota in 1881. He was engaged in farming south of Hatton and later became a resident of Hatton. On Dec. 16, 1897, he was married to Miss Hilda Lundby who came to North Dakota in 1891. Mr. Digness passed away Jan. 19, 1937 and Mrs. Digness, Aug. 31, 1957. They had two daughters, Esther, deceased, and Hazel (Mrs. Milton Johnston).



MR. NELS OLSON EIDE AGOTNESS was born Feb. 2, 1837; his wife, Kristine Johannes Datter was born May 6, 1844, both in the vicinity of Bergen, Norway. They came to this country by way of Montreal, Canada and filed on a tree claim  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles east of Hatton where they lived all their lives. Children born to them were Ole, Gertrude (Mrs. Grim Grimson), Nels, Christine (Mrs. Martin

Knutson), Hannah (Mrs. Jens Hjelmstad), Anna (Mrs. Nels Peterson), all deceased, Josie (Mrs. Glen Gilmore), Rachel (Mrs. Martin Digness) and Mathew.



PEDER and THORA TWENGE were both born at Valdres, Norway, Peder on June 30, 1846 and Thora on Aug. 30, 1850. They came to the United States in 1872, settling at Decorah, Iowa. In 1879 they took the train as far as Fargo where Thora's brother, Knut Hoverud, met them. They homesteaded on a farm five miles southeast of Hatton and raised six children. Peder died in February, 1903 and Thora in November, 1940. Present owner of the land is their son-in-law, Sever Omang.



MR. JENSON was born at Mishicot, Wis., while Mrs. Jenson was born at Valdres, Norway. Mrs. Jenson worked for a number of years in Wisconsin before coming to Dakota where Mr. Jenson, with his three sons and a daughter by a previous marriage, had settled on a homestead three miles northeast of Hatton. They were married July 29, 1888, by the groom's son, the late Rev. C. J. M. Gronlid. Both are deceased but a daughter, Ida, survives and still lives on the homestead.

ABRAHAM NELSON was born at Vanelven, Sonmore, Norway, Aug. 26, 1855. Orphaned at the age of 20 he came to America in 1876 settling first at Glencoe, Minn. In 1878 he and Knut Halvorson traveled by ox cart to Garfield township, settled on land and built one-room shacks. Mr. Halvorson left and Mr. Nelson was the only settler in Garfield township that first winter. His wife, Anna Haldorson was born at Slidre, Valdres, Nor-



way, Sept. 2, 1859, and arrived at Glencoe, Minn., with her family in 1866. Abraham and Anna were married March 4, 1880, at Glencoe and made their home in Garfield township until 1908 when they built a home in Hatton. Mrs. Nelson passed away July 14, 1934, and Mr. Nelson on Feb. 27, 1941. They had eight children: Anton, Louis, Henry, Albert, Norman, Clara (Mrs. Hutson), Emma (Mrs. Anderson) and Della. Henry, only surviving son, now owns and operates the homestead.



NELS G. LILLEMOEN, born in Ridgeway, Iowa, in 1858, came to Ashby, Minn., where he worked as a store clerk for four years. In 1881 he married Anne Folken, born in Norway in 1860. They came to Dakota Territory in 1881 and homesteaded on a tree claim four miles east of Hatton. In 1881, they moved to Hatton where he was a machine salesman for Harton and Elken. They returned to the farm in 1890 and lived there until their deaths. Mr. Lillemoen died in 1928 and Mrs. Lillemoen in 1933. They had four children, Gilbert, Marie, Knute and Gustav.

**HENRY BAKKEN** and Thora Steenerson Sneesrud were married in Ridgeway, Iowa, in 1880. They came to Hatton in the spring of 1881 and settled in Garfield township. They had four children, Albert, Oscar, Ralph and Edgar. Mrs. Bakken passed away in 1905. Mr. Bakken then married Bertha Bjorn and they had two children, Henrietta and Barris. Mr. Bakken died in 1922.



**AMUND MASTRUD** was born in 1894; married Gurina Severson in 1872. They settled on a farm in Garfield township east of Hatton. They had nine children, three of whom died quite young. The others are, Syvart, and Mrs. Carl Texley (Tilla) of Hatton; Kristian and Carl of Grand Forks; Mrs. P. Twenge (Karen), deceased; Mrs. Henry Texley (Gunda). Amund died Aug. 4, 1928. Gurina died June 10, 1932.



**MR. and MRS. JACOB ASK** came to Garfield Township and homesteaded on the farm half a mile south of the Garfield School No. 1. They came to the vicinity by the covered wagon in 1875. They did not have a family except Mrs. Ask's sister, Mrs. M. S. Viker, who made her home with them.



**MR. and MRS. JUNOT A. WILCOX** homesteaded in Garfield Township

about two miles east and one mile north of Hatton. They had one son, Bryant, who later married Mary Chase and they farmed for a few years. The farm was rented to Ole K. Knutson who was formerly from Norway and made his home with the M. S. Viker family.

The older Mr. Wilcox was a veteran of the war between the states. Bryant Wilcox farmed for a time in Bottinou County, North Dakota after leaving the home place. He passed away in 1957.



**SVENING VIKER** and his wife, Maren Anderson Viker, came to North Dakota and settled on the north half of section 10 in Garfield township, coming in 1878 from Decorah, Iowa, and originally from Norway where Mr. Viker's trade was that of a Tailor. They had five children: Hilda, Arne, Ole, Karen and Martin. In November, 1897, they sold their land to two of their sons, Ole and Martin. The latter bought his brother's interests in 1900 and continued to farm there until September 1942. Mr. Ciaf Bye is now the owner of this farm and his wife is a granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Svening Viker. The land is now farmed by a great grandson of the Vikers, Mr. Gail Bye.



**EINAR JOHNSON**, together with Reyer Reyerson and Jacob Reyerson,

came to the Hatton area by mule team and covered wagon in 1879.

Einar filed on three quarter sections of land as there were three homestead rights available at that time; they were homestead, tree claim and preemption. He married Caroline Jensen of Northwood, Iowa, in 1882. They had three children: Oscar, now in Chicago; Carl, Long Beach, Calif., and Mrs. Eina Aaker, Larimore, N. Dak.



**KNUT NAASTAD** was born in Norway; came to the Hatton vicinity where he married Mrs. Einar Johnson, who was a widow. They had three boys, Elmer and Knut, deceased; and Peter of Hatton. Knut was born July 11, 1865, died Jan. 2, 1897. Mrs. Naastad continued the farming operation for a number of years, then moved into Hatton where she died in 1926.



**SYVER C. MASTRUD** was born in Kongsvinger, Norway, and came to the United States at the age of seven. In 1879 he came to North Dakota.

Josephine Davidson was born at Westby, Wis., Nov. 14, 1869. She came to Dakota Territory in 1887, and taught school in Garfield school district.

Mr. Mastrud and Miss Davidson were married in 1889. Five children survive: Conrad, Beatrice (Mrs. Anton Soliah), Elma (Mrs. Claude Rhodes) Albert and Edward.

Mr. Mastrud was on the township and school boards for several years.

Mr. Mastrud passed away July 29, 1939. Mrs. Mastrud passed away Nov. 24, 1952.

**MR. and MRS. SVENNING DIGNESS** were born in Solar, Norway. They came to Cresco, Iowa, and from there to Hatton in 1881 where they



homesteaded three miles northeast of Hatton. After farming for several years they moved into Hatton, where they lived their remaining years. Seven children were born to them: Anton, Sam, Eddie, Henry, Mrs. Hans Aaker (Olava), Mrs. Hans Westrum (Bertha), Martin. All deceased.

Svenning Digness died in 1906, his wife died in 1921.



MR. MARTIN VIKER and his wife, Emma Castella Viker, were formerly of Decorah, Iowa. Mr. Viker came to the Hatton vicinity in 1878 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Svenning Viker, who at that time homesteaded in Garfield Township. Mr. Viker bought his father's farm with half interest of his brother Ole. In 1901 Martin bought his brother's interest and continued farming until September, 1942, when they moved to Hatton to make their home. They had three daughters, Mrs. Bernard Gray of Page, North Dakota, Hazel Viker, deceased, and Mrs. Esther Pladson of Hatton. Mr. Viker passed away March 15, 1952 and Mrs. Viker passed away May 26, 1956.



MR. and MRS. THOR KOLDINGNESS came from Sogn, Norway, to North Dakota in 1879. They settled on a farm in Garfield township where they stayed until they passed away. Three children were born to them: Mrs. Anna Aaker, Crookston, Minn., Mrs. Siver Lonne, deceased, and Siver Koldingness also deceased.



HANS HANSON was born in Kongsvinger, Norway, April 18, 1854. His wife, Alberta Jonson, also born in Norway in the year 1858, came to the U. S. the same year he did, namely in 1872. They were married in Iowa Jan. 17, 1877. Came to Fergus Falls, Minn., and on to what is now Garfield township east of Hatton, where they homesteaded.

They had twelve children, seven of whom have passed away; they are: Carl, Arthur, Elmer, Emma, Alma, Clara and Ole.

Living are: John, Eddie, Willie, Albert, (Ida) Mrs. Alfred Pederson. Mrs. Hanson died in January, 1923. Mr. Hanson, October, 1940.



The LOMHEIM family were a part of the early history of Garfield township, all but Charlie died quite

young. The father's name was Per and he had six children: Herman, Charlie, Peter, Andrew, Mons and Betsy. Several of them filed on land in Garfield township but only Charlie lived for any length of time on his land. He farmed until 1915, when he moved into Hatton where he resided until his death. He was married to Emma Kittelson and they had one daughter Cora, or Mrs. Knut Knutson, and an adopted son, Elmer, both deceased.



OLE HANSON BJERTNESS was born April 22, 1845, in Sondre Land, Norway, and came to Winneshiek County, Iowa, in 1872.

Johanna Andersdatter Braaten was born Feb. 24, 1853, in Krodsherred, Norway, and came to Winneshiek County, Iowa, in 1866.

Ole H. Bjertness and Johanna Braaten were married in Ridgeway, Iowa, in 1875. In 1878 they started their westward trek via covered wagon, and arrived in 1880 at the homestead three miles east of Hatton that became their home.

They became the parents of 12 children, five of whom are now living: Christine (Mrs. Richard Atkinson), Hans, Bertha (Mrs. Elmer Evenson), Albert, Olaf, Nils, who died in infancy, Jonetta (Mrs. Helge Dahl), Martha (Mrs. Sivert Borsheim), Nels, Thorvald, Elmer and Petra.

Mr. Bjertness made a trip to his native land in 1907, but failing health caused him to shorten his visit. He passed away Nov. 3, 1908.

Mrs. Bjertness moved to Hatton in 1911 where she resided until her death Aug. 2, 1925.

Two brothers of Ole Bjertness came to this area at about the same time. They were Borger Hanson, who moved to Decorah, Iowa in 1895 and Harold Ness, who lived here for a few years, then went further west to live. Borger Hanson was married to Neline Myrand, and was a carpenter. Harold Ness was married to Karen Mastrud. He farmed for awhile, then worked for the railroad at Harvey, N. Dak.

CHRISTIAN VANGEN MASTRUD was born in Kongsvinger, Norway, in 1824.

Martha Mastrud was born in Kongsvinger, Norway, in 1823.

Mr. Mastrud came to Dakota Territory in 1879. He preceded his family on a sort of scouting trip, and directed a group of people, that moved



to Dakota, from Winnisheik County, Iowa.

It was said of him that he was so loud of voice, that he directed the crossing of the Red River, just by hollering ("This way to Breckenridge, all crossing"), and he was heard the whole length of the wagon train.

Mrs. Mastrud was Midwife to all the early children in the Hatton community. She survived her husband by many years, and would probably be alive today, except for her addiction to Dr. Peter Farneys "Kuriko."

Mr. Mastrud passed away Oct. 12, 1906. Mrs. Mastrud passed away Oct. 12, 1906.



**GRIM GRIMSON**, born Nov. 1, 1856, at Sund, Bergan Norway, came with his mother to Iowa where they lived three years. They came to Dakota Territory in 1879 by covered wagon. Mrs. Nelson homesteaded east of what is now Hatton and Grim married Gertrude Agotness, March 4, 1887. To them were born seven children, Gilbert, Anna, Gina, Mrs. Bollette Carroll, Mrs. Cornelia Marien and Mrs. Mabel Engen. Mrs. Grimson passed away in December, 1939 and Mr. Grimson in November, 1944.



**ERICK G. PLADSON** was born in Krodskerred, Norway, Oct. 25, 1854,

and came to the U. S. in 1881. He lived for a time at Spring Grove, Minn. He later came to N. Dak. and homesteaded in Morgan township. About two years later, he purchased a quarter section of land in Garfield township and this was his home until his death March 20, 1939. In 1893 he married Karen Viker, born Sept. 11, 1861, and passed away Jan. 30, 1903. In 1909 Erick married Clara Christianson who passed away Jan. 3, 1956. There were seven children, Mrs. Vincent Champeaux (Alma) deceased, Mrs. Olaf Bye (Mollie), Karla Gilbertson—deceased, Gilbert Gilbertson, Mrs. Chas. Buff (Mildred), Mrs. Earl Aasen (Alice), and Elmer Gilbertson. The first load of grain to be hauled into the Farmers Elevator in Hatton was hauled from this farm in 1902 by a nephew, Ole Kittelson. The farm is now owned and operated by Olaf Bye and sons.



**MR. MARTIN S. DIGNESS** was born in Cresco, Iowa, June 9, 1865, and came to the Hatton area with his parents, Svenning and Maren Digness in 1881. He resided on his farm, the homestead of his parents, until his death in March, 1928. He married Rachel Agotness April 11, 1895. Mrs. Digness still lives on the home farm. They had four children, Selmer, Marvin, Henrietta and Nora.



**JOHN L. MOE** came to Decorah, Iowa, in 1873 and stayed there two years before coming to N. Dak. He homesteaded 5 1/4 miles southeast of Hatton, (NW 1/4, section 26, Garfield township). In 1885 he married Karoline Karlson, who came here from Oslo, Norway, and before that from Wermland, Sweden. They had three children, Elmer, Conrad and Con-

stance (Mrs. Theo. T. Tufte). Mr. Moe used oxen to go to the flour mill at Caledonia and often brought back flour for his neighbors.



It was June 4, 1879 when **HAROLD KJORLIE**, his brother Halvor and Peter O. Peterson came to North Dakota to look for a home. They made the trip from Wisconsin in a covered wagon and filed on land near Hatton. In 1881 Harold returned to Wisconsin and married Jane Halvorson at Mount Horeb. They returned to North Dakota and lived with Halvor while a frame house was being built on their land. There they lived and farmed until 1905 when they moved to Hatton where Mr. Kjorlie was engaged in business. Mr. Kjorlie died Aug. 16, 1939, and Mrs. Kjorlie on Oct. 4, 1941. They had ten children, eight of whom are living: Mrs. Archie Gwinn, Mrs. Thomas Welch, Mrs. Peter Knutson, Mrs. R. S. Duncan, Mrs. Elric Geeland, Oscar, Hilman and Ernest.



**ANDERS FOSS** was born in Numedal, Norway, on May 16, 1863. Came to America in the fall of 1878 and later homesteaded on a quarter section in Garfield township. He married Petra Weltikold in July, 1906. They had three daughters, Mrs. Odin Johnson, Mrs. Reuben Grande, Mrs. Harris Holmen; three sons, Alvin, Art and Elnor all of Hatton. Andrew Foss was born May 16, 1863. Died Jan. 20, 1938. Petra Foss born Jan. 7, 1879; died Feb. 18, 1945.



**EVEN TORKELSON** was born in Hallingdahl, Norway, on Feb. 15, 1833. He came with his parents to Beloit, Wisconsin at the age of 15. He married Anna Johanna Tandberg in 1856. Ten children were born to them of whom Torger, Henry and Austinus were best known in Hatton.

He owned a farm one mile east of Hatton which he later sold to M. F. Hegge of Hatton. Mrs. Torkelson died Dec. 7, 1892. Mr. Torkelson died March 18, 1926 at the age of 93.



**OLUF GILBERTS** was born Dec. 1, 1866 at Elkin, Ill. He married Martha Foss at Hatton Aug. 3, 1892. She was born in Numedal, Norway, Feb. 20, 1867, and came to America in 1878 with her parents and to the Hatton area in 1879. They farmed southeast of Hatton for many years. They had nine children, Mmes. Henry Wenaas, Bertha Brunsvold, Gust Sand, Nora Verke, Harry Hanson, C. M. Buen, Christ Cordahl and Oscar and Albert.



**KARS and KATHRINE WAMBHEIM**, who were among the early settlers in what is now Fairfield

township, came from Ulvik, Hardanger, Norway. They came directly to Lee, Ill., and in June, 1882, Mr. Wambheim came to this part of Dakota Territory seeking land on which to file homestead rights. The site he selected was one mile north of Hatton. In August of the same year, the family arrived. Three weeks later, Mr. Wambheim passed away. Kathrine filed on the homestead and she and the six children made their home on what is now the Allen Wambheim farm. She also acquired a tree claim—now the Wambheim Bros. farm. The six children were Andrew, Paul, Iver, Bertha, Mary and Guri, of which the latter is the only survivor. Both farms are now in the hands of the third generation.



**PAUL SOLBERG** was born 1866 and his wife, Marie, was born in 1867. They came to Hatton from Ulvik, Hardanger, Norway, in 1893. Were married here in 1888 and settled on a farm just south of Hatton. Mr. Solberg died in March, 1919. Mrs. Solberg, 92 years of age, is still living on the home farm.



**ANDERS A. HUUS** was born in Aul, Hallingdal, Norway, May 4, 1861, and came to the United States and this community in 1884. Mrs. Huus was born in Valdres, Norway, Aug. 17, 1870, and came here in 1889. They were married in 1889 and farmed in this community for many years. Mrs. Huus died May 29, 1937 and Mr. Huus on April 15, 1940.



**CHRISTEN O. BAKKEN** was born in Sogn, Norway, March 8, 1854 and came to Madison, Wis., with his parents in 1866. They later moved to Worth County, Iowa, and in March, 1876, Mr. Bakken, together with Kolgjorn Livedalen, came to Dakota Territory. Rest of the family arrived later. He and his father took land on the Goose River south of Hatton. He sold this and homesteaded two miles southeast of Hatton in 1882. He was married to Martha Olson on Dec. 28, 1882. She was born in Winneshiek County, Iowa, Jan. 15, 1860, and came to Dakota with her family in 1881. In 1891 the family moved to Mayville where Mr. Bakken died July 18, 1893. Mrs. Bakken and children returned to the homestead in 1895 where she died July 20, 1934.



**MR. and MRS. HALDOR P. SPONHEIM** were among the earlier settlers in the Hatton vicinity, coming here in 1879 and homesteading two miles north of Hatton on what is now known as the Martin Stenmo farm. In 1905 they sold the farm and moved to Thief River Falls, Minn., and later to the west coast. Mr. Sponheim died in July, 1936 and Mrs. Sponheim in May, 1943. Children are: Marie (Mrs. Carl O. Rud), Oscar, Clara, William, Hannah (Mrs. C. S. Knutson). One son, Henry, is deceased.



**HANS O. WERMEDAHL** was born in 1846 at Tysness, Norway. Elizabeth Wermedahl was also born at Tysness in 1853. They were married at Emmons, Minn., March 24, 1874, and came to Dakota by covered wagon in 1879. They homesteaded east of Hatton in Garfield township. Mr. Wermedahl died in 1916 and his wife moved to Mayville in 1922 where she died in 1948. They had six children, two dying in infancy. Others were Gunilde (Mrs. Oscar Trytten), Olena (Mrs. John Lee), Jacob and Albert.

**L. O. TOLLEFSON** was born in Hilleville, Iowa, and came to the Hatton area in 1879 with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ole Tollefson and four brothers. Carl, Thom and Albert died a few years later, all in a week's time, from Black diphtheria. Otto, the eldest, died in 1912. As a boy, Louie made several trips hauling wheat to Fargo with oxen for Andrew Stavens, taking seven days for one trip and the pay was \$1 per trip. At 16 he was a steam engineer and at 18 operated his own steamer and thresher. In 1891 he married Sonnavva Foss of Hatton and to them were born 12 children: Louise (Mrs. John Teie), Hannah (Mrs. Harvey Olson), Gelina, Cora, Tom, Cora, Lester, Alice (Mrs. Joe Rasmussen), Olga (Mrs. Clifford Simington), Stella (Mrs. James Blizard), Claire (Mrs. Paul Raymond), Ruth (Mrs. Charles). Mr. Tollefson died in 1925 and Mrs. Tollefson in 1956.



**ARNE LARSEN MAAREN**, born Sept. 24, 1851, at Maaren, Sogn, Norway, died Aug. 6, 1934. Sjetlov Skaarshem, born Nov. 1, 1844, at Balestrand, Sogn, Norway, died May 24, 1921. They were married in Norway Oct. 31, 1877. They came first to Quebec, Canada, and then to North-

wood, Iowa, in May, 1878. Bottolf Nilssen, Mrs. Maaren's brother, also born in Norway in 1853, homesteaded on SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 5 in Garfield township in 1876. He died in July, 1880 and Mr. and Mrs. Maaren assumed his rights and arrived here Oct. 8, 1880, by covered wagon. They lived in a sod shanty until the present house was built in 1885. They had three children—all deceased, Ole, Annie and Lena. A grandson, Arthur Hauge, is the present owner of the homestead.



**MARTIN E. SOLIAH** was born Nov. 30, 1858, in Sigdal, Norway, and came to the U. S. when he was six years old. The family settled first in Decorah, Iowa, and then moved to Ottertail County, Minn. In 1879 Martin made his first trip to Garfield township and returned and homesteaded in 1881. Anne Lomen was born in Valdres, Norway, Sept. 2, 1857, and came to this country with her mother, sisters and brothers. She came to Mayville in 1882. Mr. Soliah and Miss Lomen were married July 23, 1883. They had ten children: Edward, Henry, Christine (Mrs. Carl E. Johnson), Jorgen, Anton, Gunda (Mrs. Elmer Naastad), Alma (Mrs. Lewis Huus), Oscar, Conrad and Clara (Mrs. Guy Thorson). Mr. Soliah served many years on the township board and Garfield School board; also on the Farmers Elevator board and that of the First National Bank. He died May 28, 1936, and Mrs. Soliah died Feb. 21, 1917.



**NELS GRIMSON** and Kristi Oline Trengereide were both born in Fjeld, Bergan, Norway, in 1853. They came to the U. S. in May, 1874, first to Decorah, Iowa. On June 5, 1875, they were married and in 1879, they, together with his brother, Grim, and other pioneers, set out for N. Dak. The trip took six weeks in a covered wagon. They set out first for Shey-

enne, but returned to what is now Hatton. Mr. Grimson filed preemption and later homesteaded a mile northeast of Hatton. They had three sons and seven daughters. Only survivors are Emma (Mrs. O. R. Nestess), Minnie (Mrs. Lloyd E. Long) and Luella (Mrs. Arnold Brandon). Other children were Mrs. C. J. Nygaard, Gilbert, Henry, Nels, Mrs. C. T. Kopseng, Mrs. Nels Orland, Mrs. C. D. Mastrud. Mrs. Grimson died in 1927 and Mr. Grimson in 1935.



**PETER O. PETERSON** was born Feb. 10, 1857, in Wisconsin. He, with Halvor and Harold Kjolrie, traveled with covered wagon drawn by horses, from Blue Mound, Wisconsin, to Dakota and homesteaded in Garfield township. He married Kfirstie Knutson who was born January 8, 1856, in Valdres, Norway. They had ten children, four of whom died in infancy, Emma, (Mrs. Christ Krohg), died on February 12, 1919. Those living are Caroline, of Hatton, Olaf and Alfred of Denver, Olga (Mrs. Willie Hanson) of Northwood and Louise (Mrs. E. A. Quam) of Oakes, N. Dak. Mr. Peterson died Jan. 20, 1929 and Mrs. Peterson died Feb. 20, 1906.



**JOHN HANSON** was born in Crisco, Iowa, Dec. 23, 1877, and came to the Hatton vicinity with his parents in 1878. Married Clara Pladson at Hillsboro, N. Dak. in 1900. Homesteaded near Minot, N. Dak., then returned to Hatton to farm. They then moved northeast of Mayville, where they farmed for nineteen years. They have lived the last 30 years in Hatton. They have now been married for 59 years and are still enjoying fairly good health.

## MORGAN TOWNSHIP

Morgan School District, Traill County, N. Dak.

On May 25, 1881, approximately the east one-half of what is now Morgan Township was organized as "School District No. 32," Traill County, Dakota Territory. The first term was held in the residence of E. W. Shelden. In 1882 a school house was built across the road from Ferdinand Balanger. The board consisted of three members: E. W. Leining, President; F. Ketzke, Treasurer, and F. Balanger, Clerk.

In 1882 approximately the west one-half of the township was organized, but no records seem available. Gilbert (Gulbrand) Moen built a new house that year and the sod house that they moved out of was used as the first school house. H. G. Braaten was to teach the first term as he had gone to public school in this country and progressed to third grade before he came to Dakota Territory, but about the time school was due to start a young school teacher from Wisconsin came to Mayville and was hired. She later was married to Mr. Wallen south of Mayville. Albert G. Moen was one of the first pupils in this school.

Garfield was originally a double township which included what is now Morgan Township. The District System of schools in Traill County was changed to a Township System in

the early eighties, and when Morgan Township was organized as a separate township the same thing happened with the school set-up and this was officially known as "Morgan Township School." Later it was changed to "Morgan School District."

School house No. 2 was built in the early eighties close to H. G. Braaten.

In 1886 a school house was built in section 5 east from Wm. Keller, and the schools were re-numbered as follows: The school by F. Balanger remained as No. 1; the one by Wm. Keller became No. 2; and the one by H. G. Braaten became No. 3. School house No. 4, by John Rice, was built in 1895 although school had been held in various residences in that vicinity prior to that time.

Various expansions and improvements have been made from time to time. All the schools except No. 1 are in operation at the present time. All the schools have electric lights and oil furnaces.

The present school officers are: Walter Osland, President; Kenneth Davidson, and Leif Ringsrud, Directors; Edw. M. Soliah, Clerk; and Harold Moen, Treasurer.



**CHRISTOPH and BARBARA KLAMM** were born in Iggrelheim, Germany, 1846 and 1847, respectively, and were married in 1869. In 1870, Mr. Klamm fought in the German-French War and froze his feet so badly they troubled him the rest of his life. In 1886 they came to the U. S. and lived in Hillsboro for a short time. Then they came to Morgan township and homesteaded on the farm now known as the Nels Lerfald place. Later, they moved to Union township where they lived the rest of their lives. Six children were born, Katharina, Jacob, John and August (all deceased), Barbara (Mrs. H. F. Schroeder) and Elizabeth (Mrs. Ed Anderson). The family were charter members of the German Evangelical

Church of Holmes. Mrs. Klamm died in 1914 and Mr. Klamm in 1919.



**HENRY NIEMEIER** was born Oct. 3, 1859, in Hanover, Germany. He came to Rochester, Minn., at the age of 16. He homesteaded in Morgan township in 1882 and married Clara Seiler of Rochester in 1886. They had eight children: Arthur and Jessie, deceased, Mable, Blanche, Eva, Myrtle, George and Henry. Mr. and Mrs. Niemeier farmed for 36 years, retiring in 1922 and moving to Grand Forks. Mr. Niemeier passed away in 1948 and Mrs. Niemeier in 1954. In 1922 their son, George, took over the home farm and lived there 36 years. At the present time, Orland, son of George, is farming it.



**JOHN BUER** was born in Stavanger, Norway, March 17, 1864, and came to the U. S. in 1884, stopping first at Buxton. He married Enger Tvedt at Hillsboro on Sept. 11, 1893. She was born at Stavanger on June 8, 1873. They started farming in Morgan township in 1899, where Mr. Buer still resides at the age of 95 years. Mrs. Buer passed away in June, 1930. They had seven children: Ole, Melvin and Norris, on the home farm, Ida (Mrs. Clarence Klabo), Nellie (Mrs. Melvin Elde) deceased, Joseph, deceased, and Georgina (Mrs. Art Breiland).



**CARL BJORNGAARD** was born July 28, 1869, at Trondhjem, Norway, and came to N. Dak. in 1888. He married Christine Forness on April 5, 1893. She was born April 12, 1869, in Iowa and came to N. Dak. when she was 10—walking most of the way and driving cattle ahead. They settled on a farm in Morgan township. They had five children: Clara, John, Sivert, Clarence, Helen. Carl died in August, 1945 and his wife in March, 1955.



**PEDER O. LERFALD**, born at Trondhjem, Norway, July 19, 1848, came to Zumbrota, Minn., in 1869. Lina Bjorngaard (Mrs. Lerfald), also born at Trondhjem, Nov. 13, 1859, came to Zumbrota in 1878. They were married there in March, 1881. In 1891 they came to North Dakota and settled on a farm eight miles east of Hatton. They had eleven children: Oscar, Nels—deceased, Peder, Albert, Richard, Joseph, Nanna (Mrs. Geo. Herbeck), deceased, Julia (Mrs. Melvin Lerfald). Three children died in infancy. Mr. Lerfald passed away Jan. 20, 1928 and Mrs. Lerfald on May 29, 1940.



**MR. and MRS. HENRY GLASSMAN** came to America from the prov-

ince of Brandenburg, Germany in 1873 and located near Rochester, Minn. Came to North Dakota in 1880 and homesteaded in Morgan township where they lived out their lives. When they arrived, Hunter was the end of the railroad and had no houses of any kind, only a platform for a depot, so from there they walked to their future home.

**THEODORE LUNDE** came to North Dakota from Spring Grove, Minn. Mrs. Lunde was originally from Koghsvinger, Norway. They were married in 1885, and settled on a farm east of Hatton. To them were born six children: Clara and Laurence living on the farm; Elida in Grand Forks; Selmer, Elmer, Thorwald, all deceased.

Mr. Lunde passed away in 1939 and Mrs. Lunde in 1948.



**MR. W. H. M. LYCHE** came to America from Norway in March, 1882, and Mrs. Lyche and four sons came in October of the same year. The youngest boy died shortly after reaching America. Mr. Lyche clerked at the Chentland store in Mayville for some time and Mrs. Lyche and boys lived on the farm in Morgan township. Coffee, which sold for 12 cents a pound, could be used only for company. For their own use, it was dried peas, browned and ground. The family were members of the Bethany church and took an active part in all activities. Mr. Lyche, born Sept. 2, 1852, died May 11, 1923. Mrs. Lyche, born Sept. 5, 1874, died July 12, 1925.



**PAUL LEE** filed on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 5, Morgan township, in Septem-

ber, 1880 and broke up 40 acres of land in 1881. He raised his first crop of wheat and oats in 1882. In 1884 he bought the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 5, from Ole Tronson, brother of Lars and Hans Tronson. His crops increased each year as evidenced by records kept by the Lee family. There was a family of six children, Amoly, Paul, Minnie, Emma, Clara and Richard. Only two survive, Mrs. Clara Dolve and Richard.



**HERMAN NIENAS**, father of Erwin Nienas, came to the Dakota Territory in 1882, with Herman Roeder and August Schave, coming here from Princeton, Minn. Herman settled on a farm in Morgan township, now known as the Louis Huus farm. In 1884 he married Mary Suckow of Green Lake, Wis. They had seven children, four are living, Mrs. Louise Busacca, Robert, Mrs. Rose Schroeder and Erwin. The family returned to Wisconsin in 1901 to ease the homesick wife and mother and there Mary died in 1906. Herman passed away in Ripon, Wis., in 1934.



**MR. SYVART MASTRUD** was born Nov. 1, 1875, and Mrs. Mastrud on July 20, 1882. They were married Dec. 23, 1901. Children are Aimer, Edwin, Alice (Mrs. John Sundeen), Inga (Mrs. Marvin Hanson), Selmer, Orphy—deceased, Myrtle (Mrs. Robert Leining), Frances (Mrs. Trygve Hanson), Conrad, Selma (Mrs. Edwin Enger), Hazel (Mrs. Earl Ernest), Doris (Mrs. Roy Tveten).



**TORGER EVENSON** was born in Olmstead County, Minnesota, in 1862, and came to the Hatton territory in 1879. Married Berte Aasen in 1882. Four children were born to them: Carl, deceased; Mrs. Julia Smith, Olai, Theodore. Berte passed away in 1894. Torger later married Beret Aasen and they adopted a girl, Beatrice, who now resides near Rochester, Minn. His second wife died in 1926. Torger died in 1940.



**MR. and MRS. HANS J. KRINGLEN** were born in Sogn, Norway. Hans came to Northwood, Iowa, when he was 22. Mrs. Kringlen came to Albert Lea, Minn., with her family when she was 14. They were married at Albert Lea and then came to North Dakota and homesteaded east of Hatton in Morgan township. They had seven children: Henry and Mrs. Bertina Johnson, deceased; Marie and Mrs. Julia Braa, Mrs. Stella Gardner and Mrs. Hilda Ness and John Kringlen. Mrs. Kringlen died in January, 1917. Hans died in December, 1935.



**WILLIAM KELLER** was born in Germany and came to the vicinity of

Red Wing, Minn., at the age of 17.

Mrs. Keller was born in Minnesota not far from Red Wing. After they were married they came to North Dakota and settled in Morgan township. Part of their farm was a tree claim on which Mr. O. G. Nelson, their nearest neighbor helped them plant the trees.

They had ten children, only two of whom are still living, Mrs. Ed Turk (Minnie) of Conrad, Montana, and Harold in Washington. No exact dates available, but he was one of the pioneers of the eighties.



**CHRISTIAN THORSTAD** was born in Norway April 30, 1852. He died in 1934. Ellen, his wife, was also born in Norway, June 15, 1861, and died in 1925. They lived on a farm in Morgan township east of Hatton. To them nine children were born: Andrew, deceased; Mrs. Syvart Mastrud, Mrs. Laura Krosbakken, Mrs. Christine McLaughlin, Mrs. Ella Armbuster, Mrs. Carl Mastrud, Melvin Thorstad, Lewis Thorstad and Oscar Thorstad.



**MR. and MRS. OLE G. NELSON** were married at Rock Dell, Minnesota in 1879. They came by covered wagon to Morgan township, Traill County, North Dakota, in the spring of 1881. Here they lived on a farm six miles east of Hatton the rest of their lives. To this union were born eleven children: Theodore, Clarence, Mina, Alfred, Elmer, Clara Ida, Emma, Olivia, Georgianna, and Stella. Mr. Nelson passed away Sept. 14, 1912. Mrs. Nelson died on June 6, 1931.



**HERMAN LIENING** was born June 12, 1859, in the province of Brandenburg, Germany and came to Rochester, Minn., in 1873. Later came to North Dakota and homesteaded in Morgan township, east of Hatton. Married Pauline Glassman in 1882. To them were born six children: Annie (Mrs. Shultz), Ben, Sr., on the home farm, Clara, William, deceased, Arthur, and Herman Christian, deceased.

They moved into Buxton in 1911 where they lived their remaining years. Mr. Liening died in 1932. Mrs. Liening passed away in 1913.



**TOM LAVIN** was born May 7, 1856. Filed on a homestead in what was to later become Morgan township in 1882. Married Emma Glassman in June, 1887. They had nine children of whom Richard, Edward, Clara and Mary are deceased. William, John and Charles are living on the farm; James and Lawrence in Grand Forks.

Mr. Lavin used to take his horses to the Minnesota woods during the winter as that was considered good money for winter employment in those days.

# UNION TOWNSHIP

Union township was organized in 1883. First officers were Wm. S. Dean, Lasse P. Hjelmstad and Charles Schelly, supervisors; Holmes Wyman, clerk; Christ P. Hjelmstad, treasurer and John Meyer, assessor. After much discussion the name Union was voted the name of the township.

In 1882, the Lutheran and Evangelical churches were organized; in 1885 the German Methodist church and in 1887, the Presbyterian church. Later the Methodists joined with the Evangelicals and the Presbyterian church was abandoned.

Holmes Post Office was set up in 1885 with Lasse P. Hjelmstad as the first postmaster. The post office was in his home and he would go to Reynolds with oxen once a week to get the mail.

Lasse P. Hjelmstad, Henry Steinberg and Wm. S. Dean served as State Legislators in the early days. Peter M. C. Hjelmstad served as county commissioner. Elroy Schroeder was county superintendent of schools for seven years. The present county commissioner is Ralph J. Schroeder.

## PIONEERS OF UNION TOWNSHIP



**JOHN A. HEGSTAD** was born at Trondhjem, Norway, April 1, 1870. He immigrated to the United States when he was 19 years old, coming first to Mayville and later to the Holmes community in Union township. There he met and married Methe Hjelmstad on Dec. 13, 1894. She was the daughter of Lasse and Oline Hjelmstad and was born March 22, 1877, in Goodhue County, Minn., and came to Union township at the age of 5. They bought land south of Holmes in April, 1896, where they made their home. Five children were born, two dying in infancy. Surviving are John Hegstad, Jr., and Mrs. Henry Hallan of Grand Fork and Bjarne Hegstad of Hatton.

Norway when elderly and lived in a small house on their son's farm. Their daughter passed away while still a young woman.



**AUGUST NIENAS**, born in Stolzenwaelde, Kreis Anawalde, Brandenburg, Germany, and Louise Schwenk, born in Berlin, Germany, were married in 1872. They came to Union township from Ripon, Wis., in 1896 and purchased a farm, NW  $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 10, from Sam Mitchell. They had seven children, Herman (deceased) Arnold, Mary (deceased), Augusta, Helen, Bertha and Martha (deceased). Mr. and Mrs. Nienas were members of the Evangelical United Brethren church and Mr. Nienas was Sunday School superintendent for twenty years. They retired from the farm in 1914. Mrs. Nienas passed away in 1919 and Mr. Nienas in 1925. Their son, Arnold, took over the farm in 1914, and with his wife still resides there. A member of the third generation, Warren Nienas, now farms this land.



living: Melvin, Peder, Elmer and Sivert of Reynolds, Martine (Mrs. Milton Roeder) of Thompson and Oline (Mrs. Eddie Ness), Hatton. Mr. Hjelmstad passed away in April, 1913 and Mrs. Hjelmstad later married Johannes Hallan, who passed away in August, 1929. Mrs. Hallan is still living, making her home with her son, Melvin. She celebrated her 86th birthday last August.



Pictured here are MR. and MRS. GUNDER PETERSON and their daughter, Laura. Paul Gunderson's parents, they came to America from

**OLAUS and MALI (Ronning) HJELMSTAD** were born in Trondhjem, Norway. Olaus was born May 16, 1862, and Mali, Aug. 24, 1872. Mr. Hjelmstad came to America in 1882 and she in May, 1893. They worked on farms in Union township; were married June 1, 1893, in the old school building, Union No. 53, and settled on a farm eight miles west of Reynolds. Nine children were born and six are



**CHRISTOPHER P. HJELMSTAD** and his wife, Marit, came to Union township in April, 1882, from Goodhue County, Minn., where they had ar-

rived from Trondheim, Norway, in 1876. They settled on a farm, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 15, and lived in a shanty until a house was built in 1888, part of which is still used. After their retirement, the farm was occupied by a son, Peter M. C. Hjelmstad and after his death, a grandson, Clarence, lives on the farm.

OLE O. ALMLIE came to Union township in 1883 and settled on a homestead, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 11. After a few years, he sold to Christopher P. Hjelmstad and moved near Mayville. This farm is now occupied by Marvin Hjelmstad.



MR. and MRS. ANTON ANDERSON (nee Anna Hallen), Norwegian immigrants, came to Grand Forks in 1883 from Chicago where he had been a carpenter. They homesteaded in Union township in 1883 on SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 21. The next summer, fire destroyed their barn, haystacks, house, the largest in Union township at that time, \$700 in cash and all their possessions. Neighbors came to their rescue, sharing what they could. Mr. Anderson built the Union township town hall, charging \$48 for his labor. Their son, Gunnar, was the first baby baptized in Stjordalen church in 1895. Mr. Anderson passed away in 1920 and Mrs. Anderson in 1932. Living on the farm now are Mr. and Mrs. Gunnar Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Garvin Anderson (third generation).



WILLIAM SIEG, SR., was born in Germany Dec. 19, 1865. He came to the United States when he was 19 years

old and the family settled near Fall Creek, Wisconsin. Later he went to Helena, Montana, and then to North Dakota where he settled on a farm in Union township, the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 24. He married Pauline Wiegand of Augusta, Wis., and to this union five sons and two daughters were born. His wife passed away in 1908. In 1910 he married Minnie Zank of Augusta and they continued to make their home on the same farm. They had one daughter, Mrs. Clarence Rydland (Irma). Mr. Sieg had farmed in Union township for 51 years. His sons, Eddie and Walter, are now residing on the farm.



JONAS LENZ was a resident of Union township from its early settlement. He was born in Marquette, Wis., Jan. 20, 1862, son of a Civil War soldier. In 1880, he and his parents came to Dakota and settled in Cass County. In 1882 Mr. Lenz moved to Union township and homesteaded on NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 34, and in 1894 he moved to another part of the township SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 26, where he erected buildings and spent the remainder of his life. He was married April 10, 1886 to Sophia Scheer, born in Wabasha County, Minn., June 20, 1865. They were parents of seven daughters and four sons. Mr. Lenz was first constable of Union township and held other offices, and was a charter member of the Holmes Evangelical United Brethren church.



MR. and MRS. MARTIN OLSON, Norwegian emigrants, came to Union township in June, 1881, traveling with

two covered wagons and four horses from Decorah, Iowa. They had five sons and two daughters. They settled on a homestead on the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 30, and lived in a dug-out on the coulee bank before building a sod shanty. They existed on very slim rations the first year and were without meat for months. Mr. Olson lived to be 96 years old. Mrs. Mabel A. Olson, Earl Edgar and Clifford now live on this farm, the 3rd generation.



HENRY J. HJELMSTAD was born in Markabygden Nordre Trondhiems Amt, Norway, Feb. 28, 1860. In 1878 he came to Goodhue County, Minn., and in 1882 to the Dakota Territory. He settled on a farm on NW $\frac{1}{4}$  section 15, in the present Union township and lived there until his death in February, 1940. In December, 1882 he married Sarah Johnson who had come from Meraker, Norway, that spring. She passed away in April, 1899. Their children were Jens, John, Hilda (deceased) and Sophie. In 1902 he married Martine Johnson. Children born to this marriage were Nathan (deceased), Amanda and Luella. He held various positions in church and township, being the first secretary of the Stjordalen church and later served as deacon and presenter. He also served as justice of the peace, clerk, treasurer and assessor for the township.



PAUL GUNDERSON, born May 9, 1868, in Trondhjem, Norway, came to America and the Reynolds area in the spring of 1889. In 1893, he married Juline Haakenson who was born May 9, 1869 in Solar, Norway, and emigrated to America in 1890. She lived in

Minneapolis until 1892 when she came to the Reynolds area. Mr. and Mrs. Gunderson farmed NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 15, in Union township for nearly fifty years. He passed away April 10, 1939, and she on Aug. 8, 1942. Their living children are Inga, Henry, Gunder, John, Louise and Joseph. The Verne Larson family now live on this farm.

MR. and MRS. LOUIS WILDE came from Wisconsin in 1883 and settled in Union township on NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 12, later moving to Thompson. Paul Roeder bought the farm in 1913 and still lives there.

MR. and MRS. PETER WEBER came from Wisconsin in 1882 and homesteaded in Union township. They had six sons and one daughter. Mr. Herman Roeder purchased their farm in 1908. His son, Herbert, took over the farm in 1917 and is at present, living there.



WILLIAM HAUETER was born in Carver County, Minn., Aug. 6, 1858. Augusta Henrietta Caroline Mix Haueter was born Nov. 21, 1863, in Calberg, Germany. They were married Nov. 10, 1882 in Carver County and started for North Dakota with their possessions and one pig on an ox cart. They settled in Union township, spending the first winter with the Henry Stienberg family. The winter of 1893 was a hard one and the pig didn't last long. While the men were away for wood, snow covered the shanty and Mrs. Haueter broke a window trying to shovel herself out. A pillow was used to keep out the snow. Nine girls and one boy were born, but only five girls survived. They are Mrs. Jake Klamm (Ellen), Mrs. Louis Kuntz (Lillie—deceased), Mrs. Henry Ollman (Adeline), who purchased the homestead, Mrs. Fred Kaufmann (Edith) and Mrs. Elmer Ollman (Ruth).

MR. and MRS. EMIL SCHAVE were married in Ripon, Wisconsin, in 1880. Soon after they came to Erie, N. Dak., the end of the railway line. A year or two later, they traveled by team to Union township where they homesteaded on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 22. Tragedy struck this pioneer family when Mrs.



Schave and three children died of diphtheria. Mr. Schave donated part of his land for the Evangelical United Brethren church and cemetery. Later, he returned to Wisconsin. Living on this farm now are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Schroeder and the Henry Beine family.



ERNEST GENSRICH, born in Berlin, Germany, came to America in 1866 and lived at Princeton, Wis. In 1882, together with several others, including Christina Schroeder (born in Arnswalde, Germany) he came to come to Grand Forks. They worked there until 1885 when they married and moved to Union township, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 19. Two children were born, then in July, 1889, Mrs. Gensrich and small daughter, Alma, died of diphtheria, leaving the father and infant son, Alfred. In November, 1889, Mr. Gensrich married Fredericka Schroeder, a sister of the first Mrs. Gensrich; and to this union were born Otto, Ada, Hannah, Elfrieda, Esther (deceased) and Emma. They were charter members of the Holmes Evangelical United Brethren church. Mr. Gensrich passed away March 16, 1901, and Mrs. Gensrich (Roeder) died Nov. 3, 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Gensrich and Mr. and Mrs. Lee O. Gensrich, two and three generations, now live on this farm.



OLE WINGNESS was born at Stjordalen, Thronhjelm, Norway, on

Dec. 25, 1854. He came to Goodhue County, Minn., in 1890. His wife, Mali Kulaas, was also born in Norway, Sept. 19, 1862, and came to Minnesota in 1891. They were married at Red Wing, Minn., June 30, 1892, and came to Union township, in 1893. They worked and rented land until 1900 when they bought NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 24, and lived there until their deaths. Ole died June, 1933, and Mali in November, 1945. They had three children, Inga, Olaf, now on the home place, and Ragna (Mrs. James Evenstad).



REV. J. J. SCHROEDER was born in Green Lake, Wis., June 22, 1867. He came to Union township in 1887 and purchased SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 2, on Jan. 23, 1888. He was married to Katharina Klamm on Nov. 15, 1890, and to them were born ten children: Fred, Eugene, Ezra, John, Alma, Selma, Myrtle, Amanda, Emma and Anita. Rev. Schroeder was the 6th candidate from the Holmes Evangelical church to enter the ministry. Mrs. Schroeder passed away at the age of 38 in 1908, and he married Emma Kirschner. Rev. Schroeder passed away in 1942 and the second Mrs. Schroeder on July 6, 1943. A son, Fred, owns and operates this farm, with Leroy Schroeder, third generation, and his family, also living there.

HOLMES WYMAN was born in Syracuse, N. Y., and moved to Dalesburg, Ill. He came to N. Dak. in August, 1881, and homesteaded the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 22, in Union township. Holmes store was named for him. James Beine now lives on this farm.



CLARK HOLMES came to North Dakota with Wm. Dean in 1882, mak-

ing the trip as far as Thompson by railroad. He homesteaded the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 20, Union township. Now living there is P. O. Hjelmstad. Mrs. Clark Holmes is pictured.



L. D. WYMAN came to North Dakota in 1880 and worked on the Mitchell farm, now known as the Joe Williams farm. He brought his family here in 1881 and homesteaded on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 18 and had a tree claim on the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 7. He was the first man to grow wheat in Union township.



EMIL G. SIEG, born in Germany in 1871, came to the U. S. at the age of 14 and settled at Augusta, Wis. Later he came to North Dakota. He was married to Bertha Griese on April 6, 1899, and they settled on a farm near Holmes where they lived until their deaths. Mrs. Sieg died Aug. 24, 1937 and Mr. Sieg on July 28, 1938. They had four sons, Carl, Rhenhold, Herman and Ezra, who with his family, resides on the home place. Besides farming, Mr. Sieg was also a carpenter.

AUGUST SCHAVE was born in Germany in 1861 and came to the U. S. in 1866. Settled at Ripon, Wis., and in 1882 came to Union township where he took up a homestead. He married Augusta Panke of Ripon in 1895. In 1904, Mr. Schave moved to Grand Forks where he operated a restaurant for 18 years on the site of the present Empire Theater. He died in 1938.

JOHANNES HALLAN was born in Skogn, Norway, June 22, 1848. He was married there and came to America in 1882. After a few years he homesteaded 160 acres in Union township and in 1887 returned to Norway for his wife and four children: Anna (Mrs. A. Lee), Olive (Mrs. R. Johnson), Hansine (Mrs. Halvor Hanson) and Peter. Five more children were born: Inga (Mrs. Eddie Ness), Pauline (Mrs. Unglesbue), Louise (Mrs. C. Johnson), Albert and Herman. The neighbors built an addition to the shack in 1887 so the family could move in. They resided there all their lives. Mrs. Hallan died June 11, 1911, and Mr. Hallan in 1929. Living on this farm now are Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Hjelmstad and Doris, Sivert Hjelmstad and their mother.



FRANK NIENAS was born Feb. 10, 1862, at Stalzenwaelde, Kries, Anawalde, Brandenburg, Germany, and came to the Holmes territory in 1883. On April 20, 1891, he married Martha Scheel. They had eleven children, with seven living: Cora, Lena, Emma, Anna, Martha, Herbert and Frank. Mr. Nienas passed away July 19, 1932 and Mrs. Nienas on Jan. 7, 1945.



ALBERT BAHR emigrated to America in 1885 and Albertina Brose in 1886, both coming from Germany to Hunter, N. Dak. They were married Nov. 15, 1887, and came to Union township to secure homestead rights in 1888 on SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 5. The Orphie Dahl family now own and live on this farm.



FRANK SCHROEDER, at present the oldest living resident of Union township, was born Aug. 29, 1869 at Princeton, Wis. He was orphaned at an early age and in May, 1882 came to North Dakota with his sister, Mrs. Herman Roeder and family. He lived with them for eight years and in 1891 bought a quarter of land, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , in Union township. In 1892 he married Martha Rebsch who had come to this area with her parents in 1883. They celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary, Oct. 8, 1957, and now live on a farm purchased in 1917, SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 22. The Henry Beine family now own and operate this farm.



MR. and MRS. WILLIAM BAHR, among the first settlers of Union township, met and married here, probably the first wedding performed in the Union township school. Mr. Bahr was born in Germany and came to N. Dak. in 1882. Mrs. Bahr had come to this territory two years earlier from Wisconsin, with her father, Mr. Block, a Civil War Veteran, her sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Schave. Mrs. Bahr worked for a time at the Mansert House (hotel-restaurant) in Grand Forks, now the site of the First National Bank. Mr. and Mrs. Bahr were married in 1886 and bought rights to a farm, the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 4, in this township. The Bahr farm is now occupied by the third generation, Myron Bahr and his family.



**AUGUST REBSCH** came from Germany with his wife and children in 1882. The first year was spent in Wisconsin and in the spring of 1883, they came to N. Dak. That year, Mrs. Rebsch kept house for her brother, Herman Nienas, who lived on the present Lewis Huus farm. Mr. Rebsch worked in a brickyard in Grand Forks and walked back and forth to see his family. In the Spring of 1884 he contested some land in Union township, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 3, and later secured another part of the same section NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , as a tree claim. His son, Charles, farmed there for about 50 years and at present, it is occupied and farmed by the third and fourth generations, the Elmer Rebsch family.



**FRED LANGE** was born Aug. 7, 1878 in West Germany and came with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lange, to Rochester, Minn., when he was 4. They later moved to Middle River, Minn., and in 1894 Mr. Lange came to Reynolds, traveling by foot all the way. He worked in the community for several years and on Feb. 11, 1904, he married Sadie Marquardt. After two years, they moved to Conrad, Montana, where they proved up a homestead. Returning to Union township, they farmed and in 1913 purchased the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 27, taken as a tree claim by Emil Shave. At this time the land was owned by Robert and Charles Strutz. Twice during these years, four generations have lived on this farm at the same time. The first were Mrs. L. C. Marquardt, Mrs. Fred Lange, Elroy Lange and Ross Lange. At the present time, the four generations are Fred Lange, Elroy, Ross and Marlon Lange.



**JULIUS EDWARD STRUTZ** was born in Grossilber, Germany, Jan. 11, 1847, and died in 1933. Wilhelmina Albertina Pautske Strutz was also born in Germany, Oct. 19, 1849. They came to Thompson, N. Dak., with their four children, Frank, William, Lillie and Emma, in June, 1892. The next spring, they purchased a farm from Joseph Fischer who, in turn, had purchased it from the homesteader, a man named Pasco. The Edwin Hjelmstad family now live on this farm.



In the spring of 1882, **MR. and MRS. PHILIP MARQUARDT** and three children moved from Rochester, Minn., to take up a homestead and tree claim in Union township. Hatton became their post office and trading center. They were active in establishing the Methodist church in this community with services held in the homes and school house. Mr. Marquardt, carpenter by trade, worked in Mayville during fall and winter months, walking both ways. North Dakota blizzards and lack of fuel brought many hardships to this family. They had four children, George, Lydia, Sadie and Clara, born in Union township. Mr. and Mrs. Marquardt retired in 1908 and sold their farm. Ernest Gensrich and family now live on this farm.



**MR. and MRS. CARL STRUTZ** and their three sons, Robert, Herman and Charles, sailed from Hamburg, Germany, on May 28, 1885, and reached Mayville, June 13, 1885. Soon after their arrival, Mr. Strutz purchased NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 9, in Union township. Their fuel was hauled by oxen from the Red River, twenty miles away. This was often a hazardous task as they were occasionally caught out in blizzards. Two sons, Robert and Charles, entered the ministry of the Evangelical United Brethren church. Mr. Strutz died Feb. 15, 1895 and Mrs. Strutz April 2, 1914.



**LASSE PEDERSON** was born Aug. 2, 1847, at Skidalen, Norway and came to America in 1869 by sail ship. His wife, Ingeborg Oline Moe, was born Dec. 10, 1851, at Skognes, Markabygd, Norway. He took the name Hjelmstad from Hjelmstad Bakken, a little farm in Norway. They were married in Goodhue County, Minn., in 1873, and came to Union township in 1882. They homesteaded on one section, section 21, and later built their home on another section, section 15. Their son, Iver, bought the place in 1914 and lived there until 1950. His son, Harry, now owns and operates the farm.



**MATHEW VON RUEDEN, SR.**, was born in West Phelan, Germany, in 1858 and came to America with his parents in 1872. They made their home at Rochester, Minn., until 1881 when Mathew moved west. He homesteaded in Union township on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 33, and in 1884 he married Mary F. Turk. Thirteen children were born, of whom seven are living: Anton, William, Marie (Mrs. W. F. Blaufuss), Henry, Joe, Eddie and John. Mr. Von Rueden passed away in 1914 and from then on the farm was managed by the mother and family. In 1939, the farm was sold to Hjelmstad brothers and at the present time, it is occupied by the Elmer Hjelmstad family. Mrs. Von Rueden passed away in 1943 in Grand Forks where she lived with her son, John. (Picture taken 64 years ago).



**MR. HERMAN ROEDER** was born in Gutsdorf, Pommern, Germany on

Dec. 9, 1854. At the age of three he came with his parents to America and they lived in Green Lake County, Wis. In 1882 he came to the Holmes community and homesteaded. He was married to Augusta Schroeder on May 12, 1878, and to them were born four sons and three daughters. A daughter Mrs. Frank Strutz, was the first white child born in Union township. Mrs. Roeder passed away in 1926 and Mr. Roeder in 1939.



Among the best known homesteaders of Union township was **JOHN LANE**. Born in Germany, April 10, 1856, he came with his mother to the United States in 1859. They lived at New Ulm, Minn., and during the



Indian Massacre, Mrs. Lane was shot, tomahawked and left for dead. The children hid in a field and escaped. Later, the mother recovered, hid for three days, and then was reunited with the children. The Lanes came to Union township in 1880 and homesteaded on NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 19. The mother married John Meyer and became noted as a midwife. Mr. Meyer died several years later. She moved to Thief River Falls, Minn., where she married a Mr. Yanke. It is not known when she died. In 1882, John Lane married Nancy Spicer. They had four children, George, May, Maude and Asa. Mrs. Lane died in 1894. In 1896 John Lane married Anna Olson and they had two children, Ervin and Edna. This marriage ended in legal dissolution. Mr. Lane was a "thresher," one of the first to own a threshing rig in this community. He was also well known for his fine horses. He married Mrs. Ingrid Mastrud on Sept. 14, 1922. He passed away Nov. 8, 1925. The Norman Monson family now own and live on this farm.



**JAMES MONROE KENT** was born in Syracuse, N. Y., in 1853. He worked on the Erie Canal and in 1882 settled near Sharon, N. Dak., with his brothers, Frank and Ed. In 1883 he returned and married Agnes Hall of Kalamazoo, Mich., and returned to Dakota. The brothers left the Sharon area and James and Agnes spent one winter on a farm near Portland. Here, in November, 1884, E. Mortimer Kent, was born. In March, 1885, they set out for their new home in Union township where they settled the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 29, which they purchased for about \$150. They lived here for 30 years, owning several other quarters of land. They also had a daughter, Anna Pearl.

Mort Kent built his farm near his father's. His first wife, Clara Nelson of Hatton, died in 1919 and he later married Carolyn Dean. His children are James, now living on his father's farm, Dorothy, Audrey and Ruth. Mr. Kent died several years ago.

**WM. S. DEAN** was born in Sharon, Conn., and moved to Galesburg, Ill. He came to Dakota with Clark Holmes in 1882, stopping first at Thompson which was the end of the railroad. He homesteaded the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ ,

section 21 in 1882, and moved to the SW ¼, section 17 in 1887. He was married to Mildred Wymon in Janu-



ary, 1885. Their children were Arthur and Claude (deceased), Royce, Mayme (Mrs. Virgil Schwartz), Olive (Mrs. E. K. Musson), Floyd, and Carolyn (Mrs. E. M. Kent). John Dean, a grandson, now lives on this farm.



PETER SETER was born in Solar, Norway, March 22, 1861, and came to the United States when he was 21 years old, settling first at Knapp, Wis. In 1882 moved to Thompson, N. Dak. On June 2, 1888 he bought a farm in Union township, NE ¼, section 6, from Amos Olson and on July 3, 1888, he was married to Ollia Christopherson. She was also from Knapp and a Norwegian immigrant, coming to America while still a baby. Seven children were born, Ben, Helen (Mrs. Ingvald Iverson), Henry (deceased), Cora (Mrs. O. A. Gensrich), Lena (Mrs. Henry Gunderson—deceased), Levi (deceased) and Ovidia (Mrs. Harry Fine). In the early 1890's Mr. Seter operated the Star Mail route between Emerado and the McRae Post Office, a farm house. He drove a two wheeled car and buckskin horse. Mrs. Seter became well known in the community as a midwife, delivering the last baby when she was 70 years old. Mr. Seter died Feb. 22, 1938, and Mrs. Seter on Dec. 12, 1941.

## HOLMES TOWNSHIP



**HOLMES BRASS BAND**  
Organized Jan. 22, 1906

Back Row, Left to right: Herman Schroeder, Wm. Strutz, August Klamm, John Green, Alfred Gensrich, Chas. Rebsch. Second Row: Rueben

Lenz, Albert Woitte, George Baetz, Frank Strutz, Arnold Nienas, George Woitte. Third Row: Art Scheel, Jonas Lenz, George Taves, Herman Strutz, Paul Roeder, Ernest Walters. Front Row: Jake Klamm, Wm. Niess.



In 1892 two young men from Buxton bought land from Louis Hjelmsstad and put up a 20 by 30 ft. store building (known as the Holmes Store and post office) here pictured. When completed, they drove to Grand Forks for supplies. Being new to city ways, they blew out the gas lights when they retired at a hotel that night and were found dead the next morning. G. L. Grimsrud of Buxton, hearing of the tragedy, bought the store and operated it for eight years. Next owner was H. F. Schroeder, who was born in Green Bay, Wisconsin, in 1874 and came to North Dakota as a young lad. In 1898 he was married to Barbara Klamm, who came from Germany with her parents in 1886. They farmed for two years, then buying the Holmes



Store and operating it until Mr. Schroeder's death in January, 1943. Six children were born, Elroy, Milton, Ralph, who now operates the store, Ruth (Mrs. Louis Beine), Clara and Fern (deceased). The portrait shows Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Schroeder at the time of the wedding in 1898.

## VIKING TOWNSHIP

Viking Township was formed April 7, 1919, having been a part of Roseville Township which was presumably organized in 1880. At that time Roseville consisted of two Congressional Townships, North and South Roseville being twelve miles north to south and six miles east to west.

The first recorded meeting of officers was held January 2, 1882, including E. I. Evenson, S. N. Heskin, S. C. Swenson, Supervisors; H. E. Lucken, Clerk; John Amb, Justice of Peace; O. T. Kjensrud, Constable; N. E. Wold, Assessor; H. Larson, A. O. Thompson, O. K. Skogen, and Lars Seim, Road Overseers.

The original town hall, built at a cost of \$215.00 in 1889, is still in use by Roseville Township. The converted modern town hall in use by Viking Township was built in 1939.

"Enger Post Office" as well as a country store was for some time located at Portland Junction, the point of meeting of the two branches of the Great Northern Railroad which runs through the entire length of the township. Located there at the present time is the Portland Junction Elevator and a potato warehouse.

Churches included Hol's Lutheran Congregation organized August 17, 1874; Aurdal, November 22, 1874; and Bruflat, December 20, 1874.

Schooling for several weeks began in 1875 with pupils meeting in the Peder Hagen and Thor Pederson cabins, and in 1881 at the John Amb home. The first frame school building in

Viking Township was built in 1882 on an acre of land donated by H. N. Dolve and is in use today as a bunkhouse on the Dolve farm. Salaries were \$25 and \$30.

The first list of recorded voters dates August 14, 1883, and includes these pioneers: Alvin Arnold, Jacob Kern, Peter Lucken, S. C. Swenson, T. C. Sathra, S. O. Norskog, O. T. Kensrud, Erick Evanson, S. N. Heskin, O. T. Jahr.

Other Viking pioneers include: H. H. Skadeland, John Gubberud, Christian C. Hanson, Karilius C. Larson, Ole O. Halgrims, Anders Anderson, Narve Hagen, Erick Hagen, Ole C. Bakken, Evan Larson Moen, Hans Ovrebø, Knudt Arneson, Ole Haugen, Ole O. Berg, Knute O. Haugen, Hendrick N. Heskin, S. E. Boyum, Ole N. Heskin, Jacob Braaten, Nils Gjelly, Peer Hagen, Tosten Haugen, Thor Pederson, Nils Hovde, Erick Kjensrud, Gunder Grandalen, Ole Grandalen, C. O. Brager, Andrew Haugen, Amund Amundson, Gulbrand Haugen, Per Anderson, Lars Stenerson, Nils Nerdahlen, Kristian Lucken, Nels Amundson, Ole Amundson, Jeremias Arneson, H. E. Arnold, Tollef Flaten, Carl Flaten, M. J. Gummer, Andrew Heskin, Hans Klubberud, O. G. Melby, Bottolf Nelson, O. E. Rodningen, S. O. Rue, Iver Storland, Jens Strand, Nels Studlien, Jacob Tellevik, A. Erick Thoen, Joachim Weltzin, W. E. Arnold, and Nels Heskin.



HANS VOLL was born in Oslo, Norway, April 25, 1859, and came to Waukon, Iowa, when he was ten years old.

Mrs. Mary Prahmus Voll was born in Kongsvinger, Norway, February 19, 1860, and came to Waukon, Iowa, with parents when she was seven years old. The trip across the ocean by sail boat was made in eleven weeks. A sister died and was buried at sea.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Voll were married in 1881 and started farming at what is now known as the Willie Goughnour farm in Viking township.

Later they moved to Cooperstown where they also farmed for several years. They returned to Hatton and

farmed the Andrew Prahmus farm (now the Ole Livedalen farm in Viking Township) until in 1905 when they moved to Hatton. In 1917 they moved to Salol, Minn.

Hans Voll passed away in March 8, 1929 and Mrs. Voll Oct. 13, 1944.

Two living children are Lewis Voll and Mrs. Henry Tveten, both at Salol, Minn. A son, Henry, died in 1927.



CARL GRONLAND was born in Norway, January 29, 1847. Kristi, his

wife, was born in Norway, August 28, 1848. They came to Iowa and then in 1880 came to North Dakota and settled in Viking Township SE $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 8, having bought the homestead rights of Ole Espelien. Mr. Gronland died in 1916 and Mrs. Gronland in 1922. They had three children—Anton, Gilbert, and Marte.



PEDER TVETEN was born in Sigdal, Norway, Sept. 1, 1859. He came to Ashby, Minn., in 1889, and later to North Dakota.

Mrs. Oline (Nelson) Tveten was born in Egedal, Norway, Jan. 19, 1869, and came to Iowa with her parents in

1870 and later to N. Dak.

Mr. and Mrs. Tveten were married in 1885. They homesteaded in McHenry County in 1886, but a little later came to Hatton, N. Dak., and bought a farm east of the city. In 1905 they bought the Helge Nelson farm in Viking Township where they farmed for several years before moving in to Hatton.

Peder Tveten passed away in 1930 and Mrs. Tveten in 1934.

They had four children: Henry Tveten, Salol, Minn., Palmer Tveten, Hayward, Calif., Mrs. Henry Voll, Grand Forks., a daughter Betsy (Mrs. Lauritz Lee) passed away in 1916.



NELS ENDRUD and Ingeborg Lundh Endrud were born in Eggedal, Norway, in 1865—Nels on June 6 and Ingeborg on March 15. Mr. Endrud came to the United States in 1887 and Mrs. Endrud came to Fergus Falls, Minnesota, in 1886 and later to North Dakota in 1887. They were married April 24, 1889, by Rev. Allen at the Bruflat Church in Portland. They "worked out" that first summer and in the fall of 1889 they moved into a dirt cellar on what is now the Petter Bakken farm in Viking Township. In the spring of 1890 they rented some school land in Enger Township which is now owned by Ernest Thompson. In the fall of 1893 they bought a farm in Garfield Township and continued to farm there until in 1918 when they purchased 10 acres of land in Viking Township where they built a home and

retired from active farming. Mr. Endrud died November 3, 1941. Mrs. Endrud at the age of 94 is still residing at their home in Viking Township.



NILS K. HAGA, a Civil War veteran of Co. K, 34, Iowa Infantry, was born in Norway on March 18, 1834. His wife, Martha, was born in Norway June 6, 1842. They homesteaded in Viking Township, Section 8, N.E. about 1880. Their original log cabin is a part of the house still standing on their homestead where they lived until they died, Mr. Haga passing away in 1905 and Mrs. Haga in 1908.



HELGE and RAGNHILDE NESTOSS DOLVE were born in Voss, Norway, Helge February 1, 1849 and Ragnhilde Nestoss July 5, 1850. Both came to Highlandville, Iowa—Ragnhilde in 1865; Helge in 1867.

Following their marriage March 12, 1878, Helge and Ragnhilde came to Dakota Territory where they homesteaded on a quarter in North Roseville Township, now Viking.

Helge assisted in organizing Roseville School District No. 1 in 1882, serving on the township school board

for 25 years.

Active in the NDAC Grain Growers Institute, Helge became a cooperator for the college when a demonstration farm was established here in 1905 for a 20 year period.

Early members of Aurdal Church at Portland, Helge served on the various boards of this church until he transferred in 1904 to St. John's Church, Hatton.

After retiring from active farming in 1913, and traveling abroad, Helge and Ragnhilde built a home in Hatton (the Arnth Olson home) in 1917.

Helge passed away in 1919; Ragnhilde in 1940.

Two sons, Nels and Ole, are deceased. Living are Robert of Los Angeles, Calif.; Mary, Mrs. Alfred M. Eberle, Brookings, S. Dak.; Lewis, Rochester, Wash.; and Clara, Mrs. E. N. Cobb, Rapid City, S. Dak.



OLE CHRISTENSEN SATHRA was born at Sigdal, Norway, Dec. 6, 1840. Mrs. Sathra (Jorand Lie) was born Jan. 22, 1850, at Sigdal and came to High Forest, Olmstead County, Minn., with her parents in 1857. They were married there on April 20, 1868, and came to North Dakota in 1879 settling in Viking Township. Ole Sathra died in 1910 and Mrs. Sathra in 1921. They had seven children: Maren, Kari, Anne, Peder, Carl and Johan. All are deceased except Carl who lives at Williston, N. Dak. He at one time had an "auto delivery" in Hatton.



BJORN and GUNHILD HAUGEN, with their five year old daughter,

Kjersti, of Sigdal, Norway, arrived by covered wagon from Decorah, Iowa, in the summer of 1873 homesteading on the farm now operated by Ole Flaten. The Haugen's were charter members of St. John's Church, which at that time was located near the present cemetery. Bjorn was a "kloker" in the church.

Christofer Tangen arrived from Norway in 1884 marrying Kjersti Haugen in 1886 and then settling on the Haugen farm. Kjersti passed on in 1892; Christofer in 1913. Deceased is daughter Hilda (Mrs. Edwin Bye). Daughter Bertha, Mrs. Ray A. Moncrieff lives at Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts.

Torger Verke, Kjersti's half-brother, from Sigdal, Norway, came with the Haugen's to America. He remained in Decorah, Iowa, until the early eighties when he came to Dakota Territory and the Bjorn Haugen farm. Torger passed on in Hatton in 1934, 76 years old.

came to Hatton in 1879, homesteading southeast of Hatton, in what is now Viking Township. His wife Mary Helgeson was born in Sigdal, Norway and came here from Rock Dell, Minnesota. They were married November 19, 1885, in the St. Johns Church of Hatton by Pastor Gronlid. Their children are Mary, Julia, Clara, Carl, and Oliver. Mr. Gulson died October 14, 1892, and Mrs. Gulson April 20, 1934. Their son Oliver lives on the homestead.



MILLARD FILLMORE GOUGHNOUR was born April 12, 1851, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Going to Iowa when 13, he later came to Dakota Territory in 1875 settling first 13 miles southwest of Portland.

He was married in 1887 to Mary Nelson. In 1890 the family moved to their present location south of Hatton where they became members of Little Forks Church. Millard was Township Road Overseer for many years.

Mary passed on March 1, 1929; Millard, July 24, 1931. Ada, Christ, Frieda (Mrs. Wm. Butler of Hoisington, Kansas) and Hilda are deceased. Living are Selma (Mrs. Jake Rohs of Fargo) and Bill of Hatton.

Andres Pramhus, born in Norway in 1958, came with his parents to Iowa when a small boy, coming to Dakota Territory in 1881.

Ingeborg Nestoss, born December 28, 1852, in Voss, Norway, came at an early age to Highlandville, Iowa, coming to Dakota Territory in 1881.

Following their marriage, Andreus and Ingeborg homesteaded the farm now operated by Roy Anderson.

Andreus passed away in Pasadena,



Calif., in 1925; Ingeborg in Los Angeles in 1938.

Henry, Anna of Los Angeles, Alice (Mrs. Arthur Morgan, Pasadena) and Martha (Mrs. Emil G. Gilbertson, Los Angeles) are deceased. Daughter Emma, Mrs. Dave Morgan, lives in San Gabriel, Calif.



HELGE NELSON was born in Sigdal, Norway, Sept. 27, 1845. His wife, Ingeborg Oldsdatter, was born in Norway, March 15, 1840. They were married at Sigdal on May 13, 1866. Their first home in America was at Northwood, Iowa. In 1877 he and his family came to the Hatton territory, homesteading on land south of Hatton in what is now Viking township. They later farmed in Enger township. At retirement, he built a home in Hatton where they lived until their deaths. Mrs. Nelson passed away Feb. 11, 1923, and Mr. Nelson on May 1, 1926. They had eight children, Ingeborg, Nels, Mrs. Peder Tweten, Ole, Henry, Mrs. Nels Groven, Edward and Dorothy (all deceased).



OLE K. GULSON was born in Olmstead County, Minnesota, in 1854 and

## NORTHWOOD TOWNSHIP

THOMAS LEINE homesteaded in Northwood township in 1884. In 1900 the farm was sold to Thor Stenmo and the Leine family moved to Northwood. Ole Stenmo, son of Thor, and his family lived on this farm until 1953 and since then, Thorman, son of Ole, and his family have resided on the farm.

OLAV OLSON NORDBO was born Aug. 10, 1849, and his wife, Aslaug Gernumdsdatter, was born Dec. 5, 1852. They came to Lake Mills, Iowa, in 1881 and to Dakota Territory in 1882, settling in section 36, Northwood township (home of the Jerome Tufte family). Eleven years later, they moved across the road to the farm



where their son, Ole, now lives. Olav and his wife had seven children, five of whom are living, Ole, John, Halvor Thila and Hannah.



In 1877 OLE L. LARSON came to America, settling first at Northwood, Iowa. In 1880 he made the trip to Dakota Territory, settling in Northwood township and making his home there. In 1883 he married Ragnhild Langebough, who had come to America the year before. They were married in the Lutheran church in Hatton. They lived in a sod house on their homestead for ten years. In 1920, they sold their farm and moved to Northwood. Both Mr. and Mrs. Larson passed away in 1941. They had five daughters, Mrs. Fred Fife, Mrs. Ole Stenmo, Mrs. Nels Johnson, Mrs. C. G. Hall, Mrs. H. C. Johnson. Present owner of this farm is Gilman Hanson.

**THORSTEN ERIKSON TUFTE** was born at Ustedahl, Hol Hallingdal, Norway. He married Guri Bry Tuft of Hovet, Hallingdal, in 1878 and left for America in May of that year. They settled first at New Sweden, Nicollet County, Minn. In 1879, they, together with other pioneers, started for Dakota Territory. The caravan included 20 people, 24 cattle and 3 horses. The Tufte's pre-empted a claim in North-



wood township and lived there until 1923 when they moved to Hatton. Mr. Tufte served in the N. Dak. legislature for several terms and both were active in church and community work. They had nine children, Sissel, deceased, John, Erick, deceased, Julia, deceased, Engebret, Carl, Henry, Theodore and Jorgine. Mr. Tufte died Sept. 23, 1938 and Mrs. Tufte on Aug. 18, 1941. Their son, Theodore, wife Constance Mae, and family moved to the farm in 1923 and in 1957, Donald Tufte, a grandson, and his family, moved to the farm.



In 1877 TOLLEF NOSS, son of Henrik and Guri Noss, and Mari Moen, daughter of Syver and Guri Moen, were married in Aal Hallingdal, Norway, and soon after, left for America. They lived two years in St. Peter, Minn., where two children, Julia and Henry, were born. In 1879, the family traveled by covered wagon to Dakota Territory, settling in

Northwood township and lived for several years in a sod house. They lived on the homestead until 1912 when they moved to Hatton and their son, Selmer, and his wife Hannah (daughter of John Hogan) took over the farm. Now residing on the farm is Maurice Noss, a grandson. Tollef Noss and his wife had seven children. Besides Julia (deceased) and Henry there were Marget and Ingeborg (both deceased), Caroline, Alvin and Selmer. Henry, ordained to the ministry in 1905, is now retired.



**ENGBRET LIEN**, born in Hal Hallingdal, Norway, April 16, 1855, came to the United States on April 29, 1877 and made his first home in Nicollet Co., Minn. In 1879 he came to Dakota Territory, settling in Northwood township. On July 14, 1886, he was married to Guri Brye, who was born in Hallingdal in 1860 and had come to America in 1881. For more than 50 years they lived on the homestead. Mr. Lien died in 1929 and Mrs. Lien in 1947. They had four children, Emil, Johannes, Johannes and Julia (Mrs. Olaf Skjoiten). The Skjoiten's lived on this farm for many years. Present owner is Leon Skjoiten, a grandson of the Lien's.

## GOLDEN LAKE TOWNSHIP

Bethany Luthern church of Golden Lake township was organized as Bethania church in 1891 and belonged to the Haugo Synod. There were 34 members in 1891 and 70 members in 1914. Theodore J. Shyei was the first pastor. Others were A. A. Haugland, Lars Lappehaug, Edward Nordby and the present pastor, Arthur Ree. B. O. Lovely was the first delegate to the general convention in 1915.

Bethlehem Free Church of Golden Lake township was organized in 1899 with O. M. Bakke as first pastor. Others included N. Halvorson, H. J. Urdahl, W. N. Hagen and J. J. Hovland. This church closed in 1920. Aid was organized in 1900. Delegates serving the congregation were C. A. Huus, Knute Heskin, Andreas Berg, S. J.

Brevik, Ole Bratten, A. S. Dokken, N. O. Heskin, Julius Kamphaug and Oscar Thompson.





**IVER STRAND NOSS** was born Aug. 31, 1866, in Hallingdal, Norway. Upon his arrival here, he lived for a time with his brother, Tollef Noss, in the Hatton community. Gunhild Ramstad was born June 24, 1875, in Sigdal, Norway, and came to the U. S. with her parents. Iver and Gunhild were married in June, 1890. They farmed near Portland for four years before buying a farm in Golden Lake township; they lived there until their retirement in 1944 when they moved to Hatton. They had 12 children. Iver passed away Aug. 1, 1954 and Gunhild on July 13, 1955.

Early records show that Martin Ulensaker acquired a receivers receipt in 1881 for land in the Golden Lake territory, section 2, N $\frac{1}{2}$  SE. He maintained a post office in his home and later was operator in connection with a store. Isaac and Fanny Golden, first owners of the store, owned considerable land in the northeast part of the township, hence the township was named Golden. Earliest date recorded about the Golden's was June 12, 1883. Other owners of the store were John Kolden, O. S. Bergseng, Melvin Hanson, Ole Vik and Tom Wilson. The store was not operated after 1936.

**MARTIN JENSON LEIDAL** was born in Norway June 23, 1844, coming to America in 1853 to Decorah, Iowa. Martha Smestad was born in Kongsvinger, Norway, Feb. 16, 1844, and came to this country in 1869. On March 17, 1872, she married Mr. Leidal at Decorah. They came to Dakota Territory in 1879 settling on a farm two miles north of Hatton where they lived for a number of years after which they moved into the city. They had eight children, Edward, John,



**OLE VIGEN** was born in Norway, May 3, 1853, of parents, Iver and Thora Vigen. Berthine Tolsrud was also born in Norway, Dec. 16, 1858. She and Ole were married in 1881 and left the next year for the U. S. In 1882 they settled in Golden Lake township and this remained their home as long as they lived. They had nine children. Their first home was a log cabin.



**NILS HESKIN** was born in Etne-dalen Valdres, Norway, in 1869 and came to the Portland area in 1886. He homesteaded in Golden Lake township in 1888. In 1900, Nils and his sister, Ragnild, returned to Norway and there Nils married Bertine Smedsrud. She was born in 1878. Bertine still lives on the home farm with her son, George. Nils passed away in 1939. A brother, Ole Heskin, born in 1875, came to America in 1905 and farmed with Nils for three years and then acquired a farm of his own.

**PETER E. FLESCHE** was born near DeForest, Wis., Jan. 18, 1853. He spent some time in Minnesota before coming to Dakota territory in 1883. He filed on a claim in Golden



Lake township. Mrs. Thea Hagen Flesche was born in Aadalen, Norway, Jan. 5, 1860, and came to the U. S. with her parents. They settled near Faribault, Minn. Peter and Thea were married in March, 1885 at Fertile, Minn., and came to Dakota the following year and settled on his homestead. They were charter members of the Beaver Creek church and aid. In 1910 they retired and moved to Hatton. Mr. Flesche died Oct. 24, 1914, and Mrs. Flesche June, 21, 1945.



**NELS TOLEN** was born in Sweden, June 17, 1846. His wife, Mathilda Miller, was also born in Sweden, March 11, 1850. They were married Dec. 26, 1875, and in 1877 came to New York City where Nels worked in a piano factory. There they adopted a baby girl, now Mrs. Nels (Mathilda) Pederson of Hatton. In the fall of 1880 they came to Dakota territory and in spring of 1881 filed on the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ , section 14, Golden Lake township. They farmed for 24 years, then retired to Portland, N. Dak. The farm is now owned by Mrs. Pederson. Nels Tolen died in 1934 and his wife in 1930.

## HATTON CITY

Mrs. Chas. Swenson, Mrs. Erick Olaveson, Mrs. Andrew Johnson, Henry, Mrs. Pike, and Ellert. Mr. Leidal passed away in 1912 and Mrs. Leidal died in December, 1940.

**PAUL WELO** was born in Grundvold Station, Hadeland, Norway, and Mrs. Welo was born in Carlstad, Sweden. They came to this area about 1890 and were married June 29, 1895. Together, with Mr. A. J. Teie, Mr.



Welo formed a partnership and operated the Welo & Teie general store from 1895 until their store was destroyed in the big fire in May, 1923. They had five children, Pearl (Mrs. R. C. Benoy), Judith (Mrs. John Huset), Victor, Mathilda and Jubel. Mr. Welo died on Dec. 16, 1941, and Mrs. Welo died April 29, 1942.

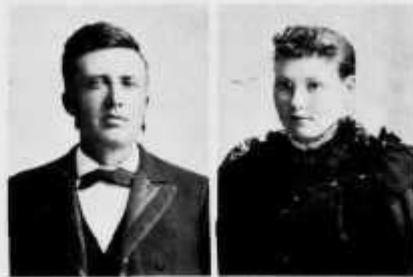


**ANTON H. CASTELLA** was born at Lillestrom, Norway, Feb. 27, 1857, coming to the U. S. in 1869 and to Hatton in 1885. Mrs. Castella (Lena Mastrud) was born in Norway, Dec. 11, 1866, and came to Decorah, Iowa, with her parents at the age of 5½, later migrating to the Hatton area with her family. They were married on Nov. 29, 1885, and first made their home east of Hatton, later moving to the city which was their home for many years. He was a carpenter by trade. The children include Henry, deceased, Bertha (Mrs. A. C. Cole), Cora (Mrs. A. C. Bergerud), Lillian (Mrs. L. B. Kenfield) deceased, Alette, deceased, Almer, Herbert, Arthur, all deceased, Hilda (Mrs. V. F. Champeaux), Dagmar, deceased, and Dagmar (Mrs. H. C. Walker). Mr. Castella died March 11, 1939, and Mrs. Castella died March 28, 1952.



**CHRISTEN TRONSON** was born at Koskonong, Wis., Dec. 3, 1854. He was married to Kjersti Vaslien who was born in Sigdal, Norway, Nov. 10, 1850. They came to Dakota Territory in 1880. Mr. Tronson died June 19, 1926, and Mrs. Tronson in October, 1935.

**TOLLEF TOBIASON** was born near Decorah, Iowa, June 24, 1862. Came to Hatton in 1882. On Oct. 28, 1896, he was married to Dorothea Arneson at Mardell, N. Dak. Mrs. Tobiason was born Feb. 5, 1866, near Decorah, Iowa. Mr. Tobiason served as Garfield township assessor for 34 years. He passed away Aug. 10, 1947. One son, two daughters passed away in infancy; and a son, John, died in 1936. They also had three daughters, Emma, Marie and Alice.



**T. R. TOBIASON** was born near Decorah, Iowa, March 16, 1854, and came to Hatton in 1879. He married Josephine Anderson of Grant County, Minn., in 1883. They had four children, Orlando, Carl, Willie and Emma. Mrs. Tobiason died in 1892. In 1895 he married Olivia Bye who was born in Norway Oct. 16, 1873. They had nine children, Theodore, Ben, Joseph, Emma, Adolph, Erling, Rudolph, Edward and Luella. Mr. Tobiason served as treasurer of Garfield township for 30 years, was postmaster in Hatton, organized Traill Mutual Insurance Co. and served as director of Hatton Farmers Elevator and Farmers Store. He died Aug. 26, 1934, and she passed away March 13, 1959.

**OLE H. KORSMOE**, early day blacksmith, was born in Solar, Norway, in 1863 and came to Hatton in 1882. He married Josephine Berg on June 8, 1884. She was born in Oslo, Norway, May 5, 1864. They were among Hatton's first residents. Their children were Ida, Hilda, Oscar, Axel, Willie, Axeline, Olga, Adolph, and Milton. Mr. Korsmoed died July 12, 1914, and she passed away June 22, 1939.



**LARS T. BJERTNESS** was born at Haalan, Norway, May 11, 1866, and

came to Hatton in 1882, where he farmed for awhile and followed his trade as a carpenter. He married Anna Syverson, who was born in Sigdal, Norway, Oct. 15, 1863. They had two sons, Selmer and Gilmen. Mr. Bjertness passed away July 11, 1936, and Mrs. Bjertness died March 7, 1938.



**OLE EIELSON** was born at Coon Valley, Wis., March 27, 1863, and Mrs. Eielson (Olava Baalson) was born in Brooten, Minn., Jan. 21, 1871. They were married at Brooten May 30, 1892. The children were Edwin, deceased, Carl Ben, deceased, Adeline (Mrs. W. S. Impett) Campbell River, B. C.; Elma (Mrs. Elmer Osking), Hatton; Oliver, Minneapolis, Minn.; Arthur, Haverhill, Mass.; twins, Mrs. Helen Sheehy, St. Paul, Minn.; and Hannah, deceased, and Hannah (Mrs. Ray Barnard), Charleston, W. Va. Mr. Eielson operated a general store here for many years, was mayor for many years and president of the Farmers & Merchants National Bank from 1919 until his death Dec. 12, 1931. Mrs. Eielson passed away July 23, 1911.



**ANDREW J. TEIE** was born in Drammen, Norway, Nov. 14, 1863, and came to Hatton in the early 1880's. Mrs. Teie (Cynthia Schrott) was born Sept. 24, 1870, near Munich, Germany, and came to Hatton in 1889. They were married Oct. 1, 1890. Children include Dr. A. J. Teie,

Grand Forks; Carl and George of Hatton; Pearl (Mrs. R. Tronson) Doyon, N. Dak.; Anne (Mrs. E. J. Baumgardner), Calif.; Ernest, Hatton; Adolph, Wemett, Mont.; Gladys (Mrs. H. J. Bertheau), Linton, N. Dak.; Joseph and Stanley, Calif.; and Stanford, Hatton. Mr. Teie was an early day merchant here and together with Paul Welo operated the Welo & Teie for some 30 or more years. He also served in city offices. He died May 10, 1947, and Mrs. Teie died Nov. 23, 1946.



ing and also several business enterprises in Hatton. He served as Mayor of Hatton for a number of years and also as councilman. He served as director and president of the Hatton Farmers Elevator for many years. In 1896 he was elected sheriff of Steele County.

Mr. Hogen married Emma Offerdahl in 1889. Mrs. Hogen was born at Decorah, Iowa, and came to North Dakota with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Offerdahl, at the age of 10. Mrs. Hogen passed away in October, 1947, and Mr. Hogen in April, 1955.

Their four daughters are: Mrs. Selmer (Hannah) Noss, Mrs. Melvin (Josephine) Simley, Mrs. Herbert (Emelia) Nash and Miss Gladys Hogen.



**ADOLPH TEDEMAN OFSTEHAGE** was born Sept. 5, 1876, and came to Hatton when he was 18. He was married to Mathilde Petrine Stangeland on April 22, 1903. She was born at Madison, Wis., April 21, 1878, and moved with her widowed

mother to Cooperstown in 1887. They lived there two years, then moving to Enger township in 1889 where Mathilde lived until she was married. Mr. Ofstehage operated a meat market in Hatton for many years. He died Dec. 19, 1951. Mrs. Ofstehage has lived here and in Minneapolis since that time.



**ANDREW THORSON** was born in Balestrand, Sogn, Norway, Sept. 14, 1872 and came to Dakota Territory with his parents in 1878. Mrs. Thorson (Anna Gulbrandson) was born in Oslo, Norway, May 1, 1877, and came to Hatton in 1895. They were married here in 1897 and lived on the homestead until 1905 when they moved into town. Mr. Thorson attended the Mayville Normal and taught school in this area for several years. He then became associated with the American Book Company and traveled for that firm for 40 years. They had nine children, Mildred (Mrs. J. S. Stenehjelm), Alvin, Guy, Beatrice (Mrs. H. B. Haseth), Erling, Bjarne, Marie (Mrs. R. W. Hancock), Bergliot (Mrs. Fred Meierkord) and Ingolf. Mr. Thorson died Nov. 25, 1950, and Mrs. Thorson on Oct. 4, 1953.

**M. F. HEGGE**, pioneer merchant of Hatton, died October, 1924, having lived in Hatton for 42 years. He was born Nov. 27, 1856 at Biri, Norway, and came to the U. S. when he was 20. Six years later he moved to Hatton with his brother-in-law, T. E. Nelson, and opened the first store here. He continued in business until March, 1923, when he sold to his son, Erick. Mrs. Hegge was born in Land, Norway, July 18, 1856 and came to the U. S. in 1862, locating in Wisconsin. Mr. and Mrs. Hegge were married



**HANS MARTIN HAAKENSEN** was born in Decorah, Iowa, Sept. 14, 1855. He was married to Thuri Stenerson Sept. 27, 1875. She was born in Sigdal, Norway, June 22, 1851, and came to America with her parents at age three. They settled near Decorah, Iowa. In 1878 a group from Decorah decided to go west. They traveled by covered wagon to Wendell, Minn., where they stayed until the following spring when the men in the group came to Dakota Territory where they homesteaded. Mr. Haakenson filed on a claim five miles north of Hatton. In the fall of 1879 they went back to Wendell for their families. Mr. Haakenson farmed for about 12 years, then moved to Hatton, where he made his home until his death May 10, 1924. He took an active part in both public and church affairs, served as school board clerk for several years and justice of peace, and was postmaster for 10 years. He was very active in St. John congregation of which both he and his wife were members. He taught a Sunday School class for many years. The Haakenson's had nine children, two of whom are living at the present time. Mrs. Haakenson died March 19, 1942.

**JOHN J. HOGEN** was born at Moe, Prestigjeld, in upper Telemarken, Norway, on Nov. 8, 1860. He came to the United States at the age of 12. At 17 he came to North Dakota and later filed on the homestead now known as the Sander Midbo farm. The present Hogen farm was at one time the Ole Bale farm. Present tenants are a grandson, Joseph Noss, and his three children, James, Marie and Selmer.

Mr. Hogen was engaged in farm-



in 1882. They had five children, Clara, Erick, Anna, Marie and Adolph. Mr. Hegge was active in all civic affairs and was a member of the North Dakota Constitutional Convention. Mrs. Hegge died March, 1923.



EDWARD BYE was born in Solar, Kongsvinger, Norway, Nov. 9, 1862. He came to America, stopping in Grand Forks, then to Newburgh in 1881. Valborg Berg, who came here when she was 16, was born in Christiania (now Oslo) Norway, on Oct. 13, 1868. Edward and Valborg were married Nov. 9, 1888, by Rev. Bernt Tollefson at the Karleus Bye residence in Newburgh. Ten children were born, five of whom are living: Edwin, Olaf, Clarence, Lief and Irene. Mr.

Bye operated a dray line in Hatton for about 30 years. Mr. S. O. Green was in partnership with him for about 20 years. Mr. Bye also farmed for many years before his retirement. He died June 4, 1946, and Mrs. Bye on Aug. 7, 1948.



LOUISE MARTINA HAAKENSEN was born on a farm near Decorah, Iowa, Nov. 5, 1876, of parents, Hans Martin Haakenson and Thuri Snaesrud. In 1879, the family, including father, mother, Louise and an infant sister, Stina, left Iowa, stopping first at Fergus Falls, Minn., and coming to North Dakota in 1880. They made their home on land her father had claimed earlier, located five miles north of Hatton. When she was 15, the family moved to Hatton where her father was bookkeeper at the local creamery. On Sept. 3, 1896, she was married to Ralph G. Olson, then employed at the N. C. Nelson Lumber Co. and later with the First National Bank. They had two children, Garvin, and Irene. Mr. Olson died in 1907 and Mrs. Olson lived for a number of years in Hatton and Northwood, returning to Hatton in 1949 where she now resides. She is a lifelong mem-

ber of the St. John Lutheran church and a member of the aid for over 50 years.



C. J. MASTRUD, pioneer hardware merchant, was born in Norway, in 1850. Mr. and Mrs. Mastrud and daughters (Clara and Severina) came to Hatton in 1884 from Kerkhoven, Minn., where he had a hardware store. He moved his stock and fixtures to Hatton and established a general hardware store here, later adding a furniture department. He operated this business in Hatton almost 30 years, until his death Nov. 5, 1914. Mrs. Mastrud continued to live in Hatton until her death, Dec. 10, 1931. They had six children, Clara (Mrs. J. A. Aarhus), Severine (Mrs. C. M. Smestad), Mrs. Mae Odegaard, Corinne (Mrs. A. B. Prestbo), Oscar and Louie.

## AN APPRECIATION

We wish to express our sincere appreciation to the following local chairmen in their respective communities for the very excellent work they have done in gathering data on the pioneers for this anniversary book: Mrs. Elmer O. Bjerke, Mrs. Roy Lee, Mrs. Gilman Wastvedt, Mrs. Joe Larson, Mrs. Gust Skjoiten, John Kringlen, Otto Gensrich, and Tollef Midtbo.

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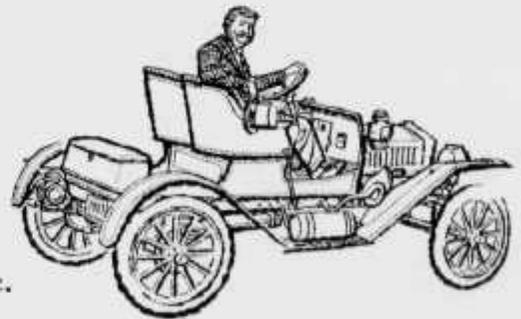
GARVIN OLSON

Members of the 75th Anniversary Book Committee

The committee realizes that it would be an utter impossibility to obtain a complete list of pioneers who settled this community. For any omissions and errors we are sincerely sorry.



The debates of 1912.  
 Basket Socials.  
 Masquerades  
 Colored funnies 1912 Free Press (Slim Jim).  
 Chautauquas every summer.  
 Fireman's Band and state conventions.  
 First electric lights in Hatton.  
 Necktie Socials.  
 The steam threshing rigs.  
 Kjorlie Livery Barn.  
 Continued stories in the Free Press.  
 Milk—6c a qt., cream—25c a qt.  
 Cranking cars meant broken arms.  
 Runaway teams on main street.  
 Depot robbery in Sept. 1912.  
 Medicine Shows.  
 Sinking of the Titanic.  
 Prof. Sigurdson's runaway.  
 Midnight Flyer—And wreck in early 1900's.  
 Mill Fire—1915.  
 Hotel Block Fire—1915  
 North Main Street Fire—May 8, 1923.  
 21 Inning Ball Game—Hatton 3 - Hope 2.  
 Playing Gustav Skol—Virginia Reel in school attic.  
 The Red Onion.  
 Chas. Swenson's carload fruit sales.  
 H. S. Hobo Day in May.



Literary Society at School.  
 Country Gentlemen subscription sales.  
 (Losing team giving party for winners.)  
 Clearing the school assembly for parties.  
 Cleaning attic for more space for game nights.  
 Movies and roller skating in old Opera House.  
 Anyone remember Bonnie Bee, Dilly Daffodil and Cinderella in 1913?  
 The Womanless Wedding.  
 Excelsior Society in Garfield township.  
 Sparks Bros. Circus in 1914.  
 Being afraid of the chimney sweep.  
 Hatton's early day 4th of July celebrations.  
 Big Picnics at L. O. Tollefson Grove.  
 Busy Bee and Willing Worker societies.  
 Men's Kjerulf Chorus.

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