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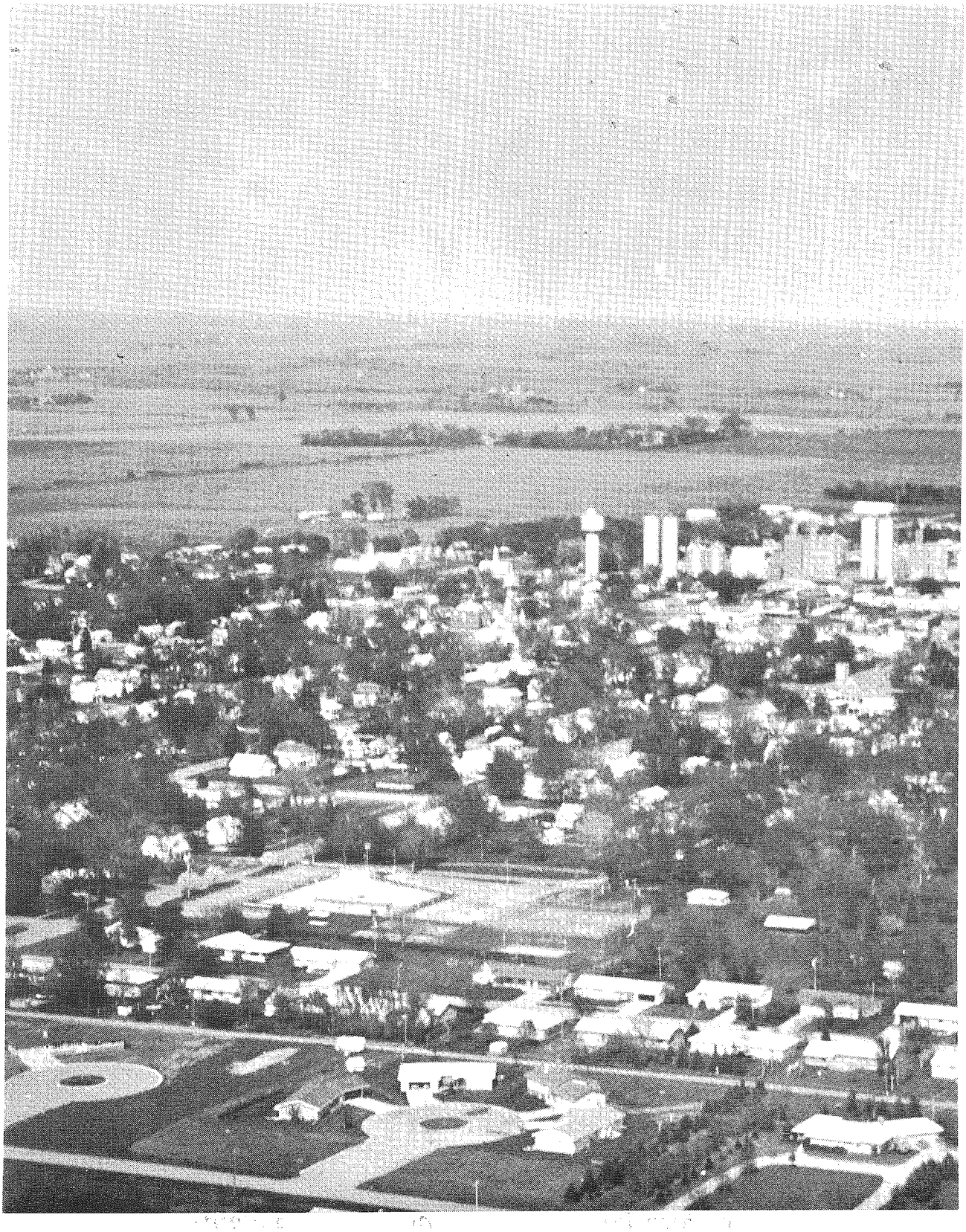

Aerial View

of Beresford

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The volunteer Centennial Book Committee has enjoyed putting the information into this book about Beresford's first one hundred years. Our task was made easier because of community interest and cooperation. We hope that this record of the past will give pleasure to those who read it.

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Dedication

To the pioneers who came to the Beresford area a century ago, ploughed the virgin sod and started a prairie town, we dedicate this book. Most of them were young and poor; but all of the immigrants wanted a better life so some crossed an ocean and half-a-continent to reach Dakota Territory. Here the pioneers experienced hard work, loneliness, disappointments, sickness and death. This school on the prairie taught them how to cope with blizzards, sub-zero temperatures, prairie grass fires, clouds of crop devouring locusts and always the hot, dry summer winds. Here they survived to build homes, schools and churches for their families and future generations. These transplanted people developed roots in the Beresford community. These determined homesteaders worked and planned well. Because of their struggles to fulfill their dreams we can say with pride, "My home town is Beresford."

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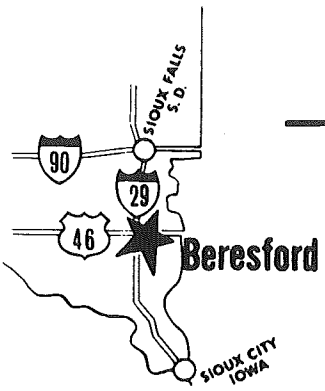

City Of Beresford

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Mayor's Greeting

It is an honor to greet everyone as the present Mayor of Beresford at the celebration of Beresford's 100th anniversary as an incorporated city. Beresford is a city that continues to grow in size; both in business and residences. There is pride in Beresford's excellent school system. The surrounding farming area is prosperous and a garden spot of South Dakota.

The story of Beresford's progress over the years is a most interesting one that all will enjoy reading. It has been my privilege to serve as one of many mayors. Each mayor and his councilmen have strived to make the city a pleasant and friendly place to live. We look forward to familiar faces returning and everyone taking home pleasant memories of BERESFORD'S CENTENNIAL DAYS, July 12, 13, 14 and 15, 1984.

Bill Muller

Bill Muller, Mayor

Schedule of Events

July 12	Business Day
9:30	Registration — Information — City Hall
10:30	Community Church Service — Ministerial Association
11:00	Lunches at churches and booths
2:00	Crowning of King and Queen
	High School Band Concert
	Heritage Choir
4:30-7:00	Chamber barbecue
7:30	Pageant
9:30	Street Dance
July 13	Pioneer Day
9:00	Registration
9:00-5:00	Farm Exhibition
11:00	Kiddy Parade —
2:00	Old Time Fiddlers
	Muzzle Loaders — two day tourney
5:30	Parade
8:30	Pageant
July 14	School Day
9:00	Registration
10:45	Hot Air Balloons (weather permitting)
11:00	Rain time Big Parade, school tours and class groups all day
2:00	Softball tourney — judging of beards, clothes, etc.
	Quilt Raffle
6:00	Banquet
9:00	Dance — Firemen
July 15	Church Day
2:00	Community Service
	Community Choir

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Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Beresford, South Dakota, first known as "Paris" as early as 1873, was founded in 1883 by the Western Town Lot Company (a.k.a. the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad); and,

WHEREAS, Once called the "Garden Spot City of South Dakota," Beresford was named after Lord Charles Beresford, an admiral in the British Navy. With his help and influence, the town had railroad service (and daily mail) by September of 1883; and,

WHEREAS, Back in the days when the speed limit was six miles per hour for horses, Beresford's location was selected because the area it occupied was sufficiently large and flat so that shunted railroad cars could not easily roll down hill; and,

WHEREAS, On July 12, 1884, the town was incorporated, and by 1901, Beresford had its first City Telephone Exchange; and,

WHEREAS, There have been some very challenging times throughout the first century for this Union County community. There have been droughts, grasshopper devastation, severe wind storms, disastrous fires, as well as the usual drudgery and hardship of the early pioneer experience; and,

WHEREAS, Through it all, Beresford has persevered, and today it is a friendly town that always extends a warm welcome to friends and strangers alike; and,

WHEREAS, This summer, the people of Beresford are proudly celebrating their first one hundred years with memorable festivities and commemorations:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim July 12, 13, 14, and 15, 1984, as

BERESFORD CENTENNIAL DAYS

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Tenth Day of May, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Three

William J. Janklow

WILLIAM J. JANKLOW, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

Alice Kundert

ALICE KUNDERT, SECRETARY OF STATE

Early History of Beresford

Selected from the Historical Glimpse of Union County
Written by H. A. Sturges, former Beresford Editor

When was Beresford started? When did the railroad reach here? Why was the town named "Beresford"? What was the first structure, and for what and by whom was it occupied? What is the oldest structure at this time? Who was the first merchant? the first postmaster? the first doctor? the first hardware merchant and the first harnessmaker? Who was the first child born in Beresford? Which church was the first to be built? When was the town organized, and what were Paris, Sunnyside, Gothland and Linden?

The Civil War drawing to a close, there came the reconstruction period, and the attention of the people was drawn to matters of development and a return to prosperity, similar to that of the present day. Incident to this condition came the opening of the western country to homestead, and the years of 1871 and 1872 found thousands of people settling in Dakota Territory upon homesteads that the government was giving title to upon certain requirements being met. One of these was an actual residence here, so as to eliminate the land grabber and speculator. Thus, through the ports of entry, such as Calliope, Akron and Sioux City, where it was made possible to ford the Big Sioux River, the emigrants came, and stretched out like the ribs of a palm-leaf fan.

The days of the grasshopper and those of drought followed, which became testing times of the stability of character, so that those who remained were as of God's chosen people, who knew no defeat, and caught a vision of the transformation, someday, of the prairie wastes into a veritable garden spot of the universe.

Such were the people who dwelt upon the farms in this part of the territory when, in the fall of 1882, it was made known that the Iroquois-Hawarden line of the Central division of the Chicago and North-Western Railroad had built its grade to a point near the Sioux River, and that with the return of warm weather, the rails would be pushed through, and that a town would be started here. Accordingly, in the early spring, the farmers pushed in and began the struggle of being the first to establish the several businesses of a pioneer town.

Thus we find that the first structure that was built was that of D. Choquette (pronounced Sacket by the pioneers) on lots now occupied by the Mangan Implement store, and in this place Mr. Choquette operated Beresford's first saloon. The structure was later destroyed by fire. About this time, D. Stephen, who had been operating his store at Sunnyside, a short distance south of town, moved his store building in and located it facing south on the lot at the rear of the Security State Bank building, near the Nissen blacksmith shop. Later he built a new store building on the corner facing east. Thus, Choquette became the first saloon keeper and David Stephen the first merchant in Beresford. Other pioneer mer-

chants were Peter Holden, Thomas Ronan and T. L. Torgeson, the latter first operating a store on south Main Street, near the Mangan building. It is recalled that he used the Norwegian language in making his window announcements. Later he moved to the more pretentious quarters on the corner and built other structures to the south. Messrs. C. D. Farrand and J. W. Woodward were also a pioneer firm, eventually selling out, Mr. Woodward working for David Stephen and Mr. Farrand filling various places with credit previous to his death. The second structure built is said to have been that of G. S. Joscelyn on the west side of Third Street somewhere. This was built and occupied by Mr. Joscelyn as a drug store, and was eventually moved to the Albert Nelson lot north of the hotel, where it was used as a work shop. In quick succession, other buildings were erected until, when J. N. Wass came here in July, he counted 17 structures.

Prominent among these was a store built by Jere and J. L. Reedy, near the corner of Third and Main, in which they operated the first hardware store. The lumber for all of these structures had to be hauled from Hawarden or Canton in the spring of the year across the prairie roads; Canton being preferred inasmuch as the Big Sioux did not have to be forded, though Brule caused no small amount of trouble. The Reedy stock was the first to be shipped in by train, but there being a conflict between the names of the town and the post office, the invoice of the goods did not arrive, and it became necessary to tell them by guess. Tom Brady built to the east of the Reedys for a general store, the lumber for which being the first to arrive by train. These structures all having been destroyed in later years, one begins to ask what is the oldest structure at this time. In this connection, it is recalled that J. W. Steadman built a structure south of the corner, the building being the one that is now owned and occupied by Shoemaker Warne. This was leased to P. C. Stupey. The next to the north, now occupied by the telephone company as central office, followed quickly, and Parker Brothers built to the north, which they occupied as a general store in connection with a peddler's wagon, but they were too far "out in the country" to have a good location. Thus you will see that these structures bear the distinction of being the pioneer monuments at this time of the thrift and enterprise of the first builders. It is also believed that the J. W. Reedy residence was the first home built. The structure was later moved to another lot and worked over into the residence owned by Henry Claussen.

Along the first part of June, the time now being recalled by men who were boys then, and were plowing corn, the iron horse came snorting through the little town and announced to the world that the race for supremacy was on.

There were a number of English capitalists interested in the railroad and, with a sense of pride for having promulgated the line, they gave English names to many of the stations. Accordingly, towns all along this division were thus named. This explains the origin of Ireton, Hawarden, Alcester, Beresford, Hurley, Parker and so on up the line. Centerville seems to have been an exception to the rule.

But how about the post office and the mails? Previous to the arrival of the railroad in the spring of 1883, Charles Sundling, still a resident of Beresford, had gone through the flood in the spring of 1881, at Vermillion, where he was section boss and had accepted a position as stage driver. His route began at Glenwood, in Clay county, where he connected with that veteran stage driver Shurtliff, and he drove to Paris, then located in a house not far from where the Standard Oil company has its tanks, thence to Gothland, east of town, where there was a store on the Deane place, then to Linden and completed his trip to Calliope, returning over the route the following day. He was able to get quarters on the place now owned by Henry Soderstrom and recalls that, at one time, he could have purchased the place for $500. Elie Ricard was the Paris postmaster and, there being a conflict between Beresford as a shipping point and Paris as a post office and the revenue being limited at best, Mr. Ricard one day bundled up the entire government effects and, bringing them to the Stephen place, demanded that he be the postmaster. Thus he did until his successor was appointed, and it is recorded that the service was far from being as efficient as it is today. Other postmasters that followed were J. R. Carleton, W. B. Glidden, Tom Brady, R. Z. Bennett and, in more recent years, C. A. Ramsdell, C. L. Kemis, William Brady and Fred Boller.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malloy arrived in Beresford as young married people and Mr. Malloy was the first section boss. They occupied the residence which has ever after been occupied by the Malloys, and on September 5, 1883, their first-born son arrived and Richard Malloy thus becomes the first boy born in Beresford. You can now figure out about how old Richard is.

The first Fourth of July was celebrated with due ceremony, and J. L. Reedy recalls that he and Tom Brady operated a lemonade stand on

the corner where the Skaff Hardware store now stands—the Mangan building. And it was strictly a lemonade stand—no ice cream or fancy drinks. There was a baseball diamond, the home base of which was not far from the present site of the Ebsen Implement building with first base to the northwest, and second base near the C. H. Olsen residence, and here were fought out many severe struggles, though the game was somewhat different than the present one. In one particular was this true, namely, that a player who appeared with a mitt would have been hooted off the ground, the catcher alone having the privilege of protecting his hands. A race track provided sport for the lovers of speed, and this was located with the home stretch about where the west portion of Main Street now is, not far from the editor's home, the track involving much of what later became Toomey's Addition. It is recalled that Pat Farley was marshall of the day on one of these occasions and his brother-in-law discovering this fact with real western roughness, sought to humiliate him and, grabbing him, drew him from his horse and landed him in the dust. Those who recall the stature of Maher know full well that this would have been very possible. Joe Owens was the comedian of those days and the mock Fourth of July oration that he delivered are classics of local unwritten history. Saturday afternoon eventually became times of real sport and fun, and Third Street became the scene of many a horse race, foot race and other contests.

The little community enjoyed a healthy growth, and many were the incidents worthy of record. A depot was constructed. The waiting room made it possible to hold public gatherings, and it is recorded that getting empty beer kegs from the depot platform to hold planks for seats, a portable organ was among the effects of some of the people, and religious services, but whenever a preacher or a priest chanced this way, the word was quickly passed around and the flock assembled. There was no denominationalism in those days, but all gathered on one common ground, each thoughtful of the others feelings, and respectful of his religious belief. In an early day members of the Catholic church assembled and built a wooden structure which became the first church. The Methodist church followed very soon after.

J.E. Sinclair is spoken of as the first grain buyer in Beresford, he operated in a flat house across from the depot. A Richards came from LeMars in a very early date and building an elevator, operated it for some years, and this was the structure which only a few weeks ago was destroyed by fire. It was owned by the Beresford Grain Company. Slagle's elevator then followed, that company at that time being engaged in grain buying. A blind horse furnished the motive power. The F.M. Slagle lumber yard, established in 1883, was the first of its kind.

Dr. White is spoken of as the pioneer doctor, though Dr. A.V. Elliott settled here while Beresford was still very young. Dr. White had taken a homestead, some miles northwest of town, and while gaining the necessary residence, began the practice he followed for several years. It is recorded, too, that he was a very competent and careful practitioner. Other physicians were Dr. Hill, Dr. Jerauld and Dr. Sheehan. There were others who remained here only a short time then moved.

The first harnessmaker was George Bruehler, father of George and Charley Bruehler—business men of today—who after operating for a time became sick and sold to Frank Bruehler. He died in 1889.

The early banking history of the town is of special interest. C.A. Potter came in from his farm northeast of town, and started the Bank of Beresford. He was a good banker, but banking those days was done under difficulties, and A. J. Ames coming along, and offering to buy him out, he sold. Mr. Ames was of a speculative nature, and did much for the development of the town, but was not able to overcome the fact that he purchased the bank without funds, and it eventually went broke. By this time, the place of business had been moved from the site on the corner immediately south of where the J.N. Wass residence now stands, to a central location on Main street. There were few laws those days for the protection of the depositors' money, and all who had money in the bank lost it all. Mr. Ames was compelled to flee—at least he chose that alternative. H.J. Meidell came from Clear Lake, this state, where he had been interested in the lumber business, and securing added capital, purchased the fixtures of the defunct bank, and revived the institution. Later it became the Beresford State Bank. In an early day, also the Schatezels came from Freeport and established the Union Banking Company on the corner. They were good bankers, and made good but were severe with their customers. Later the bank was organized with O. Ofstad as president and Albert Hegness as cashier. Mr. Ofstad then sold to C.H. Olsen.

It is of interest to note that the formality of organizing the town corporation was not gone through with until the following year, 1884.

City Hall

Municipal Government of Beresford

written by Michael McGill

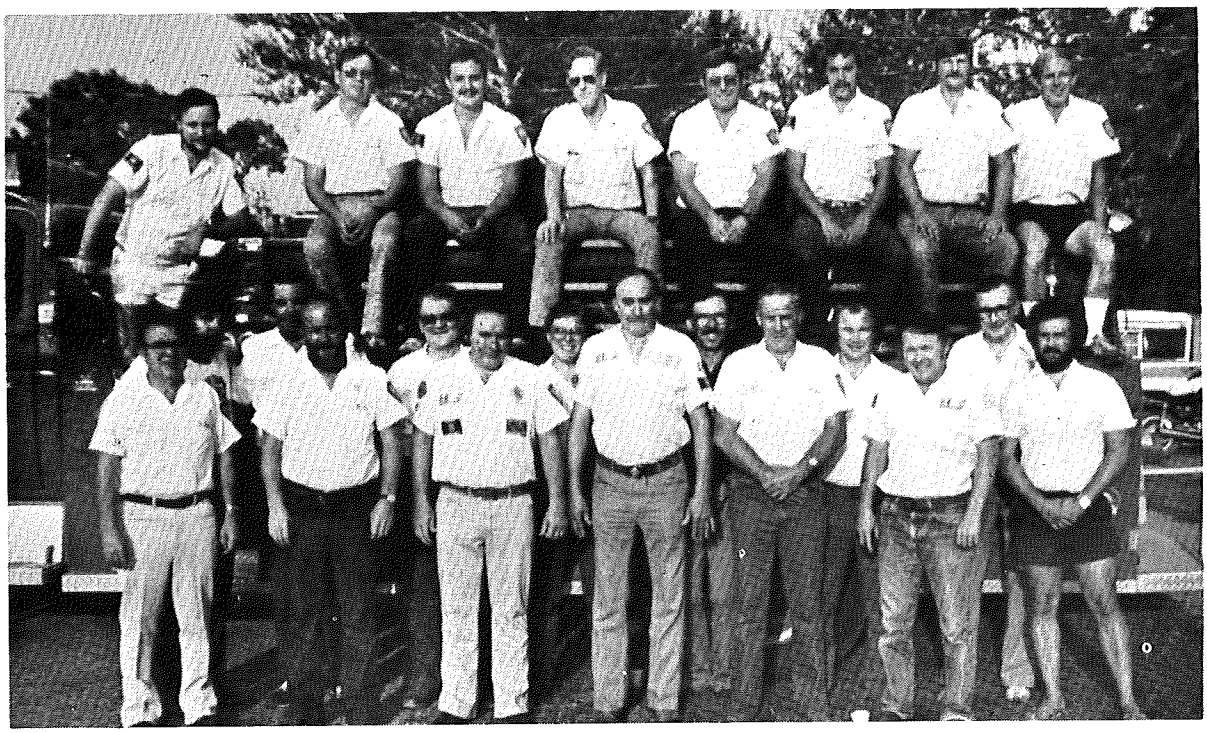
The City of Beresford was founded in 1883 by the Chicago Northwestern Railroad. The Western Town Lot Company, which platted the City, was a real estate development company owned by the railroad. The city was named after Lord Charles Beresford, an Irishman who became a prosperous admiral in the British Navy and who invested in the railroad. the cities of Alcester, Hawarden, Hurley and Parker were also named after railroad investors.

A resolution was passed on July 12, 1884 by the Union County Board of Commissioners, pursuant to a petition presented by Jerome Mangan, John R. Carleton and James Fitzgerald and signed by the appropriate number of voters, that upon a majority vote of the residents of Beresford, the city would be incorporated as a town. Pursuant to the resolution and petition, an election was held July 31, 1884 and a majority of the electors voted to incorporate Beresford as a town. The store of Jerome Mangan, on the corner where the post office now stands, was the polling place. Thus the entity of Beresford, Union County, Dakota Territory was created.

Dakota Territory was organized in 1861 and was in existence for 28 years until 1889 when North and South Dakota were recognized as States of the Federal Union. The Dakota Territory was administered under the law recognized in Minnesota for a good portion of its existence. In 1877, Dakota Territory adopted its first set of laws. The capital of Dakota Territory was Yankton and William Jayne, from Illinois, was its first Governor.

Union County, organized in 1862, was one of the first counties populated in the Dakotas. Originally the county was named Cole County, but was renamed in 1864 to Union because of the strong Union sentiment in the Civil War.

After its incorporation, the city was divided into five districts and the following trustees were elected to make up the first town council: P.C. Stukey, D.C. Choquette, Ed Johnson, G.S. Joscelyn, W.B. Glidden. The City Clerk was J.R. Carleton, the Treasurer, C.A. Potter, the Accessor was J.B. Booker, the Marshal was John Davis, and P.E. Maynard was the Justice of the Peace.



Front row, left to right: Ralph Messler, Robert Kast, Bill DeLay, Robert Strand, Danny Cotton, Tarzan Mullinix, Mike Carlson, Oliver J. Lundquist Jr., Dennis Graverson, Russell Hinkle, Larry Field, Clarence (Tubby) Carlson, Percy Mohr and Dave Bye; back row, left to right: Lonnie Merriman, Steve Volden, Geoffrey Merriman, Dennis Hedeen, Larry Olson, Scott Kunselman, Benton Robertson and Lennis Hofer.

The first ordinance passed by the trustees set forth compensation for various town officers and the second listed license fees. Ordinance six listed penalties for permitting livestock to roam at large within the city limits, while ordinance seven prohibited the slaughtering of livestock except in accordance with town rules. Ordinance five outlined construction of city sidewalks, which were two inch planks laid crosswise, spiked by two by six timbers.

Third Street, the main business artery in Beresford, is very different in appearance than it was in pioneer days, as the following history of the street attests, originally printed in the Beresford Republic, August 9, 1934 edition:

"Visitors and tourists wheeling speedily through our beautiful boulevarded street today, could scarcely imagine the depths from which that same street has arisen. Old timers will remember. It is well known but seldom repeated fact that a portion of town south of Main Street was pretty well under water. In fact there were huge ponds, which we would probably now call lakes, where one could boat ride or shoot ducks at a moment's notice.

In order to be of any use at all, the sidewalks, if any were built very high, indeed, very, very high. No crossings were necessary, for in wet weather, one just didn't cross.

But as more settlers arrived in the vicinity of Beresford, and the town became a trading post, there were horses to be tied and hitching posts to be set beside the rings in the side walk. So with true western hospitality, steps were taken and sidewalks were brought down to their proper level. Streets and lots were drained by one means and another, and there finally came the day when no longer could the small boy scramble under the sidewalk for coins lost through the cracks.

Even at this early date good old Public Spirit reared her head and said "There must be crossings"—and crossings there were; in fact more than enough to go around in one or two places, the crossing between the Stephens store and the Brady corner was so high that a drover did well to investigate carefully before negotiating it. However, as if to compensate for the height of the one, the next crossing, one block north was so low that it became the life work of one man to keep it among those present, with broom and shovel. One crossed at his own risk.

These town new walks served the purpose at the ends of the block but seemed inadequate for

the impulsive natures of the persons now known as "Jay-walkers"—so a jay-walking crossing was rather casually inserted in the middle of the block. This proved to be the most used, and certainly always the worst crossing in town.

To be sure it was not always the mud that was hub deep in the streets. Sometimes it was just the dust. During these mudless periods, the ancient sprinkling wagon, well covered with signs, ambled twice daily down the street. There was usually a following of barefoot boys in its wake, hoping by some good fortune, to get just the least bit wet.

While the Main Street was suffering from "growing pains" it was still the source of Beresford's water supply. There was a pump at the corner of the Sinclair block, a windmill and tank at the Brady corner, but what was popularly known as the town pump was the old green wooden pillar, that stood bravely to the last, in front of Dr. Elliott's building. It boasted a long narrow trough where horses might drink, a comfort to man and beast.

Then there was the delightful depression farther south in the same block, which became an intriguing pool after a rain. It was at this promising spot that some wag posted a "No Fishing" sign on one dark night.

Still farther south on this same Main Street there was so much water that it suggested itself as a possible play ground, so Anthony Cooper built up the sides, deepened it a bit and made an island in the middle. Row boats were placed at the disposal of pleasure seekers during the summer and later, young and old alike made it a center for winter sports.

The next episode in the evolution of Main Street was the chapter writ in oil. It most certainly left its mark. Seemingly barrels of oil were poured along the street where it settled in coy pools here and there, to be stepped in later by the unsuspecting pedestrian.

The housewives of the town had something to say about this "Improvement" and said it so sort of outloud that Public Spirit again awakened. Or could it have been that the suggestion of new rugs to replace the oil stained carpets paved the way to paving the city?

Be that as it may, about this time land was discovered on Main Street, and the City Dads decided it would be safe to risk a few slabs of pavement on it. Accordingly, crossings were amputated, hitching posts extracted and water pipes buried.

In 1922, the pavement crew came and cementing down the dark past, brought our present eye-filling Main Street to the Surface. Now tourists say "Oh yes! Beresford! We remember that town. We liked it." They have seen Main Street.

On December 5, 1898, the town trustees authorized a major water and sewer line project. The first well was only 100 feet deep. In 1934, a water softening and filtration plant was installed. On December 9, 1899, the trustee, by ordinance No. 36, established the grade of streets in the city. No doubt drainage work was required in the south edge of Beresford. By the end of 1982, all streets in the City had curb and gutter and were hard surfaced (except for approximately 20 blocks).

A speed limit of six miles per hour was set for all horses within the city limits. Anyone moving steam engines across the boardwalks referred to in the above history had to first reinforce the walks with planks and assume all responsibility for breakage. A fine of a sum not exceeding $100.00, plus costs and damages was the punishment for violating this ordinance.

On March 7, 1900, Beresford granted a public utility franchise to the Beresford Telephone Company to set up poles, lines and operate a phone system in Beresford. The company was owned and operated by Morris and Tina Ryan from a building which stood where Chuck's Clover Farm stands today. Mrs. Ryan was chief operator. The Ryans eventually sold out to Mrs. Ryan's brother, John Smith, who eventually sold out to Northwestern Bell. In 1924 when Andrew Bergstrom was mayor, Beresford purchased the phone company which has been municipally operated since. In 1964 bids were let by the city for the installation of touch tone telephone system. This was the first kind in the United States municipally owned or otherwise. In 1982, Beresford installed a cable television system, the first municipally owned cable system in South Dakota. Beresford was also in the natural gas distribution business for some time, but for the present, Iowa Public Service has that franchise.

The city of Beresford presently owns and operates an off and on sale liquor store under South Dakota's so called "local option" liquor law. By this law the voters of a city may elect to control the sale of liquor within the municipality and operate its own store, which Beresford has done since the fall of 1948. The vote was 355 for Beresford getting into the liquor business and 162 against such a move. In October, 1948 the city purchased the fixtures and inventory of George Skaff, who had operated a liquor store from the

building two lots north of the northwestern corner of Third and Hemlock Street. Skaff had also operated a store across the street in a building which now makes up the north half of the Coast to Coast Store.

The city stayed at the Skaff location until February 15, 1976, when land was purchased from Ray Messler and Mrs. Ken Thompson on the 100 block of West Main on the south side of the street. The Messler Brothers building standing on this lot was renovated into the structure currently housing the liquor store and lounge. Lloyd Pederson is the manager of the store and has two full time and one part time employees. Lloyd was appointed manager on August 20, 1972. Managers prior to Lloyd were Jim Klostergaard, Ole Hansen, Otto Birnie, and Polie Latendresse.

Beresford also is in the electricity business, which municipal control dates back to 1919.

In 1895 a Mr. Charles Potter from New York started a flour mill and electric light plant in Beresford. When William Bulow came here in 1895, he stated that Beresford was one of the few towns of its size in the state that had electric lights. The business was foreclosed due to financial problems soon after it was started. In 1896 the mill was taken over by Messrs, Grill, Louis Wagner, and Field. In 1900 electric lights were again added with new equipment. The business was sold to a Mr. Doyle in 1907 and he traded it to a man named Manson. Mr. Manson ran electric lights only. This must be about the time that one of our older residents recalls the cost of electricity was 75 cents per month. The lights were on only from sundown to midnight. During Mr. Manson's ownership the light plant was destroyed by fire. Beresford was without electricity until 1911.

In 1911 Mr. Louis Wagner again took over the light plant and flour mill. Due to financial difficulties which arose, the principal creditors appealed to the McGraw Company of Sioux City, Iowa to run the plant. A short time after they assumed management of the plant, on account of local difficulties, the McGraw Company was replaced by the Mayor of Beresford, as administrator. The city-run light plant had its problems also. Each KWH cost 18 cents at this time. Soon the McGraw Company was asked by the city to secure a buyer for the plant.

On October 18, 1918 Mr. C.F. Green purchased the light plant from Mr. Wagner on the recommendation of the McGraw Company. The electrical franchise came up for election in 1919. There followed quite a battle within the city and with other interested parties for the right to serve Beresford electricity. (The electric rate in March 1919 was 16 cents per KWH plus 25 cents per month meter rent.) The mayor of Beresford was one of the most outspoken advocates of a municipal plant. This was not a very popular undertaking in 1919 and many people objected. There were three principal parties interested in the electrical franchise. The City of Beresford, Mr. C.F. Green, and the Northern Electric Co., of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. The city council at this time was comprised of the following men: A.S. Colby, E.R. DeRemer, C.H. Jacobson, O.O. Fundingsland, F. D. Steadman and Fred Nissen. The Mayor was A. O. Steensland.

On July 1, 1919 the voters of Beresford voted overwhelmingly in favor of issuing $50,000 in revenue bonds for a municipal light plant. The vote was 224 for and 83 against. This being a historic election due to the fact that this was the first election in which the ladies of Beresford were able to vote. Bids for the municipal light plant and engine were opened August 8, 1919. Construction was started soon after. June of 1920 saw the new stack for the engines being raised into place on the municipal plant. Some of the work had been slowed down due to material shortages. The engine, a 175-hp. Fulton three-cylinder diesel, was started for the first time on October 6, 1920. The engine took over both the Beresford load and the Alcester line on October 23. The old power plant had become worn out; was overhauled and the Alcester line was then reconnected to it. (There is no record of how long or what was connected to the Alcester line) Beresford now had one of the most up to date power plants of a city its size in the state. In 1922 a second engine was added to the plant. The new Fulton-Diesel developed 275-hp. and weighed better than 72 tons. The two engines were sufficient for Beresford's electrical needs until 1935.

In September of 1935 the city applied to the Public Works Administration for a grant to enlarge the city light plant, which was approved in the amount of 30 percent of the total cost which was estimated at $77,000. This was eventually unfeasible due to legal problems regarding the city exceeding its limit of bonding indebtedness.

Accordingly, the federal money had to be given up and in February, 1937, the city council gave its first reading to an ordinance, which would set an election for $30,000 worth of revenue bonds for the light department, for necessary improvements at the light plant. The bond election was held on March 22, 1937 and it carried

Beresford's Governing Body, l to r: Don Merriman, Tom Nordquist, Rick Lingberg, Bill Muller, Clarence (Tubby) Carlson, Dennis Olson and John Landon.

by a five to one majority. The city residents were able for the first time to use electric clocks.

The new unit would produce 300 KW, which is nearly twice as much as the two older units being used. The cost of the new engine was $29,500. The municipal plant served Beresford until 1947, when additional changes were made.

In May 1947 the council declared an emergency at the light plant. It was stated that if the newest of the three engines were to break down for some reason part of the city would have to go without lights. The council planned to enter a bid for an engine now being offered by the War Assets Administration. The cost would be only about one third that of an engine sought on the open market. The city was successful bidder on June 26, for the engine and generator being offered by the WAA. The bid was $26,667. The 875 HP Clark engine powered a 500 KW generator. It would be operated on gas furnished by the South Dakota Public Service Co. On September 4, the city received a $8,110.80 rebate from the WAA on the purchase of the engine. The reason being that the city didn't receive the oil conversion parts, because the engine was to be fueled by gas which was cheaper. In November 1947 the Clark engine was moved onto the sight at the plant. March 4, 1948 the lights were turned off so water connections could be made to the new engine. By April 1948, the new engine was in service and furnishing all necessary power. The mayor and council were as follows at this time: A. O. Steensland, mayor; council: Carl Lauxman, Selmer Rise, B. J. Nodvedt, Albert Nordquist, Oscar Hagen and Dr. Larkin.

November 9, 1949 the city again sold the electric revenue bonds totaling $124,000 to the Allison Williams Company of Minneapolis, Minnesota for the purchase of another engine. April 6, 1950 the new 97 ton Fairbanks-Morse Engine arrived at the plant by truck. The new engine which operated on 5 percent diesel and 95 percent gas supplemented the four units already there.

At the July 1955 council meeting, the members passed a resolution requesting a contract from the Bureau of Reclamation. 650 KW firm power and 150 KW secondary energy were requested from the USBR substation north of town.

September 1, 1955, there was a fire at the plant in one of the generators. Lightning damage to the generator was attributed as the cause of the fire. The $4,000 damage was recovered by insurance and the generator coils were replaced by the end of the month. On September 19, 1955 the city signed a contract with the Bureau of Reclama-

tion for the power they had requested.

In April of 1956 the Citizens of Beresford voted to issue bonds for the 12,500 volt transmission line to the Bureau sub. The vote was 675 for and 108 against. On October 25, the Lange Electric Company of Redfield, South Dakota was awarded a contract of $35,099.21 for construction of 3½ miles of line, a substation and some switchboard work. Buell and Winters of Sioux City, Iowa were consulting engineers. On February 27, 1957 the city was connected to the Bureau substation and started receiving Bureau power for the first time.

In March of 1959 engineers working for the Brill Equipment Company of Houston, Texas were in Beresford. They inspected the Clark engine which the city was selling and gave a very favorable impression to the council. The engine was sold for $10,000 dollars. In 1982 the two oldest engines were removed due to their deteriorated condition. The light plant has been remodeled and the new city jail and police department now occupies the space where the old engines once stood. Due to the cutoff of the Bureau power in 1977, the city joined the Missouri Basin Municipal Power Agency on October 16, 1974 and to this day Beresford still receives its electricity from this cooperative.

As shown by this short history of the municipal government in Beresford, the decision makers and officers of this city, up to today, have consistently adopted a progressive attitude towards utility franchises. Although controversy has attented to many of the decisions to go municipal, it has to be said that the motivation behind these decisions has always been to serve the best interests of the city residents.

CHAIRMEN OF BOARD OF TRUSTEES

J. C. Seeley, 1895; J. W. Reedy, 1896; J. J. Mullaney, 1897.

MAYORS

August Frieberg, 1898; A. D. Loffler, 1900; Ole Ofstad, 1904; W. J. Bulow, 1906; S. O. Steensland, 1908; A. D. Stakke, 1910; A. D. Loffler, 1912; S. O. Steensland, 1916; Andrew Bergstrom, 1924; C. B. Henrich, 1928; A. D. Loffler, 1932; R. A. Frieberg, 1936; C. O. Peterson, 1940; A. O. Steensland, 1944; Maurice Stephenson, 1948; C. O. Peterson, 1952; H. A. Krug, 1954; A. O. Steensland, 1956; Harry Bean, 1960; A. O. Steensland, 1962; Loyal Carnes (acting), 1965-66; Victor Jensen, 1966; Wendell Arends, 1970; Agatha Rommereim, 1972; Larry Lantaff, 1976; Norman Nygaard (acting), 1979-80; Bill Muller, 1980.

Left to right: Police officers Bob Hilt, Phil Seiler, Bob Mullinex and Police Chief Dean Gerry.

The following are some of the Chiefs of Police and other Policemen employed by the city:

Jerry Toomey, marshal, 1896, $40 per month salary; Wm. O'Riley, night watchman; Barney Adams, Anthony Gandrau, J. W. Elliot, J .W. Woodward, Richard Arioso, James Krasky, John Goeden, George Oakes, Eli DuBrall, J .W. Jump, P. S. Pierce, J. W. Watson, Wm. Campbell, Henry Nelson, J. L. Keffer, A. J. Henle, Harold Rust, Harlan Salberg, Clarence Jacobsen, Almer Watson, Leo Watson, Pat McManus, Robert Determan, Alva Milliken, John Scheuring, Oliver Richards, Lewis Cox, Lewis Hammond, Henry DeBruin, Debora Palmer, Robert Little, Ron Joseph, Michael Dailey, Ronald Thallis, Larry Weelborg, James Watking, Robert Mullinex, Floyd Pesicka, Chas Greib, Phil Seiler, Bob Hilt, Dean Gerry.

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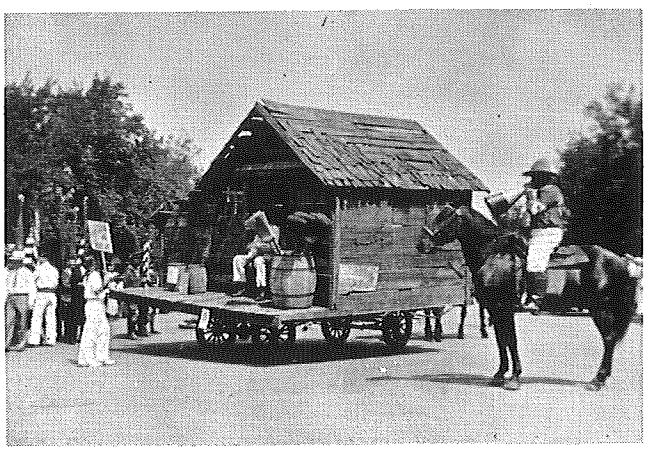
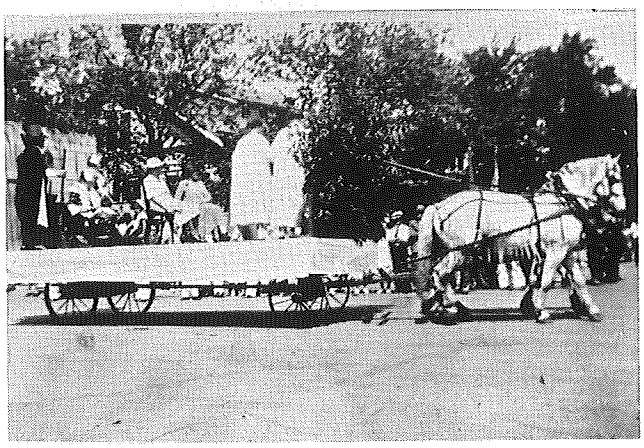
There are many kinds of grasshoppers, but Missouri Valley farmers include them under two names: raiders and natives. Raiders, sometimes called Rocky Mountain Locusts, are more destructive than the natives. Natives seldom do great damage, though they are much larger than the raiders. Adult raiders are about one and one-quarter inches in length and are dark brown in color. Their favorite nesting places are in the hardest soil along fence rows, in unbroken meadows, and best of all, in the solid ground of roads. The female bores a miniature well one and a half inches deep and one-fourth of an inch in diameter in which she deposits from 30 to 100 eggs.

Beresford's 50th Anniversary





It was on August 13 and 14, 1934 that Beresford held its Golden Jubilee event. The weather was perfect and attendance was the largest of any ever before assembled in Beresford.

Editor Harold Carpenter published a 28 page newspaper edition on gold colored paper recalling historical articles of value as the years pass by. Some of these editions are in homes today.

Activities for the event included baseball games, a carnival troup with eight shows and three rides, outside bands, V.F.W. 40 piece Drum and Bugle Corps from Sioux Falls, Drum Corps exhibition from Norfolk, Nebr. which attracted a crowd of at least 3,000, Old Settler's Picnic and a parade.

The parade was made up of 41 historical floats followed by 50 to 60 floats in the modern section making up the business life of the city. Mr. E.R. DeRemer constructed a perfect replica of the Stephen store for the parade which was so well done many people thought it actually was the old store building.

Olive Jones — Miss Pioneer

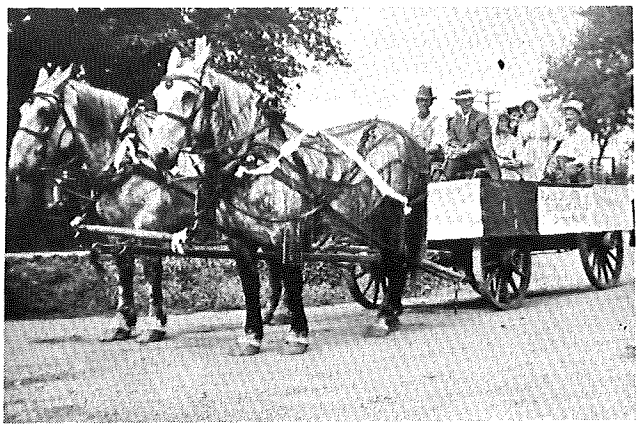
August 14, 1934 records at the Union County Courthouse will always remain a blank as the entire courthouse was closed for the day so all could attend the Old Settler's Picnic and celebration in Beresford.

Jens Christensen at 92 was probably the oldest homesteader. All original homesteaders rode in buggies in the parade.

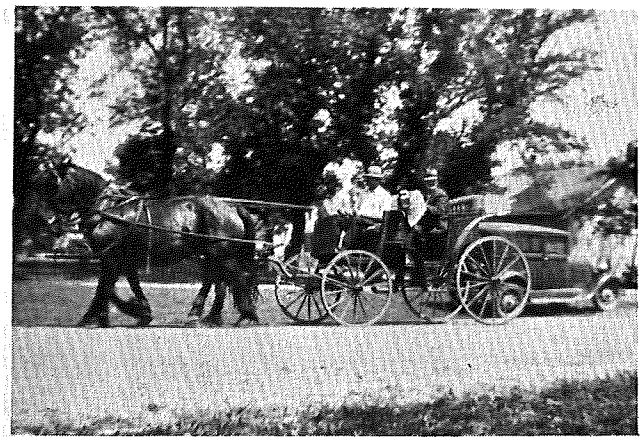
Miss Beresford was Alvida Garvik daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Garvik and Miss Pioneer was

Olive Jones daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jones. This contest was sponsored by the American Legion.

Window displays in local business places were a major attraction and a parachute jump over the baseball diamond was unique to that time.



Food stands were popular with gallons of homemade icecream and cold lemonade. Mr. Skaff, the local baker, reported the use of 10,000 buns.



This original poem was written by Mary Reedy Graves and sent to Beresford for the Golden Jubilee celebration.

To pioneers and sturdy sons and daughters of the land,
How proud we are to honor them
And extend a welcome hand
To those who meet with you today
We owe a debt of gratitude
Because they paved the way—
For had they faltered in their course
Or turned back on the trail,
That still might be a wilderness
Devoid of road or rail.

But firm and strong they carried on
That there a town should be
To them we pay our homage now—
At this Golden Jubilee.
I have wandered from the old home town
Friends and kin that I love best
Seems strange just how it happened
That my home is way out west,
But memory clings to bygone days
My friendship's still aglow
For those who started Beresford
Some fifty years ago.

Grasshoppers

The grasshopper problem is not an easy one to explain or to solve. One farm may suffer a total loss while the neighboring farm may not be seriously damaged. Various factors enter into the question. Usually, however, raiders play no favorites; they cover a wide territory and do a clean job of destruction. But even this hungry horde, if the wind shifts to their inclination, will sometimes take to the air, leaving a share of the crop for the farmers. The pioneers had no defense against the winged raiders, but they did wage war against the little hoppers as they hatched out in the spring. By plowing up the egg beds in the fall, many eggs were destroyed, but this was not an easy task. If straw was available it would be scattered along the field where the hoppers were hatching. The little pests would take shelter from the cold of the frosty spring night in the straw, which was then burned.

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One of Beresford's first businesses was remembered as having a sod front.

Beresford's 75th Anniversary

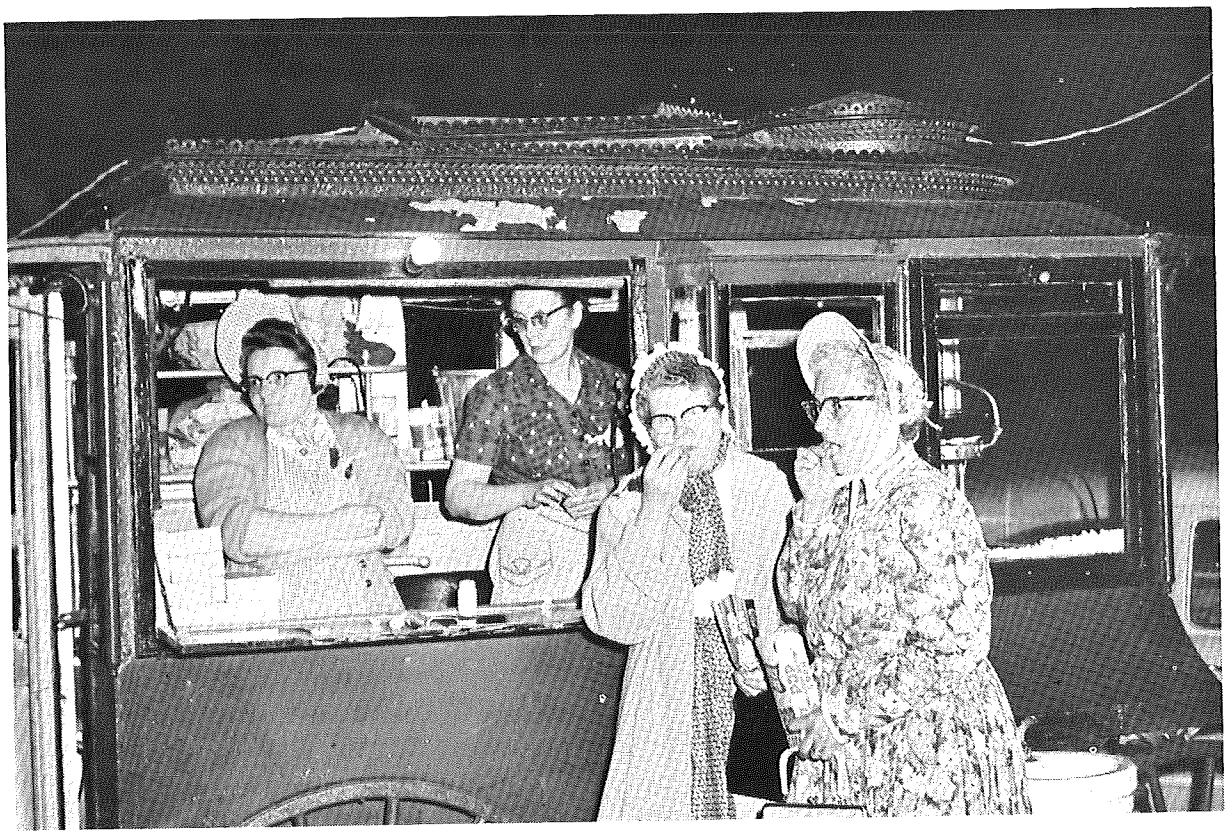
In 1959, Beresford celebrated its 75th anniversary with L. M. Wass as the Jubilee Chairman. Special efforts were made by the city in preparation for the occasion by painting, fixing and cleaning. Many booster trips were made by groups to advertise the celebration. There was good weather for the event.

Much merriment existed before the festivities with a Kangaroo Court held on Saturday nights with honest John Rommereim as judge. Brothers of the Brush and the Sunbonnet Society were around in great numbers wearing the old-time costumes of yesteryear.

Highlights of the celebration were: a concert by the Tri-Valley Chorus, a horseshoe tourney, an amusement carnival, Tri-County 4-H Jamboree, Czech dancers from Tabor, square dancing, modern teenage dance and an evening

show in the park with fireworks, and the raffling of a car and TV set.

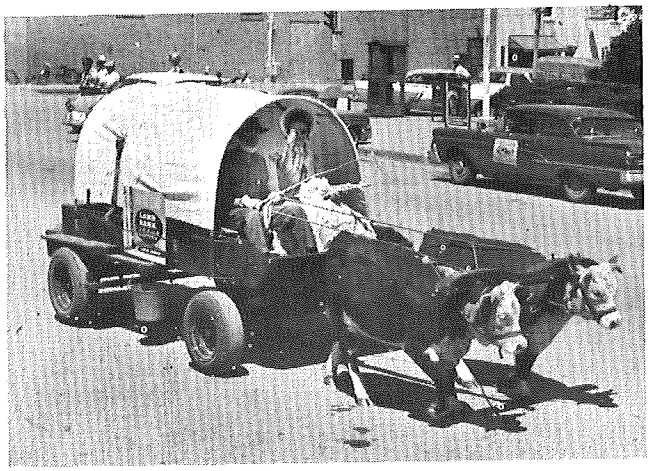
The parade, with Axel Sorenson in charge, displayed over 100 units and was over a mile long. Phyllis Hustrulid was the City Queen with attendants Janet Peterson and Ruby Zeimetz. The Country Queen was Sharon Peterson with Karen Yttreness and Caroline Bonine, attendants. When the floats were judged the most outstanding went to the Musical Arts Club; the most clever to the Pleasant Study Club; best theme to the F.F.A. and best religious to the Brooklyn Evangelical Church. Crowds of people thronged

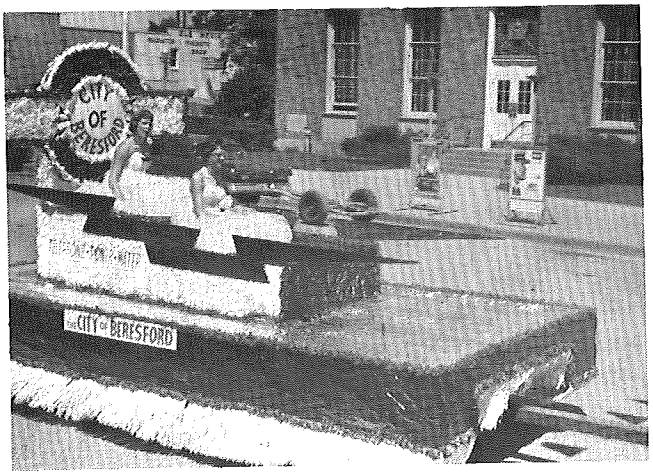


to Beresford to watch the eleven bands and Saddle Clubs which also particpated in the parade. In the parade were some of the community's oldest people: S. C. Bonine (89), J. A. Norman (85), Mrs. Goldie Hult (79) and John Dalseg (92). The oldest married couples were Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edblom and Mr. and Mrs. Albert Anderson. Myrl Jones of Alaska came the greatest distance.

The first day of the celebration was Church Day and throughout the week there were band concerts, ball games and an antique car display. The City Park was dedicated to W. J. Bulow with an address by Judge Francis Dunn.

Greetings were received from descendants of Adm. Lord Charles Beresford in April of 1959. The hard work of the committee and the spirit of unity that prevailed in the community made for a successful Diamond Jubilee.





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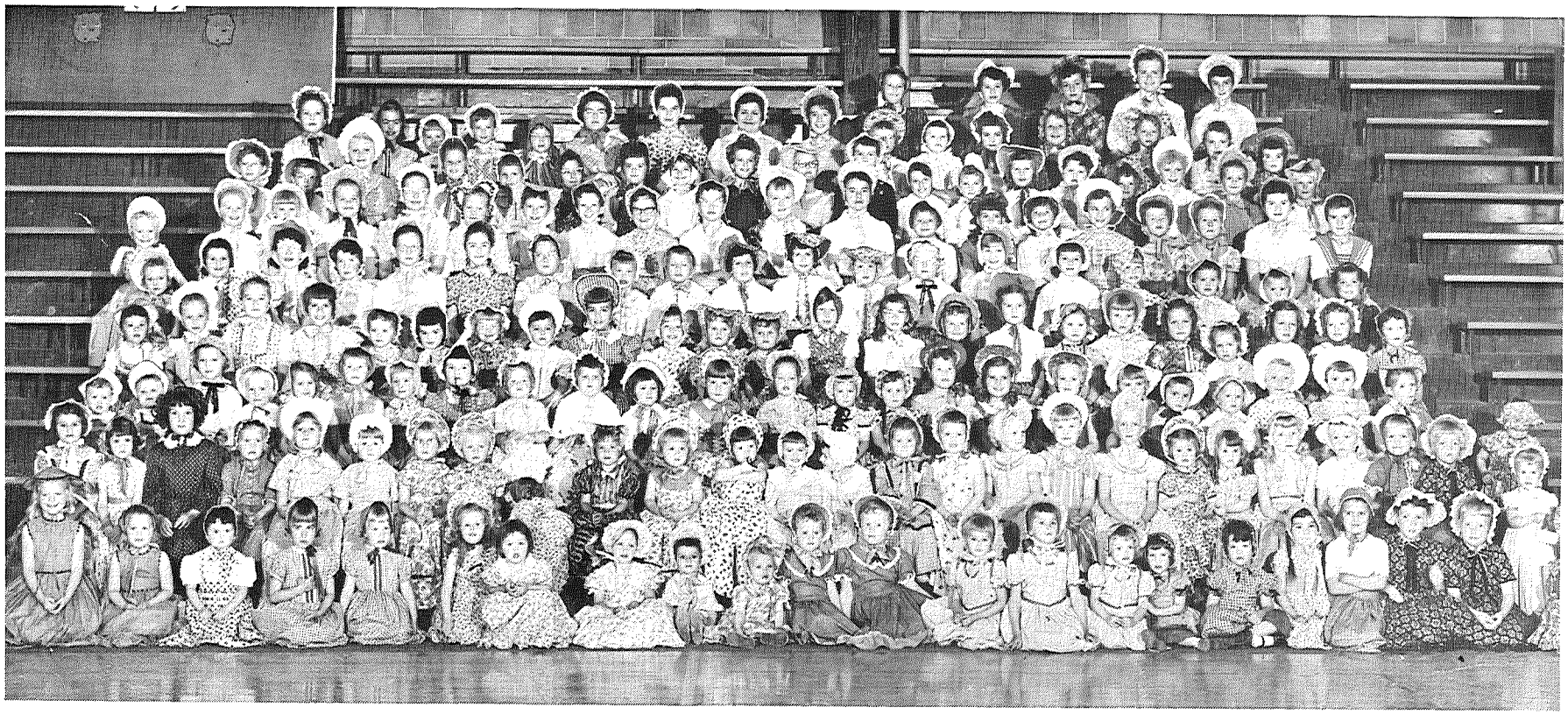

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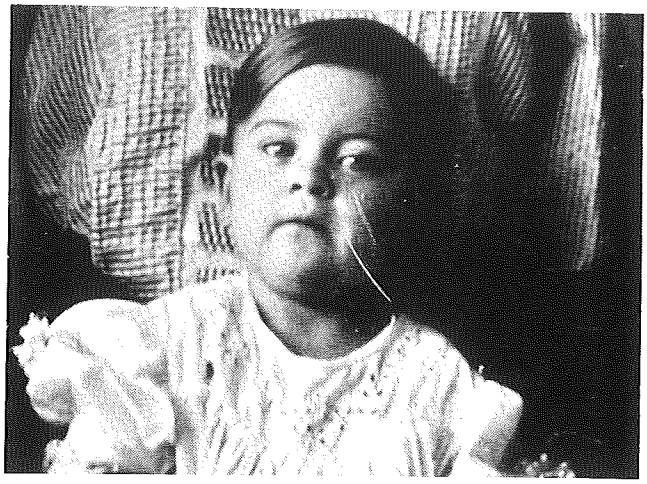


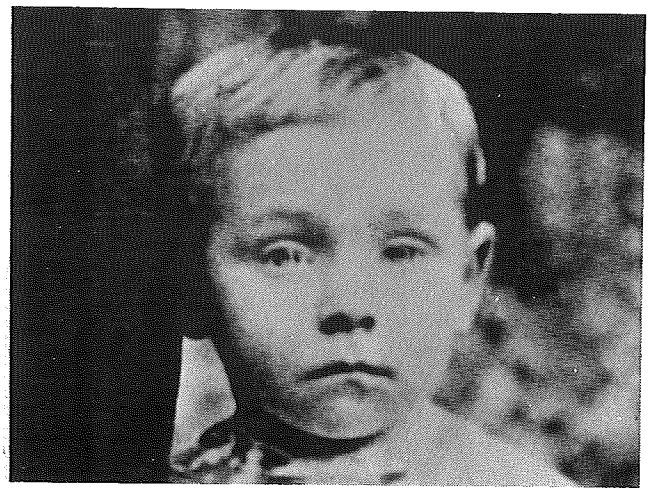
First baby girl, Mamie Reedy.

First Baby Girl

Mamie was born to Mary and Jeremiah Reedy on June 14, 1882 in Union county, Dakota Territory. She was the first female child to be born in the new town of Beresford. She attended the Beresford public schools.

Six years after Professor George W. Kephart became principal of Beresford schools, he and Mamie were married at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, August 1, 1906. Mr. Kephart and his bride, Mamie, lived in Beresford two years. In the meantime, Mr. Kephart had studied law and the Kepharts moved to Sioux City where he was an attorney for 30 years.

The Kepharts had two children, George and Eileen.



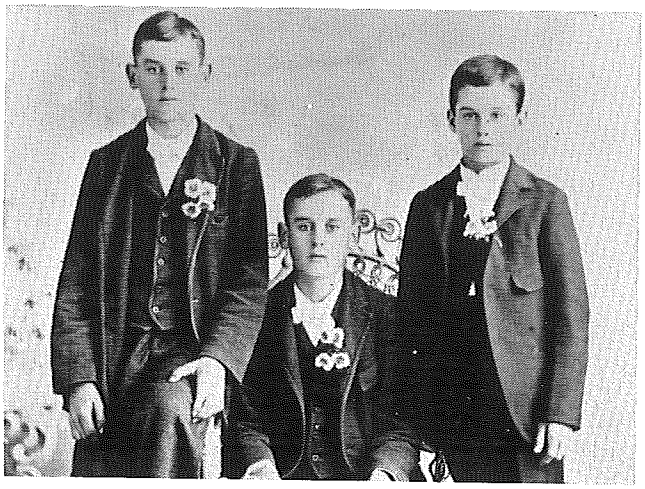
First baby boy, Richard Malloy.

First Baby Boy

Richard Malloy was the first boy born in the city of Beresford. His birthdate was September 5, 1883.Richard was the second of ten children born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Malloy.

The Thomas Malloys were married at Elk Point in 1882. Soon after their marriage, the Malloys moved to Beresford, to a home provided by the railroad company for the first section foreman. Later, Mr. Malloy purchased the house from the C&NW Railroad and built on some additional rooms. This house is now owned by Mrs. Anna Neuroth.

Richard spent his boyhood in Beresford. During the last years of his life he worked in Chicago, was a plumber and sheet metal worker. Richard died in 1935 and is buried in the St. John Catholic cemetery, Beresford.



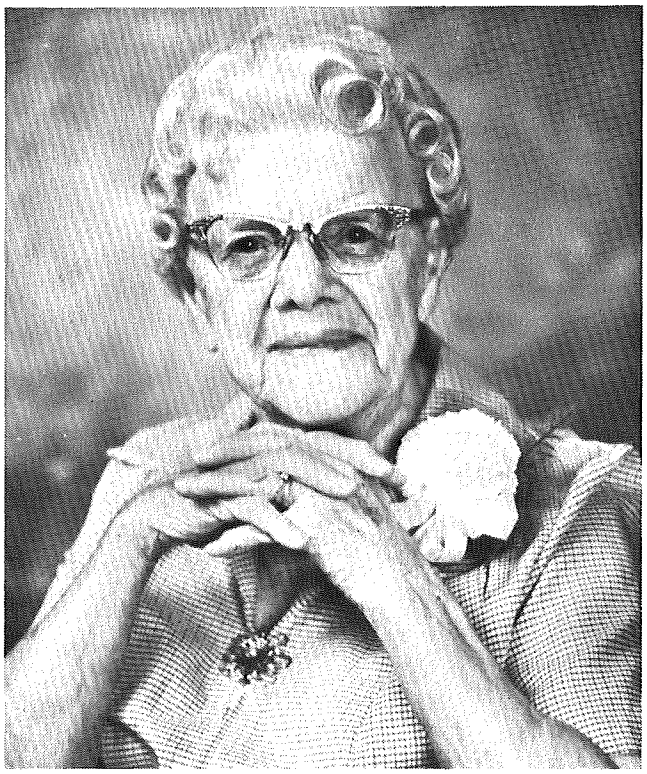
O'Connell triplets, born September 28, 1884.

Triplets

The O'Connell triplets were born September 28, 1884. Their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bernard O'Connell, lived on a farm southeast of Beresford. The triplets were named John, Lawrence and Joseph. They all lived in the Emmett community until they reached maturity. John lived in the Beresford community all his life, but the other two spent their later years in the vicinity of Philip, S.D.

In their childhood, John was separated from the rest of the family and from his "special" brothers. He went to live with his grandmother. Mrs. Sarah Fitzgerald would tell how Lawrence and Joseph would go to visit their brother and how he would walk "part way home" with them. John would go back to his grandmother's home with his brothers watching and they would wave reluctant farewells across the field. The Bernard O'Connells had 12 children. Besides the triplets, there were two sets of twins and five other boys and girls.

Centenarians



Mrs. Lela Lemon

Beresford's oldest citizen, Lela Lemon, 100 years of age, has a birthday greeting from Gov. Janklow on the wall of her home where she has lived for 65 years. Lela was born in Cherokee county (east of Cleghorn), Iowa on July 30, 1882. Lela Pierce, with her parents, Emmanuel and Elizabeth Pierce, moved to Le Mars when Lela was ten years old.

Lela graduated from grade school and, as was permitted, enrolled in business college in Le Mars. At college she met her future husband, Harry Lemon. They also attended the same church. Their courtship lasted four years. After the year of college, Lela worked in a dry goods store in Le Mars and in 1906 Harry left Lela for a year to start a feed store in Beresford.

Harry went back to LeMars and they were married on June 26, 1907. Lela said they were married about noon, boarded the train for Beresford and arrived at the depot about 7 P.M. the same day. Meeting them at the depot were Alma Claussen and Editor and Mrs. Sturgis.

They went to the Sturgis home (where the Hazen Larsons now live). Invited guests came to a wedding reception for the newlyweds and from there Mr. and Mrs. Lemon went to the Fillingsness house which they had rented, furnished, for one year. The Fillingsnesses planned to live in Minneapolis for awhile.

Lela told, "I didn't know anyone when I came to Beresford as a bride." She remembers the Fourth of July celebration that was in town a couple weeks after she came to Beresford. Her husband was at work for the day, so Lela went downtown to see what was going on. She got acquainted with some ladies at the Methodist food stand and watched a parade on the muddy streets. Harry came looking for her because, coming home from work, he did not find her at home.

The Lemons sold the feed store, ran a grocery store at three different locations: the Coast-to-Coast building, Cotton shop building (having dry goods there also) and the Ever' Bloomin' Thing building and employed Alma Claussen as the dime store clerk in the upstairs store. A fire in 1930 burned the upstairs part of that store.

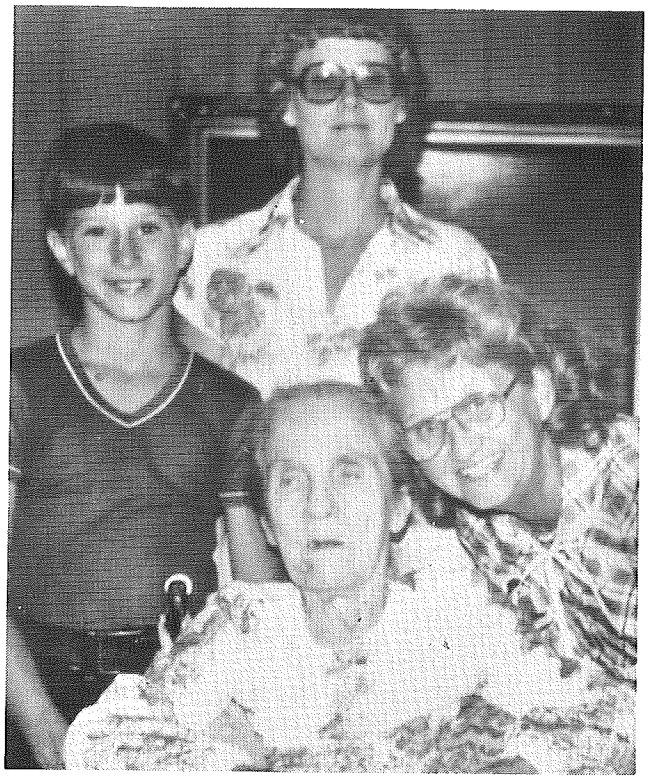
Mrs. Lemon told how, in the grocery stores of long ago, each item was taken from the shelf by the clerk and the clerk wrote the kind and price of each item and added up the total. The farm customers traded eggs for groceries. Eggs were two cents a dozen and were traded by amounts of 30 dozen. The money in the till at closing time, midnight Saturday night, their busiest day of the week, averaged $50.00. Her husband was the first Beresford grocer to start self-service. "It didn't go over too well," laughed Lela. "They thought my husband was crazy!"

The Lemons sold the grocery store, ran a feed and seed store next to where Coast-to-Coast is today, and Harry was selling real estate at the time of his death in 1944.

Mrs. Lemon continued to keep roomers in her home. Several teachers roomed there, one being Royal Sweeley. She made and donated to the Crippled Children's Hospital 75 children's quilts. Lela said, "I thought that was enough to give away, so I made about 200 and sold." Now, she says uncomplainingly, the past year her eyesight has failed and she cannot read or sew, and cheerfully says, "I can't do much more than sit by the big window and count the cars that go by." However, the day Lela was interviewed, she went to Truck Towne for dinner with her daughter and the interviewer, and was going to the beauty shop in the afternoon for a permanent.

The Lemons had four children: Mildred Bergei (Claude), Centerville; Hazel Chadwick (James), Denver, Colo.; Doris, who died at age nine, and Kenneth, who died when eight days old. There are six grandchildren, ten great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

When asked what advice she could give about life or tell her philosophy of living, Mrs. Lemon said it would have to be what she always told the girls, "Keep looking up, cheer up and never give up." To visit with Lela is to know she practiced that advice.



Cecile Williams, mother; Cecile Vold, daughter; Betty Vold Landis, granddaughter; Greg Landis, son.

Cecile (Kelly) Williams was born July 21, 1883 in Ohio. She married Harry Williams, who was a railroad worker. In 1919 they came to Beresford and for 50 years worked on a farm for John Rommereim. Cecile has made her home for the past 14 years at Bethesda.

Mr. and Mrs. Williams had two daughters, Eden and Cecile. Eden married George Hustrulid and they have a son, William. Cecile Vold has three children, Betty, Susan and Jim. Four generations in the family share the same birthdate—Mrs. Williams, her daughter Cecile, Cecile's daughter Betty, and her son, Greg. All were here to celebrate Mrs. Williams' 100th birthday. Cecile has four grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

A special recognition from Governor Janklow declared August as Cecile Williams Month—the beginning of her 101st year.

August Johnson

August Johnson was born August 28, 1883 on a farm near Falun, Sweden. Other family members besides his parents were two sisters and one brother. The family name in Sweden was Johanson.

August was the only member of his family to come to America. He was 20 when he came to the Beresford area in October, 1903. He worked as a farm hand and for the Alsen creamery.

August and Hilma Ramsell were married in the early 1900's. They bought a farm soon after their marriage which was 11 miles south and 1¼ west of Beresford. The Johnsons built all the buildings on this farm. Hilma died in 1958, but August continued farming and raising cattle until he sold the farm in 1974. He then lived with his son and family for a year. In 1975 he moved into Beresford until illness forced him to move to Southeastern Dakota Nursing Home in Vermillion in 1976, where he continues to reside.

August and Hilma had two children, Walter

and Lorraine (both deceased). He is grandfather of five: LuAnn Johnson; Larry Johnson, Mitchell; Lester, Dallas, Tex.; LaVerne Offerdahl and Lois Offerdahl Zweifel, Alcester. August has seven great-grandchildren: Nicole and Shelly, daughters of Larry and Deanna Offerdahl; Laura, Brian and Holly Offerdahl, children of LaVerne and Rita Offerdahl; Tracie and Lori (deceased), daughters of Leland and Lois Zweifel.

Mrs. Hattie Wickstrom

Hattie (Anderson) Wickstrom was born on December 3, 1883 in Brooklyn township. She taught school before her marriage to Joe Wickstrom in October, 1909. Mr. Wickstrom was an optometrist and had an office over the Coast to Coast store. He also worked in the Carlson hardware store.

Mrs. Wickstrom has two sons, Kermit, who lives in Peoria, Ill. and Ardo in Crandon, Wisc. After Mr. Wickstrom died in 1936, she left Beresford to keep a home for her two sons who were in school in the Chicago area. Later she worked several years in a hospital. She returned to Beresford to live in 1961. Hattie has two granddaughters. For the past nine years she has made her home at Bethesda.

The first school building had a fenced yard with a wide gate and zig-zag posts to keep the cattle out. There were water ponds on the east and south of the building. This pond was called "Cooper's Pond" and had an island in the middle. Boats were used on this pond. Early students remember crossing wooden bridges in some areas to reach school. Later the area was filled in with dirt and it was used for a bicycle race track. Many people wondered why the town was not started on higher ground, but the railroad selected the site for the depot because it was ideal. No space between here and Alcester was so level and large so that railroad cars would not easily roll downhill.

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The school was a focal point in the community, which helped hold it together. Friends and mothers would try to spend an hour or two visiting the classroom each year. They signed the guest register, as did the county superintendent, who came generally twice a year.

The mode of transportation kept one interested in the locality. One did not go far to make purchases, to find work, or even find a spouse. The school district met many of the social needs of the people.

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Teachers were, for the most part, women, except in the beginning years. Men were always highly prized teachers. They were considered better disciplinarians. At first there was not much education needed to be a teacher, but a test had to be passed. Teachers were not many years older than their pupils. As time went on, requirements for teachers became higher and higher until the last several decades when a college degree in education was needed. Many teachers did not have degrees. Night classes and summer schools were attended to fulfill teacher requirements. These classes were conducted by nearby colleges and the university. This was a difficult and expensive way for teachers to get a degree.

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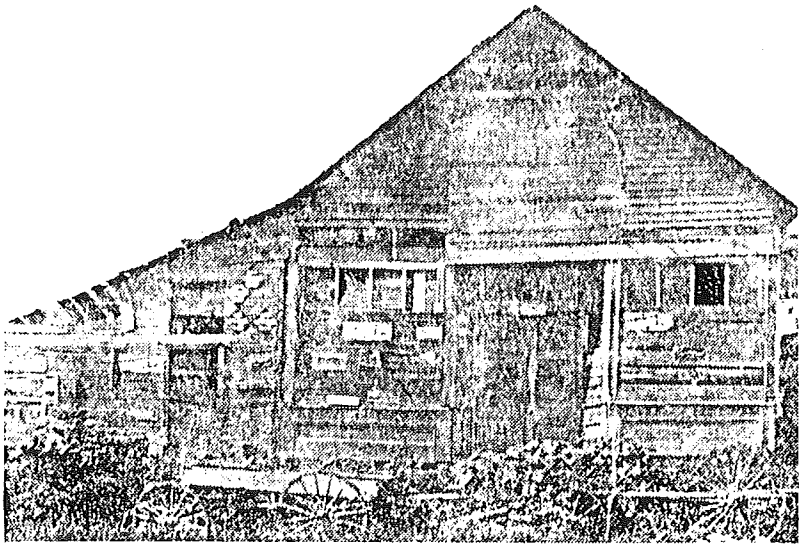
The first carload of machinery shipped into Beresford was sold in the open space west of the depot. Grain in the early days was carried on the backs of men across a plank and unloaded into freight cars. Elevators then were called "flat houses".



Beresford's First Merchant

David Stephen, a man who thrived on new business adventures, was the first general store merchant in this area. In 1872, his general store was open for business at Stephen's homestead, two and one-half miles south of the present site of Beresford. This Scotsman, David Stephen, who had been born in Aberdeen, Scotland in 1841, gave the cheerful name, Sunnyside, to his store and the post office he maintained on his farm.

David's wife and children came from Missouri, their previous home, to the Stephen homestead in 1973. Like other pioneers, Stephen planted broom corn. He planted a few acres of broom corn to make a supply of brooms to sell in Sioux City so his freight wagon for store supplies would not have to run empty on the trip down to Sioux City. It was a three-day trip of broom selling and buying supplies. Mrs. Stephen and the children ran the busy family store in his absence.

The homesteaders were happy to make their purchases at Stephen's store so as not to travel to Vermillion or Sioux City for their needs, so the business increased in volume. Another reason was the honesty and fairness of his business dealings. Extra freighters and salesmen were hired to keep up with the thriving business.

Business was very good at Sunnyside, but Mr. Stephen thought it could be even better at Calliope (now Hawarden), Ia. Mr. Stephen constructed a large store there, moved his goods from Sunnyside and continued to buy grain, hogs and cattle at Calliope, Ia.

In 1883, the railroad was being built and the Beresford people wanted Mr. Stephen back. They showed their sincerity in this popular businessman by offering him three lots on the site of today's City Hall building. David accepted this offer and moved his store building which still stood at Sunnyside to the west part of his lots. Later he built a new store building facing east on the corner of North and Third. This was named the Farmers Exchange, owned and managed by David Stephen, his wife and six children. After this date, 1883, two more children were born to the Stephens.

Marian Ryger, a relative of Stephen, has a letter dated December 21, 1884. He wrote this letter to his cousin, Mrs. James Birnie, Scotland, and tells of family news concerning relatives in America. About his own family, David wrote, "We send you our pictures taken in front of our store in Beresford 2 and ¾ miles north of where we lived for 11 years. A new railroad was put through and this is a new town not over 1½ years old. I am married 17 years and we have six children. Our oldest, Lilly Bell, born in Missouri State. Their names are on the back of the picture. The next, if it is a girl, we will name for you; if a boy, for your man. Maggie, my wife, thinks lots of you already for the days acquaintance."

He wasn't all businessman and father; he was a churchman and neighbor. One anecdote tells how he carried on his shoulders a small organ, as he made his way to the church services at the depot or at the schoolhouse. The first Sunday school in Beresford was organized upstairs over his store building. Another story concerns his helpfulness when J. W. Reedy's barn was burning. Stephen took the water hose and climbed on a nearby windmill to hose down the barn. The fire raged and the windmill got too hot to touch,

so the other firemen had to hose down the windmill and Mr. Stephen so he could climb down.

David wrote another letter in 1885 urging his cousin, Mrs. Birnie, her husband and seven children to come to America. He encourages them by writing, "There is no trouble to make a living here for a person who is willing to work and get right down to business and work with brain and muscle. I have faith in you that you are that kind of people. Enclosed find circular of Guion Line of Steamers from Glasgow to New York. We can buy steerage tickets for fifteen dollars (or 3 pounds) from Glasgow to New York, then thirteen dollars and 10 cents from New York to Calliope—via Pennsylvania Central to Chicago and from Chicago to Calliope too for 13 dollars and 10 cents, making it twenty-eight dollars and 10 cents from Glasbow to Calliope, Iowa, that is 17 miles from Beresford, Dak."

David Stephen and his children suffered a double tragedy in 1909. His wife, Maggie, died and the Farmers Exchange was destroyed by fire. A discouraged Mr. Stephen decided to move to Sioux Falls. David worked in a stone quarry, later opened a broom factory, and his last business venture was the wholesale crockery business. Sometime after he took up residence in Sioux Falls, David married again and he and his second wife lived there until his death.

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Our land is our livelihood. Our land is our life. Our small farms that we own and love, farms our fathers and father's father farmed before us have made us free men. The pioneers, determined and defiant, industrious and independent, preserved and prevailed and left their characteristics as a rich heritage to their modern descendants. Our individualism, love of freedom, and our original culture should make us proud.

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For half a century we have neglected one of our most precious natural resources—water. We complain about the funny taste in our drinking water, the bathing beaches being posted as unsafe, the millions of fish that are killed or unfit to eat, and the ugly state of our rivers and lakes. We and our children must suffer unless citizens realize there is obvious work to be done, and now.

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There have always been more hungry human beings than ones with enough to eat, and this is true today. Perhaps it is time to consider our abundances.

Fires were always a concern and Beresford had its share in the early days. A fire burned out a block of Third and Hemlock which started in a livery barn (now M. Bickett Mfg. Co.) and spread, leaving only the brick walls of the former Green Globe Cafe building standing. These walls were later braced and rebuilt. At that time, *The Press,* a weekly newspaper run by Mr. Wheelock, was located on the second floor of the cafe building and, when it crashed to the floor below, it was heard a mile around. The First National Bank is now on this block corner.

A later fire burned the buildings between the Corner Drug Store and the Frieberg law building. A fire also destroyed the Stephen's Store. Two years later the Brady block burned, including I.O.O.F. Hall, Birnie's Butcher Shop, Ullman Barber Shop, and a pool hall.

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On the corner where Bierbaum Drug now stands was a windmill and water supply tank for the city. Water for fires was obtained here by bucket brigade. Fire tank water was drawn by men. A large tank was used for watering horses and cattle. The city well for drinking water was in front of the City Bakery area. One old lady was remembered who carried water home using a big, wooden neck yoke and buckets.

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No one can live close to the soil and not participate in its miracles. If you must be warm and fed in the winter, you must know the summer's sweat and muscle aches.

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Here in the small town, life and legend lie together. Here the individual is still in control of his environment—his personal hopes. He has a feeling of being recognized as a person, not just a cipher. Today it gives him a chance for personal prosperity. Each person has something specific to offer to everyone else and, since love is giving, genuine contributions result in genuine friendships.

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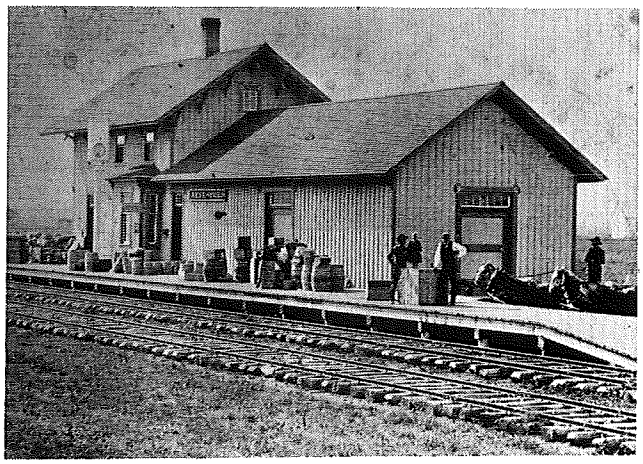
No matter what the nation's overabundant materialistic distractions may be, America is still a nation of church-goers. One cannot escape the appeal and traditions of the Houses of God. Their bells are still pealing in teeming cities, quiet villages, deserts and mountains. Some are great edifices and others modest buildings. America has been fortunate to have more than its share of citizens who believed and continue to believe.

Golden Tales of Iron Rails

by David Lawrenson

Any historical account of the birth and growth of Beresford would be seriously lacking without considering the effects of the railroad; indeed, the rails were the determining factor of when and where the town would be initiated. Considering the recent struggle just to maintain rail service, it is difficult to imagine a time when rail companies, in fervent competition, raced each other to crisscross the northern plains with iron rails; however, such was the case in the mid to late 1800's and, in the process, thousands of prairie towns were spawned. History relates that villages sprung up on rumor alone that the rails were heading in that direction, only to vanish if it chose another route. So, in the fall of 1882, when the Hawarden-Iroquois Line of the Central Division of the Chicago and Northwestern Railroad finished its grade to the Sioux River, the rumor quickly spread that, at the return of warm spring weather, the line would push on with even greater fervor. This was exciting news to the area settlers who had been tempered by years of drought and grasshoppers and were eager to establish a center of commerce. The June 7, 1923 issue of the *Beresford Republic* states that these pioneers were ". . . as of God's chosen people . . ." who were ready to complete their vision of ". . . the garden spot of the universe."

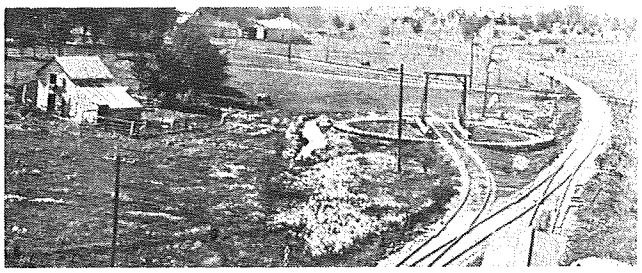


The first depot built in 1883 shortly after construction.

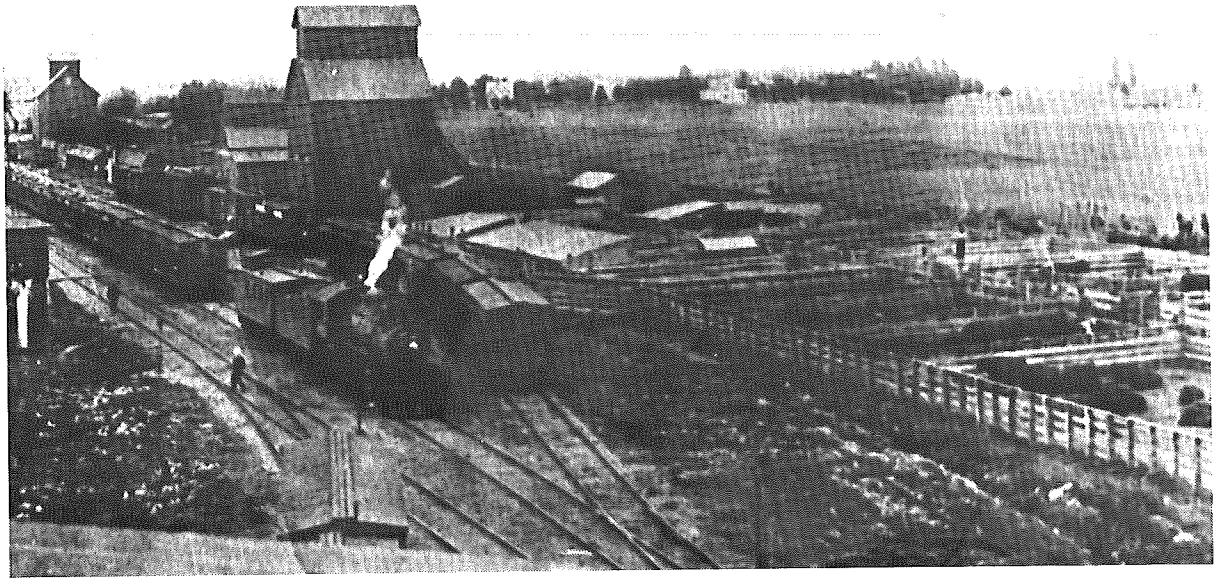
When the Western Town Lot Company (C&NW affiliate) revealed the site of the depot, which hasn't changed, construction of town buildings soon began. The route that tha C&NW chose to the depot site was influenced by the town's first resident and postmaster, Elie Ricard. Reportedly, Mr. Ricard offered the rail company a certain amount of land if the rails would border his property, which they ultimately did. However, even though the post office already carried the name Paris, the C&NW christened the new station Beresford, a name taken from a keg of nails which bore the name of a railroad investor, Lord Charles Beresford of the British Empire (Ireland).

It wasn't long before most of the town's residents had either come in by rail or had a business dependent upon its services. The first man to ride the train into town was J. N. Wass, the father of Lloyd Wass. In his own words: "I came in on a construction train from Hawarden as they were still laying track to the north of town." One of the first prominent businesses, Reedy Hardware, received the first stock shipped in by rail. Ironically, due to the conflict of the names of the town and post office, mentioned earlier, the invoice never arrived and all goods had to be priced by guess.

As Beresford grew and increased its dependence on the rails, it only follows that the depot became the hub of activity. Main Street grew steadily westward, with the depot poised at the center of its eastern end overlooking, and seemingly admiring, the progress it had commenced. When we think of Beresford's depots down through the years we are inclined to think of the existing structure and the previous one, as all that there was. However, Lloyd Wass related that there was another. "The first," he said, "was a boxcar removed from its chassis and set beside the tracks." Even though this was a bit before Lloyd's time, it was apparently common knowledge for several years that such a makeshift facility existed for several months until the first permanent structure went up during the summer of 1883. And, like its successor, the



Railroad turntable which sat close to where water tower is now.



Picture of the Beresford stockyards and elevators in 1914, looking north.

temporary depot became a popular place to hold early town meetings and even irregular religious services until churches could be built. A traveling preacher was often required to hold impromptu services once word of his arrival had circulated. Extra seating was provided by placing planks on top of empty beer kegs.

Shortly after the turn of the century it became apparent that even the permanent structure would soon have to be replaced. Rail use had escalated to the point where the depot became too small to facilitate the volumes of business being done. The C&NW made verbal gestures that a new facility was forthcoming, but time and again failed to follow through. How then, did the new depot come about? Once again, Lloyd Wass was called upon: "Old J. W. Reedy was responsible for that, because he knew the president of the C&NW personally." Lloyd's assertion is substantiated by a later happening in Beresford which occurred in 1928. The C&NW Employees Band visited South Dakota for a total of three stops, one of which was in Beresford. A June article from the *Beresford Republic* of that year revealed why they came: "Their visit will be a compliment to Colonel J. W. Reedy, long-time friend of F. W. Sargent and A. C. Johnson, president and vice president,

In this picture the depot is shown on the far left, the city weigh station is the small building in center, and Stoner's boarding house is at the right, on Main Street.

Old steam engine departing Depot No. 1.

respectively, of the road."

So how did Mr. Reedy swing the deal on the depot? "Well," said Lloyd, "one day he brought some cattle to the yards to ship out and just finally decided he had had enough. He figured any place doing that great a volume of business and having five employees working full time ought to have a respectable depot. So he took some pictures of the old depot, the worst sides of course, and hopped a train to Chicago. After presenting his case to the railroad's chief man, he said, "Now, either you give us a new depot or I'll drive my cattle to Hawarden and ship 'em on the Milwaukee.' So, after a quick board of directors meeting we had the promise of a new depot." In the summer of 1924, the old depot was lifted up and moved and the new larger facility was erected in its place.

When we look back at the record of livestock shipped at that time, it's safe to say that J. W. Reedy was justified in his demand. For the first six months of 1924, 616 carloads of livestock left Beresford, including 26 carloads on a single day in April. An average carload of hogs held 17,000 pounds while a carload of cattle held 22,000 pounds. At that time, with hogs at 6½ cents a pound and cattle at 8 cents per pound, the total worth of the carloads was $885,528. Also, for selling a carload of livestock you were allowed to ride the caboose to Chicago for free to watch them be sold.

At the peak of its service there were two freight and four passenger trains running on a daily basis. Also, from time to time, there were "specials" arranged for particular events such as the state fair, as well as many "through freights" that passed by without stopping. Whether you were going to Chicago on business, to Centerville for a ball game or sending a brother or son to a foreign battlefield, the local depot was the gateway to anywhere. The depot agent was the man to see to set up your trip. It seems that, other than Len Feathers, very few agents can be recalled. After Feathers, a man named Hildebrand was the agent for an extended period, but following him, most of the agents commuted from other towns. Any agents before Mr. Feathers seems to fog the best of memories.

Even though the town owed its beginnings and early progress to the railroad, it is ironic that progress is what eventually forced the rail's decline. With the proliferation of cars and trucks, improved road construction and the decline of market centers, the hey day was over. Although rail abandonment in the state began as early as the 1920's, the first effects in Beresford were cuts in service about this time. The July 5, 1934 issue of the *Beresford Republic* states, "Mail service will be further curtailed after this week by the taking off of two Sunday trains . . .", and called it "the latest curtailment," indicating earlier actions. This trend continued for over 40 years. By the late

Rail service returns to Beresford in May, 1982.

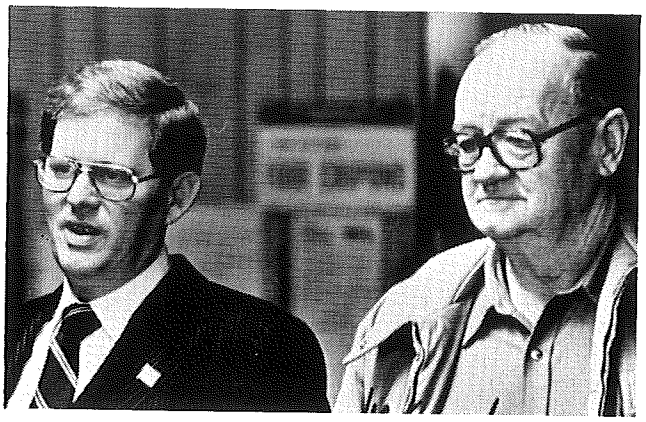
1950's, the last passenger train had passed through town. Even though demand for boxcars to ship grain remained high through the 1960's, either the railroad's ability or willingness to deliver them faltered greatly. Furthermore, maintenance on the rail line itself all but disappeared, causing many to charge that the C&NW entertained alternative investment ambitions elsewhere. By the early 1970's, with rail abandonment reaching a fever pitch throughout the midwest, it became obvious that it was imminent here, also. It was a time to consider if rail service was worth the effort to save it.

In February of 1973 the C&NW Railroad officially filed for abandonment of its Wren-Iroquois Line. In that same month, L. L. (Tiny) Lawrenson, then manager of Farmer's Elevator, headed up a Chamber of Commerce committee, calling for public meetings to determine a mode of action to meet the reality of rail abandonment. Out of these meetings was born KORR (Keep Our Railroads Running), with Tiny Lawrenson elected treasurer while Bob Frieberg and Phil Peterson of Beresford and John Gubbrud of Alcester were appointed as legal representatives.

Because of the protest mounted by KORR, the Interstate Commerce Commission scheduled public hearings to settle the issue in May of 1973. KORR called upon such notables as Governor Richard Kneip, Congressman Frank Denholm and Senators George McGovern and James Abourezk as witnesses to establish the need for continued rail service. So many witnesses were scheduled that hearings were delayed until July; however, Attorney Bob Frieberg filed a petition to delay them even longer because the C&NW and the ICC had been negligent in not filing a draft of an environmental impact statement as required by law. Although the petition was first denied, the ICC finally agreed and hearings were delayed indefinitely until environmental studies could be made. The immediate threat had abated.

Nearly three years later, on March 11, 1977, Judge Paul J. Clerman granted the C&NW its abandonment request in spite of information provided by the Business Research Bureau of the University of South Dakota, which claimed substantial economic loss would be sustained as a result of such action. KORR appealed the decision, but to no avail. Sixteen months later, in July of 1978, the last C&NW train departed Beresford, ending 95 consecutive years of service. Meanwhile, in August of 1977, KORR had evolved in to Sioux Valley Railroad, Inc. with Tiny Lawrenson elected president, John Gubbrud, secretary-treasurer and Stan Jensen and Don Greenfield of Beresford, directors. At the urging of Governor Kneip, the newly formed group received a $30,000 grant from the Old West Regional Commission as a demonstration project to measure the feasibility of saving abandoned rail lines to solve transportation problems. The following March, an even greater prize was forthcoming as the Federal Railroad Administration awarded a $1.4 million grant to the state for the specific purpose of purchasing the South Dakota portion of the Wren-Iroquois Line.

In July, 1978 the group organized the Sioux Valley Railroad Authority, which included the counties of Union, Lincoln and Turner and the cities of Alcester, Beresford, Centerville, Hurley, Parker and Marion. The new group could authorize rail service by a short line railroad, to begin once a purchase agreement with the C&NW could be established.



Governor Janklow and Tiny Lawrenson shortly after purchase of Wren to Iroquois line.

Joe and Walter Zweifel shipping cattle to Chicago in 1948.

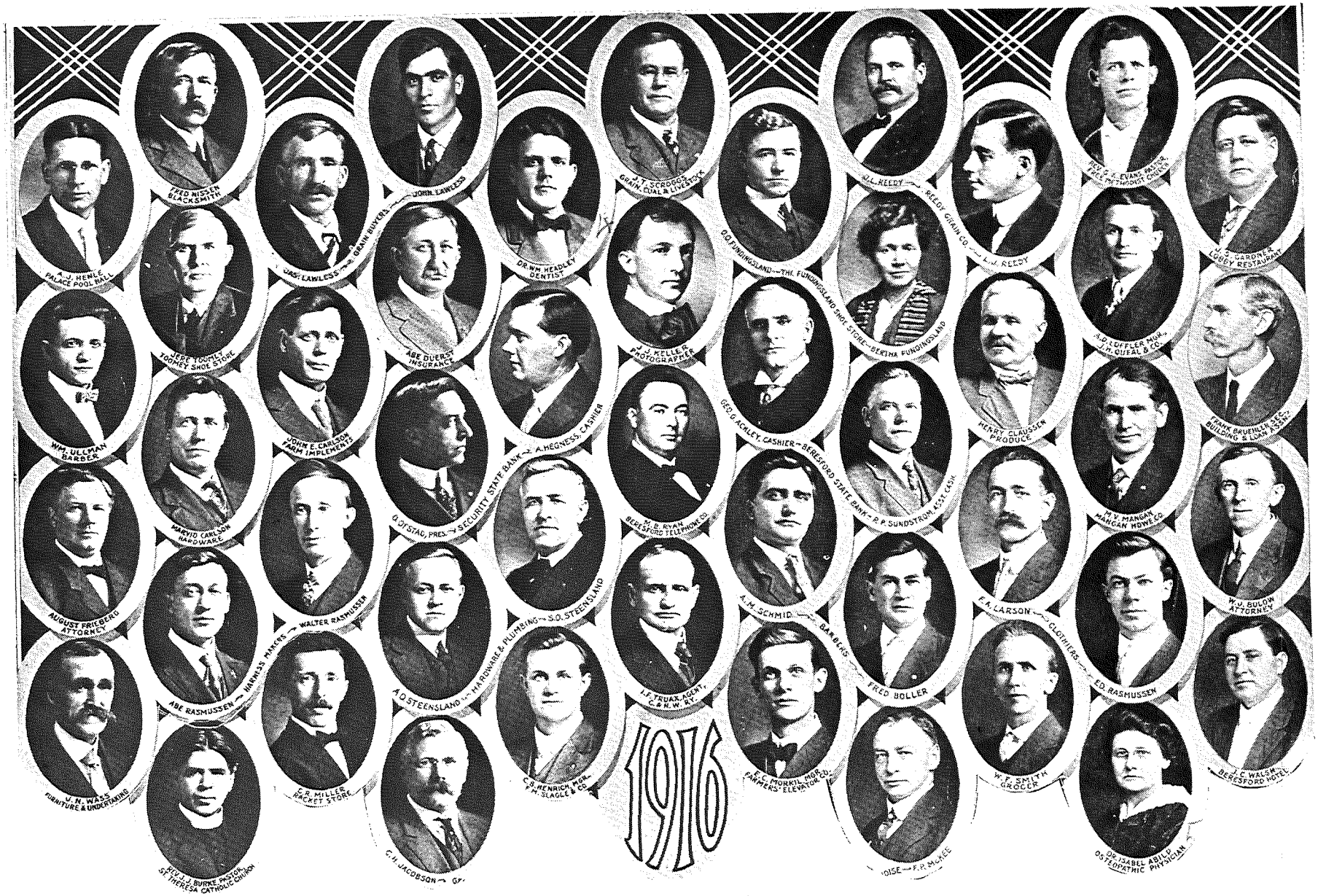
Even though the prospects for success had appeared bright, the problems which remained soon appeared insurmountable. Not only could the SVRRA not reach an agreement with the C&NW, but an even greater problem arose. With the removal of abandoned track elsewhere, a connection to the Milwaukee main line was increasingly doubtful. The SVRRA faced the prospect of being a rail line with no outlet. It became clear that, without implementation of a total state rail plan, success was unlikely. Therefore, on June 21, 1979, Tiny Lawrenson made the difficult decision to announce that efforts to acquire the line were finished and that the C&NW would probably begin to tear out the track very soon.

At this same time the state's new governor, William Janklow, who was a strong advocate of a state rail system, began to spring into action. In August, he named Tiny Lawrenson to the Governor's Rail Advisory Committee to help develop a workable state rail plan. In the 1980 legislature he prodded lawmakers to create a State Rail Authority and add an extra one cent sales tax to purchase the Milwaukee main line and other lines. During this time, Bob Frieberg spent many weeks in Pierre lobbying for this vital legislation. With these actions the picture brightened, but time was running out as the C&NW was anxious to move the rail elsewhere. In April the track between Beresford and Centerville was removed and in June a salvage crew began to loosen bolts and spikes between Hawarden and Beresford. It appeared that seven years of effort had all been in vain. The next occurrence was recounted by the June 26 *Beresford Republic*: "Only a direct plea from Governor Janklow to the C&NW halted the destruction of the line. Unfortunately, the effort was not in time to save the line between Beresford and Centerville and it has been torn up." With a temporary reprieve, the SVRRA appealed to the state to purchase the line. The state and the C&NW soon entered into serious negotiations and finally reached an agreement of purchase in September of 1981.

On December 24, 1981, Tiny Lawrenson had the gratification of announcing that rail service to Beresford would soon resume. He added, "The commencement of service is the result of eight years of effort by the shippers and local governments . . . Without Governor Janklow's personal interest and help we could never have reached our goal." Thus, the stage was set for the return of rail service to Beresford.

Several months passed before it was learned that the week of May 16, 1982 would bring the first train to town. Then, on Saturday, May 15, Tiny Lawrenson died suddenly. The following Wednesday, May 19, the day after his interment, a Burlington-Northern locomotive pulling a 54-car unit train thundered its way into Beresford. A couple of days later it left again, taking with it 180,000 bushels of grain to a distant market. The May 27 issue of the *Beresford Republic* carried the headline, "Tiny Lawrenson's Dream Come True." In that article, Bob Frieberg eulogized him by saying, "Tiny was the heart; he was the guy that kept us going when we got discouraged."

Beresford begins its second century as it began its first—with rail service. Are the rails here to stay? No one can really say; rather, we have been granted an experiment of which time will be the final judge. That opportunity exists because enough people cared to make a difference. In any event, the effect of the rails on this town over the past 100 years is undeniable and will not soon be forgotten. Perhaps 100 years from now someone will want to know who the pioneers were who had the vision to maintain rail service for the generations of Beresford's second century.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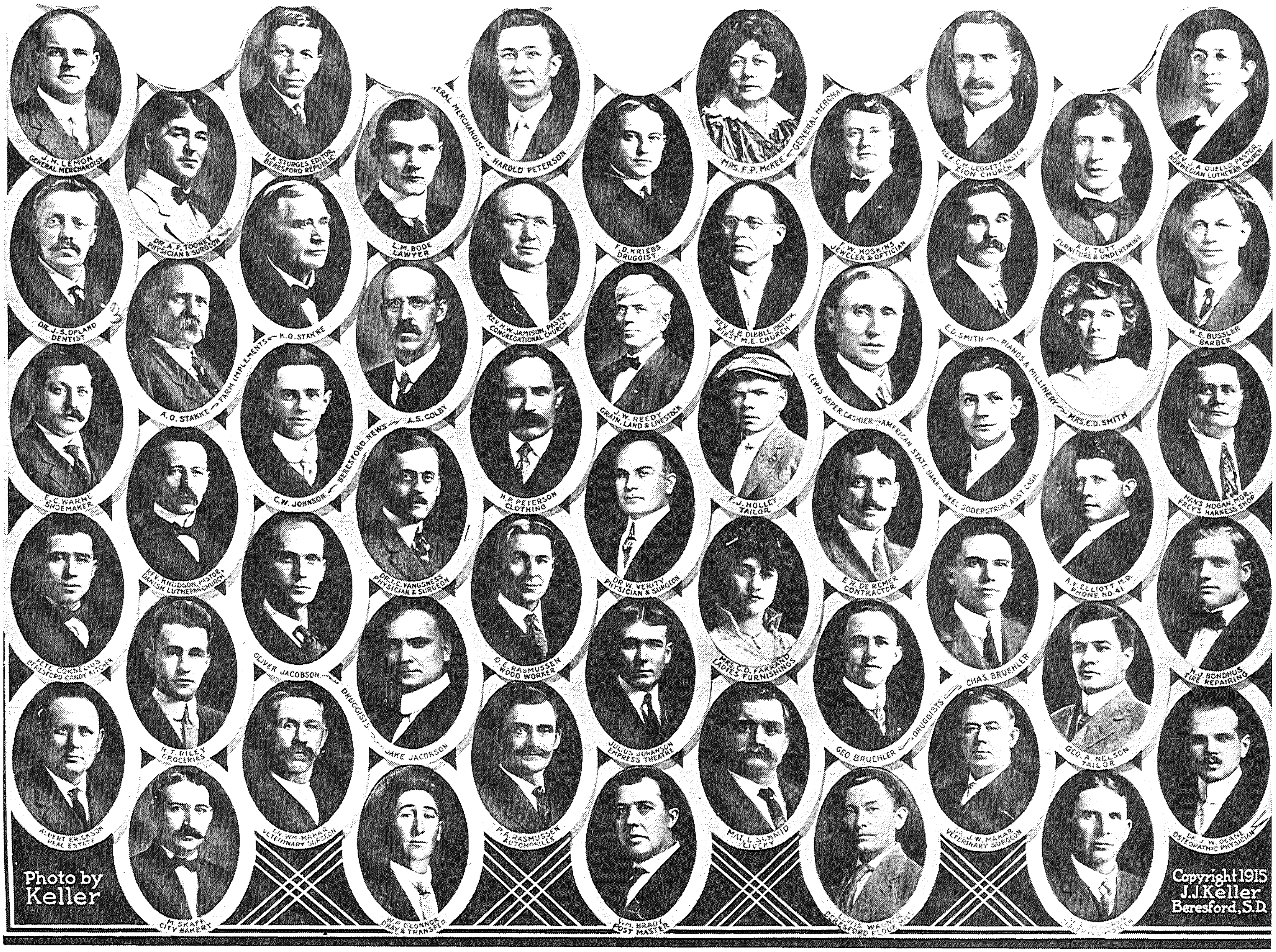
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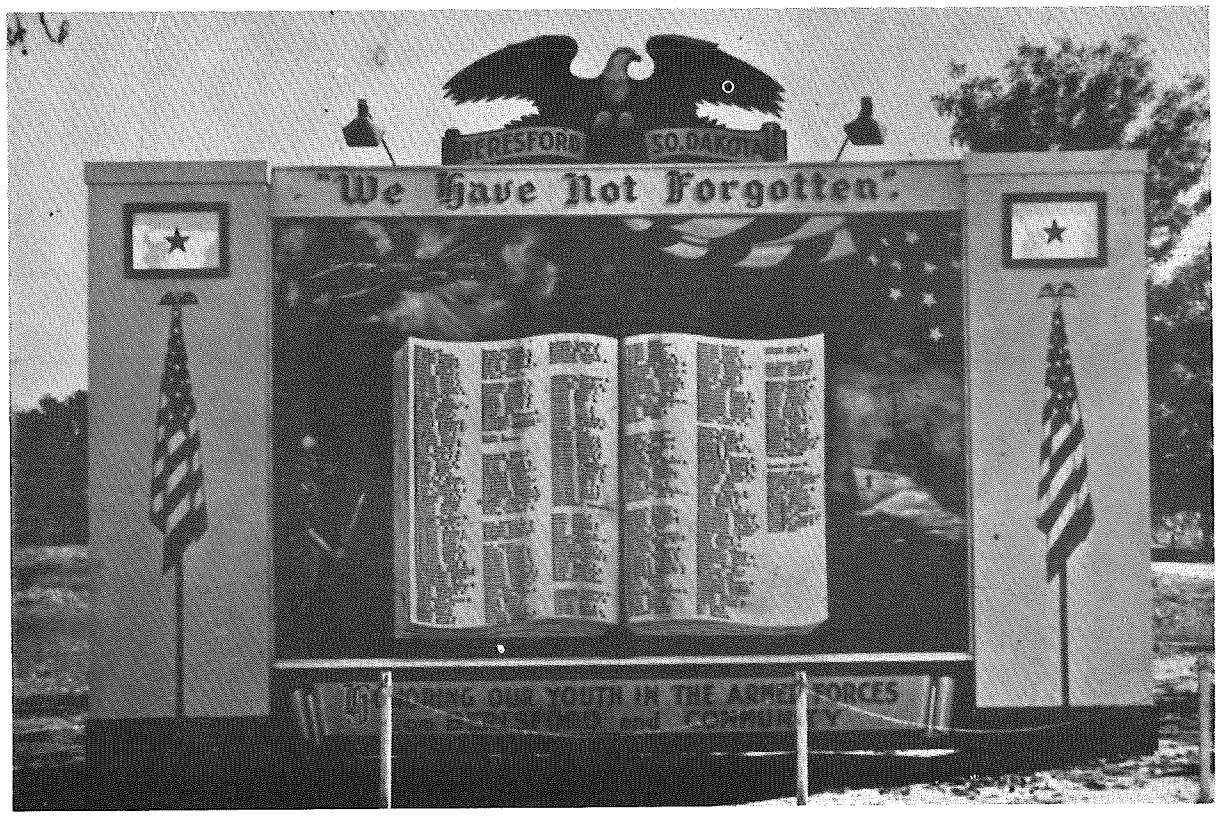

Built as a tribute to those who served in the armed forces during World War II, this memorial was located at 408 S. 3rd. It was financed by the Chamber of Commerce and built by a Mr. Van Sickle of Hawarden, Iowa.

Tribute to Veterans

In our flag we see brave soldiers—valiant men are in each seam and families woven in its threads. God grants liberty to those who love it and are ready to guard and defend it.

Patriotism is a humble inner feeling of kinship for all that is our land and our people. It is a willingness to sacrifice that we may preserve what the earlier patriots gave to us. Patriotism is to be unashamed at the moisture that wells up in our eyes with the passing of some noble soul who unselfishly gave his life to the cause of mankind.

Many young men and women from our area have served our country through several wars, and to them we owe a debt of gratitude. They gave patriotism a vitality in their service. Today many men and women are in uniform.

For some it was the supreme sacrifice—the sacrifice of life. Our Gold Star Boys are: Victor Norling, killed in France in 1918; Ludwig Peterson, killed in France in 1918; Pvt. Fred Olson, died in camp in 1918; Theodore Steensland, died in England in 1917; Lt. Gilbert Ambur, killed in action in France in 1944; Robert Birnie, killed in action in Belgium; Kingsley Bowers, killed in action in Belgium in 1944; John Fleege, killed in action; Cpl. Loyal Keller, killed in action in 1944; Cpl. Arnold Nelson, killed in 1943; Howard Rasmussen, killed in Germany in 1945; Pfc. Wilson Reirson, killed in Germany in 1945; Irving Tanck, killed in France in 1944; Pfc. Richard Clay, missing in action in Korea in 1950 and Arvid Thormodsgaard, killed in Vietnam.

Let us never forget these people who help keep our American dream real.

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The G.A.R. Hall (located on property which now belongs to Reed Sales) was the civic center of the town. The Post was organized two weeks before the town was incorporated; 14 men were original members. Later the work was turned over to the Women's Relief Corp. Funerals of old soldiers were held here. There was a monument on the north side of the lot and, on Memorial Day, school children were dismissed to gather wild flowers and parade from the school to place the flowers around the monument.

Church suppers, bazaars, school entertainments, dances, patent medicine shows and public meetings were held in the Hall. Later it was sold and used as an opera house.

Century Farms

These are farms homesteaded or purchased a hundred or more years ago and still owned by relatives:

Homesteaded by Alfred Anderson; When: 1876; Location: NW¼ Section 34, Glenwood township, Clay county; Present owners: Mr. and Mrs. Wavrin Anderson; Present residents: Mr. and Mrs. Gordon A. Larson.

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Purchased by Elizabeth Birgen; When: 1879; Location: NW¼ Section 34, Prairie township, Union county; Present owners: Jerry and Patricia Birgen; Present residents: The Jerry Birgen family.

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Homesteaded by William S. Bonine; When: 1873; Location: SE¼ Section 26, Brooklyn township, Lincoln county; Present owners: Robert Bonine and Gertrude Bonine; Present residents: Robert Bonine family.

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Homesteaded by Constantine Branch; When: 1880; Location: SW¼ Section 25; Present owner: Elmer Norman; Present residents: Elmer, Mabel and Myrtle Norman.

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Homesteaded by Daniel Danielson; When: 1869; Location: NW¼ Section 22, Garfield township, Clay county; Present owners: Orin and Linnea Peterson; Present residents: Orin and Linnea Peterson.

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Homesteaded by Abraham Dann, Jr.; When: 1872; Location: SW¼ Section 26, Range 51, Delaware township, Lincoln county; Present owner: DeLee Dann; Present residents: DeLee and Evelyn Dann and the Gary Dann family.

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Homesteaded by Nis M. Ebsen; When: 1887; Location: SW¼ Section 7, Range 50, Prairie township, Union county; Present owners: Mrs. Ralph Christensen, Marlow Christensen; Present residents: Marlow Christensen and family.

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Homesteaded by Olaf Erickson; When: 1869; Location: NW¼ Section 13, Garfield township, Clay county; Present owner: Helen Anderson Quirk; Present residents: Robert Schumacher family.

Homesteaded by Peter Erickson; When: 1869; Location: NE¼ Section 20, Township 94; Present owners: Mrs. Phobe Jensen, Mrs. Dorothy Lechner; Present residents: Mr. and Mrs. Terry Wetrosky.

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Homesteaded by D. J. Fedderson; When: 1867; Location: NW¼, Section 25, Garfield township, Clay county; Present owners: Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Peterson; Present operator: Roger Jensen.

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Homesteaded by Jon Hedman; When: 1876; Location: SE¼, Section 11, Garfield township, Clay county; Present owners: Stanley, Irving and Marilyn Frick; Present operator: Stanley Frick.

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Homesteaded by Edward Fitzgerald; When: 1870; Location: NW¼, Section 21, Emmett township, Union county; Present owners: Gerald and Geraldine Fitzgerald; Present residents: The Gerald Fitzgerald family.

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Homesteaded by John Malcom Frick; When: 1883; Location: NE¼, Section 33, Glenwood township, Clay county; Present owner: Rodney Johnson; Present residents: Rodney and Evelyn Johnson.

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Purchased by Peter Gard; When: 1882; Location: 8 miles south of Beresford on west side of Highway 77; Present owners: Alma Crowningshield, Donald Shanker; Present residents: Donald and Gladys Shanker.

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Homesteaded by Edwin Hufsmith; When: 1873; Location: SE¼, Section 11, Range 97, Delaware township, Lincoln county; Present owners: Hazel M. Lounsbery, Fern Johnke; Present residents: Ralph Lounsbery family.

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Homesteaded by Andrew Johnson; When: 1875; Location: NE¼, Section 17, Pleasant township, Lincoln county; Present owner: Harris Johnson; Present residents: Bruce Johnson family.

Purchased by Louis Johnson; When: 1882; Location: E½ of Section 10, Range 51, Delaware township, Lincoln county; Present owners: Clayton and Marie Dahlgard; Present residents: the Clayton Dahlgard family.

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Purchased by Robert L. Johnson; When: 187-; Location: SE¼, Section 13, Glenwood township, Clay county; Present owners: Alice Vindal and Evan Rasmussen; Present resident: Evan Rasmussen.

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Homesteaded by Lars and Marit Kylling; When: 1871; Location: NE¼, Section 6, Norway township, Lincoln county; Present owners: Larry and Jone Anderson; Present operator: David Anderson.

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Homesteaded by Jens Peter Larsen; When: 1878; Location: NW¼, Section 19, Emmett township, Union county; Present owner: Wesley Larsen; Present residents: Wesley Larsen family.

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Homesteaded by Swan August Larson; When: 1880; Location: SW¼, Section 14, Glenwood township, Clay county; Present owner: Elna Lundberg; Present residents: Douglas Lundberg family.

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Homesteaded by Daniel Anders Messler; When: 1869; Location: NW¼, Section 3, Garfield township, Clay county; Present owners: Daniel and L'Nora Bylander; Present residents: Daniel and L'Nora Bylander.

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Homesteaded by John Norling; When: 1872; Location: SW¼, Section 3, Glenwood township, Clay county; Present owner: Mrs. Roy Landeen; Present residents: Mrs. Roy Landeen, Kristy and Marc.

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Homesteaded by Oscar Norling; When: 1883; Location: 5 miles west and ½ mile south of Beresford; Present owner: Mrs. Violet Heidebrect; Present residents: Larry Heidebrect family.

Homesteaded by Peter Rasmussen; When: 1877; Location: 6 miles north of Beresford; Present owner: Merle R. Rasmussen; Present residents: James Osthus family.

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Homesteaded by Erick Ronning; When: 1861; Location: North side of Nora Store; Present owners: Edgar, Harold, Herman and Maynard Ronning; Present residents: Edgar Ronning family.

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Homesteaded by Baltz Schmid; When: 1881; Location: 3¼ miles north and 2 miles east of Beresford; Present owners: Clifford Schmid and Mrs. Dale Cleland; Present residents: Larry and Carol Speich.

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Purchased by Anna Grepp Steenholdt and Marie Grepp; When: 1883; Location: N½ of NW¼, Section 3, Garfield township, Clay county; Present owner: Willard Jensen; Present residents: Willard Jensen family.

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Homesteaded by Ole Stene; When: 1873; Location: 10 miles south and 2 miles east of Beresford; Present owner: Richard Stene; Present residents: Richard Stene family.

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Homesteaded by John Sundstrom; When: 1873; Location: Section 11, Glenwood township, Clay county; Present owner: Mrs. Phillip Sundstrom; Present residents: Clara, Gordon and Mae Sundstrom.

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Purchased by Erick Thormodsgaard; When: 1881; Location: 6 miles east and 1 mile north of Beresford; Present owners: Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Thormodsgaard; Present residents: Mr. and Mrs. O. Thormodsgaard.

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Homesteaded by Rudolph Tschudi, Sr.; When: 1877; Location: Section 18, SW¼ Pleasant township, Lincoln county; Present owners: Meril D. Tschudy and Raymond Tschudy; Present residents: Raymond Tschudy family.

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Homesteaded by Luther Whitlow; When: 1880; Location: Section 11, Delaware township, Lincoln county; Present owner: Mrs. Scott Hardy; Present resident: Mrs. Scott Hardy.

Bulow Park

The first record of the city making a Park Committee appointment was in 1912 when John Ridge and Julian Wheelock were paid to work in the park. Additional land was purchased at this time for $75.00 and later this same year another addition was purchased.

In 1916, a committee of citizens appeared before the Council with a proposition to present the city with two or three hundred trees for the park provided they employ John Ridge to plant and care for them. Over the years, many people have enjoyed the beauty and shade the trees provided, but in the past few years many of the trees have had to be removed because of the Dutch Elm disease which came to our area.

During the 1920's, peonies and other plants were purchased from Fred Boller. In 1930, L. D. Martelle was employed to plant a hedge along the park's east entrance at a cost of $110.00. This same year, Chris Olsen's bid of $321.00 for mason work at the entrance and amphitheatre areas was accepted. W.P.A. (Works Progress Administration) workers were available and rocks for the project were hauled from the Fred Tschudy farm. This area has been used as a stage for graduations, band concerts and many other public activities. Many people remember the beautiful roses and other flowers which grew in the pit below the stage. In 1944, more land was purchased and, over the years, the park caretakers have added more trees and shrubs to enhance the park's beauty.

Individuals, Study Clubs, Extension Clubs and other organizations, along with the city, have provided a shelter house, rest rooms, drinking fountains, tables, benches, playground equipment, etc., for people to enjoy.

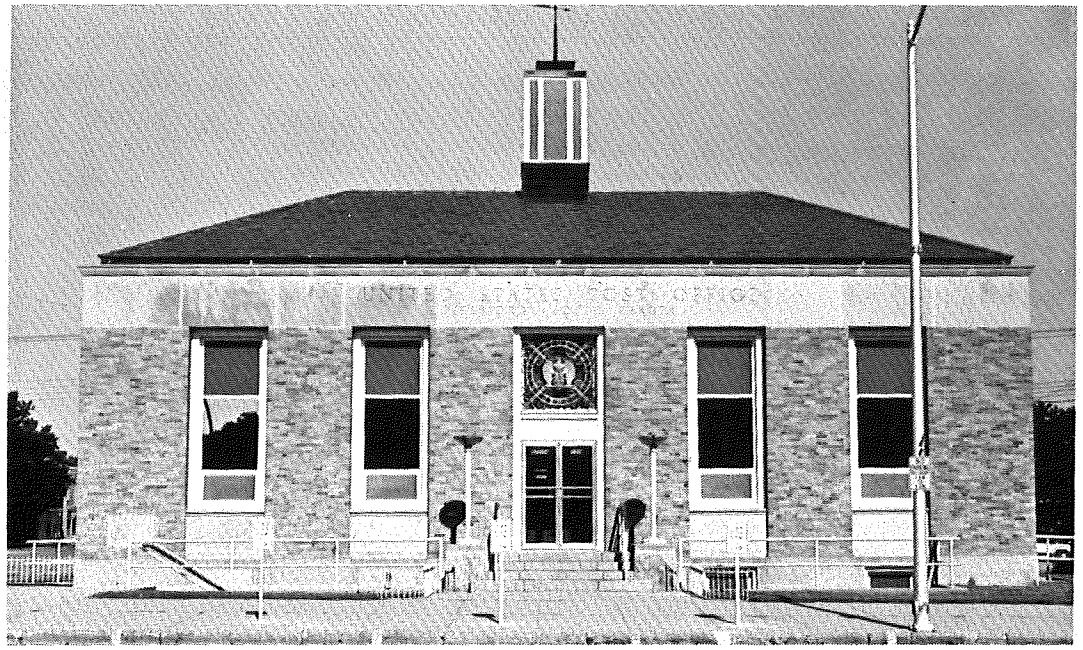
A swimming pool, located in the north park area, was built in 1959. This was a promotion of the Lion's Club and funds to help in its cost were raised by many groups in various ways, as well as individual contributions. Adjacent to the pool area are tennis courts and horseshoe grounds.

In 1959, the park was dedicated as "Bulow Park". The program included a band concert, an address by Judge Francis Dunn, and music by the Tri-Valley Chorus.

"Tiny" Lawrenson was remembered posthumously, in a special way for his efforts in the promotion of baseball. The baseball diamond is at the south end of the park. At one time there was also a track for track events in the area.

For several years the city provided free camping for tourists in the park. Tourists were registered from many areas of the United States and often filled the camp area. This was discontinued when a private campground was established.

There is also a small park and playground area in north Beresford in Lincoln county. This land was given by Dennis Olson for use as long as it remained a park and playground.



The Beresford Post Office, built in 1940.

United States Postoffice

Elie Ricard is a name which appears in every abstract of title to property in the area known as downtown Beresford. This is due to the fact that he homesteaded the tract of land which later was platted out as the original plat of the City of Beresford.

Mr. Ricard also has the distinction of being Beresford's first postmaster, as he handled his Star Route Post Office in his home in the early 1880's. Charles Sundling acted as the first mail carrier. Ricard named his post office "Paris" in honor of his French ancestry.

Mr. Sundling's route began at Glenwood in Clay county, where he connected with a stage driver by the name of Shurtloff. Sundling then drove on to Paris, thence to Gothland, thence on to Linder, and completed his trip to Calliope, Ia. (Hawarden) to return over the same route the next day. Sundling used a two-wheel cart with one horse.

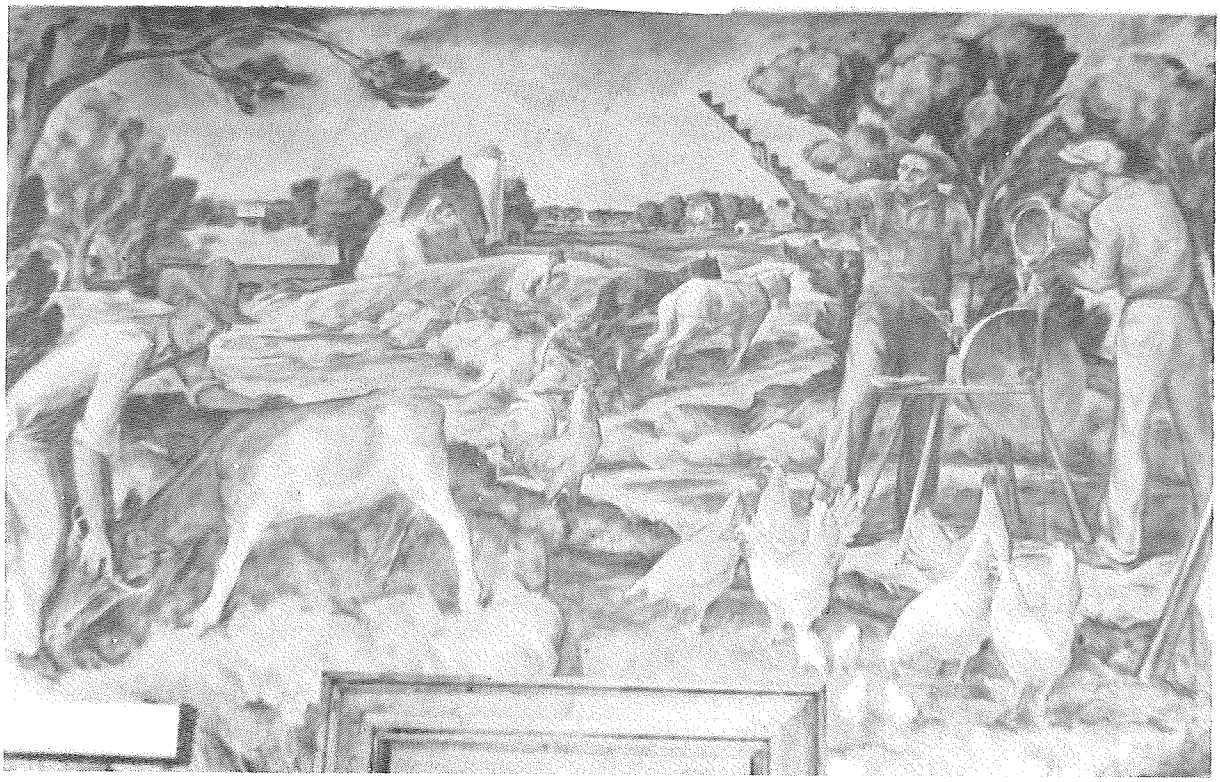
Ricard eventually moved the post office to David Stephen's General Store, which sat where Wally's Jack and Jill is today, at the corner of Fourth street and Main. The post office consisted mainly of pigeon holes to place the small number of letters handled. Stephen served as postmaster until Chester A. Arthur, Republican President, appointed John R. Carlton, who served in this capacity in 1884-1885. Carlton, the editor of Beresford's first newspaper, *The Beresford News,* moved the post office to his newspaper office, where the Masonic Temple now stands on the 200 block of North Third street.

Upon the election of Grover Cleveland, a Democrat, Tom Brady was appointed postmaster, and Brady moved the post office to the corner where J. H. Lemon's store once stood. Brady served from 1885 to 1889. Today this lot is occupied by the Coast to Coast store on North Third street.

Again the political winds shifted, and Republican Benjamin Harrison became President. He appointed W. B. Glidden as postmaster, who served from 1889 to 1893. The office was located at the former site of the Wass Funeral Home. Today this location is occupied by Christensen's IGA on the 100 Block of North Third street.

In 1893, Grover Cleveland returned to the Presidency and Tom Brady returned as postmaster. The post office was moved to the building where Mac's Cafe now stands and it remained there until 1897.

R. Z. Bennet became postmaster in 1897 and served until 1908 under Republican Presidents McKinley and Roosevelt. Under Bennet, the post office was located at the Sinclair building, now one of the buildings making up Coast to Coast, and later the O'Riley building, which is not the Senior Citizens Center on the 100 Block of South



Mural on Post Office wall.

Third street.

Charles Ramsdal became postmaster under President Taft in 1908 and served until he was killed in an automobile accident. C. L. Kemes filled out the term until 1912.

President Wilson appointed William Brady, who served from 1912 until 1921. Fred Boller served from 1921 until 1933 and J. J. Reedy from 1933 until 1940.

Between the years of 1908 and 1940, the post office was moved to several locations, including where the City Library and the First National Bank now stands in the 100 Block of West Main and the 200 Block of North Third, respectively.

In 1940, the present post office at the corner of Third and Main was constructed.

In June, 1939 the following buildings were removed to make way for the new post office: Solberg Cream Station, Bussler's Barber Shop, Rasmussen and Co. and Mead's Grocery.

The dedicatoin of the completed structure was on August 15, 1940. The dedication of the $85,000 new post office was staged in connection with the community agriculture show. The post office was listed as an historic building because of the mural painted on the north wall. G. J. Goshey, postal inspector, of St. Paul, Minn., gave the address. Ole Hanson, Wilmer Schmid, Milford Holmes and Al Henderson rendered a barbershop quartet song. The invocation was given by Rev. A. V. Neve, and C. O. Peterson gave the invocation. Roscoe Frieberg gave the introduction and Father Monaghan gave the benediction.

Lee McMahon received his official appointment as postmaster by telegram. J. L. Reedy had been acting postmaster for seven years since the death of Fred Boller. The old post office was located in what is now the City Library.

Tony Henle was on hand at seven o'clock a.m. the first day the new post office opened to purchase the first stamp and stamped envelope sold. Tony Henle also purchased the first ticket issued at the Beresford depot.

City-wide mail delivery to the doorstep became a reality in 1956. City officials and civic groups engaged in the work of putting up street markers and house numbers. Members of the Lions Club took on the job of selling house numbers and mail boxes. Wayne Merrick, Chamber of Commerce President, and Ralph Jensen, President of the Lions Club, saw the job completed. William Vermillion and Richard Lingberg were the city's mail carriers at this time.

In 1958, driveway service was adopted for all

Postmaster Douglas Nygaard

the rural postal patrons. This replaced the highway post office system which preceded individual postal patron service.

Lee McMahon was postmaster from 1940 until 1960 when he retired, and M. C. Bak was named acting postmaster until Greg Walsh was appointed under the Kennedy Administration in 1961. Walsh served until his retirement in 1981 when the current postmaster, Douglas Nygaard, was appointed.

The U.S. Post Office building was constructed and dedicated in 1940 and is created upon Lots 18, 19, 20 and 21 in Block 5 of the original plat of Beresford.

The building on Lot 21 was occupied by Mark Managan Hardware, Shoff Hardware, and Rommereim Electrical Service and Supply. Mark Managan is Leonard Managan's father and Jerome Managan's son. Prior to the Managan Hardware store, Jerome Managan, later Judge Managan, ran a book and stationery store.

Lot 20 was owned by W. E. Bussler, Beresford's first barber, who structured his business here in 1888.

Lot 19 and 21 had previously been owned by the Breuhler family and, prior to the destruction of the buildings to make way for the post office, was home for Rasmussen Brothers Harness Shop.

Lot 18 was owned by Marvin Ryan, who owned the Beresford Telephone Company, once the Alsen Telephone Company. Both phone companies were sold to Northwestern Bell in 1921, but the City of Beresford elected for municipal ownership of the phone system in 1924, as noted elsewhere.

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Union County Provided Many Trees for Tree Claim Settlers

It was common knowledge that timber became more scarce as one went westward towards the Great Plains. Congress hoped to overcome this obstacle to homemaking in the west by passing the Timber Culture Law. After the original act of 1873 was amended in 1874 and again in 1878, it was permitted that the head of a family who was 21 years old and an American citizen, could file on 160 acres, 80 acres, 40 acres, or even a smaller tract. For the 160 acres he must plant 10 acres of trees; for the 80 acres he must plant five acres, and for the 40 or fewer he must plant two and one-half acres of trees. These trees he must protect and keep in healthy condition for eight years. Then on proof by two witnesses that he complied with all the requirements of the law, he was granted title. But no one could make more than one tree claim entry.

Most desirable Union county lands had been taken under the Pre-emption and Homestead Acts before the Tree Claim Law was passed. But Union county furnished many millions of year-old ash, maple, cottonwood and hackberry saplings for the counties lying farther north and west. March, April and May was harvest time for some families living near the Missouri River. The children would pull the small trees, tie them in bundles of 100 and the father would load one or two tons of the bundles and drive to counties northwest where tree claimers paid him well for them.

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A sight long familiar to early townspeople was the bent figure of the little old widow Jensen as she carried water from "Main Street" to her tiny home west of the M. E. Church. This she accomplished by the use of a neck yoke which was fitted across her shoulders, and a pail of water hung from each end of this cumbersome wooden harness.

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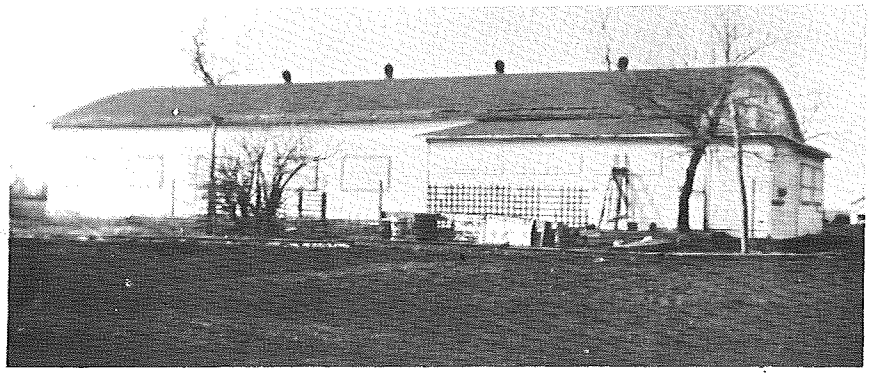
Some of the dentists having served Beresford area are: T. H. Harris, C. Kemis, J. S. Opland, E. G. Larkin, W. P. Iverson, J. G. Ullman, J. L. Soderstrom, J. C. Grout.

Ritz Ballroom



Ritz Ballroom

Mike Muhlenkort

In 1926, an entertainment landmark was created. Mike Muhlenkort realized that a site two and one-half miles south of Beresford on Highway 77 was centrally located for 25 towns and, therefore, ideally situated for a ballroom.

Using a lumber saw that had been in the family for years, and native lumber, construction was started in the early spring of 1926. Twelve carpenters were employed at 60 cents per hour to build the Ritz. By using a truss roof design, center posts were eliminated. The building contained 6,000 square feet of dance space. Lighting was supplied by two power plants (one as a back-up) to Japanese lanterns. The ballroom was colorfully decorated with festooning for an exciting and festive look, which was entirely new to the area.

The Ritz was designed to accommodate 800 people, but as many as 5,000 attended special celebrations. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bruehler were the first couple to buy a ticket on the opening night, June 19, 1926.

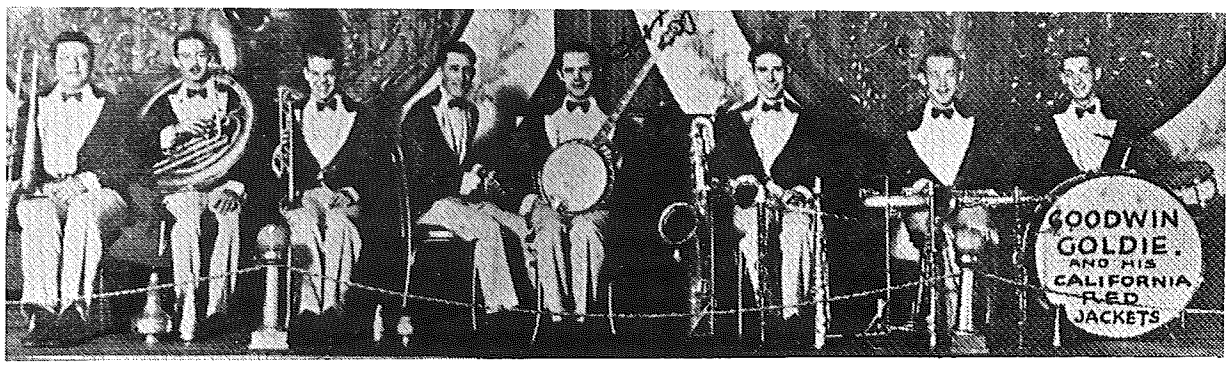
Dancers came from all the towns in the surrounding area. For some of the big name bands they came from greater distances.

All of the big bands of the era played the Ritz. Lawrence Welk performed many times. A few others who drew large crowds were: Jimmy Barnett, Mel Taggert, Goodwin Goldie and his California Redjackets, Harry Reeser and his Gleico Club Eskimos, and Red Perkins and his Dixie Ramblers.

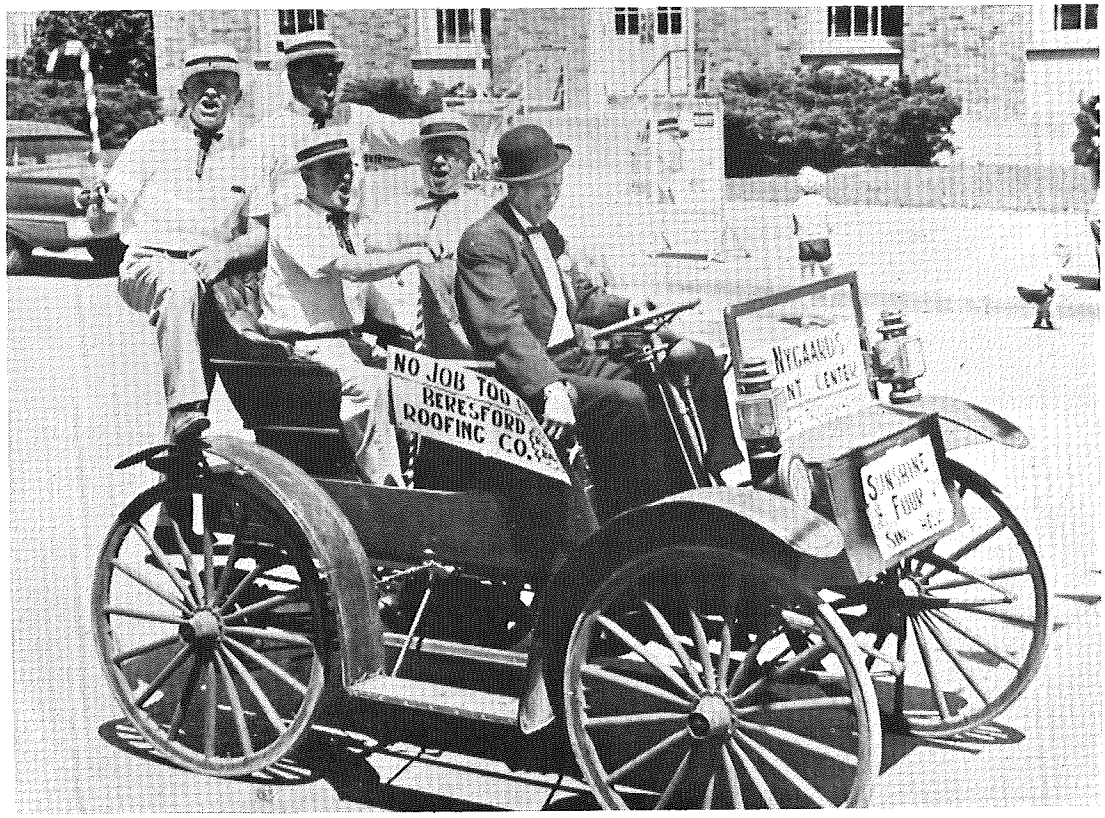
In 1931, the biggest draw ever was the internationally known Bricktops, a 14 red-headed, all-girl band out of New York City. All redheads were admitted free that night.

The Ritz provided depression-era entertainment that became known far and wide for dances Thursday and Saturday nights, and roller-skating Wednesday nights and Sunday afternoon and evening. Admission for a dance was $1.00 for men and women were admitted free. For roller-skating, admission was 35 cents. Later, in the height of the depression, the price was reduced to 26 cents per person. A man and his date could enjoy a whole evening's entertainment for less than a dollar! Hamburgers were 10 cents, pop 10 cents and admission, 26 cents.

A firm in Sioux Falls purchased the Ritz in 1939. Eventually the building was destroyed by fire.



A band that played at the Ritz—Goodwin Goldie and his California Red Jackets.



The Sunshine Four: back row—Mel Holm, Mike Bak; center—Al Henderson, Ole Hansen; driver—not known.

Sunshine Four

For twenty years, from 1938 to 1959, the "Sunshine Four" barbershop quartette was considered Beresford's best-known goodwill ambassadors.

Popular throughout a five-state area, they sang their way to a fifth place rating in District Quartette competition at Topeka, Kansas in 1947. Capturing the hearts of audiences and reporters at the annual SPEBSQA Contest, the Sunshine Four were featured in a front page picture article in the Topeka *State Journal.* This was a definite thrill for four local business men—Al Henderson, bass; Mel Holm, baritone; Ole Hansen, tenor and Mike Bak, lead.

The original quartette, mustered in 1939 and egged on by Ed Blankenburg (who needed some local talent to entertain at a business meeting) started with Wilmar Schmidt as lead tenor and Harvey Monk. Finding the pace and practice too time-consuming, Wilmar dropped out and Mike Bak, newly discharged from service, joined the foursome in 1945 and Mel Holm replaced Harvey.

It was a fortuitous "marriage" of personalities and voices bringing both entertainment and recognition to the Beresford community for the next fourteen years.

"Al, Ole, Mel and Mike" became a foursome that went beyond an excellent blending of exceptional voices. Their's was a blend of friendship, humor and comraderie that was reflected onstage as well as around kitchen tables where they hammered out those difficult chords often into the wee morning hours.

Always willing to entertain locally, they as well made many appearances at SPEBSQSA Barbershop parades in surrounding states. The most memorable (at least to the wives) being shared billing with the "Chordettes" of Arthur Godfrey fame and the champion "Antlers" of Flint, Michigan.

The Sunshine Four claim the distinction of being the first to introduce the South Dakota song, "Hail, South Dakota," at a performance in the State Capitol.

The era of "Beresford's Singing Ambassadors" ended abruptly for both the community and the families involved when Mel Holm, the irreplacable comrade and baritone, died suddenly just hours before an appearance with the Viborg Barbershop Chorus. Without Mel the "sunshine" was gone for the other members.

Front row, left to right: Ralph Gravrock, Tom Geppart, Don Hartman, Joseph Inberg, "Bud" Eklund, Milton Danielson, Ellard Peterson, Elwood Christensen, Orvin Westburg, Manford Abraham, Lyle Abild, Frank Hedlun; middle row—Floyd Bergland, Ralph Frey, Wallace Frieberg, Clifford Anderson, Alden Lundquist, Edwin Johnson, Raymond Christensen, Harriet Berg Sternquist, Harlan Berg, Charles Lyckholm; back row—Martin Swedling, Pat Purcell, Sterile Gardner, Harvey Anderson, LeRoy Lind, Bill Danielson, W. R. Little, Rolland Lind, Ralph Lindstrom.

Dalesburg Band

Because a group of farm boys were desirous of some form of amusement and recreation, and because of their love of music, an idea was born. That was the beginning of the Dalesburg Band one Sunday afternoon at a watermelon party in the year of 1887. It was decided to meet the following Sunday, October 10, to devise a means of raising money for instruments. On that day a subscription of $1,000 was made. The result was that instruments for a ten-member brass band were ordered. The members of the first band were: Oscar Sundstrom, Andrew Strom, Emanuel Norelius, John Norelius, Fred Heglin, Peter Heglin, John Heglin, Andrew Lyckholm, Charles Hoyer and Joseph Inberg. Fred Heglin was elected leader of the band.

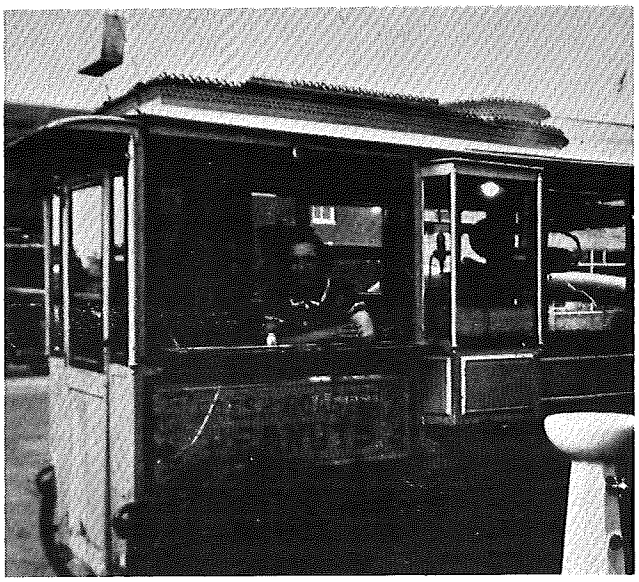
The first public gathering at which the band furnished music was at the Midsummer Picnic in 1888. Later, public functions included Fourth of July celebrations, county fairs, twice at the State Fair at Yankton, and at several weddings in the community. In about 1894 the band erected a bandstand in the tower of a large windmill, which was erected in Dalesburg to furnish power for the blacksmith shop. For several years the band played a concert on the lawn at Dalesburg every Tuesday night in the summer months.

Fred Heglin was director for a year, but W. D. Eklund was the main director, later W. G. Smith of Centerville, after which followed Martin Swedling. He continued in this capacity until it disbanded.

In 1939, the band was declared the official state band and represented the State of South Dakota at the Delaware Swedish Tercentenary that was held in Wilmington, Delaware and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The entire trip cost $2,006.77 for the 35 band members. That included the train fare, lodging, uniforms, insurance on the band instruments, transportation to and from the Tercentenary parade, and other small items. The band members made their home in the train car that was parked at the Philadelphia train depot for four days. It was a memorable trip for everyone.

The last concert played by the band was on June 21, 1947 at the annual Midsummer picnic at the Lutheran Church. Interest dwindled, some moved away and others felt they were too old, so several meetings were held to decide what to do with the instruments, music and racks, of which Ralph Lindstrom had been the custodian. In 1961 they decided to sell the property to a group of musicians in Wakonda and, with the proceeds, placed a plaque in the Garfield Hall and the rest of the money was given to Dakota Hospital. Thus a great organization was terminated.

Bessie's Popcorn Machine



Bessie Keffer's Popcorn Wagon

A century-old popcorn wagon has stood on the corner of Main and North Third for nearly 60 summers. The Keffers have owned and operated this red painted wagon. Bessie has lived to see the third generation of "Beresfordites" come to buy popcorn. Most all the customers are acquainted with Bessie on a first-name basis. Regardless of age, all are served with a friendly smile and a thank-you from the lady in charge. Bessie's popcorn wagon and, oftentimes, Bessie have had countless pictures snapped by friendly customers.

John (Jack) and Bessie Watson Keffer were married in 1926. That very same year, Jack was given the popcorn wagon. It was about 50 years old when the Keffers got it and they knew it was made in Chicago, Ill.

When Bessie reminisces, she tells how she and her husband would pull the wagon to Alsen every year for the Old Settler's Picnic. She also tells how the price was five cents a sack in the twenties and thirties, and last summer (1982) the price was 35 cents a box. The big night for business was on Saturday when all the stores stayed open. They sold popcorn before the theater ever did, so movie-goers helped their sales. And she remembers how the popcorn was always, even to now, popped with gas heat. She kept the change in a tin box.

The popcorn wagon was the "extra" work for the Keffers. Husband Jack worked in a butcher shop and was city cop. Wife Bessie worked at Miller's Variety Store. They raised two children, John L. and Joyce. John, Fort Worth, Texas, married Polly McDonald. They have four children: John L. Jr., Thomas, Nancy and Mary. Joyce married Bob Uecker and lives in Sioux Falls. The Ueckers' four children are Cynthia, Lori, Sue and Bobby.

Jack died in 1947. Bessie gives credit to others for helping her and her teenage children at the time of and after Jack's death. Bessie says, "Without the help of my family and friends, the popcorn wagon would not have kept going these many years." Bessie plans to have the popcorn wagon on the corner and be in business during Beresford's Centennial celebration.

Bessie Keffer's Popcorn Wagon

Willie has a Brainstorm

(A story using names of present and former residents.)

by Bill Tullar

Taken from the Beresford Republic

Dear Editor:

Teacher told me I had to write an essay about our community so I got HOLT of my lead pencil and scribbled the following: If you think the people whose names have been desecrated won't get into a HOHF about it, you may print it without DE LAY for your patrons to REED.

Going along the street of Bersford WEST of the town HALL with its fine CORNISH one notices the NOBLE OAKES and the fine HOLMES painted WHITE, GROEN, BROWN and AMBUR. In the yards are the little BRATTS playing with their DAHLS. Entering one of the houses you might find a KIRLEY headed LASS acting as HOST and you would be fortunate indeed if the old man was not at HOLM. On SUNDY you might take her in your little AUSTIN with SONNE boy and attend church. The bell in the SPIRE will SCHEURING and both minister and LEHMAN will receive GRACE from the service. After church you might stroll across one of the STILES on the RIDGE into a GREENFIELD and tread on the DEWEY grass or perchance PIERCE your foot with a THISSEL or stub your toes on a STOEN. Here, if you are a DEREMER, you might sit down and dream of some old RIME you learned when you were YOUNG or listen to the STROM of a banjo from the MOUNT where MARS, the war god of old, used to sit. On the REEDY bank of the VIPOND you might spy a young HUNTER trying to capture a CRANE. But he DUERST not be KYLLING the LARKIN a tree overhead for fear of a good LYKKEN when he gets home. On weekdays you might see the GARDNER of this BERG spading up the CLAY where his COTTON WASS planted last year or pulling the tail FEATHERS out of the COX and pullets that are digging up his flowers.

"Strange as it seems," in this community we have a MILLER who can't make flour, a STONER who does not throw stones, a HARPER who will probably never play a harp, a DREY that hauls no merchandise, a SMITH who shoes no horses, a SPEICH that cannot be driven into a board, a BOLLER who doesn't bowl, a NORMAN who is a Swede, several DEANES but no colleges, COLE that won't burn, a BUMM who is a good worker, a CARPENTER who cannot build a house, and lots of RUSTEN the city water.

Our WALKER can't be out-walked; you should see Perry SHUCK corn or Earl MILLIKEN his cows, and when it comes to RONNING, just watch our football star!

We have a fine NEVE at ANKER on the placid surface of the JORDAN where you may see the marines in their white BLUMERS MANNING the yards even in a GALE. The community is further protected by a GARD in which there is a KLOSTERGAARD, NYGAARD, KIRKEGAARD, DELGAARD and others.

And what a town for old maids! They can have their choice of STEADMAN, BACHMAN, EDMAN, LEAFMAN, LINMAN or HARTMAN. And for the younger maidens there are CHRISTIANSON, THOMPSON, THORSON and many other fine sons.

There is also a fine opening for a live real estate dealer who could list BIRKLAND, FUNDINGSLAND, HAYELAND, OPLAND and a SAPPINGFIELD.

Beresford also boasts of the following of national fame: SMITH Brothers (cough drops), SINCLAIR (oil), PARKER (pens), BENJAMIN (electric fixtures), GRAHAM (trucks), the DUNCANS (sisters), the Deering-McCORMICK machinery and a Punch and TSCHUDY show. And such famous characters as JENNER of smallpox vaccine fame; McMILLAN, explorer; EMERSON and SCOTT, authors; and LIND, famous singer. And when it comes to presidents we can show ADAMS, JACKSON, JOHNSON and HOOVER.

We have SCHWEIZER and WELCH and other nationalities among our citizens. Some of them HOARD their money. The rest haven't any. Most of them are perfectly normal, but one has a SANDBACK. Only a very few are LAWLESS and "believe it or not," as Ripley says, there is only one who turned out to be a LEMON.

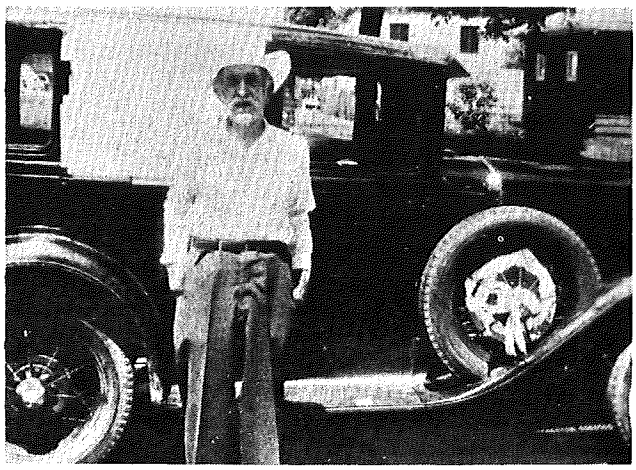
Yours,

Willie Webb

by Todd DeBates
while a student at North Dakota University

As a young boy of seven, I was not easily impressed by the typical average sort of person. I idolized Fran Tarkenton and Tony Oliva. I thought my mom and dad and grandmas were "O.K."—as far as parents and grandmothers go, but as I search my memory for that unique individual of my youth, I immediately think of Willie Webb.

He was an individual in his own right, in an age when conformity was the going thing. Willie was about five feet, three inches tall. He had big, brown smiling eyes with bushy eyebrows. His hair was black and bristly and a huge mustache sat on top of a mouth that showed teeth that would make a dentist cringe. But that mouth made the best and happiest smiles. Willie always wore bib coveralls, a plaid shirt and an old greasy cap. His high-top boots were always tied, missing the top two eyelets and, on many occasions, one pant leg was tucked in his boot while the other dangled normally around the other leg. Willie always seemed to be wearing the same old shabby clothes, which gave off a very distinct body odor. Although the smell was quite hard on the nose, I came to be accustomed to his body odor.



Willie Webb

Willie lived in a two-room shack by the elevator road and the railroad tracks to my mom's home town. I loved going to my Grandma Goodwin's house, which was conveniently located across from the railroad depot and not far from Willie's house.

I can remember hollering to my grandma as I raced out the kitchen door, "I'm going to play in the sand piles!" Actually, I had heard Willie's shiny Model-T Ford bumping across the railroad tracks and knew that, if I was by the road when Willie drove by, he might stop and talk to me. I can still see Willie bouncing along in his Model-T, head erect, both hands on the steering wheel and I'd holler, "Hi, Willie!" Many times he'd stop, and his scratchy voice would mumble, "Well, ha 'ya Todd, how's the young boy today?" I don't remember the exact nature of our conversations but, at my young age, when Willie stopped to talk, I felt as though we were equals.

I loved to visit Willie, too! He had a horse and chickens, and together we would salvage oats and corn by the grain bins and then feed the animals. Willie lived in a shack in the middle of the neatest collection of "things" I had ever seen in one place! Everyone else talked about "Willie's junkyard," but at the time, those discarded items (old wagon wheels, pieces of machinery, antique lamps and furniture) were fantastic treasures to me. Willie had a story for about everything he possessed, and I could listen to him tell me how and where he found them over and over again.

I can remember one very memorable story about Willie. It was the night his shack burned down. After watching the firemen put out the last spark of fire, my very caring grandma invited him to spend the night at her house. He insisted, in a very sad voice (the only time I saw him without a smile), that he would be alright and would sleep in his car. All of us kids were out on the picnic table at the time, eating cupcakes that my grandma had fixed for us. My grandma then asked Willie, "Would you at least take a few cupcakes to eat?"

Willie quietly nodded his head and said, "Look good, but wouldn't want to take them from the children."

One of Willie's few possessions had just been destroyed, but yet he was still thoughtful enough to worry about us kids having enough cupcakes. What a guy. I felt sorry for him right there, but then I admired him for his sincere thoughtfulness. I told myself that someday I wanted to have a loving and caring personality just like Willie's. Willie might not have been rich, but he had more riches than a lot of people. Willie was always very happy and caring—riches that only few people had.

One of Willie's biggest thrills was to drive his car in summer celebration parades in the area. He loved rodeos, too, and he got to do two good things in one trip—he would drive his car in the parade and then take in the rodeo.

Many times, Willie would walk uptown and get his groceries and check his mail. My mom would always let me go with him. Willie didn't do any heavy grocery shopping, and I look back now and wonder how he survived on doughnuts and fruit pies and milk; but maybe they were supplements to his chickens, eggs and huge vegetable garden. Nevertheless, I though he really ate better things than I did.

Willie didn't really have much of a family. Although he did have two brothers, he never really saw either of them. One of his brothers who lived on the West Coast did send him some money to buy a little camper to live in after his shack burned down. Willie's real family, though, was his little farm of chickens, his horse and the rodeos.

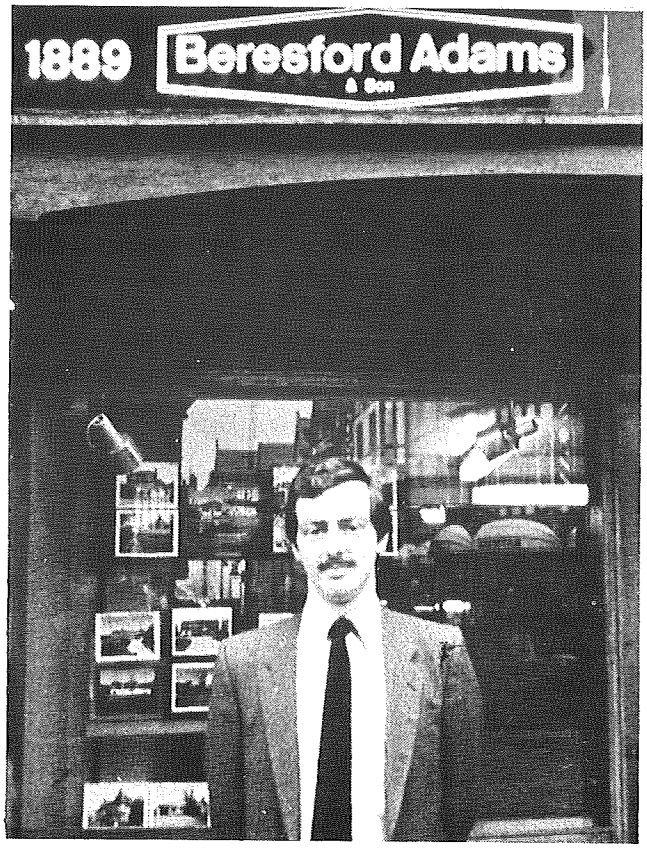
The summer soon came when, instead of waiting for a visit or walk with Willie, I was into baseball and swimming. I'd still wave as he drove or walked by my grandma's house, but his "junk" looked like junk by now and I couldn't understand why he didn't have a newer car. After all, Willie's Model-T could only go 25 miles an hour and dad's could go 60, easy!

And then one summer I went to grandma's and there was no Willie. He had died of a heart attack over the winter and, at the time when my mom told me, I didn't think too much about it. But when I would wait for the clatter coming across the railroad tracks or look out the window for that saggy, baggy form swinging up the sidewalk, it was as if something was missing.

When I walked down the elevator road and saw the weeds in his yard, his horse and chickens gone and his cheap old camper, there was nothing but an empty feeling in the pit of my stomach.

For, although Willie was only a part of my life for a few brief summers, he had shown that kindness and friendship don't depend on where you live, how you talk, or what you eat or drive.

Willie was Willie! A product of his own independence and spirit. An example of kindness in bib coveralls, driving an old Model-T and having all the time in the world for a little boy of seven.



Julian Adams—picture taken in 1983

Julian Adams is a peripheral descendant of Lord John Beresford, who held stock in the company that became the Northwestern Railroad. Adams lives, and is involved in, the family business in Chester, England.

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Nowadays, it is not enough for the young farmer to work from dawn 'til dusk, even with the aid of his shed full of machinery. The indispensable ingredient for his success is managerial ability. Good management demands that his machines fit the jobs they are to do and are kept fit to do them; that he plant only the best of seeds and then at the right time; that he be alert to keep his livestock healthy and prospering; that he apply proper chemicals. The list of managerial demands in farm operation is a long, long list. He must manage to keep accounts and stay straight with the bank and the tax collectors and know when to buy and to sell. It is regrettable that economic and other forces have left us with only about eight percent of the total U.S. population in farming. Let's hope that it might forever be possible for any industrious family to make at least a living of modest comfort on a small farm. Here and there, it is still done by a few who are skilled in management.

Remembering.....

Myrtle Twedt: "I remember the Labor Day picnic at Alsen where the Woodman of the World Organization would bring in noteworthy speakers. I particularly remember listening to "fighting" Bob LaFollet of Wisconsin at such a meeting. I also remember that, in the early days of the Spink Post Office, the mail was delivered as far as Richland and then the postmaster, John Larson, or his wife, would have to travel to Richland to meet the mail. Often this was a walk. Family information relates that, in the fall of 1876, Mrs. John Larson made that walk. As she waited for the mail she observed a poster depicting Jesse and Frank James as outlaws wanted by authorities for train robbery. To her amazement, they were the same two men she had fed and lodged the week before when her husband was off to Sioux City on a two-day purchasing trip for supplies."

Elmer Duerst: "I have lived in Beresford all my life. I've seen some good times and some bad times. When I was 10 or 12, half the town would be at the depot to watch the evening train pull in. The city saloon closed on Sundays, so the owner of the city hotel sold beer illegally in soup bowls to his friends. They had horse races on Third Street. Beresford's first race track was located on the Russell Graham farm east of town. Art Loffler, who ran the lumber yard, built us kids a ball diamond on a lot where Franz Ryger's house now stands. Dave Stephen's store was the old town landmark. There aren't many old buildings left. The oldest building still left that I can remember was a livery stable (first building west of the bank). The first movie house was in the building where the bank stands. There was an ice house three blocks south of the post office. There was a water tank for horses south of the city building. Dr. A. V. Elliot had the first auto in Beresford. Frank Cook, Sr. had the first tailor shop. Dr. Maher was the first horse doctor. The first school I attended was in the old Norwegian Church after the 1902 storm had destroyed the school building. Mrs. Osmund Fundingsland was my teacher. Mr. Fundingsland sold suits for $2.75, threw in a pair of suspenders, a coonskin coat for $18.00, overalls for 45 cents and work shirts for 19 cents. Haircuts in those days were 15 cents and a shave, 10 cents.

Rose Peterson: "I, Rosa C. Peterson, daughter of Lauritz and Cora Jensen and first-born granddaughter (1903) of Morton and Kristine Jensen, as a child, walked this track between my grandparents' home and the home place several times. There was a trestle on the track. One time my foot got caught in the "cow-catchers". This experience caused me hereafter to avoid it. A variety of wildflowers grew on both sides of the track. Some of these I picked to adorn my May baskets."

Peter Erickson: "My father lived on a claim south of Beresford. It was a half-mile north of Roseni Church. Our family needed flour so he walked to Sioux City, Ia. and carried the 100-pound sack of flour on his shoulder to our home. He was a big man. That was in about 1886. Later on, in the summer, the grasshoppers were very bad. My mother was going to Ladies Aid and she washed the baby bonnet and hung it to dry on the clothes line. When she went to get the bonnet, the grasshoppers had eaten most of it!"

George Erickson: "When I was a young boy, it was an exciting day when my uncle, Erik Hjeyse, came with his steam threshing machine to thresh the grain on my father's farm. I could go near the engine if I would stay in the coal wagon and break the coal into smaller chunks. The coal was used to fire the engine. I also remember the first two high-wheeled, solid rubber-tired Fords which were driven to Beresford by John Carlson and a companion who owned a hardware store. In going by my father's farm, they got stuck on a newly graded road. So father pulled them to dryer ground with a team of horses. The year was about 1909 and there were no gravel roads at the time. The first airplane to come to Beresford for a 1910 Fourth of July celebration was shipped by train and assembled here. The pilot made two short flights over the southwest part of town and then it was taken apart again and shipped back to Chicago. The pilot's name was John Smith. The first airplane to fly and land in Beresford was shortly after World War I. Highway 77 was first marked off several miles east of its present location. At first it was called the Rainbow Trail and later the K.T. or King of Trails, and finally Number 77. The first REA lines were built to our farm in 1938."

Mary Weiland: "I remember in the 30's how we would get up in the morning hoping to see some rain clouds. If any rain came, it was very little and mostly none. It was just another day of hot winds, dust and dryness. We planted our crops and gardens, but we harvested very little. We always raised some potatoes. They would be

the size of marbles and some a little larger. They tasted very good when cooked with the peelings. There was very little to can . . . mostly mulberries and rhubarb. The small grain was very light and chaffy. Later on we would cut the thistles and stubble fields for winter feed for the livestock. One year we picked 165 bushels of corn from 65 acres. Our landlord, Mr. Frank Buthala, told us to keep all of it for feed. Frank and his family were very good to us. Some years we got even less to harvest when the grasshoppers would come and take most everything. Father Kirley, our parish priest of St. Joseph Church at Emmet, had a flock of chickens and he would have Ed Reedy from Beresford truck the eggs to Sioux City and from there they would be shipped to Chicago and sold to the hospitals. Parish members sent eggs from their flocks, along with the shipment. Mr. Reedy would bring a load of groceries to the parish house and, after Mass on Sundays, we would go to the basement of the parish house and get our groceries. When fall came we would go out in the pasture and pick up the dry cow chips to help out with the winter fuel supply. Then, in later years, my little grandchildren would say to me, "Grandma, tell us some more of the good old days???"

T. A. Peterson recalls that, in the early years of National banking when the Federal Reserve sent money bills of five-, ten- and twenty-dollar denominations, they came in sheets of 12 bills to a sheet. These bills then had to be hand cut and each had to be signed by the President and Cashier of the bank before circulation. In 1935, the government discontinued this.

DeLoss Smith: I remember when Mr. Redfield used to sprinkle about four blocks of the main street with a tank wagon of water several times a day in the summer to keep the dust down. Later, the city had the streets oiled. I also remember going downtown one day when there was a large mud hole filled with water in the street in front of McKee's store— the Gamble store area now. Someone had dressed up a dummy man and put him in the middle of the pond with a fish pole in hand. Ice boxes began to be used about 1910 and ice was shipped in from the Hawarden ice house and stored in an ice house located by the depot. Ice delivery men were Juels Wheelock, Mike Neuroth, and later "Poli" Latendresse. "Poli" also had a contract to deliver the mail from the depot to the post office. Many people in the early years cut ice from creeks and ponds to help preserve foods. Drayman O'Riley, Chamberlain and Thayer delivered pianos to my father's store. This was a task easily done by some, but more difficult for others. The drayman, with his team of horses, met all the trains each day and took care of all express and freight deliveries.

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Storms are with us for our whole time and, since we can't control them and have to live with them, we should know what they are—things of beauty and joy, as well as terror and destruction. The great American prairie storms that thunder with forking and flashing light and illuminate and darken the world are a power beyond man.

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Many will remember Mrs. Patrick Brennan, and the hearty laughs she occasioned with her keen Irish wit. Beresford just wouldn't have been the same without her. Possibly she was not one of the makers of history, but she came to town at a time when everyone knew everyone else, and her little drop-in visits never failed to cheer. One had to be keen to match wits with her.

Col. J. W. Reedy often laughed about the Sunday morning when the steps of the church were icy and Mrs. Brennan seemed timid about starting down. Mr. Reedy, in his most cavalier manner, stepped up and offered his assistance, when someone's foot slipped and they both fell. The irate old lady turned on Mr. Reedy with blood in her eye and said, "Oh! me good gracious, John Reedy! I coulda done that well myself!"

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At last, spring of 1870 came, bringing with it many new settlers who located all around their homestead. It was Archibald's business to take the new settlers out around the country and show them which pieces of land had not been taken. After the rush for land was over, Archibald came home and began to break up the soil to plant corn. Archibald had only been home a few days when they experienced one of the most terrible prairie fires. He had plowed a fire brake around the farm yard before this, and it was lucky that he had, for the fire came up from the southeast in a hurry, driven by a hurricane of wind. The very air for a hundred feet high seemed aflame with great balloons of fire flying past, where the wind had caught up a pile of hay and carried it far ahead. That day a strip of land four to eight miles wide, and much longer than that, lay in ashes. Neighbors' homes, barns and stacks of hay went up in smoke. Those animals which were not burned, stampeded. One man was horribly burned (Duncan story), while others sat in the plowed ground to save their lives.

Beresford Today

by David Lawrenson

The history of Beresford is a success story of which we are all proud. It is the story of humble pioneer beginnings which have evolved into a quality of living experience for its present day citizens. In the process of this evolution, important historical facts have become obscured. Those locations of historical significance are forgotten until such a time as we feel they should be reviewed. Now is one of those times. So, let's dust off the old records and then update them a bit as to make them relevant for our present day considerations. Then we shall expound a bit on what makes Beresford the town that we gladly call home.

The first structure in town, a saloon built by D. Choquette, sat on the location of what is now the Tubby Carlson building, just west of his body shop. The second structure, built by G. S. Jocelyn as a drug store, was never identified as to its original location, however, we know it was moved just north of the Gardner Hotel which existed at that time. Both of these structures were later destroyed and the Conoco gas station, now Dave's Mobil, was erected in their place.

Beresford's first merchant, David Stephen, moved his store from Sunnyside to the spot where Mike McGill now operates his law office, behind city hall. He later built a new store on the location of city hall.

The first hardware store, Reedy Hardware, sat on the corner of Third and Main, facing south, and occupied the location which is now Bierbaum Rexall Drug. J. W. Reedy built the first residence in town on the lot directly west of where the water tower is now. The house which is there now was occupied by Thomas Crelly for several years.

Richard Reedy operated the first livery barn approximately on the location of Chuck's Clover Farm. Also, next door was the site of the first meat market, started in 1881 by J. W. Steadman, now the Beresford Republic.

J. E. Sinclair, the town's first grain buyer, operated his flathouse across from the depot on the present site of Farmer's Elevator feed mill.

The first bank, the State Bank of Beresford, was located where Wass Funeral Home is presently, and was operated by C. A. Potter.

Finally, Paris, the town's first post office owned by Elie Ricard, the first resident and postmaster, was known to sit at the southeastern boundary of town where the railroad tracks cross Maple Street, just west of Al Ottmar's residence. The structure was on the south side of the street.

These are but a few of Beresford's pioneer beginnings that one can spend considerable time pondering. What one is impressed with most when dealing with this subject is the constant change that occurs over the decades; however, we don't have to go back 100 years to measure the effects of time. All that we have to do is pick up a copy of the 1959 Jubilee issue and study the list of businesses in town at that time and compare it with today. The difference is quite striking! How many of us remember such places as Kowalke Implement, Joe's Tire Service, Marshall Wells Store, Tip Top Babershop, Hardware Supply Co., Beresford Creamery and Produce, Tendler's Plumbing & Electric and many others?

Since that time, our town's appearance and living habits have also changed quite dramatically. Remember how hectic Saturday nights used to be back in 1959? All of the stores were open as the farm community and city folks alike would crowd the business district. You could almost predict whose car was parked where and who was standing in front of what store. The Vogue Theatre would prove to be a handy babysitter as mom and dad completed the weekly shopping. Traffic down Third Street was quite heavy then as Highway 77 directed all north-south vehicles through town since I-29 was as yet only a good idea.

If one had the desire to read a good book, he could visit the city library above the fire station, which sat next to what was then Carlson Produce, the building now owned by Mike Bak at Main and Fourth Streets. The water tower then stood by the city electric building and city hall was on Main Street where the Triangle now does business. If you wanted a fine meal you could choose among three restaurants in the business district. They were Tolly's Cafe, now the empty space by Hair Works Etc., Mac's Cafe and the Green Globe Cafe, which occupied the space where First National Bank is now.

The school system, grade school and high school were confined to a single location, except for the various country schools around the area. The outdoor athletic events — football, track and baseball — took place on the city-owned facility in Bulow Park. The track encompassed the baseball field, which was converted to a

football field in the fall.

These are just a few changes from the "good old days". While we miss those days, we also realize that progress is the mother of change and that very few would really want to go back again. Modern Beresford remains a good place to live, offering a better quality lifestyle to its residents than ever before.

A wide variety of businesses continue to flourish in Beresford, which speaks of the general health of its farm economy. In response to this, the Chamber of Commerce sponsors an annual Farmers Night to show its appreciation.

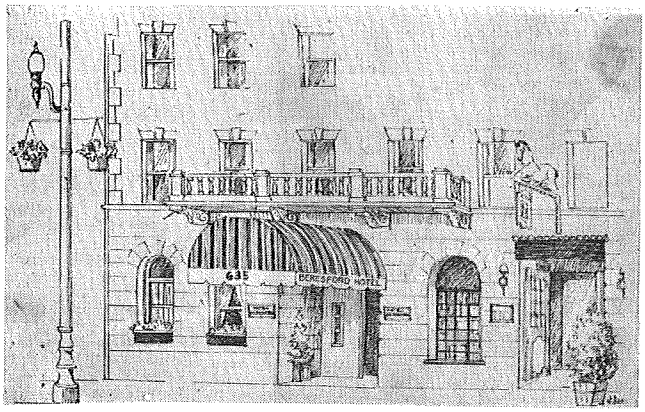
Virtually all streets are now paved and have curb and gutter. A handsome water tower, which has been in service approximately ten years, adorns the town's eastern section. Cable television was added in 1982, offering a large selection of entertainment to city residents. The library and fire departments each have their own fine facilities and both serve the public in a professional manner.

For those who are inclined toward recreation, Beresford has much to offer. There is a fine nine-hole golf course that features men's and women's leagues, tennis courts, a large swimming pool, campgrounds, park recreation, two new softball fields, bowling alley, and the recently remodeled baseball field, complete with grass infield, permanent batting cage and pitching machine. Baseball programs include Pee Wees, Midgets, Teeners, Legion and Amateur. Softball programs include men's and women's fastpitch, men's slowpitch and junior girls' slowpitch.

Beresford boasts of a fine school system, which occupies two sites and includes the elementary school, middle school and high school buildings. Also included are two auditoriums, agriculture building, bus barn, music and band facilities, and a new sports complex which includes a football field encompassed by an all-weather track. A large concrete grandstand overlooks both, offering plenty of fine seating.

Within the community are different groups, such as the Lion's Club and Jaycees, who are constantly working on different projects for the benefit of many. Also, the Beresford's Senior Citizens Center provides a daily opportunity for the fellowship of the elderly.

Beyond these reasons, why would a person want to make Beresford his home? Perhaps it's because one's family has lived here for generations, or maybe because of it's easygoing lifestyle, or it could be that one is attracted to a certain class of people. The people who live here are much like those pioneers who began this community, molded by a work ethic and who have learned that investment and sacrifice are the keys to endurance.



Beresford Hotel, San Francisco

Beresford Hotel Exists in San Francisco

When Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Anderson were vacationing in San Francisco, Calif. once, they mentioned their home town which caught the attention of a person who invited them to visit the Beresford Hotel on Sutter Street.

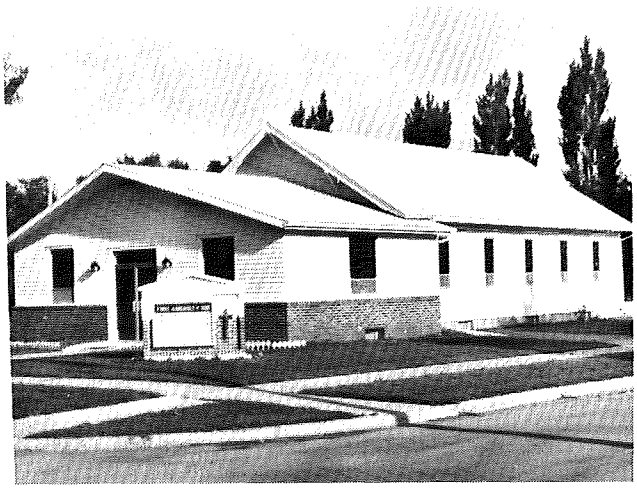
A picture of Lord Beresford, an English, Chicago & Northwestern Railway stockholder for whom this community was renamed, hangs in the lobby, the Andersons report. He was said to be the financier of the hotel, built in the 1870's or '80's, and was recently completely renovated to the original 19th century style.

Holiday magazine described the Beresford hotel "with the coziness of a country inn or residential pension. A horse with a Mona Lisa smile hangs over the entrance to the hotel's centerpiece, the White Horse Tavern. Owner Dan Lange liberated the animal from a Coney Island merry-go-round and modeled the tavern after its 18th century namesake in Edinburgh.

"The hotel prides itself on being San Francisco's friendliest. The lobby is Lulliputian, the elevator a collector's item, and it has the genial atmosphere of a London local."

The Beresford Hotel, Mr. Anderson said, is close to the Nob Hill cable car route.

Beresford Area Churches



First Assembly of God Church

The Garfield Independent Pentecostal Assembly was first formed by the original members as they began to meet in private homes in the Garfield township community for Bible studies. These Bible studies were a result of people being converted during a revival meeting held in approximately 1930 in the Centerville area.

As the number of converts grew the homes became too small and the Prairie Center Township Hall was used to hold services. Later the Garfield Township Hall became the meeting place. Eventually property approximately 10 miles north of Vermillion was donated by Christina Lund and her son, Charlie Lund, for the purpose of building a permanent structure. The building was completed and dedication of this church was on April 2, 1931.

Charter members of the first organized business meeting in 1935 were the following: C. H. Carlstrom, William Miller, Alphon Lund, Palmer Lund, Charlie Lund, Roy Hunter, Mrs. Christina Lund, Mrs. Effie Lund, Miss Miriam Carlstrom, Mrs. William Miller, Miss Recardo Christensen, Martin Jensen, Mrs. Martin Jensen and Mrs. Roy Hunter.

In Aug. of 1954 the congregation agreed to begin a church in Beresford. Property at the corner of 5th and Hemlock was purchased from the Free Methodist Church, which included a basement church and a parsonage. The name of the church was changed at this time to Garfield Gospel Tabernacle and the congregation was affiliated with the Independent Assemblies of God Fellowship.

On October 14, 1969 the original church building was moved to Beresford and placed on property purchased at 10th and Hemlock. Rev. Carl O. Johnson, Rev. Chester R. Logelin and John J. Johnson completely remodeled and renovated the old structure and added a new entrance and basement. The church building was officially dedicated and opened for services in 1971.

On April 14, 1980 the church and congregation agreed to become affiliated with the International Assemblies of God Fellowship with headquarters in Springfield, Missouri. The name of the church was changed at that time to the First Assembly of God of Beresford.

Pastors through the years have been: Rev. Benjamin Heinz, Rev. Channer, Rev. A. O. Swanson, Rev. Nels Mattson, Rev. Emil Carlson, Rev. A. M. Stenstrom, Rev. Carl O. Johnson, Rev. Chester R. Logelin, Rev. Emil Carlson, Rev. Gordon Synhorse, John J. Johnson, Rev. Carl O. Johnson, Rev. Lowell Vigoren, Rev. Chester Graves, Rev. Chester R. Logelin, John J. Johnson and Rev. J. M. Cummings. The present pastor is Rev. Raymond "Pete" Petersen.

Dalesburg Baptist Church

The year of 1868 will go down in history as a memorable year for the Swedes of the central part of Clay county, South Dakota, especially in the vicinity of what was known as Bloomingdale. It was in that year that the first Swedish settlers came to the area. During the early part of that year, Mr. G. Jonas Peterson from Dalarna, Sweden settled five and a half miles south of the present Dalesburg Baptist Church. Later in the year several others arrived including Peter Nilsen, Olaf Hanson, H. Backman and Olaf Lind. These families arrived in the barren country covered with long prairie grass. No trees meant no lumber for homes. Dugouts were the only possibility. The second home would be a sod house above the ground and finally a frame home would be built.

These pioneers began to gather for meetings in dugouts to study God's word. The meetings were led by G. Jonas Peterson. Records show that they gathered for "Jul-Otta" (early morning Christmas service) at the Peterson home on December 25, 1868. This could well have been the first meeting of its kind ever held in this country. In 1869 and 1870 the community was strengthened by the arrival of others, including Olaf Lindberg; Erick Lundquist, Sr.; H. H. Hedeen, Sr.; Olaf Swedin, Sr.; Lars A. Swedberg; and Erick O. Frieberg and families. Mrs. Kristina Erickson was also a very early pioneer.

The first Baptist minister who visited this community was Rev. P. A. Ring of Union Creek, now known as Big Springs. He made occasional visits, walking all the way from his home, as there were no roads at the time. His first visit was on a midsummer day, June 25, 1871. his was a memorable visit in the history of the church, because on that day the first baptism took place in the Vermillion River at Bloomingdale. Four people were baptized: G. Jonas Peterson and wife Kristina, L.A. Peterson and Anna Olson. Also on the same day, June 25, 1871 the organization of Dalesburg Baptist Chruch, then known as Bloomingdale Baptist-Forsamling, took place in the home of G. Jonas Peterson, which today is the farm owned by Eldon Olson. The small group met in the only frame building in the neighborhood, a 20 x 16-foot, one-room building which was used for all purposes. Thirteen individuals made up the charter membership.

The beginning was indeed small for these pioneers without a pastor or church building. However, with determination they continued to labor with various laymen preaching. At the end of the six years, the church had grown from 17 to a membership of 51.

In 1878 the pioneers began to build the first church through the generosity of one of the members, Lars Peterson. He donated one and a half acres of land. The congregation thought this would not be large enough so they purchased an additional half acre for the sum of $5.00. Most of the work was done by the farmers who worked in the fields during the day and in the evening would come to work on the new church building. Members of the building committee were: Ole Swedling; Eric Lundquist, Sr.; A. A. Hedeen, Sr.; and E. Bergquist. In the spring of 1879 the church was finished.

Several ministers visited the newly organized church. In the spring of 1885 John Lundin and family came from Sweden. Rev. Lundin became the first regular pastor of the church. His salary the first year amounted to $300.00.

In 1886 a parsonage was built and later moved to Dalesburg where it still stands. A larger parsonage was built in 1902 on an acre of land purchased from Mr. O. Erickson.

Rev. Lundin's successor, Rev. C. G. Nelson, took up his pastoral duties in 1890 and left in 1892. In 1893 Rev. M. A. Freedland came and served for five months. Rev. N. A. Lindholm, who came from Sweden, served the church until 1895. During his ministry here he was ordained on September 19, 1893. Rev. Olaf Lind arrived in 1895 and served for five years.

Various Societies have been active and vital to the life of the church. The Sunday school is the oldest branch of the work. The oldest record of the Sunday school work dates from June 1, 1877. Another society at this time was the ladies aid.

In the early days of the church the Swedish language was used by both young and old. All services were conducted in the Swedish language, but little by little the English language became more common.

In June of 1900 E. O. Shogren, who later became a missionary to India, came as an interim pastor. He resigned in March, 1901. In 1902 Rev. N. E. Nelson accepted the call, serving until March, 1903. Several months passed until the church again had a pastor. Rev. Fritzell took up the duties in September, 1904, leaving for a new pastorate in October, 1906.

On December 1, 1907, Rev. Carl Hasselblad arrived to serve as pastor. During his pastorate on July 8, 1911 the organization of the Swedish Baptist Conference of South Dakota took place in the parsonage of the Big Springs Baptist Church. The by-laws, eight in number, were adopted of which the first one read "All meetings shall open and close with prayer." Rev. Hasselblad resigned in January, 1912.

In 1912 Rev. G. C. Edwards accepted the call and served until 1916. In 1916 Rev. Andrew Johnson arrived and during his ministry a new church building was in the planning. After two years of preparation the church was completed in June 1919. It was a noteworthy achievement in that it left no debt obligation to the congregation and has served adequately to the present day. Pastor Johnson resigned in 1920.

In 1920 the church sent a call to Rev. Robert Larson who took up his pastoral duties here. On September 29, 1924 a motion was made to change the name of the church from Bloomingdale to Dalesburg. This motion was carried and since that time it has been known as Dalesburg Baptist Church. Rev. Larson resigned from his duties in 1926.

Rev. Arthur Erickson served as pastor from 1928 until 1933. In the fall of 1931 the church celebrated its sixtieth anniversary at which time the interior of the church was redecorated. From September 1933 to September 1934 Rev. Lowell Anderson served as pastor. In 1935 Rev. Walter Watkins took up the work. He was ordained in the fall of 1936 and left in December of that year.

It was not until June 1938 that another full-time pastor, Rev. Oscar Jacobson arrived. It was at this time that the first summer assembly (now called camp) was held at Swan Lake. Pastor Jacobson died January 29, 1939.

Rev. G. A. Christenson arrived in 1939 to begin a pastorate which lasted for eight years. During this time our nation was involved in war and many of our young men were called to serve in the armed forces. The church celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary on October 31-November 3, 1946. Rev. Christenson left in 1947 and Mr. Vernel Madson, high school superintendent at Alcester, served as supply pastor until June 1948.

Robert E. Hails accepted the call, arriving in June 1948. He was a new graduate of Bethel Seminary of St. Paul, Minn. and was ordained during his ministry here. Rev. Hails left in January 1950.

In 1950 Rev. Rawlin Johnson arrived to begin his pastorate. Ground was broken for a new parsonage in August of 1954. The old parsonage was sold and the members committed themselves to accomplish the task of building with volunteer labor. Rev. Johnson served until 1960. Rev. Victor Anderson then served the church as interim pastor for a few months.

A call was extended to Rev. Kenneth Sameulson who served as pastor from 1960 to 1964. In 1964 Rev. J. Wesley Anderson arrived, serving the church until 1967. Rev. Charles Franson began his ministry here in 1967. In 1970 improvements to the church building were made, including a new foyer. Rev. Franson served until 1972. Rev. Harry Ratzlaff arrived in 1973, serving until 1978. In 1975 the church kitchen was remodeled and new carpeting installed in the church sanctuary in 1977.

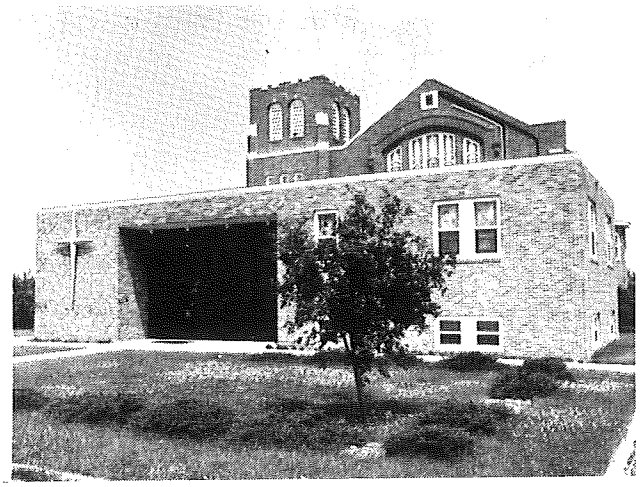
Our present pastor, Rev. Randy Stauter, began his ministry in 1978. In 1980 Freeland Mead began serving as associate pastor and was ordained in June of 1982.

The missionary concern of the church is demonstrated by a continual financial support of missions. For many years the "Lord's Acre" offering for missions at Thanksgiving time has been an inspiration to all. Miss Grace Swanson served as missionary in Assam, India from 1949 to 1969.

Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church

The Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church dates its origins to a rather obscure meeting in the home of Nels J. Larson on April 17, 1882, at which time those attending organized "a religious Corporation or Association for the purpose of religious worship." The articles of incorporation were drawn up, notarized, and filed within a few weeks, forming the roots of the present Brooklyn Church.

The small group was under lay-leadership, who themselves did most of the preaching, assisted occasionally by an itinerant minister.



The first full time resident pastor was the Rev. Fred A. Nelson who assumed his duties on April 1, 1901.

The first building was erected by the congregation in 1891; the first parsonage, a quarter of a mile East, was constructed in the fall of 1904. This parsonage served as home for the pastors until 1945 when a residence was purchased in the City of Beresford at 409 West Cedar Street. In 1972 the present church parsonage was purchased at 201 South Eleventh Street.

Construction of the present Brooklyn Church was started in the fall of 1917 and the church was dedicated in May 1918. Total cost of the building was $21,851.73. Various improvements have since been made. A major change was made in 1975 when an addition of 3300 square feet was added and ample two-level foyer, coat room, nursery, class rooms, rest rooms and inside stairways. The church is completely air-conditioned as well.

The usual departments of the church which came into existence in its early history include the Choir, the Womens Missionary Society, the Youth Organization, the Sunday School and the Mens Fellowship. Each of these continues to function at the present time.

Seventeen Pastors have served the congregation during its 100 years. Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church celebrated its Centennial year in 1982.

The outreach of this church has changed greatly in the last quarter of a century. What was once the church in the country for farmers and their families (many of whom could speak or understand Swedish), now has become a church with worshippers from the near by towns, as well as from the rural areas. The present generation continues to work for the goals set by the Scandinavian pioneers who came in 1870 and settled this area.

Dalesburg Lutheran Church

The Dalesburg Lutheran Church located 6 miles west and 9 miles south of Beresford was organized January 3, 1871. Sunday worship services before the first church building was built in 1874 were held at the dugout or sod shanty homes of the deacons, alternating Sundays north or south of the church. Seating in the first building was men to the right, women to the left, with mixed seating in the balcony permitting a young man to sit with his lady. In 1881 the church acquired an organ salvaged from flood waters. The Sunday School was organized in 1882 and that same year the young people took up a collection and purchased a reed organ. The Young Peoples Society, later the Luther League, was organized in 1889.

In 1896 a second church, the core of the present church was built to accomodate the growing congregation. The first pulpit removed in 1903 was a raised pulpit and had three steps on both sides to enter if for preaching. The Moeller pipe organ, purchased by the Luther League for $1,850.00, was installed about 1914. A coal burning furnace and carbide lights were also added. The English language was first introduced for some services in 1913 after 40 years of the Swedish language for all services. By 1927 services were one half English and one half Swedish, by 1937 one Sunday a month had both languages, and in 1946 Swedish was phased out altogether.

In 1920 the church was completely remodeled. It was raised and a basement was constructed, electrified, new front and towers replaced the old entry and steeple, and the present altar,

pulpit and baptismal font were installed. Stained glass windows were added during the 40's and an oil burner replaced the coal burner. A new parsonage was built in 1951 with other improvements and maintenance continuing through the 60's and 70's and into the 80's. These improvements were: bathrooms, new heating system, new kitchen, new pews, and carpeting, renovation of the pipe organ. The Rockfield Lutheran Church was merged into Dalesburg Lutheran during this period.

Dalesburg Lutheran is the home of the annual "Midsommar" Festival celebrated as it is in Sweden on the Friday that falls between the 19th and 25th of June celebrating the summer solstice. It features a maypole, a smorgasbord dinner, an afternoon program honoring "old timers", and an evening program for the public with some touring talent group from Sweden performing most years. A Sunday outdoor worship service following is a community affair together with other area churches.

Dalesburg Lutheran, affiliated until 1960 with the Augustana Lutheran Synod, became part of the Lutheran Church in America when that body was formed. It has continued to serve as a Lutheran worship center for the area surrounding it in Clay and Union counties. As of January 3, 1983 worship and related activities at the church have been continous for 112 years.

Pastors serving Dalesburg Lutheran since its beginning are: Carl Beckstrom, S. A. Lindholm, C. J. Carlson, S. A. Stahlberg, C. O. Swenson, A. M. Broleen, B. N. Glim, J. H. Ford, E. A. Martel, O. T. Erickson, O. E. Turnquist, A. C. Edstrom, Howard Youngblom, Bernhard Brynell, Darrel Nelson, Glen Savage, and Robert Lundgren. Donald L. Mattson is the present pastor having served since August of 1981.

St. Mary's Catholic Church

Garryowen

The Garryowen community was originally settled by three families, the O'Connors, the Mannings and the Sullivans. They had come from Dubuque, Iowa where they had lived in a community called Garryowen. From 1860 to 1879 these people had no church of their own so they worshipped with the Fairview congregation in a log church. The Fairview Cemetery, which is located on Highway 50, three and one half miles west of Junction I-20 and Highway 50, marks the location of this early church.

In 1879 the Garryowen community had increased to 45 families. Their first church was

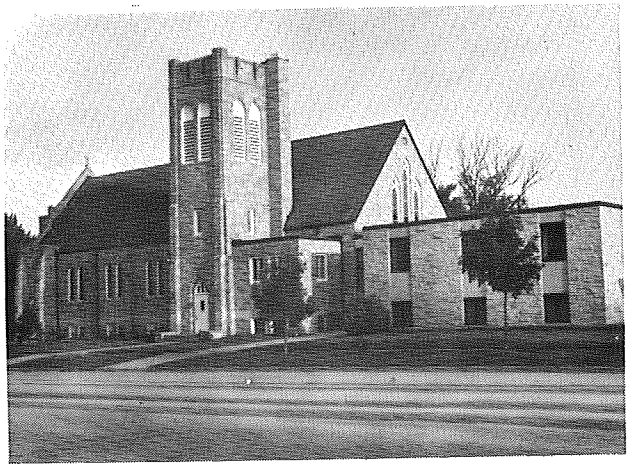
then built in the center of the cemetery. The Fairview priest became responsible for both churches. One of the most notable priests who served both parishes was Father Martin Marty for whom Mount Marty is named.

The site of the first church, the present church and surrounding land was donated by four families, the Pat Mahans, John Caseys, Tom Sullivans and Tom O'Connors.

A few years after the first church was built, Father Eugene Sullivan built the first rectory. This rectory later burned. The church was moved to the Casey farm and a new and larger church and rectory were completed in 1904. This church burned down in 1924 and the rectory was moved to a farm now owned by the Harry Peterson family. The rectory was purchased by Edward Merrigan in 1927, who owned the Peterson farm at that time.

The present church was completed in 1925. At that time Garryowen was a mission church of Emmett. The first resident priest in the 1880's was Father Brogan. Since then it has been served by priests from Emmett, Vermillion and Elk Point. Father Anthony Opem is now serving Elk Point and Garryowen.

Priests of the Garryowen parish are: 1889-1890 Rev. James Flanigan, 1890-1895 no record, 1895-1897 Rev. Mathias Kennely, 1897-1899 Rev. J. Cusak, 1898-1903 Rev. W. Dowling, 1903-1904 Rev. P. Kearns, 1904 Rev. M. Golden, 1904-1906 Rev. L. Kerley, 1906-1916 Rev. J. A. Bushman (from the Emmett Parish), 1916-1921 Rev. M. P. O'Connor, 1921-1922 Rev. J. D. Byrne, 1922-1939 Rev. J. D. Kirley, 1939 Rev. John Foster, 1939 Marian Hill Fathers, 1939-1964 Rev. J. P. Leen, 1965-1975 (from the Vermillion Parish), 1975-1980 Rev. Leonard Fox, 1980-1983 Rev. Joseph Anderson, and 1983 Rev. Anthony Opem.



Emmanuel American Lutheran Church

Emmanuel church has its beginning on June 21, 1893, when four pioneers, T. L. Torgeson, S. O. Steensland, A. Everson and C. Christopherson met at the home of Rev. G. L. Gravin to organize a Lutheran Congregation in Beresford. The church was built on ground donated by Mr. Torgeson at West Cedar and Third Street. The cost of the completed structure was $1,719.20. The name chosen for the new church was Emmanuel (God is with us). Dedication services were held July 8, 1894. That same year Sunday School, Luther Leagues, and Choirs were organized. Bertha Fundingsland was appointed organist, a position she held for 34 years.

On June 17, 1891, two years before the organization of the congregation, the Ladies Aid was started by seven women: Mrs. G. Gravin, Mrs. O. Rendom, Mrs. Tomine Torgeson, Mrs. Anne Leafson, Mrs. S. O. Steensland, Miss Sophie Torgeson and Mrs. T. L. Torgeson. This organization is now called the "Emmanuel American Lutheran Church Women." Other organizations are Sunday School, Adult Bible class, Senior choir, Joy singers, Junior and Senior Luther Leagues.

The congregation eventually outgrew the original church structure. In 1946 construction began for a new church at Main and Fifth Street. It is built of Kasota stone, Gothic design and dominated by a bell tower. The corner stone was laid April 25, 1948 and the new Emmanuel Lutheran Church was dedicated on Penticost Sunday, May 28, 1950.

Ground was broken July 17, 1966 for a Parish Education Unit to be constructed on the West side of the church. It was designed to form a harmonious union with the sanctuary in the similar Kasota stone. It was dedicated on September 10, 1967.

Nazareth Lutheran Church and Emmanuel merged on February 3, 1974. The Nazareth bell and corner stone became a nucleus for the Emmanuel, Nazareth Memorial Bulletin Board. It was built of Kasota stone and dedicated September 21, 1980.

Several other improvements have been added: In 1961 stained glass windows were designed and installed. The pipe organ installed in 1956 was rebuilt in 1964 with new chests and additional rank of pipes and chimes.

In 1982 a new furnace and airconditioning were installed. Also, the kitchen was relocated and completely remodeled.

Pastors who have served Emmanuel are: 1894-1901 Rev. G. L. Graven, 1901-1903 Rev. H. Moe, 1903-1907 Rev. A. M. Mannes, 1907-1915 Rev. J.A. Quello, 1916-1920 Rev. A.E. Distad, 1920-1923 Rev. J.O. Reitan, 1925-1930 Rev. Louis Larson, 1931-1935 Rev. T.T. Vikse, 1935-1939 Rev. J. E. Borgen, 1940-1944 Rev. T. A. Thompson, 1944-1947 Rev. Emil Erpestad, 1947 -1953 Rev. Virgil F. Bjerke, 1953-1960 Rev. Olaf Rossing, 1960-1971 Rev. Judeen Johnson, 1971- Rev. Jalmer Eldal. And the present pastors serving Emmanuel Congregation are Rev. Jalmer Eldal and Assistant Rev. Richard Peterson.

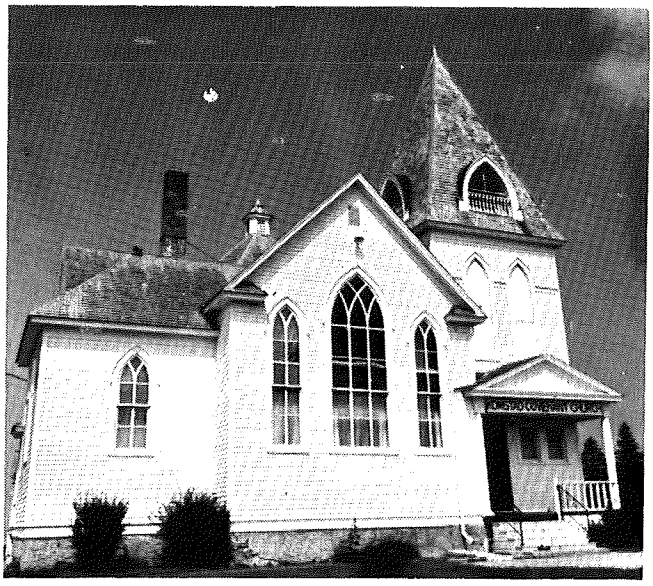
Komstad Covenant Church

The first records of Komstad Church are dated October, 1874. There is evidence some families had been meeting in the homes before that time.

At a congregational meeting May 6, 1875, 5 acres of land was offered as a gift on which to build a church, which was done the following year. The timber for the sills was donated and the building committee raised $20.00 which was considered sufficient for the proposed building.

In 1877 a stove was purchased and a chimney built, so the building could be heated. Five years later benches were installed for seating. At the annual meeting in Nov. 1884, the first mention of a cemetery was made.

During the 1880's a difference of opinion arose among the membership and 11 members withdrew and held services at the Riverside Mill. In spite of the small number they decided to put up their own place of worship. The new church was erected on the John Holmquist farm, one mile south of the present church, where Harold Engstroms now reside. They had the use of the Holmquist barn loft while the



church was under construction. This was called the Riverside Church. This group called Rev. Abraham Wilson in 1886, but he served only one year when he became ill and died.

Rev. A. P. Youngberg took over the work in 1890 in Riverside and continued through 1894. There are no records of a minister at the Komstad Church at this time. Rev. Youngberg was followed by Rev. Carl Hanson from 1896 to 1898. During the first year of his ministry he succeeded in uniting the two groups and the Riverside Church was moved to Komstad and attached to that building in 1897. The parsonage was erected in 1896. Rev. Hanson wrote the first church constitution, which as far as records show, was in effect until 1954. So everyone would be free to worship there, the church was non-denominational until 1954.

Rev. Nels Wickstrom assumed the work in 1898. His wife, at her request, was the first lady to become a member of the church. At the next annual meeting 29 ladies joined the church and in April, 1904 another eight were made members.

The present church structure was erected in 1905. The old building which had done 30 years of service was moved near the section line and used until the new one could be completed.

The cost of the church was as follows: Lumber, brick and plastering-$3,329.60; stone-$18; painting materials-$242.62; moving old building-$80; hardware-$345.16; mason work-$610.90; carpenter work-$1,742.24; painting-$202.20; Gust Norgren's work-$150; gas plant-$345.30; heating apparatus-$340.90; benches-$626.07; bell-$152; carpets-$74.91; board-$16; zinc-$2.75; miscellaneous-$19.90; inside fixtures-$147.61; Total-$8,456.16. On Sunday, May 27, 1906, the dedicatory service for the new church was held.

Komstad was an independent church for almost 80 years, but in 1954 there was a growing need for fellowship with a larger group. In June of 1954 they joined with the Evangelical Covenant Church.

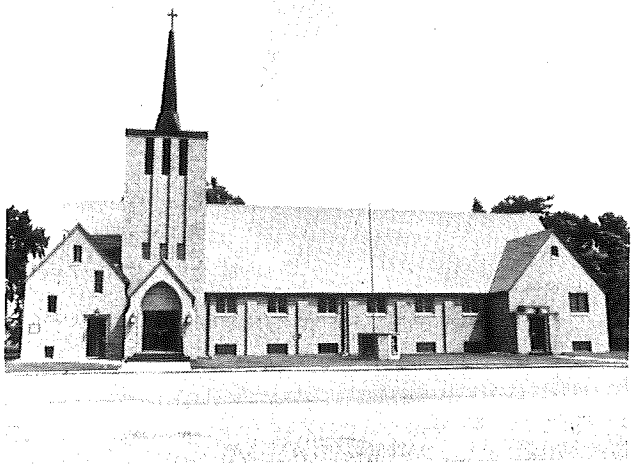
The following organizations are a part of Komstad now: Sunday School and morning worship each Sunday, Covenant Couples, Trailblazers (4th, 5th and 6th graders), Hi-League (7th thru 12th grade), Covenant Women, Beresford Circle and Centerville Circle.

A test of faith for the present Congregation was a severe hail and wind storm in August, 1980. A large part of the stained glass window on the north side of the church was smashed and wind driven rain poured into the church. With everyone from Pastor to parishioners working together, glass was pulled from benches, floors refinished and carpet replaced and money raised to replace the window and refinish pews. New hymnals were also purchased. Once again the church was ready to house its congregation. It was a thrilling miracle to again see the stained glass window in place and to know that so much had been accomplished by working together. Covenant Women's project at the present is remodeling the kitchen.

Present pastor is Wayne E. Cooke. Others who have served are: J. E. Bodin, Henry Hammer, L. Anderson, John Nelson, C. A. Sundquist, Abraham Wilson, A. P. Ljungberg, Carl Hanson, Nels Wickstrom, Edward Thorell, Andrew Modig, John E. Melin, F. O. Dahlberg, Joseph Carlson, A Vernoy Peterson, Raymond A. Johnson, G. F. Jansson, Harold Fredrickson, Vernon A. Anderson, Dwight Johnson, Raymond Nelson, K. B. Eklund, William Neuman, Paul Nelson, Everett Hansen, Carl Isaacson, Randall Tschetter, David Rushton, Ronald Habermas, Jeff Hoeg, Paul Lingenfelder, Don Krutsinger, Paul Koeln, Wayne Cooke.

Lands Lutheran Church

Lands Church was organized in the summer of 1872, although residents of the Moe community had been served by a traveling pastor from Gayville, SD for five years. Rev. Elle Olson was the first pastor. He also served several other congregations in the area including Canton. The first church services were held in the homes. Most of the houses were made of logs but a few were frame structures.



Worship services were conducted in the Norwegian language. School was also held in the homes, both grammar and Norwegian parochial school. Two to four months of parochial school were taught each year.

By 1876 the talk of building a church became a reality. Pledges were taken and it was decided the congregation would be able to afford a building forty feet long, thirty feet wide and sixteen feet high. The work was done by volunteer labor. Men of the community hauled lumber by team from Sioux City, Iowa. The name "Lands" was chosen and first appears on the records March 4, 1875. The origin of the name Lands remains uncertain. On August 6, 1876 the first service was held at Lands Church. That summer a group of pioneer women met in the Joe Dkorheim home to organize a Ladies Aid. Three men of the congregation each donated 50 cents for the purchase of sewing material for the women to work with.

The settlers' joy in their new church was short-lived. On March 28, 1879 a terrible prairie fire driven by an unusually strong wind burned everything in its path. The first Lands Church laid in ashes less than three years after it was built. The congregation had grown considerably so the need for a place of worship was greater than at any time before. Pledges were taken again and by July 1881 the second Lands church was ready for use, although not really completed. The steeple was not finished until 1885 and the furnishings not completed until the nineties. Pastor Olson resigned in 1889. Many early records of Lands church were lost when the pastor's house burned.

Pastor L. J. Hauge was the next pastor (1891-1899). He and his bride were the first to live in the Lands parsonage which was completed in 1892. While Rev. Hauge was pastor a general store housing a post office was built north of the parsonage. It was called the Moe store and for years was a focal point in the community. The store closed its doors in the late 1930's but Moe Parish still bears its name. The Ladies Aid grew in numbers and because of the mode of travel was divided into three groups, south, west and north.

Rev. C. Stras was pastor at Lands from 1899 until 1903. Rural mail routes were established in 1900. By this time the second Lands church was in need of repair and was also too small for the growing congregation. The members voted to build a new church making use of material salvaged from the old one. The cornerstone for the third Lands church was laid August 4, 1901. This was an eight-sided frame building. In June 1902 a tornado swept the community leveling both Trinity and Romsdal churches. It blew down the steeple of the new Lands Church, damaged windows and weakened the whole structure.

Rev. Nummedal served from 1903 to 1918. He organized the Luther League which was strongly supported by the young people.

In 1918 Lands, Trinity and Romsdal churches combined to form Moe Lutheran Parish. Rev. C. L. Dalseide was called to be the pastor (1919-1929). There began to be a gradual shift from the Norwegian to the English language.

Rev. Molberg was pastor from 1929 until 1944. The Molbergs contributed much to the up-dating of the three Sunday Schools and seven Ladies Aids in the parish. The L.D.R., a girls organization, became very active. The Moe Parish Lutheran Brotherhood was organized in 1937. Since 1948 it has sponsored the very successful Fourth of July celebrations held annually at Moe Parish Park.

Rev. A. Snesrud became the next pastor (1945-1949). He furnished the idea and inspiration for developing Moe Parish Park. He noticed that the parish had some unused property in the form of ten acres of land with a barn and chicken house. Pastor Snesrud's dream was to convert the land into a park, the barn into a Youth Center and the small chicken coop into a play house. With whole-hearted support from the parish the dream came true.

The need for a more adequate church structure at Lands had been felt for sometime and early in July 1950 a contract was let to John Scholt of Sioux Falls. On May 4, 1952 the present brick sanctuary was dedicated. It is located across the road from the earlier building site. The new church provided many advantages,

including much needed Sunday School rooms and a central place where the women of the church could meet together. The three Ladies Aids combined immediately.

A Haygren organ was installed which has recently been replaced by a pipe organ. A black-top parking area was laid where the long-gone church stables had sheltered the horses of the pioneers. Erling Fretheim was pastor during this period (1950-1956).

Many other faithful pastors have served Moe parish down through the years, including Rev. Haanstad, Imbrock, Svaren and Neal Thompson. The present pastor is Jon Skaar. A number of dedicated interim and assistant pastors have also labored with us.

In 1972 Lands with its two sister congregations celebrated the hundreth anniversary of the parish.

Romsdal Church

The 110th anniversary of Romsdal Church was held in the summer of 1982 together with her sister churches of Lands and Trinity congregations. The three churches were originally of different synods; but, throughout the years the church bodies have joined hands in their common endeavor of furthering God's kingdom.

The early pioneers held church services in their homes whenever a preacher or layman would come to the community to conduct services. News of his arrival would be passed from home to home with the young boys used as "runners." The pioneers gathered and enjoyed singing the Norwegian hymns they knew from the country from which most of them had come. The pastors would baptize babies and perform weddings in someone's parlor or dugout.

The first meeting to organize a Lutheran Church was held at the Peder Eneboe home on April 26th, 1972. Mr. Eneboe was unanimously elected "Elder" of the congregation. He also donated an acre of land that was used as a cemetery for ten years.

Gunnar L. Graven, an ordained layman, became the congregation's first pastor in 1873. Services were often held in school houses in the community. Eighteen years after organization a special meeting was held to discuss the possibility of building. After unanimous agreement it was decided to build on two acres of land given by Lars Kylling. The church incorporated on April 24th, under the laws of South Dakota. The Romsdal Church is located five miles north and five east of Beresford. The name Romsdal is from an area of the same name in Norway.

The first building was 46' x 28', and 16 feet high with a bell tower 10 feet square at the base. The building committee was Henry Thompson, Lars Kylling and Iver Alness. It was ready for Christmas in 1890 and painted in 1891.
Rev. A. O. Utheim, president of the Hauge Synod dedicated the structure in 1892. The church cost $3,000.00 and was paid for.

After thirty years of faithful service Pastor Graven preached his last sermon in Romsdal and moved to Santa Rosa, Ca. where he died three years later. He had not only given Romsdal its start but, also about twenty-five other congregations between Sioux City, Ia. and Dell Rapids.

The next pastors who served the congregation were C. C. Holter, G. O. Mona and T. T. Carlson. There were plans to enlarge the church, but, in the spring of 1902 a devastating storm raged through the community and blew the building down. Another was built for $5,000.00 and dedicated on July 2, 1905. Carl Evjen and Peder Erickson of the Roseni community were the carpenters.

The following ministers served: G. A. Mona, 1905-1906; J. A. Quello, 1907-1915, (together with Emmanuel Lutheran and Skrefsrud).

The Romsdal Ladies Aid organized in 1877 with Rev. Graven's help. They met in the homes of members and would walk long distances, knitting as they walked; their balls of yarn fastened to their belts to keep them from

tangling. In 1908 the organization bought a bell for the church for $40.00.

The Romsdal Sunday School was organized in 1903.

Rev. J. J. Skarpness served Romsdal and Centerville Lutheran until 1919. After Lands, Trinity and Romsdal formed the Moe Parish in 1919 the pastors were Rev. G. Isolony and Rev. C. L. Dalseide.

In 1922 a 32-volt Delco electric generator was installed replacing the carbide gas lights. A full basement was added in 1926.

In 1922 Rev. Albert Molberg was called and he served the parish until 1944. The 60th and 75th anniversaries of the church were observed with special services.

In 1944 Rev. A. Snerud enjoyed coming to this part of the country after serving in Chicago and California. He was instrumental in starting the Moe Parish Park. In 1945 the church became a part of the Evangelical Lutheran Church. Later women were given the right to vote and the envelope system of free will offerings was adopted. It was in this time period that R.E.A. brought electricity and stained glass windows were installed by descendants of Romsdal's pioneer families. Pastor Snesrud resigned in 1949 because of ill health and Rev. E. Fretheim was installed in 1950.

Improvements to the church have been the additions of a sacristy, new kitchen and bathrooms in 1952. In 1960 new oak pews and a pulpit were installed. In 1979 a new entrance which enclosed the steps to the nave and the basement was added. Carpeting, new basement window and painting have been done in the recent years also.

Romsdal is a member of the American Lutheran Church.

Roseni Lutheran Church

Roseni congregation, a rural church ten miles south of Beresford was formally organized in 1872, however pioneers who settled in that area as early as 1869 had met formally for worship in their homes prior to organization. Rev. G. L. Graven, pastor of St. Peter congregation was called to be the pastor at Roseni.

The name Rosenius was chosen by the assembly as its name; this being the name of a Swedish theologian, C. O. Rosenius, who was highly respected by these Norwegian pioneers. This was the name on the articles of incorporation papers which were filed in the office of the Secretary of State on January 2,

1884. Evidently the name "Rosenius" was used for awhile and then shortened to what it is now. They also voted to join the Hauge Synod, which in 1917 merged into the Norwegian Evangelical Lutheran Church. In 1960 through a merger with three other Lutheran synods, it is now one of 5000 congregations of the American Lutheran Church.

There have been church buildings in the history of Roseni: the first one, built in 1876 on the south side of the road on what is now the cemetery grounds. The second building was build on the north side of the road in 1895, where the present building is located. This building was struck by lightning in 1911 and totally destroyed. The present one was built in 1912 and the parish unit was attached to the northeast corner of the church in 1962. Additions and renovations throughout the years include: a pipe organ, installed in 1914 and renovated in 1972; a light plant, installed in 1915 was used until R.E.A. day; remodeling of the kitchen, carpeting of the sanctuary and basement, and an addition to the entrance of the church. Trees were planted to the north and west of the church several years ago. A lighted ball diamond is located between the church and the parsonage.

Ten pastors have shepherded the congregation in its 110 years of existence. The first pastor, Rev. G. L. Graven was pastor of Roseni and St. Peter for twenty years, as well as being pastor of at least ten other churches at the same time. This meant that worship was conducted by laymen who faithfully witnessed for their Lord. Rev. G. O. Vik succeeded Rev. Graven and he was pastor for 19 years. Two of our present members, Marie Hanson of Bethesda, (96 years old) and Sivert Sommervold of Nora (92 years old) were baptized by Rev. Graven

and confirmed by Rev. G. O. Vik. Following Rev. Vik were: Pastors S. L. Jacobson, E. E. Espelien, Nils Klungtvedt, M. O. Ensberg, B. F. Molstre, C. H. Nelson, A. P. Nelson and Rev. Christopherson. Pastor O. Sunde came to Roseni in 1983.

Early history of the church records the names of two of the charter members who were ordained as pastors, namely Anfin Utheim and Johan Olbue. In 1932 Peder Lerseth, grandson of Johan Olbue was ordained as a pastor. Since then Obed Nelson, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Nelson; Vernon Christopherson, son of Rev. Christopherson; and Allan Saugstad, son of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Saugstad have been ordained in Roseni. There are other pastors, sons of pastors who served here, who were ordained in the churches that their fathers were serving at the time of their ordination. These are: Stuart Ensberg, son of Rev. and Mrs. M. O. Ensberg; Joel Nelson, son of Rev. and Mrs. A. P. Nelson and David and Elson Nelson, sons of Rev. and Mrs. C. H. Nelson.

organized the two churches of Roseni and St. Peter had emigrated from Norway, so the Norwegian language was used exclusively in the worship service for over sixty years. Then for awhile there were alternate services in English and Norwegian. One stipulation in the pastoral call, not used for the last three pastors, was that he had to be able to conduct services in the Norsk language. The Norwegian language is no longer used in the worship service.

Roseni and St. Peter gave total support to a missionary for many years, starting in 1930 with Lyla Sivesind, a native of Canton, who served in Madagascar for forty years. After Lyla's retirement, Eleanor Johnson, also in Madagascar, was our missionary. At the present time, Helen Jacobson, stationed in Nigeria, Africa is being sponsored by the two congregations.

The Ladies Aid (now called the Lutheran Church Women or LCW) and the Young People's Mission Society were organized in the first years of the church. The Sunday School also dates back to the first years, indicating that the spiritual education of the young was of primary concern to the early settlers. Organizations formed later were: Women's Mission Society, Junior and Senior Luther Leagues, Men's Brotherhood and the Choir.

St. Theresa's Catholic Church

Herewith is presented to you a history of St. Teresa's Catholic Church in Beresford, S.D. It in no way pretends to be complete. It gives at least

one outline of how the parish started and developed, and thus gives credit to the pioneers of sturdy faith and stock — both priests and people —who founded this parish and developed it through the years.

In preparing this history, bits of information have been gathered from parishioners as they remember them, but a hundred years goes beyond the memories of any living person. So for the early years of our history we have to rely on church records and newspaper clippings saved over the past years.

Before the establishment of regular visits by Catholic priests to this area, little is known of their activities here.

The town of Beresford was founded in the year 1883, (but not yet declared a city in Dakota Territory). There were nine catholic families at this time, mostly of French, German and Irish ancestry, which now comprised to be St. Theresa's Catholic Church.

St. Joseph's Catholic parish at Emmett had been organized for some time, the first Catholics of Beresford went to Mass there. However, the pastors of Emmett were required to say Mass in various homes. The Emmett Priests that served St. Teresa's from Emmett were, Rev. F. V. Lawler, 1881-1882, saying Mass in the back of saloon or anyplace large enough to gather to say Mass. The saloon being an unsatisfactory place to hold Mass, Rev. M. P. Hogan (1882-1884) said the first regular Mass (December 20, 1883) was held in the kitchen of Thomas Malloy (this home is now owned by Anna Neuroth). In 1884-1885 St. Teresa's was served by Rev. J. Ahern.

In the year 1885 the number of Catholics at

Beresford had grown to such an extent that they were given a resident pastor in the person of Rev. J. V. McInerney. He was succeeded during the same year by Rev. Edward Power, and stayed until 1886. The first St. Teresa's church was built during this time.

From 1886 to 1893, St. Teresa's parish was served by (12) priests. They were: Rev. M. J. Nolan (1886-1887), Rev. J. F. Leonard (1887-1888) and again from (1892-1893), Rev. Cyril St. Pierre (1888-1888), Rev. Anthony O'Hara (1889-1889) and again from (1891-1892), Rev. E. B. Coffey (1889-1890), Rev. J. W. Gavin (1890-1890), Rev. P. Meehan (1890-1890), Rev. D. F. Kelly (1890-1891), Rev. F. Quinlan (1891-1891), Rev. Joseph Accorsini (1892-1892), Rev. A. Billion (1892-1892), and Rev. George Sheehan (1893-1897).

Ten years after the first church was built in 1895, the congregation had increased so much that it was necessary to build the second St. Teresa's church. At the time this church was built, Rev. Sheehan considered it sufficient for the needs of the parish. The first St. Teresa's church was moved to third street and used as living quarters and a restaurant.

Rev. Sheehan first came to Dakota territory in 1885 when there were three priests in the portion that is now South Dakota. Their headquarters were at Yankton, South Dakota. Rev. Sheehan traveled over the prairies of the great northwest through snowstorms and blizzards with nothing but a pocket compass to guide him.

In 1897-1904 Rev. James McNally was sent to serve St. Teresa's parish. In the early 1900 the second church became too small and was moved off the present sight of St. Teresa's church to 302 South First Street and was used for church activities while the third church was built. This church is now part of the home owned by Dora Bickett.

In the 1890's, the parish as well as the community, was hit with an epidemic of diptheria. One of our oldest members of St. Teresa's parish remembers her father telling he could see, out the back door of his home (not too far from St. John's cemetery, also a part of St. Teresa's Church), a light going up and down, up and down. Finally his curiosity got the best of him and he went to the cemetery to see what what going on. A Mr. Adams was burying six of his family who had died of diptheria. Everyone else was so afraid of diptheria that they were not allowed to bury them, so he did it himself. In 1982, the St. John's cemetery books were updated and the cemetery re-measured. There in the spot where they were buried, it was evident even though there are no markers, that there are six graves of the Adams family.

Early in the nineteen hundreds, one of our parishioners as a young girl, can remember a Father O'Niel would come through on the train and would say Mass using the platform of the caboose as his Altar. He would say Mass, then move on to the next town along the railway.

In 1900 under the guidance of Rev. James McNally, St. Teresa's built a third church. It was a large edifce, considered at the time the finest in the state. On June 4, 1901 the third St. Teresa's church was dedicated. The spiral was made in Michigan and the fourteen stain glass windows were built in Minneapolis. In the year 1902, Beresford was swept by terrific winds which leveled the church and many other buildings to the ground so that after building three churches, St. Teresa's parish found themselves without a church. One source claims the only thing left standing was a statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass was said in various places about town. Again Mass was being said in the rear of the saloon, this saloon was owned by the Neuroths from Sugar Creek, Iowa. This building stood about where the Eklund Agency now stands.

Feeling their loss the Catholics of Beresford were not ready to quit. Under the direction of Rev. J. J. O'Neill (1904-1911), undertook the work of building another brick church. The present St. Teresa's Catholic church was dedicated September 10, 1904 and Consecrated by Biship O'Gorman November 9, 1910. On this day the Bishop was attended by twenty one priests who solomely consecrated St. Teresa's Church. After the consecration ceremony, a solemn pontificial High Mass was held. The Bishop himself sang the Mass assisted by fifteen priests. At this time only four other churches had been consecrated in South Dakota. Such a Mass is seldom sung outside of a Cathedral parish and was a religious treat of a lifetime for many people. After the consecration of the church and High Mass, the Bishop confirmed thirty nine children and ten adults.

Many of the furnishings for the new church were donated in memory of loved ones, such as the stained glass windows, statues, pipe organ, etc. Most of the statues as well as the original altar have found new homes elsewhere during the modernization of the church between 1946-1954.

About the time of the turn of the century St.

Teresa's parish would hold a picnic on August 15 to honor the Feast of the Assumption with a Mass followed by a day of pot-luck dinners, horseshoe, ballgames and entertainment at Pat Farley's grove (this is the place now owned by Melva Nelson). In the fall a three day bazaar was held in the Grand Army of the Republic—Old Opry House in Beresford. The women brought baked goods, fancy work, quilts and served meals. Following the bazaar a dance was held and all the community was invited to attend. (This building was last used by Albert Nordquist for a repairshop and gas station. It has since been torn down and part of the space replaced by a cement block building housing D.A.D.'s automotive repair). On Christmas eve there was always a party with the lighting of the candles on the Christmas tree followed by Midnight Mass. These events were held for many years.

Pastors serving St. Teresa's parish after 1911 were Rev. L. L. Brones (1911-1912), Rev. J. J. Burke (1912-1916), Rev. S. J. McCawliff (1917-1919), Rev. A. F. Amirault (1919-1924). At the time Rev. Amirault was pastor, a large drive was made to build a Sister School from 1920-1922. A house was built to house the Sisters; but there being no Nuns available, the money collected was turned over to the Bishop to be used whenever St. Teresa's needed it. The house built for the sisters is the house now owned by Ileen Tollefson.

No records show when the present bell was installed. It was made in 1907 by the McShane Bell foundry company.

In 1924 through 1941, the Rev. Patrick T. Monaghan served as pastor in Beresford. At this time daily and Sunday Mass was held in the basement of the church. To save on the cost of fuel, the church proper was not heated except on special occasions.

From 1941 through 1946, Rev. P. A. Keilty served as pastor. In 1908, Rev. P. Keilty was an Assistant Pastor to Rev. J. J. Neil from 1946 to 1954 Rev. Felix McCabe was pastor. While Father McCabe was pastor the church was modernized with a new altar, new pews, and general remodeling inside. School was held in the basement of the church from 1948 to 1951 due to the fact the grade school had burned down.

In 1954-1962 Beresford was served by Rev. Patrick O'Connor. In August 1962 to 1970 the Rev. John M. Brady served St. Teresa's. At this time many changes now were being made in the Catholic Church. The Vactin II Council was held. Mass was now said in English no longer in Latin, the Priest faced the people instead of the main altar and the altar railing was removed.

In the early 1970's the church basement was again used for school rooms. In 1970 to 1973 Rev. Joseph Deragisch was pastor of the parish. In 1973 to 1976 Rev. Frances A. Dillon was at St. Teresa's followed by Rev. Noel Power, who also serves the Good Shepherd Catholic Church in Centerville.

The Catholic Christian Doctrine (CCD) for years was taught by the parish Priest or Nuns from Yankton and Jefferson. Since 1962 these classes have been taught by volunteer lay people.

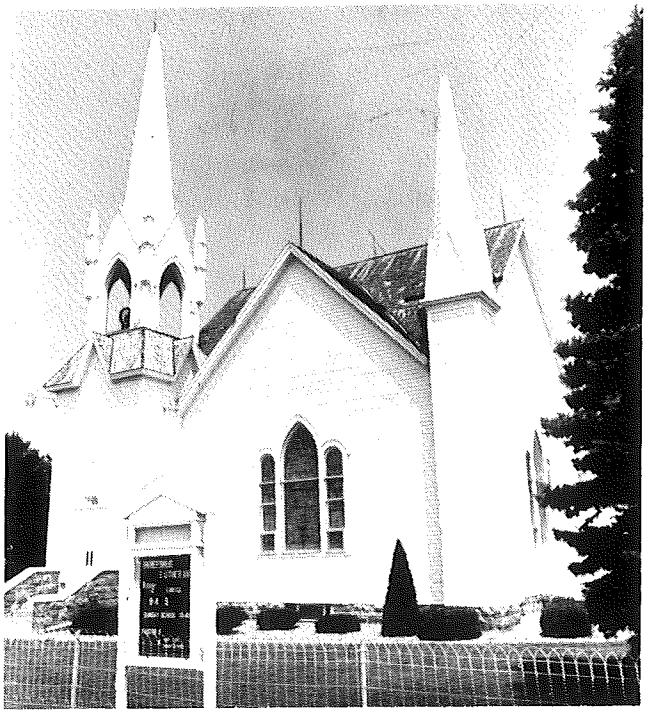
St. Teresa's has these organizations in the Parish: League of Sacred Heart, Court of Lady Forester, Knights of Columbus, Altar Society (St. Ann's, St. Marthas and St. Thomas), Mens organizations, Confaternity of Christian Mothers and Rosery Society. St. Teresa's parish at this time has 238 families and about 700 members.

Pastors servings as Assistants were Rev. J. J. Neill 1899, Rev. E. J. Bonnetene 1901, Rev. J. J. Henchey 1901, Rev. Charles Boley 1902, Rev. J. P. Fitzsimmon 1903, Rev. P. A. Keilty 1908, Rev. Thomas Burns 1946 and Rev. Paul Offerman 1957.

Skrefsrud Lutheran Church

A Lutheran Church was needed in what is now the Skrefsrud community where a few Norwegian families had settled. The nearest churches were Romsdal in Norway Township and Emmanuel at Beresford and as the means of travel was by horse and buggy, a church was needed nearby. In the years 1907 and 1909 more Norwegian families moved in, thus strengthening the number of Lutheran families in the community.

In early 1909 Andrew Danielson called on Ingvald Tollefson and they began to talk about the possibilities of organizing and building a church. The Erland Jacobsons were willing to let them build on the hill east of their home. Rev. Quello was asked to serve as pastor. In 1909 Rev. Quello called a meeting of the "would be" congregation in September and in October it was voted to build a church of wood beginning in the spring of 1910. The church was named after Lars O. Skrefsrud who had served as a missionary in India. Rev. Quello was instructed to draw up the Constitution and By-Laws, which were written in the Norwegian language, and a deed to the churchyard and the cemetery plot was given by Mr. and Mrs. Erland Jacobson.



The cost of the church was to be $2,600.00. Blueprints were drawn up and Peter Dalseg was the carpenter assisted by one man who would receive a dollar a day. Each member was to donate six days of labor plus extra labor for hauling sand, lumber and rocks.

Before the church was ready, Rev. Quello conducted services in various homes. The cornerstone laying was in May, 1911. Contents in the cornerstone included Rev. Quello's Bible. Dedication services wre held June, 1912.

The Skrefsrud Church joined the Hauge Synod. The Hauge constitution was adopted with the exception of paragraph 10 which was changed permitting the women the right to vote.

The first Norske Skole (Vacation Bible School) in 1910 was held in homes. In 1913 the Sunday School was organized as well as the Luther League. The Sunday School was discontinued in 1920, but in 1922 was reorganized.

When the Ladies Aid organized, Mrs. Erland Jacobson was the president. Charter members were: Mesdames Erland Jacobson, Ingvold Tollefson, Andrew Thorson, Ole Kvalshaug, Mons Erickson, A. M. Thorson, Ingebright Hammer and Lars Larson. The organization discontinued from 1920 until 1924 when it reorganized. Much mission support has been given.

In 1942 a new entrance and stairway was added on the west side of the church. Other improvements have been an altar picture, baptismal font, electric-organ, interior redecoration, kitchen cupboards, electric stove, carpeting, new pews, new lights, repair of stained glass windows, and a new furnace.

Skrefsrud became part of the Beresford parish in 1938. The congregation voted to join the Corporation of the Churches upon the "Ownership of Bethesda Home for Aged" from the American Lutheran Church to a corporation formed by Lutheran congregations in the Beresford area.

Milton S. Johnson, a member of the church was ordained into the ministry in June, 1942. In 1954 an installation and commissioning service was held for Richard Gilman and wife, Leila Soderstrom Gilman who left in the fall for the Sudan Mission Field, West Africa.

A Cemetery Trust Fund was adopted and financed by the sale of family lots for $50.00 and individual lots for $15.00.

For several years the Luther League served soup and pie dinners. Proceeds were given to pay for evergreens on the church lawn, to Bethesda and other projects. The Luther League has since discontinued. At the present time there are 16 children in the Sunday School.

As of January, 1983 Skrefsrud has 94 baptized and 79 confirmed members.

Each special anniversary of the church has been observed. In 1983 the 75th will be celebrated.

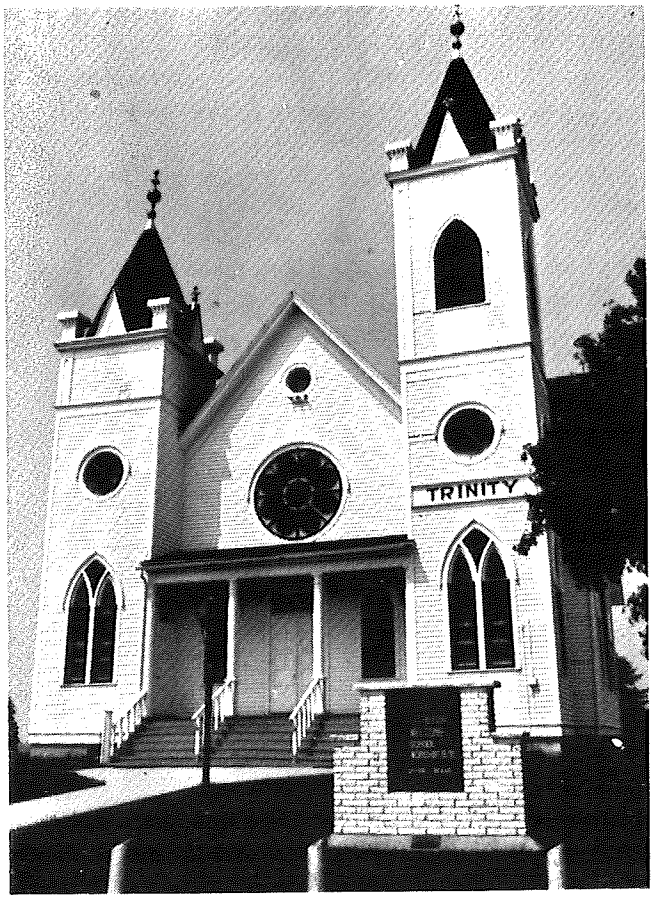
Ministers who have served the church through the years are: Rev. Quello, 1909-1915; Rev. Skarpness, 1916; Rev. Disted, 1916-1920; Rev. Skarpness, 1921-1923; Rev. Gisselquist, 1924-1937; Rev. Borgen, 1938-1939; Rev. Thompson, 1939-1944; Rev. Erpestad, 1944-1947; Rev. Bjerke, 1947-1953; Rev. Rossing, 1953-1960; Rev. Johnson, 1960-1971; Rev. Eldal, 1971-. Assistant pastors were Rev. McBride, 1974-1976 and Rev. Peterson, 1976-.

Trinity American Lutheran Church

Hudson, S.D.

Starting in 1769 several church groups representing different synods were being formed in the eastern part of Lincoln County. Rev. Ole E. Hofstod served one group called the Patty Slough District from 1872-1895. The first church was built in 1875 but a growing congregation required a new structure to accommodate them and was built in 1893. This is the church of today.

A constitution was written and accepted.



Included in this slate were collectors and a klokker who assited the pastor with opening and closing prayers. There was no Sunday school but parochial school was held in homes by 1899.

The church bell was purchased in 1898 and cost $128.77. It rang at 10:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and at the close of the service. The altar picture was "Behold I Stand at the Door and Knock".

The baptismal font was a gift from the next minister, Rev. O. A. Berge who served until 1899. The font is still in use.

The next four pastors were Rev. E. O. Thormodsgaard, 1900-1902; Rev. S. J. Nummedal, 1903-1918; Rev. Isalomy, 1919-1920 and Rev. C. L. Dalseide, 1920-1924.

The 1902 storm leveled the Trinity church. The congregation was invited to worship at Lands Church three miles west. In 1904 the church was rebuilt.

In 1923 English services were held every third Sunday. By 1935 all services were conducted in English. A reed pump organ was used for many years until 1948 when a Hammond electric organ was presented to the church by its 76th anniversary.

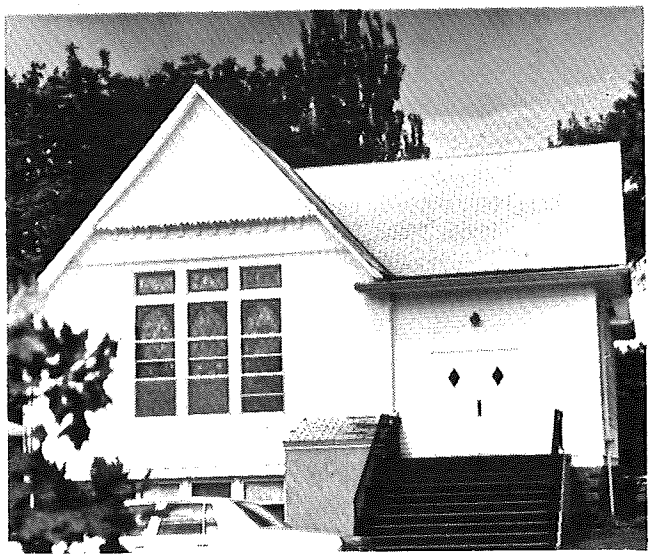
Pastors during the next years were Rev. A. Molberg, 1925-1949; Rev. A. A. Snesrud, 1945-1949; Rev. Erling Fretheim, 1950-1956; Rev. E. J. Haanstad, 1956-1960.

During this time the three congregations had merged into one with many common purposes, one being the Moe Parish Park which serves the community in youth activities, outdoor services and a 4th of July Celebration. There is also a joint Luther League.

The parish has supported a missionary in a foreign field since 1948.

In 1951 a basement was added to the Trinity Church and many improvements have taken place from time to time. The REA installed electricity in 1949.

In 1961, the Jubilee Year of the church, the name American Lutheran Church was adopted. Rev. Arnold Imbrock, 1961-1967; Rev. Mark Svoress, 1967-1972; Rev. Neole C. Thompson, 1973-1977; Rev. David Larson, 1977-1979 and Rev. John Skaar, 1980- is the present pastor.



United Church of Christ

The First Congregational Church was organized in 1884 by seven charter members, namely: Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Glidden, Mrs. Hattie Glidden Gardiner, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Sinclair and Mr. and Mrs. George Sinclair.

The first services were held in the depot, the schoolhouse and the Sinclair home. Ten visiting ministers served the church group until 1892, when the first resident minister was called and the church incorporated. Since that time 13 resident ministers have served.

A church building was completed in 1893 and Rev. H. W. Jamison served as minister for 22 years. He also assumed the pastoral work at Pioneer People's Church and Gothland Church. In 1922 the Gothland Church became affiliated

with the Congregational Church and 14 members transferred.

Many changes have been made over the years to improve the building. These changes include raising the church and adding a full basement, cathedral windows, chancel furniture built by members, pews, carpeting, lights, piano, organ and hymnals. Many of these additions were memorial gifts.

A large parsonage was built in 1896 which was also used as a social center. A new parsonage was built in 1953 and the old parsonage sold and moved to 206 W. Oak.

In 1964 the name of the church was changed to United Church of Christ. This church became a yoked church with the Federated Church of Centerville in 1966.

The church is active in the work of the State Conference. Mrs. Roscoe Frieberg served as State Women's Fellowship president for three years, also serving on a National Board.

For the past several years the youth of the church have combined with the youth of the Methodist church in Church School work.

Recently complete remodeling has been done in the sanctuary and basement. The 100th anniversary of the church is being anticipated.

Ministers serving the First Congregational Church which later changed its name to United Church of Christ were: George Heron, William S. Bell and J. A. B. Oglevie all in 1884; C. R. Hill, 1884-1885; Rev. Gearhart, 1887; F. G. Wilcox, 1889-1890; W. S. Washburn, 1890-1893; William Gilmore and J. F. walker, 1893; W. H. Houston, 1893-1894; Henry Jamison, 1894-1916; Jesse Burkhardt, 1917-1920; A. R. Hyatt, 1921-1930; William Harper, 1930-1941; George Turner, 1942-1948; Edwin Gomke, 1948-1951; Paul Freeman, 1951-1953; Rueben Koehler, 1954-1955; Roger Grow, 1955-1960; Charles Allen, 1961-1965; H. Macy Whitehead, 1966-1973; Ronald Betsch, 1973-1977; A. James Begg, 1977-1979; Charles Allen, 1980-.

United Methodist Church

The United Methodist Church began in 1877 and the first minister was a Circuit Rider by the name of Samuel Snyder who was followed by many other Circuit Riders. He held services in the home of friends and members who had moved into the territory from other Methodist Churches. The first service of the Methodists was held in 1877 in the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pierce (grandparents of Ernest Smith and Elmer Duerst). The first Methodist Church in

the Beresford territory, held in the depot, had ten members and five preaching points. Classes were also held in the following schools: Cottage Grove, Silver Lake, Kerleys, Mt. Zion, Pioneer, Pleasant Valley, Brooklyn, Pleasant Hill, Alcester, May and Millbrook.

In April 1881, William Redfield organized the first Sunday School and by 1882 class meetings were held every Thursday evening in various homes. Church services were held in the depot waiting room. Every Sunday morning planks were laid on beer kegs for seats and straw and hay were put on the floor to keep the place warm . . . along with a pot-bellied stove. The meetings were also held in the schoolhouse, and in Beresford's first hall over the present Hill Pharmacy. Unique at this time was the sight of David Stephen, a church worker, carrying a little baby grand organ on his shoulder, bound for a prayer meeting church service.

In 1885 the first Methodist Church was built, and by 1888 records show that there were 81 members and six probationers. A parsonage was built in 1890. In 1902 that church was demolished in a tornado which also took other buildings (Catholic Church, School, and the water tower). An abandoned Baptist Church was then purchased, moved to the site where the first church had stood, and built on to both sides. Rev. A. Jamison was the minister at that time.

In 1914 the present church structure was built while Rev. Dibble was pastor. At that time this was the largest auditorium in the community and members were very proud of the beautiful stained glass windows. In 1919, during the pastorate of Rev. Paul Gardner, the new parsonage was built and the old one sold to Bruce Brown. At the present time, The Elmer Duersts own and live in this house.

In the early days there were several active Sunday School classes, such as Philatheas for

young women, Baracas for men, Golden Links, Gleaners, Big Brothers, Friendship, King's Daughters, True Blues and Light Bearers. Never has the church been without a Sunday School. The young people's group known as the Epworth League was active in the early church. It met on Sunday evenings for worship and fellowship. Later this organization became the Methodist Youth Fellowship. The early Beresford Methodist Church had two strongly organized missionary societies, Home and Foreign. The Missionary Band was organized in 1915, and the next year was divided into the Young People's Missionary Band and the King's Heralds.

It is not known when the first Ladies Aid Society was formed, but it was reorganized in 1913 by Rev. Dibble. The first president was Mrs. Dibble and the first secretary was Mrs. J. H. Lemon. One of the first items of business of the new Ladies' Aid was a pledge of $2,000 toward building the new church. In 1940, the Methodist Episcopal Church became the Methodist Church and the Ladies' Aid and the Missionary Societies joined to become the Women's Society of Christian Service. There were 65 charter members of the new organization.

A pipe organ was built and installed in 1968, largely through the dedicated efforts of William Jackson and Ray Unruh. Rev. Walter Nelson was the Minister at that time. Donald Bogue, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alan Bogue of this church was graduated from seminary in 1970, ordained in 1971, and is presently pastor in Jesup, Iowa.

In 1968, the Methodist Church and the Evangelical United Brethern Church joined to become the United Methodist Church and the women's organizations became the United Methodist Women.

The Beresford Methodist Church celebrated its Golden Anniversary in November, 1927, while Rev. Frank Cannon was the minister. In 1952, Rev. Edward C. Antrim presided at our Diamond Anniversary. The centennial for the church was held October 15 and 16, 1977 while Rev. Wm. Meile was pastor. It included an informal Saturday evening . . . Open House for all members, visitors and friends, reminiscing and looking at pictures of former pastors. There was a formal service held on Sunday, October 16, with Bishop Armstrong and former pastor Wesley Arms preaching. District Superintendent Butz and Rev. Meile had the liturgy. A catered dinner followed. The afternoon found a surprise circuit rider, in the person of Rev. Robert Wegner on his steed, greeting the people as they entered the church. There was grand singing and greetings and remembrances from former pastors with Rev. Morris Kildal as moderator. Also introduced was the three generations left of the only five generation family of the church . . . namely Ernest Smith, Susan Smith Ambur and the five Ambur children.

The next leader was the first and only lady pastor, Rev. Glennys Ulschak. During her pastorate, two organizations took form—"The Seekers", a group of dedicated young people, and a men's group. This was the first men's group to organize since the Baracas class. The church now has its forty-sixth pastor, Rev. Bert Van Essen. Bishop Boulton visited our church in 1982.

Mrs. J. H. Lemon, who celebrated her 100th birthday in July, 1982, has been a member of this church for 75 years, having joined in 1908. The following four members joined in 1910—Elmer Duerst, Ernest W. Smith, DeLoss Smith and Lila Johnston.

Zion United Methodist Church

Let us for a few moments look back. Can you imagine what this beautiful countryside looked like some one hundred and ten years ago? No roads, a few traveled trails and short cuts to neighbors and villages. The people living here had ventured into this area purposely to establish homes and live contentedly.

An Evangelical missionary, Rev. William Oehler, drove by horse and buggy every two weeks from Luverne, Minnesota. The first congregation was formed in 1873. Most of the services were held in the Mathias Schmid home, just east of where the Bovills now live. A schoolhouse, built at Pleasant Valley, was later used as their place of worship. This mission

included Centerville, Tea, Hooker and Beresford and was served by the following ministers: Oehler, Meyer, Geyman, Helmer, Fischer and Schaefer.

Rev. Charles Zech came in 1898 and there were eight families in the church group. By his visiting around more people were encouraged to join the group. For a time the evening meetings were in American and the morning services in German.

A meeting was called at the Grandpa Schmid home on August 30, 1900, to consider building a church. The group decided to call the church "Zion". Jost Stuessi, Thomas Voegeli, Baltz Schmid and Andrew Johnson were elected to supervise the building of the church. Grandpa Schmid and Henry Kundert each offered land. Since Mr. Schmid had already donated land for a cemetery which had been started across the road they thought it best to build near the cemetary. On December 16, 1900, the church was dedicated debt free at a cost of around $1,400.00. Rev. Zech and his wife not only served the church's needs, but were very helpful in the homes.

Rev. Zech organized the first Ladies Aid. Mrs. Andrew Johnson was the president. John Martz was the first sexton.

Soon after building, the church was destroyed by wind and as soon as possible, it was rebuilt.

The ministers who followed Rev. Zech were: William Krueger, J.J. Schaefer Hunsburger (1907-1909) William Gaines (1909-1913) T.L. Horn, William Kleinschmidt, C.H. Legget, R.D. Dexheimer (1916-1920), O.W. Ferk (1920-1923), Ray Long, J.J. Stroh and George Hoefs (1928-1935).

Since that time, many of the pastors were students. Ralph Dunn was followed by his brother Robert and at this time the church was struck by lightning and burned. A year later, 1938, a new church was dedicated. Donald Walkes, Ed Ehresman and Rev. Charles Zech served the following years through 1941.

Rev. J.C. Sippel spent three years here with his wife and family. During this period, the church was destroyed again, this time by a wind storm. Just a year later, June, 1945, the present church was dedicated debt free. There was a question about rebuilding the church after it had been destroyed a third time, but the faith was strong and alive and the people felt "There must be a church up on Zion Hill". A full basement was made at this time, and Harry Stephens was the first pastor to serve in the new church. The choir was reorganized. Mrs. Matt Speich directed the choir and she and her husband presented gowns to the choir as a gift.

Student pastors Kenneth Koth and Otto Lehner served under the supervision of Rev. Robert Feind of Sioux Falls. Jan Sackman served from 1948 to 1951 and during this period the church celebrated its 75th anniversary. Other student ministers followed until Rev. Thomas Stone came in 1963. They were: Darwin Miller, Victor Gross, Marion Knoell, James Price, Dean Mock and Jerry Wickre.

Rev. John Dirks and wife chose Beresford as a friendly place to retire after having served Methodist churches for fifty years. In September, 1965, they began serving the church.

New pews were installed in 1956 and the Sanctuary carpeted in 1966. It was evident the church sanctuary, classrooms and other areas were too small. It was voted to enlarge the basement and overflow to the sanctuary with extra classrooms. The building committee was George Voegeli, Ervin Voegeli, Mrs. Fred Blumer, Mrs. Clifford Schmid, Clarence Lawrenson, Donald Stuessi and Freeman Swanstrom. The work was done by members and friends and two local carpenters.

Six months from the day of ground breaking ceremonies the new addition was dedicated May, 1968. A beautiful organ was presented that day, a gift from Mrs. Millie Speich in memory of her husband.

Rev. Dirks retired in 1968 and David Workman, who was serving the Beresford church assumed the ministry. A church union had taken place in Texas, in April, 1968 and the name was changed to Zion United Methodist Church.

A lighted cross was presented by women of the church to cast its glow of warmth and love from Zion's hill. The bell tower has been erected and holds the bell which was heard clearly for 83 years. The tower is a gift in memory of Wesley Schmid. The pulpit was a gift in memory of Joe Zweifel and the baptismal font a memorial to Mrs. John Stuessi.

Rev. Leslie Milliken received his early training here as did Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Stuessi, who are in the mission field in Indonesia. Also Sally Blumer Enck, a minister's wife, received her Christian training at Zion.

Orland Sloat served Zion from 1972 to 1976. William Meile served from 1976 to 1979. Glennys Ulschak served from 1979 to 1982. Bert Van Essen came in 1982.

Some of the gifts in memory of loved ones

include: brass vases and guest book, cross on the altar, altar Bible and stand, pews, candelabra, chairs, table, a trust fund for college education of young people and pictures. A piano was bought through the efforts of the Youth Fellowship.

Zion is 110 years old. It is located 4 miles north and 1¼ miles east of Beresford.

Churches of the Past

Bromley Tabernacle

Through a joint effort of the local Protestant churches, a Rev. H.W. Bromley was brought to the area from Kentucky to aid in the moral and spiritual growth of the community by conducting a series of services.

The first time a tabernacle was constructed was in January, 1910. A foot of snow had to be removed from the northeast corner of Hemlock and Fourth street. Lumber was rented from the lumber yard and the frame covered with tar paper. Several coal heaters supplied heat and straw on the floor aided in the warmth. Planks were used for seating.

Again in February, 1913, a like but larger tabernacle was built by 35 to 50 men in two days. The structure measured 88 by 120 feet. Much of the quarter block was occupied in the same area where the first tabernacle had been erected.

Meetings, for about three weeks, were held every afternoon and evening except Monday afternoons and Saturday nights. Local ministers shared the platform with Rev. Bromley.

There was a choir with members from all churches that was led by Prof. Myers.

One day a special train from Salem and other areas brought 300 people to the meeting. The Beresford band and several people met the train and escorted the visitors to the tabernacle. Lunch was served after the services and guests were escorted back to the train for their return trip.

St. Joseph's Catholic Church - Emmet

In the late 1800's a group of sturdy pioneers established the community of Emmet, named after the famous Irish patriot and poet Robert Emmet. The only Catholic church at the time was at Jefferson. Fr. Boucher came from there on horseback or by team and wagon once a month to say mass and administer the sacraments to the people of Emmet. In 1871 he organized Emmet into a regular parish. Emmet was the most remote parish of the Omaha Diocese at the time.

The first church was erected in 1873-74 on land that was donated by Patrick Reedy. The first resident pastor was Fr. F.X. Lawler. In 1892 a two room schoolhouse was erected across from the church and rectory. In 1908 the district was divided and the schoolhouse was moved two miles northwest of the original site, district 46, and was known as Emmet school. Since reorganization the school has been closed.

South of the rectory, Miss Josephine Patterson operated a general store and served as postmistress. The parishoners picked up their

supplies and mail when they came to church on Sunday. When Miss Patterson retired in 1901, the post office was discontinued.

In 1896 the present church was completed. The congregation was the largest in South Dakota with 64 families. The church in those days played an important part in the lives of settlers.

While Rev. J.D. Kirley 1922-39 was pastor, the present rectory was built. It was one of the most modern country homes in the state. The old rectory was moved to its present site, two miles northeast of the church and is owned and occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kribell, Jr.

During the depression years, Father Kirley operated a gas station and a grocery store in the rectory basement. Both Protestant and Catholics could buy what they needed at the wholesale price. Often times they exchanged eggs, milk and cream for the supplies desperately needed.

Loretta Casey, Father Kirley's niece and a registered nurse, lived in Emmet while Father was pastor. She did much to aid the sick and those in need of nursing care during the depression years.

Father Kirley died in 1939 and Rev. J.P. Leen was appointed pastor of Emmet in September of that year. He served as pastor until 1964 when he died.

Rev. James Andraschko was appointed to serve Emmet from 1964 to 1965. Rev. Leonard Stanton was administrator from Sept. 1-Oct. 1, 1965.

Fr. Hugh K. Wolf was appointed pastor October 1965. He had resigned from St. Agnes Parish Vermillion because of ill health. He died of cancer April 25, 1968.

Bishop Gunnarsson was a native of Iceland. He was ordained in Holland in 1924. He came to Emmet in 1966 to visit his friend Father Wolf on his 40th anniversary. He returned that same year to spend the Christmas Holidays with Father Wolf and decided to stay in South Dakota. After Father Wolf's death, he took over the parish and remained till his death, June 17, 1972. During the final illness of Bishop Gunnarsson, the parish was honored to have Bishop Nelson, retired bishop of Sweden.

Bishop Nelson served the parish from June 19, 1972 till September 2, 1973 when he returned to New York because of ill health.

It was then Rev. Victor Ramaeker from O'Gorman, Sioux Falls, S.D. began serving St. Joseph's Parish and was there till its closing on July 4, 1976. Members of Emmet now attend St. Teresa's, Beresford, St. Mary's, Hawarden, Iowa or St. Mary's, Garryowen.

Gothland Church

Sunday services were held in Brilliant Hill school house before Gothland church was built. In 1888 and 1889 plans were made to build a church and in the summer of 1891 the church was built on ground donated by Duane Deane and Edison Stark. This church was four miles east and one-half mile south of Beresford.

The first service was held in November, 1891 with dedication in June, 1892. The first minister to preach at the Congregational Church of Gothland was Rev. William S. Washburn. The church started with nine members. Services were held in the afternoon on Sundays.

Rev. Hill and Rev. McAnnis were two of the the early ministers who drove in their buggies from Alcester. Later Rev. Jamison came from Beresford in a car. The ladies wore big hats, tied down with scarfs, and dusters.

As time went on more people got cars and wanted to worship on Sunday mornings, so the Gothland Church orgaization was dissolved. Members then took their memberships to other churches

The church building was sold October, 1931 and moved away. The money was given to the cemetery association, which has been kept alive. The cemetery just west of the church was organized in 1891. The first trustees were E. Stark, W.J. Branson and F.J. Deane.

Nazareth Church

The history of the Nazareth Lutheran Church dates back to when the early settlers settled around Beresford in Dakota Territory, in about 1870.

In 1883, the year Beresford started, the Danish settlers organized a Lutheran church known as the Nazareth Lutheran Church.
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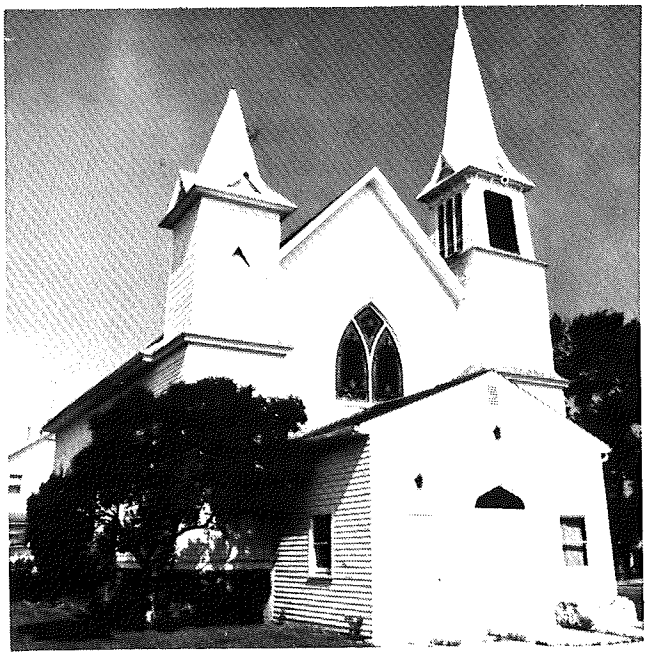
In the early years the services were held wherever it was most convenient for people to gather, in shanties, dugouts, or sod houses. In summer open air services were conducted. Later, when school houses were built, these



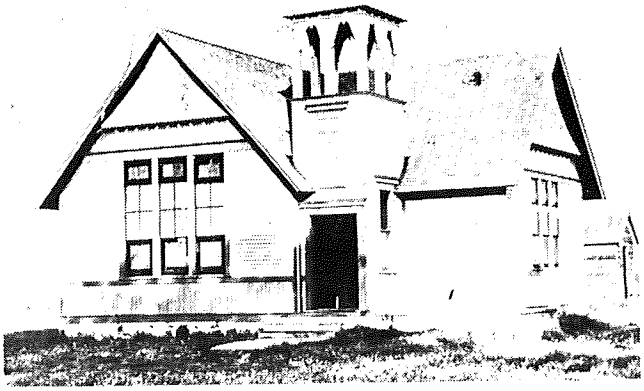
were used for church services.

Nazareth Lutheran Church was organized by people from St. Peter's Church in Glenwood, St. John's Church in Silver Lake, and others that had no church home until this organization.

The first two years services were held in homes and school houses and in 1885 a small house was purchased for $99.00 and moved onto the lot where the present church now stands. Records show that fifty cents was the cost of getting the legal papers.

This house served as a house of worship until 1887 when the first church was built; and the first parsonage was built in 1891. Pastor P.M. Petersen was the first resident pastor and he served the church from 1890 to 1897.

The following pastors who served were N.S. Nielsen, J. Markussen, and Erik Hansen up to 1909. Pastor J. Knudsen served from 1909 to 1918 Pastor A.V. Neve until 1942. Pastor E.W. Olsen served until 1945. Pastor Erlander served from 1946 until 1964. Pastor Scheck served from 1965 to 1967. Pastor Donald Hanson served from 1968 to 1974. Shortly thereafter the church was closed for lack of support.



Pioneer Church

The Pioneer Church also known as the Peoples Union Church was located at what was known as Haram, Lincoln County, South Dakota. The church was 7 miles north, 1 mile west and about one-half north of Beresford, S.D.

In order to form a religious corporation under the laws of South Dakota the group of following persons: William T. Nott, Nels Johnson, L.E. Johnson, H.E. Love, T.S. Peck and others held a meeting at the Pioneer school house in the County of Lincoln, State of South Dakota on March 31, 1893 at 8 o'clock and organized by electing Nels Johnson as moderator and William T. Nott as secretary and there adopted their rules of incorporation.

The name of the church was to be the Peoples Union Church and the object of this corporation was to build a house of worship to be used by any Orthodox Christian denomination.

At this meeting William T. Nott, Nels Johnson, H.E. Love, Lars Johnson and Thomas S. Peck were duly elected trustees.

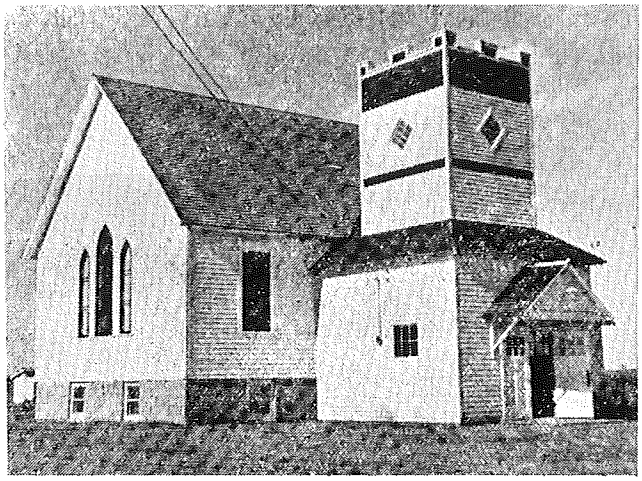
After all articles of incorporation were adopted a building committee was appointed with the Rev. Wm. Wilbur as chairman, Wm. T. Nott as secretary, H.E. Love as treasurer, and trustees as follows: W. Fockler, T.S. Peck and Lars Johnson. A soliciting committee was also elected as follows: Rev. Wilbur, Nels Johnson, Mrs. L. Johnson, Mrs. George Skinner, Mrs. H.E. Love, and Mrs. Wm. T. Nott.

Mr. Wendell Fockler donated the lot for the church and the building committee set the stakes. The building was to be built after the plan of the Congregational Church in Beresford. The size of the auditorium to be 26' x 36' and the Sunday school room 16' x 22'. Mr. J. Fitzgerald

was hired to oversee the carpenter work at $2.50 per day. It was voted to have a good stone foundation before starting to build. The Ladies Aid society offered to buy the cornerstone. This offer was accepted. The soliciting committee reported over $1,100.00 was subscribed—$900.00 in cash and over $200.00 in work.

The church housed 3 denominations, each taking their turn for services. Some of the means for raising funds for the church were basket socials and Thanksgiving dinners. Some of the pastors who served the church were: Rev. Wilbur, Rev. Richards, Rev. Redfield, Rev. Jamison and Rev. Rowden.

The church continued to have services until about 1925 after which it was dismantled and the congregation went to other churches.



St. Paul Lutheran Church - Rockfield

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rockfield, Clay County, Burbank, South Dakota was located in Garfield Township (SW¼ 35-94-51) on land given by Christian and Kristine Robertson on October 18, 1892. Previously on September 14, 1892 a corporation was formed: St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church; Jorgen Jorgenson, Ole Peterson and Christine Hansen were signers of the document.

On Sunday, May 22, 1892, at a service held in the Rockfield School House, the Rev. P.M. Petersen was installed as the first pastor of the St. Paul Congregation. The first baptism after the newly organized congregation had received a pastor was performed at the next service on June 5, 1892.

Some of the earliest pastors to visit and conduct services in the congregation were Pastors Simousen and Wilhelmsen. In addition to regular services, informal meetings for the purpose of stimulating spiritual growth and Christian fellowship were frequently held in the various homes.

Services were held in the Rockfield School House until the following Christmas. The service on Christmas Day of 1892 is recorded as having been held in the new St. Paul Church, which was dedicated on Sunday, April 20, 1893. After having served as a House of Worship for the St. Paul Congregation for half a century it was deemed worthy of being remodeled and redecorated. The church building was completely remodeled and redecorated in 1949-50. It was further remodeled in 1953 when a room was added.

In August of 1967, Pastor Gerald Scheck terminated his obligations to the congregation and St. Paul Lutheran Church was closed.

In February of 1968, the congregation voted to disband and on April 27, 1968 the church building was sold and dismantled and the land returned to the Emma Emerson family. Money from the sale of the building and furnishings was given to the Rockfield Cemetery Association.

The last recorded pastoral acts (annual report-1966) were: Baptism—Jerald Alvern Buum; Confirmation Class—Cathy Frick, Craig Jensen, Debra Jensen, Brenda Lawrensen; Funerals—Earl Jensen, Mrs. Annie Peterson, Delmar Scott; Marriage—Roger Jensen and Sharon Peterson.

Elected officers of the church at that time were: President—Elvin Lawrensen; Secretary—Mrs. Burton Lawrensen; Treasurer—Alvern Buum; Trustees—Irving Frick, Marvin Christensen; Deacons—Don Jensen, James Scott, and Peter Christensen.

Pastors who served St. Paul's: P.M. Peterson, 1892-1897; M.S. Nielson, 1897-1905; J. Markussen, 1905-1907; Erik Hansen, 1907-1909; J. Knudsen, 1909-1918; A.V. Neve, 1918-1942; E.W. Olsen, 1943-1945; E.L. Erlander, 1946-1964; G.E. Scheck, 1965-1967.

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Some of the doctors, osteopaths and chiropractors who have served our area are: White, Sheehan, Jerauld, Embree, Variety, Hill, H. F. Mace, H. P. Hanson, A. V. Elliot, Y. M. Steward, A. F. Toohey, I. C. Vangsness, Bridge, E. T. Lietzke, Mactacy, Margaret Faithe, Rose Faithe, Christine Bucy, S. Tompkins, Isabel Abild, T. H. Hoard, F. Nutter, F. E. Kroon, M. R. Swensen, T. M. Stewart.

Beresford Clergy

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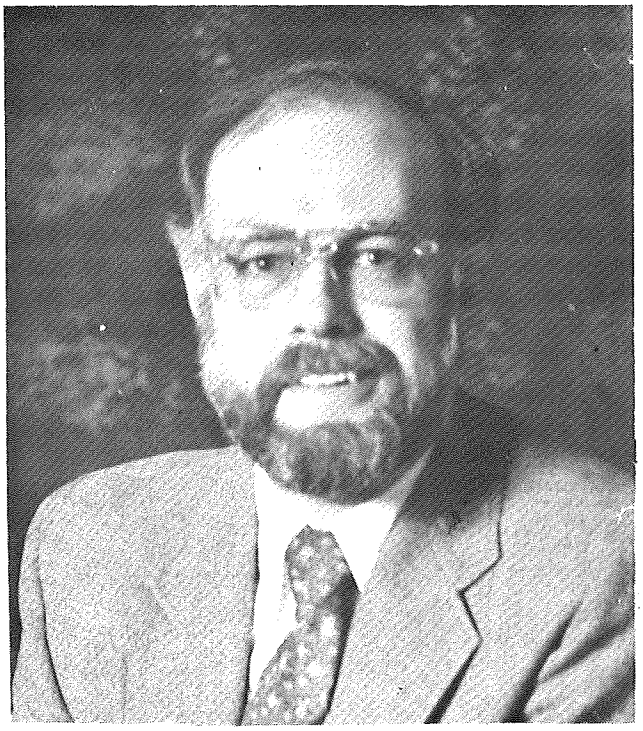

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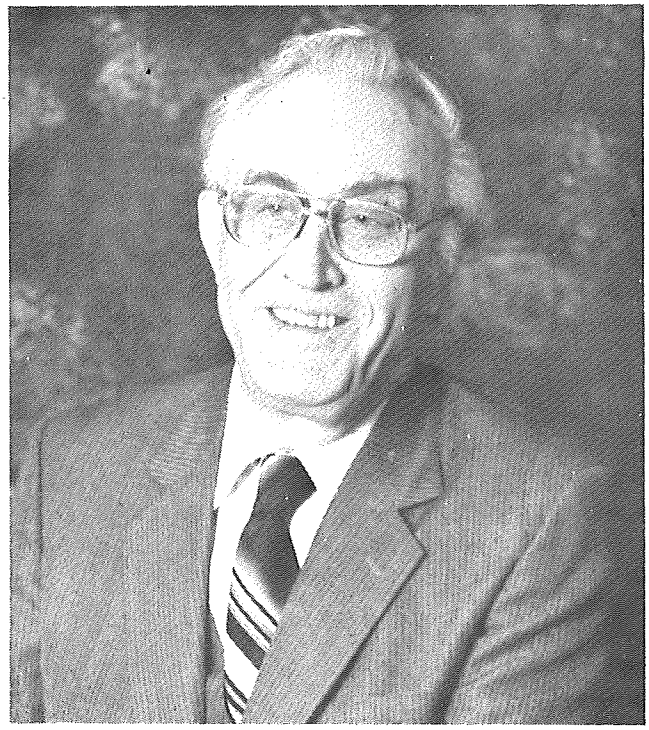

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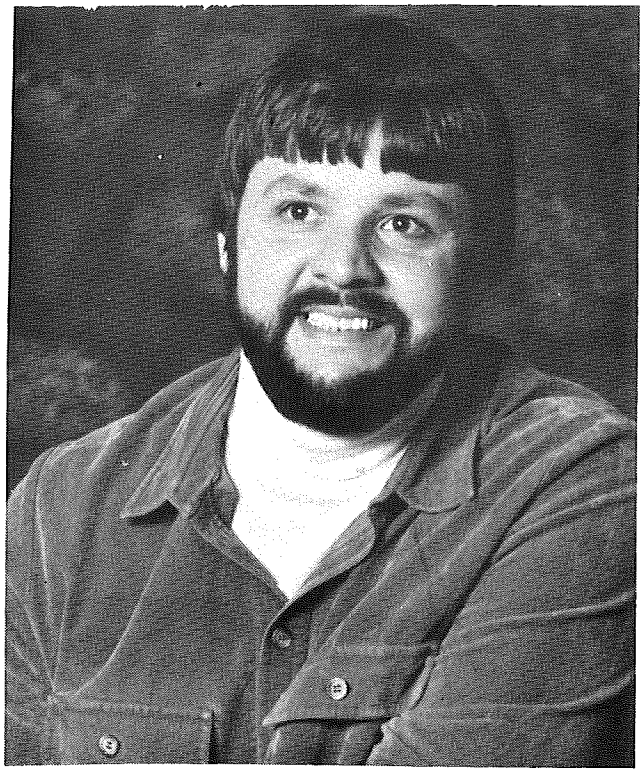

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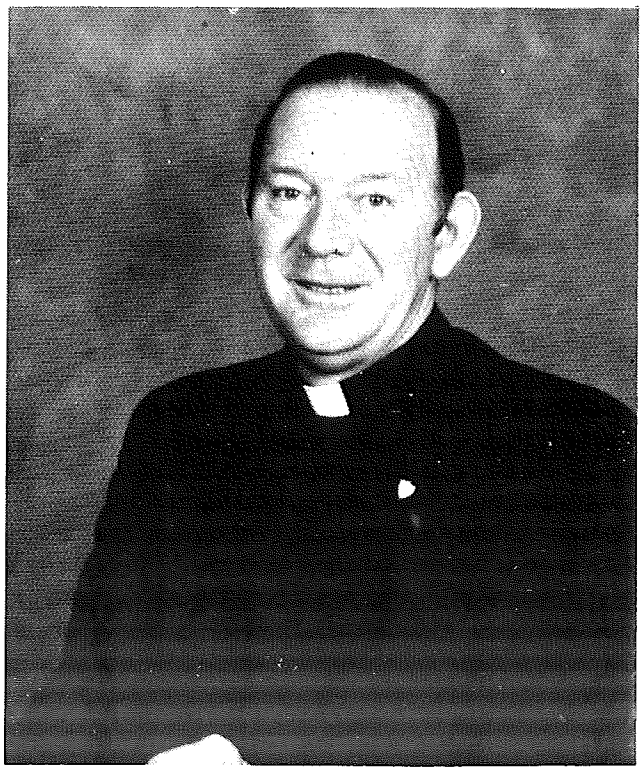

Fr. Noel Power
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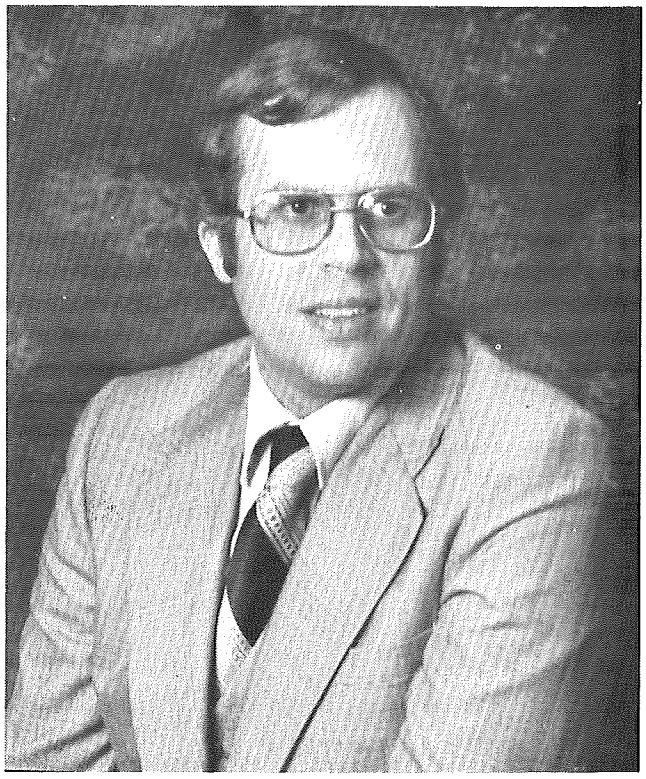
Rev. Raymond Peterson
First Assembly of God

Rev. Richard Peterson
Emmanuel Lutheran



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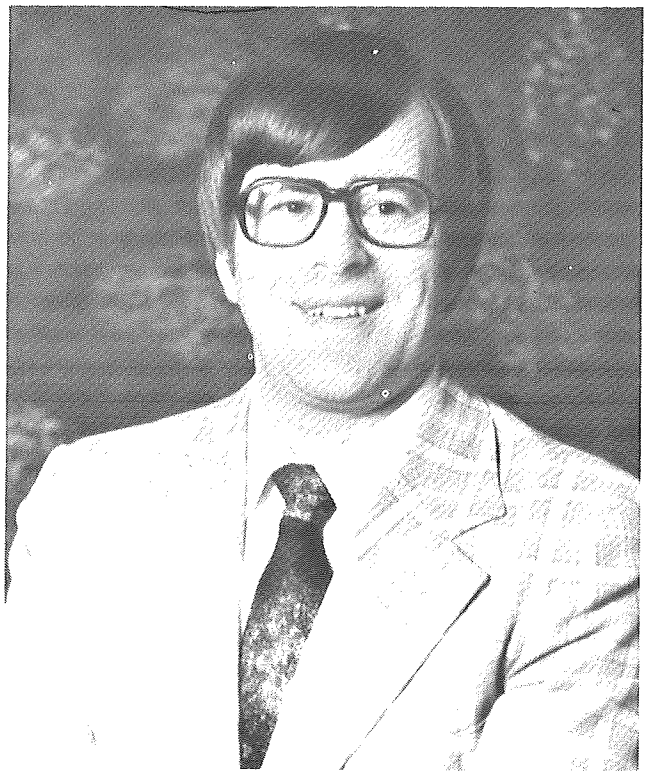

Rev. Randy Stauter
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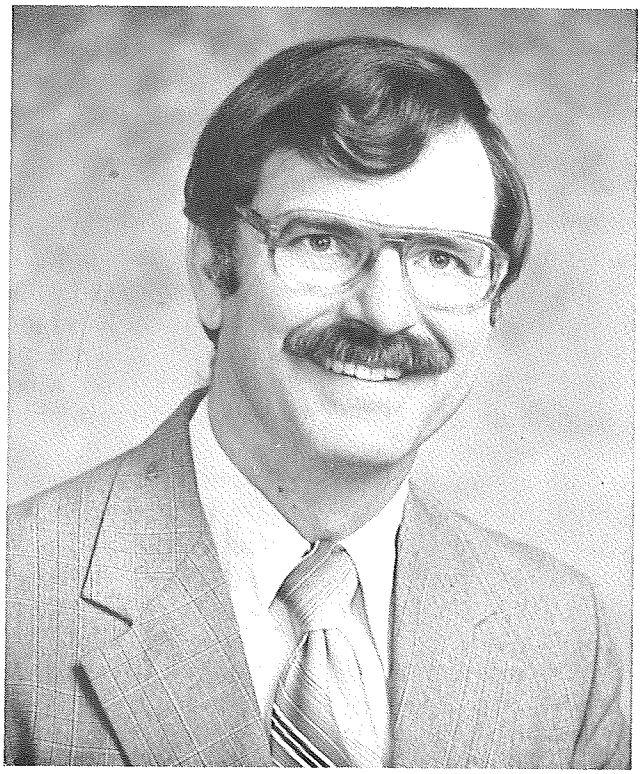


Rev. Bert Van Essen
United Methodist

Community Good Friday Services

For many years the Beresford Ministerial Association planned and conducted community Good Friday and Easter Sunrise services. The churches would take their turn having the Good Friday service and the Easter Sunrise service would be in the high school auditorium. The following is a news story about the community endeavor to celebrate the Easter season. The article was taken from the March 30, 1972 edition of the Beresford *Republic*.

Community-wide Good Friday and Easter Sunday services will be held this week, celebrating the season, according to the Rev. Macy Whitehead, president of the Beresford Ministerial Association.

Good Friday services are scheduled tomorrow from 1:45 to 2:45 p.m. at Emmanuel Lutheran church with congregations from Emmanuel and Nazareth Lutheran, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, St. Teresa's Catholic, Brooklyn Evangelical Free, and Gospel Tabernacle churches participating.

Pastors from all congregations will speak during the services.

Special music will be provided by the combined choirs of United Methodist and UCC congregations, directed by Mrs. Macy Whitehead, a flute duet by Carol Chicoine and JoLee Weiland, and an instrumental-vocal duet by Connie Tornberg and Robert Runyan. Mrs. Warren Johnson is in charge of the musical presentations.

The annual Easter Sunrise service will be held at 6 a.m. at the high school auditorium with special music presented by vocal and instrumental groups from Beresford High School, directed by Mrs. Jim Kennedy and Dennis Hegg.

Dr. Benjamin H. Breitkreuz of the North American Baptist Seminary at Sioux Falls will deliver the message.

Also participating in the program will be the Rev. Walter Nelson, the Rev. Charles Franson, the Rev. Donald Hanson, and Pastor M. P. Clouse.

Beresford Area Cemeteries

Beresford Cemetery Assc. Inc.

Five acres of land were deeded by Mr. and Mrs. R. Z. Bennett in 1896 for use as a burial ground. Everyone was obligated to care for their own lots. A well was drilled and a windmill erected. The windmill was later destroyed by a storm. Names of earlier officers included John Steadman, Mrs. J. A. Sinclair, Roy Graham, Vernon Voegeli, Bessie Keffer, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Boller and Lloyd Wass, who served for 33 years.

One and one-fourth acres on the east side were sold to the Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Later, five additional acres were purchased in 1977 as a Memorial Plot where no stones, only markers flush with the ground, are to be placed. Perpetual care has been adopted and the grounds are cared for at the present time by Kelly Gabel.

The cemetery is located one mile south of the junction of old Highway 77 and 46, and one-half mile east. Present officers are: Roy Hurd, president; Don Lindstrom, secretary-treasurer; Ronald Olson, Leo Stewart and Bessie Keffer.

Bonine Cemetery

The Bonine cemetery is one of the oldest cemeteries in the state. Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bonine gave an acre of their homestead for burial grounds. Ida Bonine was the first burial in 1879. In 1900, a warranty deed was filed whereby Emily Bonine and two sons, Sylvenus and Theodore, officially had the land called the Bonine Cemetery Association. In 1951, S. C. Bonine and Gertrude Bonine deeded an additional strip of land to the cemetery.

Increased cost of lots now provide interest money for perpetual care of the grounds. Alan Bonine is chairman of the board. Other members are Morris Bonine and Leo Stewart.

Brooklyn Cemetery

The land for the Brooklyn cemetery was donated by Constantine Branch and the first burials were in 1874. The cemetery was last enlarged through a gift of two acres of land from the J. A. Norman family. This provided additional parking space and room for a shelterbelt of evergreen trees given by the Kennedy-Soderstrom families. A gift from the Axel Norman estate in 1940 was used for a fence and brick entrance pillars.

It is the task of the cemetery board to keep records, care for the property and plan for financing. Present board members are Elmer Larson, Howard Kennedy and LeRoy Anderson.

Dalesburg Baptist Cemetery

The Dalesburg Baptist cemetery is located five miles west and eight miles south from the intersection of Highway 46 and 13th Street (Co-op corner).

Lars Peterson donated one and one-half acres of land in 1878 when the church and cemetery organized. Later the church bought another half-acre for $5.00. All maintenance is by volunteer help.

Alden Lundquist and Edward Carlson are directors and Mrs. Donald Carlson is secretary-treasurer.

Dalesburg Lutheran Cemetery

The first Dalesburg Lutheran Church cemetery was located on the church grounds, southwest of the church, in Section 18, Garfield township, Clay county. A memorial cross was erected in 1961, and replaced in 1938.

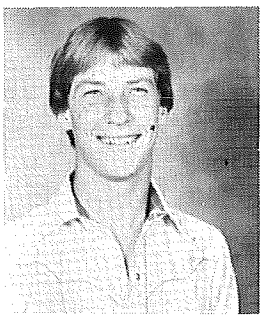
In 1878, Aaron Johnson Hegg donated land for a cemetery in Section 24, Pleasant Valley township, Clay county. Additional land in Section 25, Pleasant Valley township, adjacent to the cemetery, was sold to the cemetery by Phillip E. Olson in the 1910's. The present gate and fence were installed in 1980. The cemetery is located one mile east and one mile south of Dalesburg Lutheran Church.

Danefield Cemetery

This cemetery was started by Seventh Day Adventists. At one time an Advent Church was near the cemetery and it was later moved to Hurley. The first burial listed in the records was in 1879.

In July 1943, a group of people who had lots in the cemetery formed an association and changed the name to Danefield. At that time, Ralph Christensen was named president, C. J. Johnson, vice president, and Mrs. J. J. Voegeli, seretary-treasurer. There is no present board and upkeep costs are met by contributions from present lot members.

Graduating Class of 1984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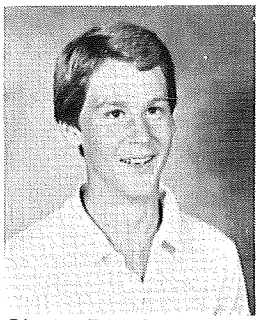
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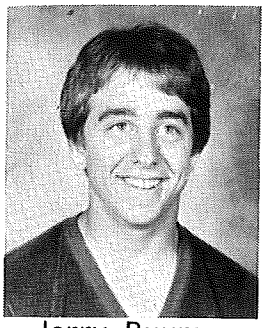
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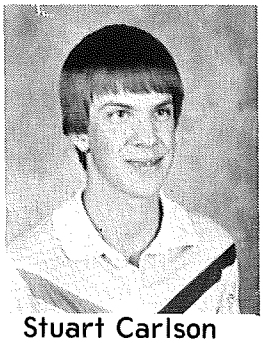
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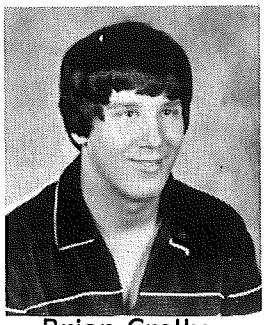
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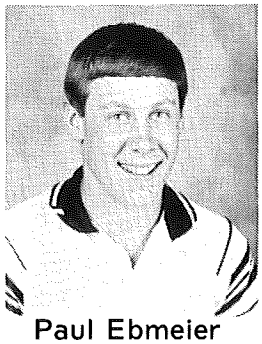
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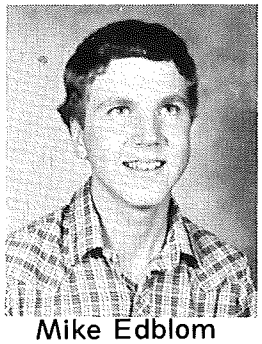
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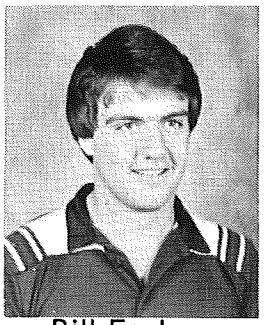
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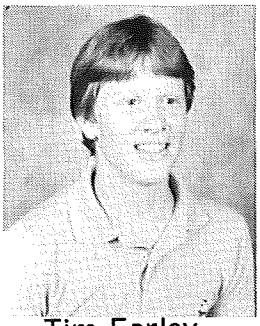
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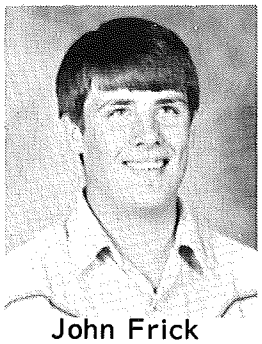
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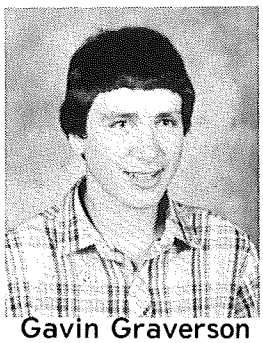
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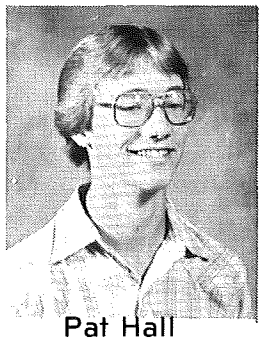
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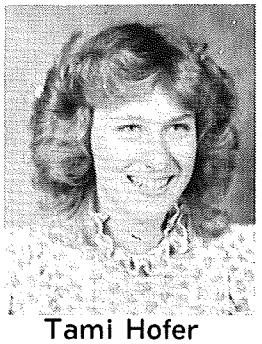
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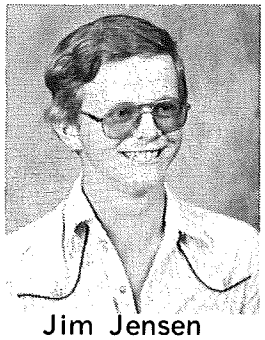
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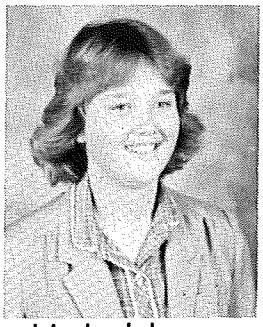
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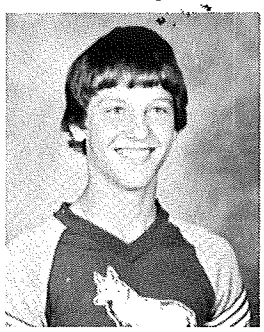
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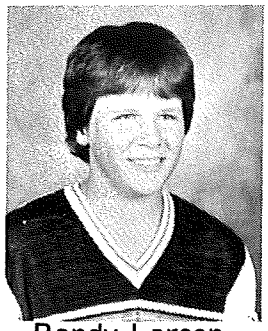
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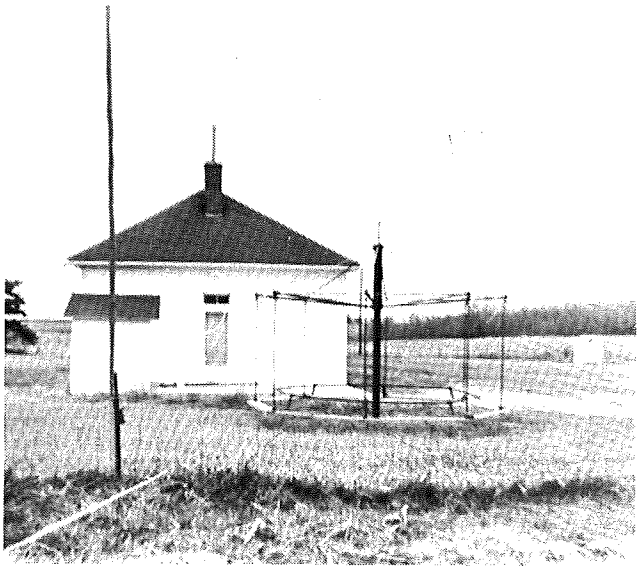


Ash Creek School

Ash Creek School No. 49 started in 1875 and was organized in 1898. It was first located on the northwest corner of the NE¼ of Section 8, Glenwood Township, Clay County. It was to the north of Ash Creek, on what was then the Charlie Hanson farm and today is known as the Lewis farm. Around 1900, the school was relocated a half mile to the south in the middle of Section 8 south of Ash Creek, the road running through the middle of the school grounds.

The school was closed in 1947 and reopened in 1949. It closed in 1968 and was re-organized with the Centerville School System. The school property was sold at auction on June 28, 1969, and the building was moved away.

Men who served on the school board were Emil Hanson, Victor Peterson, Charley Peterson, John P. Olson, Carl Hult, Olaf Paulson, Eldon Peterson, Edward Hult, Lester Gors, Arno Heidebrecht, Elwood Gylfe, Ralph Helm, Ray Lounsbery, Delmar Olson, Earle Peterson, Eldon Lunning, and Lars Peterson, who was the first treasurer.

Some of the teachers were Cora Peterson, Margaret Westling, Miss Brandt, Ruth Stoddard, Margaret Toomey, Miss Norin, Elvera Peterson, Mrs. Bonine, Mrs. Melvin Hult, Mrs. Harold Paulson, Betty Engman, Annadell Austin, Mrs. Brewer, Lyda Osthus Frinkman, Ethel Halvorson, and Arlene Walters Frick.

There were three generations of graduates from the Ash Creek School, namely: John P. Olson, Delmer Olson and David Olson; Mary Payson Peterson, Eldon Peterson and Cheryl Peterson Walsh; and Oscar Norling, Violet Norling Heidebrecht and Larry Heidebrecht.

Brooklyn School

The Brooklyn School had its beginning in 1875 at a place known in the later years as the Oscar Hedman quarter, a mile and a half from the present location. The building was a granary and served the Brooklyn and Glenwood School District. The first teacher was Mrs. Mae Glidden Dann. In 1878 the present location was chosen and served only the Brooklyn School District.

Mrs. C. A. Sanford, mother of the late Alfred Sanford, helped organize and teach the first organized school. The first building was 26' by 26' in size. In 1889 Mrs. Jennie Morse taught in the district. The old school house was purchased by Ovie Hanson who moved it to the present Glen Henderson farm. The present school was built in 1895 and C. G. Soderstrom taught in it for several years.

In 1898 when Bessie Rasmussen taught, it took $316.98 to run the school for one year. A number of Brooklyn teachers met their husbands when teaching Brooklyn School.

On August 26, 1926 nearly 250 pupils and

teachers and families gathered to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Brooklyn school district. Mrs. Palmer Morse, one of the former teachers presided at the festivities.

Congressman Ernest Lundeen from Minnesota delivered the principal address. His talk was not a stiff political or formal speech but a friendly rambling talk along the line of reminiscence more appropriate for the occasion, as he was a former resident and pupil of Brooklyn School.

A male chorus consisting of August Nelson, Otto Sundstrom, Ernest Lumberg, Joe Fahlberg, Joel Edmon, Sam Fahlberg and Gunnderd Johnson sang several numbers. The largest family represented at the picnic was Mrs. Ole Kvalshaug who was there with her five children and two grandchildren. The fourth teacher of the school, Mrs. Emma Cook Thornberg, was also present.

Names of teachers who have taught in the school are as follows: Agnes Wetzel Sanford, May Glidden Dann, Alice Chamberlain, Jennie Molan, S. D. Mackey, W. H. Goultry, Lily Rheubottom, Jas. Davidson, C. A. Potter, L. H. Thornburgh, Ella Peterson, Amanda Root, W. H. Sharrod, Eva Witt, Jennie Holicomb Allen, Chas. Audisdel, Belle Lowry, Lena Harrison, Emil Brachfield, Chas. Sharp, Jennie Palmer, Ada Hatch, Chas. Soderstrom, Mary Hixon, Ella Satrong, Carrie Bonine Sundstrom, Oscar Carlson, Hattie Anderson Wickstrom, Della Wimple and Dagny Norling.

In August of 1939 another reunion was held to celebrate a 64th reunion of the Brooklyn School. An unusual group was formed when ten members who had gone to school at Brooklyn with Mrs. Mae Glidden Dann as their teacher, had their picture taken. They were Mrs. Fred Lyre (Jan Nolan), Mrs. Jennie Palmer Morse, J. S. Palmer, L. C. Bonine, Charles Crane, Ben Danielson, J. A. Larson, Nick Danielson, and T. N. J. Palmer.

Again the principal speaker was Ernest Lundeen, United States Senator from Minnesota. He and his family came from Washington, D.C. to attend the reunion. Mrs. Morse of Vermillion was the guest of honor and chairman of the program. Miss Della Wimple gave a review of early conditions and Emma Welch of Madison gave a reading relating her experiences from the early days in the Brooklyn community.

Other teachers through the years that have taught in Brooklyn School have been Bessie Rasmussen, Myrtle Myers, Heida Holmberg, Nellie Carlson, Freda Bergstrom, Maggie Kvalshaug, Bertha Wallace, Lena Alness, Della Larson, Blanche Walker, Teresa Toomey, Ethel Wilkenson, Amy Soderstrom, Florence Anderson, Alma Tollefson, Bernice Olbertson, Ann Winterton, Gladys Hansen, Marlys Campbell, Edna Berg, Signie Johnson, Harriet Wilbert and Ilene Fillingsness.

Teachers during the latter decades were Gertrude Vik, Juna Voog, Wilson Strand, Agnes Sundquist, Maxine Tendler, Olga Gustafson, Alice Melgaard, Jeanette Larson, Beverly Herbranson, Bess Henderson, Bess Johnson, Alta Skogen, Lois Lehman and Kathy Cink.

The present building was remodeled in 1959 with a full basement, natural gas heat and rest rooms. It is now the Brooklyn Township Hall and is used for voting, 4-H meetings and other activities. The school closed in 1970 and became part of the Beresford School System.

Brule School

The Brule School district was organized in 1879. That year a school house was built just over the ridge west of the Brule Creek on the corner of the Mons Erickson homestead. The school is located ten miles south and one half east of Beresford.

Mary Gyman was hired for a four-month term, April 28 to August 26. Her salary was $20 a month and 19 pupils were enrolled. The first clerk was Thomas Ronan. Students name on the first roll call were Ronan, Stenvik, Larson, Johnson, Anderson, Danielson, Hanson, Peterson and Offerson.

Because of various countries represented by these families the children spoke Dane, Norwegian, Swede and English. Adult men and women immigrants came to school to learn the English language. In some homes the parents quit speaking their native tongue for the benefit of the children.

A pioneer recorded the blizzard of 1888 concerning Brule School, "The storm came early before the settlers were prepared for it. The weather had been calm and beautiful—children were in school. As the day lengthened, winds came up suddenly and a snow storm was coming across the prairie. Peter Larson quickly went to school to get his children. He told the teacher, "Keep the children here, do not let them go because the weather is so bad." Jens Peter Larsen, a farmer who lived a mile west, came to the Larson home with a concern for his

children. He'd found his way by using a stick and tapping along the fence line. He had to stay at the Larsons overnight. In the morning the weather had cleared so the men went to the school to see how the children and their teacher had withstood the storm. A comment made by 10-year-old Chris Erickson who evidently didn't like mush said, "If I'd had mush I would have eaten it."

The second year 35 pupils attended. During those early years of keeping records, the teachers registered needs for the school room, such as maps, blackboards, more furniture and a flag. The first furniture was homemade. In the old school in the year 1880, shelves for dinner pails and a water pail were added. Double desks were in use.

A new school was built in 1902 and named East Alsen. Carl Evjen and Mike Ustad from this community were the carpenters. In 1906 there were fourteen families in the district. A pot bellied stove with a "jacket" or shield surrounding it was installed. Double desks were retained and a few single desks were added.

Boys were boys those days, too, and some girls got their pigtails dipped into the recessed ink wells. Eventually a long recitation bench and a wooden platform with desk and chair for the teacher were added. Kerosene lamps with round chrome reflectors were affixed to the walls. Later they were replaced with gas lamps and in 1940 the electric light replaced the gas lamps.

Children participated in many activities. School programs were a highlight of the year. Poems, plays, drills and songs were memorized and presented for parents and community residents. They all took part in Young Citizen's League, declam, track meets, spelling bees and ball games.

The seventh and eight grade exams were held to determine if the pupil was capable to advance to the next grade. They were held at different schools in the county. After passing tests graduation was held at the county seat and the eighth graders were eligible to enroll in high school. Diplomas were given at the graduation exercises.

Many descendants of the first settlers are still in attendance at Brule. Fourth generation children are the Ericksons, the Stene and Sveegen children. At present there are 12 children in Brule School which is in the Beresford School District. Today's school is modern with a full basement, indoor plumbing and an electric stove and refrigerator.

In 1979 over 150 former teachers, pupils and friends of the school held a two-day event commemorating its 100th anniversary. The school has been featured in several articles in newspapers and on television. Brule School is one of the last rural schools in existence in South Eastern South Dakota.

Burney School

Burney School District No. 85 was formed on September 26, 1896. It was formed out of four districts, 10, 36, 37 and 31. It was built by Roti and Hafsas for a cost of $605. The school lot, 1A, was purchased from Jacob Drey for $25. Eighteen loads of stone were purchased from J.W. Thomas for $9.00 and furniture was purchased for $60. After all these purchases, school opened in January of 1897. It was called the Smelker School until the fall of 1915. The Smelker children had completed their education by that time. The majority of the students were now from the Burney family, therefore it became known as the Burney school.

The original school was destroyed in 1902 by a tornado. It was rebuilt at a cost of $610. The first tuition for two high school students, Greta and Eugene Burney, was $18 apiece for the school year 1910-1911.

The first board members were Andrew Johnson, Fred Drey, and G. M. Burney. The first teacher was Ellen Satrang, she was paid $35 per month.

The teachers of Burney School were as follows: 1897, W. P. Chamberlain; 1898, Gertrude Smelker; 1901-1920, C. Arten, Agnes Moore, Bessie Henderson, Lulu Johnson (4

years), Olive Adamson, Christina Forthum (2 years), Lucile Larson, Thea Cleven (2 years), Edna Bogue and Lillie Petthast.

Teachers serving the district from 1920 to 1930 were Evelyn Clifford, Frances Millage (2 years), Velma Carpenter, Emily Haram (2 years), Melitta Wiebers, Melda Nelson, Alma Larsgard, Clara Scmidt and Leona Forman. In 1930-1940 teachers were Grace Blumer, Winifred Hook (2 years), Alice Berkland (2 years), Esther Freese (3 years) and Ethel Jensen.

From 1940 until the school's closing in 1968 the following teachers taught: Evelyn Edman, Esther Jensen, Miriam Loken, Ardis Crawford (2 years), Helen Quigley, Marcella Voog, May Lou McKee, Anabelle Carlsen (2 years), Eleanor Sveeggen (6 years), Geneve Nelson (2 years), Olive Koltze, Elna Dann (2 years), Evelyn Olson (2 years), Alida Schrodermeir (4 years) and Marie Muhlenkort (2 years).

Due to the decline in students and reorganization, Burney School closed its doors in May of 1968. It served as a learning institution for many years. Many students successfully completed their high school education and many graduated from college. This closed an era of elementary education offered to children by the Burney School District.

The building and its contents were sold at auction. The school ground now belongs to G. Edward Johnson. He also purchased the building and moved it to his farm one-fourth mile west, where it remains a constant reminder of those "Good Old School Days".

Cleveland School

The following story about the Cleveland School was written by the pupils of the school as a bicentennial project in 1976. Pupils were Jerry Weiland, grade 2; Jane Weiland and Tim Shanker, grade 3; Curtis Geveshausen and Jolean Weiland, grade 4; Todd Shanker, grade 5; Mary Weiland, grade 6; Cindy Shanker and Don Weiland, grade 7; Rhonda Shanker and Paulette Weiland, grade 8. The latter did the printing of the story and copies were distributed to those in the district. Clarice Yttresness was the teacher.

"Some of our activities this year were participating in the declam contest, field meet, and Art Fair in Beresford. We gave a program to a big audience and gave it again for the residents at Bethesda Home for the Aged. We took a field trip together with Newdale School and visited a Hutterite Colony, the State Fish Museum and Gavins Point Dam. The group filled a Beresford School bus." This is a description of a country school in 1976, a much different one than that of a pioneer child.

It is interesting this bicentennial year to write a story of our school, and bring back memories of the past, which many people shared when attending Cleveland School."

Before Cleveland was built in 1892, there was a little school house west of the present site. Paulena Behenke, Nellie Glynn, Anne Dolan and John Lass were those who taught in the little schoolhouse. The main reason for the name of

Cleveland was because Cleveland was president at that time.

Every year a firebreak was plowed around the schoolhouse in case a grass fire would endanger the schoolhouse. In 1895 the school board made a rule that children from outside the district were to pay fifty cents a month to attend school there.

In 1898 there was a special levy to build a new school which is the present building. In 1899 the old school was sold to Dennis Kennedy for $58. The lumber for the new schoolhouse was purchased from F. M. Slagle Co. for $300. Sam Engelbelt was the carpenter and was paid $265.65. Stensland Hardware Store was paid $111.51.

There were nine months of school in 1909. It used to be that school would start in September and then during corn picking there would be three of four weeks off. Early teachers received wages of $32 a month. Some were paid a bit more or less.

The very first telephone was put in the school in 1913. The horse barn was also built that year. A fence around the school yard was erected in 1916 and in 1922 a basement was dug under the building. The piano was bought in 1926 and is now being used in the Brule School. More improvements were made including running water, sinks and drain, indoor flush toilets and an oil burning furnace instead of coal. After some tornado scares a storm cave was built in 1931.

A Young Citizens League was very important to the school. It taught good parliamentary procedure, citizenship, love of state and nation, and instill in the children a feeling of responsibility by children helping at home and school.

The greatest enrollment might have been 60 children. The main subjects years ago were the three "R's". The school was made larger, the year not certain, but it included a hall, shelves and stairway entrance.

Each year bids were taken for hauling coal from town with horses and wagon for sums ranging from $1.50 to $5.00 a load. A slate blackboard was installed across the front of the room during the years that Olive Ringsrud was teacher. A big bell at the top of the school house would ring for school to start, recess and noon.

"We have eleven in our school this year; it is the smallest number of pupils so far. It was fun to find out things about the past that happened to our school."

Olive Ringsrud taught for the longest time in Cleveland, riding horseback, walking or driving a model T Coupe. She lived in the village Alsen which was divided between Cleveland and Newdale Districts. She spent more than 25 years in rural schools around our state. She went on to being Secretary of State in 1938-1942, made an unsuccessful try for the U.S. Senate and was a Norwegian translator for the newly formed United Nations in San Francisco. She also taught 17 years in Los Angeles, Calif.

The Cleveland school house is eight miles north of Beresford and is still in good condition and belongs to Milton Ustad. When there were no longer enough pupils to continue, the children went into the Beresford Schools.

Teachers throughout the years were Elizabeth Maher, Howard Certain, Maggie Kennedy, A. R. Crane, Mina Stensland, Margaret Kvalshaug, Miss Lass, Bessie Johnson, Olive Ringsrud, Christie Berdahl, Evelyn Larson, Alice Lykken, Anna Lyle, Florence Hoffman, Anne Solberg, Lida Frinkman, Delores Welch, Sheila Mulder, Mrs. Franklyn Peterson, Mrs. Everett Peterson, Mrs. Norma Abraham, Lavonne Erickson, Marcella Johnson, Alma Johnson, Hazel Shennum, and Clarice Yttreness who was the last teacher.

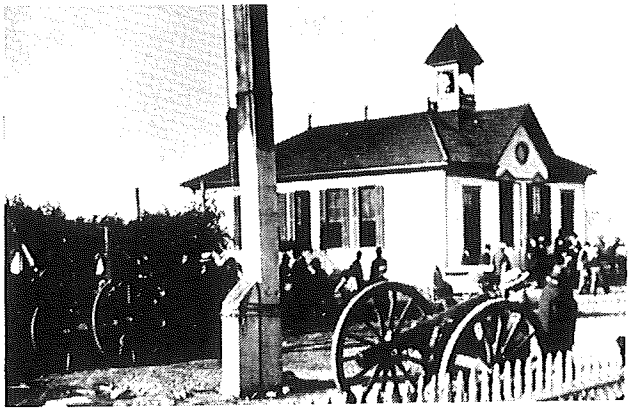
Some student's last names were Olsen, Bratt, Gard, Buthala, Dolan, Behnke, Johnson (3), Erickson, Hanson, Horner, Ronan, Stene, Stoen, Stone, McGill, Shogren, O'Connell, Andrews, Pesicka, Hustrulid, Stoner, Klostergard, Christensen, Peterson, Sassel, Snowen, Seglum, Nissen, Geveshausen, Shanker (3 generations), Weiland and Henle.

Dalesburg School

The Dalesburg School was organized in 1872 and first held classes in the home of Peter Anderson, SE¼ of Section seven, Garfield Township, Clay County. Andrew Berg donated one acre of land and the school bought another. This is located one mile north of Hub City. In 1873 a school was built on this land.

Records for the first five years are lost. Teachers serving the district until 1900 were Edward C. Erickson, Anna Bickett, O. E. Sawson, Myrtle Maxon, E. F. Peterson, Ella Peterson, P. S. Jensen, Emma Jensen, C. W. Young, C. A. Milne, W. Yorker, C. S. Moore, Anna Burkland, R. O. Evans and Albert Davis.

School was held for seven months with the fall term beginning in October. There were 56 students enrolled for the fall term in 1880.



Dedication of highest flag pole in Clay Co. about 1900.

At the annual meeting in 1885, $200.00 was levied for the General Fund. In 1903 it was voted to have an eight month school session beginning in September. The school board was empowered to select a teacher of their choice with pay not to exceed $50.00 per month.

Teachers serving the district from 1900-1915 were: Nellie Johnson, Clara Trusty, Hanna Lind (Dahlberg), Ida Siljenberg, Bertha England, Margaret Ricklin, Amy Anderson, Marie Burns, Agnes Brindsel, Austin Fancolm, Marion Kahl and Margaret Kahl.

In July 1915, the board issued warrants not to exceed $4700.00 for the construction of a new two-room school. The school was completed that year. In 1917 it was voted to include the ninth and tenth grades.

In January, 1926 the school burned to the ground. Several children noticed the wooden lathes above the stove starting to burn. All escaped the fire with their possessions. The next committee of Victor Berg, Alfred Lindstrom, Joel Dahlberg, Joseph Lind and Herman Felton decided to erect a new building. Everyone in the district donated work and hauling. There were about 25 men on the job every day. Dinners were served at neighboring houses and the building was completed in five days at a cost of $519.80 for lumber and $30.00 for labor. Seats were loaned by the Vermillion and Wakonda city schools. Six days after the fire school opened in the temporary building.

Teachers who taught in the second school house were: Irene and Francis Mason, Sophia and Nora Silkenson, Bertha and Jessamine Jaeger, Hulda and Gertrude Troseth, Mr. and Mrs. T. P. Solem, Dorothy Callahan (Swedean) and Winifred Stone, Maude and Muriel Fletcher and Lillian and Leone Jaeger.

In 1926 it was decided to build a new brick school house, which was erected in the spring and summer. School opened in the fall of 1926 in the new building.

In 1937 the board voted to have a nine-month school session beginning in September. Teachers who taught in the new brick structure through 1939 were: Edna Bogue, Margaret Nelson, Ruth Carlson (Lind), Ruth Olson (Rudd), Violet Carlson, LaVern Eklund (Danielson), Irene Dahlberg (Powers), Myrtle Dahlberg (Danielson), Clara Anderson, Mrs. J. R. Hunt, Mrs. Alice Clemens, Margaret Kyte and Helen Seguin.

There were four large two-room schools in the Garfield Township, namely: Dalesburg, Newdale, Marshalltown and Rockfield Schools. They all operated for many years with two teachers and had ninth and sometimes tenth grades.

The Dalesburg School organized a Community Club in the 1930's and served as a gathering for social and educational events each month. Programs, plays and musicals were performed by adults as well as children in the community. Many fun times were enjoyed, but with the coming of television the club slowly died out in the late 1950's. Later the school children began to hold their school programs at Garfield Township Hall as did all the neighboring schools.

The Dalesburg school became a part of the Beresford School District in the re-organizing in 1969 and finally closed its doors May, 1974—being 102 years old.

From 1940 until the school closed the teachers were: Rachael Birgen, Mary Richardson, Harriet Berg (Sternquist), Laura Waltner, Edith Lindvall, Merle Wallimer, Lavine Wallimer, Ardis Stoen, Mrs. Ruth Ling, Mrs. Vivian Lawless, Mrs. Opal Dahlberg, Mrs. Ruby Lind, Mrs. Alice White, Mrs. Adele Rubida, Margaret Clare, Mrs. Louise Lind, Dorothy Peterson, Mrs. Mae Keeley, Mrs. Marlys Stensas, Mrs. Margaret Melby, Mrs. Evelyn Bruyer, Mrs. Marie Muhlenkort, Mrs. Opal Dahlberg and Mrs. Lyda Frinkman.

Many people served on the board over the years. Some of the clerks were: J. F. Bergh, V. E. Anker, Fred Heglin, C. W. Lyckholm, A. W. Anderson, Matt Dahlberg, J. P. Hansen, Joel Dahlberg.

A Dalesburg school reunion was held at its closing with approximately 230 in attendance. In the summer of 1977 the Beresford District held a public auction of the building and its contents. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Reelfs purchased the building and have made it into a lovely home,

thus preserving the structure that has meant so much to all who attended and taught there.

Danefield School 1908—Ida Siljenberg teacher. Pupils: Charley Engstrom, Harry Smith, Wm. Larson, Charley Smith, Robert Odeen, Clarence Anderson, Fred Hult, Philip Odeen, Mattie Westberg, Amanda Odeen, Rebecca Smith, Minnie Westberg, Edward Smith.

Danefield School

The Danefield School District No. 51 was located in the northern part of Glenwood Township in Clay County, South Dakota. Land for the school district was donated by J. Westberg, C. Helstrom, and L. Madsen.

Mrs. E. F. Peterson was County Supt. in 1885. The school term consisted of 40 days beginning April 20th to June 9th. Christine B. Peterson was the teacher. Her salary was $25 per month. Subjects taught were reading, writing, spelling and arithmetic. The text books used were McGuffeys readers and spellers and Ray White's Arithmetic. Later we find Spencerian Writing, Clark Carvey Grammer, Barnes U.S. History and Geography.

Some of the teachers from 1885 to 1902 were: W. Duncan, H. Peterson, L. Bertleson, D. Hemphill, M. Eldridge, M. Richardson, F. Rogers, J. Berg, and M. Jaeger.

The salary was $30 to $35 per month and the enrollment from 35 to 40 pupils. County Supts. during this period were E. Collins and Chas. Kay. Emma Larson taught 1901 to 1902 under Carrie Daily Co. Supt. Some of the teachers who taught under Co. Supt. Stella Kayl were: D. H. Madsen, 1906; Ida Siljenberg, 1908; and Anna Lundquist, 1909-1910. F. B. Conroe and Alice Cope served as County Supt. before 1922.

In 1911 C. Helstrom purchased the school house and moved the building to his farm north of the school site. A new school was built by the Oakland Brothers in 1911. The following served as teachers the next seven years: Lela Brady, Nora Silkenson, and Margaret Kyte.

From 1918 to 1928 Margaret Toomey, Florence Kier, Mable Backlund, Mildred Hansen and Minnie L. Westberg were some of the teachers who taught under Freda Rasmussen and Nora Silkensen who were County Superintendents at that time.

Elvira Bliss was County Superintendent for several years. Some of the teachers teaching at Danefield during that time were: Violet Carlson, Florence Strom, Mrs. Adelen Siljenberg, Evelyn Peterson, Harriet Berg, Jeanette Carlson, Virginia Wiph, Mrs. Bennie Nelson, Ardis Stone, Bernice Jones, Agnes Sundquist, Elsie E. Hooper, Delores Frahm, Madeline Fairfield, Doris Ann Peterson, Roberta Walsch, Patricia Hagen, Arlys Haugen, Ruby Lind, Fern Knutson, Mrs. Roy Landeen, Mrs. Edward Abraham, Mrs. Melvin Hult. Mrs. Rolin Eisenmenger was the last teacher before Danefield closed in 1970.

N. W. Paulson is listed as District Clerk and Numerator of Dist. No. 51 Clay County Dakota Territory in 1889.

Others who served as school board members during this early period were Fred Nelson, Frank Erickson, D. F. Johnson, Lars Madsen, Alfred Anderson, John A. Nelson, L. U. Larson and John Olson. After 1910 Herman Westberg, Albert Bergren and John O. Miller served several years as school board members.

Others who served some years from 1922 until the school closing were: Albert Larson, Emil Engstrom, Chas. F. Johnson, George Martinsen, Ray Lundberg, Iver Birkeland, Mrs. Edward Abraham, Ben Anderson, Mrs. Dwane Martinsen, Gordon Larson, Eldon Anderson and Ralph Christensen.

On July 20, 1970 an auction was held at the Danefield School. Everything was sold. Mike Muhlenkort bought the school building. He moved the school to his farm in the Danefield District, formerly the Johnson Brothers farm. Gerald Birkeland purchased the bell and brought it to his farm.

Glenwood School

In the fall of 1875, in a granary near what is now the Clay-Lincoln County line, Glenwood and Brooklyn Township met and organized a temporary school for the children of both townships. The teacher was Mrs. Mae Glidden Dann.

The available records show that in 1885, M. M. Maxon taught the students of Glenwood Township, although the Glenwood School District No. 50 was not established until July 25, 1888. The school was located west of Beresford.

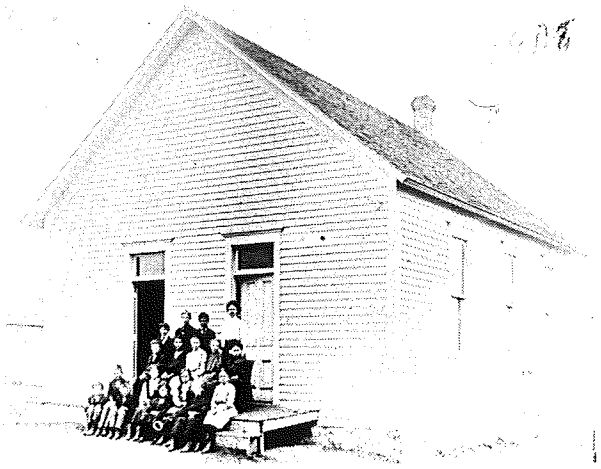
The first schoolhouse was built in Section 11 of Glenwood Township, Clay Co. That school burned to the ground in 1921 and a second school was built and still stands on the same location. During the rebuilding of the school, Dick Sundstrom provided a shed to be used as a temporary school building. For many years the students were of all ages as hired men and farmers attended to learn the English language and "numbers" during the winter months. Often there were as many as 45 students.

Area families known to have had three generations attending Glenwood School were the families of Minus Larson, Elna Larson Lundberg, Art Norling Sr., and the family of Oscar Sundstrom attending for four generations.

The following were teachers at the school from 1885 to 1799: M. M. Maxon, Mrs. A. E. VanKirk, Gertie Daily, W. C. Sherrall, Miss L. A. Smart, Alice Cope, Carrie Simpson, Mary Cole, Jenny Morse, Anna Birkland, Theresa Johnson, Isabel Abild, C. S. Moore, Carrie Valentine, Matilda Freiberg and J. E. Johnson. From 1900 to 1920: Anna Benson, Orlie Burr, Matilda Freiberg, Jennie Tornquist, Sophia Kvalshaug, Edna Johnson, L. Ray Gay, Laura McKellip, Della Larson, Ruth Sundstrom, Amy Soderstrom Titzel, Hannah, Noreen and Agnes Malloy. From 1921 to 1940: Dagny Norling, Elvira Peterson, Alyce Duncan, Lillian Kearns, Ethel Fredrickson Smith, Elsie Ebsen, Edna Smith, Faye Hollingsworth, Eden Williams Hustrulid, Evelyn Sorenson, Marianne Jensen. Teachers serving from 1941 until its closing were: Clare Doohen, Kathryn Nelson, Evelyn Klostergaard, Palma Erickson, Marcella Carlson, Mrs. Virginia Buck, Eva Katzea, Doris Peterson, Kathryn Bean, Sylvia Bonine, Mrs. Opal Dahlberg, Thora Weeks, Racheal Larson, Vera Taylor Moore, Gladys Mollet and Opal Dahlberg.

The school was operated through the Clay County School System until 1969. In that year it was consolidated with the Beresford School System and officially closed in May 1972.

With the closing of the school came the end of an era, but school programs, Christmas parties, field days and school picnics which served as a community bond will not soon be forgotten.



Gothland School

The first teacher in Gothland School was Florance Tinling, who taught from May, 1880 to September 1880, with 13 pupils and an average attendance of four.

Later teachers were Mae Stark, Clara Lemogas, Margaret Dolan and Alice Dolan. The last teacher was Mrs. Lois Roti of Hudson, South Dakota. 36 different teachers taught in the Gothland school during the ninety-three years that the school was in operation.

The school was first named Gothland in 1910. The first board members were C. A. Jones, William Murrey and Mike White. Other early board members were William Briggle, Edson Stark, William Pansie and John Landeen. George Erickson served on the board as treasurer for 21 years, 1939 to 1960. The last board members were George Young, Norman Erickson and Palmer Hustrulid. The school has now been sold and moved after it closed in 1973.

A reunion was held June 3, 1973 with 150 people attending. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilbert of

Seattle, Washington came the longest distance. Mrs. Wilbert was a former teacher of Gothland. The oldest former pupil to attend the reunion was Jesse Hoard, 86 years of age. Dr. T. H. Hoard was a graduate of the Gothland school, as was Russel Pansie, who became an auditor for the Sinclair Oil Company in New York.

There were four families where three generations had attended the school; George Erickson, Norman Erickson and his children Daniel and Sandra; Mrs. Harold Young, George Young and his children Cindy, Sue and Scott; George Hustrulid, Billy Hustrulid and his children Ronna and Tammy; Jesse Hoard, his daughter Mrs. Leo Jensen and her children Dennis and Denise.

Some of the people that lived in the district from 1880 ro 1902 were C. A. Jones, Mike White William Murrey, George Hoard, Jesse Hoard, August Erickson, D. H. Deane, William Briggle, Guy Hoard, J. A. Landeen, John Adams, Isodore Legrand, George Sinclair, Charley Lemoges, D. C. Jones, Robert O'Reily and Fred Shay.

The children that attended the last session of the school were Kevin Wastell, Liza Miller, Terri Hinkle, Daniel Erickson, Todd Wastell, Gary Hinkle, Sandra Erickson, Ronna Hustrulid, Scott Young, Bobbi Hoard, Terry Wastell and Tammy Hustrulid.

Left to right: Ethel Vennard, Virgil Erickson, Alma Dirks, Nellie Vittoe, Ada Christenson, Raymond Dolan, Ed McQuire, Glenn Fox, Johnny Dola, John Dirks, Archie Vennard, John Manning Clarence Larson, Joseph Dolan, Verle Fox, Teacher Loretta Lawless, Francis Larson, Mary McQuire.

Emmet School

The first Emmet School was located across from the Emmet Catholic Church. It was to be a two-room parochial school connected with the church but that never materialized. Instead they used it for a public school. The teachers that taught at the first school across from the church were Frances Jordan, Julia Gheen and Teresa Heeley.

In 1905 or 1906 the school was moved to the recent location and made into a one room school. The first teacher was Miss Katherine Gaynor.

In the winter time grown men that came from the Scandinavian countries attended school to learn the English language. Einar Carlson, Gust Gyfle and Eric Messler were some that attended.

Some of the families that attended the early school were Vennard, Dolan, McGuire, Lass, Lawless, Gaykens, O'Conner, McIllvena, Brunner, Strom, Hansen, Erickson, Larson, Manning, Olson and Christensen.

A barn was built in which the horses were kept. In the winter time many of the children came to school on horseback or drove a horse and buggy. Jim Vennard hauled the lumber for the barn and helped build it as they lived the farthest from school.

The earlier teachers were Nina Hedlund, Margaret Lass Harrington, Lauretta Lawless, Agnes O'Conner McIllvena, Florence Kribel, Margaret Clair, Catherine Kirkenbach, Bessie Dolan and Elizabeth Stockdale.

The school had a very active Young Citizen's League where the children learned the first rudiments of holding and conducting their own business. It was centered around being a good citizen and having a role in making decisions for parties and special activities. It added much to the children's education.

From 1944-1969 the teachers were: Mrs. Eleanore Offerdahl, Connie Tollefson Lass, Miss Sieler, Lois Hansen Jensen, Marjorie Tornberg Klostergaard, Mrs. Alta Peterson, Mary Lass Farley and Ann Overby Solberg.

In later years the school district was made up of the following families: Dolan, Patnoe, Ihle, Quinn, Christensen, Hansen, Messler, Hult, O'Conner, Duncan, Manning, Girard and McGuire.

Hillswood School May 6, 1913: Vernon Erickson, Hazel Fluge, Miller, Jennie Fleege, Anna Lynch (teacher), Flossie Champan, Bertha Gleege, Bruce, Selmer Larson, Elmer Fickholm, Olga Schmidt, Louise Braastad, Margie Fleege, Ella Erickson, Dora Fickbalm, Raymond Erickson, Everett Peterson, Edward Peterson, Willie Bruce, Bennie Schmidt, Roy Larson, Edward Fickbalm, William Peterson, Milton Erickson, Floyd Peterson, (unknown), Ada Peterson, Florence Larson, Ruth Peterson, Leona Fickbalm, Willie Schmidt, Henry Huseman, (three unknown).

Hillswood School

On February 28, 1877, a special meeting was called by W.H.H. Fate, County Superintendent of schools for Union County, to organize a school district and elect officers. It was held in the Michael Glynn home. Mr. M. Wallace was chosen as chairman and Thomas Ronan as secretary for first meeting. Then Patrick Carroll was elected president, Michael Glynn, clerk and Thomas Ronan, treasurer.

On April 3, 1877 a meeting was called to order by M. Wallace at which time Edward Fitzgerald was elected director. It was moved and carried that the district pay Mathis Stenvig the sum of $1.50 due him for the use of his house in 1873.

It was decided that they have three months of school commencing about May 1 and that they hire a woman teacher for the school term at a salary not to exceed $25 per month.

It was moved and carried that school be held at the Michael Glynn farm. School was held in the farm granary until cold weather when it was moved indoors. The Michael Glynn farm is owned by the Mollet family and the Jan Antonson family lives there at the present time.

A report of the school year ending April, 1877 is as follows: Number of children residing in the district between age of 5 and 21 is 53 (26 males and 27 females). The amount of money on hand was $21.22. At this time the school was called Flyville.

Later Anna Glynn donated one acre of ground south of her house upon which to build a small school. The committee was as follows: A. D. Anderson, Abraham East, and Peter Bonefield.

School was held there until 1880 when the district voted to buy one acre of ground one mile south and ½ mile east. The sum of $2.50 was allowed for trucks to move the school house. In order to encourage other men to help, the board passed the following—"all men outside of the district who will help move the school shall be allowed to send their children free for one term."

At the 1881 school board meeting they decided to return the acre of land to Anna Glynn. At the June 16, 1891 school board meeting the name Hillswood was adopted as a permanent name.

In order to have trees around the school ground, every child was to bring a young tree and plant it the following spring.

Notes from the 1909 meeting read as follows: It was moved that there be eight months of school. It was also voted that the school purchase a globe and a stand for a dictionary. It was moved that they build shelves for the dinner buckets, buy four more desks, and one work table for primary. John Fleege agreed to haul coal for the school for $.12 per hundred.

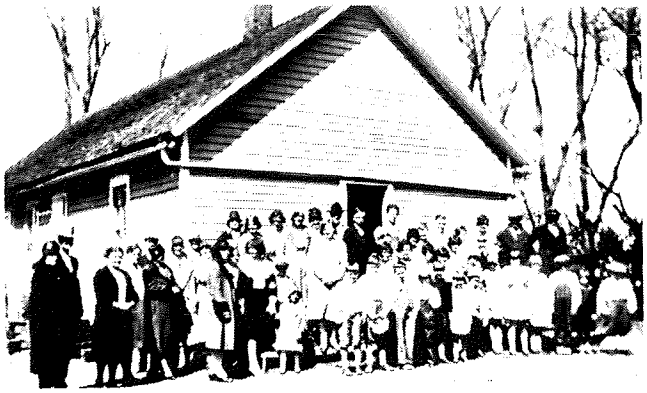
In 1905, there were 55 children in school and the teacher, Anna Solberg, received $55 per month as salary. Many, many school board members, teachers, and pupils passed thru Hillswood in the following years.

On the night of February 16, 1968 Hillswood burned to the ground. As the school was so small it was decided not to rebuild and the children finished the year in neighboring schools.

Greenfield School

On the prairie a school was built in 1875 named Greenfield after the green grass and meadows there about. This school is located about 13 miles south and two miles west of Beresford and is in Prairie Center Township. Jeremiah J. O'Connor was the first clerk and Swen Swenson called the meeting to order.

The first school house was 20' x 16' and as the number of children in the district increased they voted to build a new school. It was moved one



half mile south of the first location to the middle of the section on land donated by Swan Johnson. The first school building was moved to the farm of M. J. Schultz where it is still used as a granary.

The second school was 20' x 30' and some years later a 10 foot addition for hall and cloak room purposes was added. this building is still standing at the Prairie Center Township Hall.

In 1929 it was decided to build a new school house but while still new it was struck by lightning and destroyed. In 1931 the fourth school house was built and it is still standing.

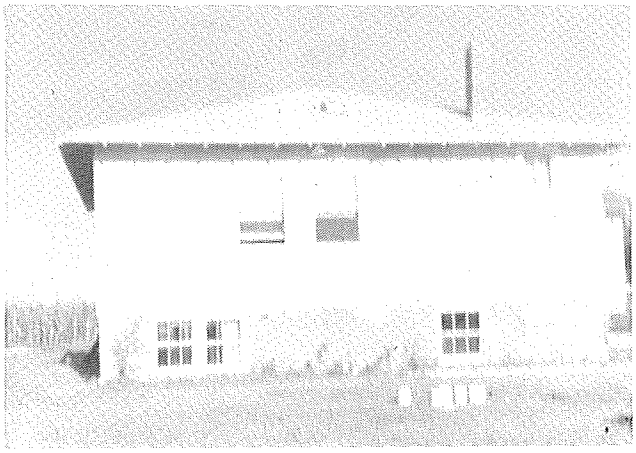
Teachers were varied and often were disciplinarians in the strict sense of the word. It was known that some boys who said naughty words might have their mouths washed out with "Beat'em All Soap".

Children often rode to school with horse and buggy as the means of transportation. Big brother would be the one to drive, take care of the horse and feed it hay each day.

Teachers who can be recalled were Anna Brown in 1898 and Matilida Jaeger who taught there many years, Birdie Rudd, Julia Heimes (O'Connor), Lillian and Leone Jaeger, Esther Nelson, Ella Johson, Ruby Olsen, Ella O'Connor (1907), Esther Backlund, Effie Swenson, Alma Swenson, Dagmar Nelson, Beryl Howe, Olga Hopland, Mrs. Art Eklund, Edith Zetterlund and Dorothy Anderson.

Patrons of the district included names of Jens Borup; H. J. Hanson; Andrew Donahue; Lenard Beeler; John Emerson; August Benson; Jeremiah, Patrick, Jack, Timothy and Vincent O'Connor; H.P. Hansen; Frank and Joe Hedin; M. J. Schultz; Franz Peterson; Isaac, Earl and Morris Ellison; Spencer Emerson; Axel Antonson; Swen, Charlie and Lyman Swenson; Jeppe Hust; Nils Jacobsen and Mr. Jorgenson.

The school closed in the 1960's due to the small enrollment. The district was dissolved into the Beresford and Vermillion school district.



Joy School

On the south side of Centerville sits a little old white school house with the customary three windows on each side. It is now made into a dwelling, but it looks much the same as it did when it used to stand in the Joy School district five miles southeast of Centerville.

Originally this school house stood on a plot of land three and a half miles east of Centerville across the road from the Lauren Knutson farm. An early settler, Mr. Joy, donated the land for the school, and so the name Joy School was chosen.

Some years later the school building was moved a mile south and was placed on land given by John Adamson. It was here that Joy School continued to serve the surrounding area until 1969 when the district split and combined with the independent districts of Centerville and Beresford.

The early schools hired their teachers for a term of three months at which time the contracts were renewable for another three months. Carrie Orr (Mrs. Charles Frinkman) told how she had attended Joy School, and after some additional education in Norfolk, Nebraska, had taught here for three months for the sum of $90.

Thirty or forty pupils would be enrolled in a single term. During the winter months the older boys attended school, and it was not uncommon for some of the pupils to be older than the teacher.

Pupils had to furnish their own books, and very few pupils had writing paper. Written work was done on a slate. At noon the teacher corrected slates so the boys and girls could use them for their afternoon classes.

In the early 1890's a law was passed requiring all pupils to be put in to grades. Previous to this time, a child progressed as he was able to each subject. Thus it was very difficult to place into a suitable grade, someone who could read at a sixth grade level and do arithmetic at third grade level. The three R's were stressed and spelling bees were a popular form of entertainment.

These early school buildings were not designed for comfort or health. Heat was provided by a stove placed in the middle of the room. Those who sat next to the stove were too warm, and those in the corners were uncomfortably cold. The cross light caused by having windows on both sides of the room resulted in eye strain.

Joy School was fortunate to have an artesian well for its water supply. This well was located just off the school ground and for years it furnished the water for the school. Water was carried to the school house, and a single dipper was used by all. In later years each child was required to bring his own drinking cup. Most of the boys and girls carried their lunches to school in gallon syrup pails. Pupils sat in double desks, two to each desk. Not too much attention was given to proper sized seats.

The school was a center for social life of the community. Several programs were held eacy year. In one of the early clerk's records there was a request that candles not be lighted on the school Christmas tree. Basket socials provided entertainment plus made a little extra money to buy something for the school room. Everyone turned out for the "last day" picnic.

Many of the pupils walked the mile of two to school. Later a barn was built on the school grounds, and quite a number of then came with a horse and buggy.

In 1924 Joy School patrons voted to have a nine month school instead of the usual eight month term. In 1931 during the depression the school term was to consist of eight months for the first four grades and nine months for the upper grades.

In 1922 the District accepted Tom Amundson's bid of $3980 to build a new school house. In 1941 the building was wired for electricity and some remodeling was done. In 1965 a tornado took the school building and scattered much of the contents over the surrounding countryside. The district voted to rebuild and the new structure was ready for the 1965-1966 school term.

In 1969 the Joy School District was dissolved and patrons voted to become part of either the Beresford District or the Centerville District. The schoolhouse was moved into Beresford and

served as a music room for the Beresford School.

The following are some of the earliest school board members who were known to have served terms ranging from a few months to several years as chairman, clerk or treasurer of the board: Henry Frinkman, Sr., Charles Prinslow, Sr., Phil Foy, Sam Steadman, John Adamson, Ed Norman, Robert Hemphill, S. P. Foy, Elmer Prinslow, Charles Prinslow, Jr., Elmer Foelker, P. L. Peterson, Roy Schmidt, Raymond Gustafson, Elmer Jacobson, Ercil Bowles, Thorvold Osthus, Wayne (LeRoy) Anderson, Donald Thissell, Lauren Knutson, Gordon Christensen, Edwin Anderson, and Glenn Henderson. The last three names were the final members before the school closed in 1969.

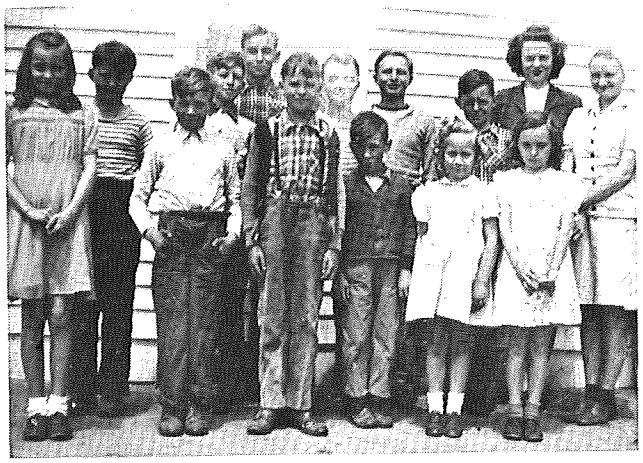
Among the early teachers were George Lowrie, Eva Frinkman (Harmon), Lina Frinkman (Eppel), Carrie Orr (Frinkman), Mina Burr, Eleanor Morgan, Dora B. Nedrow, the three Farley Sisters—Adella, Catherine, and Jane, Sophie Burke, Allie Ronnie, Ruby Haines, Joe Paulson, Elsie Parke, Gretchen Epple (Brinslow), Bernice Putnam (Parrot), Jennie Harmon (Paulson), Mildred Hoyer and Irene Halquist.

Teachers who taught are Pearl Hemphill, Esther Blue, Esther Miller, Lucille Disbrow, Marcella Anderberg, and Mrs. Edla Paulson; Genevera Devitt, Mrs. Belle Anderson, Violet Carlson, Anna Mae Finkman, Mildre Scott; Ruth Carlson, Violet Oakland, Alida Voog, Hazel Eberle and Eileen Ostrem, Eva Kotzea, Mrs. Marie Muhlenkort, Arthadell Engman, Mrs. Marie Hanson, Mrs. Bernice Bowles, Mrs. Bess Johnson.

Komstad School

The school records go back to 1884 and the Komstad School was in operation then.

Some of the years are missing or incomplete but the following is a list of teachers that there are records of: 1884-1900—Clara Potter, C. S. Moon, J. B. Perry, Allie Fisher, Lizzie Everett, Anna Burkland, Clara E. Thorson, Mary Jurgenson, J. S. Opland, Joseph Robinson and Edith M. Caton; 1900-1910—Alice E. Johnson, W. R. Cleveland, Nellie L. Sheldon, Mariane Agersburg and Sophia Silkenson; 1911-1920—Emma Dubois, Emma Lund, Belle Moore, Agnes Hult and Hannah Norin; 1920-1930—Ignetta Johnston, Judith Heglin, Opal Hammond, Helma Opland, Esther C. Backlund and Melitta Wiebers; 1930-1940—Belle A. Andetson, Verna A. Peterson, Ester Hertig, Freda



Lillie Treman, Ronnie Hult, Dale Tieman, Leland Hult, Darwin Johnson, Tieman, Mrs. Austin, teacher, Beverly Hult, John Landon, Robert Landon, Neal Bowden, John Sanford, Esther Jensen-Tieman.

Anderson, Mae Kilbride, Ruth A. Nelson; 1941-1952—Eleanor Offerdahl, Myrtle Rist, Mildred Austin, Austrid Smith; 1952-1963—Ruth Lind, Sylvia Bonine, Evelyn Olson, Joann Landeen and Marie Hansen.

Vanice Landon remembers that when she started school in 1916 there were between 50 to 56 school children.

The schoolhouse remained as it was built except two halls were built to accomodate the school. That same year a swing set and slide and merry-go-round were purchased for the play ground.

At the time of closing there were only ten to twelve pupils attending Komstad School. hey were then bused to Beresford beginning in 1964.

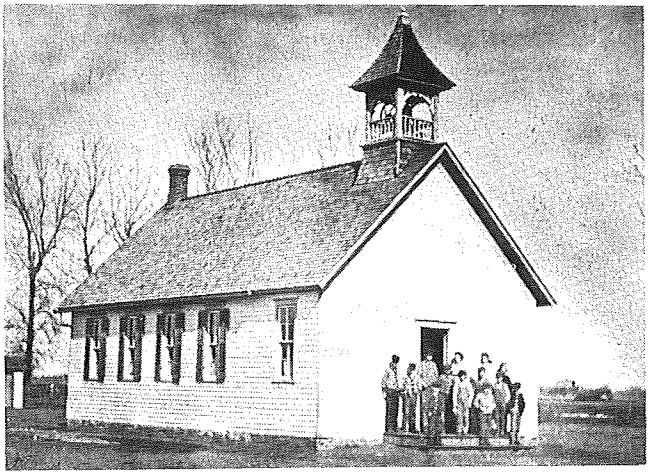
Some school board members that can be recalled are John Dahlin, Gust Hurtig, William Boom, John Peterson, Ernest Hult, Richard Carlson, Donald Carlson, Floyd Landon, Clare Bowden, Carl Hult, Delmar Payson, Harold Engstrom, Robert Landon, Curtis Austin and Jolin Erickson.

The school was located in Clay County five miles West and three and one half miles South of Beresford in the middle of the section. The land was given by Lars Anderson.

The schoolhouse was sold in 1964 or 1965 to Mr. Snoozy of Centerville.

Marshaltown School

Marshaltown School District 30, was located in Clay County, in the Dalesburg area southwest of Beresford. The first school had one huge room with a huge pot-bellied coal and wood



stove that was fired and cared for by the teacher. Marshaltown School was built in the late 1870's and of those who attended Hollis Lind is the oldest living pupil in 1983. There would be from 18 to 42 pupils attending there in the spring and fall terms.

One of the first teachers was Mr. Henry Hansen in 1899 with 39 pupils in attendance. Other early teachers were Nora and Sophie Silkensen, Marian Hyde, Maude Sloan, Myrtle Meyers, Hannah Lind (1905), Mollie Hedlin, Nora Stevenson (1907-1912), Marie Backlunk, Malvie Matson, Hannah Norin, May Childs, Miss Coulson, Miss Webb and Gladys Knight. Helen McCarthy Mahan was the last teacher in the old schoolhouse.

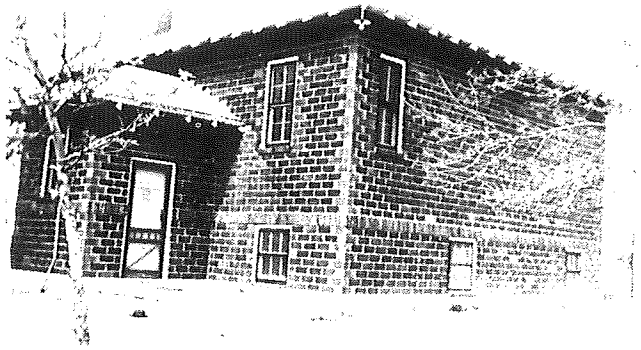
The first school board consisted of Olaf Lind, chairman; Casper Silkensen, clerk; and Hans Hansen, treasurer. The school building was remodeled about 1908 and a bell tower and bell was added with the work being done by August Lindstrom. The old school house was sold and moved to Dalesburg where John Carlson used it for a storage shed.

The new schoolhouse was a large two room structure built in 1924. The building today is used as the home of the Alsen American Legion Post.

Millbrook School

Millbrook School was organized in 1877 with W. B. Glidden, director; F. E. Norton, treasurer and Bartlett Minot, secretary. Eva Frinkman was elected teacher for the first term which opened on May 1, in the granary of F. E. Norton. Her salary of $22.50 was withheld until one and one-half years later.

An annual meeting was held at the A.J. Wimple home on April 2, 1878. It was decided to



hold a three month term again starting on May 1st. Ground was bought by Jonas Minot from Erick Wallin and turned over to the school district for the sum of $1. This acre of land was located in Sec. 11. Bonds sold in 1881 for $1,100 for the purpose of building a school. Lumber was hauled from Canton by team as the railroad was not in Beresford yet.

Early teachers were Ida Armington who later became Mrs. Church and Miss Mae Glidden who became Mrs. George Dunn. She taught a five month term for $20 a month and boarded herself.

The name Millbrook was given to the district after the dedication of the first building. Its name was in honor of a town by that name in central New York state from whence came J. B. Leake an early leader in the district. The first building served for 45 years. For many years the school was used by various Protestant denominations for church purposes. It was sold on July 12, 1926.

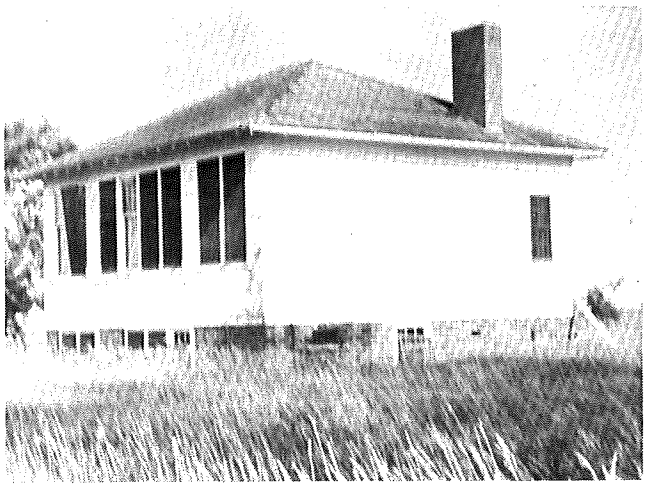
In the thrilling days of 1898, Millbrook sent her teacher, Earl B. Grinnell to the Spanish American War. He was followed a few days later by one of his pupils, Victor Dalthorp, who saw service in the Philippines.

In 1926 a new, modern brick school house was built and on August 17 it was formally dedicated with a celebration and homecoming. A large crowd was in attendance including past teachers and pupils. Gov. Carl Gunderson was the principal speaker, a band of Beresford-Centerville musicians played under the direction of W. G. Smith and a baseball game was played. One of the team members, Jake E. Voegeli, age 83, recalls that he was the catcher for the pitcher, Olander Tuntland. They played Centerville and beat them 6 to 1. they had to wait until the governor was through talking before they could start playing ball.

The new school cost $5,000. Homage was paid to Jonas Minot and A.J. Wimple who have been strong influences for the last 50 years in the

history of the school. The new school had a 48 pupil capacity and was lighted with electricy from a small unit in the basement. Ruth Fuller began the first term in the new school.

Other teachers that served in the district were: Effie Gardner (Mrs. Way), Amy White, W. H. Goltry, Chas. Potter, Mortimer Brown, May Stevens (Mrs. Victor Wass), Mrs. A. M. Austin, Ella Pickett (Mrs. Ben Whitlow), Eva Wheeler, Mr. Cartright, Mr. Nott, Frank Stevens, Martin Eidsmoe, Emma Jensen, Miss Alison, Myde C. Tyler, Margaret McFarlnd (Mrs. John Allibone), Laura Woodward, T. A. Davies, Earl B. Grinnell, Oscar Carlson, Mrs. Ella White, Mrs. Ed Everhart, Carrie Smith (Mrs. Geo. Carlson), E. Oberhalser, Bernice Oliver, Adelia Bushnell (Mrs. Paul DeWitt), Eliza Polhemus (Mrs. J. E. Minot), Mable Munson, Clifford Slaser, Miss Crysler, Sophie Eneboe, Mr. Salstrom, Alma Jensen, Agnes Dalseg, Miss Larson (Mrs. Carl Hustrulid), Mrs. LaGross, Beryl Du Bois, Clara Eneboe, Edna Birkland, and Mabel Backlund.



Mt. Hope School

Mt. Hope School District No. 37, Lincoln County, is located 3 miles west and 7 miles north of Beresford, SD. It was organized May 7, 1874, under J. S. Benedict, the third Superintendent of Lincoln County. This was still Dakota Territory, Lincoln County recordings had begun five years earlier in 1869.

The first school board consisted of: Hubert Young, George Washington Dann, and his father, Abram Dann, an Englishman who settled here in 1873. (Gary Dann, son of DeLee Dann, is the fifth generation to live on his farm and also attend school at Mt. Hope School). Many others have served on the school board.

There also have been three generations of the Wiebers family attending Mt. Hope School. Max Wiebers of Delaware Township, served Mt. Hope School for 33 consecutive years as treasurer and through his efforts the district was able to build a new school building in 1935, which the tax district was able to pay for without levying bonds. This being the present school building, which is also the third schoolhouse for the district located on the late John Bickett property. However, the first site was across the road to the north of the present site, formerly Jack Groen property. No written records were found as to when the school burned down. Then Mr. A. McFarland, the homesteader of the land, where the present school stands gave permission for the school to be built on his land. He stipulated that no dancing was to be allowed in the building if it sat on his land. Old timers say that in early years dances were oftentimes held in other rural schools.

Other members who have served on the school board through the years have been: Henry Tieman, Ida Dann, Alfred Thorson, John Bickett, Ernest Johnson, Earnest Dann, Harold Tollefson, Engnar Edblom, Arnold Wiebers, Joe Vetos, DeLee Dann, Willard Ambur, Bernard Bickett, and Marvin Carlson.

It was of interest to find that the post office address of the school in 1874 was Maple Grove, which was then located 4 miles north and 3 miles east of Mt. Hope. Other early post offices in the area which have faded from existence are Kidder, located 2 miles west of Mt. Hope; Haram, which was located 3 miles east of the school; and Brooklyn, which was 5 miles south of Mt. Hope School.

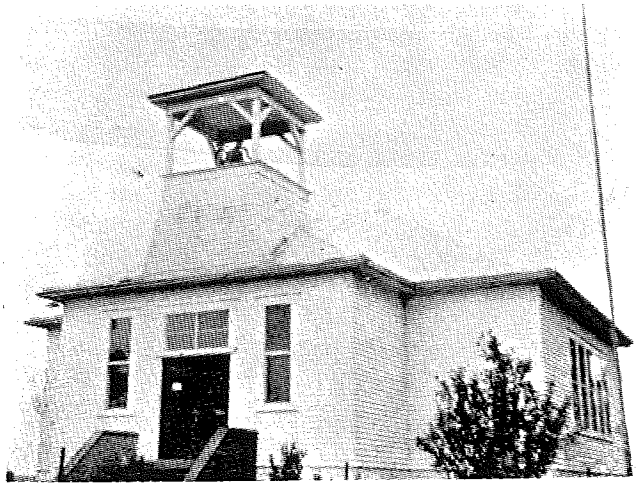
The first school house seems to have been in existence on the first site in 1904. Pictures indicated that the second building was on the new site in 1920.

Some of the pupils who attended in the early 1900's were: Tim, Alma, and Harold Tollefson; Tracy, Frances, Ned, and John Murphy; Eva, Robert, Harold, and Ruth Gange; Henry, Roy, Elmer, and Lloyd Wieber; Irene and Kenneth Dubendorfer; and Ann Tschudy and Ella Thorson. Their teacher was Arthur Harrison.

Other families living in the district with their children attending through the years have been the familis of Max Wiebers, Earnest Dann, Earl Dann, George White, Henry Pedersen, Chris Wilson, Ernest Johnson, Hans Loe, Henry

Tieman, Blaine Stephenson, Peter Groen, John Bickett, Alfred Thorson, Engnar Edblom, Arnold Wiebers, Joe Vetos, Claude Ende, DeLee Dann, Donald Overgaard, Louis Ness, William Loken, Floyd Stiles, John Groen, Wendell Johnson, James Eide, Harold Thompson, Marvin Carlson, Delmar Wiebers, Louis VanderLaan, Willard Ambur, the Bernard Bickett families, and many more families.

Except for Bella Webb, who taught Mt. Hope School in 1883, no teachers names were available between 1874 and 1901. The county appropriations records show that the school was open with large enrollments some of these years. In the school year 1875-76, over a hundred years ago, there were 23 pupils at Mt. Hope.



Newdale School

Newdale school district was organized in Garfield Township of Clay County to serve the Northeast one-fourth of the township. First officers were Daniel Bergren, director, N. P. Swanson, treasurer, and Martin J. Talbot, clerk. Jennie Martin, the first teacher, taught 26 students for three months at a salary of $75 for the period.

In 1875 residents of the district voted to build a schoolhouse on an acre of ground in the center of the mile. Landowners in the section deeded a 10 foot wide strip from each quarter to provide a 20 foot east-west road to be used as access to the school. The building was to be paid for by subscriptions of not less than $2.50 per quarter section.

Cottonwood lumber was purchased at the mill for $6 per thousand board feet and Bergren was instructed to supervise construction of the building. By 1876 the school year was extended to five months.

In 1890 taxpayers voted to put a new floor in the school and to build a storm house at the south end as well as a new outhouse. The school year was increased to seven months. Solomon Anderson was elected treasurer, Andrew Lundberg, the director and A. P. Carlson the clerk. Total receipts for the year were $305.30 with $150 of that spent for teacher's wages and $15.50 for furniture. There were thirty-five children in the district.

Early teachers included Delia Caron, Mina Anderson, Ella Anderson, Ida Partridge, J. J. Bucklund, R. H. Broning, Caroline Vincent, Emma Butler, Lois Snyder, Nina Simpson, and Inna Benson. Among those serving as school board members before the turn of the century were Andrew Newman, John Bergstrom, Daniel Messler, John Anderson, Peter Erickson, Andrew Lawrensen, Anton Henricksen, John Hansen, Claus Frick, O. L. Swenson, Lee Bergren, and A. A. Hedeen.

In 1896 taxpayers in the district voted to build a new schoolhouse, 30 by 36 feet, with plastered ceilings and walls. Members of the building committee were Hedeen, Messler, and S. Anderson. Eric Ostlund was the carpenter for the building. The school year was increased to eight months. A. P. Carlson purchased the old schoolhouse for $60. Daniel Messler made a loan of $400 to the district for interim financing.

In 1915 electors of the district voted to build a new schoolhouse with two classrooms and full basement which would have a student capacity of 60. Members of the building committee were John Simpson, A. L. Peterson and Anton Henricksen. Serving on the board this century were C. R. Clark, John Simpson, John Hansen, Andrew Anderson, Andrew Hedeen, F. S. Swedburg, Erick Swedlund, A. B. Erickson, John B. Johnson, Ed Carlson, Gust Erickson, A. L. Peterson, Olaf Johnson, J. M. Bylander, Mrs. Olfa Johnson, J. E. Frick, August Danielson, Christ Jensen, Erick Messler, Otto Carlson, Matts Johnson, Clarence Clark, Leonard Hedeen, Wallace Frieberg, Frank Hakl, Stanley Frick, Orville Jensen, Rolland Abraham, Dan Bylander, Alden Lundquist, Russel Kirkebak, and Roscoe Carlson.

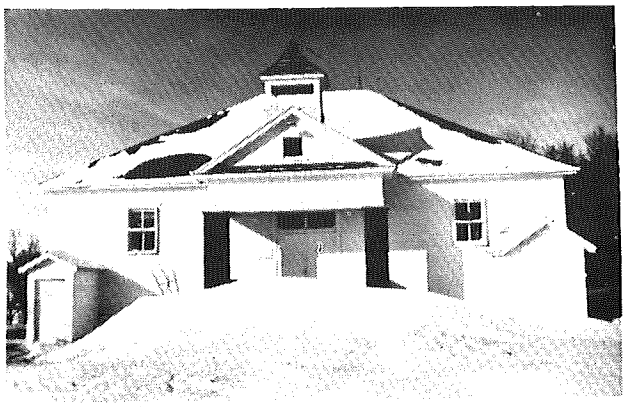
Recent teachers still resident in this area are: Mrs. Verne Mollet, Hazel Merrigan, Nina Patterson, Alta Peterson, Dorothy Swedean, Louise Eklund, Edna Hansen, Genevieve Hult, Florence Bergdale, Mavis Austin, Margaret Westling, Anna Mae Abild, Agnes Knudson.

The schoolhouse built in 1915 was a two room school and many of the years from 1915 to

closing had two teachers instructing as many as 65 pupils. During the twenties and thirties one year of high school was taught there also. Even as a one room school with one teacher before 1915 there were up to fifty and more children attending.

In the late sixties Newdale was merged into the Beresford Independent School District, but remained open as a learning center until 1977 when parents voted to close the school and send the children to the elementary school in town.

On May 15, 1977, 104 years of continuous school at Newdale was brought to a close with a reunion school picnic with all former pupils, teachers, parents, and district residents invited to an open house. School picnics at the close of each year were a tradition to celebrate the beginning of summer vacation for school children. This one, however, was the ending of an era, that of education in a country school from the days of pioneer settlement to modern times.



Nora School

Nora School was organized in 1881. The first school house was in the middle of the section on the John Ronning farm near where his great grandson Gaylon Ronning lives at the present time. It was then moved to the Andrew Sveegen farm and later moved just northwest of the present location—one half mile south of the Nora store.

The first records of 1884 showed W.H.H. Fate as county superintendent of schools, A. P. Sveeggen and Ole J. Lykken as district clerk and enumerator. The records showed 23 pupils attending school. Some of the first pupils to attend were children of John Buum, Peter Ekren, Knud Ofstad, Erick Nervig, Ole J. Lykken, Ole Ofstad, Jorgen Stene, Ole Stene, Ole Quaal, Eric Ronning, Peder Rambraut, Lars Pederson, Anders Solem, Anders Stav, Ole Solberg and A. P. Sveeggen.

Writing was done on a slate. McGuffy's orthography was used to teach spelling and no books were used for English. Later on the textbooks were McGuffy's Reader, Rey's Arithmetic, Harvey's Grammer and McGuffy's Speller.

In 1901 the school building was erected on the present site of the Nora School. In 1920 another room was added to this building. At one time there were over 60 pupils enrolled. The last teacher to teach in the one room school was Louise Harms. The first teachers in the two room school were Mable Amundson and Ella Grunning. The last teacher to serve in Nora School when it closed its doors in 1973 was Ruth Tiltrum with an enrollment of ten pupils.

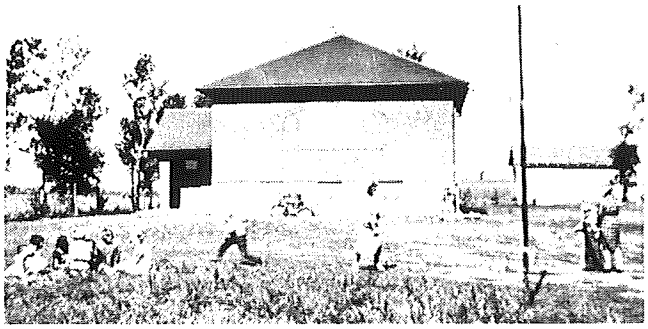
One of the early day teachers was A. P. Asbjeld who taught for over 15 years in the 1880's and 1890's. A story was told of him that he would have the children count their steps on the way home in the evening and report to him in the morning. In so doing they were so engrossed in this counting that they would forget to fight one another. His pupils had a high regard for him which was shown by many of them banding together to buy a tombstone for his grave.

The children traveled to school by horse or walked. One family had a gentle black horse named Dick who faithfully took the children back and forth to school, starting possibly in 1915 and continuing until 1938. They would hitch their horse to the buggy down by the barn, tie the lines to the buggy, say "giddy up" and the horse would cross the road and wait outside by the gate near the house till the children came out to go to school. When the children had all finished their schooling Dick died the following summer.

North Star School

The North Star School District No. 43 was organized March 25, 1875, "bounded as follows: Commencing at the NE corner of the SE¼ of Section 4, Township 96, Range 50." V. B. Conklin was the supt. of Public instruction.

This one room school still is in existence as the Pleasant Township Hall, located on the Hudson-Centerville road and one mile east of old Hwy. 77. The interior has large windows on both sides of the room, a small slate blackboard which still is in the front. There is wainscoting around the schoolroom and above that and on the ceiling is a decorative tin molding.



Left to right: Carol (Edblom) Thompson, Madeline (Jost) Miller, Eleanor (Swanstrom) Carlson, Marie (Paulsen) Oien, Ruth (Pausen) Larsen, Clarence Olsen, Myrtle (Jensen) Wevik, George Clay, Lucille (Paulsen) Johnson.

Measures are being taken to preserve and fix up the interior again.

Early teachers taught mostly short terms. Early records starting in 1896 show P. Larsen, teacher. Ella Eidsness in 1877 received $35 monthly salary and had 45 pupils registered, but only 34 seats. Other early teachers were Herbert Brown, J. F. Burns, Hattie Miller (9 months school), Mina Steensland (1900 to 1902). Emma K. Larson, Gertrud Keith, Katherine Malloy, Francis Gordon, Ella Rommereim and Jene Farley. Alma Nessa was the teacher in 1908 and the board members were C. A. Eidsmoe, G. Determan and L. Jensen. There were 55 books in the library.

Other teachers who taught in the old school were: Rose Farley, Anna Eneboe, Lucian Mead, Nellie Carlson, (Della Wimple was county superintendent), Blanch Park and Lucy M. Thornton. Alma Jensen taught from 1919-1922, Dorothy Filch, Lottie Bjorgen, Edna Birkland, Hazel Eneboe and Geneva O'Conner.

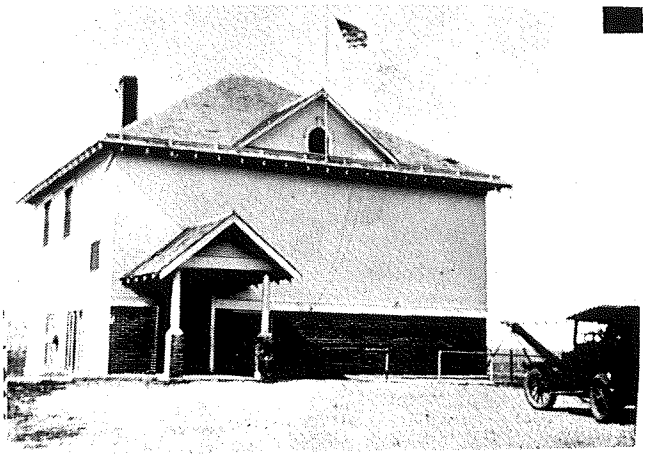
On July 14, 1928 the Register of Deeds shows a lease from August Determan to North Star School Dist. No. 43 for a new structure. Signing the lease was H. C. Hendrickson, A. P. Crane and Hilder Johnson. This new brick schoolhouse was located four miles north and ½ mile west of Beresford. It had a full basement, indoor toilets, furnace and a 32 volt electric light plant.

School board members include the names of L. Jensen, Andrew Johnson, George Determan, Julius Miller, Collins, A. H. Anderson, Fred McKellips, John Jost, A. P. Crane, Walter and Wm. Stiles, Willis Graham, Carl and Leslie Volden, F. W. Spire, Alvin and John Edblom, Cecil Clay, Harold Anderson, Hildur, Kenneth and Leonard Johnson, Martin Andersen, Elmer Olsen, Sophus Jensen, Freeman Swanstrom, Harris Johnson, Dale Ende and John Paulsen. Some of these who served were fathers and later sons. As parents had children in school their fathers would be elected to the school board.

On July 1, 1969 the district was dissolved after having served the community for 95 years.

The rural schools helped hold the immediate community together through the common interest of their children. An active P.T.A. was in existence for many years. Home talent plays, minstrel shows, an all male program, jigging and dancing were given. School programs were held annually and the children performed to packed houses. Many noteworthy people have come from this school and have become farmers, teachers, nurses, a pastor and politicians.

Teachers who taught in the new school were: Anna Winterton, Lillian Abbott, Evelyn Nelson, Mildred Scott, Grace Collins, Wilbur Foss, Marlys Swanson, Mrs. L. Tendler, Gladys Gubbrud, Ethel Jensen, Patty Hagen, Clarice Yttreness, Mrs. Allen Young, Bessie Westburg, Ruth Tiltrum, Teresa Fitzgerald, Gertrud Ferrand, and Lois Hoeksema, Mrs. Bessie Johnson was the last teacher in 1969.



Pioneer School

District 36 was started in 1874 with Hugh Jones, E. Sanden and H. Hunt as officers. The first Pioneer School was a short distance east of the present M. W. Nichols home. It was made of sod and the first classes were held in 1876. There were six or seven pupils in the school and Miss Esther Dann was the first teacher. The next teacher was T. S. Beck. There were 31 students listed in the 1876 report. Each teacher received $15.00 per month.

The first permanent school house was built

one half mile north of the original school in 1879. The first teacher in this wooden building was W.H. Goltry. Lydia Clausen was the next teacher and each received a salary of $30.00 a month.

The present schoolhouse was built one half mile south of the second school or seven miles north and one mile west of Beresford. This school, built in 1918, was a two story building. The first year of high school was taught the year the school was built. In 1923, sophomore year classes were added and in 1924 a junior year curriculum was added. Two teachers handled the teaching courses for the high school division and an accredited three year high school course was established. There were about twenty pupils who completed their three years of high school at Pioneer. Their senior year was taken at Worthing, Canton, Beresford, or Vermillion.

Pioneer was not a consolidated school but financed by the district alone. Many of the students came from neighboring districts and the tuition paid by the outside students was sufficient to pay the salary of an extra teacher in the high school department.

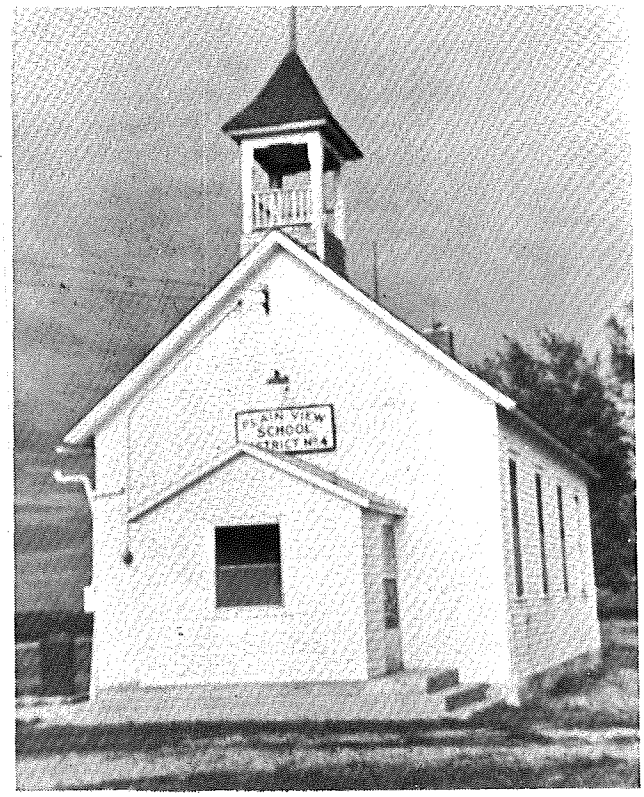
Fire of unknown origin destroyed the 3-room building early in March, 1940 and all equipment was lost. Steps were taken by the school board, Fred Sorenson, Tillman Nelson annd Alvin Larson to have a new building ready for the next September. This building was used until the district joined the Beresford School District.

Plainview School

Plainview School was organized on October 29, 1873 and included the land in the south east one-fourth of Lincoln Township, Lincoln County, S.D., and consisted of nine sections of land. It was changed in 1874 by moving the boundaries one half mile west and one half mile south of Pleasant Township.

Freeman Moulton was chairman, Wm. Kurts, Clerk, and Charles Berry, treasurer of the district at this time. In 1876 Joe Millage was treasurer, John Loury, chairman, and Henry C. Johnston, clerk. Clara W. Berry was teacher receiving $26 a month for two months of school. There were eight pupils between ages five and 21, and 14 older ones attending school. Many people came from the old country and went to school to learn the American language.

The first record of an annual meeting of Dist. 4 was held June 30, 1885, at the school house, but owing to the change of board members there must have been some meetings prior to this. At



the meeting it was voted to have six months of school, three months summer and three months winter. The winter term started on December 1, and continued through the last day of February. The summer term started on the first of May and continued to the last day of July. Teachers received a salary of $30 per month.

Other business transacted as these early meetings was for furnishing the coal and kindling to heat the school house. Bids were let for $21 for a ton of coal of first quality and if the bidder failed to have the necessary fuel on hand at all times he forfeited all pay. In 1890 the school was moved one mile north to its present site.

In 1899 a meeting was held and it was voted to build a new school house 36'x20' with 12 foot posts and to insure it when finished. The total cost of the school was $1,007.80.

In 1904 the school attendance register records the names of Emma, Helmey, Selma, Martha and Tillman Kittelson, Erick, Gilbert and Engvold Oren, Bessie, Rusten, Theodore, Henry, Tillman and Alma Nelson.

In 1910 lightning rods were put on the schoolhouse. The school was closed from October 3 to October 30 because of diptheria. It was common for school to be out for two weeks for the pupils to help with corn picking.

The name Plainview was first mentioned in

1918. Likely the schoolhouse could be seen for many miles because of the level land there abouts.

Through the years upkeep and modernization took place. A garage was built instead of a barn, new seats were purchased, the ceiling was lowered and new siding was added. Electric lights came in 1948 and the telephone was installed in 1955. In later years the floor was tiled and new propane furnace installed.

It should be noted that two families, namely Tillman Kittelson and Theodore Nelson's have had three generations attending school there. Mrs. Helmey Kittelson had the distinction of having been a pupil, a teacher, and a parent of children in Plainview School.

Through the years the attendance declined from 30 down to five pupils in the last year of school. The district was dissovled July 7, 1969 when it joined the Beresford School District. At this time the school board was Ole Twite, chairman; Mrs. Buell Kittelson, clerk; and George Clay, treasurer.

On August 2, 1970 a reunion was held for all teachers and pupils who had attended school at Plainview. There were 125 former pupils and teachers in attendance.

Elmer Larson, the oldest pupil living in the district wrote the history of the school at that time. He also served the most years on the schoolboard.

The building still stands and is used as the Lincoln Township meeting hall.

Pleasant Hill School

Located on a hilltop four miles east and two miles north of Beresford sat a schoolhouse by the appropriate name of Pleasant Hill. This school was formed on March 19, 1877. It had one small room with double desks for the children to sit in. In 1940 the schoolhouse was sold to Raymond McCall and plans were made to build a new school.

Early school board members include such names as Edward Ende, Alfred Cornish, H. C. Wells, J. M. Nelson, Mrs. Andrew Nupen, Charles Rommereim, Isaac Hendrickson, Olai J. Moen, Oscar Munson, Bert Yttreness, Clarence Nupen, Ludvig Rasmussen and Andrew Elgersma.

An early school roll from 1907 with Pearl Wells as the teacher were the following: Mary, Leo, Flossy, Lawrence and Freddie Shay; Jessie and Archie Cornish; Laura, Minnie, Ella, Pearl and Alfred Anderson; Viola, Florence, Goerge and Melvin Ende; Gladys Wells; Ruby and Clarence Gifford; Johnny, Marcella and Frank Alberts; Clarence, Bert and Carl Hustrulid; and Clarence Nupen.

Construction of the new building began after the first week in school in 1941. The carpenters had an interested audience every recess and noon hour. On November 13, the ten pupils and their teacher Miss Loreen Erickson along with their refinished desks and other furniture "moved in". The floors were of maple and the fir woodwork was finished completely in natural color. Heat was furnished by a coal burning furnance and the walls of the building were double insulated. Directors of the Pleasant Hill School who were instrumental in planning the new structure were: Harold Sorenson—chairman, Tillman Lappegard, clerk, and Ludvig Rasmussen, treasurer.

Some of the names of early teachers that can be remembered are: Pearl Wells, Bertha Ordahl, Cora Everhart, Sophia Eneboe, Alice Hokenstad, Clara Vogen, Nettie Loomer, Bertyne Tollefson, E. B. Green, Lillian Tollefson, Esther Potthast, Rachael Eidsness, Orpha Thornton, Louise Jasperson, Beatrice Anderberg, Bernice Olbertson, Louise Paulson, Eden Williams, Myrtle Peterson, Lillian Eidsness and Emma Shieltler.

Patrons of the district had the last names of Ende, Hendrickson, Nupen, Graham, Carlson, Olbertson, Rasmussen, Rommereim, Yttreness, Twedt, Severson, Elgersma, Hustrulid, Wells, Moen, Parker, Cornish, Nissen, Lyren, Dean, Vipond, Munson, Nelson, Saugstad, Thormodsgaard, Christensen, Zweifel, Lindblom, Birnie and Erdahl.

In 1970 an evening action was held and the schoolhouse was sold to John Schoellerman of Hawarden. One item sold was the school name

board. A tidy sum was paid by one school pupil from the past because he remembered the names written on the back of the board when it had been put up. Sure enough, the names were still plainly visible and it made an interesting keepsake.

Pleasant School

On April 2, 1886 Peter and Mary Fahlberg sold a parcel of their farm land in Pleasant Township, Lincoln County, for the sum of $1 to be used as a site for a school house in school district No. 64. The deed, still in existence was signed by M. C. Brown, John Hunter, Adolph Peterson, August and Nels J. Larson.

A clerk's record book also exists which recorded the minutes from 1886 over a period of 35 years, through 1921. At the first meeting, L. P. Egerstrom was elected chairman; M. C. Brown, clerk; Lars Larson, director and Hiel Hunter, treasurer. A tax of 2 percent was levied for that year. Over this 35 year span these men served on the school board in various capacities: L. P. Egerstrom, Lars Larson, Hiel Hunter, M. C. Brown, Peter Fahlberg, Charles Hunter, Wm. Thompson, Alfred Velin, Ernest Lundborg, James Hunter, Chas. E. Larson, Henry Hunter, John Richards and Sam Fahlberg. Since then no official records are available.

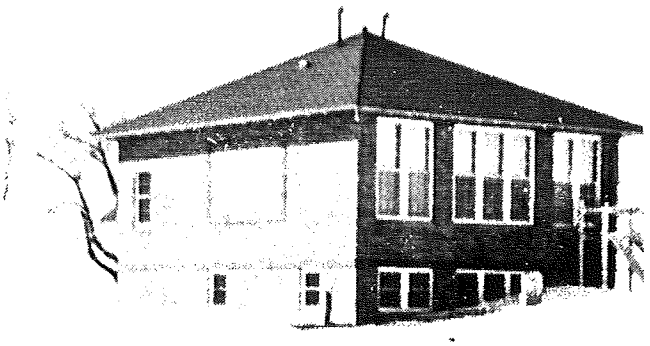
According to a Register of Attendance dated September 15, 1902, the following children were enrolled in district No. 64: Ella, Effie, Gustave, Philip and Tillie Anderson, Edwin and Elsie Canaday, David and Joel Fahlberg, Albin Gustafson, Charles Hall, Emilie, Carl and William Hansen, Alma, David and Fred Richards and Freda Veborg. The teacher was Alice M. Ridge.

Some of the people who taught Pleasant school during the last 60 years of its existence are Dorothy O'Rielly, Teresa Toomey, Lila Smith, Hazel Young, Irene Wilson, Hilda Stephenson, Myrtle Norman, Anna Quello, Rose Sundstrom, Agnes Dahlsig, Margaret Ison, Isabel Williams, Eunice Rasmussen, Ella Skinner, Bernielle Ruud and Jean Sinning.

It was not uncommon, in those early days for the ages of schoool children to range from 6 to 25 years, with pupils the same age or older than their teachers. Teachers had only an eighth grade education; others had less. The school year was rarely six months long, frequently dropping to three months during hard weather winters and also depending on the student load. The short terms might be broken into all manner of lengths depending on lateness of harvest, when the bad winter storms would hit and how early spring planting could be started because of necessity children had to help with chores and field work at home.

In 1902 the original structure was ruined in a

strom. At a meeting on May 16, 1904 it was decided "to build a new schoolhouse 18 feet wide, 30 feet wide and 10 feet high with four windows on each side. August Swenson was hired to do the work at $2.25 per day and board". In 1908, the minutes show that a motion was made "to build a barn on the school ground to house five horses". In 1911 it was decided to name the schoolhouse Pleasantview or Pleasant. In 1927 a new brick schoolhouse was built on the original site at a cost of about $5,000. THe original building was sold to Jake Voegeli and moved to his farm where it still stands. In the year 1944 Pleasant school district No. 64 closed because there were not enough children in the district to warrant the hiring of a teacher. Children, thereafter, have attended the Beresford City Schools. The brick school was sold and torn down. By 1962 Interstate Highway 29 had been built over the area where the school had stood.



Pleasant Valley School

In 1873 the R.Z. Bennett family were the only actual residents in the township. Later on in the year Fred and Henry Kundert came with many of their neighbors from New Glarus, Wis. The Woodward and Pierce families came that year from Iowa.

The Pleasant Valley School was formed in 1874 by J. S. Benedict, County Superintendent. Three terms of school were held before the schoolhouse was built. The first term was in Soper's sod shanty with Miss Tilda Woodward the first teacher. Two other terms were held in the homes of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Owens and Mrs. S. M. Woodward. Teachers were the Owens.

The district as originally formed had its east boundary one half mile west of the east township boundary, but when V. B. Conklin became county superintendent he discovered that one half mile of the territory between the east boundary of the townships was not included in any district and he therefore without petition proceeded to annex that half mile to Pleasant Valley School district. This placed the Fred Kundert family out of the district and changed the center of the district to the half section line instead of the section corner a few rods from the residence of Mathia Schmid where the schoolhouse was to have been.

Starting in 1878 voters met in the home of Mathias Schmid to organize formally. Miles N. Pierce was chosen director for one year; Baltz Schmid was chosen clerk for two years; and Mathias Schmid, treasurer for three years.

Names of Owen's pupils who attended school were Linke, Maggie, Anna and Henry Schmid; William, Rosa, Albert and Julia Kundert; Kate, Viola and Ed Stoner; Joe Woodward; Rosa Duerst; Fred Hanna; Henry, William and George Eliot.

It was decided to build a school, a 20' x 28' structure on the SW¼ of the SE¼ of Sec. 11, of the Baltz Schmid land. The first annual meeting at the schoolhouse was in 1880. A motion was made to open the school to all public service, allow the board to buy benches, paint the schoolhouse and have four months of school. W. J. Byrnes was to be the teacher with $25 per month wages.

For many years school was held for three or four months in the summer and again in the winter for three or four months. In 1881 Henry Thompson was elected Clerk and Mary Stevens was the teacher. A fourth of an acre of land was added onto the school ground and willow and shade trees were planted.

This was the day and age of many children in families and the census of 1888-89 records the children age six to 18 as follows: Oscar, Otto and Ingar Tuntland; Josephine and Joseph Johnson; Otto, Idella, Henry, Melvin, Lena, August, Robert, Edwin, and Anneta Kundert; Mamie, Arthur and Earl Pierce; Wesley, Luella, Mathias, Ernest, Cora, and Arthur Schmid; Robert Bovill; Mathias, Manuel, and Mamie Voegeli; Loy Goltry; Willie Daily, Louise, Ole, Jorgen, Christian, Oli and John Stormoe; Barbara Jost; Clarence Byrnes; Daniel Arioro; Gabriel and Iverine Berg; Anna, Dina, Sophias, John, Charley, Lena, Tilda and Sanna Johnson; Frank and John Wood; John, Nils, Mary Ella, Hannah, Anna and Lydia Yttreness; Eugene, Clinton and Bruce Brown;

John, Thomas, Betsy, Anna, Robert, Mollie, Emma and Mary Thompson; Andrew, Charles, Bertha, Belle, Ella and Celia Rommereim; Fred Cornish; Lulu Schmidt; Anna, Charles and Sanna Johnson; Nellie and Irene Van Voris; and Batie Zweifel.

Children purchased their own books at first and records show Joe Steussi paid 20 cents for a first grade book and John Savey paid 35 cents for one grammar book in 1898. New improvements after the 1900's were a new heating stove, a teacher's desk, book case and chair and blackboards.

To take care of the school properly the cistern had to be cleaned, stove pipes had to be de-sooted, compound for the floors purchased, and an annual cleaning of the schoolhouse. Teachers were allowed to go to the county seats for "Institute" once or twice a year. Districts paid tuition for the students who finished grade school to go on to high school.

The school was closed during the 1919 flu epidemic. It was decided in 1919 to have nine months of school and hire a teacher holding a certificate. A levy of $1,100 was made with the comment "it was high but everything was sky high" made by the clerk, J. M. Yttreness. The teacher too, was to have a $25 a month raise.

By the 1920's second generation children were in attendance. Before the school's close children had the last names—Bovill, Voegeli, Thompson, Yttreness, Olbertson, Schmid, Ivarson, Johnson, Blumer, Tuntland, Tschudy, and Rommereim.

With the help of the school basket social in 1914, school ground apparatus was purchased. The social realized a profit of $45.

In 1927 it was decided to build a new school by consent of three-fourth of the voters. A one story brick and tile building of state approved design, with a full basement was built by Fred Thompson and replaced the 47 year old building. A dedication was held with a 3:00 program by the children, a lunch at 6:00 and dedication at 8:00. A member of the district gave a welcome stating that "education is the key to all things". Mr. Owens from Sioux City spoke and gave a history of when he was the first teacher and also a history of the township. He said that lumber for the first schoolhouse had been hauled from Vermillion. He was also the one who gave the school the name of Pleasant Valley beause he admired the beautiful lay of the land and location. The next speaker was Mr. Byrnes of Canton, another teacher from early days. He had originally come to the locality after receiving a letter from his cousin. He left his home in Wisconsin and drove a team of ponies and buggy. It took two weeks to get here. Mr. Byrnes found three of his former pupils in the audience—Mrs. John R. Thompson, George Elliot and Albert Kundert. Another former teacher, Mrs. Ed Eneboe of Canton, greeted her former pupils and mentioned the nationality wars which used to wage between pupils. "Those things have now all passed," she said, "and we are neither German or Norwegian but Americans." Mrs. Philip Evanson who had both been a pupil (Maud Blumer) and a teacher in the district gave a greeting. After a few musical numbers, Miss Lillian Abbot, County Superintendent gave the dedicatory address.

Ladies of the district cleaned the schoolhouse themselves to save money to buy new seats. This practice continued for many years. The first pupils to go to the new school were Calmer, Henry, Robert and Victor Thompson; Helen Yttreness; Bernita Schmid; Lenore, Gerald and David Hester; Wayne Johnson; Jack and Beryl Birkland; Evelyn Speich; Geraldine and Curtis Rommereim and Roderick and Dale Queen.

Teachers after 1900 were Mollie Lunder, Laure Teller, P. L. Larson, Lulu Johnson, Carrie Helmey, Ovidia Johnson, Beatrice Jelly, Katherine Reedy, Bertha Urdahl, Sophie Berke, Bertyne Tollefson, Winifred Jump, Alice Foley, Allegra Steadman, Tilda Ringsrud, Ella Fossum, Bertyne Birkland, Agnes Eneboe and Esther Swanson.

In the 1930's teachers were Fern Stiles, Leona Johnson, Mildred Landeen, Loeda Sogn and Thelma Eidsness. In the 1940's teachers were Geraline Rommereim Bovill, (a home district girl), Geneve Resel, Loreen Olson, and Jean Ann Nelson. Teachers who taught through the 1950's were Irene Harbonek, Mrs. Elna Dann, Donald Swantrom, Mrs. Agnes Sundquist, Miss Gladys Powers and Beverly Jensen.

After the war years and growing scarcity of single teachers who often preferred the city school systems, the married woman took over the last decades of teaching.Teachers until the end of this rural school's history were Mrs. Leslie Gubbrud, Mrs. Donald Bonine, Mrs. Verne Engel and Mrs. Arne Rusten.

The school underwent improvements through the years. Especially to be mentioned was the introduction of electricity through the R.E.A. No longer were kerosene and gas lights needed for evening functions. Parental interest was kept up through the years with the P.T.A. being very active. Home talent plays were given and

proceeds bought school equipment. In later years better bathroom facilities were installed and hot lunch program was inaugurated. Teachers felt that the meals made by Wanda Eide, Mae Blumer or Agnes Voegeli gave the children more ability in the class room. The annual Christmas, Halloween or Thanksgiving program was always well attended by the parents and neighborhood. An annual Mother's Day party and a party for the teacher was held in the spring. A picnic on the last day of school was a highlight.

Students participated in the Y.C.L. program, the spelling and declam contests and sports day events. In the later years an outing to some place of educational interest was an annual activity. There are so many things to remember —the flag waving in the breeze, the ever squeaking of the swings in action during the recess, and the bell ringing just as it was your turn up for bat in the baseball game!

Grant Iverson was the first grader the year of closing in 1970-71. John W. Yttreness, Dick Voegeli, and Lavaine Blumer were the last school board members when the school was affiliated with the Beresford School System.

Rainy Vale School

The Rainy Vale School, formerly known as the Phillips School, was one of the earliest school houses in the county.

John Lass, one of the first teachers before the year 1895 taught this school. During the winter months, after the crops were harvested the older boys in the district attended school trying to learn 'Readin', 'Ritin' and 'Rithmetic'. Many times there were over fifty in school. They sat in long wooden seats and desks where three could easily sit. There generally were eight or ten kerosene lamps fastened on the wall to provide light.

The one big entertainment of the year was a school program in the fall of the year. The Rainy Vale School was proud of its platform which was stationary. Curtains were made from black crinoline and hung on a heavy wire above the stage. They were heavy and sometimes didn't hold where fastened to the wall. The catastrophe of the falling curtains sometimes came on the night of the program.

The pot-bellied stove was the heating element and if the fire wasn't banked at night it would have to be started by the teacher early each morning. It was often noon before the room

was comfortably warm. The teacher did all the janitor work.

Of course, there was a big water pail "with a dipper" for *all* to use. In many cases water was carried by a couple of the biggest boys from a nearby farm. The heavy water crocks or bubbler fountain replaced this method and some years later cisterns or wells were established on the grounds.

A basin for the boys to wash before lunch and one for the girls was very proper. Of course, there were toilets outside, a coal and cob house and a barn for the horses as many children drove horses or rode horseback to school.

Some of the teachers who taught in Rainy Vale besides Mr. Lass were: Mary Kennedy, Kittie Farley, Anna Solberg, Anna Jaycox Johnson, Evelyn Miller, Margaret Lass Harrington, Beulah Chaussee, Josephine Brown, Elsie Cole Ekren, Mary Lass Farley, Donna Wheeler Keiser, Edna Farley, Mrs. Anna Clark, Inez Anderson, Dorothy Twedt Hammitt, Bonnie Boden Wither, Rita Lanham Hubert, Deloris McGill, Agnes Quinn and many more.

Many of the families attending that school had last names as follows: Phillips, Harrington, Farley, Kribell, McIlvenna, O'Connell (John, one of the triplets mentioned in the 75th anniversary book), Lass, Holf, Tschudy, Quinn, McGuire, Vetos, Williams, Erdahl, Kruul, Jennings, Steenick, Longinecker, Gandrau, Hultgren, Hoard, Neuroth, Maher, Brennan and Anderson.

One student who attended the school was 18 years old and had come from Sweden where he had received a fine education. He came to school to get help in learning the English language and he had a great interest in Civics. He is still a practicing lawyer, namely, Oscar Beck who lives in Alcester.

In later years Rainy Vale was made modern in every way with an addition built to the school house. Text books were of the best that could be provided. In the past, many social gatherings were held with folk and square dances. Hot lunches, musical and physical programs were provided.

The old schools were divided into grades but everybody listened as the teacher moved from grade to grade throughout the day. It wasn't at all unusual for a fourth grader to be able to work seventh grade math just from watching and listening. Also a seventh grader who had never learned phonics could understand it later by listening to the teacher teach the little ones. By the time a student reached the eighth grade, he had a rounded education from years of eavesdropping. The individual education was accomplished because teachers had the freedom to work on each child's weakness or strengths. The teachers enlisted other students to help; a strong reader helped a schoolmate but might need help in math from another. Some of this theory has been put to practice in today's school.

Years ago churches and schools would send in news items to the local newspaper each week. Many readers will remember the "Dusty Hills" and "Sloppy Valley." They caused a lot of interest at the time.

Flag at half mast following assasination of Pres. John F. Kennedy.

Rockfield School

The first school house was built in 1873 on land homesteaded by Jens Peterson. He donated one-half acre to the district and later another one-half acre was sold to them. The school is located in Clay County, ten miles south, two miles west and one-half mile south of Beresford.

An early school roster from the early 1900's were: David, Annie and Lillie Olson; Ella Danielson; Emma, Anton, and Agnes Jensen; Walter, Jessie, Leslie, Andy and Art Lawrensen; George Robertson; Harry, Alice, Lillie, Mabel, Esther, Louis, Agnes and Willie Hansen; Henry, Hazel and Jessie Barington; David, Louis, Katherine and Blanche Jorgenson; Carl, Nels and Willie Christensen; Julius and Letha Halverson; Andre Olsen Langel; Bessie Niss; Elmore Peterson; Martin Axlund; Walter Rasmussen; Ellen Jacobson; Annie Backlin; Martin and Willie Miller. Josephine Hanson was the teacher.

In 1924 the old school building was purchased by Art Lawrensen and was used as a garage on

his farm. Early school board members included such names as Nels Hansen, J. Jorgenson, Andrew Lawrensen, Ole Peterson and Halvor Jacobson. A financial report in 1895 showed $466.94, with expenses of $67.70 for furniture and $280 for teacher's pay for the year, leaving $124 on hand.

Teachers who taught from 1886 until 1924 were: George Edgerton, Ida Partridge, Annie Stephenson, Colista Partridge, Fredric Miner, Lawrence Jensen, Mary Throne, Sarah Jensen, W.B. Hundly, J.S. Opland, Mollie S. Hedlin, Josephine Hanson, Theodosia Spensley, Olive Opland, Chas. Moore, W.A. Dorne, Marion Kahl and W.A. Doane.

The new schoolhouse was erected by Sam Jensen during the summer of 1924. The two room school had an enrollment as high as 53 pupils with two teachers and 9 grades. One room was for grades one through six and the other grades seven through nine. The enrollment dwindled down to one room and one teacher and seven pupils in 1944.

Around 1933 Mrs. Hans Peterson (mother of Venetta Lawrenson) cleaned the Rockfield School and received $14 for her work. This included washing windows and sills inside and out, washing curtains, woodwork, desks and floors, and emptying and cleaning the cistern. The grounds were also to be cleaned up, including the barn.

Hot lunches were popular on cold winter days with jars placed on the hot air register. A highlight of the year was to entertain the public at a Christmas program which in later years was held at the Garfield Hall. Baseball games with other schools, track meets, spelling contests, Y.C.L. activities, and end-of-school picnics were added attractions.

Teachers serving in the new Rockfield School were Lillian Westling and Agnes Dowd, Mabel Nelson and Agnes Dowd, Lillian Jamison and Anne Lykken, Ruth Lind and Ruth (Olson) Rudd, Helen Hoyer and Conrad Hoyer, Gladys Swenson and Florence Swenson, Caroline Simpson and Edna Swenson, Victoria Skaane and Caroline Simpson, Maxine Mahan and Kathleen Lee, Jane Shurtleff and Dorothy Myron, Betty Russell and Elizabeth Myers, Beulah Elofson and Elizabeth Myers, Rosalie Paulson and Elizabeth Myers, Winifred Johnson and Leonora Kirchdoerfer, Winifred Johnson and Dorothy Swedeen.

Single teachers served from 1944 through 1968 when the school joined the larger districts. They were Dorothy Swedeen, Ruth Lind, Jean E. Hansen, Evelyn Bruyer, Joann Landeen, Opal Dahlberg and Katherine Torbersen, (Marlene Johnson) substitute.

In 1970 following reorganization of school districts, the school was sold to Mrs. Elvin Lawrensen. Books, desks and maps were auctioned off by Les Goeman and Dick Stene. The school bell was purchased by Orin Peterson. On January 19, 1970 a check for $940.77 was given to the Beresford School District and $443.73 to the Vermillion School District. This closed the account for Rockfield No. 41 and the era of this country school.

Sundy School

Earliest records show that in 1882, Dist. 25 received its first apportionment of $12.85 at the rate of 35 cents each for 37 pupils. An early homesteader T.S. Sundy was the treasurer. A homesteader found room in his sod house or granary for 17 pupils in the fall of 1882. Mary Redfield taught 30 days of school. Kitty Alexander taught 30 days and her term ended March 31, 1883. The district was organized on December 23, 1873 and was located in Norway Township in the center of the nine sections of land four miles north and five miles east of Beresford, on the present Alf Tollefson farm. Lars Sogn was the director, S. Rommereim the clerk and J.S. Sand the treasurer at its beginning. This first building is still in existence on the Oliver Anderson farm.

From a paper read by Bertyne Tollefson Birkland, a past student of the school, on May 29, 1970: "A letter from Loiusa Sogn-Sorenson living in Austin, MN now 96 years of age, recalls she attended her first school in the fall of 1884 and it was held in Ole Wilson's sod house. In the spring of 1885 she attended school

in Anders Rommereim's corncrib. Her teacher was Hannah Shay. When the fall of 1885 arrived, Dist. 25 had built its school house and Ole Engbretson, treasurer, received $18.50 in apportionment for 37 pupils."

There is no complete school record on file of pupils or teachers until February 1, 1887 when Susie Gray was the teacher of 38 pupils ranging in age from seven to 22 years of age. Total apportionment was $60.21. Subjects taught were reading, spelling arithmetic and geography.

Wages were in the $30 to $40 range, monthly, the first twenty years and then went up to about $60 during the next ten years. Wages were around $100 a month by 1931 and then fell drastically during the depression years to around $60.

Other early teachers were Carrie Steensland, Henry A. Lund, Ellen Satrong, Gena Gubbrud, Meyna and Josie Rommereim, Gina M. Haug, Nora Jackson, Agatha and Ione Alness, Ovidia Peterson, Anna Eneboe, Lillie Tollefson, Berta Rommereim, Johanna Hemmingson, Esther Johnson, Edith Tupper and Mae Gubbrud.

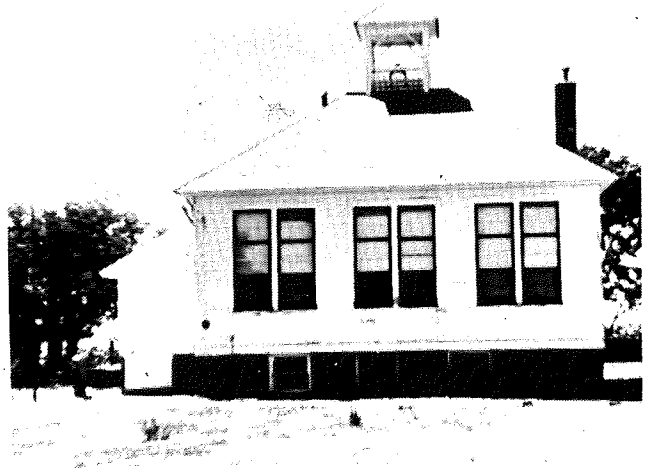
Hilda Eidsness taught in 1924 and Nora Nelson (Mrs. Alf Tollefson) in 1925. Agnes Eneboe finished the "twenties" years. The "thirties" saw teachers Marie Hilmoe, Lenora Jackson, Gladys Steensland, Alice Knutson, Thelma Eidsness, Gladys Thorsheim and Lulu Larson.

The teachers during the 40's were Sidsel Thormodsgaard, Ethel Thorsheim, Opal Rogness, Doris Blumer, Lloyd Rommereim, Jean Sinning, Julia Hardin, Betty Wevik and Pearl Boulsinghouse.

Until its closing the school was under the direction of teachers, Loretta Wevik, Clara Hazel, Berniece Sundquist, Delores Voegeli, Hazel Kneebone, Gladys Gubbrud, Ruth Crawford, Marie Muhlenkort, Thelma G. Eidsness, Madelon Carlson, Lulu Gourley and Clarice Yttreness.

The school served families with the last names of Eidsness, Wilson, Ingebritson, Grue, Hansen, Nelson, Sogn, Torgerson, Johnson, Tollefson, Rommereim, Anderson, Haugseth, Nugen, Lund, Larson, Hendrickson, Hiland, Eide, Grind, Rosland, Storkson, Grevlus, Ekle, Benson, Enrud and Carlson. Other family names on the list until 1900 were Knutson, Selle, Syvertson, Paulson, Erickson, Narum, Stephenson, Aune, and Tollefson.

After the 1900's came names like Sondrum, Siverson, Sundvold, Moen, Grunning, Twedt, Kylling, Swenson, Ronnie, Rise, Fladmark, Morgan, Rogness, Sellvold, Cleveland, Eneboe, Aamodt, Grane, Arne, Thorsheim, Esperum, Thorson, Iverson, Boe, Lich, Nupen, Dahl, Jervik, Boyer, Peterson, Yttreness, Chase, Grottveit, Martin, Kirkpatrick, Skaage, Williams, Lien, Overseth, Hoard, Earl, Wallem, Gevik, Frick, Espeland, Johnson, Weisner, Stalheim, Lass and Nothdurft. June Nothdurft was the last first grader to attend this country school. When the school roll got down to five students they entered the town system. A last day school picnic was held with many returnees of past years in attendance. Mrs. Birkland read "The Pioneer's Call". A list of all who attended the school was written and exhibited around the room. The school building was the second school built in the early 1920's and was moved into Beresford where it is used for Special Education purposes.



Sunnyside School

The first session of Sunnyside School was 1874 in the home of the teacher, S.H. Godfrey. Mr. Godfrey taught until 1897. In 1875 no school was held because of the grasshoppers and drought in 1874. In 1877, 58 days of school were held. In 1908 they voted to have eight months of school with four weeks vacation for corn picking.

A school house was built on the corner of Henry Muhlenkort's farm in 1896. The acre of land where the school house was located was purchased from Muhlenkorts on the 22nd day of July, 1899 for $40.

The district school board in 1875 consisted of a director, David Stephens; clerk, Wm. Duncan; and A. Condson, treasurer. Their addresses were listed as Alsen and Glenwood, so the district must have consisted of more than in Union County.

Records show that around 1900 the board voted to pay 75 cents a ton to haul coal and $1.50 to clean the school ground. In 1900 it cost $250 to run the school.

In 1897 Mr. L.P. Larson was the first teacher to be recorded. Teachers were as follows: 1874-1897 S.H. Godfrey; 1897-1902 L.P. Larson; 1902-1906 Katherine Reedy; 1907-1908 Anna Manning (Mrs. Dennis Fitzgerald); 1909 Margaret Lyle (Mrs. Gene Mahon); The next ten years saw Margaret Kennedy (Mrs. John O'Connor); Rose Manning, Hedveg Knutson, Florence Jordan Sinclair, Louise Harms, Mary Donahue, and Ruth Berg Sinclair. During the 20's teachers serving were: Josephine Brown, Katherine Reedy, Byrdie Elliot and Ruth Harrison. The teachers during the 30's were Pearl Determan (3 years), Elsie Ebsen (3 years) and Marianne Jensen (8 years). Teachers through 1950 were Betty Lloyd, Rose Nell Kenison, Vera Hansen, Esther Saunders and Geneveue Hult. From 1951 until the school's closing in 1968 the teachers were: Mrs. Earl Quinn, Mrs. Lois St. Pierre, Mrs. Lloyd McCormick, Mrs. Allen Young and Mrs. Franklin Peterson.

Some of the families that had children in school in the early years were: S.H. Godfrey, Alice and Arthur Campell, Jens Christensen (Grover & Tina), Bernard O'Connell (Laurence, Joe, Willie, George, Leo, Francis, Mary, Lettie and Sarah), D.R. Wilson (Blanche, Alta, Virgil), M.J. Sorenson (Tony and Hannah), Mathew Birgen (Michael and Maggie), Robert Duncan (Ella, Eva, David), and Tom Ronan.

Sunnyside School dissolved in 1968 to become a part of the Beresford Independent School District. Mrs. Pete Leifgen purchased the building.

Silver Lake School

Silver Lake School was first organized in 1878 when the pioneers of that district decided to have classes in a house. These teachers taught in the house; Grace Wheelock, who was paid $130 for a four month term; Estella Brown and Carrie Bonine. In 1881 there were 16 pupils enrolled.

The school house was built in 1885. Silver Lake was named after a lake that was once in the area. One of the first teachers in the school house was Chas. Potter who was paid $25. per month. Other teachers before 1900 were Howard Brown, Bessie Rice, R.H. O'Reily, Julia Crippen and Sophie Mckeiser.

The teachers serving the school after 1900 were: Florence Falken, Servia A. Babcock, Cecelia Quigley, Lydia Clausen, Maud Blumer, Herbert Brown, Tena Gedstad, Adele Farley, Florence Howard, Laura Mckellips and Ida Voegeli. In 1915 Berta Graham was the teacher and returned in 1921 as co-teacher with her sister, Esther Rommereim. Anna Eneboe and Mae Scroggs also taught in that era.

Through the 1920's and 30's these teachers were at Silver Lake: Ethel Wilkensen, Margaret Toomey, Ardell Clay, Beatrice Anderberg Eide, Olive Gubbrud Tuntland, Fern Eidsmoe and Olive Jean Ridge. Teachers during the next two decades were Elsie Thompson, Evelyn Klostergard, Arlene Jensen, Lida Swanson, Dorothy Young, Elna Dann, Grace Hendrickson Lubben, Marie Muhlenkort and Kathryn Boden. Grace V. Nelson had the distinction of teaching nine continuous years at the school.

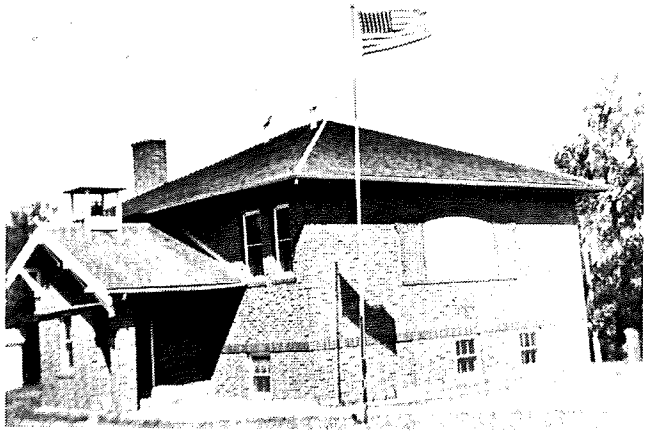
In the early 1900's teachers were paid $2.25 to attend the teacher's institute at the county seat in Canton. Wages were better in the twenties for the records show wages about $90. a month. School was held eight months a year until the thirties when state law required nine months school term. About 50 years ago, teachers received $4. to attend institute. The last years institute pay was $6. plus mileage.

Early settlers who lived in the district during its beginning were W. Wheelock, Levi Mead, Joe Zweifel, Joe Stuessi, John Muhlenkort, Tom Voegeli, Louis Latendresse, Finley Graham, George Speich, Erick Yurpe, Walter Kinkner, Harry Williams, John Nodtveit and Andrew Carlson. Many descendants of these people became the future school board members and pupils.

Board members that can be remembered in the latter years include Jacob Voegeli, George Voegeli, Ludwig Rommereim, John Stuessi,

Lida Swanson and Roy Bovill. The board at the time of reorganization was Gail G. Jenson, Don Stuessi and Harvey Bovill.

The school joined the Beresford District in 1970 and school property was sold at an auction. The school was kept in use for several years after reorganization to accommodate the overflow of Beresford students.



Star School

Star School, District 61 of Union County, can truly be called a "red schoolhouse" as it is built of red brick. The building sits on a hill two miles north of the early community of Nora, which is southeast of Beresford.

This building was constructed and dedicated in 1928. Residents recall speakers at the dedication in the fall of 1928 included Father Kurley of Emmet Parish, Reverend Nels Klungvedt of Roseni Lutheran Church and a teacher from the University of South Dakota.

The wood frame building used prior to 1928 was torn down and built into a cattle shed by Mike Ustad. The shed still stands on the Gilbert Ustad farm.

Although records show two acres of land for District 61 were purchased from Lewis T. Smezey for the sum of $20. in 1888, the first recorded report of classes taught was for a term of sixty days in 1879 from April 28 through July 25. Mary Morrisey was the teacher for that term at a salary of $16. a month. There was a total of fifteen students attending whose family names were Behnke, Kimball, Taylor, McBride, Verzani, Beaton, Schnosa and Lykken. The youngest student was four years of age and oldest seventeen years. None had perfect attendance; one attended for four days and the highest attendance was 59 days of the 60 day term.

McGuffey's Reader and Speller were used besides arithmetic, grammar and geography textbooks. A remark on the records by the teacher noted there were no desks in the schoolhouse. The clerk of the district school board in 1879 was Julius Behnke.

Other teachers through the years until 1928 were Mary Kennedy, Lena Fields, Clara Limigos, J. Briggs, Anna Kennedy, Anna Bahkie, Zella Bonhus, Floyd Tabor, Laura Olson, Vernon Strickland, Cora Bernard, Phoebe Moen, Helga Paulson, Emelia Torgerson, Edna Berkland, Gertrude Paulson, Hilda Smedsrud and Thelma Haug. Ethel Carlson was the first teacher to conduct school in the new building in 1928.

Some of the family names in the school through the years besides those first recorded were Amundson, Briggs, Mitchell, Shuck, Stene, Lawless, Finch, Johnson, Newbold, Hansen, Hyile, Satre, Stavlow, Solberg, Dahlum, Eggen, Holthe, Ustad, Wevik, Anderson, Kraakmo, Isakson, Keiser, Olson, Danielson, Peterson, Berg, Jamtgaard, Harvey, Squire and Wetrosky. Many years a total of thirty some students attended the school.

Under reorganization part of the district joined the Alcester Community School and part (with the building on it) joined the Beresford Public School in 1969. Star School was discontinued as an attendance center by the school board of the Beresford Public School in 1970 due to the small number of students. Family names attending at the time of reorganization included Kiewel, Orr, Solberg, Ustad and Hamersma.

The Star School building still stands. It was sold by the Beresford District and is presently used as a family residence.

COUNTRY SCHOOL DAYS

In a small and lonely valley
By a bubbling little stream
Stands an old deserted building,
Oft thought of in my dreams.

The roof is old and weather-worn;
The siding warped with age,
The old doorway is now o'er grown
With sunflowers and wild sage.

And travelers who pass this way,
Do not appear to know,
That this was once a public school,
A score of years ago.

I passed that was but yesterday,
I crossed the bubbling brook,
And stood upon that very spot,
Where oft a drink I took.

The winding brook was just as clear,
The sky was just as blue;
And birds sang just as gayly there,
But the music all seemed new.

It is unlike song of old
When the blackbird and the wren
Warbled their sweet notes at morn,
To brighten the lives of men.

The path which led down to the spring,
With blue grass is o'er grown,
Cries of the quail are heard no more,
The wild duck, too, has flown.

As I walked down the hillside,
I fancied I could see,
Sweet-Williams and wild roses there,
Just as they used to be.

But time has changed since twenty years
No wild flowers grow there now,
The fertile soil where once they grew,
Yields to the farmer's plow.

Before I left that lively spot,
I paused to look within,
The well worn floor a story told,
Of childish play and din.

I turned away reluctantly,
Perhaps to view no more
The dear old school ground where I played,
Some twenty years before.

(In memoriam—Miss Mary Kennedy) 1872—1931

Beresford Clubs

and Organizations

Standing: Carmen McCormick, Agnes Quinn, Geraldine Bovill, Ethel Alness, Eleanor Anderson, Janice Stenstrom, Mary Horst, Gladys Gubbrud, Ruth Tiltrum, Clarice Yttreness, Chris Larsen, Connie Larsen, Harriet Sternquist, Marion Sternquist. Seated: Virginia Ericson, Lois St. Pierre, Hazel Lappegard, Violet Jacobs. Absent: Esther Dolan, Frances Light, and Lois Meadors.

Alpha Delta Kappa Zeta Chapter

Alpha Delta Kappa is comprised of women educators who are, at the time of membership, in the teaching field.

The local Zeta Chapter was organized in 1967 with ten members from the Alcester-Beresford areas. There are now four active charter members. They are: Violet Jacobs, Virginia Ericson, Hazel Lappegard and Lois St. Pierre.

The first International A.D.K. Chapter was pledged in 1947 and membership has grown so there are chapters in all fifty states and many countries. Agnes Shipman Robertson planned this sorority for women educators who have proven to be dedicated professional teachers. It guides members to service of altruism, of creativity of concern for the promotion of high standards of education, of assistance in strengthening the status of the teaching

profession, of sponsoring scholarships and grants, of cooperation with worthy community projects, and of building a fraternal fellowship which is valuable both professionally and socially.

Present members include; Ethel Alness, Eleanor Anderson, Geraldine Bovill, Esther Dolan, Virginia Ericson, Gladys Gubbrud, Mary Horst, Violet Jacobs, Hazel Lappegard, Chris Larsen, Connie Larsen, Frances Light, Carmen McCormick, Lois Meadors, Agnes Quinn, Lois St. Pierre, Janice Stenstrom, Harriet Sternquist, Ruth Tiltrum and Clarice Yttreness.

Standing—Thelma Nelson, Hazel Clay, Tami Orr, Alva Andrews, Patsy Nepadal, Ardis Thormodsgard, Geraldine Bovill, Ramona Blumer, Lucy Farley, Lois Christensen. Seated—Betty Fitzgerald, Lillian Tornberg, Mary Dorsch.

American Legion Auxiliary Meadors Post No. 72

The American Legion Auxiliary Meadors Post No. 72 was organized in 1919. Seventeen ladies met in the American Legion rooms for the purpose of forming an auxiliary to the American Legion.

Miss Eva Elliott was elected Chairman pro-tem and Miss Mae Dewey Sec'y.pro-tem. The Chair appointed Mrs. George Bruehler, Miss Eva Elliott and Mrs. A.L. Yorker as a committee to draft a constitution and by-laws. These were adopted at a meeting in 1920, at which time the following officers were elected. Pres. Mrs. J.V. Parker, Vice Pres. Mrs. George Duea, Sec'y. Mrs. H.A. Nolan and Treas. Mrs. A.V. Elliott. Early meetings were held twice a month in the homes. Now meetings are once a month at the Post home.

From the group of 17 charter members one member, Mrs. Loretta Meile, is still living and a faithful member. The Auxiliary now has 90 members. Our 50—year living members are; Mrs. Helen DeLay, Mrs. Cora Smith, Alma Crowningshield, Mrs. Margaret Young, Mrs. Bertha Graham, Mrs. Selma Nelson and Mrs. Mildred Cotton. All were presented with pins or pendants by the Auxiliary.

Through the years the Auxiliary has made every effort to aid in any activity or programs the Legion has undertaken and to co-operate in all civic and community projects. Contributions have been given to Park Improvement Fund, Special Olympics, Girl Scouts, Heart Fund, Centennial Fund and many others.

There is a yearly Cookie Day, Bingo Day and Christmas gift shop for the Royal Johnson Veteran Hospital in Sioux Falls. Bibs and sleeping gowns are made for the patients. Rags, bread wrappers and silk hose are sent to the

Veteran's Home in Hot Springs, which are made into rugs. The profits are used for patients' spending money. Campbell soup labels are collected for the School for the Deaf in Sioux Falls. There is also an annual poppy sale.

Each year an Americanism Essay contest is sponsored. Winners go to district, state and national contests. There have been four state winners and one national winner. Two outstanding high school junior girls are chosen each year to attend Girl's State in Mitchell in June.

When the first American Legion building was completed the Auxiliary purchased chairs, two pianos and furnished the kitchen.

After two fires the Auxiliary helped with the remodeling and upkeep. In 1979 the organization moved from the old building to the now V.F.W. Legion Hall, where all meetings and activities are held sharing expenses with the V.F.W.

The Auxiliary helped furnish a ward at Battle Mountain Sanatorium in Hot Springs, a hospital room at the Custer hospital, and continues to help veterans whenever possible. Two war orphans were adopted. High school dances and Jr.-Sr. Proms were sponsored for 17 years. At Christmas, shut-ins and members in retirement homes are remembered. Graves of our deceased have been decorated and markers bought. Our deceased Gold Star Mothers are: Mrs. James Birnie, Mrs. Susanna Olson, Mrs. Gina Peterson, Mrs. S.O. Steensland, Mrs. Meadors Peterson and Mrs. Albin Ambur. Living Gold Star Mothers are: Mrs. Cecil Clay, and Mrs. Ardis Thormodsgaard.

They join with the Legion and V.F.W. for Memorial Day services and also for dinner and program on Veterans Day.

In March 1982 the Auxiliary helped the Legion celebrate their 63rd birthday with a dinner and program.

The 1982-83 officers are: Pres. Mrs. Lillian Tornberg, Vice Pres. Mrs. Stanley Christensen, 2nd Vice Mrs. Earl Farley, Sec'y. Mrs. Mary Dorch, Treas. Mrs. Edmund Fitzgerald.

Boy Scouts

Beresford's Boy Scout Troop 11 was first organized in 1914 by Mr. B.F. Norton. There were approximately 20 boys in that first troop. Camping was accomplished by hiking to a camp site, sometimes with the aid of a team of horses, as far away as the Vermillion River near Centerville. DeLoss Smith is the only member of that first troop still residing in Beresford.

The Beresford Boy Scouts are sponsored by the American Legion. Local people help with support of the work by giving to the United Fund and attending their annual pancake suppers. Scouts have had various meeting places but in the later years met in the City Hall and Beresford Gun Club.

Troop 11 has had a number of active Scoutmasters. They include B.F. Morton, E.W. Skarda, C.C. Seeger, Chester Heisler, Arnold Stentjes, Henry Duitsman, Carl Nelson, who served for 19 years, Bill Bierbaum, Bob Dolan and Dave Yost.

Many have received the Eagle Scout Award, the highest award in scouting. Recipients are: Lowell Hogen, Ted Jacobsen, Charles Newell, Sterling Hogen, Wendell Peterson, C.H. Posten, Pierce Smith, Lee DeLay, Peter Nelson, Harold Reinertz, Donald Nelson, John Nelson, Greg Bierbaum, David Dolan, Tom Bierbaum, Phillip Sloat and, more recently Jeff Bierbaum, David Jones, Chris Bierbaum, Chris Yost and Scott Peterson. In 1914 when Wendell Peterson was awarded the Eagle badge it was thought that he was the youngest ever to attain that honor in the state. He was 14 years of age.

James Nelson, a former Beresford scout has been involved in National Council Scout work.

The present Scout Troop numbers about 20 active members. The Troop has garnered a number of awards in recent years including Sioux Council Honor Unit four continuous years, Lewis & Clark Historic Canoe Trail Awards, Presidential Citation, best overall Sioux Council Scoutarama, Sioux Council and Klondike Derby Champions.

Left to Right: Sandy Strom, Marty Merriman, Elizabeth Kirkebak, Gloria Zeimetz.

After Five Club

Christian Business and Professional Women

sponsored a club in Beresford in 1976. This brunch meeting grew to a monthly attendance of 200 ladies in four short years.

At this point they divided into three clubs: two brunch clubs in Alcester and Centerville and an evening "After Five" dinner group in Beresford.

The first chairmen were: Mrs. Roger Strom (Sandy) 1976-1978; Mrs. Larry Merriman (Marty) 1978-1980; Mrs. Keith Kirkebak (Liz) 1980-1982; and Mrs. Martin Zeimetz (Gloria) 1982.

The chairman is assisted by three advisors and an executive committee of approximately twenty women, who meet monthly to pray and plan meetings.

There are clubs all over the world, with Stonecroft Ministries Headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. All meetings are like a party, complete with decorations, favors and name tags. Friendship Bible Coffees are offered and the clubs support village missionairies to serve as pastors in remote areas all over the United States and Canada.

Back Row: Bill Dolan, Gerald Fitzgerald, Allan Abraham, Martin Weber. Front row: Stanley Fillingsness, Richard Girard, Bud Campbell, Bernie Johnson, Edmund Fitzgerald.

American Legion Post No. 72

A charter was issued to the Beresford American Legion Post No. 72 in 1919. Because Satisfield Meadors was the first man from this area to be killed in action the Post adopted the name Meadors. Dr. A.V. Elliot served as the first commander with a post membership of 68.

In the early 1920's the American Legion hall was built. The building was gutted twice by fire and rebuilt each time, the last time in 1952. Later this building was sold and the American Legion purchased half interest in the V.F.W. building presently located at 206 North Third Street.

The Post has sponsored Junior League baseball since the start of the Legion program and have also sponsored a Boy Scout Troop since 1938. They finance three boys to Boy's State each year.

Present membership, now totalling 240, is composed of veterans of World War I, World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War. Post No. 72 celebrated its 40th anniversary in 1959. The Legion has been active in youth programs, in Beresford schools and disabled veterans programs.

Sixty-four commanders have served the Post since it was chartered.

Bethesda Nursing Home

A few years previous to 1914, Rev. J. O. Quello, pastor of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Beresford, and S. O. Steensland, a prominent business man, realized the need for a home for the aged and began stirring interest and funds for building a home on Bethesda Children's Home location.

Mr. O. J. Rendum, an elderly man, promised a substantial gift. Great interest was shown in the project. A building site was chosen and a three-story brick building was built and dedicated on October 18, 1914, at a cost of $30,000 with room for 32 residents. Mr. J. J. Nygaard, who was Superintendent of the Children's Home became the first administrator.

By the late "twenties", it was evident that an infirmary addition was needed to care for those needing nursing care. Mr. J. O. Johnson, the Superintendent worked hard to build the infirmary addition with room for 21 more residents. This was completed in 1932. Prior to 1953, the Children's Home and Home for Aged were under the same administration. The name became well known and residents came from an area of several hundred miles. It soon became apparent that there were many more who would like to come to Bethesda and the need for more room to accommodate them. In the "middle forties" generous monetary gifts made it possible to establish a fund for another addition to the original building. In 1949 the new extension, housing 27 residents, was built. Rev. Al Brakke was the Superintendent. In 1953, Rev. Norman O. Nelson became the first Superintendent of the Home for Aged.

Pastor I. J. Lovseth became Administrator in the fall of 1965. After 5 years of service, he returned to the parish ministry.

On November 1, 1969, Pastor M. P. Clouse assumed the duties of Administrator. On October 7, 1974, Ray Conlon assumed this position. January 3, 1983, this position was filled by Paul Collins.

Bethesda became a corporation in 1971 with fourteen churches forming the corporation and seven people on their board of directors.

There have been many improvements over the years. Chapel improvements, purchase of a mini bus, new lighting, hospital beds and a gazebo built, most of which was made possible by gifts from individuals and organizations.

At the present time Bethesda has 80 residents and a waiting list.

The nursing staff includes seven R.N.'s, two L.P.N.'s, two physical therapists, and 33 aides. One dietician and one food service supervisor as

well as 21 others make up the dietary staff. There are six housekeepers, one beauty operator, four laundry employees and two maintenance workers.

Staff in addition to Administrator includes nine: bookkeeper, treasurer, and assistants, social worker, activity director and assistants.

Regular volunteer workers number 14 but many, many others volunteer from time to time.

There are 25 residents over ninety years of age.

Here are some interesting facts gathered from old records:

1915—
110 lbs. Cafe Blend Coffee $30.80
120 lbs. Dried Salt Cod Fish 12.00
1916—
137 lbs. meat 13.70
6 bushels potatoes 2.40
124 gallons milk 24.80
18 lbs. butter 7.20
20 gallons gas 4.60
Casket from J.N. Wass 25.00
1918—
Administrator's salary per month 25.00
To Children's Home boys for hauling
20 tons of coal 8.00

Back row: Richard Girard, Stanford Peterson, Wendell Arends, Richard Satiroff, Charles Eastman, Charles Zoss, Steven Volden. Front row: Gail Snoozy, Betty Fitzgerald, Betty Kaltenbach, Margaret Straley, Cindy Christensen, Larry Field, Charles Greib.

Beresford Community Ambulance

The Beresford Community Ambulance Service was organized May 26, 1967. The first Board of Director's were Dr. E. T. Lietzke, Stanley Frick, Dale Kennedy, Wm. Bierbaum, Ralph Jensen, Milton Wass and Clayton Fedderson.

At this time By-Laws were drawn up and shares were sold to individuals to form a corperation.

The first ambulance was a 1963 Pontiac station wagon purchased from the Wass Funeral Home in Beresford. The Ambulance Service started June 5, 1967 with volunteer drivers and attendents. At this time no fee was paid to the driver and attendants, so in appreciation the drivers and attendants, Advisory Board of Directors and their spouse were given a steak dinner once a year.

The first new ambulance was purchased from Northern Coach Sales of Minneapolis in 1970,

with purchase price of $9,149.00.

In 1972 a paging system through the telephone Department of Beresford was installed for the ambulance service.

In 1974 the second new ambulance was purchased from the Wayne Corporation for $16,335.00. In April 1976 the new ambulance rolled over and had to be replaced by another Wayne Corporation Car-OVan Ambulance with the cost of this ambulance being $17,700.00.

In 1979 the present ambulance was purchased from Foreman Bus and Ambulance Sales and Service for the purchase price of $22,645.00.

Present members of the ambulance drivers and attendants numbers 16, and present members of the advisory Board are: Bill Bierbaum, Mathew Birgen, Richard Girard, Jerry Hill, Roy Hurd, Stanley Jensen and Corrine Lingberg.

A 1941 photo of the Beresford Commercial Club and area farmers during Farm Appreciation Days. The president of the club at this time was Milton L. Wass.

Chamber of Commerce

Early history of the Beresford Chamber of Commerce is unrecorded. Originally named the Beresford Commercial Club, the group was geared toward promotion of the retail businesses. Around 1950, the organization chose to become the Beresford Chamber of Commerce with more community-centered goals.

The present-day Chamber proudly lists 95 memberships with the following purpose stated in the by-laws: "The Beresford Chamber of Commerce is organized to advance the general welfare and prosperity of the Beresford Area so that its citizens and all areas of its business community shall prosper. All necessary means of promotion shall be provided and particular attention and emphasis shall be given to the economic, civil, commercial, industrial and educational interests of the area."

The major events sponsored annually by the Beresford Chamber of Commerce are the Farm & Home Show, the National Chamber's "21-Day Salute to America", the Fourth of July fireworks display, the Fall Appreciation Dinner, the arrival of Santa Claus at Christmas and many retail promotions through the year. The organization is responsible for responding to all inquiries made to the city and for welcoming new residents. The Chamber employs a part-time executive secretary-treasurer and is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of

the president, three vice-presidents, three directors serving three-year rotating terms and the past-president.

At this writing, the officers are: Dwayne Breukelman, President; Don Greenfield, Vice President; David Kostboth, 2nd Vice President; Larry Olson, 3rd Vice President; Sandy Vik, Executive Secretary-Treasurer; Mark Nielsen, Dwayne Straw, Bill Bierbaum, Directors, and Past President Dennis Olson.

Country Club

Beresford's first golf course was organized in 1908 by Dr. A.V. Elliott, Jim Scroggs, Ralph Mangan and Dr. A.F. Toohey. The course was located south on third street in what is now Dolan's pasture. For two years members used the five-hole course.

In 1927, a new golf club was organized and located in the southwest corner of Beresford city. A.R. Olson, George Ackley, J.W. Kaye and S.L. Whitlow were instrumental in launching the new golf course. Members constructed the new nine-hole, sand green course with volunteer labor on rented land. Oil was collected from local service stations and mixed by hand with sand for the greens.

Earliest recorded minutes of annual meetings of the golf club date back to 1932. Arthur Frieberg was president and T.A. Peterson was secretary at the time. The course was rented for $249.48 per year. Membership dues were a good deal cheaper than today; city men, $10.00; rural men, $7.00 and ladies, $5.00.

August Skotvold took over the secretary's job in 1934 and remained secretary until 1961, except for short terms of Bernard DeLay, Alfred Cornish and H.E. Monk, who served from 1936 to 1941.

The first Duffer's Day, an annual men's tournament was started in about 1950. T.A. Peterson made the first recorded hole-in-one in 1939.

A small clubhouse was built in 1938. In 1960 Franz Ryger, Jr. and James Willey attempted to elect a woman representative to the board of directors but did not receive enough support. It was not until 1977 that the first women were elected to the board. Virginia Bovill and Mary Ann Westberg were elected.

In 1946 A.R. Olson owner of the golf course land offered it for sale for $5,000.00. Ole Stene loaned the club $3,000.00 and the club members raised $2,000.00. Wilmar Schmid was president at that time.

Grass greens were first talked of in 1955 and again in 1961, but the planning was quickly terminated because of the prohibitive costs. It was not until 1967 that grass greens were installed. The golf course ground, except where

the club house and outbuildings are located, was sold to the City for $15,000.00. The club leased the land back from the city and used the $15,000.00 to install and maintain grass greens.

In 1959, Cal Olson, G.A. Thorson, Calmer Thompson, Ralph Jensen and John Remien with the help of Attorney Martin Miller drew up the articles of incorporation.

The family of Ole Stene donated a trophy to the club members in 1970 in Ole's memory. The Ole Stene handicap tourney was started that year.

Club members saw many improvements to the club in the 1970's. Two pole buildings to house carts and golf course machinery were built and the club house was remodeled in 1972. Club members retired the debt in 1978 with a burning of the mortgage party.

The course had lost several trees due to the dutch elm disease and was in need of tree replenishing. In 1978 Gurney's from Yankton was hired to plan the landscaping of the golf course. During the years of 1978, 1979 and 1980 the members through donations and fund raising projects spent $7,000. on the tree program.

1982 saw the first phase of a three-phase project to install automatic waterers on the greens and tee boxes. The first phase included automatic sprinklers installed on the practice green and greens five, seven, eight and nine and on tee boxes one, six, eight and nine. Phase two will start in the spring of 1983 which will include automatic sprinklers on three more tee boxes and greens.

Since 1981 the Beresford Golf Club has been known as the Beresford Country Club, Incorporated and has a social and golf membership of approximately 180. Men's golf day is Tuesday and Ladies' day is Wednesday. On Friday evenings the club holds a family night supper that the members take turns serving. In July the club sponsors a junior tournament for all members children through age 18.

DDD Extension Club

The DDD Extension Club was organized in 1946. Mrs. Walter Hendricks organized the club at the home of Mrs. Helen Johnson. The five charter members were Mrs. Helen Johnson, Mrs. Walter Hendricks, Mrs. Clarence Christensen, Mrs. Emmanuel Caba, and Mrs. Lucille Cole.

The club sponsored the Dalesburg Sunshiners 4-H club. For several years a family Christmas party was held in the homes. Members and their husbands enjoyed an all hostess luncheon each year in February. Secret sisters were revealed.

Back row: Lorraine Bjordal, Betty Larsen, Lois Norling, Joyce Lundquist; Middle row: Leta Hanson, Lucille Cole, Alta Hansen, Carolyn Merrigan; Front: Elaine Hedeen, Annabelle Landon, Shirley Theoforff.

A twenty-five year observance was held in 1971 at the home of Mrs. Clarence Christensen and a thirty-five year observance at the Beresford Park in 1981.

The club meets the third Monday evening of each month and present day membership includes; Mrs. Francis Hansen, Mrs. Darrell Hedeen, Mrs. Robert Landon, Mrs. Verle Hansen, Mrs. Charles Norling, Mrs. Arnold Larson, Mrs. Stanley Merrigan, Mrs. Allen Bjordahl, Mrs. Clare Thedorff, Mrs. Marshall Lundquist and Mrs. Lucille Cole.

Idle-A-While Extension Club

In October 1948 the IDLE-A-WHILE CLUB was organized. The first meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Marvin Dahlberg. Charter members were: Mrs. Roy Johnson, Mrs. Orland Sternquist, Mrs. Edwin Johnson, Mrs. Elwood Boline, Mrs. Marvin Dahlberg, Mrs. Harold Nissen, Mrs. Leone (Eklund) Christopherson, Mrs. Melvin Carlson, Mrs. Lester Swanson, and Mrs. Vernon (Johnson) Sherk. At that first meeting the name IDLE-A-WHILE was decided after much discussion. Officers were elected with Mrs. Orland Sternquist as the president and Mrs. Melvin Carlson, secretary. It was decided to have meetings on one afternoon a month—preferably a Tuesday. Projects that first year stressed nutrition and school lunch packing.

Standing: Joyce Jensen, Joyce Jensen, Ann Christensen, Barbara Danielson, Marlene James, Marabeth Kumm, Opal Dahlberg; seated: Harriet Sternquist, Dorothy Johnson, Rosalie Nelson, Frances Swee; absent: Kay Swee, Margaret Boline, Linnea Peterson, Virginia Jensen.

During the years that followed membership ranged from nine to twenty. Club lessons and projects have been followed as recommeded by the County and State Extension.

During the years 1962, 63, and 64 Mrs. Marvin Dahlberg, one of the charter and also present members, served as Secretary for the State Board of the South Dakota Homemaker's Extension. It was while Mrs. Dahlberg was in this office that the only National Convention of this organization was held in this state.

Present members of the Idle-A-While Club are: Mrs. Marvin Christensen, president; Mrs. Willard Jensen, vice president; Mrs. Ervin Jensen, secretary; Mrs. Robert James, treasurer; Mrs. Marvin Dahlberg and Mrs. Milton Boline, historians; Mrs. James Danielson, Mrs. Don L. Jensen, Mrs. Roy Johnson, Mrs. Frank Kumm, Mrs. Raymond Nelson, Mrs. Orin Peterson, Mrs. Orland Sternquist, Mrs. Erling Swee, and Mrs. Kendal Swee. Mrs. Ellen Eddy is the County Extension Home Economist.

Back row: Clarice Yttreness, Gladys Johnson, Sharon Iverson, Shirley Renken, Sharon Saugstad, Olive Tuntland; front row: Neva Speich, Glenadine Aamot, Bonnie Thormodsgard, Dorothy Nothdurft; absent: Phyllis Bovill, Irene Lindblom, Beverly Reiper.

Go-Getters Extension Club

The Go-Getters Extension Club of Lincoln County was organized in 1965. Original members, still active in the organization, are Mrs. Melvin Nothdurft, Mrs. John Iverson, Mrs. Osmund Tuntland and Mrs. Henry Speich. Mrs. Erwin Voegeli, deceased, was also a charter member as well as 50-year member of extension clubs.

Many worthwhile projects and programs have been pursued through the years to help the individual woman receive personal enrichment, and become a better homemaker and mother. Special community endeavors have been directed to helping the aged at Bethesda Home and by being boosters of the Happy Homemaker and the Pleasant Valley 4-H Clubs.

A most recent project has been the publishing of a 12-chapter book entitled "Potpourri", a book on entertaining that has sold over 800 copies. Each year the group has an annual ethnic club dinner. As a club they have toured special places of interest, attended plays, had special speakers and participated in the Holiday Festival and other county activities.

The club is presently engaged in making a Centennial quilt with focus on a rural scene of yesteryear. It will be available to some lucky winner in July, 1984.

Club members of the present are: Glenadine Aamot, Phyllis Bovill, Sharon Iverson, Gladys Johnson, Irene Lindblom, Dorothy Nothdurft, Shirley Renken, Beverly Reiper, Sharon Saugstad, Neve Speich, Bonnie Thormodsgaard, Olive Tuntland and Clarice Yttreness.

Back row: Norma Stene, Inez Holthe, Beverly Wetrosky, Dagney Lerseth, Darlene Stene, Eleanor Wevik; front row: Clarice Fedderson, Barbara Lykken, Emma Larson; absent: Luella Holthe, Sandra Inberg, Doris Ronning, Lois Schempp.

Nite-N-Gals Extension Club

The Nite-N-Gals Club was organized on October 6, 1959 with 13 members attending. Mrs. Louise Welch, Clay County Home Extension Agent conducted the first meeting and helped organize the Club. The Club was a member of Clay County extension clubs for 10 years and then joined Union County.

The first officers were: Mrs. Tom Emigh, president; Mrs. Dale Lerseth, vice president; Mrs. Kenneth Fedderson, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Albert Haugen, reporter.

The Club meets on the 4th Monday night of each month. At the June meeting they have a birthday party and in July a family picnic. At Christmas time there is a potluck supper when the husbands are invited. There are several widowers and a box of goodies is prepared for each.

Each month food is brought for a fruit basket which is given to someone who has been ill. There is a special project each year when someone who is sick, or in need of help, is remembered.

Two years ago the Extension program was dropped and lessons prepared by the members. These lessons usually teach a type of craft or someone comes in to give a demonstration.

The present membership consists of: Mrs. Clinton Wetrosky, president; Mrs. Dagney Lerseth, vice president; Mrs. Jack Stene, secretary-treasurer and reporter; Mrs. Kenneth Fedderson, Mrs. David Inberg, Mrs. Oscar Holthe, Mrs. Inez Holthe, Mrs. George Lykken, Mrs. Rodney Schempp, Mrs. Delmer Stene, Mrs. Doris Ronning, Mrs. Eldean Wevik, and Mrs. Gordon Larson.

Back row: Valerie Zweifel, Janis Ostrem Helen Ebsen, Geri Dahlin, Janelle O'Connor; front row: Lorry Carlson, Linda Bovill, Leta Kunselman; absent: Tanya Polkinghorn, Trisha Robinson, Diane Zweifel, Donna Hardie, Virginia Macy, Pat Locken.

Lazy L Extension Club

The Lazy L Extension Club was established in 1981 with ten members. It was organized with young working housewives in mind. The Club has grown in the 1982-1983 year and hopes to keep growing and reaching new horizons.

Officers are: Valerie Zweifel, president; Leta Kunselman, vice president; Diane Zweifel, secretary; Kay Zweifel, treasurer.

Prairie Pals Extension Club

In 1947 a club began which was known as the Prairie Pals Extension Club of Prairie Township, Union County, South Dakota. Jessie Bliem, Union County Extension Agent at that time, put on a very interesting shell craft demonstration in Alcester which Eden Hustrulid attended. Jessie asked her to call a few neighbors and friends in for coffee and thus began the Prairie Pals Club.

The first members were; Mrs. Melvin (Thelma) Olsen, Mrs. Quinten (Wanda) Miller, Mrs. Elden (Lucille) Nelson, Mrs. Meril (Myrtle) Tschudy, Mrs. Norris (Minnie) Vetos, Mrs. Palmer (Marilynn) Hustrulid, Mrs. Boyd (Loreen) Knutson, Mrs. Odell (Evelyn) Olsen, Mrs. Leo (Lorraine) Jensen, Mrs. Lawrence (Dorothy) Jacobsen, Mrs. George (Eden) Hustrulid. The officers for the first year were; Mrs. George Hustrulid, president; Mrs. Melvin Olsen, vice president; Mrs. Quinten Miller, secretary-treasurer.

Other members that joined over the years were; Mrs. Wayne (Joyce) Hustrulid, Mrs. Dal (Claretta) Boden, Mrs. Irving (Arlene) Frick, Mrs. Hans (Edna) Voss, Mrs. Verne (Gladys) Mollett, Mrs. George (Lavonne) Young, Mrs. William (Georgia) Hustrulid, Mrs. Kenneth (Essie) Tucker, Mrs. Marvin (Delores) Carlson, Mrs. Chris (Ida) Larsen, and Mrs. Sophus (Marge) Jensen.

Back row: Marilyn Hustrulid, Arlene Frick, Evelyn Olson, LaVonne Young; middle row: Edna Voss, Myrtle Tschudy; front row: Lorraine Jensen, Eden Hustrulid, Dorothy Jacobson, Joyce Hustrulid, Delores Carlson.

Over these years some of the members served in County offices and District committees. Mrs. George Hustrulid was the first area six director. They also helped organize a club in 1951 by having a tea and introducing ladies to extension work.

They have been active in Christmas Fairs, Achievement Days, 4-H Club activities and community affairs. The members have yearly Mother's Day Teas, picnics, and Valentine parties for their husbands.

During these many years of learning and working together and enjoying fellowship, they have learned and practiced the ideals of home life, the importance of children and the service to their community, which is the motto.

Top row: Avis Antonson, Viola Wevick, Freda Ludwig, Alta Peterson, Dorothy Erickson; bottom row: Mildred Erickson, Mildred Wevik, Elva Jensen, Carmen Staum, Pearl Stene.

Opti-Mrs. Extension Club

In 1954, at the home of Mrs. John Stene, a meeting was called to organize a Union County Extension Club. Mrs. John Stene was elected chairman, Mrs. Roy Ludwig, vice chairman, Mrs. Newton Wevik, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Oscar Anderson, reporter.

It was decided to limit the membership to twelve and the name to be "Opti—Mrs."

The original members were; Mrs. John Stene, Mrs. Elmer Wevik, Mrs. Palmer Antonson, Mrs. Rockley Erickson, Mrs. Newton Wevik, Mrs. Roy Ludwig, Mrs. Marvin Staum, Mrs. Elmer Wetrosky, Mrs. Carroll Antonson, Mrs. Oscar Anderson, Mrs. Marlow Rowley and Mildred Erickson. Of the twelve nine are still members. Mrs. Carroll Antonson moved out of state and Mrs. Orville Jensen took her place. Mrs. Clarence Andrews and Mrs. Franklin Peterson took the place of two deceased members, Mrs. Elmer Wetrosky and Mrs. Oscar Anderson.

Several years ago, the club decided to meet in the evenings and bring the men along. So, as the ladies have their meeting the men have a good visit, play cards, pool, etc. The club has almost become a "family affair".

This and That Extension Club

The Beresford Extension Club was organized in 1952.

Organizations that the Beresford Extension Club has assisted financially are: Crippled Children's Hospital and School in Sioux Falls, University of South Dakota summer program for the mentally retarded, Beresford swimming pool, USD summer school speech program, Beresford city and children's libraries, band uniform fund, Lion's club playground project, Jaycee summer camp for handicapped, meals-on-wheels, UNITY, youth center, cancer mobile, Beresford ambulance fund, Beresford medical drive as well as annual drives for Cancer, Heart, March of Dimes and other funds.

Gifts were sent to patients in the Human Services center in Yankton and the State Training School in Plankinton and Valentine boxes to servicemen in Vietnam. Frog pillows were made for children at the Jaycee camp as well as tablecloths for Woodfield Center and napkin rings for Bethesda Home. Bedding was

purchased for a family whose possissions were destroyed by fire and a food shower held for a Vietnamese family.

Members have had demonstrations on interior decorating, art, candle making, ceramics, hairstyling and wigs, floral arrangements, cake decorating, Christmas crafts, hat making, gift wrapping, lingerie making, carpet and furniture construction, modeling, shoe covering, macrame, plate painting, basket weaving, decorative plates, rock dolls, chenille Christmas trees, mosaic tile ashtrays, earrings, fried marble jewelry, feather flowers, burlap flowers, dough roses, stones and leading on bowls and bottles and felt scissor holders.

The club prepared floats for Beresford's diamond jubilee and bicentennial parade. They had a craft booth at the 1976 Christmas fair and raised $100 for the Beresford medical drive.

In 1976 the club dropped their affiliation with the extension services and changed the name to This and That Club. Programs, crafts and a club project have been continued.

Yearly parties are: Birthday party in March, Christmas dinner in December and a Tasting Tea in May.

Present officers and members of the club are: Phyllis Hinkle, president; Katie Kennedy, vice president; Kathy Cink, secretary-treasurer; Dorothy Bierbaum, Sally Dolan, Carol Fountain, Angie Hofer, Alta Jensen, Jonda Jensen, Corine Jurgensen, Jean Keiser, Cathy Olson, Kathy Rick, Nancy Semmler, Roda Sweeney, Marlene Voegeli, Gert VanLent, and Linda VanderVorst.

Back row: Ruth Carlson, Lois Bogue, Helen Sweeter; middle row: Sarah Poppens, Darlene Schliem, Margaret Abbas, Bonnie Bogue, Olga Sweeter; front row: Margaret Hanson, Myrtle Bogue, Budella Johnson, Marie Dahlgard.

Progress Extension Club

Progress Extension Club was organized in 1921 at Pleasant View schoolhouse. Andy Palm, county agent, was instrumental in having Suzan Wilder from Brookings give the first demonstration on making a dress form. The club was formerly called Delaware Extension Club.

The first officers were Anna Groen, president and Fannie Johnson, secretary. Azelia Wind-

field, from Brookings came regularly to give our lessons after we were organized as we did not have our own Home Agent until Grethen Loomer (Mrs. W.E. Dittmer) came to Lincoln County in 1923. There have been 14 Home Agents since then, and approximately 99 members over the years.

In 1971 we celebrated 50 years with a luncheon and program at Skrefsrud Church. All living past members and Agents were invited.

Back row: Phyllis Sternquist, Nancy Johnson, Margaret Johnson, Claire Antonson, Carol Shubeck; front row: Nancy Carlson, Sandy Strom, Cheryl Sauter, Janice Strom; absent: Nancy Huot, Barbara Bixler.

Vermillion Riverettes Extension Club

The Vermillion Riverettes Extension Club was organized in late fall of 1973 at the home of Mrs. Sheridan Sternquist. The purpose of this first meeting was to elect officers and select a club name. There were five members present, the required number to begin a new club. The name chosen was in agreement because everyone either owned or rented land along the Vermillion River. The following were members: Mrs. Roger (Sandy) Strom, Mrs. Charles (Jan) Strom, Mrs. Alan (Mary Ann) Vogel, Mrs. Larry (Jo) Guischer, and Mrs. Sheridan (Phyllis) Sternquist.

They are a young group, many having small children with more children present at first than ladies. There is a project lesson each month, which one member gives after taking the lesson from the county extension leader.

In the past ten years they have learned much about themselves, their homes and extension work. Members now are; Mrs. Gordon (Margaret) Johnson, Mrs. Randy (Cheryl) Sauter, Mrs. Paul (Barbara) Bixler, Mrs. Jerry (Clair) Antonson, Mrs. Charles (Jan) Strom, Mrs. Fred (Carol) Shubeck, Mrs. Ron (Nancy) Huot, Mrs. Richard (Nancy) Carlson, Mrs. Greg (Nancy) Johnson, Mrs. Roger (Sandy) Strom, Mrs. Sheridan (Phyllis) Sternquist. Two former members Mrs. Jack Martinson and Mrs. Ordean (Ellyn) Eddy have moved and Mrs. Eddy is now our Extension Agent from Clay County.

Each year new ideas and crafts are shared other than the lessons. They strive to cooperate with others for the common end of a more abundant home and community life.

Back row: Margaret Stiles, Lillian Heglin, Hazel Clay; middle row: Sally Hanson, Madeline Johnson, Edna Hoffman; front row: Alice Kennedy, Myrtle Hammer, Marilyn Hazel; absent: Bernice Andersen.

Worthwhilers Extension Club

The Worthwhilers Extension Club was organized in 1952, at the home of Mrs. Ralph Ende. Thirteen members joined: Mrs. Ralph Ende, Mrs. James Jensen, Mrs. Silas Thompson, Mrs. Walter Hoffman, Mrs. Arley Rasmussen, Mrs. Siegfred Edblom, Mrs. Elvin Yttreness, Mrs. Gunnard Peterson, Mrs. Leonard Johnson, Mrs. William Stiles, Mrs. Merle Hansen, Mrs. Cecil Clay and Mrs. Knute Nevdal. Charlotte Byrant, the Home Demonstration Agent, acted as chairman that afternoon and the elected officers were: Mrs. Ralph Ende, chairman; Mrs. Merle Hansen, vice chairman; Mrs. Arley Rasmussen, secretary; Mrs. Leonard Johnson, treasurer; Mrs. Gunnard Peterson, reporter. They voted to meet the 3rd Tuesday of each month serving in alphabetical order.

Demonstrations are given by members at each meeting using extension lessons and roll call topics. The first Christmas party was held in Mrs. Siegfred Edblom's home in 1952 with husbands as guests. Canned fruit and vegetables were brought and baskets filled for the needy. A skit was given by club members at Rally day in Hudson entitled "The Old Ford".

In 1953-54 members entertained Modern Mrs. Club for a guest day. The special project of the year was making lap robes and cotton quilt for the Crippled Children's Home. Clothes have been collected for the Indians. For many years we annually had family parties at the Fenn's room.

In 1957 they started having a June breakfast at the Beresford park. The hearty breakfast was enjoyed by all, but in June 1966 the breakfast was changed to Tolly's Cafe due to cold and dampness in the park and daylight savings time.

In 1958-59 Mrs. Ralph Ende was chosen as Rural Homemaker of Lincoln Co. and in 1959-60 she was chosen Secretary of the State F.H.D.C.

All the club members participated in the pageant "Centennial South Dakota Speaks" at Hudson in the spring of 1961. Mrs. Hazel was

elected county historian and Mrs. Silas Thompson county reporter for three-year terms.

The club has been hostess for many spring and fall festivals and Christmas Fairs giving demonstrations and skits.

Several members have been honored for 25 years of Extension Club work. They are; Mrs. Merle Hansen, Mrs. Ralph Ende, Mrs. William Hazel, Mrs. Cecil Clay and Mrs. William Stiles. Mrs. Merle Hansen was also named Lincoln County Homemaker 1973.

The Club raises money with silent auctions. They gave to the Park Improvement project profits from a bake sale. The Club members have participated in all lessons that have been given over the 31 years. The club is active in many county activities, monitor every year at Lincoln County Achievement Days, serve lunch to 4-H clubs, have 4-H members give demonstrations at local meetings and engage special speakers. Under the supervision of the County Nurse a vision clinic was held at North Star School.

Club trips have included Mennonite Colony at Milltown, cheese factory in Dimock, Corn Palace and Fabric Shop in Mitchell, Heritage Museum at Freeman, Cramer-Kenyon Heritage House and Sacred Heart Convent in Yankton, Nursing Home with program and refreshments at Alcester and the Hiawatha Pageant at Pipestone, Minnesota with dinner at Blue Mound.

The Worthwhilers now meet the 2nd Monday of each month and continue the Christmas party for their husbands, the June Breakfast and try to have a skip day each year. The officers for 1982-1983 are: Mrs. Cecil Clay, chairman; Mrs. Madeline Johnson, vice chairman; Mrs. Lillian Heglin, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Ray Kennedy, reporter; Mrs. William Hazel, historian. There are ten active members.

Tues-Sues Extension Club

In 1956 the Tues-Sues club was organized with eighteen charter members. Mrs. Howard Kennedy was elected president, Mrs. Warren Johnson vice president, Miss Joan Wickstrom secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. Dwane Walker, historian. Other members were: Mrs. Oliver Carlson, Mrs. Emil Carlson, Mrs. Merlin Dahl, Mrs. Melvin Falk, Mrs. Dean Fahlberg, Mrs. Wesley Fahlberg, Mrs. Paul Hybertson, Mrs. Winifred Johnson, Leona Nelson, Dagney Osthus, Mrs. Donald Twedt, Mrs. Milton Twedt,

Back row: Karen Hanson, Mary Larson, Audrey Wiebers; front fow: Norma O'Hara, Thelma Wiebers, Edna Fillingsness.

Mrs. John Wickstrom, and Mrs. LeRoy Anderson.

They chose the name Tues-Sues because they met the first Tuesday of the month.

Present officers are: Mrs. Delmar Wiebers, president; Mrs. James Hanson, vice president; Mrs. Wayne O'Hara, secretary-treasurer. Other members include Mrs. Robert Fillingsness, Mrs. Milford Larsen who is also county chairman, and Mrs. Arnold Wiebers.

Past Presidents Club of VFW Auxiliary

On January 30, 1956, ten past presidents met to organize a Past Presidents Club. Officers elected were: Mrs. Agnes Milliken, President; Mrs. Bessie Keffer, Vice President; Miss Alice Peterson and Mrs. Martha Peterson, Secretary-Treasurer. Other members present at the meeting were Mrs. Loretta Meile, Mrs. Mattie Anderson, Mrs. Hazel Klostergaard, Mrs. Mabel Jensen, Mrs. Hattie Thompson, Mrs. Ruth Hustrulid. The group voted to have secret pals with gifts to cost no more than one dollar. Just cards were to be sent if any member was ill. Each member was to pay a dime each month which was to go for the cost of the lunch. The hostess was to have charge of entertainment for the following month.

Since 1956 there have been 13 more past presidents, but at present the club has only 12 members with Agnes Milliken, President; Mrs. Ardis Jensen, Vice President and Mrs. Mary Farley, Secretary-Treasurer.

The Past Presidents Club project is working for the Veterans' Hospital.

Young and Restless Extension Club

The Young and Restless Extension club was organized in the fall of 1977 with the help of Mrs. Dwayne Clay. They have been a very active club in the five years they have been organized. The membership usually numbers fifteen with many charter members still in the club. Their projects have been many. A Bike-a-thon for cystic fibrosis with 134 bikers taking part, earned in excess of $2,700. Bake sales were held and the money given to the school RIF program. Members helped distribute the books. They have assisted 4-H clubs, community projects and Bethesda residents during the years. They promoted a drive for an improved park and went to the city for help. With the city help and contributions from other clubs they donated park equipment and set up an on-going Park Fund. Members have taken an active part in community and county projects, contributing their talents.

Mrs. Darwin Hazel received third place for her International County Project in the State.

Members now in the club are: * Mrs. Stanley Anderson, Mrs. Dwayne Breukelman, Mrs. Chuck Carlson, * Mrs. Duane Clay, * Mrs. Mike Conklin, * Mrs. Paul Greguson, * Mrs. Darwin Hazel, Mrs. Darrell Hellie, Mrs. Doug Henderson, * Mrs. Larry Jacobson, * Mrs. Terry Jensen, Mrs. Bob Kast, Mrs. Dave Kostboth, * Mrs. LauVerne Offerdahl, * Mrs. Dean Seiler, Mrs. Gene Skyberg, Mrs. Dennis Ward.

* Charter members

Back row: Kerri Stiles, Paul Carlson, Bill Stiles; middle row: Bart Johnke, Andrew Johnke, Erick Johnke, Janelle Fillingsness, Sarah Kennedy; front row: Peter Carlson, Kristina Rehder, Kelli Thissell, Susie Stiles, Terri Rehder, Kerri Thissell. Absent: Lisa Hanson.

Brooklyn Blazers 4-H Club

The Brooklyn Blazers 4-H Club was organized in 1962. Eight members heard Bernard Uthe, Lincoln County Agent, explain 4-H work at the first meeting. Officers of the new club were: Laurie Kennedy, President; Ronnie Anderson, Vice President; Nona Blake, Secretary-Reporter; Linda Ostrem, Treasurer. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kennedy and Mr. and Mrs. Dale Ken-

nedy were leaders of the new club. Three more members joined during the first year.

In 1968, with 31 members enrolled, the club decided to have all meetings at the Brooklyn schoolhouse.

In order for more 4-Hers to have leadership responsibilities, in 1970 it was decided for boys and girls to elect separate slates of officers and have separate meetings, both groups still meeting at the same time at the Brooklyn schoolhouse.

Since 1978, meetings have been held in the homes again.

Members have been active in judging, exhibiting and demonstrating at the local, county and state levels. Some of the community service projects have been Christmas caroling, collecting of canned goods, and making of centerpieces and door decorations for Bethesda.

Since their organization, members have taken part in Share the Fun, Rural Life Sunday and have built floats for Achievement Days and the Bicentennial Parade. In 1978, 1979 and 1980, 4-Hers decorated and sold Easter cakes as a fundraising project. In 1978 they also walked bean fields to raise money for the showing at the Lincoln County Achievement Day grounds.

Starting in 1979, the club has had a livestock and project tour and family picnic during July.

Several members have been delegates to National Club Congress in Chicago and the Washington, D.C. Shortcourse. One member, Dorothy Fillingsness, was an IFYE.

Present officers for the 1982-83 club year are: Girls—Janel Fillingsness, President; Kerri Stiles, Vice President; Terri Rehder, Secretary-Treasurer; Susie Stiles, Reporter. Boys—Erich Hohnke, President; Andrew Johnke, Vice President; Paul Carlson, Treasurer; Bill Stiles, Secretary-Reporter. Present leaders are Mrs. James Hanson, Mrs. Robert Fillingsness, Charles Stiles and Robert Fillingsness, Jr.

Eager Beavers 4-H Club

In 1965-66, our club branched off from the Brooklyn Livestock 4-H Club with boy and girl members. The girls decided to form a girls' club which became the "Eager Beavers". The club started with twelve members and Mrs. Hans Johnson, assisted by Mrs. Dale Ende, were the leaders.

The officers and members were: Janet Volden, President; MarJean Thompson, Vice President; Barb Ende, Secretary; Marjorie Johnson, Treasurer; Pam Ambur, Reporter; Janice Larsen, Carol Swanstrom, Donna Stiles, Paula Ambur, Margie Swanstrom, JoAnne Johnson, Gail Volden.

Back row: Margean Thompson, Gail Volden, Marge Swanstrom, Pam Ambur; front row: Janet Volden, Carol Swanstrom, Barbara Ende, Marjory Johnson, Paula Ambur.

The club has been actively involved over the years with 4-H work. The present leaders are Mrs. Louis VanderLaan, Jr. and Mrs. Pat Nielsen. The members now are: Jennifer Andersen, Belinda Andre, Sheri Coffman, Sandra Johnson, Gretchen Kostboth, Heather Kostboth, Heidi Kostboth, Ann Lounsbery, Julie Lounsbery, Lisa Morren, Dawn Nielsen, Shirley VanderLaan, Debbie Wiebers and Sheila Zweifel.

Lincoln Co. Livestock 4-H Club

The Lincoln County Livestock 4-H Club is one of the oldest clubs in this area, organized in the early 1920's. Some of the men who served as leaders during the club's beginning years included Hilbert Bogue, Earl Dann and Otto Sundstrom. County agents for Lincoln County during this period were Andy Palm, Wade Hauser, Russ Davies and Lawrence Sayre. From approximately 1925-35, a mid-winter fair was held in Canton. The county fair was held in Lennox in the area south of the Lennox High School. All activities were held in tents. There was also a county 4-H camp at Lennox where participants slept in tents on straw.

Don Ambur was a leader in the 1940's and in the late 1940's Kenneth Ostroot came to Lincoln

County to become the county agent. It was about 1948 that the county's Achievement Days first started at its present location east of Canton. During the mid-50's, Alan Bogue was the club's leader, assisted by Marvin Nelson. From the mid-60's through the early 70's, Jack Wiebers, Bill Ambur and Loren Meyers were leaders. Bernard Uthe was county agent. David Bogue has been club leader since 1972, assisted by Delmar Hyronimus, Bob Nielson, Berge Johnson and Dennis Hardy. Larry Tidemann presently serves as county agent.

Points of interest about club members would include Alan Bogue's entry to the 1933 Denver Stock Show, a Hereford which stood third in its class. There were two entries from South Dakota. Another member, David Bogue, was selected in 1956 to appear on the "Voice of Firestone" television show in New York City. He and another 4-H member were selected from the National Club Conference to tell the benefits of belonging to 4-H.

Except for the war years, the club has maintained a constant membership. The Lincoln County Livestock 4-H Club has taken pride in having champion livestock winners represent our county at the S.D. State Fair. We have had four state project winners chosen to go to Chicago in the past ten years. These include Berge Johnson in electricity, Douglas Bogue in sheep, Marc Bogue in sheep and commodity marketing, and Michael Bogue in commodity marketing. Michael Bogue has served as vice president of the S.D. 4-H Council during the 1982-83 year.

President of the club is Michael Bogue; Todd VanderLaan, Vice President; Darin Wiebers, Secretary; Russell Johnson, Treasurer; Scott Hardy, Reporter. Other members include Dave Nielsen, Dale Nielsen, Mike Wiebers and Brian Lousbery.

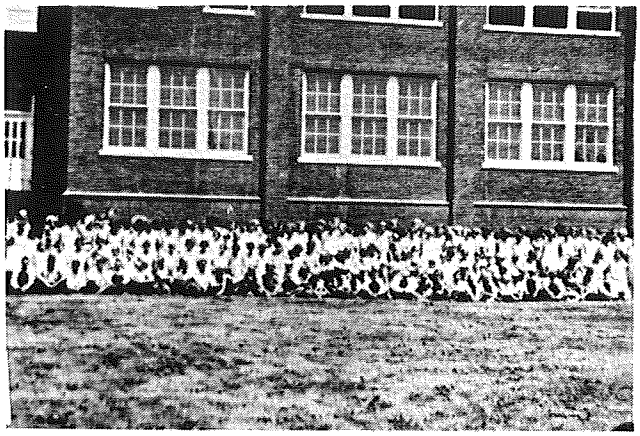
North-East Clay Co. 4-H Clubs

The four-leaf clover is the symbol of 4-H. When boys and girls become members they make this pledge: "I pledge my Head to clearer thinking, my Heart to greater loyalty, my Hands to greater service, my Health to better living, for my club, my community, and my country."

Four-H club work began in the United States about 1896. The State of South Dakota started extension work, of which 4-H is a part, by sending an agent to work with Clay, Union and Yankton Counties in 1917. Later, each county received its own home economist and county agent.

The first 4-H clubs were project clubs whereby children from the three counties would work on various projects. About 1923 a county fair was held with 4-H members taking an active part in the various "project areas". Some of the people from the Beresford area who worked with the projects were Victor Berg, C. S. Danielson and Martin Swedling.

By 1928, some of the project clubs were corn, potatoes, chickens, baby beef cattle, sow litter (with a lot of work on disease) and orchards. There were county demonstrations given by 4-H members, farm field trip visits, picnics and exhibits at the county fair. Four-H was a family thing and it was really all farm families.



Four-H Club Camp held in Beresford in 1929.

Four-H Club members enjoying the Voegeli swimming pool when Beresford hosted a club camp in 1929.

Back row: Sheridan Sternquist, David Sternquist, Jeff Sternquist, Heather Lundquist, Michele White, Carol Shubeck; middle row: Brade Antonson, Jodi Sternquist, Brenda Erickson, Kristen Strom, Jennifer Strom, Candice White, Randy Huot; front row: Jeff White, Todd Johnson, Brad Erickson, Alisa Antonson, Clifford Huot, LaDonna Huot, Layton Strom. Not pictured: Michelle Dahlberg.

In 1929, a 4-H Club Camp was held in Beresford. Seventy-five project members exhibited at the fair with 25 exhibits going to the State Fair.

Girls became involved in 4-H during the late 1920's. Some of the project leaders from the Beresford area were Mrs. D. C. McMurchie, Mrs. Rolond Lind, Mrs. Ema Holmquist, Miss Viola Hanson, Mrs. Ruth Hanson, Mrs. Chris Stoen and Mrs. Anton Nelson. At this time, food club (with canning) and clothing club were started. A handicraft club was started in Garfield Township.

By 1930, Clay County had 245 boys and girls enrolled in project clubs. Many of the boys and girls grew up and became club leaders.

In 1930, pigs were shown at the county fair by Rudolph Anderson, Andrew Sundstrom, Marvin Dahlberg, Lester Carlson and Erling Swee. Mr. P. S. Peterson of Beresford was a project leader in the Sow-Litter Project.

By 1937, changes were needed. People wanted to have more meetings closer to home and three beef clubs were formed. They were Prairie Center Feeders, B.B.B. Baby Beef and F.F.F. (Future Farmer Feeders). These clubs were located in various parts of the county.

County picnics were held and the state opened a State Camp for 4-H'ers.

Boys and girls who were enrolled in the garden projects had difficult years during the 1930's. Their gardens did not get enough rain and what was left the grasshoppers ate. Club membership dropped for a few years, perhaps due to the economy.

In 1938 the girls held the Achievement Days in a Vermillion church basement. The boys housed their animals in a Vermillion building. They paraded their animals down Market Street, and the first year over a thousand people watched the parade.

In 1940, 4-H was on the move again, when more than 200 4-H members took part in the county fair.

In 1941 the Beresford Chamber of Commerce sponsored the Beresford Junior Agriculture Show. Many boys and girls from Clay County exhibited cattle, sheep and poultry at the show.

In the early 1940's during World War II, many boys and girls and their families planted

"victory gardens". In 1944, 4-H members collected milkweed pods as a special project.

Four-H in Clay County has continued to grow over the years. The fairgrounds have been improved with donated labor and is now one of the finest in the state.

Some of the clubs in Clay County that have had Beresford members and leaders are:

F.F.F. was one of the first organized clubs. Leaders were Clifford Olson, Harlen Emerson, Erling Swee, Don Jensen, Jim Olson, Marshall Lundquist and Bruce Moore. This club started in 1937 and its last members exhibited in 1982. Many club members won State and National awards and sponsored trips.

Dalesburg Sunshiners was sponsored by the D.D.D. Extension Club. Leaders were Mrs. Clarence Christensen and Mrs. Walter Hendricks. Both of these ladies spent many hours working with girls. Mrs. Hendricks was also on the County Extension Board. This club, started in 1944, is inactive.

Riverside Juniorettes, whose leader was Mrs. Harold Engstrom, is another club in the Beresford area which is no longer active.

The Riverside Farmers started in 1954 by Ralph Helm as a leader and later Delmar Adamson, is also come and gone.

The Happy Helpers had as their leader Mrs. Harris Silkensen, Mrs. Erling Swee, Mrs. Oren Peterson, Mrs. Ray Nelson and Mrs. Curtis Austin. This club was quite active and many members won State awards.

All of the above clubs were in the northeast section of Clay County. All have ceased. The population has shifted; whereas 4-H used to be farm children, more and more urban children belong and project areas have changed to fit our changing world.

There are two active clubs in the area:

The **Willing Workers**, started by leader Lyol Abild in 1948. In 1953, O. S. Westberg became the leader, followed by Chester Olson, Orland Sternquist, Gale Westberg, Frank Peterson and the present leader, Kendal Swee, with assistant Don Lindstrom. This club is very active and at the present time one of the top animal project clubs in the county.

Clay County Cubs began in 1974 by a former 4-H member, Ann Hunter Johnson with fifteen members. In 1977, Mrs. Fred Scubeck became an assistant leader working with organization and girls' projects. In 1981, Sheridan Sternquist replaced Ann Johnson as an assistant leader. Clay County Cubs has been a very active club. Many members have taken part in county and state events and have won many awards. The present membership is nineteen.

Four-H has changed as has the rural population. In 1957 there were 23 county clubs with 338 members. In 1983 there were sixteen clubs with 241 members. Although change has taken place, the 4-H motto, "Make The Best Better," has not.

Happy Homemakers 4-H Club

The Happy Homemakers 4-H Club was organized in 1946 at the Pleasant Valley schoolhouse in Pleasant Township, Lincoln County. Interested girls and parents, along with Kenneth Ostroot, the Lincoln County Extension Agent, were present.

Charter members included Sally Ann Blumer, Gail Bovill, Donna Rommereim, Marjory and Marion Thompson, Lila Dullerud, Marlys and Arlene Voegeli. Each member submitted a name and Happy Homemakers was chosen. Gwyneth and Gwendolyn Stalheim joined within the year.

Mrs. Fred Blumer was elected club leader, along with Mrs. Roy Bovill.

The land and barns which had been used by the Indian Asylum east of Canton were given over to the 4-H to hold a yearly achievement days.

Community service has been a project goal for the Happy Homemakers throughout the years as they have provided good relationships with various organizations with improvements in many areas. Members have worked to improve the 4-H grounds, the Pleasant Hall by painting, sanding and refinishing the floor, installing electtric lights, curtains, a stove and piano. They have continued to support their community with Christmas caroling to the community, shut-ins, making favors and entertaining at Bethesda Home, and adopting grandparents with visits and special remembrances.

Four-H has changed through the years with guidance from the State Extension Service from SDSU. The requirements of a 4-H member are to exhibit at Achievement Days, give one demonstration, one talk, attend six meetings and complete their enrolled projects.

Back row: Dorothy Nothdurft, Jill Nothdurft, Cheryl Larson, Nancy Bovill, Betsy Aamot, Glenadine Aamot, Frances Herren; front row: Heide Herren, April Herren, Kara Saugstad, Donna Bovill, Christin Olbertson, Heather Herren. Absent members: Turi Larson, Krista Paulsen, Sarah Voeltz, Heather Voeltz, Ronna Voeltz, Susie Thompson, Gretchen Gubbrud, Paige Gubbrud.

Two girls from the club received the highest award, National Club Congress. They are Carol Kinkner and June Nothdurft. June also received the Citizenship Washington, D.C. award. Jonie Yttreness represented her state as South Dakota Dairy Princess.

Fifteen-year recognition pins have been received by Mae Blumer and Irene Lindblom. Ten-year pins to Elvera Kinkner and Dorthy Nothdurft, and five-year pins to Geri Bovill, Romona Blumer, Clarice Yttreness, Marie Muhlenkort and Sharon Voegeli for serving as volunteers.

Four-H continues to promote a good, educational aspect and helps set life skills and goals for a child.

Today's members are: Jill Nothdurft, Nancy and Donna Bovill, April, Heidi and Heather Herren, Sara, Heather and Rona Voelts, Gretchen and Paige Gubbrud, Betsy Aamot, Susan Thompson, Kara Saugstad, Sheryl Larsen, Kristen Olbertson, Krista Paulsen and Turi Larson, with Mrs. Mel Nothdurft, Mrs. Jim Heeren and Mrs. Paul Aamot as leaders.

Leaders who have given their time and assistance are: Mrs. Fred Blumer, Mrs. Roy Bovill, Mrs. John Anderson, Mrs. Ray Kinkner, Mrs. Otto Muhlenkort, Mrs. John Yttreness, Mrs. Elmer Olbertson, Mrs. Lavaine Blumer, Mrs. Dick Voegeli, Mrs. Glenn Lindblom, Mrs. Buell Kittleson, Mrs. Harlan Goeltz, Mrs. Melvin Nothdurft, Mrs. Jim Heeren and Mrs. Paul Aamot.

Pleasant Valley Livestock 4-H Club

Pleasant Valley Livestock 4-H Club was organized in 1946 with Julian Eide and John Stuessi as leaders. Kenneth Ostroot, county extension agent of Lincoln County, helped organize the club. They met at the Pleasant Valley schoolhouse and later at the Pleasant Township hall or in the homes. At present there are 15 members, but membership has been as many as 29 boys.

The club's main goal is to provide and pro-

Back row: Gary Bovill, Dale Nothdurft, Jim Rieper, Bill Rieper, Grant Iverson, Durwood Rieper, Robert Rieper; front row: John Bovill, Randy Kinkner, David Renken, Mark Bovill, Bryan Iverson, Dick Renken. Not pictured: Chad Paulsen, Jim Gilbertson, Trent Larsen, Rick Nothdurft.

mote educational aspects and life skills to a boy. Each member's goal is to complete their enrolled projects and exhibit at Achievement Days, give a demonstration and attend six meetings.

Rick Nothdurft and Dan Nothdurft received high awards in Conservation at the National Club Congress in Chicago. Alan Ende received high award in achievement at the National Congress. A Washington, D.C. trip was awarded Rick Nothdurft.

Leaders who have guided and given their time to make the club a success are: Julian Eide, John Stuessi, John Voegeli, Neil Anderson, Wendell Arends, Leonard Johnson, Sophus Jensen, Bill Hazel, Dale Ende, Melvin Nothdurft, Rick Nothdurft, Paul Aamot, Gary Bovill and Durward Pieper.

Present members and leaders of the club are: Robert, Jim and Bill Rieper, John and Mark Bovill, Dale Nothdurft, Grant and Brian Iverson, Dan, Dicky and Davey Renken, Trent Larson, Randy Kinkner, Chad Paulsen and Jim Gilbertson. Rick Nothdurft, Gary Bovill and Durward Rieper are the leaders.

G. A. R.

The Grand Army of the Republic known as the G.A.R. and the Woman's Relief Corps, both instituted at Denver, Colo. in 1883. The Beresford G.A.R. and Woman's Relief Corps of General G. M. Dodge was organized two weeks before the City of Beresford was incorporated. Jerome Mangan was the first commander and Mrs. J. R. Carlson was the first Auxiliary president. The G.A.R. and W.R.C. disbanded in 1920 but was reorganized in 1926. At one time there were 28 Corps in South Dakota. The first convention of the G.A.R. and W.R.C. was held in Yankton in 1884. South Dakota and North Dakota were then a territory. Then in 1889 they were instituted as states. Since 1940 there has been no state department. From that date only

the W.R.C. has carried on the work.

There have been 35 department presidents in the state and two were from Beresford, Mrs. Lloyd Wass elected in 1952 and Mrs. Agnes Milliken in 1964. Mrs. Milliken is the present state treasurer and has served for 14 years. Mrs. Milliken has also been corps president for 31 years.

The work of the corps is to help veterans of all wars, hospital work and child welfare. Contributions include a nurse scholarship award each year, gifts of flags to schools and public buildings, donations to the State Veterans Home at Hot Springs, National Narcotic Fund, Southern Memorial Fund, and Museum Headquarters at Springfield, Ill.

In 1973 the Beresford corps hosted the State Convention here and will again in 1983 at Mitchell. The National Relief Corps and all states will celebrate their 100th anniversary in Denver, Colo. in August 1983.

Beresford Study Club

In July 1913, Mrs. A. S. Colby and Mrs. W. J. Bulow conceived the idea of the Beresford Study Club. The club had fourteen charter members and they began their club with a study of Shakespeare. Mrs. F. W. Hoskins was the first president.

Later that year the club became federated. Their objectives were: the intellectual good of its members; the improvement of its locality; and the promotion of cooperation among its members.

The most lasting and outstanding accomplishment of the club was the sponsorship of the city library. Members of the club still serve on the library board and the club still donates books, equipment, etc., when possible. A member of the club, Mrs. Evelyn Hogan, is the current librarian.

Among other achievements of the Beresford Study Club through the years are the sale of Red Cross Stamps, contributions to the Sioux Falls Childrens Home, adoption of a French orphan for one year (1917), sponsorship of a skating pond in 1917 and 1977, requesting the school board to provide playground equipment (1919), Lyceum courses, art exhibits, summer vacation reading programs, participation in the Golden Jubilee celebration, sponsorship of the high school safety contest and a garbage disposal program in 1936-1937. In 1965 they sponsored fundraisers to benefit the new library and the Roger Price Scholarship Fund.

The club celebrated its 50th anniversary by inviting the local study clubs and state and district officers to a special program.

The club joined with the three other Beresford study clubs in community projects. In 1970 money was raised for a shelter in Bulow Park.

Back row: Kathryn White, Evelyn Hogen, Deloris Jensen, Doloris McGill, Eleanor Larson, Lois Bogue; middle row: Frances Hanson, Rachel Peterson, Lucille Mangan, Iona Westberg, Opal Fitzgerald, Irene Carnes; front row: Marie Joy, Lillian Tornberg. Absent: Agnes Quinn, Eden Hustrulid, Robbie Bonine.

The remainder of the money needed was provided by the City of Beresford and the First National Bank. The clubs donated money to help landscape the middle school. They purchased a copying machine for the library and microfilmed the Beresford *Republic*. They also purchased a microfilm reader for the library and raised funds to buy CPR demonstrator "Annie".

During World War II the club reduced its meetings to once a month instead of two. This practice is still continued.

The club helped the City of Beresford celebrate its 75th anniversary. The club entry in the parade won a red ribbon.

The four Beresford study clubs hosted the State Convention, April 25-26, 1975. This was the Federation's 75th anniversary.

After 71 years of existence, the Beresford Study Club is still very active. Club membership now numbers 20.

Pleasant Study Club

Pleasant Study Club had its beginning back in 1920 following the signing of the Armistice of World War I, when a group of women who had been doing volunteer work for the Red Cross Society decided to organize a study group and continue meeting together. The name Pleasant was chosen after the home township. Mrs. Albert (Bertyne) Birkland was chosen as its first president.

During the early years the members came in buggies, bobsleds or even walked. Roads were often difficult to travel by car. Meetings were held in homes to discuss current problems, world issues, art, music, literature, as well as domestic interests. Some help was received from Lincoln County Extension Service.

Through study, the club has taken extensive travels into many countries, studying the land, culture, religion and government. Many other studies gave an insight into everyday world affairs. Many great and good books have been reviewed, "Enough to fill a library," one member said. To gain a broader scope of study, in 1952 it was voted to federate with the State and National Federation of Women's Clubs.

Each year a special outing is planned. Two trips were made to Pierre when Florence Gubbrud was "First Lady" of South Dakota. A tour of Oahe Dam was made at that time.

Fine Arts has been a special feature of our group and we were fortunate to have an art teacher, Dorothy Bjorneberg, who periodically gave lessons on art application. Through the years several festivities of fine arts were presented to the public.

A memorable project, called "Christmas in the Country," was presented in 1965. Five decorated homes, called Santa's House, The

From top: Mildred Gubbrud, Clarinda Bovill, Mae Blumer, Mildred Olbertson, Glenadine Aamot, Clarice Yttreness, Thelma Larson, Alice Runhovde, Gladyce Schmid, Ruth Kittelson, Berta Graham, Florence Gubbrud, Bertyne Birkland, Geraldine Bovill, Carolyn Wallem, Esther Dahl, Gladys Gubbrud, Valonta Cleland, Dorothy Bjorneberg, Neva Speich, Marie Muhlenkort, Olive Tuntland, Evelyn Eneboe, Myrtle Voegeli.

Gingerbread House, House of Yesteryear, Candy House and House of Pine Cones were open to the public for a small charge:

In 1970, in observance of the club's 50th anniversary, all members and former members were honored at a noon luncheon. In the afternoon a program, entitled "The Golden Panorama," was presented, which enhanced the many festivities of the past fifty years. All Federated clubs in the area and friends were invited and had a chance to view the display of art, crafts, antiques, quilts and scrapbooks. Proceeds of $1,000.00 were given to the Memorial Art Center in Brookings.

Pleasant Study Club has been known in the community for interest and contributions to various worthwhile projects such as 4-H, proper road signs, township hall and art students. The last few year we have joined with the other three Federated clubs in Beresford in community improvement projects.

Projects of later years have been the Crippled Childrens' Home, Bethesda Home for the Aged, Public TV, Meals on Wheels, Scholarship Fund, Statue of Liberty Repair Fund, Museum of Fine Arts and Culture at Rapid City for Indians, and trees on the new schoolground in Beresford as well as the Microfilm project for Beresford Public Library. A gift of two bed tables was presented to Bethesda Home to commemorate sixty years in club work.

In 1977, an open house was held honoring Evelyn Eneboe for outstanding service in local, district, state and national club work. Many members have been given recognition in creative writing and Mae Blumer was voted Club Woman of the Year.

Membership has been held to twenty-five. Two charter members, Bertyne Birkland and Berta Graham, both ninety years old, have been regular in attendance and active members.

Progress Study Club

In 1935, Mrs. Floyd Bergman, Mrs. Alfred Latendresse, Mrs. Oscar Graverson and Mrs. E. D. Olson met at the Olson home to organize a study club. The first official meeting was attended by 16 charter members who selected the name Progress Club.

First officers of the club were Mrs. Bergman, President; Vera Huyck, Vice President; Mrs. Latendresse, Secretary; Mrs. Jay Gifford, Treasurer. Objectives of the club were to promote intellectual growth and self-improvement and advancement of a high standard for the social, moral and civic conditions of the town and community. In October 1935, the club became a member of the National Federation Women's Club at the state convention in Yankton.

Among the numerous achievements of Progress Study Club are the provision of a skating pond for the children in 1936, equipment for the city park including shelter for cooking, gas plates, tables and benches in 1937, baskets of food and clothing for needy families for Christmas. During the war years of the 1940's, blood plasma was donated, boxes were sent to service men and prisoners of war, as well as Red Cross hours volunteered. Working together since 1962, the four Federated clubs have accomplished many community projects. In 1964, parking racks for bicycles were placed uptown and at school. Flags were placed in the school in 1966 and 1972. Visual aids and furnishings were purchased for the new children's library in 1972-1974. In 1972 the club joined in the pro-

Back row: Fern Patnoe, Vivian VanEssen, Judy DeSaix, Donna Theel, Elizabeth Ullman, Ruth Leonard, Harriet Carlson; front row: Kathy Hill, Lois Christensen, Clara Rasmussen, Louise James, Olga Carlson, Maxine Lang, Roberta Johnson. Absent: Mary Baird, Patsy Nepadal.

ject of delivering Meals On Wheels and making yearly monetary contributions toward the purchase of needed materials. In 1976, trees and shrubs were donated for the new elementary school site. The purchase of "Resusci Annie" in 1978 was a continuing project for the clubs. In 1982 a microfilm viewer was purchased and all Beresford newspapers were microfilmed.

Annual contributions are made by the club to the Special Olympics, Brownie and Girl Scouts and the Memorial Art Fund.

Progress Club has had the honor of having two members serve as Fourth District Presidents—Mrs. Floyd Bergman in 1954-1956 and Mrs. A. E. Henderson in 1972-1974. Present club enrollment is 16. Mrs. Daniel Theel is president.

Standing: Carol Fountain, Mary Jane Diefendorf, Debra Conklin, Evonne Frieberg, Roberta Klostergaard, Delores Carlson, Corine Jurgensen, Emily Moore, Gloria Gunnare; seated: Jana Christensen, Mary Jo Matzen, Linda Greguson, Marion Neuroth, Susan Ambur. Absent: Sally Dolan, Jane Guindon, Marilyn Messler, Doris Schaap.

Twentieth Century Study Club

The Twentieth Century Study Club was organized in 1948 with ten charter members. By 1950, membership had grown to 18 members and the club voted to join the National Federation of Women's Club. The club has continuously used the motto "Time Wasted is Existence; Time Used is Life." Gloria Nygaard served as the first president.

The club celebrated its 25th anniversary as a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs in 1975. An art tea was hosted for the Beresford, Pleasant and Progress GFWC Clubs. A buffet dinner for former and present members was held at which time the charter members were honored.

Through the years the club has participated in many diversified programs, such as: mental health, family services, Indian culture, Americanism, art, senior citizens, home decorating, antiques, South Dakota history and government, civil rights, the United Nations, special education, conservation, and numerous other items.

The club has made monetary contributions to many national, state and local charities for the past 34 years. Some of these charities are the United States Olympics, Special Olympics, Memorial Art Center in Brookings, the Beresford swimming pool and the Roger Price Student Loan Fund. Club members have also donated their time to activities such as Meals On Wheels. Each year, in cooperation with the other GFWC clubs of Beresford, we have sponsored local youths at summer art and music camps.

In cooperation with the other Beresford GFWC Clubs, we have participated in many community improvement projects. Money has been raised through rummage sales and luncheons for beautifying the boulevards, tree plantings at the new grade school, an ice skating rink, CPR demonstrator "Annie," providing funds for having copies of the old Beresford *Republics* put on microfilm, and a microfilm reader for the Beresford Public Library.

Members of the club at the present time are: Susan Ambur, Delores Carlson, Jana Christensen, Deb Conklin, Mary Jane Diefendorf, Sally Dolan, Carol Fountain, Evonne Frieberg, Linda Greguson, Jane Guindon, Gloria Gunnare, Corine Jurgensen, Marge Klostergaard, Roberta Klostergaard, Ginny Macy, Mary Jo Matzen, Marilyn Messler, Emilie Moore, Marion Neuroth and Doris Schaap.

Girl Scouts

The National Organization of Girl Scouts was founded in 1912, and in 1928 Beresford organized its first troop, inspired by Mrs. Nell Woodward McClintock, a local woman who was then an executive director in Illinois. Evangeline Olson, Dagne Soderstrom, Francis Brown and Helen Skaff were the first leaders of 20 to 30 girls.

A Council was chartered in 1953 with headquarters in Sioux Falls which had jurisdiction over several counties. Mrs. Almer Steensland submitted the name of MINN-IA-KOTA for the Council which included counties in Iowa, Minnesota and South Dakota. Mrs. Steensland, Mrs. A. E. Henderson and Mrs. Lowell Hogen served on the organizing committee for the new Council.

The Council has a large membership of girls and many volunteer adult leaders, along with several Council staff members. Local membership at one time reached ninety.

The Girl Scouts enjoyed a campsite at Lyon Lodge on Wall Lake for several years. In 1968 a new camp, OAK LAKE CAMP, near Astoria in Duel County was dedicated. A farm house on the campsite was rejuvenated and can be used the year around. The local girls' Day Camp activities each summer have been held at the local park, Newton Hills, Union County park or other campsites.

New approaches to the scouting program were introduced in 1963 with new handbooks relating to the arts, home and out-of-doors. This included four age groups: Brownies (7- and 8-year-olds), Juniors (9-11 years), Cadettes (12-14 years) and Seniors (15-17 years). In 1977 the program was again revised and updated. Uniforms have also changed over the years. The new program is called "Worlds to Explore".

Carolyn Cotton, a member of the first lone troop in Beresford and a former National staff member, worked professionally with our organization for many years.

Many local volunteer women have served as long as 25 years as leaders in the scouting program. Awards have been given to Mrs. A. E. Henderson, Mrs. Roscoe Frieberg, Mrs. Ed Olson, Mrs. Lowell Hogen, Mrs. Katherine

Back row: Barbara Eklund, Dawn Heinzman, Ramona Quartier, Kristi Eklund, Karen Messler, Jean Klostergaard, Kathy Andrew, Sheri Dahlin, Jill Hove, Susan Eklund; middle row: Debby Haas, Kari Lawrenson, Crystal Heinzman, Michelle Bovill, Pam Fitzgerald, Kristi Aklund, Karen Gabel, LeeAnn Hedeen, Marion Neuroth; front: Jenny Mulder, Sara Lawrenson, Nichole Heinzman, Sherry Johnson, Anna Christensen, Stacy Greenfield, Christina Wagner, Natalie Westberg, Christina Bowden.

Johnson, Mrs. Marion Neuroth and Mrs. Linda Ustad.

Local scouts have hosted Girl Guides from several foreign countries.

The Scouts go caroling and take cookies to shut-ins as well as sponsor a mitten tree at Christmas time. They have helped with many community service projects. Family potlucks are held, at which time the girls are given badges and awards for their achievements.

The cost of the scouting program has been met by cookie, nut and calendar sales held each year, and generous contributions from United Fund. Also, contributions from Progress Study Club and auxiliairies of the American Legion and V.F.W. are made each year.

In 1981, new troop flags were dedicated in memory of Mrs. A. E. Henderson and a Girl Scout pin given to her husband.

Local girls have been selected for many National events over the years and they are: Carolyn DeLay, Evelyn Frieberg, Vicki Hogen, Nancy Ryger, Dee Fountain, Nancy Fountain, Shirley Hedeen, Mary Karen Jensen, Lori Gabel, Sandra Simpson, Teri Lingberg, Kristi Messler, Jeanne VanLent, Tami Carnes, Lori Broz, Janelle Strand, Kristi Ekland, Jeanne Klostergaard, Pam Hubert, Connie Snoozy, Linda Heggestad, Susie Finger, Jane Sweeney and Ellen Dolan.

Nancy Ryger, a local scout, has served on the Professional Scout staff in our Council.

At present there are four troops with 40 girls and eight adults registered. The adults are Deb Haas, Rose Fitzgerald, Lori Tschudy, Jeane Klostergaard, Barbara Eklund, Kathy Robertson, Marion Neuroth and Kathy Andre.

Gun Club

The Beresford Gun Club is Beresford's oldest continuous organization with photographic evidence of its existence in 1887.

Mr. J. N. Wass came to Beresford in 1883 and at that time only a dozen or so buildings made up the settlement. He worked as a carpenter on the hotel building that James Fitzgerald was building.

Many of the men in town enjoyed hunting and there was plenty of game available on the edge of town. Mr. Wass decided to organize a club to do trap shooting which he did in 1884.

Members of the group were: Dr. Duff, first physician here, J. W. Reedy, J. E. Sinclair, Ed

Taken in 1887: Dr. Duff, J. N. Wass, J. W. Reedy, J. H. Sinclair, Danenhauer, Ed. Johnson, Jim Fitzgerald.

Johnson, Jim Fitzgerald, J. N. Wass and Mr. Danenhauer. Later these other members joined: Henry Jost, Jim Scroggs, Frank Bruehler and Fred Drey.

The traps were first set east of the depot, but their location has been changed from time to time. Black powder could be bought for thirteen cents a pound at that time, and other materials were also cheap; so the men made their own bullets and took turns pulling the traps.

About 1900, gun clubs were organized at Hurley, Viborg, Sioux Falls and Garretson. Along with the Beresford club, they held shoots once in each town each season. The Beresford club was proud of the fact that they never entered a Sunday contest. In 1892, Mr. Wass organized a State shoot here which was held north of the railroad tracks on the west side of Third Street.

Membership in the club has varied over the years, but at present it averages around fifty members participating in regular league shooting and special trophy and turkey shoots.

The current gun club rests on leased city farm property north of the city limits. After the installation of two new electric traps and concrete walkways, a drive was headed by Don Dahlin and Lynn Ellis to construct a new club building. The present facility, complete with lights for night shooting, is a source of pride for present day members.

Most recent club officers are Larry Lewison, Greg Schumacher and Dave Yost.

Horseshoe Team

The men in the area were very active in horseshoe playing in the late 1920's and early 1930's. At that time their horseshoe court was where the bowling alley is now located. William Christensen, his son Melvin and three cousins, Arnold Werter and Clarence, along with August Nelson, Fred Grey, Loyal Carnes, Merle and Arley Rasmussen, were among the first to take part in the sport. In 1950 the court was moved to its present location in the city park area. Other towns in the area had teams and the Sioux Valley Horseshoe League was organized. This league is still active. Teams in the league were from Alcester, Spink, Vermillion, Akron, Ia., Westfield, Ia. and Beresford.

Two men from the Beresford area, Arnold Christensen and Walt Fickbolm, won South Dakota championships. Several Beresford men have taken part regularly in the South Dakota State meets and have won trophies in their respective classes. These men are: Eldon Anderson, Don Coy, Martin Anderson, Les Volden, Kenneth Fedderson, Andy Olson and Otto Teams in the league were from Alcester, Spink, Vermillion, Akron, Ia., Westfield, Ia. and Beresford.

Left to right: Don Coy, Eldon Anderson, Dewane Johnson, Andy Olson, Melvin Christensen, Kenneth Fedderson, Martin Andersen, Carl Skovly, Les Volden. Not pictured: Otto Stene, Rockley Erickson.

I.O.O.F. Lodge

In 1894, E. D. Smith arrived at Beresford, a newly incorporated city on the South Dakota prairie, and one of the first men he met was G. W. Byrnes. Noticing that Mr. Smith was wearing the three links pin, official I.O.O.F. emblem, Mr. Byrnes suggested to his new friend that perhaps such a lodge could be started in Beresford. The two men set forth to find the necessary number of members and, like Thomas Wildey, founder of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in America, they were successful. Thus a charter was issued in 1895 to Beresford I.O.O.F. Lodge No. 130.

Charter members were Mr. Smith, Noble Grand; J. E. Boyle, Vice Grand; C. T. Gulliver, Secretary; L. C. Ramsdell, Treasurer; Mr. Byrnes, William Kundert, C. D. Farrand, James Fitzgerald and Archie Brown. M. C. Nash, Grand Master of the jurisdiction of South Dakota, presided at the installation ceremonies which were held on the second floor of the newly built Gantz building on Main Street, across the alley from the present Beresford Triangle building.

Early members of the Lodge were important citizens of the community. Mr. Boyle was a veteran harness maker, Mr. Ramsdell a druggist.

In 1945, at the celebration of the Lodge's 50th anniversary, Mr. Smith was the only living charter member, and at this time he furnished the organization with a report of the early history of the I.O.O.F. Many of the records had earlier been destroyed by fire.

The Lodge met in the Gantz building and later in the Kundert building, now Jensen Agency, until 1925, at which time they moved to their present location on North Third Street. In 1946 the lodge bought this building from the Wm. Hostefler estate.

Since its founding, the lodge has had over 500 members with affiliation by transfer and initiation.

Beresford Lodge has won many honors, and at one time had an initiatory degree staff considered one of the finest in the area, conferring degree work at Grand Lodge and other neighboring lodges.

Due to economic and social changes, the Lodge has had many problems but continues Odd Fellowship in Beresford. Noble Grand Master is Loyal Carnes and Desmond Westberg is the Treasurer.

Jaycees

The Beresford Jaycees originated in 1974. The original charter included 30 members and was active in the community until 1982. The organization was chartered by the Vermillion Jaycees with Les Mehlhoff as extension officer. Charter officers were: Don Dahlin, President; Jerry Fodness, Internal Vice President; Tom Cotton, External Vice President; Lynn Ellis, Secretary; Steve Jurgensen, Treasurer; Lonnie

Stonefield, Local Director.

Charter Night was held October 26, 1974 at the VFW Legion Lounge in Beresford with a banquet and dance. The installation of officers was conducted by Gene Kocker, Regional Four Vice President. Music was provided by The Sherwoods.

Various projects were run through the year, such as: Jaycee Jelly Week, tractor pulls, demolition derbys, Gun Safety Course, Family Fun Festival, Haunted House and many more. An annual awards banquet was held in the spring to recognize the achievements of the chapter members.

The Jaycee Creed is as follows: "We Believe that Faith in God gives meaning and purpose to human life; that the brotherhood of man transcends the sovereignty of nations; that economic justice can best be won by free men through free enterprise; that government should be of law rather than of men; that earth's great treasures lie in human personality; and that service to humanity is the best work of life."

Jaycettes

The Beresford Area Jaycettes were chartered in 1974, extended by the Vermillion Area Jaycettes, with Joanne Mehlhoff, extension chairman.

The charter officers were: Noneen Stonefield, President; Gerri Dahlin, State Director; Julie Fodness, Secretary; Patty Olson, Treasurer. They chartered with only six members.

The Charter Night Banquet was held in 1974 at the Beresford VFW Legion Lounge, along with the Jaycee organization. The installation of officers was conducted by Carol Hoileen, State President. A dance followed with the Sherwoods providing the music.

The organization was very active until 1980, conducting such projects as: Tiny Tot swimming lessons, babysitting clinics, bake sales for cosmetic surgery, Senior Citizen Halloween parties, and internal projects such as Speak Up, Mental Health and Retardation, and Family Life.

The annual awards banquet held each year in May was combined with the Jaycees. Digests are kept on file on different projects. They are entered in State competition at the State Convention in the spring. Four State meetings are held yearly, hosted by various chapters across the state. In June there is a National Convention. Main purpose of the Jaycettes is to assist the local Jaycee Chapter, then help better the community to the best of their ability. Jaycettes are open to any young woman in the community between the ages of 18-35.

The Creed reads as follows: "We Believe in associating ourselves together to uphold the Jaycee ideals. That through our association our community will benefit, that our friendships are broadened and binding, that our lives are enriched by extending a helping hand, that we as individuals have a deeper sense of responsibility toward our husbands and families, as well as God and country."

Lions Club

The Beresford Lions Club received its charter in 1954. The club chartered with 27 members and presently has a membership of 75 men. The club's motto is "We Serve."

The first major project in which the Lions Club had a great deal of involvement was the community swimming pool built in 1956. The principle thrust of Lions is in the area of the visually impaired and sight conservation. Over the years the Lions Club has provided the resources for hundreds of eye examinations and have also purchased eye glasses for dozens of individuals. The Club has provided for a great number of service projects as well as fundraising projects. These funds are used only for service projects for the benefit of the people of the total community.

Some of their service projects have included: House numbers and mail boxes locally, annual Lions Track Meet, Roger Price Memorial Student Loan Fund, north Beresford children's playground, athletic field storage building, library lighting, cooking shelter in city park, gazebo at Bethesda Nursing Home, South Dakota Lions Sight and Service Foundation, and sponsoring Lions Clubs in Alcester and Elk Point.

Masonic Lodge No.132

Beresford Masonic Lodge No. 132 was chartered in 1901 by Worshipful Grand Master Charles Hill. Sixteen charter members installed in 1901 were Brothers: W. B. Spain, Worshipful Master; A. V. Elliot, Senior Warden; J. T. Scroggs, Junior Warden; L. P. Lambert, Treasurer; A. D. Loffler, Secretary; J. W. Smoots, Senior Deacon; W. W. Spain, Junior Deacon; H. F. Mace, Senior Steward; J. C. Seeley, Junior Steward, H. A. Field, H. O. Sanford, W. W. Wallace, B. H. Gardner, F. D. Lambertson.

Meetings are held the first Tuesday of each month except in July and August. Joint meetings of Lodges are always well attended, interesting and educating.

Until 1914, meetings were held in the Odd Fellows Lodge at 124 North Third. At that time the present building was purchased for $1,700. Purchase was arranged by August Frieberg, Ole Ofstad and C. H. Jacobson. The first meeting in the building was in 1914. In 1920, Anton Hendrickson, F. D. Kriebs and Andrew Bergstrom were appointed on a committee to arrange for remodeling and improving the building. It wasn't until 1950 that the debt of the building was finally paid and the mortgage burning ceremony conducted. In 1954 the Gardner Hotel was torn down, leaving the north wall exposed to elements of weather, so the wall had to be sealed. Since then the north and east walls of the building have been waterproofed. Walls and ceiling in the basement were remodeled, lights added, two furnaces installed and completed in 1963. Masonic and Eastern Star signs were donated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Roe.

Masonic Brothers who have received their fifty-year pins, each awarded with proper ceremony and program, are: E. C. Mount, J. L. Steadman, and also the sixty-year palm: Dr. D. L. Cotton, J. H. Woodward, Claude Deane, Ray Howard, Harris Rommereim, E. F. Blankenburg, John B. Johnson, Morris Steadman and also the sixty-year Palm: Lloyd Wass, Roscoe Frieberg and Frank Roe who also received the sixty-year Palm. Frank Roe was honored by being elected Most Worshipful Grand Master of Masons of South Dakota for one year.

Grand Lodge representatives over the years have been: Rev. W. S. Harper, Dr. D. L. Cotton, E. W. Skarda and Frank Roe.

The Masons and Stars enjoy a joint picnic each summer.

Officers of Beresford Lodge No. 132 A.F. & A.M. for 1983 are: John Ryger, Worshipful Master; Stanley Frick, Senior Warden; Wayne Hustrulid, Junior Warden; Don Schmidt, Secretary; Wm. Vermillion, Treasurer; John Landon, Senior Deacon; Irving Frick, Junior Deacon; Calmer Thompson, Senior Steward; Ralph Messler, Junior Steward; Palmber Hustrulid, Tyler and Robert Frieberg, Chaplain.

Ministerial Association

The earliest record of the Beresford Ministerial Association is September 13, 1955, but it is believed to have been formed at an earlier date. The Chairman at that time was Pastor Erlander of the Nazareth Lutheran Church.

The purpose of the organization over the years has been to speak as a unified voice in the community on local issues, and to develop Christian unity among the brethren. All the churches in the Beresford community are presently members.

The Ministerial Association has organized a Good Samaritan Fund for those who are in financial need in the community. The association has given guidance to community leaders on issues which concern their local congregations and on religious issues such as moral, educational and religious matters. Community-wide services are conducted on Thanksgiving and Good Friday. Offerings from these activities are used toward World Relief and local Good Samaritan Funds.

Present officers of the Association are: Rev. Randy Stauter of Dalesburg Baptist Church, President; Rev. Raymond "Pete" Peterson of First Assembly of God Church, Secretary-Treasurer. Other members include: Rev. Charles Allen of United Church of CHrist, Rev. Jalmer Eldal and Rev. Richard Peterson of Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Rev. Bert VanEssen of the United Methodist Church, Rev. Ralph Christopherson of the Roseni Lutheran Church, Rev. Arlyn Abrams of Brooklyn Evangelical Church, Rev. Wayne Cooke of Komstad Covenant, Rev. Don Mattson of Dalesburg Lutheran Church and Father Noel Power of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

Museum

(Taken from the 75th book)

In 1950, some friends gave Mrs. Edwin P. Olson some specimens of ore, crystals, petrified turtles, stuffed fowl and smaller birds. This was the start of the National History Museum in Beresford.

The Scamperette Girl Scout Troop, of which Mrs. Olson was leader, helped her clean out a storage room above the Hardware Supply Company, and here the museum was housed.

Some of the interesting pioneer articles from this community include a hay twister, buggy charcoal foot warmer, bread mixing pail, carpet swing, a 200-year-old beer keg and a wooden barley fork.

Also included are servicemen's souvenirs and weapons, as well as hundreds of items in the natural history field. One of the most interest-

ing items is a piece of backbone of a plesiosaurus, a prehistoric lizard which swam in the middle west Cretacious sea 50 million years ago. This was found by Fred Smith, Mrs. Olson's father, at Union County park dam.

Jack Hoard loaned the museum his entire collection of Indian artifacts excavated in South Dakota, as well as other states.

Over 2,000 visitors have registered at the museum, including several from foreign countries.

(When Mrs. Olson moved from Beresford, the museum closed and articles were returned, given away, sold or kept by her.)

Music Boosters

The Beresford Music Booster organization was founded in the late fall of 1982. The group was formed to promote and support the Beresford School vocal and instrumental music programs throughout the school year.

The first officers of this young organization were: Rosanne Yost, President; Sandy Vik, Vice President; Marlene Breukelman, Secretary-Treasurer, with Jan Strom, Janelle O'Connor, Directors and Grace Kennedy, Vocal Director and Duane Niles, Band Director.

Back row: Ihlene Fillingsness, Corrine Jurgensen, Dorothy Strom, Mae Fahlberg, L'Nora Bylander, Altie Rasmussen; middle row: Irene Carnes, Diane Hofer, Marilyn Carlson, Marcia Matsen, Marlene Breukelman, Mae Sundstrom, Janelle O'Connor; front row: Jeanette Guinther, Anita Kostboth, Darlene Young, Marie Schumacher.

Musical Arts Club

The Beresford Musical Arts Club, a member of the National Federation of Music Clubs, was organized in April, 1957.

Making up the original charter were twelve members, under the leadership of Mrs. Stanley Fillingsness, organizer and first President. Other officers were: Mrs. Martin Miller, Vice President and Mrs. Wesley Arms, Secretary-Treasurer. The other charter members were: Mrs. Calvin Olson, Mrs. Cecil Clay, Mrs. Lowell Jurgensen, Mrs. Marvin Bak, Mrs. Arlen DeWall, Mrs. James Kennedy, Mrs. Warren Johnson, Mrs. Roy Bovill and Mrs. Roy Guinther.

Meetings are held in the homes of the members on the fourth Monday evening of each month, September through April.

Active participation in presenting programs is required of the members. The programs are varied and have included studies of composers and performers, as well as opera, light opera, sacred, folk and contemporary. A very special emphasis is given each year to the study of American music and American composers. A regular "hymn of the month" is also stressed.

Since the main objective of the club has been to promote interest and develop opportunities for participation by the entire community, many projects have been sponsored by the club. These have included a 75-voice choral presentation of excerpts from Handel's *Messiah*, under the direction of Allan Shannon, a

Harvest Festival concert of sacred music directed by Mrs. James Kennedy, a light-hearted presentation of musical favorites of the past, entitled "Those Wonderful Years" with Mrs. Milo Winter directing, a Palm Sunday concert of sacred music presented by both adult and children's choirs of the area churches, which also featured instrumental accompaniments of piano, organ, brass and percussion, and directed by Mrs. Stan Fillingsness and Mrs. Macy Whitehead. It has become a custom for the Club to present a special program to the community during National Music Week in May every other year. Programs of wedding music are frequently given at area churches as guest day events.

One of the benefits to the community, realized from these concerts, has been the establishment of a music section in the city library which contains all of the music used in these concerts and available to anyone for use. Books and recordings have been placed in this section.

Although raising large sums of money is not the aim of the club, free-will offerings have been received at some of the concerts and have provided funds to enable the club to purchase a piccolo for the High School Band, a used piano for the kindergarten of the local grade school, and a sizeable donation toward the purchase of a new piano for the school auditorium. The Club has presented many music scholarships to local young people to assist them in attending youth music camps in the summer.

In 1982 the Musical Arts Club observed its 25th anniversary. The Club continues to maintain a membership of eighteen and strives to maintain a high level of enthusiasm in providing service in the field of music whenever called upon by the community.

Back row: Joan Hurd, Linda Walter, Evelyn Hogen, Lois Christensen, Margaret Frick, Judy Travis; middle row: Valonta Cleland, Joelle Stuessi, Mae Sundstrom, Pat Messler, Grace Nelson; front row: Marion Ryger, Stanley Frick, Priscilla Christensen, John Ryger, Diane Landon.

Order of Eastern Star Lily Chapter No. 135

After several meetings, much planning and many hopes during the early months of 1920, a charter was granted to Lily Chapter No. 135 O.E.S. in 1920. Ivy Chapter No. 25, Centerville, and Silver Star Chapter No. 117, Alcester, both participated in an exemplification of the ritualistic work for the new chapter. The charter members were: Sisters Mabel Steadman, Clara Burkhardt, Hazel Kemis, Orva Kundert, Burrd Ackley, Nellie Woodward, Mildred Nolan, Hazel Soderstrom, Kathrine Woodward, Bessie Boller, Louise Hoskins, Vera Woodward, and

Brothers Jesse B. Burkhardt, Fred Boller, Floyd Steadman and Frank Hoskins.

Sister Mabel Steadman was the first Worthy Matron and Brother Jesse Burkhardt the first Worthy Patron.

Regular meetings were held twice monthly, and as affiliations and initiations of members were numerous, special meetings were held often. At the close of 1920, membership had reached 34, and at the close of 1921 there were 74 members.

Lily Chapter has continued as an active organization for these 63 years. There was a change in 1933 to having stated meetings only once a month. Participation in the activities and in the plans and programs of the Grand Chapter of South Dakota has always held a high priority in Lily Chapter.

Honor has been accorded our Chapter from time to time by having a member as part of the Grand Family: Sister Hazel Soderstrom as Grand Organist, Sister Ada Gardner served as Grand Adah, Sister Lorene Krug, Grand Chaplain, Sister Beryl Blankenburg, Grand Ruth; Sister Evelyn Hogen, Grand Ruth; Sister Marion Ryger, Grand Organist and John Ryger, Assistant Grand Organist.

Those honored by receiving appointments by the Worthy Grand Matrons as Grand Representatives in South Dakota were: Florence Tuller, Marguerite Frieberg, Lucile Bergman, Mildred Cotton, Lillian Tornberg, Diane Landon, Joelle Stuessi and Lucille Mangan.

Some members serve on Grand Chapter Committees and as Pages and Sentinels. Delegates, usually the Worthy Matron, have regularly attended the Grand Chapter sessions. Our Chapter has supported the Eastern Star Home in Redfield and Eastern Star Training Awards for Religious Leadership and a project for gifts to students for church and social work study.

The official visit of one of the four top officers of the Grand Chapter has been a highlight each year. The school of instruction held at that time has been beneficial to all.

Our "friendship" nights when we invite our neighboring chapters as guests have been most enriching. Two especially interesting meetings held were: Bethel of Jobs Daughters in Sioux Falls coming to our Chapter to put on their Initiation with Nancy Ryger as their candidate in 1965 and the Rainbow Girls of Sioux City Assembly No. 26 exemplified the Rainbow work for Chapters in 1980.

The financial records of any organization are interesting and revealing and this is true of Lily Chapter. A piano and ritualistic equipment were purchased early in the life of the Chapter with borrowed money. As the years passed, borrowing was no longer necessary, but fundraising by various means is part of our history. Dinners for Lions Club, other organizations, bake sales, card parties, charity ball, basket socials, a "yard of pennies," and a "bakerless" bake sale are some of the fundraising activities.

These monies have been used for improving the Chapter room and for the benefit of many groups outside the Chapter. We find very few recipients of early years still part of our yearly gifts. Recipients have been the Shrine Hospital, the International Temple Fund and the South Dakota Children's Home. Other needs through the years have been with gifts to ESTARL, to our Eastern Star Home, Abbot House, Red Cross, Polio Fund, Cancer Research, Christmas Seals Retarded Children's Fund, Mental Health Fund, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Junior-Senior Prom, the City Library, Leonard Arends Fund, Meals On Wheels and Beresford Centennial Commission.

Cooperation with the Masonic Lodge has always been outstanding. The use of the Temple for all our meetings all these years is greatly appreciated. Joint installation of officers with the Masons have been held most years with open meetings and a social meeting for all. Dinners, picnics, card parties, fun nights, and other social events with the Masons have highlighted the years.

P. T. A.

Beresford's first Parent Teacher's Association was organized in 1920. Mrs. Burrd Ackley was elected president and served six years before moving away. Mrs. C. L. Kemis then became the president.

The organization provided a place for teachers and parents to become better acquainted and discuss the proper rearing and educating of young children. Various school improvements were encouraged, such as playground equipment and electric lighting for school grounds. Free dental and medical examinations were sponsored.

The original P.T.A. later disbanded and in 1954 the Twentieth Century Study Club sponsored the reorganization of a Parent Teacher's Association. The organization proved to be a valuable asset to the school and community. The six meetings held each year proved informative and inspirational.

Projects of the group included the sponsoring of polio vaccination clinic, funds for band uniforms and choir gowns. Expenses for delegates attending district and state conventions were paid. Citations were received each year for membership increases.

After the 1960's the organization became inactive and in 1981 the Parent Teacher's Association reorganized with 62 members. The officers elected were: Vikki Rehder, President; Bud Webber, President-elect; Eileen Elverson, Vice President; Lois Lounsbery, Secretary and Bev Stiles, Treasurer.

The first year's programs revolved around self-growth themes. Four meetings discussed wellness, how the food we eat affects children, how to manage stress in relation to children and followed by a summary given by the students in the Gifted Program in grades five to eight.

The group held a bake sale to raise money for a student scholarship. Grant Graverson was given the $150 scholarship.

Later programs have included an open house to meet the teachers and a family fun night. There was also a program on educational rights and responsibilities of parents and communication.

Top row: Mrs. Esther Leach, Mrs. Schofield, Mrs. Richard Arioso, Mrs. Luther Whitlow, Mrs. Henry Casavant, Mrs. Huffsmith, Mrs. Will Watson, Mrs. Wilbur Lane; third row: Mrs. David Rhea, Mrs. George Collings, Mrs. Darrow, Mrs. Will Frinkman, Mrs. Dempsey Whitlow, Mrs. Lawrence Lowery, Mrs. Nels Johnson, Mrs. Preston Glidden; second row: Mrs. Abraham Dann, Mrs. Sam Keller, Mrs. George Skinner, Mrs. Lowery, Mrs. Dan Koon; bottom row: Mrs. Arthur Dann, Mrs. Amos Lane, Mrs. Jamison, Mrs. George Dann, Mrs. Milton Hammond.

Pioneer Ladies Aid

Pioneer Ladies Aid, one of the oldest continuous women's organizations in the Beresford community, is still serving the area although the church it represents has been gone for many years.

Formed in 1893, the women purchased the cornerstone for People's Union Church in 1893 with money they earned selling homemade ice cream at socials. The church was used for services by at least three different denominations. In 1894 the Aid was divided into Pioneer Woman's Missionary Society and the Union Pioneer Aid Society, each working to assist different congregations. The Aids were later reunited and took the original name, Pioneer Ladies Aid.

Each year the women had a Thanksgiving dinner, serving fried chicken, potatoes, salad, vegetables and pie for 25 cents per person. Throughout the year they worked on fancy

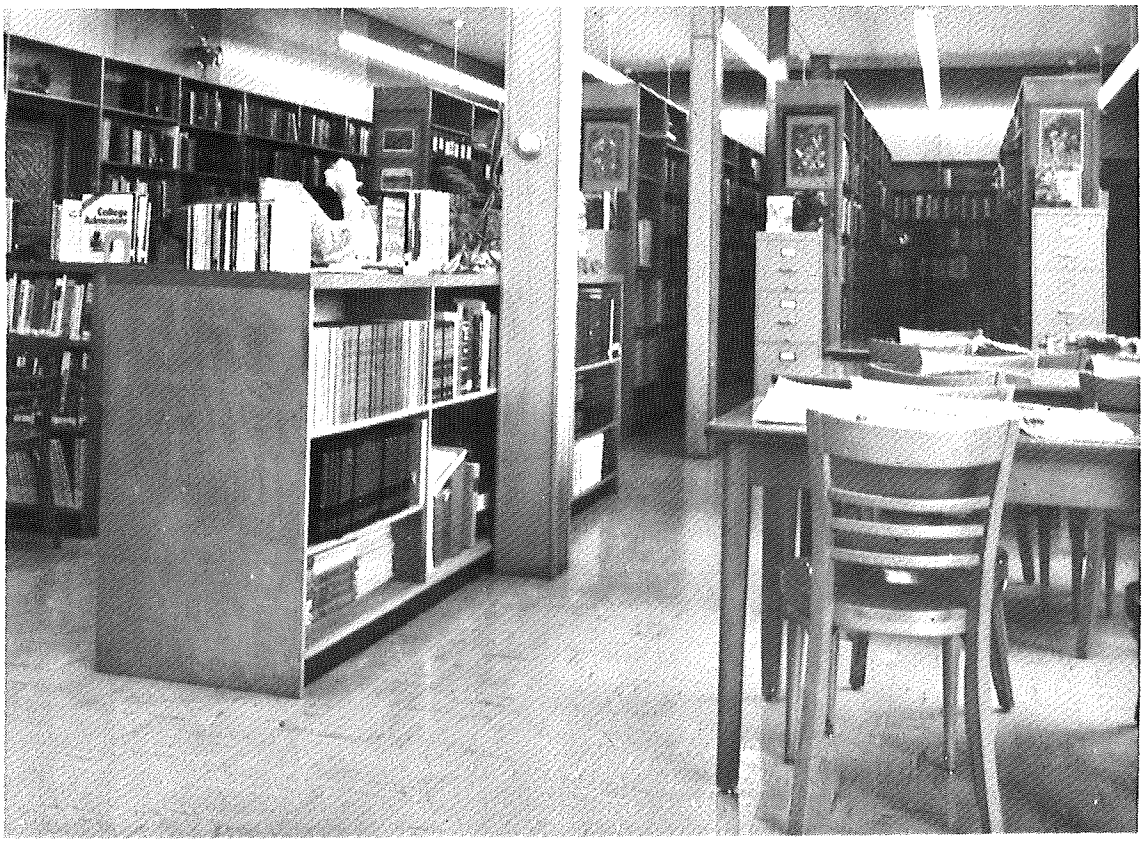
sewing pieces which they sold at a winter picnic and bazaar.

By 1930, separate churches had been built by denominations once using the People's Union Church. The building was dismantled and the lumber salvaged. The women have continued their work and maintain the Pioneer Cemetery and aid those in the community needing assistance. They also contribute to different charities and organizations.

Their efforts have financed landscaping and fencing for the Pioneer Cemetery seven miles north of Beresford. The servicemen are remembered, also the ill and shut-ins in the neighborhood. A bazaar is held in the fall of each year and proceeds from this are used for the above mentioned projects.

Members belong to many different churches in the Beresford area, but continue through this Aid to offer service wherever it is needed.

Present officers are: Mrs. G. Edward Johnson, President; Mrs. Ralph Lounsbery, Vice President; Mrs. Carl Miller, Secretary; Mrs. John Rehder, Treasurer.



Public Library

The Beresford Public Library was started by the Beresford Study Club, a Federated Club which is still in existence, and later taken over by the city.

In 1923 the Study Club appointed a committee to plan and arrange for a library. The committee was made up of Mrs. A. S. Colby, Mrs. R. P. Sundstrom and Mrs. A. S. Severson. The first contribution came from a book shower of some forty volumes, both reference and fictional. Then the public was solicited and added 100 books. Later a $100 donation, a doughnut sale that netted $32.50, a French play that added $7.00, a contribution of $18.70 from W.C.T.U. and a Tag Day added to the fund. The first book was purchased in 1923. A bank failure in 1924 wiped out the hard-earned funds so the Library Board solicited help from the city. In December the Board was informed that the city would take over the institution, giving the library a $20 monthly allowance. In 1927 the allowance was increased to $40 per month. In 1950, $200 a month was appropriated.

The original library was housed in a small room in the southwest corner of the second floor of the fire station which is now a law office. In 1959 there were approximately 10,000 volumes classified under the Dewey Decimal

system. At that time reading tables were added.

Plans were started for a new library building to be housed in the old Post Office building. Culmination of plans brought various donations from O.E.S., Lion's Club, Union County Commission, City and Federal aid. The books were moved to the new location with the assistance of the local Boy Scouts in 1963. Mrs. Roscoe Frieberg was librarian at that time. Now began the adding of all media, such as talking books, film strips, movie projector, etc. The new library opened in August, 1963.

Very soon the library became overcrowded and plans were underway for remodeling. After much thought a Youth Library was planned in 1972 to house the books for youth in the basement. Carpeting, tables, chairs, etc. were necessary and Open House was held in 1973. Mrs. Lowell Hogen was librarian at this time.

The four Federated Study Clubs of the community have made several contributions to the library, the last of these being a microfilm projector and microfilm of all available local newspapers of the past years.

The budget for 1982 was $22,000. There are approximately 20,000 books and much media.

The Library has been instrumental in having a Senior Craft Show, Afghan Show, Summer Reading Programs each year for youth, and pre-school story hours.

In addition to the many citizens who helped project the library there are five board members who volunteer their time for regular monthly meetings.

Librarians who have served from the beginning to the present time are: Mrs. J. W. Reedy, 1923-1924; Mrs. Lester Martelle, 1924; Mrs. A. S. Severson with helper Mrs. Ray Martelle, 1929-1955; Mrs. Roscoe Frieberg, 1955-1972; Mrs. Lowell Hogen, 1972 and presently serving. Children's librarians have been Mrs. Marion Cleland, 1973-1974; Mrs. Carroll Hansen, 1974-1980 and Mrs. Dale Leonard, 1980 and presently serving.

The library is open to the public Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2 to 5 and in the evening from 7 to 9. On Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m. and 2 to 5 p.m.

Rebekah Lodge No. 40

Beresford's first Rebekah Lodge was organized February 25, 1896, but disbanded December 18, 1912. Through the efforts of Dr. Dietz, the Lodge was again organized December 29, 1925 in ceremonies conducted by the Grand Master, Assembly president and officers of the Centerville Rebekah Lodge. Charter members included Mary Pierce, Amanda Johnson, Ole Wevik, Charles Nielson, Bert Hustrulid, Ruth Hustrulid, Jacob Tschudy, Emil Tschudy, John Williams, Ed Larson, Vera Larson, Jay Gifford, Ida Gifford, John Raabe, Ida Raabe, Dr. Dietze and Hattie Wickstrom. As of this writing Hattie Wickstrom, who lives at Bethesda Home, is the only living member and was 99 years old in December, 1982.

Mary Anderson, Agnes Milliken, Elda Hanson and Lloyd Wass. Officers not pictured: Lily Belfrage, Vanice Landon, Grace Nelson, Eden Hustrulid, Leona Larson and Mabel Richards.

The Rebekah membership at this time is 21. Elda Hanson is Noble Grand, Agnes Milliken, Secretary. The members meet in their homes for their meetings on the second and fourth Monday afternoons each month except July and August.

Rebekah Lodge No. 40 was hostess to the District 12 meeting April 13, 1982. Thirty-four members were present.

The Charter was draped for four sisters lost by death in 1982—Mabel Cornish, Gladys Duncan Brown, Rose Wass and Ida Henle.

There have been 35 Noble Grands, namely: Ida Gifford, Vera Larson, Flo Hayeland, Ellen Strom, Eva Ostenson, Edna Lane, Mabel Cornish, Vera Clay, Agnes Ryger, Ida Johnson, Alfreda Tschudy, Minnie Blumer, Zola O'Daniels, Gladys Brown, Amanda Johnson, Ruth Hustrulid, Myrtle Tschudy, Rose Wass, Hattie Ridge, Blanche Olson, Edna Schmid, Tillie Ende, Emma Peterson, Amy Smith, Ida Henle, Elsie Hayeland, Hattie Wickstrom, Evangeline Glidden, Grace Blumer, Evanda Peterson, Hazelle Clay, Amy Rasmussen, Vanice Landon, Eden Hustrulid, Leona Larson, Irene Carnes,

Amy Meyer, Grace Nelson, Mabel Clay, Mabel Richards, Francis Hoffman, Agnes Milliken, Mary Anderson, Elda Hanson and Donna Kamm.

Back row: Agnes Quinn, Carmen McCormik, Ruth Finnie, Marie Muhlenkort, Lois St. Pierre, Thelma Larson, Florence Hoffman, Gladys Gubbrud, Eleanor Cable, Geraldine Bovill, Clarice Yttreness; front row: Nine Peterson, Marian Sternquist, Esther Albin, Minna Smith, Violet Jacobs, Grace Nelson, Mary Corey, Mary Farley.

Retired Teachers Association

The National Retired Teachers Association was organized in 1947 by Dr. Ethel Percy of Los Angeles, California. All the states have state associations. The South Dakota Association is divided into 29 smaller areas. Beresford and surrounding territory are in the Southeast Area. This area was organized in 1973. Other localities in this area are Vermillion, Volin, Wakonda, Elk Point, Alcester and Centerville.

The Southeast Area meets six times a year during the months of September, October, November, February, March and April. The meeting places are either Vermillion or Beresford. Some areas have monthly meetings.

Programs are based on educational topics. The year closes with a State Convention in Pierre during May. This area has had as many as a hundred members during the year.

Royal Neighbors of America

The Beresford Royal Neighbors of Evening Star Camp 8441 was instituted in 1918 by District Deputy Nellie Canada in the I.O.O.F. Hall. There were 38 ladies who joined at that time. The charter members were: Louisa Bergren, Bessie Boller, Kathryn Bulow, Ella Colby, Daisy Dewey, Mary Dewey, Eva Elliot, Gertrude Elliot, Anna Gard, Alma Gard, Margaret Gardner, Millie Headly, Gladys Hoskins, Clara Jacobson, Johanna Keller, Orva Kundert, Mattie Moilvenna, Eikyl Morean, Clara Morrison, Ada Nelson, Florence Newell, Kathryn Norelins, Anna Oakes, Mary Olson, Amanda Reedy, Edith Riley, May Riley, Mary Scannell, Rose Smith, Hazel Soderstrom, Maye Toomey, Dorothy Toomey, Mamie Toomey, Margaret Toomey, Matilda Torderson, Marie Ullman, Cora Vangsness and Hattie Wickstrom. At this writing only three charter members are living. Hattie Wickstrom, who will be 100 years old in 1983, is living at Bethesda Home. Mamie Toomey is living in her own home. Alma Gard, now Alma Crowningshield, lives in Beresford.

The Royal Neighbors of America is a Frater-

nal Insurance for men, women and children. It is celebrating its 88th anniversary in 1983. The headquarters are located at Rock Island, Illinois. There is a Royal Neighbor Home for aged members who might otherwise face the sunset of life homeless and alone. This is a beautiful home located high on a bluff overlooking the Mississippi River at Davenport, Iowa.

The Royal Neighbors give scholarships to students wishing to go to college but unable to afford it. They also furnish seeing eye dogs for the blind who need help, as well as helping those with hearing problems.

The Beresford Royal Neighbor Camp 8441 has a membership of 206 at the present time. The present officers are: Mrs. Agnes Quinn, Oracle; Mrs. Theresa Fitzgerald, Past Oracle; Mrs. Bessie Keffer, Vice Oracle; Mrs. Mabel Jensen, Chancellor; Mrs. Agnes Milliken, Recorder; Mrs. Eleanor Dunne, Treasurer; Mrs. Bernadine VanHecke, Marshal; Mrs. Marjorie Uecker, Assistant Marshal; Mrs. Lucy Farley, Inner Sentinel; Mrs. Irene Newbold, Outer Sentinel; Mrs. Ann Foisey, Flag Bearer; Mrs. Cecilia Tooley, Musician and Mrs. Agnes Milliken has been Recorder for ten years.

Royal Neighbor members meet once a month in their homes.

Back row: Lloyd Wass, Peter Erickson, Hans Johnson, Ida Larsen, Agatha Rommereim, Donald Schmidt, Vi Gage, J. E. Voegeli; middle row: Ann Buthala, Effie Watkins, Mabel Jensen, Hattie O'Connor, Signe Hendrickson, Della Schmidt, June Neubold; front row: Mary Farley, Anna Erickson, Alma Crowningshield, Mary Weiland, Vivian Knutsen.

Senior Citizen's Center

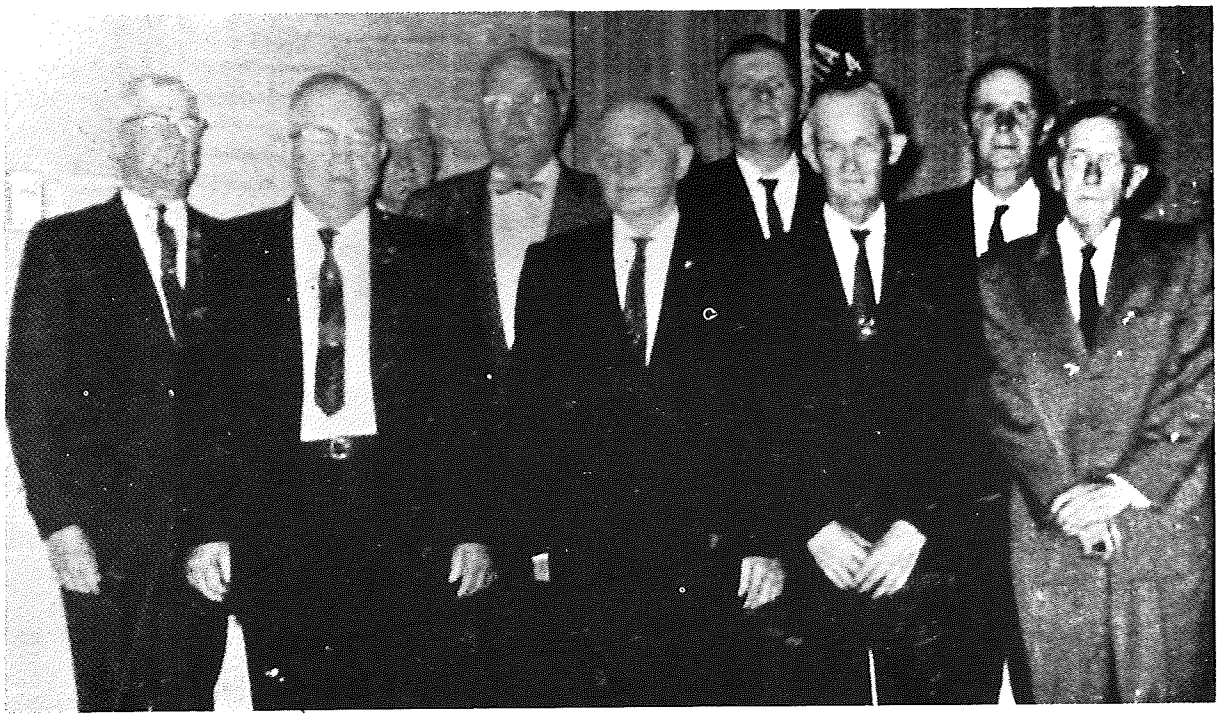
The Senior Citizen's Organization was started in July, 1972. The first meeting place was in the First National Bank basement. It was voted to rent the Modern Feed and Seed Store, now Beresford *Republic* building, for a permanent place to meet.

Some money, in the form of a grant, helped to get the organization started. Later, in 1976, a building was purchased from Messler Brothers. Business places and individuals gave donations so the building could be paid in full. Labor to improve the building was donated by members and in 1976 the organization was officially incorporated. There has been considerable increase in membership and activities over the past years.

A Nutrition Program was started in 1981. A government grant is received each year with volunteers working for the Center's share of the grant. Meals are served five days a week, Monday through Friday. An average of 60 people a day participate. Meals are delivered to the homebound with an average of 16 a day. Two Green Thumb workers, hosted by the Center, are responsible to deliver the shut-in meals and bring Seniors to the Center who have no transportation. This is a service for the community.

The county nurses come to the Center every three months for blood pressure checks. A Social Security representative comes the first Wednesday of each month to help anyone who may have a problem. The Center has made the necessary arrangements for the cheese give-away program.

Mike Saugstad was the first president when the group organized. He has been followed by John Voegeli, Mabel Jensen, Martin Meyers, Palmer Rusten and Vivian Knudsen.



Back row: Enoch Larsen, Fred Olsen, George Martinsen, Martin Klostergaard, Richard Jensen; front: Phillip Sundstrom, Nels Thompson, George Jacobsen, Wm. Behnke.

VFW Post No. 2975

The Veterans of Foreign Wars United Post No. 2975 of Beresford, South Dakota was formed in 1934 with Albert Meile their first commander.

Over the years the post home was in various locations—a building across from the present Beresford Lumber Company, the dugout, a basement on Third Street, the Odd Fellows Hall, the Muhlenkort building, and finally the present Post home on North Third Street. This large building is owned jointly with the American Legion and is much used by the entire community for meetings, dinners and dance.

Part of the V.F.W.'s creed is to "Honor the Dead by Helping the Living." This they do by keeping a good supply of hospital equipment, beds, wheel chairs, crutches, etc., available for use by the community.

The Legion sponsors Teener Ball, Cub Scouts and makes many donations to worthy charities and community projects.

The Post has 175 members with Don Merriman their present commander. All eligible veterans are invited to join the Post and lend a hand in making our community a better place to live and raise our families.

Post commanders have been A. E. Meile, Joe Edman, Axel Nelson, Merle Costar, Nels Thompson, Max West, Herb Mangels, Wes Sundstrom, Clifton Johnson, Doug Nygaard,

Don Merriman, James Stoner, Glenn Bovill, Bob Willems, Dale Farley, Wayne Hustrulid, Oliver Hustrulid, Earl Williams, Bill Muller (two years), Al Ottmar (two years), Palmer Hustrulid, Tom Chalcraft, Leo Jensen, Shernold Anderson, Marlin Haggestad, Bill Muller and Don Merriman.

Back row: June Goodwin, Viola Jensen, Inez Hult, Marie Schumacher, Mary Anderson, Ardis Thormodsgaard, Mary Hustrulid, Rose Fitzgerald, Veronica Muller; middle row: Marion Neuroth, Pat Messler, Lucy Farley, Vivian Knudsen, Agnes Suing, Roberta Johnson, Margaret Jacobson, Bernadine VanHeck, Carol Speich; seated: Valonta Cleland, Eleanor Dunn, Cecelia Tooley, Elaine Merriman, Mary Farley.

VFW Auxiliary Post No. 2975

Charter Members

Back row: Signe Olsen, Hazel Klostergaard, Elsie Dahl, Margaret Jacobson, Mabel Jensen; front row: Bessie Keffer, Martha Peterson, Loretta Meile, Hattie Thompson and Mattie Anderson.

The Ladies Auxiliary of United Post No. 2975 of Beresford was organized in 1934 at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Max West. Those taking part in the installation of this Auxiliary were from Sioux Falls, and Yankton, S.D. Mrs. Loretta Meile was the president. She held this office for three consecutive years. Other officers were: Mrs. Bette West, Vice President; Mrs. Grace Bedard, Junior Vice President; Mrs. Max Swedelson, Treasurer; Mrs. Estelle Jordon, Chaplain; Mrs. Bessie Keffer, Conductress; Mrs. Margaret Jacobson, Guard; Mrs. Hazel Klostergaard, Mrs. Clara Sundstrom and Mrs. Christine Kirkebak, Trustees; Mrs. Mattie Anderson, Patriotic Instructor; Mrs. Elsie Dahl, Musician and Historian; Mrs. Martha Peterson, Secretary.

There were 19 members installed, all from Beresford. Meetings were held in the homes. The Auxiliary has had a membership of 215 members. The present membership is 106.

The Auxiliary is very active, participating in community work, hospital work, Cancer, Heart and United Fund drives, Loyalty Day, Poppy

Day, Christmas treats for shut-ins, Meals On Wheels, Girl Scouts, National Funds and Department Funds. Help is offered to families of veterans when there is a death.

The organization held the department encampment in 1936.

Back row: Ralph Mangan, Oliver Jacobson, Jake Jacobson, Tom Ryan, Jake Voegeli; middle row: Andy Merrigan, Nels Frieberg, Fred Armour, Tom Farley, Oscar Hagen; front row: Tom Voegeli, Mark Mangan, Holly Birnie, Larence Fundingsland, George Adams, Chas. Sundling.

Volunteer Fire Department

The Beresford Volunteer Fire Company was formed in 1899 with 32 charter members. They were: J. M. Brady, G. L. Oakes, John Birnie, John Sundling, John Adams, Jake Voegeli, C. G. Seaman, G. Anderson, Jake Jacobson, W. E. Ford, Wm. C. O'Reily, Wm. Brady, E. W. Field, Hans Haugen, A. S. Severson, Robert O'Reilly, Jere Toomey, Lauritz Fundingsland, Ed. Venard, L. C. Woodward, M. V. Chapin, D. A. Stephon, R. E. Mangan, Jess Porter, Anthony Gandrau, Frank Thompson, J. J. Reedy, A. F. Crandall, H. Claussen, J. W. Woodward, H. C. Omvig and Chas. Kerr.

The name was eventually changed to Beresford Volunteer Fire Department. To cover the costs of starting a new fire company, the City of Beresford donated $50 and a benefit dance raised $46.35. The first expenditures were $17.00 for four rubber coats and $13.00 for four pair of rubber boots.

Equipment records are sketchy for the early years, but later a decision was made to update equipment on a ten-year basis.

At the present time the fire department has nine vehicles, two pumpers, two 1,500-gallon tankers, all of which are less than ten years old. There are four military type vehicles on loan from the Forestry Service for use on grassland fires and protection of the area State parks. The present rescue unit was built by the firemen at a considerable savings. It is equipped with the latest of lifesaving tools and communication.

The original fire station, located at 119 West Main, was used for over 60 years until lack of space forced a move. The city building across from the present fire station served for a few years until, again, space problems forced a move to the present location. The station now has been totally remodeled and insulated by

the firemen who donated their time.

The Department averages 482 hours a year fighting fires and an average of 800 hours is spent in training each year by the members. In addition to monthly meetings, most participate in local, district and state fire schools to learn the latest fire-fighting techniques.

The Department places high in evolution contests held at various schools. They have placed first in state competition many years. The firemen's wives have also been winners in evolution contests.

Fire chiefs throughout the years have been: Hans Haugen, John Birnie, R. E. Mangan, Otto Rasmussen, G. W. Watson, W. E. Bussler, George Skaff, Bert Nordtvedt, Richard Hayeland, Albert Meile, Ragner Ostenson, Stanley Fillingsness, Dan Cotton, Jr. and Tarzan Mullinix.

The current roster of members includes the following: Richard Lingberg, Dan Cotton Jr., Ralph Messler, Tom Nordquist, Tubby Carlson, Jerry Strand, Russel Hinkel, Ollie Lundquist, Bill DeLay, Bob Strand, Percy Mohr, Dennis Graverson, Lloyd Peterson, Dennis Hedeen, Lynn Ellis, Gary Johnson, Tom Cotton, Jerry Fray, Tarzan Mullinix, Larry Fields, Bob Kast, Mike Carlson, Ben Robertson, Larry Muller, Geoff Merriman, Larry Olson, Lynn Hoffer, Lonnie Merriman, Tom Erickson, Scott Kunselman. Elmer Duerst held the longest continuous membership.

Present officers are: Tarzan Mullinix, Chief; Ollie Lundquist and Russel Hinkel, Assistant Chiefs; Ben Robertson, Secretary-Treasurer. Captains of units are: Bob Strand, Bill DeLay, Tom Cotton, Percy Mohr, Tubby Carlson, Dennis Graverson and Lloyd Peterson.

The continued enthusiasm of the men in the Department, the support of their families, the best equipment possible, and the support of the community should enable the Department to maintain its high standards.

Mary Lore Sletvold, first matron, and first children of Bethesda Children's Home.

Bethesda Children's Home

Bethesda Children's Home was founded and built in 1896 by the Hauge Norwegian Lutheran Synod. Because of the efforts of T. L. Torgerson, Halvor Jacobsen and the Rev. Gunder L. Graven, the need for a home for orphaned children was brought to the attention of the

Synod's circuit meeting in February, 1896 at Newman Grove, Nebraska. From this meeting a committee was formed to determine the strength of the interest and the amount of money that could be raised. The response was tremendous both from within the Synod and from those not affiliated with it. The people of Beresford pledged almost half the money raised and each of two couples gave ten acres of land as a building site. The couples were Mr. and Mrs. Donahue and Mr. and Mrs. C. Byrnes.

The building program proceeded with the dedication of the building in September, 1897 and the care of orphans began in October, 1897. Miss Mary Lohre was elected the first matron of the home and was assisted by her father and J. P. Langbak. The first school teacher was Mrs. Bena Sinclair.

During the first 50 years, the orphanage cared for over 500 boys and girls. In 1952, a transfer was made to a new building. In conjunction with the new physical facility there began the transition to a new program. There was no longer a need for an orphanage as the values of society changed. There was a need to provide assistance to children and youth in rebuilding their young lives. This assistance has continued up to the present day. Since 1968, Bethesda Children's Home (Woodfield Center) has been owned and operated by Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota. During the 87 years of its operation, Bethesda has provided care for over 1,100 children.

Signe Hendrickson, Esther Aamot, Shirley Johnson, Bertha Nelson, Edna Larsen, Hulda Hemming. Absent: Ruth Fahlberg, Freda Holmes, Hannah Lerseth, Anna Lykken, Adela Jackson, Viola Swenson and Helen Johnson.

Woman's Christian Temperance Union

In 1896, the W.C.T.U. was organized by Col. C. J. Holt with the objective of the Union to educate public sentiment up to the standard of total abstinence, train the young, save the inebriate and secure the legal prohibition and complete banishment of the liquor traffic.

There were 52 charter members. By 1911 the membership was down to 22. The first officers were: Mrs. Caroline Jamison, President; Mrs. H. A. Lanner, Vice President; Mrs. A. M. Sinclair, Treasurer; Mrs. E. Sequin, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. N. S. Leake, Recording Secretary; Mrs. Edna Dann, Superintendent of Flowers; Mrs. H. Thurston, Mrs. E. Meachans, Mrs. Lena Torgeson and Mrs. J. Peterson, Representatives.

Meetings were held on Wednesday afternoon of each week. The first meeting of each month was devoted to business of the Union. Each year a different subject was studied and pursued. The year 1917 was devoted to serving the Red Cross. There were 37 members in 1928, but

there were no further records until 1945 when Mrs. Rahima Farnsworth of Evanston, Ill. reorganized the W.C.T.U. She presented the need for working against the evils of liquor. Mrs. Mallie Yttreness was elected president. Mrs. Mabelle Fillingsness, Mrs. Margaret Jacobson, Mrs. H. Claussen, Mrs. Anna Johnson, Mrs. Chester Merril also served as presidents, and since 1967 Mrs. Edna Larson has served as the president.

Meetings are opened with prayer and salute to the American, Christian and Temperance flags. There is a theme for study each year with nine meetings in the year.

Some of the many projects have been: cheer baskets each year to the needy and shut-in at Christmas, visits to nursing homes and serving lunches, distribution of leaflets and other materials on dangers of alcohol, dope and tobacco to youth and churches, youth Temperance Day Camp, scrapbooks to hospitals and children's homes. The Union has helped in financing a booth at the State Fair, in the purchasing of flags for a Christian school in Canistota, its own Centennial Fund, and the Francis Williard and Lillian Stevens funds.

Temperance tapes and films are supplied to churches and schools. The Woman's Christian Temperance Union is an organization of Christian women banded together for the protection of the home, the abolition of the liquor traffic and the triumph of Christ's Golden Rule in custom and in law.

Present members include: Helen Johnson, Ruth Fahlberg, Freda Holmes, Hannah Lerseth, Mrs. John Lykken, Mrs. Ardell Jackson, Bertha Nelson, Signe Hendrickson, Mrs. Lawrence Johnson, Mrs. Alvin Larson, Mrs. Viola Swenson and Mrs. Joe Hemming.

World War One Barrachs 2676

The Barrachs was instituted in 1962, along with the World War I Auxiliary. Their first meeting was held in the Legion Hall. Albert Meile of Madison installed the officers. The first commander was B. C. Gregerson of Sioux Falls. George Knudsen was the first quartermaster. Charter members were: B. C. Gregerson, George Knudsen, Martin Brekke, Arthur Gamberg, Gust Gylfe, Andrew Kirkebak, Joe Peterson, Cryder Larson, Arvid Sundlof, Max Swedelsen, Nels Thompson, Tom Ziemitz, Wm. Behnke, Minus Larson, Fred Clay, Charles McElroy, B. VanAnda, Peter James, Wm. Disbrow, Palmer Roe, Peter Erickson, Enoch Larson, Darrel Claussen, Clifford Lowman and Carl Lauxman.

The Barrachs meet at the same time as the auxiliary on the second Sunday of the month at the Senior Citizens Center. H. H. Hyronimus is the present Commander and Quartermaster.

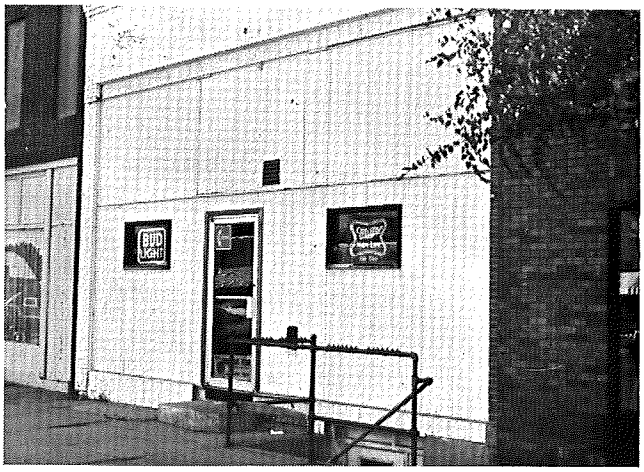
Barrachs Auxiliary

World War One Auxiliary to Barrachs 2676 was instituted in 1962. The first meeting was held at the Legion Hall. Mrs. Laura Ihman, Department President of Watertown, came and installed the Auxiliary officers. Officers were: Mrs. Vivian Knudsen, President; Mrs. Christine Kirkebak, Senior Vice President; Mrs. Hilda Brekke, Junior Vice President; Mrs. Olga Peterson, Treasurer; Mrs. Gertrude Behnke, Chaplain; Mrs. Olga Gregerson, Guard; Mrs. Esther Larson, Conductress; Mrs. Emma Gamberg, Secretary; Mrs. Mattie Anderson, Musician; Mrs. Vera Clay, Mrs. Signe Olsen, Mrs. Hattie Thompson, Trustees and Mrs. Mabel Zeimitz, Patriotic Instructor. Yearly dues were $2.50 and Auxiliary rituals 25 cents each. In 1964, Mrs. Agnes Milliken was elected president and has held that office since. The Auxiliary has a membership of 27 and holds its monthly meetings at the Senior Citizens Center.

Charter members were Mrs. Mattie Anderson, Mrs. Hilda Brekke, Mrs. Gertrude Behnke, Mrs. Vera Clay, Mrs. Alma Claussen, Mrs. Emma Gamberg, Mrs. Olga Gregerson, Mrs. Mabel Gylfe, Mrs. Bessie Keffer, Mrs. Vivian Knudsen, Mrs. Esther Larson, Mrs. Christine Kirkebak, Mrs. Mildred Nolan, Mrs. Agnes Muhlenkort, Mrs. Anna Neuroth, Mrs. Olga Peterson, Mrs. Amanda Sundlof, Mrs. Ann Swedelson, Mrs. Hattie Thompson and Mrs. Mabel Ziemitz.

The 1983 officers are: Mrs. Agnes Milliken, President; Mrs. Emma Gamberg, Senior Vice President; Mrs. Harriet Erickson, Junior Vice President; Mrs. Gertrude Behnke, Treasurer; Mrs. Hilda Brekke, Chaplain; Mrs. Mabel Jensen; Conductress; Mrs. Henrietta Hyronimus, Guard; Mrs. Ella Smith, Secretary; Mrs. Lucille Disbrow, Mrs. Elsie Dahl, Mrs. Genevieve Brockman, Trustees; Mrs. Florence Volden, Patriotic Instructor; Gertie Weeldreyer, Flag Bearer; Mrs. Kathryn Young, Josie Larson, Mrs. Olga Peterson, Mrs. Elizabeth Meredith, Color Bearers; Mrs. Ellen Matson, Musician.

Businesses



A. J.'s Tap

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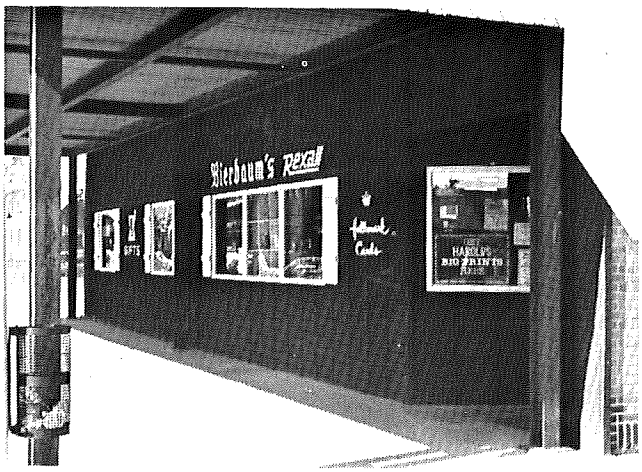
In August, 1982, Jim and Ann McGlaughlin moved from South Sioux City to purchase the tavern located at 105 South Third Street. This business had been vacant for some time, but previously it was known as the Kennel and was operated by Kenneth Amundson of Vermillion. Prior to this, the "pool hall" was known as L & L Recreation and was owned and operated by Jude and Phyllis Layher for a period of about 12 years. Before the Layhers, this place was owned and operated by Burdette and Helen Peterson, who were successors to Minor Peterson, Burdette's father. Burdette and Helen started Burt's Lounge after leaving the tavern and recreation hall.

The Petersons purchased the business in approximately 1955 from Henry A. Jones and his son, Merle. At that time the pool hall was in the basement of the old bowling alley, which is now a storehouse for Wass Furniture. Henry Jones had originally started his beer tavern and recreation room in 1940 in a wooden building where Haircuts Unlimited is today. Henry and his two sons, Earl and Merle, were partners until Earl eventually sold out his interest before the Petersons took over the business.

Prior to this building becoming a recreation room, it was home to the Argonne Cafe, operated by Frank Willison. Before the cafe, this building was a clothing, millinery and grocery store known as Jacobson and Peterson Mercantile Company. There was also a Jacobson and Peterson store in Alsen. The Beresford store went out of business in 1924, shortly after K & K came to Beresford.



Bierbaum Drug

Bierbaum Drug

Earliest records available indicate that a W. O. Foster set up shop as a druggist and jeweler in Beresford in April of 1884. Dr. A. V. Elliott was practicing in Beresford at that time, also. In 1896, the store was called Hammer and Elliott. By 1898, John August Larson (father of

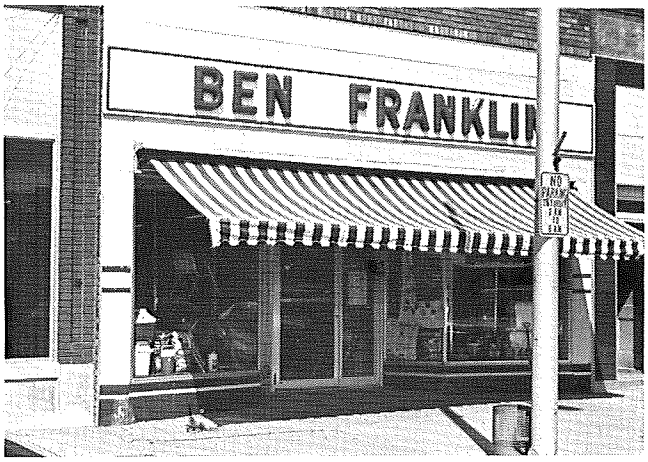
the late Judge Harold J. Larson) became a partner with Hammer. This partnership lasted until January, 1901, when Nels Frieberg joined forces with J. A. Larson to form Larson and Frieberg Drug Store. Nels was a brother to the late Roscoe Frieberg's father, August Frieberg. The store was then located where the Bersford Bakery now is, on the 100 block of North Third Street.

In 1905, George Bruehler finished pharmacy training at Highland Park College. In 1906, he went to work for Larson and Frieberg and, in 1911, became a partner with J. A. Larson. Then, on February 27, 1913, George's brother, Charlie Bruehler, entered the scene to form a partnership that lasted 45 years.

Bill Bierbaum, originally from New Ulm, Minn., and educated at SDSU, was employed as a pharmacist at Bruehler Drug. On August 1, 1958, Mr. Bierbaum bought out George Bruehler's interest to form Bruehler and Bierbaum Rexall Drug.

On February 9, 1967, Charlie Bruehler also retired and the store came to be known as Bierbaum Rexall Drug and was located at 119 North Third where the "Every Bloomin' Thing" now operates.

In January of 1979, Bierbaum Drug took up its new and larger residence at 100 North Third Street where it currently is today. The building, formerly housed Wally's Jack and Jill Grocery Store, a Council Oak Grocery Store, a National Foods Grocery Store, and Gantz Restaurant.



Ben Franklin Store

Ben Franklin Store

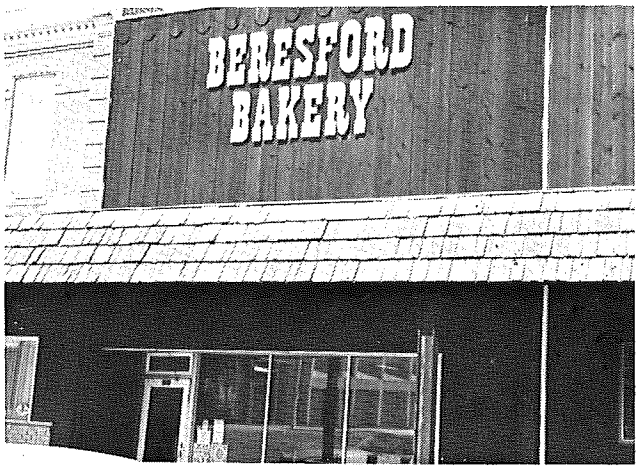
Judy and Richard Satiroff own and operate the Ben Franklin Store out of Lot 10 of Block 11 of the original plat of the City of Beresford. The Satiroffs purchased the lot and business known as Ben Franklin Variety Store in 1980 from Martin Weber, who had run the store for 23 years, dating back to 1957.

Prior to Weber, Wayne Merrick and Dale Moon were proprietors of Variety Stores.

Prior to a variety store, this lot was home to Jacobson Brothers Dry Goods Store, operated by Jake and Oliver Jacobson. The Jacobsons ran this business for many years. Before them, C. H. Jacobson (the father of Oliver and Jake) ran a men's clothing store with Harold W. Peterson. Prior to that, a Lorentz Hanson ran a general store from this location.

Martin Ebsen and his heirs owned this building for many years. The original purchaser of this lot from the Railroad's development company was David Stephen, who is known as Beresford's first merchant and whose original store was on the old First National Bank corner at Third and Main.

The upstairs portion of this building was rented out to several doctors over the years, including a Dr. Vangsness and Dr. L. A. Haug.



Beresford Bakery

Beresford Bakery

Gale and Mary Jane Strommer moved to Beresford on January 3, 1970 and opened the Beresford Bakery on January 8, 1970.

Previous owners and operators of the Beresford Bakery over the years were: Ralph Jensen and Cole Conklin (1968-1969), John Schlup (1968), Robert Williams (1965-1968) and Don and Inga Thickett (1952-1965).

For the bulk of its history prior to 1952, this building was a drug store, although it was vacant for some time and was once a cafe and variety store.

The following druggists operated out of this location prior to the turn of the century and

dating back to 1884: W. O. Foster, Dr. A. V. Elliot and a Mr. Hammer.

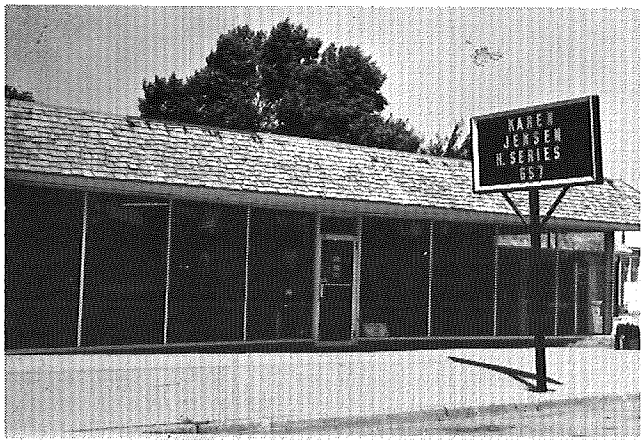
John August Larson, father of the late Union county judge, Harold J. Larson, became a partner of Hammer in 1888, which lasted until Nels Frieberg became a partner of J. A. Larson, which lasted until 1911 when Frieberg left Beresford to work in a bank in Fairfax, S.D. Nels Frieberg was a brother to the late Roscoe Frieberg.

In 1911, George Bruehler became a partner of J. A. Larson. In 1913, Charlie Bruehler came in the store and J. A. Larson retired and this store was home to Bruehler's Drug Store until they moved across the street to 119 N. Third, where Every Bloomin' Thing is now.

When Don and Inga Thickett came to Beresford from Minnesota in 1952, they gutted the structure and put in all new equipment. This business was appropriately named "The New Bakery".

Beresford actually had two bakeries with the New Bakery in operation in 1952, the other operated by Harold Holse for many years on a lot which now makes room for the First National Bank. Holse left Beresford in 1954 to open a bakery in Vermillion.

The Beresford Bakery lot was also home to the Miller Racket Store and Willison Tavern, as well as Kellner's Dry Cleaners.



Beresford Lanes

Beresford Lanes

The first alleys in the City of Beresford were in the basement of the building at 105 South Third Street (currently A. J.'s Tap) and there were only two alleys. The most popular game then was duck pins or five black, using three small balls per game.

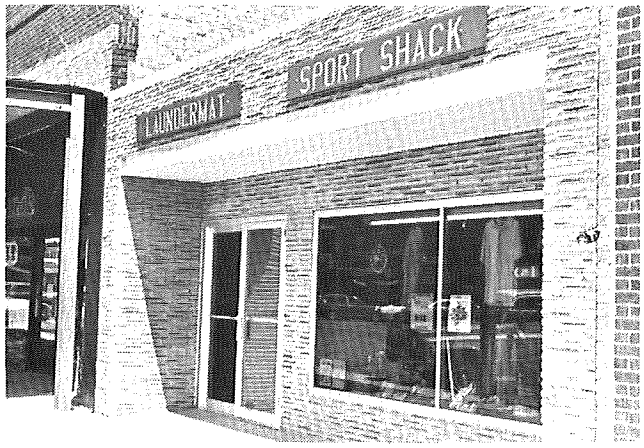
The first four-lane bowling alley was installed somewhere around the year 1943 by Heck and Bernice Mangels and was also in the building at 105 South Third. It was later sold to Leonard Price and he sold it to Ed Townsend of Sioux Falls. It was again sold to a firm in North Dakota at the end of the 1956-57 bowling season. The alleys were taken up and moved to North Dakota. These alleys had the semi-automatic pin setters by manual power.

The four alleys at 109 South Third Street were installed during the year of 1964 by John P. Johnson of Fargo, N.D. with automatic pin setters.

The first bowling leagues on these alleys were started after January 1965. John Johnson ran these alleys until March of 1968, when he sold them to Donald Schmidt. Donald Schmidt ran these alleys until January 1978 when he sold them to Donald Greenfield. These alleys were removed from the building in December, 1978.

During the summer of 1978, Don Greenfield built an eight-lane bowling center at 213 North Third in the former Wass Furniture Store. Leagues began there in September, 1978. Don Schmidt has been association secretary since leagues began in January, 1965.

High scores bowled since 1965 are: High team game, Paper Plate, January 3, 1983, 1051; High team scores, Coin Amusement, January 13, 1982, 3038; High individual game, Chuck Larson, September 28, 1978, 290; High series, Bob Strand, March 28, 1970, 724; High individual average composite, 1980-81 season, Jerry Fodness, 191.27; High team average, Pederson's Machine, 1978-79 season, 875.



Beresford Laundromat

Beresford Laundromat

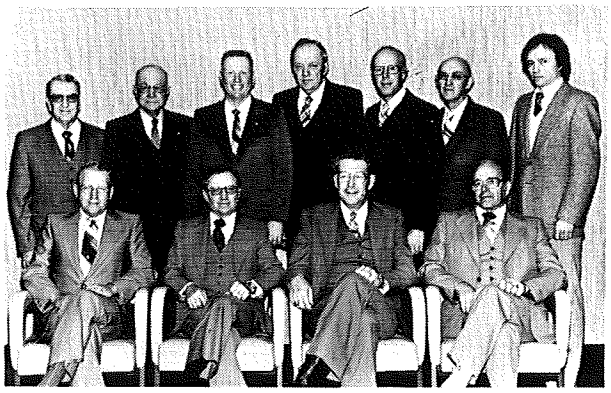
The plot of land the laundromat is on was patented in 1876 by then President U. S. Grant to Elie Ricard. In 1882, Ricard sold it to Charles

Kaucher. In 1883, Kaucher sold it to Western Town Lot Company. The following people since that time to present who have owned the property include: William Winker, Maria Winker, John S. Gardner, Frank Willison, Keith Willison, Charles Murphy, Richard and Judy Satiroff, Mary Ellen DeLay.

The actual laundromat business was moved in 1962 from part of the present Bierbaum building to its present location by Charles Murphy, now living in Vermillion. Mr. Murphy tore down an old wooden-framed tavern and built the present brick building. He then sold it to Dick and Judy Satiroff in 1970 and they sold it in 1980 to Richard Girard, Sr. and Jeff DeLay. Mr. Girard sold his share in 1981 to the present owners, Jeff and Mary Ellen DeLay.

The front portion of the laundromat was improved and converted into a flower shop called Every Bloomin' Thing in the 1970's. The flower shop was rebuilt when the building was sold to the present owners, the DeLays. This front portion of the laundromat is now home to the Sports Shack, operated by Jim Sorenson and Jim Babb, two Beresford High School coaches.

Prior to Charles Murphy's new building, this location was the site of Willison's Tavern for several years. Before that, John S. Gardner operated the Lobby Restaurant from this location.



Present Board of Directors

Beresford Lumber Company

A partnership of Andrew Bergstrom of Beresford and John P. Bergman of Flandreau established the Beresford Lumber Company on its present location in 1916.

Andrew Bergstrom started his career as manager of Ross Lumber Company, Erwin, S.D., and then was manager of the Standard Lumber Company at Tyler, Minn.

John P. Bergman, father of Lloyd and John Bergman, was owner-manager of the Independent Lumber Company in Flandreau, S.D. and held interest in lumber yards in several nearby towns.

Under Andrew Bergstrom's capable management, the Beresford Lumber Yard became a successful business establishment. His son, Aldin, worked for him until 1933 when he moved to DeSmet to enter business with his brother-in-law. At this time, Floyd Bergman moved to Beresford to replace him.

Mamie Toomey was employed as bookkeeper in the early years of the lumber yard.

Andrew Bergstrom worked steadily until failing health forced his retirement in 1943. Then his interest in Beresford Lumber Company was sold to the Bergman family. He died in 1944.

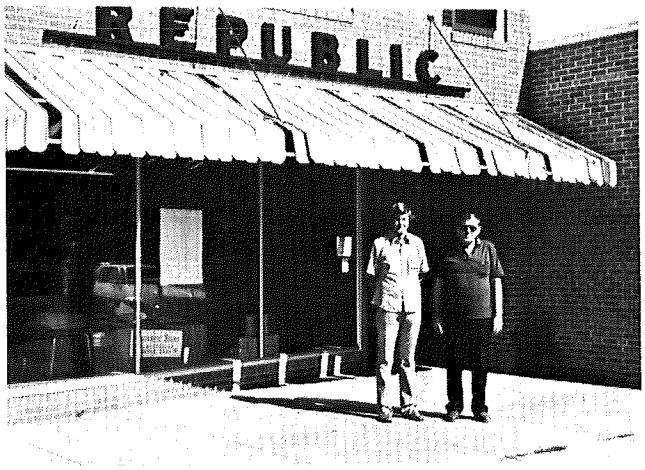
John K. Bergman joined Floyd Bergman in managing the lumber yard in 1946 after serving in World War II. A new office building was built in 1952 and, in 1964, Beresford Ready Mix was started. The lumber yard and ready mix were sold to Olson and Voss Construction Co. in July, 1977. Floyd moved to Arizona in 1978 where he died in 1982. John continues to make his home in Beresford. Olson and Voss sold the ready mix portion of the business to Don McManaman of Hawarden, Ia.

The lumber yard was incorporated in 1979 with Dennis Olson and his wife, Cathy, sole shareholders. In 1981, the lumber yard office was expanded to the east to accommodate a growing line of carpets, wallpaper and cabinets. Roy Hurd, Lyle Savey and Ray Tschudy work for Beresford Lumber Yard today.

The Beresford Republic

In the 1890's, the first Beresford newspaper, *The Beresford News,* was edited and published by John R. Carleton. A paper known as the *Union County Republican,* owned by a man named Stroud, was moved up from Elk Point, with Charlie Moore as editor. This new paper was about at the "end of its string" when Harry H. Sturges came from Vermillion to take charge. Later on, Harry associated his brother into the venture. Having made little money, Harry sold out his interests to his younger brother, H. A. Sturges, and moved back to Vermillion. Shortly thereafter, the name of the paper was changed to *The Beresford Republican.*

H. A. Sturges owned the paper for 27 years, during which he changed the name to *The Beresford Republic.* On August 3, 1925, Harold R. Carpenter of Sioux Falls purchased the paper;



The Beresford Republic

then on November 1, 1939, he sold it to Gail and Bo Nichols. On March 1, 1950, the Nichols sold the paper to Harvey Sweenes of Minneapolis. Sweenes had owned a paper in Minnesota and was working as a machinist for the *Minneapolis Star* when he bought the *Republic*. John and Bill Bross of Cameron, Mo. purchased the *Republic* on June 1, 1955. The father and son newspaper team had published the *O'Brien County Bell* at Primghar, Ia., and then the *Daily News Observer* at Cameron before making the Beresford purchase.

On January 1 of Beresford's Diamond Jubilee year, Edward W. Stearns, publisher of the *Inwood Herald,* and R. T. Gebbie, publisher of the *Hawarden Independent*, bought the *Republic* from John and Bill Bross. Stearns moved to Beresford to become editor and publisher of the *Republic* while Gebbie continued to publish the *Hawarden Independent.* Stearns was a 30-year veteran newspaperman, working the last 14 years in Inwood. He studied journalism at the University of Iowa, served as associate editor of *The Inwood Herald,* photo editor of *The Sioux Valley News* in Canton, and was a member of the *Sioux City Journal* news staff.

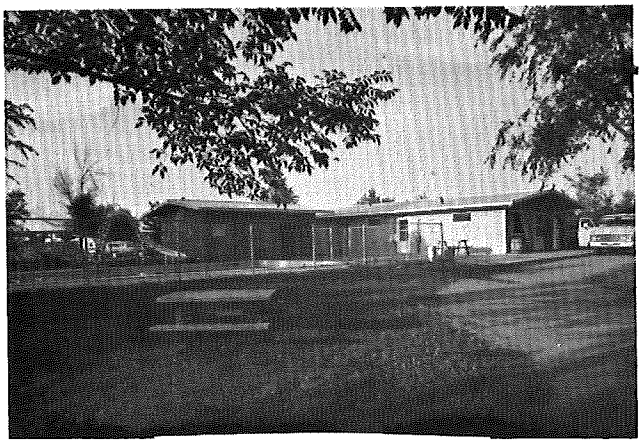
Stearns sold the newspaper to Jack Nelson of Miller on December 1, 1964. Nelson had been the advertising manager and assistant publisher of the *Miller Press* and had been a member of that staff since 1953. Nelson sold the *Beresford Republic* on May 1, 1978 to Dwayne Straw and Doug Hustrulid, both of Beresford. Straw came from Sioux Center, Iowa, where he had been employed at the *Sioux Center News* before joining the *Republic* staff in 1967. Hustrulid, a Beresford native, began his association with the *Republic* in 1970 while still in junior high, gaining his newspaper knowledge on-the-job.

Today's *Beresford Republic* has a circulation of 2,000, is the official Beresford school, city and Union county paper, as well as the official Beresford Centennial newspaper. The modern-day *Republic* is staffed by five people and utilizes photo-typesetting and offset printing.

The *Republic's* office is presently located in the 100 Block of South Third Street. This building was formerly occupied by the Senior Citizens Center, Jim Willey Insurance, O. S. Westberg Feed and Seed (1947-1973), John Remein, Wayne Feed Sales, Senator William Bulow (1907-1914), C. L. Hansen (1905-1907), Fredrich Rasmussen (1894-1905) and John Bruehler (1891-1894).

Western Campground The Good Times

Skip Rick of Lemmon and his wife, Kathy, of Jefferson, graduated from SDSU in 1953. Kathy came to Beresford in the fall of 1953 to teach Home Economics. When Skip returned from Korean duty, they were married in June, 1955. Skip had a job as Vet Ag instructor and Kathy taught school until their first child, Kerry, was born in January, 1957. Kathy taught one year after the baby was born and then "retired" for ten years from teaching, returning to teaching from 1969 to 1981. Skip had the Vet Ag job full



Beresford Western Campground

time until 1959, at which time the Ricks bought half interest in a clothing store with DeLoss Smith. This was named Smith-Rick Clothing. Later, the Ricks bought Smith's interest in the store and it became Rick's Clothing.

In 1972, the Ricks, in partnership with Roger and Marilyn Messler, bought the old Boy Scout

grove from Carl Nelson and constructed the Beresford Western Campground. Several years later the Ricks became sole owners and remain the current owners of the business located on South 13th Street.

In 1974, the Ricks sold their clothing store to Leland Klostergaard and purchased the Crossroads Motel from Vincent Swanson. Two years later, in 1976, they sold the motel back to Vince Swanson and are current owners of The Good Times, a pizza-pub specialty house, which was built and opened in May, 1980.

The Good Times

Their home is located south on 13th Street, built on the old Hemming farm in 1977. Children in this family are: Kerry Papendick (Lew), a graduate of SDSU and working as dietician in a Rapid City hospital; Karla, a graduate of SDSU in microbiology-medical technology, and completing her internship at Greeley, Colo.; Brian, a junior nursing student at SDSU, hoping to specialize in anesthesiology; and Mary Beth, 1982 BHS graduate with plans to enroll this fall at Black Hills State.

Beresford Veterinary Clinic

Dr. J. J. Trotter was the first veterinarian known to have practiced in Beresford. He was followed by Dr. Schneider, who later was followed by Dr. D. L. Cotton in 1918. The clinic was located at 110 West Cedar, the building adjacent to the present fire department building.

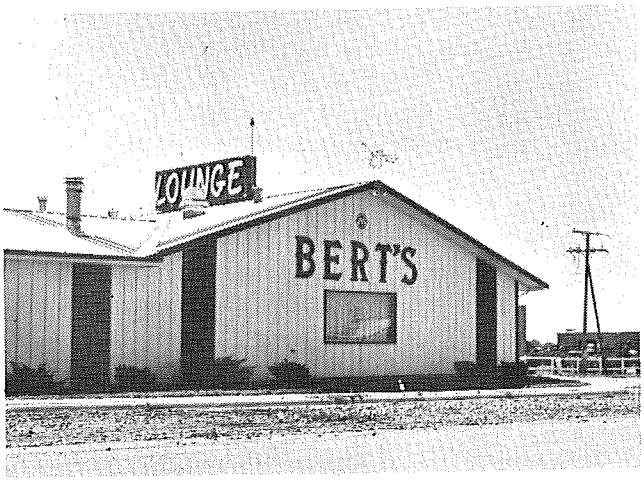
Dr. McCauley practiced with Dr. Cotton until 1934 when he moved to Tripp, S.D. Dr. F. V. Guindon joined Dr. Cotton in practice at Beresford in 1952. Dr. Cotton retired in 1963 after 45 years of practice. Dr. Cotton died in July of 1976.

Beresford Veterinary Clinic, LTD.

Dr. T. R. Cowan joined Dr. Guindon in 1963, and in 1969 Dr. L. L. Lounsbery joined the practice. In 1974, a new clinic was constructed along West Highway 46. Dr. Guindon retired from active practice in Beresford in 1976, the same year in which Dr. Eugene Nemechek joined the practice. Dr. Nemechek left the practice in 1978. Dr. Guindon now works as the State Veterinarian at the Sioux Falls Stockyards.

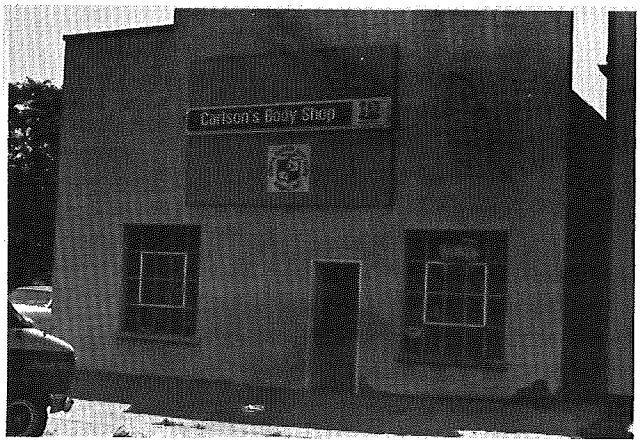
Dr. Cowan became disabled in October, 1978 for a period of nine months and eventually left the practice in 1980. Drs. Kline, Thompson and Tornberg worked in the practice in 1980. Drs. Kline, Thompson and Tornberg worked in the practice at various intervals from 1979 to 1981. Dr. Mark Pettit practiced with Dr. Lounsbery from June 1981 until May 1982, at which time Dr. Galen Weaver joined the practice. Some of the other veterinarians known through the years are C. L. Curtiss and a Dr. Maher.

Bert's Lounge



Bert's Lounge

Burdette and Helen Peterson started building Bert's Lounge in the year of 1971 and opened for business in May of 1972. After running the bar for five years, Helen sold the business to Darrel and Doty Weiland. The Weilands took over the bar in June of 1977. In August of 1978, Douglas Peterson added a steak house on the east side and ran it until June 30, 1980. The Weilands ran the bar until January 1, 1981, at which time they sold it to Gene Nelson and Arlene Waag. Gene and Arlene operated the bar until January 1, 1983, at which time Scott White and Sheila Nelson purchased the business and are still running it at the present time.



Carlson's Body Shop

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Carlson's Body Shop, owned and operated by Clarence "Tubby" Carlson and his son, Mike, is situated on Lots 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of Block 5 of the original plat of the City of Beresford. The Carlsons are engaged in auto repair, painting and auto reconstruction.

The building on Lots 4 and 5 were previously owned by L. M. Wass and used as a furniture storage area. Prior to that the building was owned by Ruth Boyle, Jerome Mangan, Thomas Brody, Ambrose Montange, Richard Reedy and Rock Chaquette.

Jerome Mangan was an attorney and had a law practice here. Later in his life, Jerome Mangan was county judge for Union county. Rock Chaquette, according to an early history of Beresford by newspaper publisher, H. A. Sturges, operated the first tavern in Beresford.

August Carlson worked out of this building at one time and was engaged in steam engine repair, windmill sales and well repair.

On Lots 1, 2 and 3, Peter Neuroth had a livestock stable from 1914 until he assigned the lots to S. S. Gustafson in 1939. Gustafson ran his business from this location until 1947 when he conveyed his interest in the lots to the Oil Cooperative Service Association of Beresford, who ran an oil products supply business until they traded lots with Floyd Landon across the street to the north in 1956.

Floyd and John Landon operated a Ford automobile franchise and farm implement dealership until 1961 when John Landon purchased his father's interest.

In 1968, Clarence Carlson purchased the three lots from Landon and moved his auto body repair and auto painting business into the building. Clarence had previously rented a portion of Dan Cotton's Chevrolet building on the West 100th Block of Hemlock Street for his business.

Christensen's IGA

Lauris and Francis Christensen had operated grocery stores in Irene and Wakonda before purchasing the R & J. Grocery from Roy and Jeanette Guinther on November 17, 1968. Lauris had learned the butcher trade as an employee of Morrell's in the early 40's. The building that housed the grocery is located on the corner of Third and Hemlock, where the Jensen Insurance

Christensen's IGA

Agency is now located. The lot and building were owned by Mrs. Marie Ullman and the Christensens rented the store from her. In the spring of 1972, Lauris and his wife, Francis, purchased two buildings owned by Earl White and at that time were rented by Bessie Keffer, who operated a variety store there from 1963-1972. They remodeled the two buildings, making one large store, and moved their grocery store there on July 25, 1972.

Craig Christensen, their son, came to work for

them in 1973 and remained with them until the Lauris Christensens retired on January 1, 1982 after 9½ years in Beresford. Craig and his wife, Cindy, purchased the business in 1982 and have celebrated their first anniversary in the business which was named Christensen's IGA and continues under that name.

The south building of these two structures now making up the grocery store was built by John Wass in 1899 and it is reportedly the first brick building erected in Beresford. This building was rented to the post office at $12.50 per month. After the post office, the south building was leased to H. B. Peterson for a clothing store and later a restaurant was in business there.

In 1926, Lloyd M. Wass remodeled this building into a funeral home. Wass Funeral Home remained in this south building until 1935 when the business was moved to the northeast corner of Third and Main Street.

The north building on this lot was originally constructed of wood and initially sat on the south lot. This wooden structure was moved to make way for the brick structure referred to above and was purchased by John Wass in the 1890's to make room for the Wass Furniture Company. John Wass and his family lived in the rear upstairs apartment and William Brady in the front apartment. The north building housed the furniture portion of John and Lloyd Wass' business enterprise until they moved from this location in 1935. It is noted that prior to 1926, when Lloyd converted the south building into a funeral home, much of the embalming and preparation was done at the home of the deceased person. Lloyd M. Wass was born in the north building in 1893.

After 1935, when the Wass family moved out, these two buildings were leased to the Council Oak Grocery Store which was operated from this location until Ed McManus, Leo Scheuring's father-in-law, started his Marshall Wells Hardware Store in the early 1940's.

Chuck's Clover Farm

Clarence and Tubby Carlson, son and grandson of A. B. Carlson, now deceased but a longtime Beresford resident, opened Chuck's Clover Farm in 1976 when they purchased the stock and fixtures which made up Al's Food Market from Al Ottmar.

Al Ottmar had purchaesd the lot and wooden building situated on it in the 1940's. Al demolished the wooden building and commenced to build and rebuild seven times before he ended up with the brick structure now known as Chuck's Clover Farm.

Chuck's Clover Farm

The store covers Lots 15 and 16 in Block 5 of the Original Plat of the City of Beresford.

Lot 15 had been a vacant lot for many years prior to Al's purchase, but Al and his wife, Bonnie, owned and operated the Sunshine Lunch and Diner on this lot for a few years. Martin Miller also had an interest in the diner.

The wooden building on Lot 16 was owned by the Stephen family who were the first merchants in Beresford.

This building also served as the home for the Beresford Telephone Company, owned and run by Maurice Ryan for a time. In 1924, the City of Beresford took over the telephone business. The Holmes family also owned this building.

The following individuals also operated grocery stores on this location prior to Al Ottmar: a Mrs. Wright, a Mrs. Bedard and Donald Thissel.

Clay - Union Rural Electric Cooperative

The electrical power cooperative known as Clay-Union Rural Electric, has been serving the area south and west of Beresford since July 15, 1939, when the farm place owned by J. E. Rasmussen in Glenwood township was energized. Clay-Union was the first electrical power cooperative to be organized in South Dakota under the auspices of the Rural Electrification Administration and the Rural Electrification Act of 1936.

Sixteen men met in 1935 in a small country general store of E. A. Manning in Burbank to organize the first cooperative, known in the beginning as the Fairview Rural Electric system. They named Manning their president.

On November 29, 1935, Manning, Leonard

Judgen and K. C. Strong filed incorporation papers. Exactly six months later, May 29, 1936, Clay-Union Electric received its first loan from REA.

In 1936, a small group of farmers in neighboring Lincoln county held a similar meeting in Norway Township Hall, forming the Lincoln-Union Electric Company. There were only four electric cooperatives in Eastern South Dakota prior to World War II and two served the Beresford area farmers.

Cooperatives were the motivating force behind the electrification of rural Beresford because, economically, the private utilities could not see a profit in providing electricity to the rural areas.

The REA provided long-term financing at two percent interest to the cooperatives.

The biggest job, however, was getting enough people interested to form the cooperative so that a long-term application could be made.

J. Evan Rasmussen was instrumental in getting electricity to this area by doing the promotion work to gather members of the cooperative. Originally, only 11 miles of line were erected around the Beresford area in 1939. A year or two later the loan with the REA was granted and 125 miles of line was erected.

During World War II, the growth of Rural Electrification was restricted by the war effort. The War Production Board had authority to determine who would get electricity and this authority to build lines was granted only to people who were producing the required amount of agricultural produce. For example, if a person had a sufficient number of animals, he would be given electricity.

In August 1944, the growth of electricity developed sufficiently so as to create boundary line problems between Lincoln-Union and Clay-Union. The boundary lines were determined by representatives from the REA and by coin flips.

Clay-Union purchased its power from the City of Vermillion from its inception up until 1944 when it contracted with Northern States Power Company for electricity. Due to problems with supply and contractual disputes with Northwestern, Clay-Union joined with other cooperatives to look into organizing its own generator and supplier of electricity.

This supply problem and the voting down of the Consumer's Power District bill in 1949 led to the creation of East River Electric Power Cooperative, which supplies the electricity to the Clay-Union Cooperative today. The Consumer's Power District bill was intended to be a means of delivering low-cost power from the Missouri River dams to farmers of the state. When this plan failed, 15 electrical cooperatives bonded together to work towards providing their own electrical generating facilities.

North and South Dakota were the last two states in the United States to organize electrical cooperatives to provide electrical service for their members. People living in the cities had electrical power 50 years before the rural people of South Dakota.

Electrical power, now a common convenience taken for granted, revolutionized the farm and its realization in South Dakota was, to some, a dream come true. As J. Evan Rasmussen recalls in his history of rural electrification:

"We could scarcely wait for the line to be energized and hooked up. That day came on July 15, 1939. It was along about 2:00 p.m. when Ross Fowler, Clay-Union manager, drove in with his Model A and his two-wheel trailer. It was about 4:00 p.m. when they turned on the juice and that was really a big day for us. Electric lights at last. Dad could hardly believe it. They had a bed lamp and that night, when he woke some three or four times, my mother said he turned the lamp on every time to see if it was really a reality or he was just dreaming."

The progress and efficiency engendered in American agriculture by the Rural Electrification Administration and by co-ops like Clay-Union and Lincoln-Union cannot be emphasized enough.

Coast to Coast Store

Coast To Coast Store

Larry and Jennifer Olson moved to Beresford in July, 1982 from Wakefield, Nebr. to purchase the Coast to Coast store and franchise. Larry Olson was a lumber yard manager for eight years prior to coming to Beresford. The Olsons

purchased the franchise from Doug and Nancy Corwin, who had owned and ran the store for five years, dating back to 1976. Mrs. Corwin was the daughter of Earl and Katheryn White.

The Whites came to Beresford in 1947 from Storm Lake, Ia. where Earl had managed a Coast-to-Coast store which he operated on this corner for 29 years. In 1972 the store was remodeled by the Whites. In addition, the wall was removed from the building to the north of Coast-to-Coast and the store was expanded to include this building.

This north building was home to Strom Electric, Nodtvedt Furniture and Funeral Home and DeLoss Smith's men's clothing. Prior to that, this north building was a meat market operated by Charles O'Daniels and Hostetler, among others. This north building of the present store was also home to a liquor store, owned and operated by George Skaff who had originally purchased a candy and novelty store with Louis Dubrall from Pete Cornelius in 1919. Cornelius opened his candy shop at this location in 1909.

Ed McManus was the original Coast-to-Coast franchise in Beresford and he operated from this corner store during the 1940's for some time. Prior to McManus, this was the home of the Roop and Norman Hardware Store.

Chris Sandvig had a harness shop in the basement of this building, and O. O. Fundingslund had a shoe sales and repair shop here after Sandvig left, as well as a few other locations in Beresford.

In 1920, before the Roop and Norman store, C. W. Johnson and Hal Colby owned and operated the *Beresford News* from this building. At this time there were two Beresford papers, with the *Republic* headquarters a half block west of the *News*. C. W. Johnson also had a music store and sold pianos and Edison phonographs.

This corner building was built by Beresford pioneer, J. E. Sinclair, who used it for a hardware and implement business after abandoning his homestead. Sinclair, in fact, built three buildings on this block, and the block was known for a long time as the Sinclair block.

Howard Woodward operated a cleaning and pressing business in this building.

Coin Amusement, Inc.

William Craze operates a vending machine sales and service business at 106 East Hemlock. The corporation has been at that location since the mid-1970's.

This building was originally built, like the Coast to Coast building to the west, by J. E. Sinclair before the turn of the century. The building originally sat north and south and was used in connection with the building to the west in Sinclair's implement and hardware business.

Later, a Mr. Jacobson utilized this building as a sheet metal shop. I. W. Bogue bought out Jacobson and Bogue operated the metal working shop. Thereafter, the lot and building was sold to a Mr. Anderson, who moved the building around to run east and west, as it now stands. The west end was once used by Ole Wevik as an engine repair shop and the east end was an auto garage run by Ray Norelius.

Dale Frick had an auto repair shop here for several years, as did Curtiss Carnes, more recently.

In between Frick and Carnes, Reed Sales used this building as a warehouse. Coin Amusement, Inc. remodeled the building in 1975 into its present condition.

Co - op Service Association

The Co-op Service Association was organized and incorporated in the year of 1924 for the purpose of supplying gasoline and oil products to its patrons. The first Board of Directors were M. T. Eneboe, president; A. O. Tuntland, secretary;

Co-Op Service Association

N. C. Ryan, Martin Ebsen, Anton Henriksen, and S. O. Steensland. The first manager of the cooperative was S. O. Steensland. The cooperative had no facilities of office to do its business in when it was first organized. In later years office space was rented. The cooperative had one delivery wagon for refined fuels. The first employee for the cooperative was George Oakes. The records are very nil the first years of business, but George was an employee before 1930. The first supplier of products to the cooperative was

Skelly Oil Company. The cooperative's credit policy in 1930 was 30 days. The products available for delivery were gasoline and kerosene. Ethel gasoline was added in 1931. Kerosene was wholesaled to other businesses for $.10 a gallon in 1931.

In 1931, a contract was signed with Continental Oil Company for Continental to supply the cooperative with refined fuels. The Union Oil Company was to supply the lubricating oils and greases. In 1933, the cooperative started purchasing all its products from Union Oil Company, which later changed its name to Consumers Cooperative Association and Farmland Industries, Incorporated.

Two delivery wagons were started and two employees were hired to work as salesmen or drivers. The cooperative added tires and tubes to its line of merchandise, with the cooperative label from Union Oil Company in 1933.

The shareholders at the annual meeting of 1934 voted down a motion for the cooperative to own and operate its own service station in the City of Beresford.

The board ordered 100 subscriptions to Union Oil Company newspaper for its members. In 1935 an agreement was made with Mark Managan for his building for the cooperative headquarters. Air was also made available for its patrons in that year. The cooperative did not have its own pumps for patrons to purchase gas for their tractors and cars. Accordingly, the board had agreements with Motor Inn, H. W. Peterson's store in Alsen, Bondhus Tire Shop and Agnes Tuntland, providing that these private businesses could retail co-op gasoline purchased by the cooperative through Union Oil Company.

A lease with Mrs. Ralph Boyle was signed for the cooperative to rent the building for the cooperative headquarters in 1936. In 1938, the cooperative began buying and selling machinery. A few lines of machinery were Wood Bros. Thresher, New Idea, Inc., Co-op, Cochshutt, Massey-Harris, and Gehl, Inc.

The shareholders of the annual meeting of 1939 voted to invest in the first Co-op Refinery Company. The lease with the Boyle building expired and a lease was made on Swan Gustafson's two corner lots, which is where Carlson's Body Shop now stands. The building on the furthest east lot burned down and only the concrete floor remains as evidence of there ever being a building there. The co-op was leasing a truck and transport tank from Earl Hedeen for hauling its own refined fuels from the pipelines in 1949. An addition of 44' x 60' was added to the Gustafson building to increase its size to accommodate the farm machinery business. The first posting machine was purchased in 1952.

In 1955, the cooperative discontinued all lines of farm machinery. The Gustafson building was traded for the Floyd Landon building directly across the street to the north. Mr. Landon took over the machinery and some inventory. An auction was held to move the remainder of the parts. The new building at 120 East Main served as the business headquarters in Beresford until it was sold to Messler Brothers in 1975, when the present co-op building at 13th and Cedar Street was erected.

Arnold Twedt sold his service station at Spink to the cooperative in 1957. The cooperative's business began to increase in volume because of the new Spink territory. The Board of Directors voted to change its name because of the large volume at Spink. The name was changed to the present Co-op Service Association. In 1960, the cooperative rented a building from Lincoln Twedt for a service station. This lease was in effect until 1981.

The cooperative joined with Lennox Co-op Gas Company to make LP gas available to its members. The members who purchased LP gas received patronage on the gas purchased. In 1964 the cooperative built its own LP bulk plant at Spink. A used truck was purchased to serve its members. In 1970, the Board of Directors purchased Alcester LP bulk plant from Raymond Anderson and the Dean Gustafson estate.

In 1972, Farmers Co-op Elevator asked to purchase the property which Co-op Service Association had built its refined fuels bulk plant. The cooperative sold its land to Farmers Co-op Elevator and purchased property from Milford Bickett and Walter Rohrabaugh. The cooperative built a new refined fuels bulk plant and warehouse in 1972 and 1973.

A feasibility study was done by Farmland Industries, Incorporated to see if a car care center would be good for its members. A contract was signed with Farmland Industries, Incorporated to erect the new car care center on the property purchased from Milford Bickett. The grand opening was held November 5, 1975. The final cost of the building and equipment was $144,727.00.

In the month of February, 1978, the Board of Directors and manager made farm visitations in the Spink area to ask members if the facilities at the Spink branch were adequate. As a result, a new bulk plant was built. The new bulk plant was installed by O'Day Equipment, Sioux Falls, and

land was purchased from Johannes E. Larson and Lincoln and Myrtle Twedt. The cooperative's directors decided the members in the Spink area needed the service station to best serve them. Builders Agri Systems built a 36' x 40' station at Spink.

The past 59 years of history of the Co-op Service Association has had its best years in serving its members. The cooperative work done by the past members will enable the co-op to have co-operatives in the future.

The past managers are as follows: S. O. Steensland, A. Loffer, Grover Christensen, Maurice Stephenson, Wilfred Belfrage, Maurice Stephenson, Roy Hurd, Harlan Hagen, Lowell Wetrosky, Shernold Anderson, Willard DeWilde, and present manager, Larry Field.

Cotton Chevrolet

Dan Cotton Chevrolet of Beresford observed its 25th anniversary with the showing of the new 1983 Chevrolet models. Cotton purchased the Chevrolet dealership from Bert Klopstad on September 4, 1957, located in the old Palmer Buick building, now the warehouse for Merriman Drilling Company. In 1958, the business was moved to the new building of Flunky Sundstrom's Buick garage on the corner of Third and Cedar.

Cotton Chevrolet

The business was relocated again in 1962 to the Carlson Brothers building, now GTC Auto Parts and the S & S Stores. The building had been remodeled and the business remained at this location until 1976 when the new facility at 306 North 16th Street was built.

Previous to purchasing the Chevrolet dealership, Cotton had owned Cotton Motor Company from 1947 until 1954. He also served three years with the State Highway.

Cotton has been active as a city council member for 18 years, 26 years with the fire department, ten years as assistant fire chief, and nine years as fire chief, and an ambulance driver for 14 years.

He has been a member of the Beresford Lions Club for 25 years, from 1955 to 1980; Worshipful Master of the Masonic Lodge; Mason's Grand Representative to Panama; past president of the South Dakota Municipal Electric League; and director on the Shrine Burn Unit for six years. He has also served on the Chevrolet Dealer Planning Council for ten years and is past director of the South Dakota Automobile Dealers Association, and is presently serving as president on the executive board of SDADA.

When asked about some of the major changes, Cotton answered, "The company has lower inventories because of the high interest rates; servicing has become more technical because of computer and emissions controls and, because of government controls, business operations have become more complicated."

Clarence "Tubby" Carlson ran an auto repair shop out of the back shop of the Cotton building for a few years prior to moving to his present location on East Main Street.

Cotton's Motor Company

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Cotton Motor Company, located on the corner of Highway 46 and Third Street, formally opened for business on Saturday, November 15, 1930 as a one-stop super service station named "Lon's Tire Shop". This station was affiliated with two other similar stations operating in Vermillion at that time. The station opened under the management of Mr. H. E. McDonald, called Burke, who had previously had two years of experience in a similar line of work in Vermillion. (H. E. Mc-

Donald was a brother of Mrs. D. R. Cotton of Beresford.) Lon's Tire Shop handled Shell gasoline, motor oils and greases; also Goodyear tires were sold and tire repair of all kinds were available. Car greasing and washing were also offered. "Burke" McDonald managed this station for 17 years.

In the records of 1948, the shop was enlarged and a line of Case Farm Implement was added, Burke McDonald signing the first franchise. In June of 1948, Dr. D. L. Cotton and son, Dan, purchased Lon's Tire Shop and Dan Cotton, Jr. assumed the management of this business. Dan had previously farmed for one year at Gayville with his father-in-law, Ingaard Johansen. He moved his wife, Edna, and son, Barry, to Beresford. He handled Mobil gas and oil, Goodyear tires, and had a Pontiac agency. This business was known as Cotton's Service.

In December of 1948, the franchise was completed and the Case Implement Agency was included in this business. This was purchased from Ray Oakes.

In July of 1949, this business assumed a new name, Cotton Motor and Implement Company.

Shortly after this, Lowell Hogen moved his wife, Evy, and daughter, Vickie, to Beresford from Boone, Ia., where he was employed in the engineering department of the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad, and Lowell became a part of this business. Lowell, known as "Spike", was a Beresford High graduate and had completed a civil engineering degree at Iowa State College at Ames in 1942. He served four years in the Field Artillery Division of the U.S. Army, being discharged as Captain in 1946. He had worked with the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad for three years at Norfolk, Nebr. and Boone, Ia.

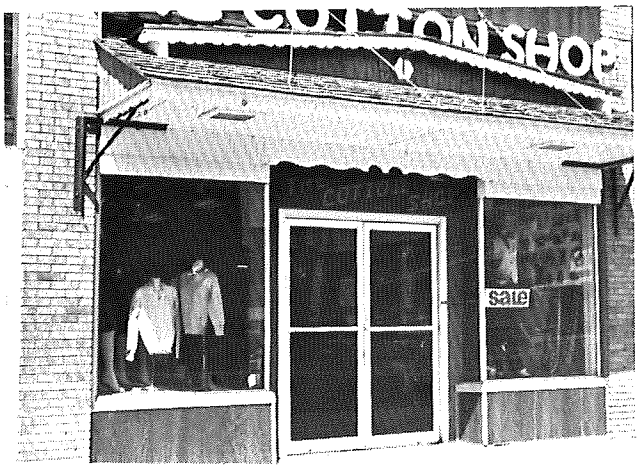
In the next few years, Dan Cotton made several business ventures. He opened Cotton Pontiac Garage in Canton, serviced as a patrolman with the South Dakota Highway Patrol in 1954 for a short time at Alpena, then returned to Cotton Motor and Implement until he opened Cotton Chevrolet on September 18, 1957. He obtained this agency after Bert Klopstad's Chevrolet garage burned in 1956. Cotton Chevrolet was first located in the old Palmer Buick building located at 110 West Oak, where Merriman Drilling is now located. In July of 1977, Cotton Chevrolet was moved into a new building west on Highway 46, where Dan Cotton Chevrolet is located today.

Lowell Hogen continued to operate and manage Cotton Motor and Implement at Third and Cedar as dealer for Pontiac and Case farm implements until Case sales were discontinued. He continued as Pontiac dealer sales, service and repair and sold Goodyear tires and Mobil gas and oil, and continued a car service and repair garage.

In 1977, Pontiac Motor Division presented Lowell with a silver serving tray engraved with "In Appreciation of our Association for over a Quarter of a Century as Pontiac Dealer". Today, Lowell has served the Beresford community as car dealer and mechanic repairman for 34 years. The business since 1980 has been known as Cotton Motor Company. Dr. D. L. Cotton became known as a Beresford veterinarian and remained part owner of the Cotton Motor Company until his death in 1976. This business was owned and operated by the Cotton-McDonald family for 53 years.

The Cotton Shop

Priscilla and Russell Christensen operate The Cotton Shop in the old K & K building at 117 North Third. The store stocks a line of fabrics, yarn, sewing supplies, ladies' ready-to-wear and accessories. The business was previously operated where Bierbaum's sits today, on the corner of Third and Main. The business was moved to its present location in 1977.



The Cotton Shop

This building is best known as the K & K Store, which was owned by Joe Kutcher and his family from 1924 until 1977, when The Cotton Shop moved in. Ed and Max Swedelson were managers of the store for several years. Marie Rasmussen, a resident of Beresford, worked in the store for 50 years and recalls that the Kutchers had a string of stores in the states of Iowa, South Dakota and Minnesota. The Kutchers were not related to the Joe Kutcher

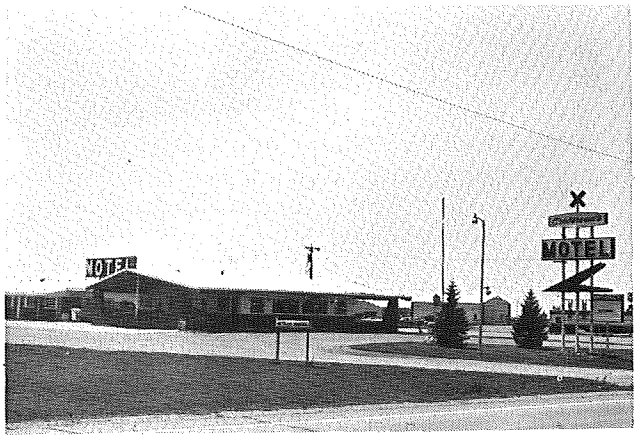
who had the John Deere franchise in Beresford for many years.

Prior to 1924, Harry and Lela Lemon had a grocery, dry goods and variety store here. Lela Lemon, Beresford's oldest living resident at 101 years of age as this is being written, recalls that the grocery was downstairs and the variety store was upstairs.

Before the Lemons, Carlson Brothers operated a hardware store here. The Carlsons also had the Chevrolet dealership at that time and assembled and stored Chevrolet automobile parts upstairs in this building. A hand elevator is a remnant from that use of this building.

In 1915, this building was gutted by fire and renovated. The Carlsons owned the building and business at that time. Prior to this time, it is thought that this lot was vacant and part of the Wilcox Lumber Yard.

In 1931, Dr. E. G. Larkin moved to Beresford from Hoven and opened a dental office in the front part of the upstairs of this building. Dr. Larkin and his wife, Jay, had three children. He retired in 1955 and died in 1958. A Dr. Brown had a dental practice in this office before Dr. Larkin.



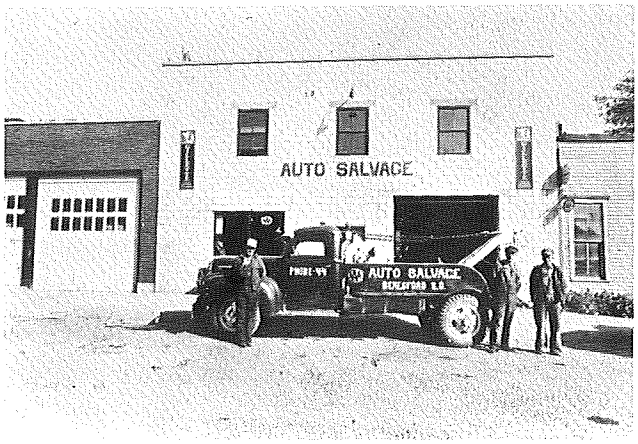
Crossroads Motel

Crossroads Motel

The Crossroads Motel was built in 1969 by the current owner, Vince Swanson. The motel has 20 rooms. Mr. Swanson sold the motel in 1974 to Lawrence "Skip" Rick, but repurchased it in 1976. Mr. Swanson states that the motel has been an asset to the community and its merchants.

D. A. D.'s Automotive Repair

The business located at 114 East Hemlock is now owned and operated by Donald A. Dahlin.



Albert Nordquist, Orville McMiller and John Larson

It is now a general repair shop. Don, at one time, worked on a ⅛ horse motor for a Chicago-Northwestern locomotive. Mr. Dahllin purchased the building and property from Mrs. Albert Nordquist on October 11, 1971. Mrs. Nordquist operated the business with her son, Tom, since the time of Albert's death in 1962.

In 1946, Mr. Albert Nordquist and Leo Reinhartz built the existing building and called the business the "Auto Salvage". Besides salvaging and repairing vehicles, they ran the only towing business in Beresford for years. Albert was known in the community for his generosity and dedication to his business. The structure at 114 East Hemlock was a tin shop and Phillip's 66 Station owned by Willard Johnson. He purchased this property for the auto salvage and repair business.

The original building on this lot was an opera house, built in 1888 by the Grand Army Republic. A few years later it was purchased by a Grand Army Republic member by the name of Robert Pierce, Ernest Smith and Elmer Duerst's uncle. The building was used as an opera house and dance hall, for church suppers, bazaars, school entertainments, public meetings, as well as funerals. The building was sold and made into an auto repair shop. In 1964, the original building was torn down and the lot is now a parking lot.

Dakota Cooperative Telecommunications, Inc.

Plans for Dakota Cooperative began in 1947. Members of the Volin Community Club, dissatisfied with their telephone service, met with the owner of the utility. They found that the lack of an adequate source of funding made it very difficult for the owner to improve service. This

same lack of funding made it impossible for them to acquire and improve the system themselves. They also found their friends and neighbors in the Irene, Wakonda, Flyger and Mayfield areas were experiencing the same difficulties. The many blessings brought about by electricity in the rural areas through the REA and local electric cooperatives only added to telephone service problems. The induction of electrical interference on the old magneto lines rendered them almost useless.

Need for action in the Flyger area became acute on April 14, 1949. A sleet storm wiped out the old aerial plant and did away with the little telephone service they had. A group of six Flyger customers attended hearings with the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. The results of these hearings were negligible.

The enactment of the Rural Telephone Act in the fall of 1950 brought new hope. A meeting was held in Marion shortly thereafter. Its purpose was to form a rural telephone cooperative and attempt to bring modern, reliable telephone service to the area. As a result of this meeting, a Board of Directors was formed, whose duty it was to secure an REA telephone loan. The Board was comprised of B. M. Christensen, Volin, chairman; A. E. Diefendorf, Irene, vice chairman; Kenneth Knudsen, rural Flyger, secretary; Carl Schaefer, Wakonda, treasurer, with Chris Nelson, Davis, Joseph Healy, Sr., rural Mayfield, and Raymond Friese, Monroe, as members.

Articles of Incorporation were signed and approved on April 3, 1952 and the new Cooperative was granted charter to operate under the laws of the State of South Dakota. Dakota Cooperative Telephone Company, Inc., was born.

The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission in May of 1953 approved the purchase by Dakota Cooperative for 42 miles of rural line in Turner county from the Hurley Telephone Company. This approval also included 14 miles of rural line in Turner county from Northwestern Bell Telephone Company and 500 miles of line in Turner, Clay, Yankton, McCook and Hutchinson counties from Dakota State Telephone Company. This purchase included the city systems of Davis, Irene, Monroe, Volin and Wakonda.

Construction bids for the first section including the exchanges of Flyger, Monroe, Davis and Hurley were opened on September 30, 1953, and a contract awarded to Cushing Construction of Woodbine, Ia. The bid was for $189,113.01 to build 279.1 miles of aerial line, including 9.9 miles of cable. Before the new system was completed, 14,000 poles would be set, 2,000 miles of aerial wire strung and 16 miles of cable placed.

High hopes were held that construction of the first section would be completed by March 30, 1955. Construction of the second section, consisting of the exchanges of Mayfield, Irene, Wakonda and Volin, began immediately thereafter. Construction was delayed by heavy summer rains. The second section was completed when Wakonda was cut into service on February 28, 1956.

Acquisitions

Prior to the completion of construction in the exchanges of Irene, Volin and Wakonda, negotiations with Central Telephone Company were underway. In mid-September, a loan in the amount of $787,000.00 was approved by REA for the purchase and improvement of telephone facilities in the cities of Lennox, Parker, Chancellor, Worthing and the surrounding rural area. The agreement between Dakota Cooperative and Central Telephone was consummated in December, 1955. Construction in 1956 progressed rapidly, with Chancellor cut over on May 22, 1957. The Board of Directors voted, on May 16, 1958, to purchase 12.8 miles of line, serving 25 customers in Grant and Lynn townships, for a cost of $1,700.00. This plant was to be rebuilt and added to the Worthing exchange. The South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approved the acquisition of four rural farmer-owned telephone exchanges in an area north of Beresford on December 27, 1962. These small companies were the Brooklyn-Beresford Telephone Company, the North Star Telephone Company, Pleasant Telephone Company and the Norway-Pleasant Telephone Company. Dakota took over operation of this newly acquired property on January 1, 1963. A proposal was also made at this time to include the City of Beresford in a modern dial exchange. The city declined to join Dakota Cooperative, but the voters of the city did approve the sale of 115 rural lines to the Cooperative. These rural lines combined with the four newly acquired companies and would form the new Rural Beresford exchange.

Dakota Cooperative was to continue its growth when, on March 23, 1970, the Alsen Telephone Company was purchased. The exchange was cut over to all one-party buried service on December 24, 1971.

In 1971, three rural switcher companies from the Gayville area petitioned the South Dakota Public Utilities for abandonment of their franchised areas, with the stipulation that they be

served by Dakota Cooperative.

The modern dial, one-, two- and four-party town and eight-party rural service installed by Dakota since inception was, of course, a tremendous improvement. Members soon realized that the telephone was no longer a luxury, but a very useful tool in their day-to-day living. As dependability increased, so did customer usage. The Board and Management realized by early 1963 that the rural eight-party aerial systems were inadequate to satisfy the needs of the members.

The acquisition of the Rural Beresford plant and its proposed modernization brought this problem to the forefront. Meetings and consultation between management, board members, engineers and REA personnel were held. A loan was negotiated and, in October 1964, the Rural Electrification Administration approved a loan to rebuild Rural Beresford with buried plant and upgrade the Worthing exchange to all one-, two- and four-party service. This was accomplished in April, 1965 for Worthing. On May 16, 1965 Beresford rural was cut over to the new system, thus initiating the first all one and two party buried rural telephone exchange in the state. Plans for upgrading continued and the Board announced on April 24, 1966 the approval of an REA loan for central office consolidation and upgrade to all one-party buried service. This loan was for Phase I which included Irene-Mayfield, Wakonda-Volin and Flyger. In late 1968, a loan for Phase 2 was secured. Phase 2 included consolidation of central offices for Parker-Monroe, Hurley-Davis and Lennox-Chancellor, as well as all buried one-party rural service. Phases 1 and 2 were completed on January 19, 1969 and December 19, 1970, respectively. The final two exchanges to be upgraded to one-party were Worthing, cut over on December 14, 1974, and Beresford Rural, cut over on January 15, 1975. The additions of Alsen and Gayville were installed as buried one-party immediately following their acquisition.

Headquarters

Dakota Cooperative's first headquarters office was leased and located in the old State Bank building in Irene, S.D.

In 1956, the Board of Directors decided it was time the company have its own headquarters building. A building, formerly used and known as Lee's Implement, located in Irene, was purchased and remodeled as an office building. It was occupied by Dakota employees for the first time in February, 1957. Garage and warehouse facilities were added in 1959. Dakota's growth over the following 20 years far exceeded everyone's expectations and the headquarters building had long been outgrown; however, building plans were purposely delayed for two reasons. First, the present site had no room for building expansion. Secondly, the Directors and Management unanimously agreed that no thought to new faciliites would be given until all members were provided with reliable, one-party service.

This being accomplished, plans were drawn up and bids let on a new headquarters building and garage in 1976. The new location was one mile east of Irene on State Highway 46. The City of Irene purchased the old facility for a municipal building. The new headquarters was completed in September, 1977.

Two of Dakota Telephone's employees reside in and own their own homes in Beresford. Tarzan Mullinix is responsible for the maintenance and operation of the Beresford, Alsen and Worthing exchanges. In addition to his telephone responsibilities, he has served as CPR instructor, volunteer ambulance driver, and is Beresford's fire chief. In that capacity he also instructs volunteer firemen in the surrounding area in firefighting and other techniques related to firefighting and prevention.

Roger Lang is COE man (Central Office Equipment). His responsibilities include the maintenance and operation of the 11 dial systems in Dakota Telephone's system. Roger is an instrument-rated airplane pilot as well.

Presently, Dakota Telephone supplies one party storm-proof telephone service to more than 5,500 main stations, with over 3,000 extension phones.

Parker and Lennox towns are being provided with CATV by Dakota Telephone and more are in the planning stage.

Digital switches are included in the present long-range plans which, when placed in service, will provide Dakota's members with additional services presently in the development stage.

Daves Mobil

Dave Yost and Bill Fitzgerald operate a gas station and one-time convenience store on the southeast corner of Third and Hemlock. They have been in business in this location since 1971. David Yost also delivers Mobil bulk gas and oil products to area farmers and businesses.

This lot was originally a hotel owned and operated by James Fitzgerald and first built in the 1880's. Mr. Fitzgerald's establishment was

Dave's Mobil

named the Commercial House Hotel and was of wood construction. J. H. Wass and Alex Cambell were the contractors who built the hotel. Fitzgerald made seven additions to the hotel as Beresford grew. It is said that Fitzgerald was a great lover of hunting and that you never saw him on the street without two or three hounds following him. A man named Wilbur operated the Commercial House for some time as well.

The wood structure was later torn down and replaced by a two-story brick structure and operated as the Gardner Hotel by Margaret Gardner for many years.

In 1939, the Gardner Hotel was torn down by C. O. Peterson and this lot was converted into a Conoco gas station. The gas station was operated by Peterson and George Thompson, among others, prior to being vacant for a period of time before Dave's Mobil came into existence.

Another wooden structure was torn down by C. O. Peterson to make way for the gas station. This wooden structure was the home of John Grubel and sat just north of the Gardner Hotel. Grubel, an Austrian, also ran a second-hand shop out of his building. According to L. J. Wass, who buried Mr. Grubel, Grubel was acquainted with Adolf Hitler's family in Austria as a boy and always commented on how nice the family was.

The Grubel building was the second structure built in Beresford, in 1883, by G. S. Jocelyn and used as a drug store. It sat on the west side of Main Street where Skaff's Bakery once stood. This would be where the First National Bank is found today, on the corner of Third and Hemlock. It was later moved north of Gardners.

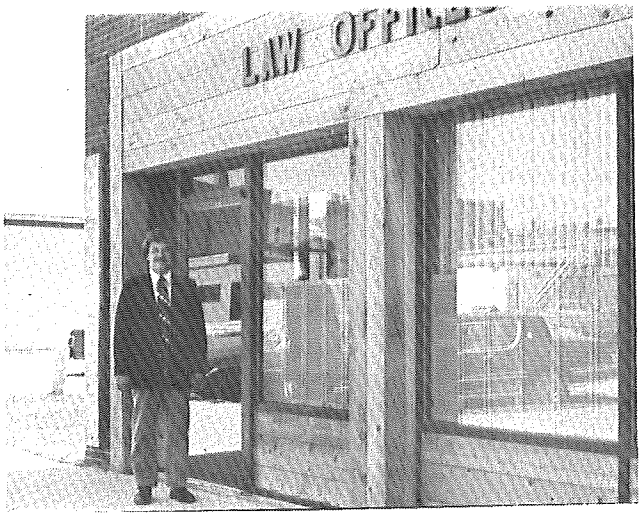
It is noted that the first structure built in Beresford was by D. C. Choquette on the lot now occupied by Carlson's Body Shop, and became Beresford's first saloon.

It is also noted that the first hotel ran in Beresford was W. J. Byrnes of Canton, who had the upstairs of a building built by Nels Soderstrom for a carpenter shop, where Milford's Manufacturing stands today.

DeSaix Law Offices

The structure now occupied by James K. DeSaix, attorney, was constructed prior to 1895. The local fire department occupied the ground level of the premises from its construction date until around 1960, when the fire department was moved into newer quarters.

In addition to housing the fire station for many decades, the Beresford Municipal Band practiced its music on the second floor of this two-story building for approximately 20 years, from 1928 to 1948. The Municipal Band disbanded when the high school band was established.



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Thereafter, the local library operated out of the second floor of the building until it closed on July 18, 1963, for the purpose of relocating in newer quarters.

Although all of the equipment relating to fire-fighting was maintained on ground level of the fire station, there remained adequate space for the local police to maintain two jail cells. Some oldtimers may yet fondly recall a free night's lodging in this facility. Other people may remember a place along the south side of the building known as the "meeting place".

For years, the "9 P.M." curfew bell rang out its warning to children that it was time to go home. The bell has since been removed.

From the mid-1970's until May 1981, the Golden Fleece, a retail store, occupied the property.

Elaine Rowley owned both the building and the business.

Located at 119 West Main in Beresford, the old fire station was purchased by James K. DeSaix in 1981 and converted into a law office.

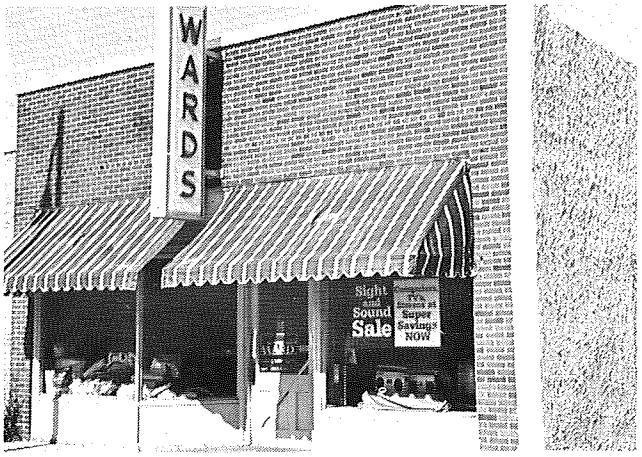
Eklund Sales Agency

The lot at 112 South Third Street was platted in 1883 and was sold by the Western Town Lot Company to May C. Groves in 1901. Groves conveyed the lot to J. W. Smith in 1918. Smith held the first Chevrolet Automobile franchise in Beresford.

In the late 1920's, Alfred Latendresse had an electrical shop on this lot and the balance of the lot was used in connection with the auto dealership of J. W. Smith.

In 1929, a portion of the lot was leased to Peterson Chevrolet Company as C. O. "Chevy" Peterson had purchased the Chevrolet franchise from Smith. Eventually, through descent, this property was owned by Stanley Smith, a nephew of the Ryans who owned the first phone company in Beresford.

Mel Whitman ran a drycleaning business from the building situated thereon from 1945 to 1950.



Eklund Sales Agency

In 1971, Stanley Smith sold the lot and building to Leonard and Lucile Mangan, who brought a Montgomery Ward mail order store to Beresford. In 1978, the store and business were sold to Don and Ruth Ann Jervik who, in turn, sold the lot, building and business to Barbara Eklund in January of 1982. Mrs. Eklund is the present owner of the business.

Every Bloomin' Thing

The flower shop operated by Judy and Richard Satiroff at 119 North Third Street was opened for business in 1976 in the front of the Beresford Laundromat where the Sports Shack now is found. In 1978, when Bierbaum's Rexall Drug moved to the corner of Third and Main, Satiroffs moved Every Bloomin' Thing to its present location on North Third.

Every Bloomin' Thing

A. B. Wilcox purchased this lot in 1895 from the Western Town Lot Company, which was a front for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad, and utilized it for a lumber yard, which apparently covered most of the north half of the block in question.

This lot was owned by William Foster for five years and apparently used as a drug store. In 1914, John Larson purchased the building and the Larson family owned it from that year until 1978 when the lot and building were sold to the Satiroffs.

Bruehler's Drug Store made its home there from approximately 1920 until 1977, when William Bierbaum moved the drug store to the present location of that store. Bierbaum had worked for the Bruehlers, became a partner, and eventually bought out the Bruehlers. Prior to 1920, this lot was home to Lemon's grocery and dry goods store. The Lemons had stores in several locations in Beresford, ranging from this location to the Cotton Shop to Coast to Coast to Bierbaums, to the Nygaard Paint Center and to Reed Sales, where Harry Lemon first started a livery stable around the turn of the century.

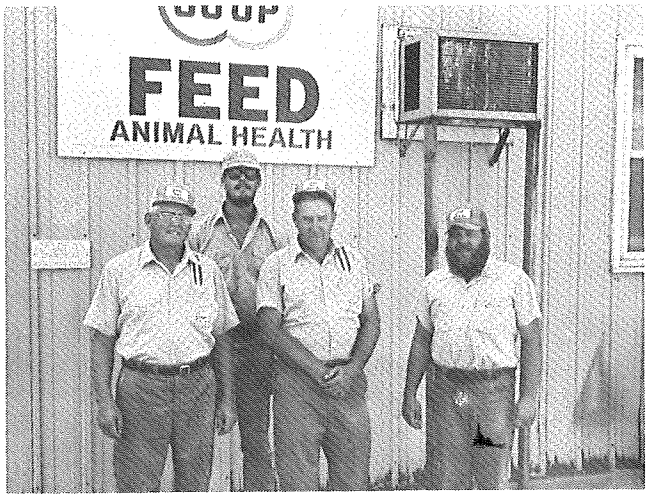
Before the Lemons opened shop here, M. V. Hilling operated a variety store out of this location. At about this time, a Dr. C. L. Kemis had a dental office upstairs in this building. At

one time Hilling, Morrissey and McKee ran a grocery store from this building. Prior to the McKees, it is thought that Willis Foster had his drug store here.

Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company

The Farmers Cooperative Grain Elevator was organized in 1888 with a capital stock of $10,000, represented by 200 shares valued at $50 apiece. The promoters and organizers of the cooperative were Nils Johnson, C. H. Birkland, B. Schmid, John Tollefson, A. J. Rommereim, C. A. Eidsmore and Oscar Sundstrom. The first manager of the elevator was C. L. Milliken. The original by-laws were drawn up by C. B. Kennedy, an attorney from Canton. The elevator originally had a capacity of 25,000 bushels and the business was opened on August 7, 1909 and has continued to serve the community to this day.

The most recent additions to the elevator have been several metal grain bins erected in 1982, a 50,000-bushel capacity elevator erected in 1982, and a 100,000-bushel capacity elevator erected in 1970. The current capacity of the elevator is 980,000 bushels, 40 times the original capacity, testimony to the technological progress of the farmer, his methods and his machinery. The current manager is Jack Adams.

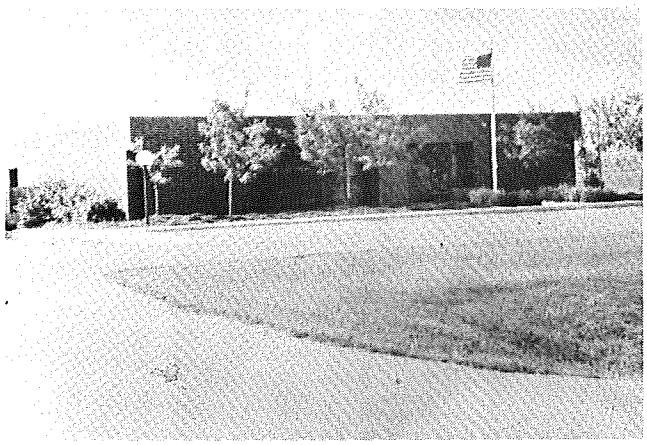


Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company

In 1928, the cooperative was reorganized as a corporation under its present name, Farmers Cooperative Elevator Company, with capital stock of $9,050.00. The present capital stock is $34,230.00.

The elevator was originally served by the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad, which had a large part, through the Western Town Lot Company, in developing Beresford. The Chicago-Northwestern abandoned the Beresford to Hawarden line in 1978. Absent was one Burlington unit train in July of 1982. There is no railroad service to the elevator at this time.

The Sioux Valley Regional Rail Authority, however, of which the cooperative is a shipper member, is working toward developing rail service for the benefit of the entire area. L. L. "Tiny" Lawrenson, a long-time employee and manager of the elevator who died in 1982, was a tireless proponent of continued rail service to this area. Attorney Robert Frieberg of Beresford was instrumental in halting the removal of the Chicago-Northwestern track which runs to Hawarden from Beresford and adjoins the elevators. This track has been completely torn out to the west of Beresford.



Federal Land Bank Association

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The Federal Land Bank Association branch office at Beresford had its beginning in 1918 as a National Farm Loan Association, making first mortgage loans on farm land in the area.

In 1938, several National Farm Loan Associations from different areas, including Hawarden and Westfield, Ia. and Elk Point, Hudson, Wakonda and Beresford, consolidated at Beresford to form an area office. In 1943, the Canton National Farm Loan Association voted to join the Beresford Association. The loan territory served includes Clay, Lincoln and Union counties. The corporate name was later changed to Federal Land Bank Association of Beresford.

On June 1, 1976, the Federal Land Bank Association of Beresford voted to consolidate with Yankton and Sioux Falls, with the main head-

quarters to be at Sioux Falls and branch offices at Yankton and Beresford.

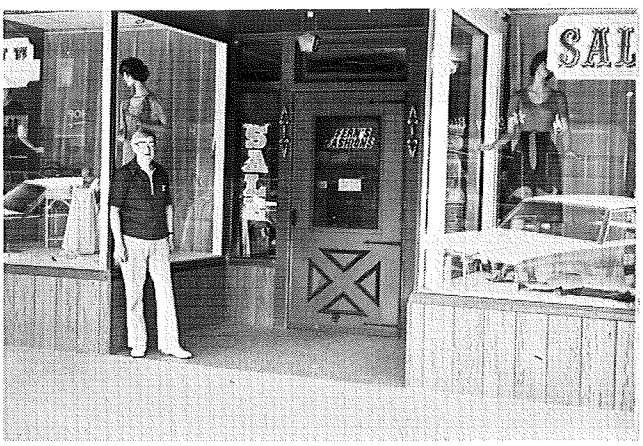
John Ontjes and a Mr. Ackley, Beresford bankers, were the first managers of the National Farm Loan Association in 1918 and, for some years thereafter. Their title was that of "Secretary-Treasurer." Others following in this office were: C. H. Olsen, Charley Soderstrom, Harvey Monk and Ed Blankenburg. Blankenburg had been sent by the Federal Land Bank of Omaha to the southeastern part of South Dakota, including Beresford, as a field representative from the Omaha bank in 1933 where he supervised ten National Farm Loan Association offices and lending areas. In 1938, he was appointed secretary-treasurer of the Beresford Group Office, with the title changed later to manager of the Federal Land Bank Association of Beresford. He retired in 1970. Marvin Penner then became manager of the local association, followed by James Vietor, Eldon Goff and Eugene Skyberg. Title of the executive officer was changed in recent years to that of president.

Some of the personnel who worked in the local Land Bank office over the years include: Elwood Olsen, Evelyn Soderstrom, Ardella Sorensen Johnson, Phyllis Blumer, Doris Smith Miller, Merle Lier, Max Jacobson, Margaret Richards, Ethel Carlson, Helen Kowalski and Elsie Duitsman. Present officers and personnel in the local office at Beresford are as follows: Eugene Skyberg, branch office manager; Robert M. Macy, loan officer; Doyle Hardie, loan officer; Lorraine Birnie, branch office assistant and Shirley Jacobson, office assistant.

Original office space for the Beresford National Farm Loan Association in 1918 was in the Beresford State Bank. In 1933 and 1934, office space was above the present Coast to Coast Store. In 1935, the business moved to the old red brick First National Bank building at 103 North Third, where business was conducted until 1981 when a new and larger office building was constructed with parking area at 307 North 16th. Thus, a continuous farm real estate loan service, owned by farmer borrowers, has been provided from 1918 to 1984.

Fern's Fashions

The business location now known as Fern's Fashions has a long history, dating back to approximately 1895 when the building was first erected. A long list of entrepreneurs operated from this site, starting with the business of Bill the Butcher, William Haustadler, proprietor.



Fern's Fashions

The years of operation of the butcher shop from this site are unknown, but it was operated easily until the turn of the century.

The next business was Fundingsland Shoe Store, operated by Osmund and Bertha Fundingsland. It is unknown just when the Fundingslands started their business, but it is known that they were operating there by 1916.

Victor Jensen's Grocery Store was located here from 1936 until 1944. Bill Walsh, a former Beresford resident, and his brother, Greg, former postmaster, ran a grocery store on this lot from 1944 to 1957. From 1957 to 1964, DeLoss Smith's Clothing Store for men occupied this building. DeLoss' partners were Ken Carlson and Lawrence "Skip" Rick.

In 1967, Dorothy Health opened a ladies' apparel store and ran it until 1975, when Doug Lankhorst opened The Clothes Hut at this location and remained in business until 1980.

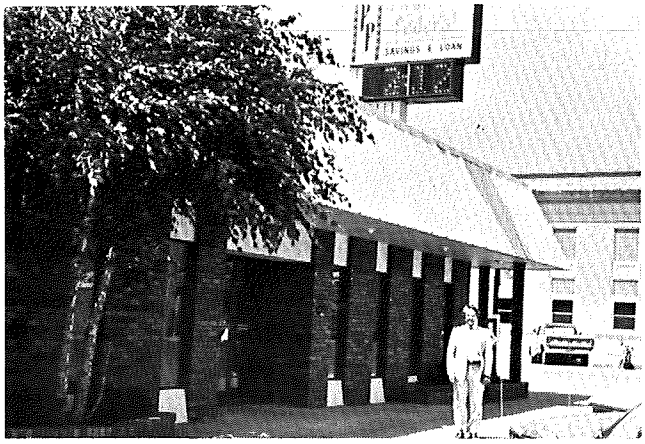
In 1980, William and Fern Vermillion opened Fern's Fashions and continue to operate the business to the present time.

First Federal Savings and Loan

First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Beresford opened its doors for business in July of 1955. It was the idea of several men who, in April 1954, began developing plans for the establishment of a savings and loan in the community of Beresford.

Savings and Loans originated in 1931 to accumulate the savings of its members to finance homes for other members, which is the principle under which First Federal Savings and Loan of Beresford was organized.

Our Association was the first Savings and Loan in the entire state of South Dakota to be located in a community of this size. The organizers



First Federal Savings and Loan

were: Carl Lauxmann, C. O. Peterson, Virgil Carlson, Ludvig Johnsen, Ole Stene, Jr. and A. R. Olson. They successfully establish First Federal on July 15, 1955. Carl Lauxmann, secretary-treasurer, became the first officer in charge, with A. R. Olson as president and C. O. Peterson, vice president. Mr. Olson served as president until his death in 1960.

The first office was located in the west end of the newly erected Martin M. Miller law office building, which is now known as the McGill Law Office. Its assets on the day of opening amounted to $163,843.00. The office staff was Mr. Lauxmann as a full-time officer, and Mr. Peterson as a part-time employee. At the end of the first year of business, on June 30, 1956, assets had increased to over $541,000.00. Loans totalled over $461,000.00. This was a substantial growth for the first year of business.

In 1960, Mr. C. O. Peterson was elected president of the Association and served until his death in 1967. It was at this time that the Association determined its growth had reached a point where the existing quarters were not adequate and new, improved quarters had to be found. In mid-1961, the Association purchased the building which housed the former Olson Hardware Store. The building was demolished and construction commenced on a new facility to house First Federal. The building was completed in 1962 and was to become the permanent home of First Federal Savings and Loan.

In 1967, Mrs. Olga C. Carlson was elected President of the Association, serving to 1975 when current president, James F. Weber, was elected.

In early 1974, First Federal evaluated the economics of this nation and it was determined that, if First Federal Savings and Loan was to maintain the office in a community the size of Beresford, it would be necessary for the institution to commence with an expansion program. Before the expansion program could begin, it was necessary for the institution to turn its financial records over from a manual accounting system to a computer processing system. In March of 1974, the institution converted its entire operation to computer services.

In 1975, a first branch office was constructed in Yankton and was known as the Yankton branch of First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Beresford.

In the midst of this growth, it became evident that the home office was not adequate in size to handle the larger operation that First Federal had grown into. Therefore, in March of 1977, the Association purchased the property immediately to the south of its location, which was known as the Vernon Voegeli Funeral Home building. This building was razed and a new structure was erected, thereby molding the existing building together with the new building while totally renovating the inside of the existing building as well as the exterior. This structure has become known to the area as the home of First Federal Savings and Loan of Beresford.

In 1978, First Federal opened its second office, located at 9th and Main, in Mitchell. In the spring of 1980, the Association completed construction of a new facility on the Mitchell branch site. This 2,000 square foot facility contained all the newest and latest innovations, along with a drive-in teller and off-street parking, which is a familiar sight at all the First Federal branch offices. In 1981, the Association opened its third branch, located at First and Main in Wagner. This was a totally renovated building, which brought to the community of Wagner its first full-time savings and loan.

In October 1981, the Association opened its fourth branch office in Parkston. This was a totally new building located in downtown Parkston with all the facilities of the other First Federal offices. In December of the same year, the Association opened its fifth branch office in Brookings.

First Federal is a Federal Association, chartered by an agency of the United States government and is a member of the Federal Home Loan bank System and the Federal Savings and Loan Insurance Corporation, which insures all deposits of the Association.

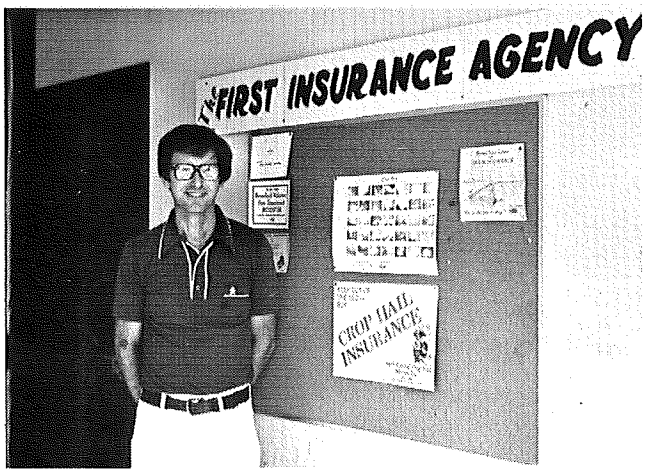
First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Beresford today is an institution of over $65,000,000.00 in assets serving Beresford and five other communities in the southeastern

corner of the state. First Federal is the largest, and only home-owned financial institution in the City of Beresford.

Businesses which operated out of the lots where First Federal now stands are the Vernon Voegeli Furniture Store, L & L Auto Parts, Ed Olson's Hardware Store, and Larson-Kundert Hardware Store, which was first opened in 1918. At one time, Dr. Toohey had an office and a four-bed hospital upstairs on the corner building on this block. A Jacobson Drug Store, run by Oliver and Jake Jacobson, was operated on the corner of Third and Main also.

First Insurance Agency

In 1928, T. A. Peterson started an insurance agency in the First National Bank, which was then located at the present site of Larry's Tip Top Barber Shop and the Civil Defense Office. In 1935, the agency was renamed the Peterson Insurance Agency. Art Olson, also a banker, as was Mr. Peterson, purchased an interest in the business in 1950 and the business was renamed the Olson-Peterson Agency.



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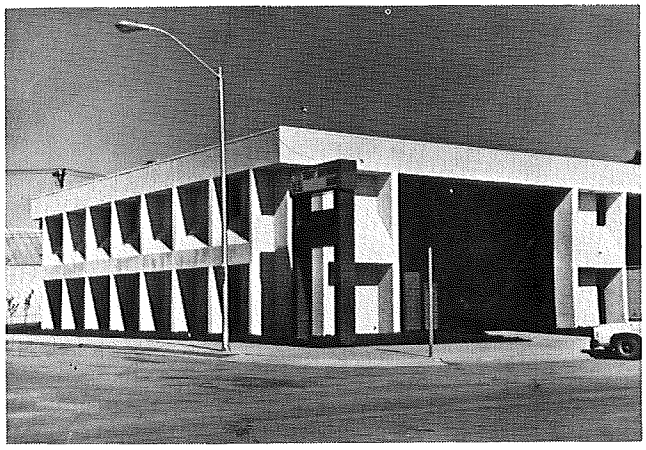
Meanwhile, the Jim Willey Agency was started on July 1, 1946 in Jim Willey's residence. In 1948, Mr. Willey moved his office into a 6' x 10' building located where the *Beresford Republic* now stands. In 1955, the business was again moved, this time into Mr. Willey's new residence on West Main.

In 1972, both agencies were purchased by John Diefendorf and merged into the First Insurance Agency. The business was located at 106 West Main in the Martin Miller Law Office. The business was operated by Jim Willey. In 1977, the business was moved into the rear of the new First National Bank building. On April 1, 1981 the agency was sold to David Kostboth, who presently operated the business in the same location and carries a full line of insurance.



First National Bank of Beresford

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The Corporate Charter was issued under the date of October 25, 1913, to the American State Bank of Beresford, South Dakota. Application for conversion to the First National Bank of Beresford, Beresford, South Dakota, was made under the date of December 3, 1915. Capital stock of $25,000.00 was subscribed, and a charter was granted to the First National Bank of Beresford on January 3, 1916.

In the year of 1917, Lewis Asper sold out his interest in the First National Bank of Beresford to J. J. DeLay, who took over as president at that time and operated the bank until 1931, at which time he moved to Norfolk, Nebr., and A. R. Olson was put in active management. At the time A. R. Olson took over the presidency, the bank's resources totaled over $4.4 million.

During the year of 1959, the City of Beresford's 75th anniversary year, the bank officers were: A. R. Olson, president; T. A. Peterson, vice president; C. R. Olson, cashier; Sophia Muhlenkort, assistant cashier; and Calmer Thompson, assistant cashier.

The bank has experienced one holdup during its time in business. On August 5, 1933, when the bank opened up at 9:00 a.m., four men came in with revolvers and they announced it was a holdup and all officers were forced to lay down on the floor, face down. Art Schmid, who was a customer, was also told to lay down. Then, A. R. Olson was forced to open the safe. He could not

remember the combination, so he told them that T. A. Peterson could open it, which he did, and $6,000.00 was taken and the robbers took off. Two years later they were captured, one being taken into custody and one took his own life. The money was later recovered.

A. R. Olson died in August of 1961 and, in January 1962, T. A. Peterson was elected president. On October 24, 1970, J. J. DeLay, chairman of the board, died after serving 65 years in banking. In January 1972, John Diefendorf joined the bank officers group and, in January 1975, was elected president with T. A. Peterson retiring to chairman of the board. During 1976, plans were formulated by John Diefendorf to relocate the bank to a place one block north to its present location, and a new building was constructed. In the new location, the business buildings of Rygers Produce and Creamery, McGill's Ice Cream Shop, Jensen's Insurance, Municipal Liquor, ABC Cleaners, Dewey Dress Shop and a small cafe run by several owners were purchased.

On March 1, 1977 the First National Bank moved from its old location to its new location and continued its service to the community from that date with a lot more room and a drive-up window on the north side. This building was a very noticeable improvement to that part of Beresford. T. A. Peterson retired from active banking in July, 1978 after 51 years of service. Sophia Muhlenkort, who retired a couple years prior, had about 50 years of service and Calmer Thompson, who is still active, has about 43 years of service.

On July 13, 1978, Robert T. Knopke was elected president of the First National Bank and Frank Farrar obtained controlling interest in this bank soon thereafter. At the present time the total resources are $23 million-plus.

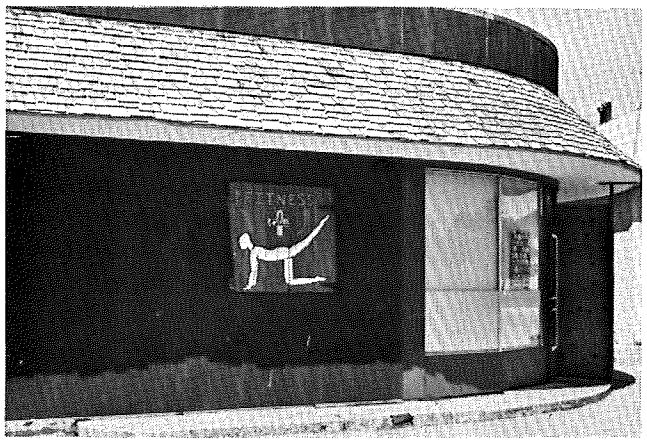
The First National Bank of Beresford was previously located in the current City Hall building on the corner of Third and Main. The bank occupied this location from 1935, when the building was purchased, until 1977, when it moved to its present location.

From 1916 until 1935, the First National Bank was in the site of the present Civil Defense Office and Larry's Tip Top Barber Shop. J. J. DeLay, bank president and chairman of the board of directors, purchased the building. This same building later was the home of the Federal Land Bank.

The former First National Bank building, now the Beresford City Hall, incidentally, was originally built in 1920 as a home for the Security State Bank. C. H. Olson was the president of the Security State Bank at that time. Security State Bank was eventually closed and never reopened after the so-called "bankers' holiday" in 1932, which was a banking moratorium ordered by President Franklin D. Roosevelt in response to the social and economic chaos brought on by the Crash of 1929 and the Great Depression. The Great Depression was also the death knell for a third Beresford bank which operated in Beresford up to the year 1926, called the Beresford State Bank.

The present Board of Directors include: Robert T. Knopke, chairman; L. S. Twedt, T. A. Peterson, William A. Hurd, Calmer Thompson and Art Norling, Jr.

The present officers are as follows: Robert T. Knopke, president; Calmer Thompson, senior vice-president; Duane W. Peterson, vice-president; Shirley O'Connor, cashier; Paul Greguson, loan officer and Betty Jo Lykken, loan officer.



Fitness Plus

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Karen Graham and Jeannine Stene operate a nutritional food and aerobic exercise business on the southwest corner of Third and Spruce in Beresford, called Fitness Plus.

The store stocks a variety of nutritional foods, ranging from a complete line of vitamins, herbal teas, bulk spices, nuts, farm eggs, natural dairy products, whole grains, flours and juices. Fitness Plus also sells vitalizer exercise equipment and offers exercise classes.

The business was opened on May 1, 1982 in a building owned by Wass Furniture, Inc. This building was originally a Standard Service Station that was converted into a carpet display and warehouse by Wass Furniture in 1971 and used by Wass until they moved down to their present location on South Third Street in 1977.

Prior to 1971, the Standard Service Station was operated by a succession of proprietors, including current Beresford mayor, William Muller, Tom Chalcroft, Leonard Mangan, Mel James and Greg and Bill Walsh. The service station adjoining the bowling alley to the south (formerly home to Wass Furniture) was originally a detached structure. The station was built in 1951.

Fountain's International Harvester

As Beresford celebrates its centennial, Fountains are celebrating their 25th anniversary, one of the oldest continuous operations in town.

International Harvester Company was represented in Beresford in the Motor Inn building at the southwest end of Main Street for over 40 years.

The following dealers have sold International Harvester products over the years: Martin Ebsen (26 yrs.), Paulson Brothers (a short time), Frank Roe (10 yrs.), Loren Sherman (a short time), Ed Kowalke (3 yrs.), Fountains (25 yrs.).

Fountain's International Harvester

Donald R. Fountain, founder of Fountain's, Incorporated, spent two years in the Navy after enlisting in the Naval Air Corp during World War II, attended Dubuque University, Vanderbilt University, and graduated from Morningside College. He was employed for eleven years by his father, Rex Fountain, at Sloan, Ia., an International Harvester dealer. Don purchased Kowalke Implement on July 5, 1959. The business was incorporated in 1967.

Walter Rohrabaugh, service man, and Vernon Edman, parts man, helped Don run the business which grew to 25 employees in the 1960's. The business was moved to the corner of West Cedar and 13th Street in 1963. In 1967, a warehouse was added. In 1975, an addition 7½ acres was added to the present site. In 1979, the present main building was erected.

The present employees number 16 part- or full-time. Several have worked for up to 22 years and many have retired. Walter Rohrabaugh (16 yrs.), Earl Williams (22 yrs.), Delbert Mohr (16 yrs.), Bruce Moore (21 yrs.), Percy Mohr (18 yrs.), Charles Garvin, accountant (6 yrs.), Dwight Sundstrom (9 yrs.), Russell Johnson (3 yrs.), Mike Staum (3 yrs.), Randy (Hank) Henning (3 yrs.), Robert Fuerstenberg (2 yrs.), Herm DeJager (2 yrs.), Craig Jensen, service manager (5 yrs.), Steve Bickett (3 yrs.), Rex Fountain (4 yrs. part-time). Over the years the company has provided work for approximately 75 full- or part-time employees.

Fountain's trade area expanded from a Beresford trade territory to an area from Sioux City, Ia. to Sioux Falls, Yankton and Hawarden, Ia. Commercial band radios were installed in the year of 1962. Delivery equipment progressed from a pickup and a two-wheel trailer to forklifts, semi-trailers and truck tractors with tilt beds. Dealers in the following towns who have quit their International franchises since 1960 are: Lennox, Hurley, Hudson, Alcester, Elk Point, Irene, Akron (Ia.) and Wakonda.

The company handled only International Harvester Farm Equipment and motor trucks until 1975 when the product line expanded to Sperry-New Holland, Farmhand, Stanhoist, Westendorf, Parker, Koyker, Caterpillar Engines, and various short-line products.

In 1979, Fountains were awarded the International Harvester XL Award for excellence in service by complying with requirements of size for facilities, stock financing and service.

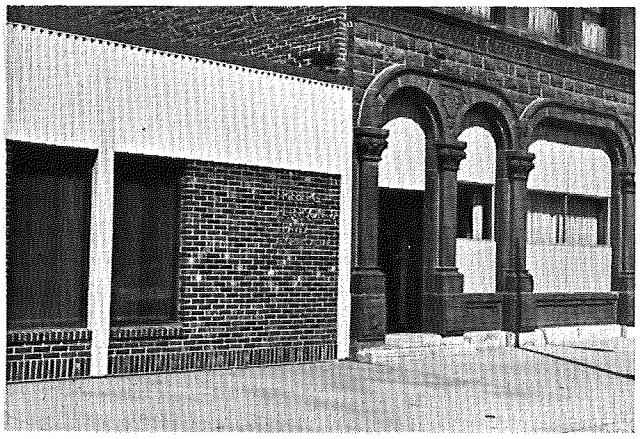
The parts department has been computerized for ten years; the accounting department for eight years. Micro fische scanners have been in use for ten years. In 1979, a new Bacharach diesel pump stand was installed, capable of servicing up to 12 cylinder injection pumps. This service system is the newest and largest in South Dakota.

The winter of 1959 was one of the worst on record. Don thought seriously of leaving Beresford. The business was so bad due to the economy and drought, but Don stuck it out and the business improved and grew. In 1975, shortages of machinery, hampered by distribution by allot-

ments, really hurt the business.

Fountain employees have been active in all community affairs—Lions Club, Jaycees, American Legion, V.F.W., ambulance service, firemen, Toastmasters, school board, implement dealer association, all the churches, farmers organizations, F.F.A., fairs, parades, Chamber of Commerce and National Federation of Independent Business.

They have adjusted and expanded, reduced and persisted to meet the needs of their customers and the economic climates. When interest rates ballooned beyond 20 percent, inventories soared, sales dropped for 17 months of recession; they suffered, as did their customers.



Frieberg, Peterson & Travis

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The firm was established in 1895 when August Frieberg opened his law practice in Beresford after passing the bar examination in Pierre. He had graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1892 and taught rural school in Clay county for two years while "studying law on the side." He continued in practice until 1930 and, during his early years, was the only lawyer in Beresford. For a period of time he was in association with A. F. Crandall, but for most of his career, practiced alone. A 1930 issue of the *Beresford Republic* reports an interview with August about the difficulty of being near the corner of three counties in the early 1900's.

"For instance, a trip to each of the three county seats meant a 30-mile drive with horse and buggy over roads that were assuredly not so good. Then he would have to plan to spent a couple of weeks in each place to transact all of his business at once and avert a repetition of the trip if possible." In 1927, August's eldest son, Roscoe A. Frieberg, entered practice with him and the firm became Frieberg and Frieberg. Another son, Arthur C. Frieberg, joined the firm in 1930.

August retired from practice due to ill health about 1930, and died in 1932. Roscoe and Arthur continued to practice together until late 1941 when Arthur left Beresford to enter the F.B.I. Roscoe then practiced alone until 1963 when his eldest son, Robert, joined him and the firm became Frieberg and Frieberg a second time. Phillip O. Peterson, a Sioux Falls native and USD graduate, joined Roscoe and Robert in 1975, and the firm became Frieberg, Frieberg & Peterson in 1976. Richard L. Travis, a Mobridge native and also a USD graduate, associated with the practice in 1980 and became a member in 1982, shortly after Roscoe's death, at which time the firm adopted its present name.

For many years the office was on the second floor of the Claussen cream and egg station on a lot north of the present location of the First National Bank. In 1935, Roscoe and Arthur moved into the Beresford State Bank building at 115 North Third where the office is presently located. An addition was built to the south in 1975 on a lot which, for many years, had been the location of the medical practice of Dr. E. T. Leitzke and, before that, Hoskins' Jewelry.

Original directors, l to r, back row: A. F. Ulmer, Raymond Friese, Carl Schaefer, O. A. Diefendorf; front: Joseph Healy, Jr., Chris Nelson, Kenneth Knudsen and B. Maynard Christensen.

Fruen Elevator Inc.

In 1906, J. W. Reedy erected a wooden building which later served as an elevator on land which was owned by the Chicago-Northwestern Railroad, adjoining the present-day railroad tracks.

Mr. Reedy operated a grain and livestock business, as well as other enterprises from this location (see Reedy family story). In 1933, shortly before Mr. Reedy's death in 1934, Robert Fruen approached Mr. Reedy about leasing the building and an agreement was entered into whereby Mr. Fruen would pay $50.00 per month, with an option to purchase at $1,350.00. The elevator had a rope drive and a capacity of 20,000 bushels.

Robert Fruen had a brother in the milling business in Minneapolis and had the idea that an enterprising person could make some money by shipping baled hay, pigeon grass seed and baled cornstalks out to ranchers in western South Dakota who needed livestock feed due to the combination of drought, erosion and wind, known as the "dust bowl" or "dirty thirties".

Robert Fruen hired Merle E. Rasmussen to help him in this enterprise. Merle was 26 years old when he first became interested in the grain business and, as Merle tells it, he was tired of working on the farm, tired of horse hair in his face, and would have become a bum, but didn't know how to catch a train.

After Merle was six months on the job, Fruen and Merle were scooping a load of grain on a rail car when Fruen asked Merle if he had any money. Merle replied that he had $200.00 saved up and Fruen said that he had $400.00, but it was all mortgaged so as he figured it, they could go into business 50-50. On these terms and after backdating the records six months, Merle E. Rasmussen commenced his equity interest in the grain business. Sometime shortly thereafter, Fruen Elevator, then an informal partnership, exercised its option and purchased the building from the Reedy family.

In 1933, corn was going for 16 cents a bushel and oats were 8 cents a bushel. Train cars could be procurred immediately and the Chicago-Northwestern ran by Beresford several times a week. In 1936, Robert Fruen left Beresford with his family and purchased an elevator in Minnesota, leaving Merle in charge as manager of affairs.

In the late 1930's, approximately 1938 and 1939, Merle estimates that 75 percent of his grain volume was comprised of the purchase and sale of barley. Fruen Elevator would purchase the grain, process it with a barley needles, and market the needles and chaff as livestock feed and ship the rest of the grain to St. Louis. After a few years, the local grain farmers did not grow as much barley and it eventually died out as a cash crop in the area. Some time later, Fruen had an agreement to transport purchased wheat to a macaroni factory in Sioux City, Ia., but wheat was not a success with area farmers.

In 1938, the informal partnership was incorporated by Carl Miller. Merle E. Rasmussen remained as manager and eventually bought out the Fruen family's interest over the years, with Merle taking total control in 1978.

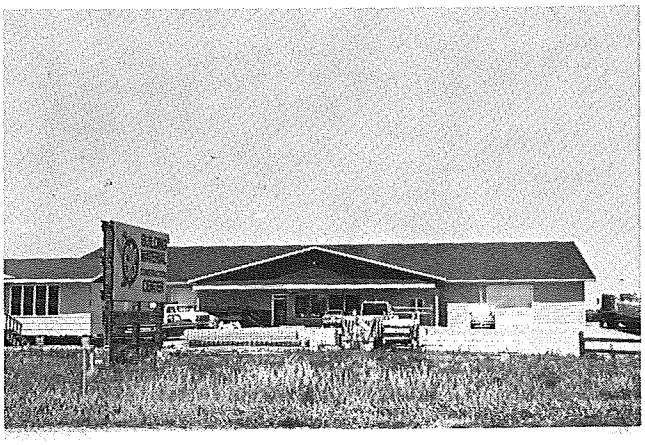
In 1933, when Fruen was first opened, there were a total of four elevators in Beresford, including Fruen, and business was very competitive. The other elevators were the Farmers Cooperative Grain Company, Fleischman Malting Company and Mullaney's Elevator. Some time later, Mullaney's bought out Fleischman and Mullaney, in turn, sold one elevator operation to Fruen and one elevator operation to the Cooperative Grain Elevator.

Fruen Elevator was the first farm supply business in Beresford to market fertilizer, according to Merle, and branched out into feed and seed as well. In recent years, Fruen has disposed of its fertilizer business.

As of today, Fruen Elevator has grain storage capacity of one million bushels and has four employees with Willis Heinzman as manager. Merle is semi-retired and still maintains daily contact with the business. The remaining employees are William DeLay, Steve Johnson and Alan Abraham.

Great Plains

Great Plains came about when GTA purchased a line of elevators in 1943 called the St. Anthony and Dakota Elevator Company. The approximate number of yards involved was 20. At that



Great Plains

time it was decided that the lumber yards should be separate from the grain elevators, and so it was set up as a separate corporation called Farmers Lumber and Supply. Several years

later, on December 18, 1947, the name was changed to Great Plains Supply Company, and it was operated as a separate corporation with the same directors as GTA because GTA was financing the lumber yard operation. In 1971, the corporation was dissolved and merged with GTA.

During its growth, Great Plains moved from one small town to another, and through a process of elimination, ended up with lumber yards that were either in average size or small towns with a good farm trade. The maximum number of yards operated by Great Plains was 126. In 1972, Kensett Homes plant in Kensett, Ia. was started, as well as Lennox Manufacturing in Lennox by Great Plains.

Managers have been: D. M. Claussen, from December 1955 to June 1962, when he transferred to the St. Paul office until his retirement; Marvin F. Menholt, April 1962 to February 1964; Herbert Kruse, Fegruary 1964 to March 1966; William Brubaker, March 1966 to June 1966; Raymond Hisel, June 1966 to the present time.

Great Plains was located at the Old Slagle Lumber Yard site at the corner of Main and Second Street from time of purchase of the yard from the F. M. Slagle & Co. in December, 1955, until the spring of 1975 when they moved to their new lumber yard on Highway 46 at the edge of town. At this time the old yard was sold to Latendresse Construction Company.

Hill Pharmacy

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Jerry and Kathy Hill purchased the Case Drug Store from Phil and Rachel Case in September of 1981. Prior to coming to Beresford and after graduating from South Dakota State University, Jerry Hill, a Viborg native, worked as a pharmacist in suburban Chicago and in Aberdeen.

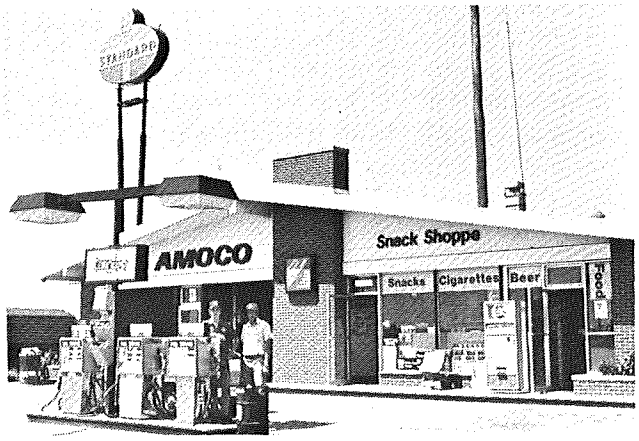
Phil and Rachel Case, who came to Beresford from Parker, ran this store from the years of 1965 until 1981. G. A. Swede, who sold out to the Cases in 1965, was a native of Dell Rapids and a South Dakota State graduate who operated the store from 1945 until 1965. "Swede" is the father of Mary Lou Jensen.

Harry Kuhns operated this drug store for some years prior to Thorson; before him it was called Lindersmith's Corner Drug. It was during Kuhns' tenure that the soda fountain was taken out.

Frank Kriebs, a pharmacist, owned this building from 1913 until the building was sold to Swede Thorson in 1965. Kriebs opened the store the year he bought it and operated it until 1926 when he moved to Pierre. He rented the building out to the next three proprietors.

Prior to Kriebs, this store was run by a pharmacist by the name of Ramsell, who apparently first started the store at or about the turn of the century.

Originally, this lot had a two-story brick building with professional offices upstairs. August Frieberg, ancester of Roscoe and Robert Frieberg, had a law office upstairs and a Dr. Embree conducted a medical practice from above this store.



Interstate AMOCO Station

Interstate Amoco Station

The first Standard Oil gas station in Beresford was a no-service, gas-only pump on the southwest corner of Third and Spruce Street in downtown Beresford, operated by Greg and Bill Walsh. The gas pump and small building were much closer to the street corner referred to above than is the current occupant of this lot, Fitness Plus.

Mel James took over the station from the Walsh brothers and ran it until 1944 when Leonard Mangan moved back to his home town of Beresford from Dubuque, Ia. and took over the Standard Station.

In 1951, the white block structure, which is now known as Fitness Plus, was erected for a full-service Standard Oil gas station.

Leonard, son of County Judge Jerome Mangan, a former Beresford attorney and book store owner, ran the station until 1961, when it was sold to Tom Chalcraft, who ran the station until 1969.

In 1969, Bill Muller, current Beresford mayor, took over the station and he ran it from this location until 1971 when the new Standard Station at the junction of South Dakota Highway 46 and Interstate 29 was built and leased to Miller.

Mayor Muller ran the station until October 1977, when the lease was assigned to Bob Wragge and in 1981 a lease was given the present owner, Bill Sweeney.

Three generations—Victor, Lyle and Mark

Jensen Agency

In 1944, Victor Jensen purchased the agencies of Chris Jacobson, Abe Durest and Eric Nygaard to start the Jensen Insurance and Real Estate Agency.

He opened his office at his home located at 307 North 4th Street. In 1949, Victor's son, Lyle, joined the agency. In 1950, they moved their office to 207 West Main, where it operated until 1965 when it was moved to 201 North 3rd which was formerly the Beresford State Bank.

Victor Jensen retired in 1965 but remained active in the business until his death in 1976. This building was originally erected in 1895 by Ida and William Kundert.

In 1974, the business moved to its present site at 124 N. 3rd Street.

Mark Jensen, the son of Lyle Jensen, joined the business in 1975 when it was then incorporated as Jensen Agency, Incorporated, Insurance and Real Estate.

The building at 124 North 3rd Street has been vastly remodeled to accomodate the Jensen Agency. Previously, this building was a grocery store for its entire existence dating back to 1895.

Lauris and Francis Christensen ran an I.G.A. grocery from 1968 to 1972, before they relocated their store further south on Third Street. Roy and Jeanette Guinther operated a grocery store at this location from 1967 to 1968. Prior to that Jim Burns operated a grocery store here from approximately 1950 until 1967.

From 1944 until 1950 Mel Holmes ran a grocery store on this corner. Bill and Greg Walsh operated Walsh Brother's Food Store prior to World War II. The Walshes purchased the business from Ed Swedelson in 1939 and sold out to Mel Holmes. Swedelson ran a grocery store here during the 1930's and preceding him was O.K. Mork.

From 1902 until 1920 Werter Smith, father of Ernest Smith, who currently resides in Beresford, ran a grocery store in the building.

Kathy's Beauty Salon

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Kathy's Beauty Salon was established on October 15, 1975. It is located at 211 South 6th

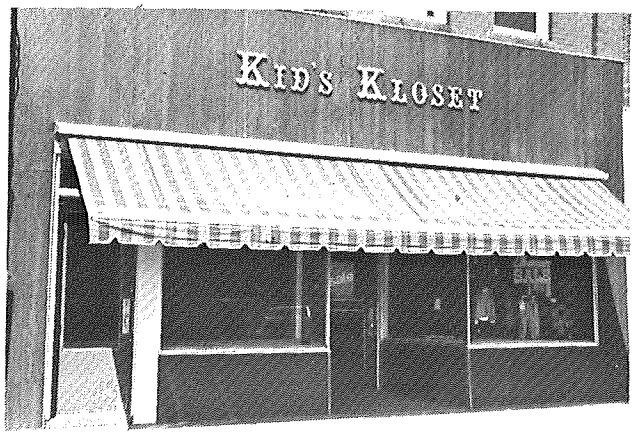
Street in Beresford. The Salon is owned by Kathy and Dan Andre. The Salon is in their home that many years ago was a maternity home operated by Delia McGill. As many as 300 babies were born in what is now a beauty salon. Many of Kathy's clients have remarked that their children were born there.

The maternity home operated from around 1944 to 1948. It was for Dr. Lietzke's patients only. Four of Delia's grandsons and five granddaughters were born in that house.

Kid's Closet

Irene Lindblom is the current owner operator of the Kid's Closet, 111 Third Street, in Beresford, South Dakota. This store stocks a line of children's clothing.

Mrs. David Lawrenson, Kathy, started the Kid's Closet in 1977 and operated it until 1982 when the business was sold to Mrs. Lindblom.



Kid's Closet

This building was previously home to a shoe store operated by Sheridan Swee from 1972 to 1977 under the name The Shoe Box. This store was moved across the street to the mini mall on North Third next to Leland's Clothing.

Prior to this, the store was known as the Toomey Shoe Store, dating back to 1911 when Jere J. Toomey opened the store. Toomey came to Dakota Territory in 1880 and was a farmer (in Emmett Township), marshall and auctioneer, specializing in horses. Toomey was severely injured when a building collapsed upon him and was confined to a wheel chair the rest of his life. At his death, two daughters, Catherine and Dorothy, continued to operate the store until 1972 when they retired and sold the store to Sheridan Swee.

Doctor T. A. Hoard, Osteophatic surgeon, operated a medical practice out of the second story of a building on this lot.

Knutson Western Store

Knutson Western Store was started in October 1970 by Ken, JoAnn, Lyle and Karen Knutson. They enlarged the store several times in the Truck Towne building. In 1976 they built and moved into their permanent building located to the east of Truck Towne Cafe.

Knutson Western Store

In June of 1973 Ken and Lyle opened a second store in downtown Yankton, South Dakota.

The businesses consist of authenic western clothing, boots and hats for the entire family and a complete line of horse products including tack department, saddles, harness, and health care products.

L & L Auto Supply

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Beresford's L & L Auto Supply is one of seventeen L & L stores scattered throughout

South Dakota and Minnesota and owned and operated by L & L's central office in Sioux Falls.

Prior to 1983, however, the L & L store was locally owned and operated. But even now, there is a very strong Beresford connection in that one of the co-owners of L & L Motor Supply is Robert Corey son of Mary O'Reily Corey, granddaughter of George S. Guenzel, Sr. Mr. Guenzel was one of Beresford's earliest merchants, coming to Beresford in 1885 to open a combined furniture and undertaking business where Chuck's Clover Farm on South Third now stands.

This lot has a long history of business use dating back to 1890 when it was home to Wilcox Lumber Company owned and operated by A. B. Wilcox until the early 1900's. George Christensen, Andrew Strand and Fred Nissen also ran blacksmith shops from this location.

In 1908 John E. Carlson purchased the lot and converted the lumber yard into an implement dealership.

Martin Ebsen had some interest in this property selling, International farm implements in the 1920's.

John Carlson brought his sons, Virgil and Floyd, into the business and renamed the partnership Calson and Sons in 1945. Later the building on lots 19, 20 and 21 in Block 11 of the original plat of Beresford became known as Carlson Brothers.

The heirs of John E., Floyd and Virgil Carlson sold the lots to Dan Cotton in 1960 to make a home for Dan Cotton Chevrolet, which stayed at this location for 16 years.

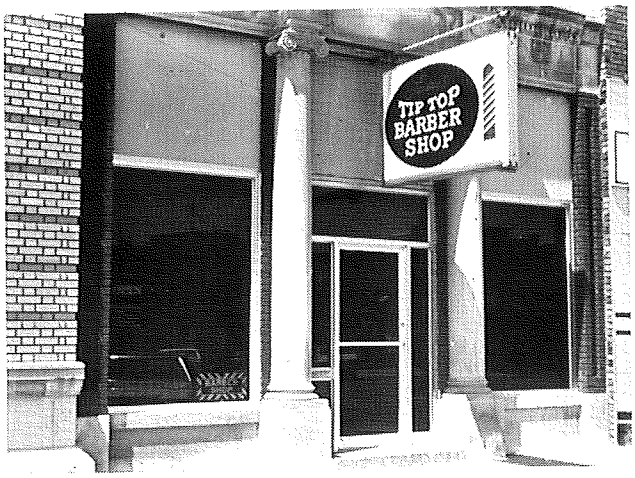
In 1976 the three lots and building were sold to Loren Krier who moved L & L Moter Supply into this location.

Krier was forced to move from his location in the 100 Block of South Third due to the expansion of First Federal Savings and Loan.

Prior to being on South Third, L & L Motor Supply was located in the north half of Bierbaum Rexall Drug Store. David Larson was a partner of Loren Krier at that time, but left to start his own business in the building which later vacated to make way for First Federal Savings and Loan. In 1983, Loren Krier sold out to L & L after being in business for 17 years in Beresford.

Larrys Tip Top Barber Shop

In June of 1965, Larry and Mary Pravecek moved from Watertown, South Dakota to Beresford and purchased the Tip Top Barber Shop and was located at 107 North 3rd, in the current Nygaard Paint Store building.



Larry's Tip Top Barber Shop

In November of 1977, Mary was graduated from the South Dakota Barber College and was employed at the Barber Shop.

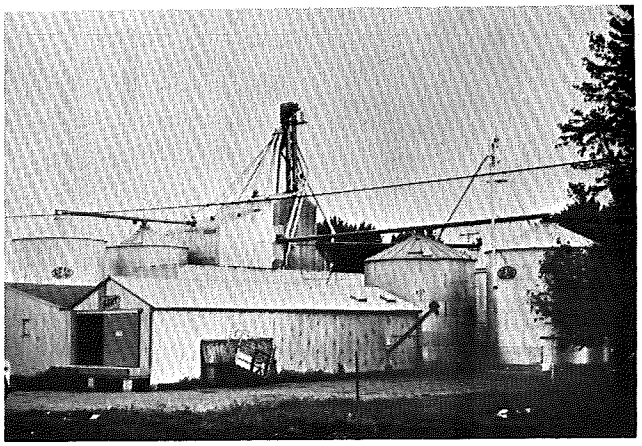
In May of 1981 the business was moved to its present location of 103 North 3rd. This was the former Federal Land Bank building.

The downtown barber shop with a male proprietor and for males only is a thing of the past. Currently, there are several beauty salons which cater to both sexes. But Beresford has seen a long line of male barbers who presided over that male location known as the barbershop. Other than Ezra "Ike" Underwood and Larry Provacek, other male barbers who operated barbershops in Beresford were: Frances Zimmerman, Kenneth Kaltenbach, Denny Turner, Joe Cummings, Ralph Boyle, Wilmer Schmid, Ed Malloy, Pete Gard, William Ullman, Fred Buller, Elmer Durest, Art Schmid, and W.E. Bussler. There is some debate on the first barber shop in town, but the evidence strongly suggests that it was W.E. Bussler, in 1888.

Lee's Feed Supply, Inc.

The Star Feed Mill was built in 1927 by Louie Sprecker. The main purpose was grinding feed for livestock. Feed grains were hauled by teams and wagons.

The mill was purchased by Ray Howard in 1943. The name was changed to R H Feed Mill. He owned the mill until 1960 when it was purchased by Leonard Price who changed the name to Len's Feed Mill. Leonard remodeled the mill adding a warehouse, a grain dryer, a new truck scale, cribbing for inside grain storage, custom feed mixer and seven bins for grain bank storage.

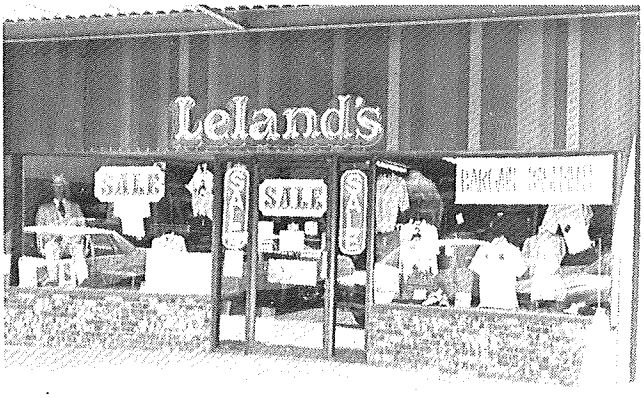


Lee's Feed Supply

Lee and Mary Geveshausen purchased the mill in January, 1978 when Leonard retired. They then changed the name to Lee's Feed Supply. In 1980 they incorporated the business. The corporation has four employees. Lee Geveshausen is president of the corporation. Mary Geveshausen is secretary-treasurer, Chester Olson, who has worked for the mill for 19 years, is millman, and Charles Eastman, who has worked for 10 years, is the feed delivery man. Lee's services include grain banking, custom feed mixing for livestock, liquid feed for cattle and animal care products. He also handles livestock equipment. The feed mill has been under Kent Feeds dealership for over 20 years.

Leland's Clothing

Beresford's first men's clothing store was opened by Jim Reeding in 1908. Years later he sold the store to Tony and Fred Fedderson. By this time there was a second clothing store in



Leland's Clothing

Beresford run by H.P. Peterson and F.A. Larson and located across the street from the Fedderson store. Mr. Peterson sold his share of the store to Mr. Larson and then Peterson bought the store from the Fedderson brothers.

After World War I a new building was built where Leland's Clothing is today and H. P. Peterson and Louis Wilson, who married Mabel Peterson, H. P. Peterson's daughter, became owner-managers.

In 1921 Helen Peterson, another daughter of H. P. Peterson, married Leo DeLay and the clothing store was expanded to include a new partner plus the addition of a cleaning and pressing department. Mr. Wilson died in 1942 and Mr. DeLay in 1943.

In 1943 Elmer Duerst bought into the store and continued to operate it along with Helen DeLay for over twenty years before selling all interests in the store to DeLoss Smith and Lawrence Rick. Smith and Rick operated the store from 1964 to 1969 when Mr. Smith sold his share to Mr. Rick who continued for an additional five years.

In April, 1974 the Ricks' Clothing Store was purchased by Leland Klostergaard and became known as LeLand's Clothing. In 1982 the store was expanded with the purchase of the adjacent building which became known as the Shoe Stop.

In the fall of 1982 extensive remodeling was done in the lower level of the Shoe Stop to include office space. Royal Lankhorst, Certified Public Accountant, became the first occupant in December, 1982.

M & M Manufacturing

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John Bickett, Patrick McIlvenna, and Merle Twedt are the partners who now operate a steel fabrication, propane heater and cleaner factory on the corner of Third Street and Oak Street.

The brick building housing M & M was built in 1912 or 1913 for an auto sales and repair garage when the horseless carriage first started to make

its appearance.

The garage's first operator was P. A. Rasmussen who had formerly ran a wood shop where Wally's Jack and Jill stands today. Rasmussen ran a Buick garage and sales franchise until 1938. He also had the International dealership. This location served as home for the International dealership for the following individuals after Ebsen: Paulsen Brothers, Frank Roe (10 yers), Loren Sherman, Ed Kowalke (3 years) and Don Fountain.

Fountain left this building and moved to the corner of 13th Street and Cedar Street in 1963. It was shortly thereafter that M & M Manufacturing moved into this location.

Mac's Cafe

Mac's Cafe, located at 104 North Third, has retained the name for over 50 years, but in that period of time has been owned and operated by several different people.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMahon purchased the Linnmann Cafe from Harold Holse in 1931. After remodeling the cafe, it was opened under the name of Mac's Cafe. In 1940, the McMahons sold the business to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tollefson.

Left to right: Gwynneth Voegili, Julie Hustrulid, Mary Ellen Hustrulid, owner; Mildred Espeland, Mabel Richards, Sheri Coffman.

The Tollefsons operated the cafe and Greyhound bus depot until they sold it to Elsie Kingston and Richard and Ruby Huston in the late 1940's. Other owners after the Kingston-Hustons were Pete and Ada Barendreght and Emil and Dorothy Karstens.

Roy and Jeanette Guinther purchased Mac's from the Karstens in 1956, later selling it to Lawrence VanZee. At the time VanZee owned the cafe there was a major fire in the kitchen area. The cafe was closed and the Guinthers bought it back from VanZee. After extensive cleaning and remodeling, Roy and Jeanette operated Mac's until October of 1974 when they sold it to Robert and Sheila Jensen. The Jensens sold it to Harley and Dianne Gross in November of 1977 and, in November of 1980, Mrs. Mary Ellen Hustrulid and Steve Hustrulid purchased the cafe from the Grosses. Mary Ellen assumed sole ownership a year later.

Marty's Cafe

Marty's Cafe

Marty's Cafe, currently owned and operated by William and Rhoda Sweeney, ws originally a service station operated by Everett Gustafson under the name of Sovereign Service. Rev. Mars, Gustafson's father-in-law, built the station in 1934 on the corner of old Highway 77 and East 13th Street.

Ed Reed was successor to Gustafson in operation of the service station and Reed added a dance floor and some booths and tables. Ed Reed ran the station until 1941 and later got into the wholesale grocery business. Reed Sales derives its name from that. Edna Hoppold purchased the business and property from Reed and it was called "Edna's" and was known as "the" night spot in Beresford. Edna also put in a ball diamond to the south for kitten ball and donkey ball games.

In 1961, Leonard Yost bought the property and in 1963 rented it to Lucille and Wayne Wastell who renamed it "Marv's Drive Inn." The Wastells previously ran a small drive-in approximately one-half block north of the corner which was also named "Marv's" after the Wastell's oldest son. The Wastells ran the drive-in and cafe

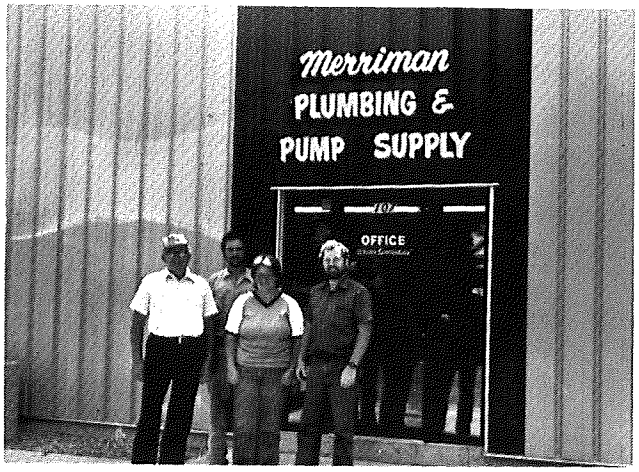
from 1963 until 1977, purchasing the lot and building in 1967.

Bill and Rhoda Sweeney purchased the lot and building from the Wastells, remodeled it and, in turn, rented it to Don Carlson for a short time and to Martin Zeimitz for about one year. In May 1979, the Sweeneys began operation of the cafe.

Merriman Drilling Co.

Don Merriman started his drilling career in the mid-1930's while still in high school, working for his uncle, A. F. Kuborn, at Woonsocket, S.D. In 1939 he went to work for J. J. Larson, a drilling company in Yankton, S.D., until the Army called in 1942.

After serving with the 8th Air Force in Europe as a navigator, he returned from the war in 1946 and went to work for Pat Leer who operated a drilling company in Vermillion, S.D. Don made his home here in Beresford.



Merriman Drilling Company

In 1959, Don started his own business with one employee and made $25,000 to $35,000 a year in business. As the business grew, a pump crew was added, headed by Bob Strand, an employee since 1962.

In 1967 a son-in-law, Cliff Gunnare, joined the firm and a corporation was formed. In 1968, a trenching crew was added, headed by Cliff. In the mid-1970's the firm expanded into heating, plumbing, air conditioning and solar installation, specializing in ground water heat pumps.

Three sons, Larry, Lonnie and Geoffrey, and two daughters, Gloria (Cliff's wife) and Sharon, have joined the firm, making it pretty much a family business. Total employees now number 10 and business has grown. A large commercial contract involving 40 ground water heat pumps with a 300-gallon per minute water demand was signed by the company in December of 1982.

The company officers are Don Merriman, chairman of the board; Cliff Gunnare, president; Larry Merriman, vice president; Lonnie Merriman, secretary-treasurer.

Don reached the age of 62 in November of 1982 and plans to semi-retire in 1983 and let Cliff and the boys take over full management of the firm.

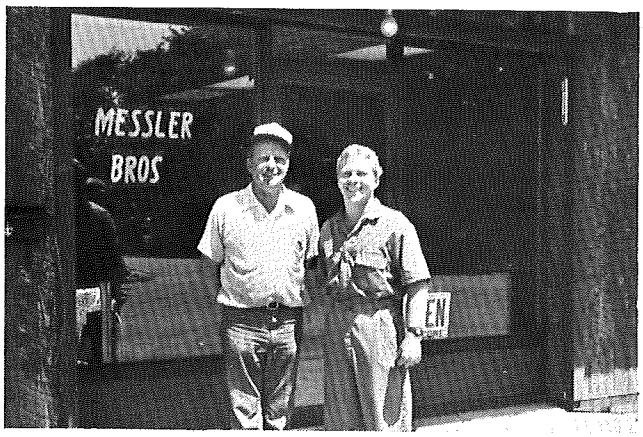
The lot where Merriman Drilling now stands was previously a Buick automobile and Allis-Chalmers farm implement dealership operated by Fred Carrington for several years.

Lou Palmer, a current resident of Beresford, purchased the business from Fred Carrington in 1943 and ran it from this location until 1948 when he and his wife moved to Kansas.

A Knutson from Centerville, S.D. purchased the Allis-Chalmers dealership and Flunky Sundstrom purchased the Buick franchise from Palmer in 1948. Sometime after that, Bert Klopstad operated a Chevrolet dealership from this lot until 1957 when Dan Cotton Chevrolet purchased the Chevrolet franchise and operated out of this building until 1958 when he moved to Third and Cedar.

After this the lot was used as a workshop by J. B. Kutcher's John Deere, who had their principal place of business across Oak Street and across the ally on Third Street and used this lot to store farm implements.

Merrimans purchased this lot and remodeled the existing workshop. In 1978, an expansion was made to the west with the new steel building which exists on this site today.



Messler Bros. Plumbing, Heating, Air Conditioning and Wiring

Messler Bros.

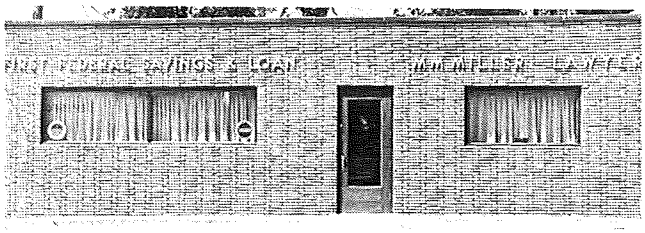
After working for their father, Erick Messler, in Alsen, Ralph and Roger opened their own business in Beresford in 1952. Ralph had attend-

ed Electrical school in Chicago, Ill. and Roger had attended Plumbing school in Kansas City, Mo. They first worked out of a garage located at 106 East Maple Street. In the spring of 1953, along with brother Ray, who owned Ray's Radio and TV, they rented the Guenzel building at 107 South Third Street, which Keaton Florist Shop had occupied. This is the building that the Senior Citizens now have.

In March, 1960, they bought the Len Price Feed Store building located at 111 West Main Street. In 1975 they sold this building to the City of Beresford and is now the Municipal Liquor Store. At this time they bought the Co-op Service building at 120 East Main Street. Until they could move into that building they had to temporarily move back into the Guenzel building on Third Street. In November, 1975, they moved into the Co-op building and have since been located there, along with Ray's Radio and TV.

McGill Law Office

William J. Bulow came to Beresford in 1893 when the new State of South Dakota was just four years old, and established a law practice. He served as Mayor and City Attorney for Beresford, as well as States Attorney and Judge for Union county. He was elected Governor in 1926, and served two terms. Mr. Bulow was elected U.S. Senator in 1930 and re-elected in 1936. He retired from public life in 1942.



McGill Law Office

J. W. Kaye continued the law practice started by W. J. Bulow, coming to Beresford in 1926, when Bulow left for the Governor's mansion. Mr. Kaye was active in community affairs and helped to organize the Beresford Golf Club in 1928. He left Beresford in 1938 to take a position in Mitchell with the Farm-Home Administration.

Carl W. Miller arrived in Beresford in 1938 to assume the law practice left by Mr. Kaye. Carl Miller continued until August, 1941 when he was called into the Army Reserves, shortly before World War II.

Martin M. Miller, a brother of Carl W. Miller, came to Beresford in August, 1941 to resume the law practice and continued for nearly 40 years, until his death in March, 1981.

Carl W. Miller was located in an office in the former Federal Land Bank building, now the Civil Defense Office. Martin Miller continued in the same location for a brief time and then moved the office to the rear of the former building of the First National Bank, now the City Office Building, until he built a new office building in 1955 at 106 West Main. Francis Kelly designed and built the building. Martin occupied half of the building and the First Federal Savings and Loan Association occupied the other half of the new building. First Federal Savings and Loan stayed until they moved to their present location at Third and Main. After they moved, Martin Miller occupied the entire building as his office.

James K. DeSaix practiced law with Martin Miller from 1977 until forming his own practice in July, 1981, also in Beresford. Michael J. McGill, a native of Beresford and son of Edmund and Dolores McGill, assumed the law practice of Martin Miller on July 1, 1981 and continued in the same location.

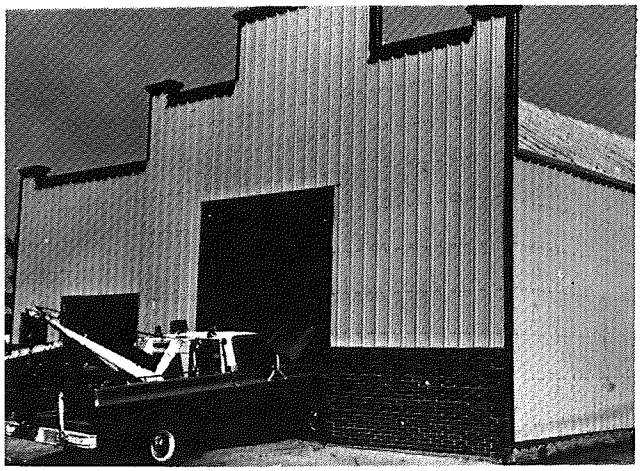
Dolores McGill

McGill's Kiddie Prep

McGill's Kiddie Prep, open to ages three to five, began in September 1972, becoming Beresford's first organized nursery school. The school has offered children education in arts, crafts, early learning and social skills.

The school, located in the home of Mrs. McGill at 405 S. Second Street, was opened as a full-day facility. It is owned and operated by Mrs. Dolores McGill, a former elementary teacher. Since 1977, the school has operated one half-day

basis only, with classes running from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday. Mrs. Merlyn Brosz has assisted Mrs. McGill the past five years.



Milford's Manufacturing

Milford's Manufacturing

Milford Bickett owns and operates a manufacturing plant at 112 West Hemlock in Beresford, specializing in ventilation systems for animal confinement units and general repair. Milford opened his business here in 1975. Prior to that, Milford had an interest in M & M Manufacturing Company of Beresford.

Milford renovated the building when he moved into it by removing the stucco surface, putting a steel sheath around the building and bricking a portion of the front.

Originally this lot was owned by John Davis who operated a livery stable here during the 1880's. Nils Soderstrom took over the livery stable around the turn of the century.

The building standing on this lot is the original building and had steam heat and vents in the floor. The building has its original copper roof intact to this day and still is water tight.

This building housed a veterinary clinic and animal hospital after being a livery stable for some time.

Farmers Motor Company, owned by Harry Nolan, operated from this lot from 1922 until 1927. Mrs. Nolan was the daughter of Beresford pioneer George Sinclair, who once ran a livery stable and buggy shop where Craze Amusement stands today in the 100 Block of East Hemlock.

After 1927, the building was stuccoed and was the West Side Grocery for many years before becoming the Tri-State Transportation Warehouse. Thereafter it was home to the Tri-County Farmers Union until that cooperative moved in the early 1960's to its location known as Truck Towne, west of Beresford.

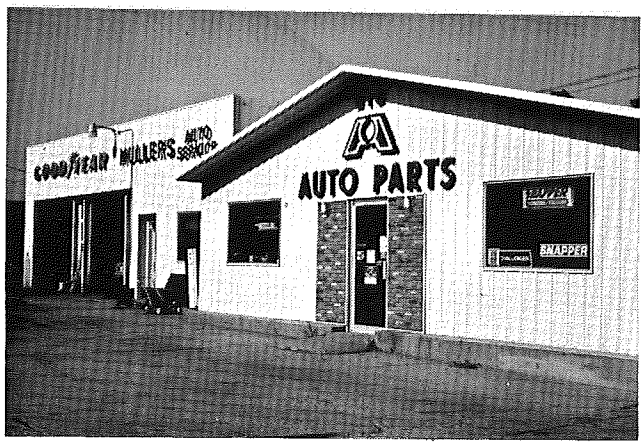
Don Merriman Drilling Company headquartered here after Farmers Union moved and stayed until 1975, when the Drilling Company moved two blocks south of the corner of Oak and Fourth Street.

Milford Bickett opened his manufacturing business in 1975 and continues to this day. The building, though renovated several times, dates back to the 1880's.

Muller's Auto Supply and Automotive Service

William and Larry Muller own and operate an auto parts, supply and service center on the corner of Third and Oak Street in Beresford, on Lots 10, 11, 12 and 13 in Block 5 of the Original Plat of Beresford.

The Mullers sell Big A Auto Parts, Goodyear Tires and general merchandise and engage in auto service and repair. Larry manages the retail portion of the business and Bill manages the service area.



Muller's Auto Supply and Automotive Service

Larry Muller formerly operated the auto parts store out of a store in the western area of the Truck Towne complex in western Beresford. This store was opened in January of 1977 and was moved downtown in July of 1978.

William Muller is currently the Mayor of Beresford and has been at the present location since 1978. Previously he owned and operated a Standard station at the intersection of U.S. Highway 29 and South Dakota Highway 46, from 1971 until 1977. From 1969 until 1971, Bill and his wife, Veronica, operated the Standard station on the southwest corner of Third and Hemlock.

From 1961 until 1973, Bill was the sanitation service business in Beresford and elsewhere.

The first business on Lots 10 and 11 was a service station run by Laston Thornbaldson, which was operated from 1924 to 1941. In 1941, George Oakes bought the station and ran it until 1956. From 1956 until the early 1960's, William DeLay and Mike Bovill ran a Mobil service station on this corner.

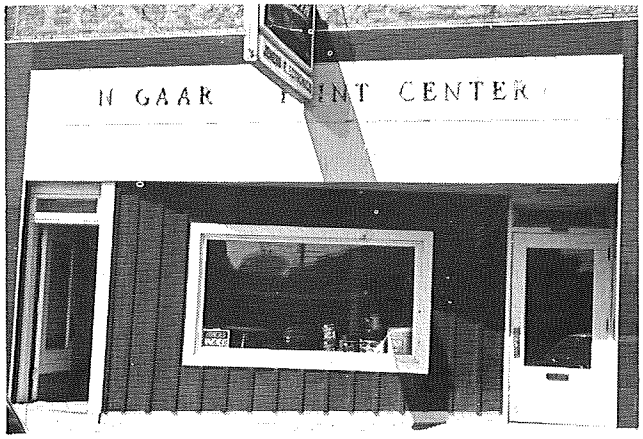
This lot remained vacant after the DeLay-Bovill station closed and until Begeman Ford occupied it from the early 1970's until the Mullers opened shop here.

The first business on Lots 12 and 13 of Block 5 was a mechanics shop owned and operated by P. A. Rasmussen. In 1926, C. O. "Chevy" Peterson opened a Chevrolet dealership which he ran for several years, until he conveyed it to Burt Klopstad.

Mr. Klopstad operated the Chevrolet dealership on this location until fire destroyed the business in 1956. Thereafter, Dan Cotton, Jr. purchased the franchise and moved it elsewhere in Beresford, as is noted in the Cotton Chevrolet history.

Nygaard Paint Store

Norman Nygaard and his son, Jay, own and operate a paint sales and service store at 107 North Third Street in Beresford. This building has been in the Nygaard family for several years and was originally built by S. O. Steensland.



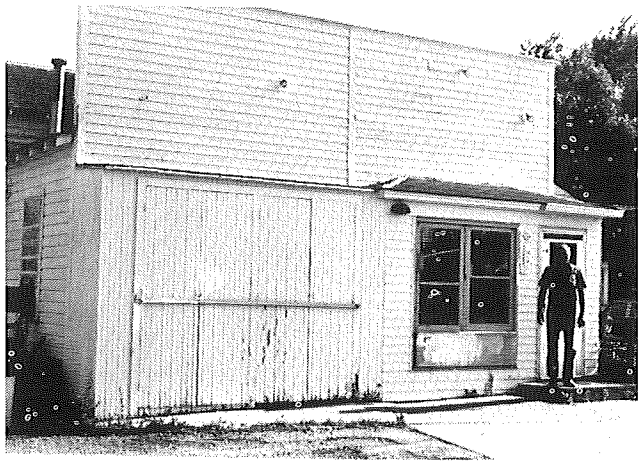
Nygaard Paint Store

In the past, this building has been home to Jenness Electronics, a stereo, appliance and record store operated by Dennis Jensen and Donald Ness; a barber shop operated by Ike Underwood; Jake Nygaard Hardware Store (Jake is Norman's father); Nygaard and Norman Hardware Store; J. J. Keller's photography studio (upstairs before Keller moved to the location where Leland's Shoe Store is today); Lemon Real Estate (the last business and last business location of Harry Lemon operated in Beresford); Red Owl Grocery Store; and Farmers Union Grocery Store.

Ollie's Repair

The site now known as Ollie's Repair and the old locker has a long history in the City of Beresford. The land has changed hands several times over the last 100 years.

It was first owned by Elie Ricard, a homesteader, who was also the first man to settle in Beresford. The land was first homesteaded in 1876 and contained 159.09 acres of land. He then built a frame house on his homestead where he located Beresford's first post office and was Beresford's first postmaster.



Ollie's Repair

The land was probably best remembered as being owned by Sven O. Steensland. Around 1921 he built Beresford's first locker, freezer and ice cream plant, known as the Beresford Ice Company. He also engaged in the oil distribution business known as Steensland Oil Company. Mr. Steensland retained the oil company until his death in 1949. His son, Almer Steensland, then took over Steensland Oil.

Besides running the oil business, Almer Steensland also served as Beresford's city mayor. He ran the oil business until his retirement.

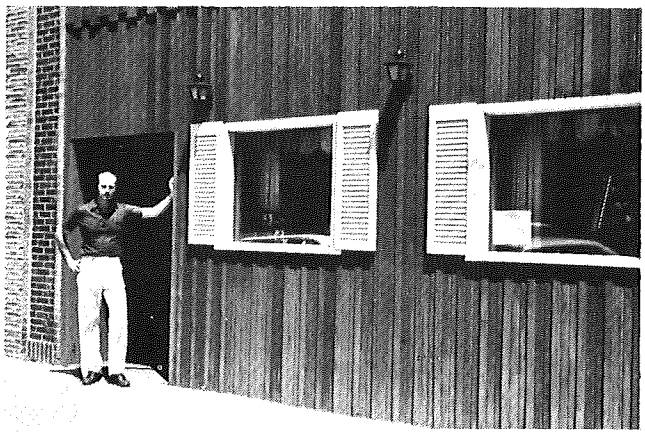
In 1925, Sven O. Steensland sold the Beresford Ice Company to A. J. Rushe who operated it until 1934. It was bought by the First National Bank of Beresford.

In 1941, it was sold to G. A. Lee and his wife, Hedvig A. Lee. Mrs. Lee died in 1946 and Mr. Lee

sold one-third interest in the property to Miss Gertrude Folsom in 1949. They owned the land in partnership until Mr. Lee died in 1963. Miss Folsom then bought the other two-thirds interest from his heirs. Miss Folsom died two years later in March of 1965, and left all her property to her sister, Katherine F. Bean.

Katherine Bean and her husband, Harry Bean, owned and operated the Beresford Creamery and Produce Co. for several years after that. Katherine Bean died at Bethesda Nursing Home in 1975. After her death, Mr. Bean sold the property to Wendell Arends. Mr. Bean also served as Beresford's city mayor. After he quit the locker business, the building was then abandoned.

For a few years, Richard "Bud" Girard operated the oil and bulk business. The business was then taken over by Wendell Arends. Mr. Arends also served a term as Beresford mayor. He operated the gas station and bulk business until 1979, when all the property was sold to Oliver J. Lundquist, Jr. and his brother, William Lundquist, who have been operating as Ollie's Repair ever since.



Paul's Photography

Paul's Photography

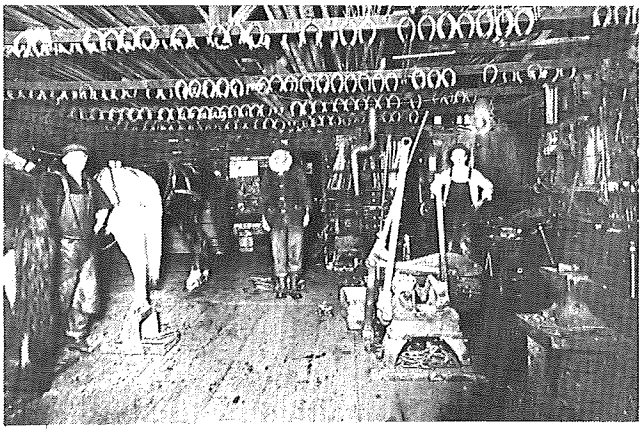
Paul and Linda Shoemaker came to Beresford from Sioux Falls in April, 1979 and purchased the photography studio at 105 North Third Street from Oscar and Lila Graverson. Oscar had been in the photography business in Beresford for 35 years and had been in the building at 106 North Third since 1964. Prior to 1964, Oscar had been on the south half of the building where Leland Klostergaard's shoe store is now, the former home of the Shoe Box in the mini mall. The north half of this building was home to Don Lindstrom's jewelry and watch repair business. Oscar won several photography awards in his career.

Oscar Graverson purchased the business of J. J. Keller, who also had his studio in the south side of the present shoe store for a time. Prior to that, Keller had a studio above the building housing today's Nygaard Paint Center. J. J. Keller came to Beresford in 1909 and was successor in interest to Setn Hykell, who was thought to be the earliest photographer in Beresford.

Pedersen Machine Inc.

Chris Martin Pedersen came to Beresford from Denmark in about 1910. He was employed by Fred Nissen for approximately ten years. Their business consisted of blacksmithing and general repair.

Martin started his own shop in, or close to, 1920. He shod many horses in those days. This business was located where L & L Motor is today.



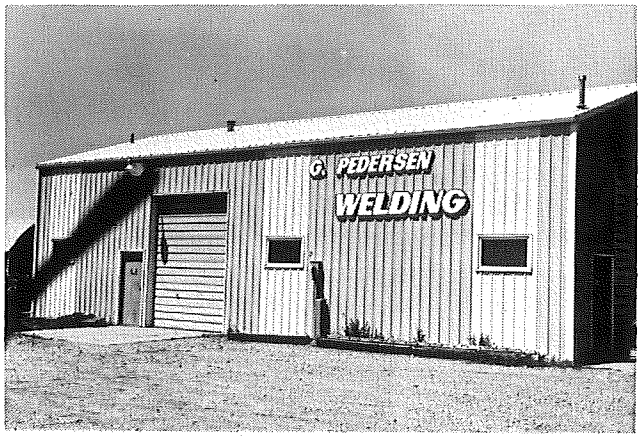
Pedersen Machine, Incorporated

In 1947, he bought a building and lot from J. J. Voegeli. This property was located on the east side of town on old Highway 77, across from Marty's Cafe. Also, the old swimming pool was located just east of this building, the north part of which was originally the bath house. The building is there today under different ownership.

In 1955, the business was purchased by Dale M. Pedersen and it was called Pedersen Machine. They began selling short-line machinery, along with welding and repair.

In 1973, they signed a contract with John Deere. They built a new building along Interstate Highway 29, which is their present location.

As to the prior franchises of John Deere farm implements, see the history of Wass Furniture herein.



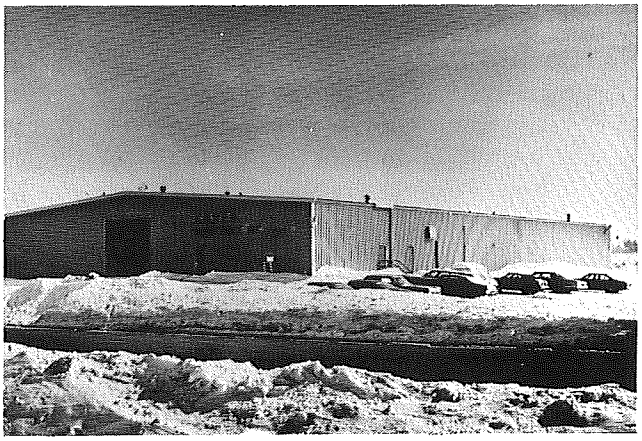
Pedersen Welding

Pedersen Welding

Gordon Pedersen started a welding shop in May 1966, in a building owned by Ken Thompson. The building was just west of the current location of Wally's Jack and Jill. Wally bought the building and lot in 1973 to expand his store and Gordon moved his business just west of the Starlite Motel on west Highway 46 in 1973, erecting a new steel building.

Raven Industries, Inc.

Raven Industries, Inc. was formed in 1956 in Sioux Falls, S.D. to supply plastice products to the agricultural market and to enter the scientific balloon business.



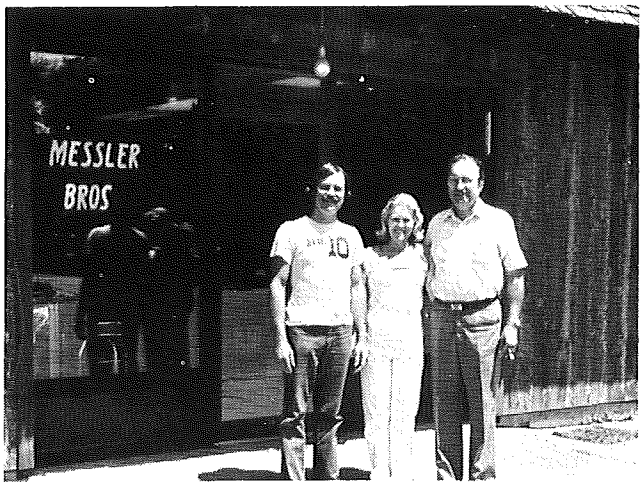
Raven Industries, Incorporated

In the late 1950's and early 1960's, Raven developed parachutes which operated with a high degree of reliability in the thin atmosphere of 100,000 to 150,000 feet.

Management, noting the drop-off in the market for parachutes in 1968, began to turn their strong production capability toward the garment field. That led to the manufacture of snowmobile suits and skiwear on contract for Head Ski, a nationally-recognized high-fashion skiwear line. Filling those contracts gave it the expertise to introduce their private label, "Swing West," the following year. Raven-labeled snowmobile clothing was also introduced, and so was born the Sportswear Division.

As Raven's Sportswear Division grew, satellite sewing plants were opened in eight South Dakota towns between 1968 and 1979. They were: Huron, Howard, Salem, DeSmet, Parkston, Clear Lake, Beresford and Freeman.

Raven's Beresford plant—located at 1505 West Main—was opened January 2, 1979, to take over the manufacture of Raven's "Comfy" down clothing, which had previously been produced in Seattle, Wash. The 20,000 square foot building, which was leased for this operation, was formerly occupied by the Beresford Manufacturing Co., a division of H. L. Friedland & Co. of Chicago. Terry Robison was hired to manage the Beresford plant, and more than 100 persons were initially hired.



Ray's Radio and TV

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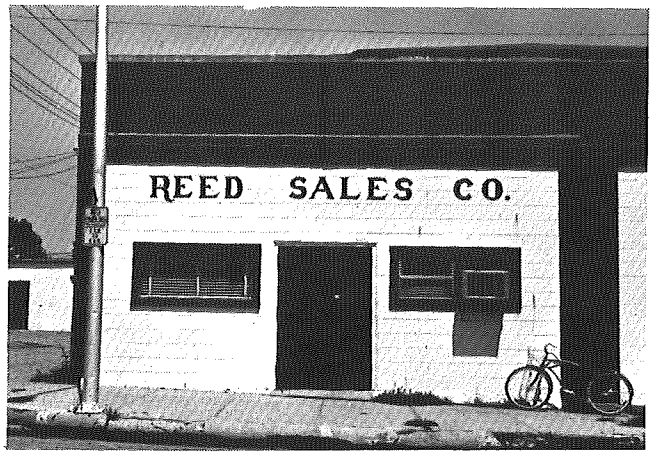
Ray's Radio and TV started business in 1950 as a radio and appliance repair shop in Beresford at the present Bill Craze building at 106 East Hemlock. It was then shared with Dale's Auto Electric, which was run by Dale Frick.

Three years later, Ray moved to the Guenzel building on South Third Street, which is the current Senior Citizens Center, to share the business location with brothers Ralph and Roger. From this location the two businesses, Ray's Radio and Messler Plumbing and Wiring, moved into the

Len Price Feed Store at 111 West Main, which is the site of the present Municipal Liquor Store. In November, 1975, all three Messler brothers moved to the Co-op Service building, 120 East Main, the present location of Ray's Radio and TV. Leon, Ray's son, is now in this business, too, as there is need for continuation of the service.

Reed Sales Company

In June, 1938, Irvin Ebmeier, salesman for Pratt Mallory, wholesale grocers, Sioux City, Ia., and Raymond Reed, owner of Reed Trucking line, started the Reed Sales Company. Also joining the company were Albert Henderson, Larry Lantaff and Clifford Ebmeier of Sioux City, Ia. and Les Davis of Mitchell, S.D. All of these men were employed by Pratt Mallory. Irv had been a salesman in this territory for many years and Ray was a native of Beresford.



Reed Sales Company

The name "Reed" was chosen because it was the shortest of the names. The company located in the Lehman building which had formerly been a general merchandise and livery stable. Many changes have been made, but the location is still the same.

Les Davis left the company after a few years. In 1941, Ray Reed sold his interest and, in 1945, Irv Ebmeier and Larry Lantaff went into the service with Al Henderson and Cliff Ebmeier to run the company for two years. In 1947 they expanded the company to four full salesmen, with six deliveries each day and employing 24 to 30 persons.

In 1948, Reed Sales Company was awarded the Storz Beer franchise for southeast South Dakota with Larry Lantaff to head this venture. Two years later, Larry sold his interest in Reeds to buy the complete ownership of the beverage company.

Clifford Ebmeier was bought out in 1977 and Irv and Al decided to streamline the company to a discount wholesale grocery, going strictly to telephone sales.

At present they are serving some of the largest markets in this area: Watertown, Brookings, Sioux Falls, Vermillion, Platte and Beresford in South Dakota, and Sioux City in Iowa.

Irv Ebmeier and Al Henderson are the present owners, both of whom are still working. Present employees are: Ray Jensen, Dick Larson, Ronald Saugstad, Mike Lundberg, Gene Ebmeier and Mae Sundstrom.

In 1938, Albert Henderson and wife, Freida, and daughters, Mae and Sally, moved to Beresford from Sioux City, Ia. Mr. Henderson is the treasurer-accountant in the Reed Sales Co.

Al, born and educated in England, served several years on the Beresford school board and sang bass in the "Sunshine Four" and helped form the Tri-Valley SPEBSQA in Viborg, still singing every Monday night with them. His wife, Freida, was very active in many civic organizations, including the Girl Scouts, and was one of the founders of the Minn-Ia-Kota Council. She died in 1978. They were members of the Methodist Church and active in the Republican party.

Mae married Gordon Sundstrom. They have three children: Marty Merriman and Dan of Beresford, and Lisa of Sioux Falls; they have four grandchildren.

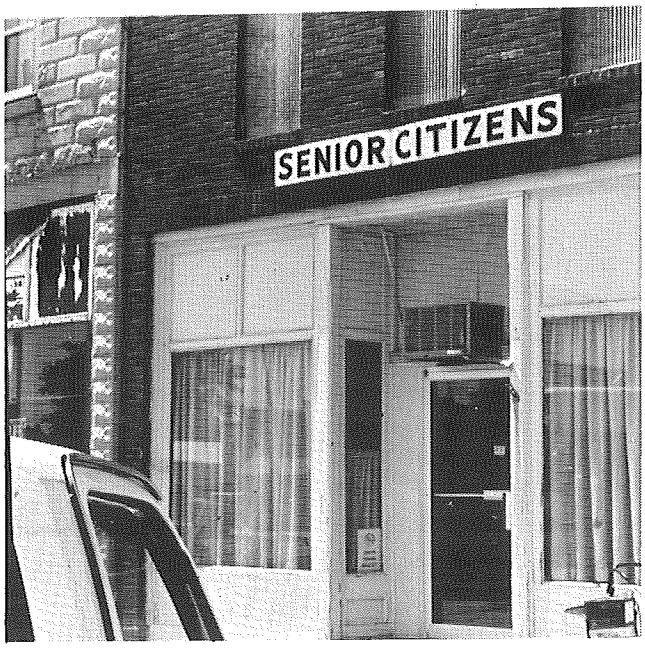
Sally married Arlen (John) DeWall of Alcester. They have three children: Debby, in California; Scott, of Washington and Holly of Oklahoma. Sally and John live in Billings, Mont.

Irving Ebmeier was born in Chicago, Ill. and, at 14 years of age, moved to Ravinia, S.D. Later he was employed in Sioux City, Ia. before moving to his present wholesale food business in Beresford in 1938. Irv and his wife, Vi, provided a home for two nephews, Bill Walters and Clifford Kromerime.

In 1972, Irv married Ellen Jean Pearson, a nursing home administrator from Wisner, Nebr. Mrs. Ebmeier has two daughters, Phyllis of Casa Grande, Ariz. and Ellen of San Francisco, Calif.

Senior Citizen Center

The building making a home for the Senior Citizens Center was built by George S. Guenzel in 1894 and owned by the Guenzel family and heirs until the 1950's when sold to the Messler Brothers, who used the building as headquarters for their electrical and plumbing business until



Senior Citizens Center

they relocated in 1963.

George S. Guenzel, Sr. homesteaded in the Beresford area in 1873 and started a combined furniture and undertaking business in 1885 in a building where Chuck's Clover Farm now stands. The business was moved across the street to the so-called "Guenzel" building in 1895 and Mr. Guenzel operated out of here until his retirement in 1913.

A. F. Tutt purchased the business in 1913 and ran the furniture store until 1919 when George Guenzel, Jr. and his wife purchased the business and ran it until 1930 when it was discontinued.

This location was later used by Vernon Voegeli for a furniture store and was, at one time, the site of the B & L Department Store. B & L stood for "brothers-in-law," which described the proprietors of the store, Arthur Roskins and Sidney Hoover.

Sioux Steam Cleaner Corp.

The corporation which is known today as Sioux Steam Cleaner, was originally organized by Mike Muhlenkort in 1939 when equipment was primarily developed for motor cleaning.

The concept embraced the first hand-crafted steam cleaner design in the Midwest, employing engineering concepts that are still in use today.

Mike Muhlenkort sold the business to Marty Miller in 1959. Marty developed additional models, including pressure washers to expand marketing of the product.

Sioux Steam Cleaner Plant when purchased by Martin M. Miller.

In late 1965, John Finger, an engineer from the East Coast, purchased the business and expanded the designs to provide all types of pressure cleaning equipment to the industrial markets, comprising over 200 models, including explosion-proof and all-electric concepts sold to special markets on a world-wide basis.

Virginia Finger became active in the company about a year later as secretary-treasurer, and today is one of the authorities on pressure cleaner application and design. Much of her talent is devoted to technical manuals and marketing, in addition to the key responsibility of monitoring financial policy and controlling cash flow.

The original location of the company was on East Main Street in a frame automotive building which burned to the ground the night of November 30, 1966.

With the help of a newly formed Beresford Development Corporation, the company was relocated on the present factory site on land donated by Phillips Petroleum Corporation, the street now known as Sioux Plaza.

As one of the original manufacturers of steam cleaning equipment, the facility has proliferated into approximately 20 major manufacturers of pressure cleaning equipment, and South Dakota is considered by many as the national concentration of cleaner manufacturers in this country.

The company is noted for the longevity of employees and hand-down of craft skills, from older employees to younger trainees.

Ethel Smith, recently deceased, was vice president and comptroller, and contributed to the growth of the corporation through her wisdom and knowledge. Her husband, Stanley, was also employed by Sioux as a young salesman

and also worked there in his later years.

John Wagter and Bill Lawrenson joined the company after serving in World War II and have been employed continuously all their working lives.

Most of the older generation are familiar with the company through their contributions or associations, or as a result of the special help afforded by the community at the time of the 1966 fire.

Today, the corporation leads the industry in heavy-duty designs for propitious applications with over 20 engineering patents and registration of designs employed on a world-wide basis.

The company occupies a ten-acre plot on the west side of town, with 50,000 square feet of manufacturing and storage area, and approximately 40 employees.

Simplot Soilbuilders

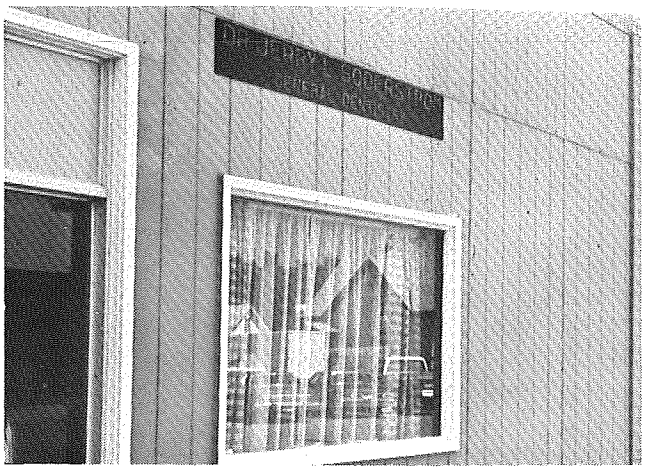
Simplot

Simplot, an agri-business firm based in Idaho, purchased the farm service center at Beresford from Fruen Fertilizer Company on September 1, 1981. Simplot Soilbuilders offers a full range of fertilizers, seeds, agricultural chemicals and services suited for farmers in the Beresford area. Those employed at Simplot are: Betty Larson, Brad Johnson, Brian Peters and Gary Adamson. Brad Trudeau is the manager.

Soderstrom Dentistry Office

Jerry Soderstrom, a 1970 graduate of Canton High School, operates a general dentistry office from 107 West Hemlock, a building owned by Norm Nygaard.

This office is located in what used to be known as the north entrance to the K & K General



Soderstrom Dentistry Office

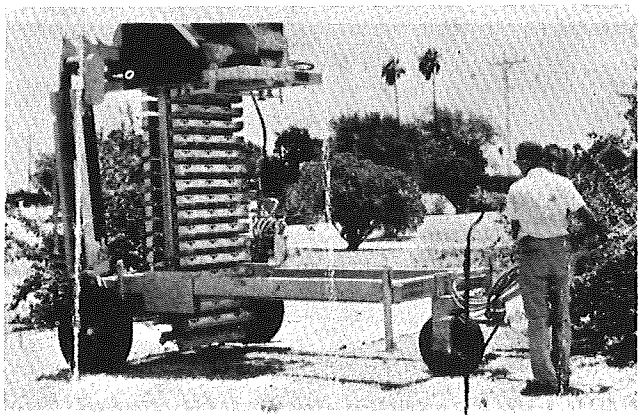
Store. The history of this building is in the story on The Cotton Shop.

Dr. Soderstrom received his doctorate in dentistry (D.D.S.) in 1979 from Northwestern University of Chicago, Ill. after doing undergraduate work at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Soderstrom opened his practice in Beresford in October of 1979 and opened a satellite office in Tea, S.D. in July, 1982.

Dr. Soderstrom and his wife, Shirley, a native of Sioux Falls, have two daughters, Sheri and Amber.

Soderstrom is currently enrolled in a fellowship program with the Academy of General Dentistry.



Strand Grave Opening Service

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For many years, graves had to be opened by manual labor. In early days, friends or neighbors would dig the grave open. Later there were men who worked with the funeral homes

and opened graves, and this was the person's way of making a living. Two of the grave diggers were Clarence Abrahamson and Oliver Richards. In 1972, Jerry Strand purchased a mechanical grave-digging machine, which he operates in the area.

Jerry, the son of Orville and Grace (Dahlin) Strand, Centerville, came to Beresford in 1960. Jerry and his wife, the former Kay Anderson of Hurley, managed the VFW Legion Club for several years. Jerry has worked for Merriman Drilling Co. and Leonard Yost's Independent Oil Co. Jerry is a member of the Fire Department. Kay has worked at Burns market, the City of Beresford, Truck Towne Cafe, Cross Roads Motel, and the past four years she has worked for Dan Cotton Chevrolet.

The Strands have two children, Junelle and Kendall. Their daughter, Junelle, married John Hansen, son of Marjory Hansen of Beresford, and Arden Hansen, Sioux City. John and Junelle are parents of a son, Austin. Kendall Strand is a high school student.

Sweeney Oil Company

William C. Sweeney moved to Beresford in August, 1960 from Presho, S.D. to become the new Standard Oil agent. On December 30, 1960, he took over this position from George Knudsen. who retired after 35 years of employment as the Standard man. Mr. Knudsen was originally from Platte and moved from Sioux City to take the Standard route over from Carl M. Peterson.

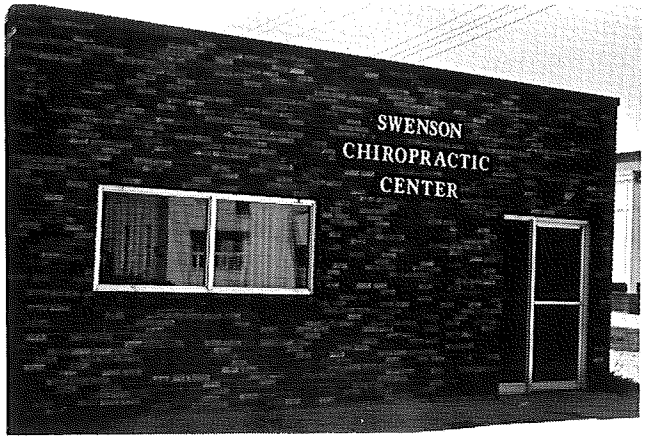
Henry Siljenberg was the route man prior to Peterson, and George Oaks was Beresford's first Standard Oil agent. Oaks delivered gas by horse and carriage when he first started.

In 1976, Bill Sweeney became an independent dealer selling Standard products and renaming the business Sweeney Oil Company.

Swenson Chiropratic Center

Dr. Michael R. Swenson, Doctor of Chiropractic, practices from his building at 11 East Main, or Lot 6 of Block 5 of the City of Beresford. Dr. Swenson is originally from Flandreau. He is married and has two children.

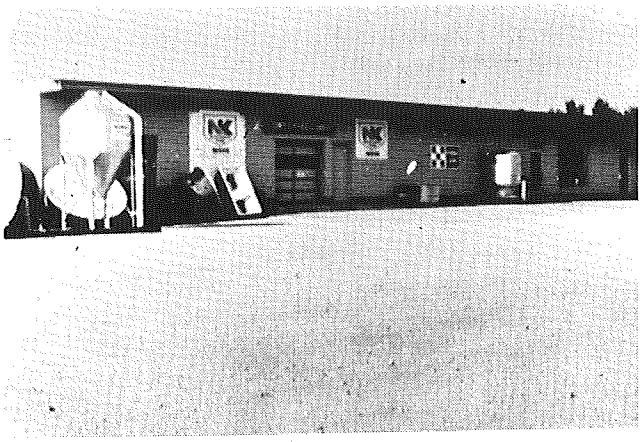
Dr. F. P. Kroon sold the building and practice in 1980 to Dr. Swenson. In 1973, Dr. Kroon had purchased the building from Wilma Lietzke, widow of Dr. E. T. Lietzke. Dr. Lietzke purchased the lot from J. L. Steadman in 1965 and erected the doctor's office as it exists today. Dr. Lietzke died in 1971. Dr. Magtiby leased the



Swenson Chiropractic Center

office space and practiced medicine here for two years prior to the sale of the building.

The lot was occupied in the 1920's by Adolph Hanson's Harness Shop and owned for several years by the Mangan family. The building, which was torn down on this lot to permit construction of the present building, has been a saloon built and operated by Jake Gantz. Mr. Gantz later moved to Sioux City and, with his son, operated the Gantz Steak House.



Tony's Feed and Seed

Tony's Feed and Seed

Tony's Feed and Seed started on October 20, 1978 when Tony and Marion Neuroth purchased Carlson Produce from Francis "Chuck" Carlson. The store is located on the southwest corner of West 13th Street and Highway 46.

Francis Carlson began Carlson Produce on November 1, 1949 and the business was located in downtown Beresford in the southeast corner of Fourth Street and Main, which is now a vacant building. He operated a feed store and also

bought and sold cream, eggs and chickens. Carlson Produce remained there until moving to a new building at West 13th and Highway 46 on February 14, 1964, where feed and Northrup King seed products were sold. Francis had about 15 employees at the time.

When Tony and Marion purchased the business in 1978, they continued retailing Ralston-Purina products and were also a distributor of Northrup King seed corn and beans. Tony and Marion operated the business themselves, along with the help of their two sons, Alan and Andy, and son-in-law, Milo Twedt.

On February 25, 1980, Earnest "Bud" Webber was employed as the outside salesman until September, 1982.

On July 19, 1982, Tony's Feed and Seed moved the business to the west part of Truck Towne complex building.

On September 27, 1982, Ron Wentzel of Marion and Tony Neuroth formed a partnership in the business, when Ron purchased a one-half interest in the business.

Principal products retailed are: Ralston-Purina feed, bag or bulk health products, Blue Chip Premix feed, Northrup King seeds and lawn care products, Ariens lawn and garden equipment, KeroSun space heaters, Pax livestock equipment, K & O Livestock Equipment and Ortho garden supplies.

Present employees are Alan Austin, as truck driver; Andy Austin, part-time help, and Marion Neuroth as secretary.

Truck Towne Cafe

Truck Towne Cafe was first opened in January 1964 and the first manager of the cafe was Wayne Miller of Sioux Falls. In August 1964, Terry Gelston of Lennox took over as manager and he ran the cafe until December 17, 1964 when Cole and Bernice Conklin moved to Beresford and purchased the Truck Towne Cafe.

The Conklins had previously owned and operated a Mobil gas station in Lennox for three years and owned and operated a lunch counter 12 miles north of Beresford at the junction of U.S. Highway 18 and 77. Another gas station was across the road and this junction was known as Twin Cities.

This junction was very busy and the Conklins operated their business there for 15 years. Upon the completion of the Interstate Highway 29, however, the heavy traffic moved from Highway 77 to the new road.

When the Conklins first opened Truck Towne Cafe it had a seating capacity of 36 people. In 1977, the cafe was enlarged by the addition of a dining room. The cafe now seats a capacity of 88 people.

Truck Towne Cafe

Except for a one-year lease to Butch Heidebrecht in 1968 and Bill and Veronica Miller in 1969, Cole and Bernice have managed and operated the cafe since 1964. Currently, Cole's sons, Mike and Harold, have assumed active management. Harold joined the cafe on June 1, 1977 and Mike has worked at the cafe in varying capacities since he was 14 years old.

The cafe previously was open 24 hours a day, but this was changed to 19 hours in 1979.

Over the years, Cole estimates that he has provided jobs for over 300 different people in Beresford. At the most, Cole employed 56 at one time in order to maintain the 24-hour schedule. Currently, Truck Towne Cafe employs 34 people.

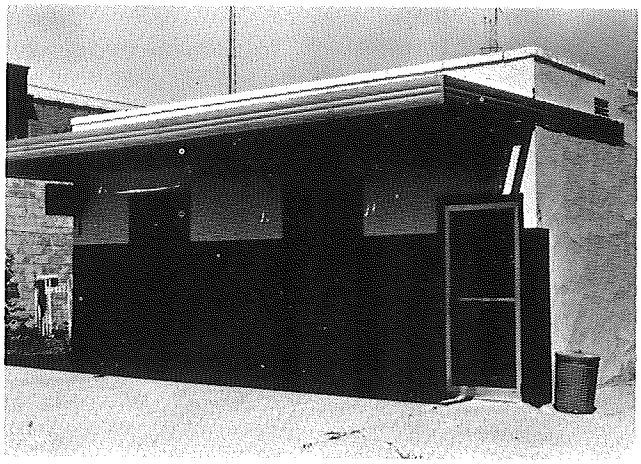
Bernice Conklin estimates that throughout her career in the cafe business she has baked approximately over a million cookies.

Cole will never forget that, when he came to Beresford, he inherited 13 employees, four of them ex-convicts.

Dr. John G. Ullmann, Dentist

Dr. John G. Ullmann, the son of long-time Beresford barber, William Ullmann and his wife, Marie, graduated from Beresford High School in 1943. Dr. Ullmann was in the Army in World War II from 1943 until 1946. After the service, Doc attended the University of South Dakota in Vermillion and received his Bachelor of Science degree in 1948.

Upon receiving his college degree, Dr. Ullmann attended dentistry school at Loyola University in Chicago, Ill. where he received his Doctorate in Dentistry in 1952.



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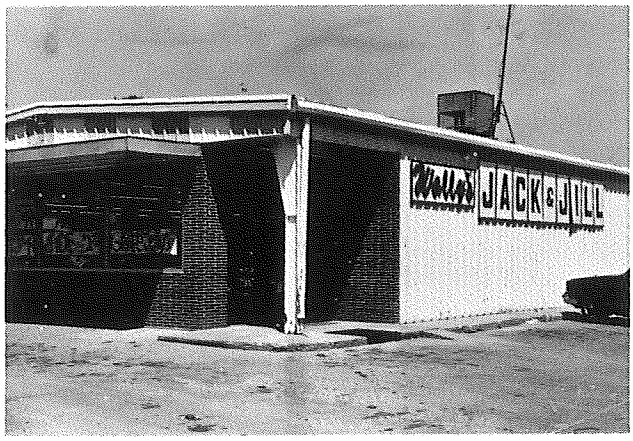


Wally's Jack and Jill

Dr. Ullmann returned to his hometown in 1952 to practice, establishing an office above the Bruehler Drug Store, which is located where the present-day Every Bloomin' Thing is in the 100 Block of North Third Street in Beresford. The dentistry office was moved to its present location at 116 East Main in 1957.

When Dr. Ullmann first came back to Beresford there were two dentists in town—Dr. Iverson and Dr. Larkin.

Francis Kelly designed and built the present building. An abandoned home and barber shop was torn down by the construction crew to make way for the dentist's office. This home was formerly the residence and shop of a barber named Bussler.

Wally's Jack and Jill

Wally's Jack and Jill store, managed by Tom Crelly and meat manager, Fritz Walz, came to Beresford in 1970 and was first situated in the south half of the Bierbaum Rexall Drug store on the northeast corner of Third and Main Streets. This had been the home of the National Food Store prior to Wally's.

In August, 1971, Wally's moved from the corner to its current location on West Main to a metal building which was erected in the early 1960's for Ralph's Super Value, which was owned and operated by Ralph Jensen.

In 1973, a store addition made more shelf space and a concrete parking lot was added.

Wally's Jack and Jill Beresford store is one of eight stores owned by Wallace Ernster in South Dakota and Iowa.

The lots upon which Wally's now stands were originally home to a woodworking shop owned by P. A. Rasmussen. In 1915, P. A. Rasmussen sold out to Otto Rasmussen, uncle to Marie and Merle Rasmussen, as well as Mrs. Elmer Wevik. Otto was no relation to P. A. Rasmussen.

Otto Rasmussen sold out to Henry Hermanson, who was Marie Ebsen Milliken's uncle, in 1920 and Henry's son, Ray, worked in the wood shop. Tony Sorenson, Wayne Sorenson's grandfather, also ran the wood shop after the Hermansons. The original green grandstands at Beresford's ball park, as well as the window frames on Bethesda Nursing Home sun porch, were produced in the woodworking shop on this lot.

Fred Nissen, born in Slesreig, Denmark, learned the blacksmith trade from his father and came to America when he was 20 years old. In 1891, he came to Beresford and purchased the blacksmith's shop of George Christensen, which was located where GTC Auto Parts now is. In 1902, he built a new brick shop on the lot where Wally's stands and worked there until his health failed.

Fredrick's boys, Nis and Jim, carried on the business for some time.

Nels Carlson operated the blacksmith's job after the Nissens and the last proprietor was Vernon Hustrulid.

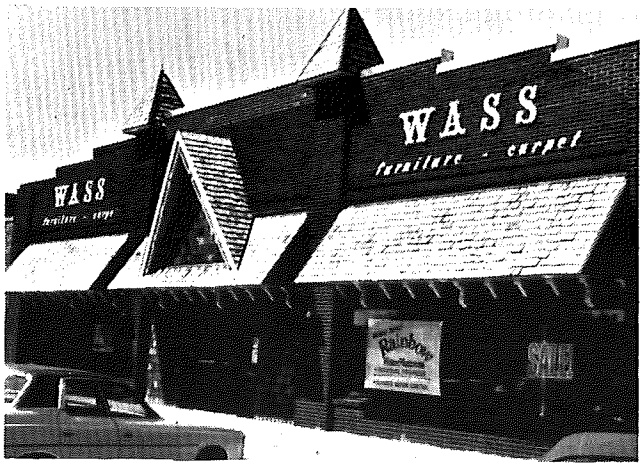
In 1962, the brick building originally built by Fred Nissen, was dismantled and two wooden structures, one the wood shop put up by Hermanson and the other a building used in connection with the blacksmith shop, was purchased by Bert Hustrulid and moved to a farm east of town owned by his son, Wayne. Both buildings are still there and Wayne states that the plank floor in the blacksmith shop is indeed as strong as a horse.

Kenneth Thompson operated a Massey-Ferguson farm implement dealership out of a tin building which was situated on the north side of the lot. Gordon Pederson operated his welding

business from this location after Thompson and until Gordon moved west of Beresford to his present location of Highway 46.

Wass Furniture Store

The first Wass Furniture Store was established on March 21, 1887, when J. N. Wass bought the coffin and furniture company from Elie Ricard. J. N. set up his business in a building east of the present post office. Later he bought two lots where the present IGA store is located. He and



Wass Furniture Store

his wife, Harriet Garwood, had living quarters there also and it was there that Lloyd Wass was born. Years later, the store was moved to better quarters in the building now known as Bierbaum Drug. For a short time prior to World War II, the operation included an upholstery factory. Two more locations were necessary (Ben Franklin Store building and the I.O.O.F. building) before a new building was built in 1958 at 213 North Third.

After the death of J. N. Wass in 1935, Lloyd and Rose Wass worked many hard years serving the public with the combined Wass Furniture and Funeral Home. Their son, Milton, and his wife, Lillian, were active in the business for 32 years.

In September, 1971, the furniture store was sold to Don and Billie Greenfield of Sioux Falls. In 1978 they remodeled the 213 Third location to be used as a bowling alley and moved their furniture store to 115 South Third, the former John Deere building. After extensive remodeling, the new location provided an expanded facility to house one of the oldest continuous operating businesses in the state.

The lots upon which the current Wass Furniture Store sits were first utilized by K. O. Stakke who, in 1920, built the brick building now housing the furniture store. Stakke operated a John Deere Implement franchise under the name of Stakke Brothers from 1920 until the late 1930's when the franchise was sold to C. O. Peterson who, in turn, sold out to Joseph Kutcher in 1944.

Joe Kutcher was originally from Platte and the John Deere Company was instrumental in getting him set up in Beresford.

Louis VanderLaan, Sr. was an employee of Kutchers and became a full partner in the business in 1950. In 1977, Kutcher and VanderLaan sold the John Deere business to Dale Pederson, who relocated the business next to Interstate 29, west of Beresford.

From 1920 until 1977, this brick building was the home of John Deere. In 1978, the Greenfields completely remodeled the building into its present attractive state.

Richard Reedy, driver and owner of team, and J. N. Wass, owner of hearse, standing on ground.

Wass Home for Funerals

March 21, 1887 was the first day of operation for Wass Home for Funerals in Beresford, Dakota Territory, as a part of "J. N. Wass Furniture and Undertaking," established by John N. Wass. Later, John moved the "undertaking parlor" to a newly constructed building on the present site of the IGA grocery store. This building also housed the furniture store and served as living quarters for John, his wife, Harriet, and their two children, Lloyd and Wayne.

In 1926, Lloyd took over the management of the business and moved it into the adjacent building

which had been remodeled for the specific purpose of funeral service.

After the death of his father in 1935, Lloyd moved the business to its present site at 301 North Third. Several additions have been made since that time. The business was operated by Lloyd and his wife, Rose, until their retirement in 1974. Since that time it has been operated by Milton and Lillian Wass, with the assistance of Lynn and Marjorie (Wass) Ellis. Marjorie is a great-granddaughter of the founder.

In 1946, the business was expanded to include the funeral home in Centerville and, in 1971, a branch in Alcester.

Weise Repair

Bryon Weise purchased a wooden frame building in 1945 and started his repair and welding business.

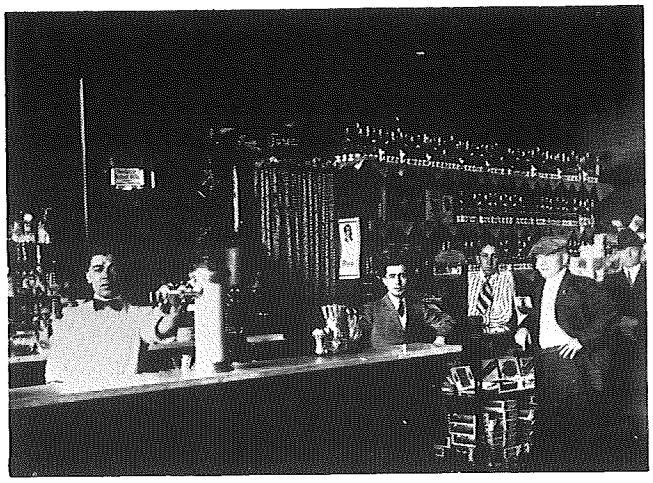
The wooden building was originally built for a painter's shop, but was later used for a dray wagon and freight office due to its proximity to the railroad. Later, Ole Wevik had a repair shop in the building. The building also served as an auto salvage and was eventually owned by the V.F.W.

Byron Weise

Bryon bought the lot and building from the V.F.W. The wooden building still stands, but has been moved to the west a distance to make room for the block building which is now Weise Repair.

Though semi-retired, Byron still comes to the job every day. Byron's son, Jim, uses the shop for auto body repair and painting.

Businesses of the Past



Gus Kotanauus, Pete Cornelius, Elmer Duerst, Nels Larson, Earl Price.

The Candy Kitchen

This picture is of the old Candy Kitchen. In 1912, it was located in the building now occupied by the Coast to Coast store. It was operated by Pete Cornelius. A Mr. Dubrall bought out the Candy Kitchen and moved it to the IGA building. Art Buthala was the last owner-operator of the Candy Kitchen.

Gardner Cafe

Gardner Lobby Cafe

Margaret and J. S. Gardner, Sr. owned and operated the Gardner Lobby Cafe from 1906 until his death in 1922. The cafe was located in the laundromat building. Margaret continued in the cafe until 1927, meanwhile, with the help of her son, J. S. Gardner, Jr., she operated the Gardner Hotel (directly north of the Masonic Temple) from 1925-1954.

Anna and G. A. "Swede" Thoreson

Corner Drug Store

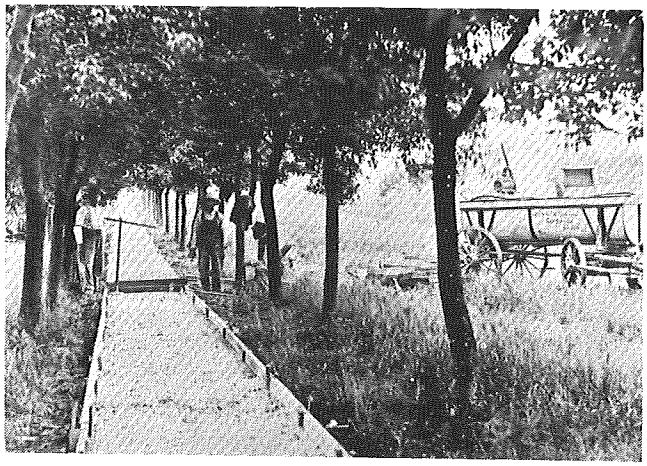
Godfred "Swede" Thoreson was born on February 23, 1901, in Dell Rapids, S.D. to Gilbert and Annie Thoreson. He grew up on a farm south of Dell Rapids with five brothers and one sister.

Upon graduation from Dell Rapids High School he enrolled in the South Dakota State University School of Pharmacy and graduated in 1924.

Anna C. Marie Thoreson became Swede's bride in 1926. Two girls were born to Swede and Marie—Mrs. Lyle (Mary Lou) Jensen and Mrs. Russell (Kay) Heikes. The family resided in Dell Rapids where Swede worked as a pharmacist in the Voy Drug Store.

In 1941, the family packed up and moved to Alcester, S.D. where Swede entered a partnership with Harry Lee. Harry Lee, a pharmacist, and Swede maintained the Alcester Drug Store for a year. In 1942, Swede accepted a position as pharmacist for Mr. Kriebs at the Corner Drug Store in Beresford where the family moved. Swede purchased the Corner Drug Store from Mr. Kriebs in 1945 and served the community in this position for 20 years. Swede retired in 1965 and sold the Corner Drug Store to Phil Case. Swede was a member of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Masonic Lodge, Consistory, El Riad Shrine, Lion's Club, and the Roger Price Memorial Fund. He was a resident of the Alcester Nursing Home for three years prior to his death in 1976.

Swede's grandchildren are: Sam Heikes, Paul Jensen, Mary Jensen Engebretson, Mark Jensen and David Heikes. The great-grandchildren are Erick Heikes, Sunne Hiekes, Tom Engebretson, Michelle Jensen, Kate Engebretson, Brian Jensen and Zachary Jensen.



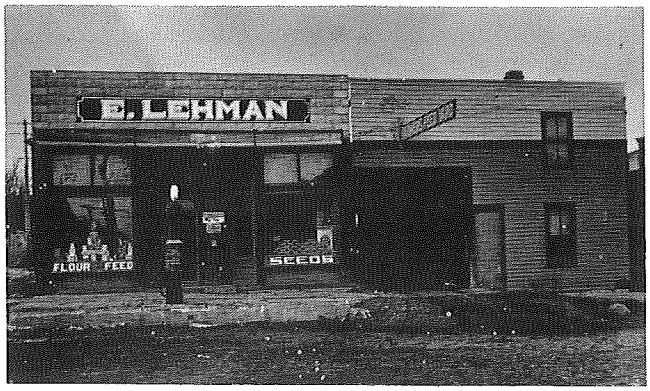
Johnsons and friend

Johnson Brothers

Many of Beresford's first sidewalks were laid by the Johnson Brothers, whose sidewalks can still be identified by an oval imprint which reads, "Johnson Brothers-Beresford, South Dakota." Much of the sidewalk in the 600 and 700 Blocks of West Hemlock is still in use. Pictured are Carl Johnson, father of Harry and Ann Johnson; Walter Johnson, father of William, Albert and Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Henry Arends and Mrs. A. E. Snoozy; and Ole Anderson. Mr. Anderson lived in a small house on the present site of the George Hustrulid home.

Lehman's Store and Feed Yard

This picture was taken about 1918 when Emil Lehman, a pioneer merchant, operated a store and "feed yard." The farmers would drive their horse and buggy or wagons into the yard. The yard was rectangular shaped with a roof for shade. It had stalls and a manger filled with hay and a watering trough. Farmers could keep their horses sheltered and cared for at a cost of 25 cents a day.



Lehman's Store and Feed Yard.

Erna Lehman Goodrich, a daughter, says the wooden building or feed yard originally was Beresford's first bank. She remembers playing in the building and there was a high desk with a high stool which the bookkeepers used. She was very excited one day while playing in the building and finding in one of the drawers a little bag of coins and a dollar. Erna brought them to her father and he told her they were counterfeit. It was then he told her the story of Beresford's first bank having been in the building. She assumes it was among Beresford's first wooden structures, built in the middle or late 19th century. Sometime in the 1920's it was torn down and what is now part of Reed Sales was built.

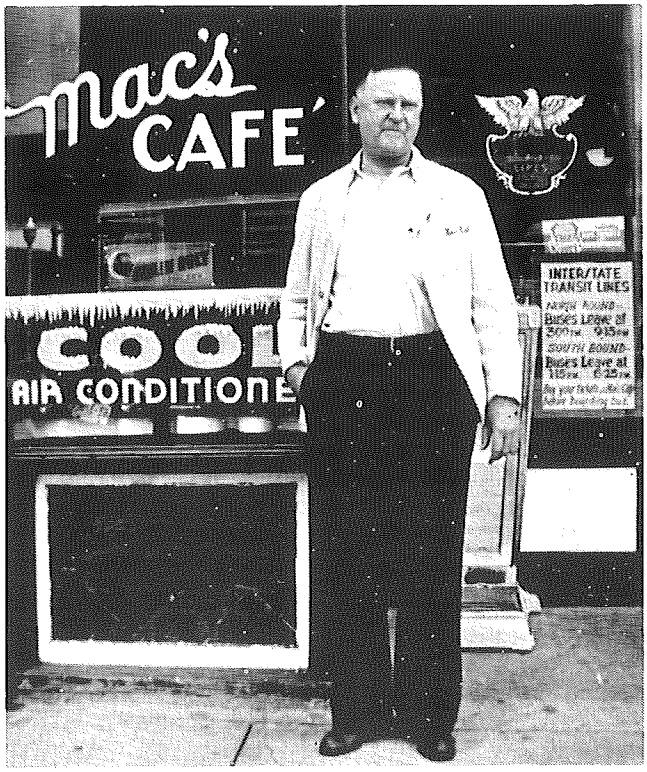
Mac's Cafe

Mr. and Mrs. Lee McMahon and five-year-old daughter, Helen, came from Salem in 1931, having purchased the Kempston Cafe. Later, McMahon's cafe was sold and Lee purchased the "Sweet Shop" from Harold Holse. The McMahons remodeled the "Sweet Shop" and named it "Mac's Cafe." The cafe was sold to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Tollefson when Lee McMahon was appointed postmaster.

Lee McMahon was a WWI veteran serving in France. At one time, Lee was commander of Meador's Post. Postmaster McMahon retired in 1960; he died in 1970. The McMahon family were members of St. Teresa's Church. Their daughter, Helen, Sioux City, was a fashion artist.

Ida McMahon remembers: "Uncle Sam gave Mac a real workout his first day on the job. Some two tons of catalogues, in addition to the regular mail, came through the post office, which kept all the force busy.

"The old saying about the early bird gets the worm still holds true. Tony Henle was on hand at 7 a.m. when the new post office door opened for



Lee McMahon

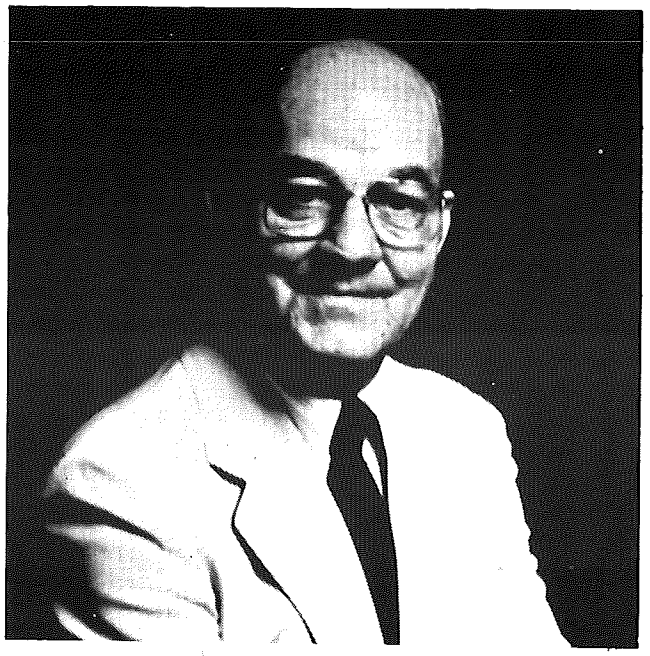
the first time to buy the first stamp sold and the first envelope with a written notation on it by Postmaster Lee McMahon to prove his claim. Years before, Tony also bought the first ticket issued at the Beresford depot."

Martin M. Miller, Lawyer

Martin M. Miller was born in 1916 in Aurora county, near Plankinton, the youngest of nine children born to Carl Miller and Mary Blum Miller, who homesteaded and farmed near Plankinton from the early 1900's until the mid-1940's.

Martin attended country schools and then public school and high school at Plankinton, and graduated in 1934. He attended Yankton College for two years, then worked in Oregon for one year before returning to South Dakota to enter law school at the University of South Dakota at Vermillion. He earned his law degree and was admitted to the South Dakota Bar in 1940. For the next year, he worked for his brother, A. C. Miller, a lawyer, at Kennebec.

In August of 1941, Martin came to Beresford to practice law in the office started by W. J. Bulow, continued by William Kaye, and Carl W. Miller, a brother of Martin, who was called into the Army Reserve shortly before World War II.



Martin M. Miller

In December, 1943, Martin was married to Doris J. Smith, daughter of Thomas W. and Ida Smith. Doris was born and raised at Garretson and came to Beresford in February, 1942 to work as a secretary for the National Farm Loan Association, a member of the Federal Land Bank of Omaha. E. F. Blankenburg was manager and Doris was employed there for two years until her marriage to Martin.

Four children were born to Martin and Doris: Douglas in 1944, Steven in 1947, Todd in 1952 and Nancy in 1960. Douglas, Sioux Falls, is married to the former Mary Helen Heisler of Sioux Falls and they have two children. Steven, Orlando, Fla., is married to the former Kathleen Casey of Madison and has three children. Todd, Vermillion, is married to the former Patricia Small of Minneapolis, Minn. Nancy is married to Steve C. Rubin of Sioux Falls.

During Martin's 40 years of law practice, he served in various offices of his church, Emmanuel Lutheran, several terms as city attorney under different mayors, as president of the Chamber of Commerce, as president of the Beresford Golf Club, and an active member of the Beresford Lions Club for many years.

In 1952, Martin helped to organize the State Bank of Hudson (S.D.) and served as a director of the board until January, 1980. He also had a branch office for his law practice in Hudson.

In 1959, Martin purchased the Sioux Steam Cleaner Mfg. Co., Inc. from Mike Muhlenkort, and managed that business for seven years, as well as continuing his law practice. He sold that business to Mr. and Mrs. John Finger in 1966.

Martin continued his practice of law until his death in 1981.

Doris resides in the family home on West Hemlock Street, which she and Martin purchased in 1952. The home was built in 1916 by George Ackley, a banker in the early days of Beresford.

Delia McGill

McGill's Maternity Home

Beresford's historical manifestation of the so-called "baby boom" following World War II was known as McGill's Maternity Home.

The home was operated as a business out of the house which is on the corner lot of Sixth and Elm Street in Beresford. The current owner-occupants of the residence are Daniel and Kathy Andre and family.

Delia McGill, now a Bethesda Home resident, operated the business out of the two "front" rooms of the house, which faced east. One room was used as a birthing room and the other was a recovery room. The recovery room typically had two patients at a time and, occasionally, three. Delia's daughter-in-law, Dolores McGill, prepared the meals for the patients.

Dr. E. T. Leitzke was the attending physician on all of the births, and it is said that Delia knew just exactly when to call the doctor so that he would not idle away any of his valuable time. Delia would prepare the birth certificates for Dr.

Leitzke's signature. A nurse usually accompanied the doctor for the births.

The maternity home was operated from January 1944 until the first of August, 1948. Delia estimates that 200 children were born in the home.

The cost of ten days of maternity care after birth was $45.00, meals included. The doctor charged his fee of $25.00 separately.

Another reason the maternity home was established in Beresford was gas rationing, which was a war-time reality. Dr. Lietzke was convinced that it would be more economical to have his patients give birth in Beresford rather than in Sioux Falls, Sioux City, or any other hospital outside of Beresford. By August of 1948, the supply of gas was more plentiful and the baby boom was subsiding somewhat, therefore the maternity home was closed.

Axel and Pearl Sorenson

Vogue Theatre

Axel was born in 1908 at Tyler, Minn. He went to the University of Minnesota, where he and his twin brother played in the University Band. Axel and Ed were identical twins so Axel was often mistaken for his twin, South Dakota State Senator, Ed Sorenson.

Pearl Olson and Axel were married in 1938. They owned and operated a theatre in Alcester before coming to Beresford in 1940. Axel purchased the Empress Theatre from Everett Kundert and renamed it the Vogue. The Kunderts had renovated this building into a theatre. Prior to this use, this building had been a men's clothing store, operated by Tony Sorenson, and before that was known as the Reading Clothing Store. The Kunderts first operated their Empress Theatre in the building, recently occupied by L & H Ceramics and Upholstery. The Kunderts purchased the Empress from John Smith, who had bought out his sister, Tina Ryan. The Smiths and Ryans were also in the telephone business in Beresford.

Axel was the owner of the Vogue Theatre for 38 years (1938-1976). He felt that he owed much of his success to his youthful employees. A former employee, Gerald Bogue wrote a letter tohe Beresford Republic after Axel's death that describes business at the Vogue with this quote, "I used to work for Axel Sorensen in the 40's when he opened the Vogue Theatre. . .Axel was taking tickets and greeting each one that came in. He was dressed in a black suit, looked very debonaire, made the paying public feel like they were being greeted by the Maitre-de of the Brown Derby".

The first picture shown was "The Boys from Syracuse". When they showed the picture "Boom Town"; an oil rig was built on the marquee as an incentive to attend. People were so taken up with it; that they paid 75 cents to see what the movie was all about.

Axel had also worked as a time keeper on the Alcan Highway, N. W. Territory, Canada. He was a veteran of W.W. II a Master Mason, member of the Methodist Church, V.F.W., American Legion. Axel also served as president of the Beresford Chamber of Commerce and Golf Club.

Axel died in 1982. His home was at 307, South 6th Street.

Pre-exemption Law Helped Settle Land

What is known as the pre-emption law was passed by Congress in 1841. Under this law, any American citizen could file on 160 acres of public land, pay $14 as a filing fee, and $1.25 per acre, and get title at the end of six months. Foreign-born residents could file under this law, but must become naturalized citizens before final papers would be granted.

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The homestead law was passed in 1862 and gave incentive to western migration. Residence for five years upon the land, under this statute, was accepted in lieu of the $1.25 per acre payment demanded under the pre-emption act. Most Union county land titles from the government were secured under the homestead law.

Small Communities

Alsen

Nine miles southwest of Beresford, on the county line between Clay and Union counties, is the village called "Alsen". Older than the City of Beresford, it was important to the territory in early days.

Olaf Erickson was the key figure in the founding of Alsen. Coming from Jamptland, Sweden, he took out a homestead in 1868 on a quarter section of land that was later Alsen. He worked as a blacksmith and wagon maker in Dakota City, Nebr. for two years to finance his farming activities. Although wagon repairing was his specialty, the demand for repair work even led to wagon making as a sideline. Olaf manufactured the light two-seater spring wagon called the "Democrat Wagon". In order to hold his homestead, he often was forced to walk from Dakota City to Alsen to spend a day or so on his homestead. In 1871, he moved to his farm and started a blacksmith shop. He called this "Alsen", in memory of the parish in Sweden in which he had been born. He established the Alsen post office in 1874 and became the first postmaster. Because the site was on the Star mail route between Sioux Falls, Canton and Vermillion, it was a stopping place for mail and stagecoaches, a very hospitable stopping place for any travelers in need of food and lodging. The Alsen post office was closed in 1900.

Alsen flourished before the automotive era. It boasted a creamery, a large general store, a telephone exchange, a blacksmith shop, a harness shop and Model T garage. The annual Labor Day picnic, sponsored by the Alsen Modern Woodman Lodge, began in 1908 in a maple grove on the south edge of Alsen. The picnic was held here for twelve years and, in later years, was held south of Beresford where the Ritz dance pavilion was located. The members of the lodge built a dance floor and also made a baseball diamond for the day's entertainment. Attendance was estimated at over 10,000 on some occasions. One year a barnstorming pilot crashed into the grove and was injured.

Olaf (1822-1892) and Ingeborg (1821-1900) Erickson had two daughters, Margaret and Elizabeth. Margaret was married to Solomon Anderson and Elizabeth to Louis Egerstrom, Kerkoven, Minn. (see Solomon Anderson story).

GENERAL STORE

General Store

On April 9, 1888, Olaf Erickson, of the County of Union, Territory of Dakota, leased to Hanson and Jacobson of the said County of Union and Territory of Dakota, the land to have and to hold for purpose of conducting a general store. It was understood that when they or their successors shall fail to use the premises for a store, this lease becomes void and land reverts to original owner. The consideration in this lease was ten dollars and expiring in 99 years.

C. H. Jacobson managed the store for many years and Harold W. Peterson was first employ-

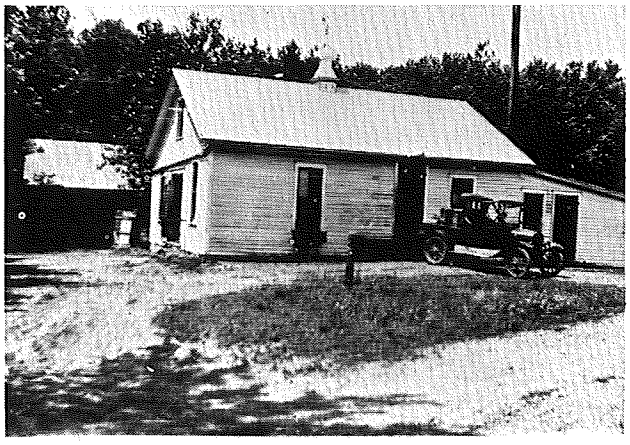
ed by him in 1898. Mr. Jacobson was Mr. Peterson's brother-in-law, he being married to the former Julia Peterson, eldest sister of Mr. Peterson. In later years, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Jacobson became partners in the store and also were partners in the Jacobson and Peterson store in Beresford.

On July 7, 1909 he married Theodosia Spensley of Vermillion, a school teacher at Rockfield school. At this time, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson moved to Beresford and Mr. Peterson became manager of the store.

On May 2, 1938, Mr. Peterson purchased the store and other buildings from Mr. Jacobson. After the Alsen Creamery closed in 1933, he built an adjoining room to the north side of the store and bought cream from his customers. In later years, poultry was also purchased.

In 1942 he sold the merchandise to Miner and Mabel Peterson and leased them the store building. They remodeled part of the store for living quarters and in 1948 they purchased all the buildings from him. Mr. Peterson was either employed, in partnership, or owner of Alsen Store for over 40 years.

COOPERATIVE CREAMERY



Alsen Cooperative Creamery

In 1888, a cooperative creamery was built on land provided by Solomon Anderson, equipped with the necessary steam boiler to heat the water that was used in pasteurizing the cream in the two vats. A 10-horsepower engine, burning kerosene, furnished the power to run the churn, water pumps, the disc coil vats, and a cream pump. There was no refrigeration equipment to cool the butter room and cream to the proper temperature for churning. Ice was the cooling agent; it was obtained from Brule Creek, some three miles southeast of the plant, cut in block form and hauled to the creamery. The plant had two storage buildings, one with ice for cooling the cream, which was covered with sawdust to preserve it for summer use. The other building was insulated to store butter for shipment to a butter firm in Chicago. A Model T Ford roadster was used to gather the cream from the member producers. The buttermilk was sold to a producer of hogs for feed. The Alsen Creamery ceased operation in 1933.

Fred Herdina (married Lillian Johnson whose father had the harness shop), now living in Mesa, Ariz., was a buttermaker at Alsen Creamery from 1922 to 1924.

BLACKSMITH SHOP

Blacksmith Shop

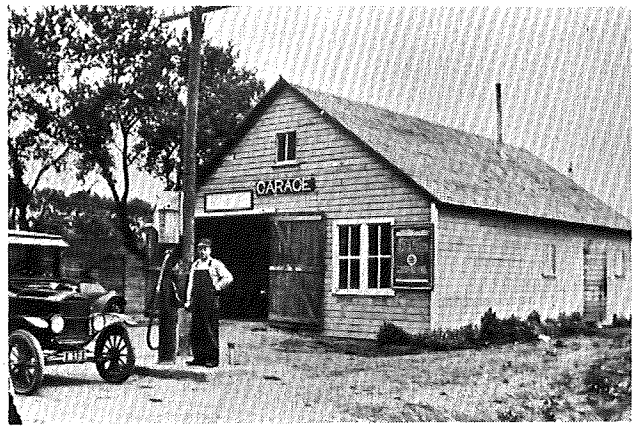
In 1901, Frederick Christian Nissen came to America at the age of 25 from Schleswig, Holstein, Denmark, locating first at lead, S.D., where on September 28, 1902, he was united in marriage to Johanna Peterson. They moved to Alsen in 1905 where he was engaged in blacksmithing for almost 50 years. He died in June, 1953, at the age of 76 years. Three children were born to them: Mrs. Anna Henriksen and Mrs. Hatti O'Connor of Beresford, and Dora Lambertson (deceased).

HARNESS SHOP

Gust A. Johnson established a harness shop in Alsen in 1904. He came to this country in 1898 from Sweden, the first five years living in Vermillion. He learned how to work with leather and in later years added light hardware to his shop. He built the large two-story house in 1913 at the south edge of Alsen. In 1922, Mr. Johnson met a tragic death from a dynamite explosion and his son, Lester took over managing the store for two

years. Gust and Anna Johnson had four children: Lester, Lillian (Mrs. Fred Herdina), Mesa, Ariz., twins Dr. Kenneth of Colorado Springs, Colo. and Violet (Mrs. Roy Bachus), deceased.

MODEL T GARAGE — GAS STATION BEER PARLOR



Erick Messler and his Model T garage (1924).

Erick Messler opened an automobile repair garage in about 1922 and operated that until the advent of rural electrification in 1937. He sold the garage to Miner Peterson in 1938 and opened the Messler Electrical Repair shop.

Miner and Mabel Peterson operated the gas station-beer parlor until 1941. It was then that Roy and Ardis Peterson built the gas station-beer parlor and living quarters that still are in use today, and is the only place of business left in Alsen.

Beer parlor, only existing business in Alsen, run by Roy and Ardis Peterson.

A. B. & E. TELEPHONE COMPANY

The A.B.&E. (Alsen, Beresford and Emmet) Telephone Co. was organized about 1901 as a farmer-owned stock company to provide telephone service for the Alsen-Emmet area and later to Beresford. It grew to serve a large area south from Beresford to Alsen, to Greenfield and east toward Alcester and west to the Vermillion River.

One recollection (1952) places the original operating office at Emmet; another places it at the Alsen Store. About 1905 or 1906, it was moved to a second floor room at the Soloman Anderson house, and in 1947 to the house known as the buttermaker's house east of the road in Alsen. The party lines served as many as 25 subscribers each, averaging 15 when the AB&E was replaced in 1952 after severe storm damage, by a farmer-owned co-op with new lines and dial phones. In 1965, the system was converted to touchtone, the first rural exchange in the United States to be so equipped. In 1971 it became a part of Dakota Cooperative Telephone Co., with one-party underground service. The switchboard has been donated to the W. H. Over Museum in Vermillion.

No history is complete without names. The names included are based on recollections only and some most deserving names are probably omitted.

Directors who have been associated with the old AB&E were: Andrew Anderson, Eric Johnson, John Frieberg, Casper Gilkenson, Jurgen Jurgenson, John M. Erickson, Hans Larson, Jim Fedderson, J. E. Frick, A. W. Jensen and E. A. Messler.

Past operators were: Louise Kindlund, Anna Soderberg, Mathilda Kindlund, Edna Kindlund, Alma Christoferson, Edna Johnson, Leva Fenstad, Ina Christoferson, Anna Henriksen, Hattie O'Connor, Freda Ludwig, Helga Ronan, Johanna Peterson, Viola Jensen, Maggie Hanson, Judith Wevik, Ella Gunderson, Olive Johnson, Anna Ellefson and Helen Regal. All doubled as bookkeepers.

Andrew Anderson, Harold Peterson and Mabel Peterson were treasurers to the AB&E.

Past linemen were: John A. (Step) Johnson, Jacob Sandvik, Lloyd Johnson and Ralph Haarsager.

Other businesses that live in Alsen's memories of the early 1900's were a barbershop, pool hall, and also a hat shop owned by Mrs. Robert Larsen.

The M&M Tent Show presented plays and entertainment for Alsen community for many years, setting up their huge tent in the pasture behind the store. A trap shoot was another annual event put on by Modern Woodman Lodge members.

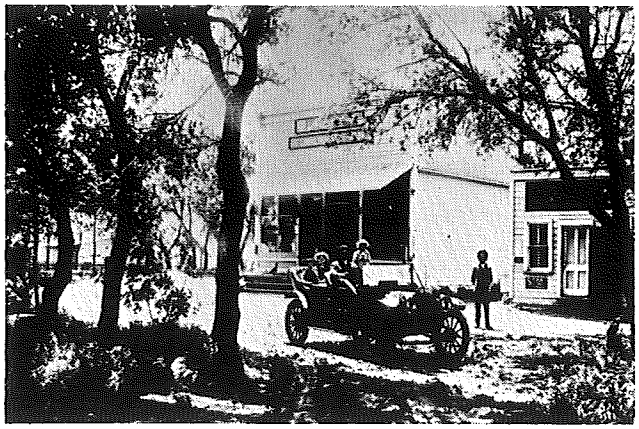
At one time the population of this village was 50, but now the following families live there: Robert Schumachers, Lloyd Johnson (Lloyd has lived here all his life), Roy Petersons, Douglas Zweifels and Morris Larsens.

Dalesburg

Buildings, left to right: August Peterson's Paint Shop, Anderson Harness Shop, and the Barbershop, later Ed Johnson's Meat Market.

The name Dahlsborg originated from the early pioneers who settled in this particular community and who were predominantly from Dalarna Province, Sweden. In the year 1871, the Dalesburg Lutheran Church was organized and in the same year the school was established. Later a store was also established at the John Westberg farm. On June 14, 1879, John Mikkelson became the first postmaster, with the post office being located at the John Westberg farm. In that year the post office department changed the spelling to Dalesburg because there was already a Dahlsborg in Dakota Territory. In October, 1887 the Dalesburg Band was organized, with Fred Heglin as director. This was one of the first bands of its kind in Dakota Territory.

About the year 1890, Andrew Lyckholm purchased 80 acres from his father. Soon after, he built a house on this property. In the fall of 1892, Lyckholm and John Aust formed a business partnership, purchasing the stock from Will Swenson of Sunnyside (south of Beresford), who had a small store in a granary at the Westberg farm. They moved this merchandise to Lyckholm's house, using the front room as the store; this would be known as Dalesburg. The partnership of Lyckholm and Aust dissolved in the spring of 1893, with Lyckholm purchasing Aust's interest. On June 13, 1893 the Dalesburg post office was moved from the John Westberg farm to Dalesburg, with the transfer of the postmaster's post from Westberg to Lyckholm. Also in the year 1893, August Soderberg of Sunborn, Sweden came to Dalesburg and built the blacksmith shop and feed mill on the west side of the road; he also operated an implement business from this building.



Dalesburg Village General Store, Andrew Lyckholm, owner.

About the turn of the century, Andrew Lyckholm built a long, narrow building on the west side of the road which housed the grocery store and post office. On June 30, 1906 the post office was discontinued and mail was then delivered from Centerville. There were also several other businesses in Dalesburg during this period, the August Peterson paint shop, Andrew Anderson's harness shop and a barbershop, which later became a meat shop owned by Ed Johnson. Andrew Anderson later moved to Canada in 1906 where he owned a shoe and harness shop in Trossachs, Saskatchewan, Canada, and Johnson moved to Radville, Saskatchewan, Canada where he owned a meat market.

Around Thanksgiving in the year 1903, there was a robbery at Lyckholm's store. Two men broke into the building and blew the safe, but for some reason the safe door did not open; therefore they were unable to get at the contents. The stamps and the money orders from the post office were stolen by the men, making the burglary a federal offense. The two men came to Dalesburg on bicycles, so when it started to snow they hid the bicycles in a straw stack and walked to Beresford. Just shortly before, a telephone

had been installed at Lyckholm's store, so Andrew notified the authorities and the two men were apprehended in a cafe eating breakfast.

In 1907, August Soderberg, his wife and their five children, sold the blacksmith building and moved to Weyburn, Saskatchewan, Canada where he purchased three sections of farmland. Charlie Hall of Centerville purchased the building from Soderberg, where he operated a car repair business. Hall, moving to Sioux City, sold the blacksmith building to Carl Winthers of Chicago, who operated it as a blacksmith shop for several years. Winthers later moved to Centerville where he also owned a blacksmith shop.

Sometime before 1920, John M. (Montana) Carlson began a well-drilling business in Dalesburg, and in 1920 built a two-story home on the east side of the road in Dalesburg. Later he set up a hardware store in his garage until he bought the Clay Point school house building and moved it to the east side of the road in Dalesburg where he operated the hardware business. Carlson's hardware warehouse was the former Marshalltown school that had been moved to Dalesburg and was located on the Andrew Lyckholm land south of the hardware store. John M. Carlson and his son, Melvin, operated the hardware business until 1953, when they sold the merchandise and John and his wife retired and moved to Vermillion.

In 1923, John "Jack" Eklund (from south of Dalesburg) and his wife, Alma Swanson of Sioux City, left their farm and moved to the rear of the blacksmith shop. They built a garage and gas station on the east side of the road. In 1924, "Jack" employed Arvid Johnson and William Inberg as mechanics until 1925, when they left and built their own garage a mile and one-half south. Jack Eklund and his wife sold their business and moved to Sioux City. Al Bartlett, the next proprietor, sold cars and farm machinery in connection with his garage business; he later sold out and moved to Centerville.

Andrew "Little Dane" Nelson, born in Denmark, came to the Dalesburg area and later operated the garage business after Bartlett. Nelson, a bachelor, was a very small, likeable fellow with a very heavy Danish accent. The next proprietor was Douglas "Ducky" Lingberg who operated the gas station and garage for many years; he sold the business to Howard Hansen who, in turn, sold it to Leo Hansen, closing it permanently in the mid-1950's.

The last surviving business in Dalesburg was the Lyckholm grocery store which was sold to Axel Swanson and sons in 1927. Axel and his oldest son, David, tended mostly to the store while his younger sons, Lorenz, Harold and Lester operated a trucking business. In the late 1940's, Harold and David built a locker plant on the rear of the store where they butchered meat and rented freezer lockers to local customers. Later, when Harold moved away, Lester took over his share of the locker. Lester and his wife, Doris (Danielson) were the last of the Swanson family to operate the store and locker, closing the locker in January, 1958 and the store sometime before that date. The store building was sold to Elmer Lindstrom in 1958, but a few years later it burned to the ground.

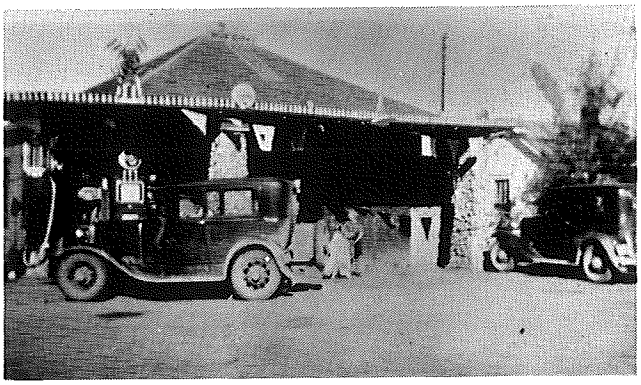
The village of Dalesburg was an important trade location and gathering spot for local pioneers for half a century. On Thursday evenings the business places would be open and the Dalesburg Band would perform a concert that was enjoyed by all. There are also lots of fond memories of the people from Dalesburg, one being that of August Peterson, the author of *The Swedes Who Settled in Clay County.* The Swedes in the area are very deeply indebted to him for writing the history of the community, which enables articles such as this to be written.

Hub City

Hub City had its beginning when William Inberg and Arvid Johnson built the garage and oil station in 1925. Both William (Bill) and Arvid had worked in Dalesburg when they decided to go into a partnership tractor and auto repair business. Gust Anker came to Bill and offered to sell him the land needed. The cost of building the garage was $385.00 for the lumber and materials. It took one week to build with the help of Emmanuel Johnson (Arvid's father), Joseph Inberg (Bill's father), Victor Berg and John Anderson (Bill's uncles) and also August Peterson of Dalesburg. The grand opening was on Midsummer Day, 1925. The name of Hub City was suggested on that day to August Peterson by C. T. Bolstad of the *Vermillion Plain Talk,* who realized that this point in Clay county was approximately 14 miles from Vermillion, Centerville, Beresford, Alcester, Wakonda and Volin.

Bill and Arvid first used a crank gas pump which pumped one gallon of gas at a time. They also had a 32-volt Delco generator used to produce electricity.

In 1926, Arvid married and moved to Vermillion, forcing Bill to buy his share of the busi-



Hub City Garage

ness, and from then on conducting the business alone. In 1926, Bill married Pearl Swedene of the Komstad community, and in 1928 the first baby was born in Hub City, Betty Ann Inberg.

In 1928, Mr. L. A. Rovaart of Wagner drove up to the station to fill his car with gas, and after asking several questions about this locality, he decided to purcahse some property from Gust Anker to build a grocery store, this being the grocery store situated just east of the garage.

In 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Orvie Sampson started a small cafe and cream station just west of the garage. Later they purchased land from Minnie Anderson and built a lunch room and cream station on the south side of the road, across from the store.

In 1935, a stone wall was erected in front of the William Inberg house and also three stone pillars were built on the front of the garage. The stonework was done by Harry Lund and a time capsule was place inside one of the pillars by Helen Sampson.

In the early thirties, the three proprietors of Hub City were instrumental in starting a ball team with the help of P. H. (Hap) Heglin, who later became the manager of the ball club. They rented land from Minnie Anderson on the south side of the road for use as a ball field. They played such ball teams as the Vermillion Red Sox, Yankton, Tabor, Madison and Rock Valley, Ia. In 1935 they won 25 out of 30 games. At one time a night game was scheduled with a traveling negro team, bringing their own lights; this game attracted thousands of people.

In 1933, Mr. and Mrs. Rovaart sold their grocery business to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Little of North Dakota and he, in turn, sold it to Mr. and Mrs. E. E. White of the Riverside area in the fall of 1938.

During these depression years, the three proprietors of Hub City provided free drive-in movies to the people of the area. Erick Messler of Alsen provided the projector and the movies were shown on the west side of Sampson's building. Such movies shown were Tom Mix and many other current movies at the time. This would be considered a forerunner of the drive-in movies of today.

Many of the boys of Hub City and the Hub City area were called to defend our country in a time of need during World War II and the Korean War.

In 1952, Mr. and Mrs. White moved to Alaska, renting the grocery and feed business to Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nygaard of Vermillion.

The Hub City community was saddened by the sudden deaths of Mrs. Orvie (Helen) Sampson in May, 1953 and Orvie in October, 1953, leaving the business to their two sons, LeRoy and Wayne. They conducted the business until 1955 when they rented it to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Engstrom and later selling the building to Steve Hughes who, in turn, sold it to E. Millage.

In 1957, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Nygaard moved to Lennox, giving up the lease of the Hub City Store and leaving the store vacant.

William Inberg retired in 1971 because of the loss of his eyesight due to glaucoma and, in January 1976, he died at the age of 79.

Hub City did not grow considerably since the beginning in 1925, with the exceptions of a few houses moved in—Mrs. Anna Swedene and Mrs. Emma Sampson in the late 1940's and a new house built by Mr. and Mrs. Joy Hansen in the late 1960's.

All of the businesses are closed today, but the buildings and the memories still remain.

Komstad

The Komstad post office was established on July 18, 1876 on the Gustavus Norgren farm, with Norgren being the first postmaster. He also was a promoter of building and operated the first flour mill on the Vermillion River in Clay county on the homestead of his father. He was also a charter member of the Komstad Church that was organized in 1874.

John Hoyer became the second postmaster on June 1, 1880, having moved the post office from the Norgren homestead to the Hoyer farm. John Hoyer also operated a store business in conjunction with the post office until May 21, 1888, when he turned it over to Nels Axlund and moved it to his place. Nels Axlund had the post office and also ran a grocery store. He was a carpenter and woodworker and was also a charter member of

the Dalesburg Band. He operated the post office until April 14, 1898.

Charles A. Sundberg was the last postmaster of Komstad, from 1898 until May 14, 1906, when the post office was closed. His history is unknown.

Gustav Hegstrum in Leeville Store

Leeville

One hundred years ago, February 5, 1883, a post office was set up in a country store to serve the community eight miles north of Beresford in Lincoln township. It was called Haram, which was located on the west side of the NW¼ of Section 19, on the farm owned and farmed at that time by Lee Willis. A grove of trees still stands there, but the buildings are gone. The land is now owned and farmed by Gary and Karen Lounsbery. Lee Willis and Arthur Dann started a new country store, which was named Leeville in his honor. On October 28, 1898, the Haram post office was discontinued and changed to Leeville post office for a period of nearly two years when it, too, was discontinued as a post office. It was located on the southeast corner of Section 19, just a few rods northwest of the Haram location. At that time the land belonged to the Nel Koons family. The present owners are Harold and Doris Clay.

In 1900, a blacksmith shop was completed at Leeville. In 1902, the corner was leased to H. Paulson.

The store was a general store and handled everything from groceries to dry goods. About 1903 it was purchased by Mr. and Mrs. (Amelia) Hegstrum who moved in and lived in the same building. One of their first projects was to have siding put on the plain lumber sides of the store, and finished it off with new coats of paint.

The place soon became the hub of the community. It was the meeting place for the old and the young. Many a youngster was thrilled with the prospect of choosing a piece of candy he'd like. Young men of the area gathered in the evenings to compare who had milked the most cows, shocked the most grain, or husked the most corn that day.

The modes of travel were wagon, buggy, bobsled, horseback or by foot, until the automobile came along, then only for the lucky few at first.

Mrs. Hegstrum was the correspondent for the *Beresford Republic,* the weekly newspaper with the Leeville News. They had a son, Alan Hegstrum, who now lives at Sturgis, S.D.

Leeville had a baseball team that was well-known, as they played several neighboring towns.

Some years, fireworks displays were put on to help celebrate the Fourth of July.

The Hegstrums moved to Sioux Falls in 1921. The store was then sold to Erling Fladmark and his wife, Thelma. During their six-year stay, a lean-to was built to the north side of the building. It housed a produce department and was managed by Olaf Olseth. Many farmers brought their eggs and cream there for trade.

Early in 1927, the Fladmarks moved to Sioux Falls to run a feed and seed store. Mr. Carl Johnson took over the management of the Leeville store in April. His tenure was limited to nine months for, on the last Saturday afternoon of January 1928, a fire that started in the storage area got too much of a start and they were not able to save the building. Customers who were in the store at the time helped save their furnishings and some of the stock. The fire department got there too late to be of much assistance. The building was owned by a Worthing banker, Bradshaw.

Neighborhood farmers met to plan a new store, but decided not to because, with better roads and cars, people were going to the larger towns for their necessities.

Nora

One of the first settlers in the Nora community was Erick Ronning. He came from Norway in 1871, settled first in Vermillion, and then homesteaded near Nora. Other Norwegian settlers soon came from Michigan and Wisconsin. Andrew Asbjeld gave the village its name, calling it Nora, an abbreviation of Norway.

The first homes in the community were dugouts, some having dirt floors. Supplies and fuel were freighted from Vermillion, Elk Point, and even Sioux City. This was done with ox team and

Nora, S.D.

the men walked through all sorts of weather and over poor trails.

In 1891, the first post office was called Nora and was established on the Erick Ronning farm. Erick Ronning was the first postmaster. His son, Ole, would ride horseback to Emmett to get the mail. Later there were star routes. In 1901, rural free delivery was established.

Nils Isakson (uncle of Mrs. Sigvold Sveeggen, Mrs. Sivert Sveeggen, John Isakson and Mrs. Edgar Ronning) had the first blacksmith shop in Nora in 1901. It was the old school building and Mr. Isakson used it both for a home and blacksmith shop. It changed hands several times and later John Buum tore it down.

I. M. Asbjeld had a garage in 1910 where he repaired and sold cars. The first automobile sold was a Buick to Pete Quall, uncle of Owen Quall. It was rebuilt at the Nora garage into a racer, in which Mr. Asbjeld and Mr. Quall had many thrilling rides. It was told that Mr. Quall drove into a farmyard with a pig hanging on the crank.

Chris Steinholt had the first store in Nora on the site of the present store building. Later, Erick Ronning had a store right south of his farm home. The store was operated by his sons, Arnt and Martin. Knute Ofstad bought the Steinholt Store, later selling to Wells and Oden in 1910. This building burned down and Wells and Oden then bought the Ronning Store and moved it to its present site. After the death of Mr. Carl Oden, who was a longtime merchant in Nora, the business changed hands many times, closing in 1960. In 1903, the Steinholt Store was connected with Alsen by telephone.

The first building in Nora was, perhaps, a milkhouse moved onto the townsite by I. P. Asbjeld. In 1900, the Nora Creamery became a reality on the Erick Ronning farm, thus being one of the pioneering creameries in the state. George Miller was the first buttermaker; in 1902 he received a gold medal at the state convention of buttermakers.

Nora Creamery

Ole Lykken, Sr. was the president of the corporation and Iver Oie, the secretary. Cream was hauled in by the farmers and the biggest producer at first was Ole Ofstad. Business was good and about 20 tubs of butter were hauled to Alcester every week to be shipped to New York. The machinery was operated by steam, and ice was cut on the Brule Creek and stored in an ice house. In 1930, the creamery was moved into the village of Nora, directly across from the store.

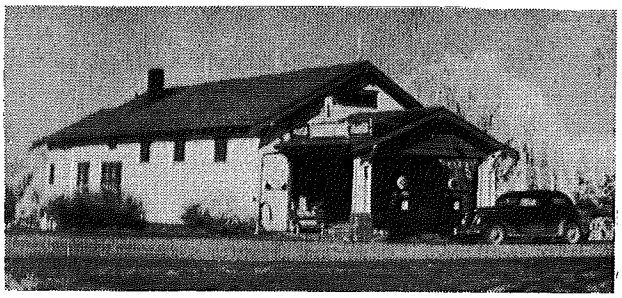
In 1942, the creamery burned to the ground. It was not rebuilt in Nora; instead a building was procured in Alcester and there it continued to do business as The Nora Creamery. In 1961, the business was sold to the Sioux Valley Milk Association. Its operations closed down in 1962.

Not much is left of the village of Nora. Yet, the community, as a farming community, still is thriving. The residents, mostly of Norwegian ancestry, remember with gratitude their forefathers who, through the years, strove so hard to build a good community for themselves and posterity.

Norway Center Store

In 1927, Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Paulson bought two acres of land from Ole Knutson and built a country store. The nearest town was Alcester, seven miles to the south. The place became known as Norway Center because it was located in the center of Norway township. Across the highway east stood the Norway Township Hall, which at that time was a popular community meeting place.

Business at Norway Center involved trading



Norway Center Store

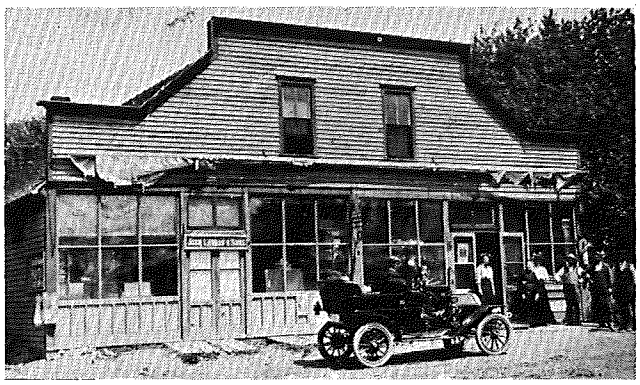
eggs, cream and poultry for groceries and other staples. The store carried a wide variety of household necessities, farm and motor supplies, besides running a trucking business and weigh station. It was a friendly place where neighbors chatted as they shopped.

Stephen Paulson died in 1929, leaving his wife, Hilda, with their small son, Allen. Hilda managed the store alone until 1934 when she married Lawrence C. Johnson. Together they operated a thriving family business at Norway Center for many years. The Allen Paulsons were the last proprietors.

Eventually, the country store closed its doors, going the way of all inland stores and country schools in Lincoln county. The good highways and improved methods of transportation have made nearby towns easily accessible for shopping and school. The day of the friendly country store like Norway Center is past, but it served its neighborhood well as long as the need existed. It made a real contribution to the history of our farming community.

Spink

Spink, South Dakota, a little village of nine houses, counting the two in the suburb and with a population that fluctuates between 20 and 30, and



Spink

five business places, was first established with a country store, owned and operated by Johannes Larson in 1871.

John Larson (founder of Spink)

At one time, Spink was a contender for the county seat of Union county, vied with Elk Point and Vermillion for the Southern Railroad, and was comprised of several businesses, a store, a post office, a drug store, a doctor, a photographer's gallery, a blacksmith shop and a saloon.

Today there remains a store, a garage, a repair shop, a lunch room and two gas stations. But one vital thing remains alive and present today as when the first store opened its doors and that is social cohesiveness, which bound the settlers of different nationalities together and is prevalent today in the descendants of those settlers and newcomers in the Spink area, an element not found in larger places.

The close of the Civil War and the opening of "western" lands to homesteading presented an opportunity to the three Larson brothers—Lars, Jr., Guldbrand (Gilbert) and Johannes. They homesteaded along the Brule Creek. Lars, Jr. returned to Norway and brought other family members to the Spink area. Other settlers arrived with names common today such as Omdahl, Christenson, Lewison, Lawrence, Gardener, Olson, Peterson, Hammerstrom and many others.

Communication with the outside world was very sketchy, with the closest post office being at Richland, a matter of 13 miles. At this time the

James Brothers were marauding the area, but news of their escapades traveled slowly. One evening, as legend has it, two men in a buckboard drove into the John Larson yard. John was away and only Ingeborg, his wife, was at home. The two men asked for lodging and stabling for their horses and, as this was the custom, the request was freely granted. The buckboard was covered with canvas and the men cautioned Ingeborg that no one was to tamper with the buckboard. A valise (carpetbag) they carried inside with them. They spent the night and, when ready to go the next morning, they asked the directions to the nearest sawmill. But on leaving, they went the opposite way.

That same day, Ingeborg walked the distance to Richland for the mail and was indeed surprised to see a "wanted" poster in the post office with the pictures of the two men she had given food and lodging to the night before—Frank and Jesse James.

John Larson, seeing that distance between towns presented a problem for settlers in buying and selling commodities, borrowed $1,000 and, in 1871, opened the first Spink Store. A blacksmith shop run by Charlie Berg (later by Hans Elgathune, Robert Jensen and Lars Larson) was opened and beside it a warehouse was built in which egg cases were made and goods and merchandise were stored. A creamery was built on the west side of the road in 1897. This building was later moved beside the store and used for storing barrels of kerosene.

Communication improved with the coming of the Southern Railroad and Spink obtained weekly postal service. The Spink post office was located in a proper post office cage in the store. This continued from about 1897 until about 1914 when the advent of rural free delivery closed the Spink Post Office.

In 1900, John Larson transferred ownership of the store to his son, Lewis Albert, who operated the store until 1915 when failing health forced his retirement and he sold the store to his sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Klopstad. The frame structure was then moved from the Larson land to the southwest corner of the Klopstad farm. This store was destroyed by fire twice. Following the fire, a brick structure was built to house the store. This bulding still stands and has served as a school room, a filling station, and presently as a cafe.

In 1925, Lincoln and Osmond Twedt built the present store building. The upstairs was spacious enough to accommmodate crowds for plays, talent shows, dances and special local programs. In 1946, Leonard and Adolph Larson assumed ownership and ran the store until July, 1981. The sale of the store to Ronald and Doris Kjose ended 110 years of ownership within the families of the three original Larson brothers.

The first Spink school was organized, with an enrollment of 17 pupils and increasing to 31 in 1879. The first classes were held in the Guldbrand Larson home until a log school could be built. The North Spink School flourished from 1881 until 1970, when the school district was adjoined to the Alcester School District. The first school in District 57 was a claim shanty owned by Andrew Martin. Later a frame building was constructed two miles east and one mile north of Spink.

Spink—where did it get its name? Some say it was named for a Civil War general. This could well be, as the founder of Spink, Johannes Larson, served in the Union Forces.

Family Histories

Front row: Leonard, Mr. Abrahamson, Elvera, Mrs. Abrahamson, Violet, Marie. Middle row: Alma, Ida, Petra, Olivia, Minnie, Clarence. Back row: Ole, John, Adolph, Hjalmer, Roy, Edward.

Peder and Julia Abrahamson

Peder Abrahamson was born in Olden Nordfjord, Norway in 1861. In 1880, at the age of 19, he came to Sioux City, Iowa where he worked for the railroad. In 1891 he married Julia Christenson. They bought their farm two miles north and one and three-fourths miles east of Spink. He was a handyman and carpenter so he built their house and farm buildings. He also dug trenches by hand for running water to their house, barn and hog house. The Abrahamsons were the first in the neighborhood to have electricity by installing a Cushman plant. Peder

died in 1930. Julia continued to live on the farm until 1945 when she moved to Beresford. In 1939, the Golden Jubilee year of South Dakota, Julia received a Golden Jubilee Certificate from the state signed by Olive Ringsrud, Secretary of State. Julia was the first lady in Brule Creek Lutheran Church congregation to receive a Lifetime Membership Certificate. In June of 1949 she died. Their children are: Adolph, Ida Solaas, Olivia Sommervold, Petra Sommervold, Ole, John, Edward, Roy, Alma Claussen, Hjalmer, Minnie Halvorsen, Marie Ronnei, Leanard, Clarence, Violet Sand and Elvera Rusten. Another child, Melvin, died in infancy.

Adolph homesteaded in Zweibach County. He raised horses and shipped them to auction sales in eastern South Dakota. He never married. He was a veteran of World War I.

Ida married Joe Solaas. They had one daughter, Irene, who married Ralph Rohlfson. Their children are: Janet, who married Pat Coughlin. They have two children, Kalean and Hannah; Sharon, who married Kimball Udall. They have a daughter, Dana; Gary and his wife, Dianna, have three children, Nicklous, Gina and Patrick.

Olivia married Alfred Sommervold. They have four children: Alvin, who married Gertrude Popkins, has a son, Alan. Alan married April Nystrup and they have two daughters, Tara and Amber; Opal, who married Jay Robertson, has three girls, Jo Ellen, who married Richard Puttman, Beth and Denise (deceased); Pearl, who married Hank Wilkens, has two children, Warren and Darla; Arlo, who married Mary Woods, has four children, Mary Ann, Peter, Jon and Sara.

Petra married John Sommervold. They had four children: Martha, who married Marvin Jamtgaard, has three daughters, Jeanette, who married Michael Silva, has three sons, Michael, Nathan and Richard; Janice, who married Gary Coleman, have a daughter, Heidi, and a son, Sean; Linda, who married Gary Cummings; Mildred, who married Clarence Zweifel, has four children: Darlene; John, who married Valerie Ebsen, has two daughters, Danelle and Janelle; David, who married Linda Ruba, has two children, Heather and Gregory; Royal, who married Kay Andrews; Morris, who married Helen Loftesness, has three children; Karen, who married Martin Buum, has a daughter, Erin, and a son, James; Karla, who married Robert Osterday, has two children, Angela and Brian; Kurt, who married Michele Gross, has two boys, John and Erik; Ru Adene, who married Bruce Nilson, has three children: Jody, who married Todd Meyer; Holly, who married Wade Noack; and Bret.

Ole married Helen Erickson. They have no children.

John married Selma Solaas. They have five children: Russell, who married Evelyn Simonson, has three children: Alan, who married Gwen Rasmussen, has a daughter, Kim; Karen, who married Steve Bonte, has three children, Lisa, Molly and Abby; Jeffrey, who married Ranae Janssen, has two children, Travis and Amanda; Rolland, who married Ona Johnson, has four daughters: Diane, who married Donald Larsen, has two children, Dana and Darren; Lynette, who married David Nelson, has two children, Christine and Erin; Nancy, who married Michael Lyle, has three children, John, Patrick and Marissa; Lori Carlson and her daughter, Audrey; Deloris, who married Delmer Peterson (now deceased), has one daughter, Sandra, who married Robert Doss, has a daughter, Jordon) Deloris is the present Mrs. Duane Johnson); Delmer, who married Wilda Haas, has a daughter, Sherri, who married Dwight Fickbolm, and they have two children, Nicklous and Leslie; and a son, Steve; Verdell, who married Betti Thorson, has a son, Craig, and his wife have one son, Eric, and their daughter Brenda and her husband have a daughter, Shane.

Edward married Min Westberg. They have two daughters: Evale Kay; Geanelle Mae, who married George Lord, has two daughters, Kerri and Dreya.

Roy married Sarah Sommervold. They have three children: Shirley, who married Jerry Alters (now deceased), has four children: Gene, Curtis, Cynthia, who married John Chartier, has a son, Jerald, and Gregory. (Shirley is the present Mrs. Robert Derflinger); Donald, who married Mary Urbigkit, has two sons, David and Erik; Robert, who married Marilyn Ching, has two children, Jillian and Ross.

Alma married Darrell Claussen. They have no children.

Hjalmer married Irene Kempston. They have one daughter, Moneta, who has four children: Terry and his wife Donna have two boys, Daniel and Eric; Gary and his wife Diane have three boys, Rodney, Chad and Scott; O. J. and Judy, who married Larry Waterman, has three children, Tina, Kim and Michael.

Minnie married Fred Halvorson. They have five children: Gloria, who married Jake Stotz,

has no children; Joyce (deceased); Duane, who married Dolly Mangiocapra, has two children, John and Joyce; Ru Adene (deceased); Donna, who married Duane Liston, has two daughters, Rhonda and Marcia.

Marie married Ole Ronnei. They have four children: Bonnie, who married Norma Amos, has three children, Scott, Tanya and Shennan; Lois, who married Ed Haddock; Jerry, who has a wife, Marilyn, has three children, Andy, Rick and Jennifer; and Duane.

Leonard married Judy Ekren. They have three children: Julie, who married Phil Timmons, have two children, Kevin and Traci; Doug, who married Mary Smith, has one daughter, Anna Marie; and Carol.

Clarence married Mary Embrock. They have no children.

Violet married Harvey Sand. They have a son, Vernon, who married Daisy Abbott, has a son, Wade, and a daughter, Stacy.

Elvera married Reuben Rusten. They have no children.

Anders and Carolina Anderson

Anders Anderson (1827-1916) married Carolina Tolleston. They lived near Stockholm, Sweden. Four children were born while there: Minnie (1858-1916), Ellen (1860-1911), Charles (1862-1917) and Oscar (1865-1920). The family immigrated to Coal Valley, Moline, Ill. Caroline died while there in 1871.

Anders and the four children migrated to Dakota Territory in 1875 and homesteaded in Emmet Township northwest of the Union County Park. The family grew up here. The two sisters married two brothers, O. G. and P. G. Anderson of Vermillion.

Charles married Tillie Swanson, had a family of ten children, and farmed northwest of Elk Point.

Oscar married Grace Braidwood Duncan. They farmed the homestead a few years before buying a farm four miles west of Alcester. In 1902 they bought 80 acres just west of Beresford. Tolly's Cafe is on the building site. The family attended the Beresford Public Schools.

Oscar and Grace had four children: Agnes, Ray, Oliver and Carolyn. Agnes Stalheim lived in Yankton. She had no children. Ray and Ruth (Stoen) Anderson had five children: Jean, Dale, Grace, Donald and Merlyn. They owned and operated the old Anderson Homestead until 1963 when they retired and moved to Alcester.

Oliver and Meneva (Kylling) Anderson had one son, Oliver ("Larry").

Carolyn and (Virgil) Shurtleff had two children, Douglas and Janet.

(See Duncan and Kylling stories for more information.)

Anton and Clara Anderson

Clara Stoen Anderson was born to parents Ole J. Stoen and Marit Eidem Stoen in 1882 on her father's homestead in Emmett Township of Union County. She attended Cleveland School and grew to womanhood in the Alsen community. (See Ole J. Stoen story.)

In 1898 she was married to Anton Anderson at Sioux City, Iowa. Anton immigrated to this country from Trondhjem, Norway in 1867. After living in Sioux City for three years, they moved to the Alsen vicinity where they lived, except for one year, near Westerville. In 1906 they bought the Osmond Olson farm where they made their home. Six children were born to the Andersons, namely: Anna, Minnie, Arnold, Oliver, Eleanor and Reuben. In 1926, Clara was stricken with paralysis of the spine so spent much time in a wheelchair and in bed before she died at the age of 46. Anton died in 1950 at the age of 83.

The oldest daughter, Anna, was born in Sioux City and moved to Alsen with her parents. She attended Brule public and parochial schools. The Andersons were members of Trondhjem Lutheran Church. In 1918, Anna married Bernt Ellefson of Volin. Her brother, Anton, lived with them for a few years, then they moved with him to the home place in 1948. Anna was employed as a switchboard operator at the Alsen Telephone Company for several years, and after moving to Beresford, was night telephone operator there until they discontinued the switchboard service. Anna and Bernt Ellefson had six children: Helen, Clarice, Judith, Olive, Arvin and Lois. Helen Haugen (Albert), whose children are: Arlys Norling (Arthur); Ordell who married Cheryl Babcock; Clarice Fedderson (Kenneth) has five children: James who is married to Marlene Groon, Shirley Mulder (Clarence), David who is married to Donna Starks, Sherilyn Tott (Harold), and Judith who is married to Rev. Virgil Johnson. Their children are Janet Keck (Jim), Marvin who married Sheila Halstenson, and Karen West (Mark). Olive Johnson's (Vernon) children are Byron, who is married to Angela Anderson, Barbara Lexvold (Richard), and Susan; Arvin

married Helen Jensen and their children are Jacqueline Nothdurft (Dennis) and Douglas is married to Dawn Gambel; Lois married Roscoe Carlson and their children are Ronald who is married to Sandra Kots, Patricia Buechler (David), Gary who married Sandra Fredrickson and Donald who married Elma Ymker.

Minnie Anderson was the bride of John Lykken and they lived in Chicago, Ill. Their children are: Auby Davies (David), Lloyd who married Ina Sylliason, Palmer who married Mildred Iverson, Kenneth who married Doris Coutts, Arnold married to Francis Christensen of Vermillion. They resided in the Roseni community and in California, and today reside in Beresford. Their children are Verlyn Ekert (Kenneth), Eileen Grieb (Charles), Shernold who is married to Marcella Nelson, Joan Fickbohm (Donald), Maurine Heiser (Harold) and Leland who married Sandra Sieble; Oliver Anderson was married to Eline Aune and they live near Volin. Their children are: Violet Paulson (Roger), Gloria Snoozy (Harlan), Erling who married Mary Benson and Eleanor, married to Clarence Ellefson who also live near Mission Hill. Their children are Colett Wilcox (Alan), Richard who married Nancy Branham and Janet McPeek (Boyd); Rueben married Lucille Lundquist and their five children are Robert, Lois, Richard, Rose Dorsman (Ronald), and Deloris Murra (Leslie).

In 1977, Anna Ellefson was married to John Lykken and they are one of Beresford's oldest living couples, ages 84 and 86.

First row: Effie, Florence, Philip, Tillie, Emma, Ella. Second row: Esther, Mr. Anderson, Alvera, Mrs. Anderson, Ida.

Charles And Amelia Anderson

Charles J. Anderson was born in Halstad Forsamling, Ostergotland, Sweden in 1861. As a child he worked with his father making charcoal. His father died and the mother had very little money so an uncle in America paid for Charles' passport. (See John Peterson story). Except for the two years in Sioux City he lived the rest of his life in this community.

He married Amelia Larson in 1887 (see Nels Larson story). The Anderson's nine children were: Effie Linder (Carl) parents of Helen and Clarence who live on the farm once owned by Nels Larson, Mathilda Gustafson (Peter) parents of Everett, Della, Mildred and Gilbert, Ella Gustafson (Albin) parents of Elmer, Alvina, Virgil and Alvin, Philip married to Emma Larson, parents of Milton, Ethel, Myrtle, Lovalice, Phyllis and Ernst, Florence

Johnson (Adolph) parents of Robert, Alice and Glen, and Esther, first married to Gust Johnson, after his death married to Herman Carlstrom. The Carlstroms had two children, Lenora and Charles and a stepdaughter, Miriam. The other three children of Charles and Amelia were Emma, Ida and Alvera. They never married. The four oldest have died but the five youngest are still active. Florence lives in Sioux Falls and Esther at Detroit Lakes, MN. Emma, Ida and Alvera share a home in a house built by their father in 1919.

This family knew hard work like the rest of the pioneers. The farm had to be farmed; there was a large orchard and garden and all the garments were sewed at home. Milking cows, gathering eggs and picking cobs from the hog pen were part of the children's chores too, even harness, hitch and drive horses.

Charles was one of the first in that community to buy machinery. Together with neighbor, James Hunter, he owned a large tractor and a threshing machine. Charles also purchased a grain reaper. He bought a car, the Auburn, in 1912.

After Charles' death in 1936, his wife continued making her home there, until her death in 1946. She wove rugs to sell and Alvera stayed home with her. Emma and Ida worked in homes, doing housework, caring for new babies and in later years cared for aged people in their home or other homes.

Charles and Anna Anderson

Charles J. Anderson, born in 1842, and Anna Egerstrom Anderson, born in 1844, in Kalmarean Smaland, Sweden, came to America in 1869. They first settled in Illinios and in 1874 came with other neighbors to homestead in Brooklyn township, Lincoln county. They had two sons, Victor and Alfred. Charles died in 1882 and was the second person to be buried in the Brooklyn Church cemetery. Anna died in 1937 at the age of 93.

In 1899, Victor Anderson married Hannah Erickson. Hannah was born in 1878 in Vermland, Sweden. Victor and Hannah had seven children: Edith, George, Albert, Elmer, Harold, Lester and Lillian. George died in a tornado at the age of seven months. Hannah died of tuberculosis in 1919 at the age of 41. Edith, Albert and Elmer all died in the early 1920's, also from tuberculosis. Victor was married to Anna Nelson Kennedy in 1921. She died in 1945. In 1950 he married Elsie Birkeland Johnson.

Harold, a lifelong Lincoln county farmer, served as a state senator, county commissioner

Luther, Mrs. Anderson, Ida, Emma, Victor; kneeling in front: Alfred.

and has been active in many farm and political organizations. He and his wife, Rudy Johnson, had four children: Raymond, Marie and twins, Don and Donna. Ray is married to Janice Paulson and they have a daughter, Cathy. The family lives in Centerville. Don and his wife, Carol Fletcher, have three children, Carla, Patrick and Julie. Donna married Lowell Zweifel and they have four children: Calvin, Douglas, Alan and Daryl. Marie is married to Don Thompson and lives in Sioux Falls.

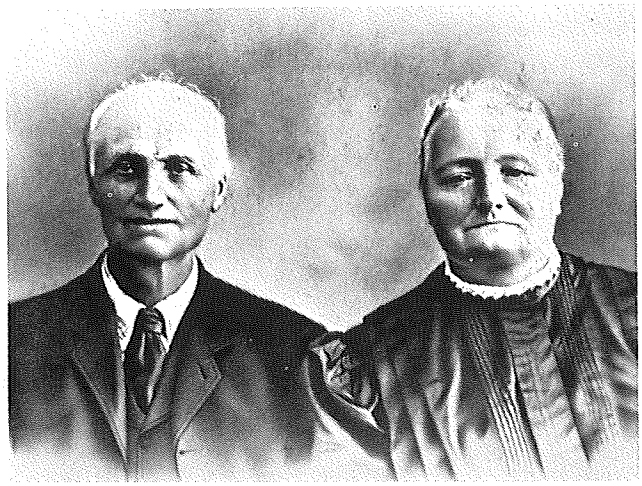
Following Ruby's death, Harold married Martha Olson. They live in Beresford.

Lester and his wife, Judith Olsen, farm the land originally homesteaded by his grandfather, Charles. They had two children, Robert, farming with his father, and Beverly. Robert is married to Linda Reed and their children are Tami (Mrs. Jeff Hayzlett), Todd and Troy. Beverly and her husband, Richard Boom, live in Lincoln, Nebr. They have a daughter, Kristi.

Lillian was married to Ralph Heglin and they had six children. Dorothy married Rodney Soderstrom. They had five children and live in Minnesota. Delores married John Gabel. They had three children and live in Missouri. Doreen married Steve Baker. They had three children and live in Hartford. Ronald married Mona Welter. They had two children and live in Yankton. Roger married Star Sorenson and their children are Angela, Lisa, David and Shannon. Debbie married Dan March and their daughter is Sara.

Charles and Anna's other son, Alfred, married Minnie Lundborg. They had 11 children; three died in infancy. Gladys married Elmer Dahlin and moved to Minnesota. Virgil and his wife, Agnes Larson, live in Centerville. Mary Ann was married to Leonard Heri (deceased). LaVonne married Leif Alberg. Francis married Dick Schultz, Clarence (deceased) married Belle Mundall. They are all in California as are Cliff and his wife, Dorothy Wright.

Roy, the youngest, married Gertrude Vik. They have made their home on the family farm. They had three sons, Ron, John and Terry. Ron, married to Kay Wood, is farming with his father. They had two sons, Brian (deceased) and Aaron. John (deceased) was married to Priscilla Potas. Terry is married to Cindy Rist and they reside at Blackfoot, Idaho.



Solomon and Margaret Anderson

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Solomon Anderson (1841-1926) was born in Jamptland, Sweden. He married Margaret Erickson. In 1878, Olaf Erickson deeded his homestead to his son-in-law.

Solomon was first to practice new farming ideas and new equipment. He built the first silo in South Dakota during the severe drought of 1894. He was the first in the area to import purebred cattle and was among the first to introduce alfalfa to the area. In 1913, he began using a milking machine similar to those placed in operation at South Dakota State College two years earlier.

He was the main force in establishing the rural telephone system, providing space in his home for the exchange. The original switchboard is in the W. H. Over Museum in Vermillion.

The farmstead Mr. Anderson built up is still standing, including the first house built in 1871 and also a house built of rocks which housed the 32-volt light plant that provided electricity for the farm before REA. The wooden silo has since been restored. The three-story mansion built in 1901 was considered one of the showplaces in Clay county. In 1978, the farm was placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Solomon and Margaret had three children: Andrew, Emma and Edward. Andrew brought attention to the village of Alsen when, after serving as Clay county state senator for three terms, he accepted the nomination for governor of South Dakota. However, during the campaign in 1924, he met with a tragic death from an enraged bull.

Andrew (1877-1924) married Marie Martinson (1880-1957) and they had one child in 1917, Helen Quirk (John) of Hastings, Nebr. their two children are John A. (1951) and Mary (1952). John is a graduate of Harvard and manages the family business at Hastings. He married Deborah Hardin. Mary is a graduate of Grinnell College and is in public health and education work at Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.

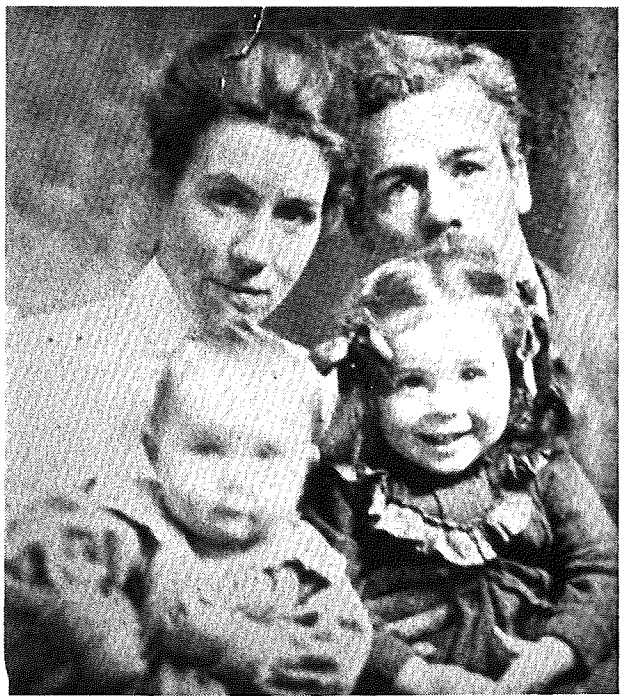
Emma (1880-1968) married Henning Holmquist and, during her married life, was postmistress at Sioux Rapids, Ia. She was widowed in 1918 and then returned to the farmstead. After her brother's death, she managed the farm a few years and then moved to Los Angeles, Calif. and resided there the rest of her life.

Edward (1884-1914) died as a young man.

James And Hannah Andrews

James Andrews, an early settler in Emmett township south of Beresford, was born in Meath County, Ireland, and came to the United States at the age of five, settling in DeWitt, Ia. James served in the United States Cavalry during the Civil War and was taken prisoner by the Confederates. He spent seven days at Libby Prison.

Hannah Laine, who was born in Waterford County, Ireland, married James Andrews in 1871. After James and Hannah married they moved to Hand county, Dakota Territory, and lived there a short time in a dugout. But there



Back row: Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. O'Connor; front: Genevieve, Helen.

was poor soil, prairie fires and grasshoppers, so they pulled up stakes and came to Beresford in 1897 and moved into the Tyre house north of the depot in Beresford, then to a farm in Emmett Township.

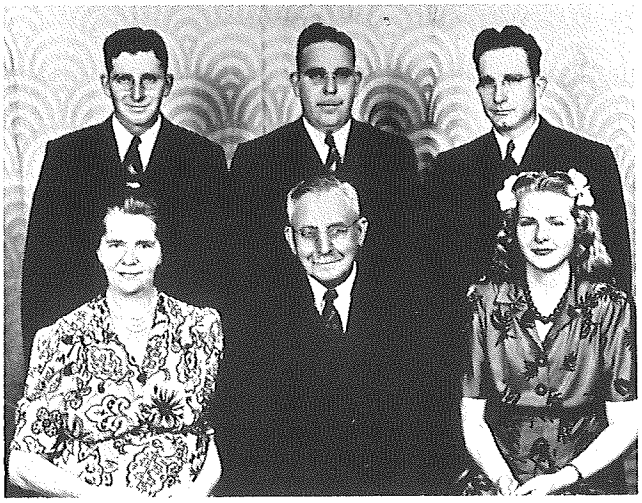
To this union eight children were born: John, Mary Ellen, James, Margaret, Joseph, Elizabeth, Johanna and Cathrine. James, Margaret and Johanna remained in this community. Johanna, next to the youngest, married John J. O'Connor, son of James O'Conner and Bridget Jennings O'Conner. Descendants of James and Hannah still living in Beresford are descendants of Johanna.

James O'Conner was born in Limerick County, Ireland in 1818, and as a young boy came to America, first stopping off in Rhoden, Quebec, then on to Elizabethtown, Wisc. In the year 1848 he married Bridget Jennings. She was born in Kerry County, Ireland. James and Bridget had 11 children: Patrick, Michael, Mary, Carey, Elizabeth, James, Sharah, Katherine, John, Peter and Frank. Descendants of James and Bridget still living in the Beresford community are the descendants of Michael, Elizabeth and John. Patrick, Michael and Mary O'Conner came from New Lisbon, Wisc. in 1872 and each filed for a quarter of land in Emmett Township, Dakota Territory. They each built small shacks to make improvement on the land and to fulfill the Homestead Act. These shacks were built together on each of the three sections. Patrick and Michael did the farming and Mary cooked, washed and did the sewing for them. Patrick became ill and was unable to cultivate the land, so in 1874 James and Bridget brought the rest of the family to Emmett Township, Dakota Territory, from New Lisbon, Wisc. and homesteaded more land.

John O'Conner was born in 1868 at New Lisbon, Wisc. and married Johanna Andrews, who was born at Miller, S.D. in 1884. Their marriage took palce in 1902. To this union seven children were born: Helen, Genevieve, Francis, Gladys, Lucille, James and Loretta. John died in 1910. Johanna (Andrews O'Conner) married Fred Judson Kinkner in 1917. They had one child, Vernon. Descendants of John and Johanna continuing to reside in the Beresford community were James and Genevieve.

James O'Conner, semi-retired farmer, still lives in Beresford at 304 N. 5th Street. James was born in the Emmett community in 1909 and is married to Christine Jensen (Kirkeback), born in 1905, in Stenderup, Denmark. They have no children.

Genevieve O'Conner was born in the Emmett community in 1904 and married Nicholas Scheuring, born in Earling, Ia. To this union five children were born: Anita, Corrine, Mary, Rita and Nicholas. Descendants of Genevieve O'Conner and Nicholas Scheuring still living in Beresford are Anita and Corrine. Anita Marie Scheuring, born in Beresford in 1929, living at 510 N. Second Street in Beresford, is presently employed by the Beresford Public School District and married to Richard Girard. He was born in the Spink community in 1926. They are parents of four children: Linda, Laura, Kathleen and Richard. Richard Girard is presently employed by the State of South Dakota Highway Department. Corrine Scheuring, born in the Emmett community in 1933. Genevieve O'Conner and her daughter, Corrine, were born in the same house first owned by John O'Conner and Johanna Andrews O'Conner. She is presently employed by the Emergency and Disaster Service Southeastern District and resides at 410 North First Street in Beresford. She is married to Richard Lingberg. He was born in the Hub City community in 1928. Richard has been the city letter carrier in Beresford from the first day of city mail delivery in Beresford from 1956 to this date. The Lingberg's two children are Richard II and Teri Lynn.



Back row: Carrol, Arthur, Palmer; front: Mrs. Antonson, Mr. Antonson, Sylvia.

Henrik And Petra Antonson

Henrik (Henry) Antonson came to Beresford in 1899 from Hitteren, Norway at the age of 27. He was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Ole Dahlum who lived in the Nora area. His wife and son, Nels, came at a later date, but she died shortly after coming to Dakota. He was a shoemaker and harness maker by trade. He worked for various farmers in the Beresford area. In 1903 he sent for his brother, Axel, who came to Beresford, but later resided more in the Greenfield area with a Beresford address. In 1906 their brother John (Julian) came to this area working first in the Alsen community, but later living in the Vermillion area.

In 1909, Henry returned to Norway with his bride-to-be, Petra Jacobson, for one year. They were married in 1911 and started farming on the Eric Sveegen place in the Roseni community and later buying a farm in the Nora area. Henry passed away in 1955 and his wife, Petra, in 1957.

They had four children: Arthur, Carrol, Palmer and Sylvia. Arthur's wife, Ethel, had two step-daughters, Barbara and Carolyn of Minneapolis. Arthur is a retired car salesman. Carrol and his wife, Grace, and their children, Mark, Paul (deceased), David and Kristi, formerly of Nora, are now in Beaham, Minn. Carrol is a retired farmer. Palmer and his wife, Avis, are parents of Jerry and Jan. Palmer, engaged in farming. Sylvia and her husband, Gerald Cody, and their children, Dwayne, Carol Ann and Dean, reside at Fenton, Ia. The Codys are also farmers. There are 13 great-grandchildren.

H. Clark and Mary Ellen Baird

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Although the Bairds are not native to Beresford City proper, they are both South Dakota born. Mary Ellen was born in 1918 on a farm 14 miles northeast of Beresford in Lincoln County where their son, David now resides and farms. Clark Baird was born in 1919 on a farm in Spink County, Frankfort.

They were married and spent the next 20 years farming and raising their family. This family consists of Ruth Baird Pilgrim, San Antonio, TX; Margaret Baird Fink, Delmont; David Baird, Canton; Donald Baird, Sioux Falls; Martha Baird Aasheim, Canton; Mary Baird Mayer, Yankton; Elizabeth Baird Kirkebak, Beresford; and Dorothy Baird Bos, Brookings. The Clark Bairds have 10 granddaughters and 13 grandsons.

In the fall of 1960 Mrs. Baird began teaching business subjects in the Beresford school and continued there until 1980 when she retired.

In the winter of 1955, Clark enrolled at the University of SD to finish his college work that he had started years before. In 1958 Clark was hired to teach seventh grade. After two years of teaching Clark was principal for nine years.

In total years of service to others, the Bairds put in a total of 47. Of these years, 41 were for the citizenry of Beresford. The Bairds are members of the United Methodist Church.

David and Jane Benjamin

David Benjamin (1832-1914), a native of Nova Scotia, came to the United States when twenty years of age. He first stopped in Wisconsin, then in Minnesota where he worked in the fineries for several years. In 1859 he came to Dakota Territory and took a claim where Elk Point now stands.

The country all around was a wilderness and the only human being there except Indians was E.B. Wixon who had a log shanty there. The following spring he hired out to Mr. Wixon as head cook in the latter's log shanty hotel.

In 1861 he secured employment with a surveying party engaged in laying out the land between the Sioux and Jim rivers.

While engaged in this work the Rebellion broke out and he enlisted in the service of his adopted country. He was in Company A, First Dakota Cavalry as a Private, later promoted to Corporal, and was mustered out in 1865 as Second Lieutenant.

He was the first sheriff of Union County, this office he held for four years. He also served as deputy United States Marshal in 1878 and 1879. He was postmaster of the Emmett postoffice from 1886 until 1893.

In 1887 he took as his wife Jane Taggart, a native of New Hampshire, who was also an early settler of Elk Point, she having come here with her parents in 1866. The Benjamins had five children. Pearl Stene is a step-daughter to the Benjamin's daughter Bertha Ronan (Richard).

Front: Mary. Middle: Herbert, Mr. Birgen, Tom, Mrs. Birgen, John. Back row: Nick, Mike, Peter, Margaret and Eddie.

Mathew and Elizabeth Birgen

Matthew Birgen emmigrated from Luxenberg, Europe to Honey Creek, Wisconsin and in 1878 came to Dakota Territory with his parents Michael and Elizabeth Decker Birgen.

Matthew married Elizabeth Merrigan, daughter of Irish immigrants, Patrick and Margaret Doyle Merrigan. The Merrigans had come to Union County in 1871 and homesteaded two miles north of Spink.

The Matthew Birgens lived on a farm south of Beresford. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Birgen now own this farm. Matthew and Elizabeth had nine children: Michael, Margaret, Peter, Edward, Nick, John, Herbert, Thomas and Mary.

The oldest child of Matthew and Elizabeth is Michael who married Carrie Determan. Only

Front row: Mr. Birgen, Mrs. Birgen. Back Row: Lucinda, Felix, Catherine, Isabella.

two of Michael's seven children lived in South Dakota. They are Claire, married to Ruth Jennings, who have seven children and live in the Worthing area; and Joseph married to Mary Ann Kribell (both deceased) lived in Madison area and had ten children. The rest of Michael's family are: Dominic and Virgil, California; Ella, Michigan; Agnes, Florida and Lucille, Pennsylvania.

Edward died in 1905. Margaret and Peter both died in 1910. Herbert and Mary are also deceased.

Nick married Elizabeth Muhlenkort and farmed across the road from her parents' homeplace. The Nick Birgen children are Rachael, Coletta, Matthew and Margaret. Rachael Persoon (Lee), Doon, IA, had two sons; Coletta Manning (Isadore), Burbank, has five children and Matthew married to Maureen Dangel. Matthew farms Nick's homeplace. Matthews have seven children: Ken, married to Cindy Domenico, Lafayette, CO; Connie, Wichita, KS; Charles, Neliegh, NE; Carol, Sioux Falls; Larry, Vermillion; Debbie and Mary. Margaret O'Connell (Joe), Wichita, KS has four daughters.

John, son of Matthew and Elizabeth married Ann Lynch, farmed in Union County. Their three children are Geneva West (Robert), California; Gladys Larson (Ernest); and Ed married to Dell Scherer.

Thomas, youngest living child of Matthew and Elizabeth lives in Breckenridge, MN.

Elizabeth died in 1905 and Matthew married Mary Muhlenkort. Matthew and his second wife, Mary, had four children: Felix, Catherine, Lucinda, and Isabelle.

Felix married Lavina Holzbauer. They farmed the Birgen homestead. Felix and his wife (both deceased) had seven children: Phyllis Hinkle (Russell), parents of Teri Kennedy (Tom), Gary and Mark, grandparents of Kathie Kennedy; Dorothy Lantaff (Ron), Garden City, KS, have one son Michael. Jerry, married to Pat Stoner, have two sons, Mike and Chris; Lavonne Nelson (Jim), Madison, have two children, Shelly and Jeff; Geraldine Fitzgerald (Gerald) live on Edward Fitzgerald homestead, have three children, Craig, Jesilyn and Ted; Marietta Aifsten (Dennis), Sebeha, MN; have three children; and Steve Birgen married Karla Peterson and farm in Clay County, have a daughter Erin.

Catherine, married Leo Yaggie and lives in Breckenridge, MN, have seven children. Donald, Bob, David, Kathy, Judy, Richard and Charles.

Lucinda, married Alfred Holzbauer, live in Breckenridge, MN. They have five children, Mary, Evelyn, Alfred Jr., Marsha and Gerald.

Isabelle, married Lawrence Sees and farm in the Irene area. They have eight children, Laurabelle, Shirley, Art, George, Donna, Bill, Eleanor and Jim.

Front row: Carl, Julia, Mr. Birkland, Raymond, Mrs. Birkland, Edna. Second row: Ella, Nels, Nettie, Albert, Lydia, Clara.

Carl and Brita Birkland

Carl (Charley) Birkland (1860-1949) was born in Bergen, Norway on the Osterfjorden. In 1880 he came to America and went to Creston, IL. He left there to work in Minneapolis, MN, Portland, OR, and in several places in California. He came back to Wayne, NE, and bought a farm for nine dollars an acre in 1886. In 1887 he married Brita Raakness (1862-1935). She was born at Raknesvaag, Norway and came to America in 1882. They were married in the home of Andrew Rommereim in Creston, IL and then went to his farm in Nebraska. Here they lived for thirteen years where six of their children were born.

They then bought a farm three and a half miles west of Romsdal Church and moved there in 1899. On this farm they had a new house, good land and good water. Here four more children were born. In 1908 they joined Romsdal church, rural Hudson. When Rev. J.E. Quello pastored Romsdal church (1907-1915) he also preached at Skrefsrud church near Beresford for some time. Many times he held morning services at Romsdal, had the noon meal at the Birklands, and then proceeded to Skrefsrud for afternoon services concluding with the remark "Vi Har Det Saa Godt!". In English those words mean "We have it so good".

After Bertha died of a serious illness, Charley, at the age of seventy-five decided not to rent his farm anymore, bought modern machinery and farmed until a short time before his death at the age of eighty-nine.

Their son and daughter, Carl and Nettie, lived on the home place until they died. Other children were Ella Eneboe, Nels, Raymond, and Albert, all deceased. Living are Lydia, Clara Urdahl, Edna Rasmussen, and Julia Johnson.

The only descendants living near Beresford are the family of Mrs. Rudolph (Ella) Eneboe. They are Everett, Reynold and Julius Eneboe and Mrs. Buell Kittleson.

Standing: David Moak, John, Nancy, Janet Ryger. Sitting: Bob Cooper, Isabella Moak, Bud and Marian Ryger, Mary Lou Moak.

James Sr. and Isabella Birnie

In 1886 James Birnie, Sr., his wife, Isabella Allen, and seven of their eight children came from Peterhead, Scotland to Calliope (now Hawarden), Iowa for a total of 50 pounds, steerage rates. The seven children that came with them were: James, Isabella, Maria, John, Margaret, Louisa, and Alice. The seventh child in the family, Mary, was left in Scotland with Mrs. Birnie's brother and sister-in-law, David and Tibbie Allen. Isabella's cousin, Davey Stephens, was already here having started a store at Sunnyside and in 1883 moving it to Beresford.

James bought out the butcher shop and established Birnie Meat Market in the north half of where Chuck's Clover Farm is now located. The business was in the front of the building and the family lived in the back. The Birnies had two more children, David and Myrtle, after coming to Beresford. In 1891 they lost the three youngest to diptheria. They are buried in Bonine cemetery.

The Birnies had 16 grandchildren: Annabelle, Margaret, Donald, Otto, Robert and Marion Birnie, the children of Jim; Edna, George and Pryan Gehon, the children of Belle; George and John Cooper, Maria's children; Helen and Clarence Birnie, John's Children; Margaret's son, J. S. Gardner, Jr.; and Louisa's two, Isabella and Benjamin Murphey.

There are 27 great-grandchildren and numerous great-great-grandchildren. Only five of the direct descendants live in Beresford. They are grandchildren: Margaret, Donald, and Otto Birnie; great-granddaughter, Marian Gardner Ryger; and great-great-grandson, John Ryger.

James was active in organizing the Beresford Masonic Lodge; he had been a Mason in Scotland. Isabella never got over being homesick for bonny Scotland. They both died in 1925, she from the complications of a broken hip, and he from a heart broken by the loss of his bonny lassie. They are buried in Bonine cemetery.

Front row: Marcus, Fred, Mr. Blumer, Florence, Mrs. Blumer, Marie, Eugene. Back row: Elmer, Katie, Grace, Maude, Earl.

Henry and Agatha Blumer

Henry and Agatha Blumer, both children of parents born in Switzerland, were married in 1885 at Galena, IL, and shortly thereafter, came to Pleasant Township, Lincoln county, to file claim on a homestead. They first farmed three miles north of Beresford, now on the west side of I-29, and in 1900 moved to the large brick home that has remained in the family since that time. The house was built in 1889 by Henry Kundert, then a Lincon county commissioner who had the light bricks delivered from Sioux City, IA, at the time the courthouse was being erected in Canton.

Kundert and his wife, the former Katie Schmid, sold the house to Dr. A.V. Elliott after three of their children had died during the diptheria epidemic, and the Blumers with their growing family traded houses with Doc Elliott, adding $400 which Blumer paid off in wheat the following harvest year. There were ten children born to them. Kathrine, Marcus, Maude, Earl, Elmer, Eugene, Florence, Grace, Fred and Marie. Marcus took over farming with brother Fred when his father passed away. Grace taught school and always lived on the homeplace. At the age of 85 on July 26, 1983, Grace is still on the homeplace.

Grace and Florence recall their childhood years when they took turns helping their mother sew, turn the washing machine, work in the garden, make soap and do the dishes. They recalled occasionally avoiding the last chore by earnestly practicing their piano lessons immediately after meals. They were frequently called upon to present piano duets at church and family gatherings.

After the chores were done in the evening, the Blumer children played cards and the young ones learned their numbers from the various games. They all attended Pleasant Valley school, cutting through the fields to shorten the trip. A grape arbor was the girls' playhouse in summer and a book-lined room upstairs was the playroom during the winter.

On special occasions Marcus, their eldest brother who had studied engineering at South Dakota State at Brookings, would set up his phonograph with a large horn and the children would sit very quietly to listen to the music.

Marcus had a blacksmith shop on the farm, making many of the tools the family needed as well as custom building for neighbors. Each summer the boys in the family would set up a bowling alley on the lawn with a return ball trough Marcus made, a popular place for neighbors each Sunday. The girls were the pinsetters.

Traveling peddlers, walking through the area

to hawk their wares, and gypsies who would ask permission to camp on the grounds are also remembered. Grace recalled one band of gypsies, who made several trips to the house to "borrow" food, started one of the first dumpgrounds in the township, left a broom holder which is still in use. Maude, Florence, Grace and Marie were all educated as teachers, a profession they followed; Florence was also a registered nurse.

Kathrine Blumer was married to Wesley Cornell. He was mail carrier of Beresford for several years. They moved to Chamberlain to farm. They had three children, Lillian, Earl and Winfred, all deceased.

Maude married Phillip Evanson. They lived on a farm near Hudson, SD for several years and retired to Hudson. They had four children. Judson and Janet lived on the Evanson farm. Ardis Trygve Eidness lived on a farm near Alcester. She taught school. Dorothy Jean married Floyd Knight and lived in Willmar, MN. Dorothy taught school. Marion married Odell Hanson and lived in Omaha. She also taught school.

Earl Blumer married Minnie Ueker. They farmed south of Beresford and retired into Beresford. They had three children; Herbert, of Hurley who married Mineva Nelson and had seven children; Phyllis and Doris Armell. Elmer stayed at home and farmed until WWI when he served in the Army and then farmed again.

Eugene Blumer married Winnie Frederickson and had three sons. He farmed all his life. Novello married Darlene Wiebers. He farmed his folks' farm for many years and retired into Beresford. They have a son, Gary.

Delmo married Avis Anderson and farms near Beresford. They have four children; Patti, married to Tom Merkel and lives in Aberdeen. They have a son, Cody. Terry, married Keith French, lives in Beresford and has a daughter Wendy. Jeff married Roxanne Olson, Farms with his dad and has a son, Bryan. Brenda is attending Sioux Valley Hospital School of Nursing.

Burdette married Barbara Beaver. They have two sons, Mark and Michael. Burdette retired from the service as a Major and is now in Real Estate in Colorado Springs, CO.

Florence Blumer married William Tullar. He was a mail carrier for many years. After his death Florence taught school and became a registered nurse. Florence now lives at Bethesda.

Marie Blumer married Harry Hanson and farmed for many years. Marie was a teacher. She now lives in Centerville. Their daughter Betty married Gayle Gilbert and lives in Rapid City. They have three children, Mary, Debra and Jeff.

Fred, the youngest son married Mae Mundall. Their children are Lavaine (deceased), Arlo, Sally, Rodney, Deanna and Marileen. Lavaine married Ramona Sundstrom and farmed the Blumer land following two years in the service. He was also in construction work for ten years and partnership of Paul's Produce in Alcester. They have three children. Steven, lives in Colorado. Michael is now managing the Blumer land with Ramona, Arlo and Rodney. Pamela is married to Dr. John Ottenbacher. Lavaine passed away in 1979. Dr. Arlo Blumer and his wife, Mary Ann, are in Albert Lea, MN. Their children are Jody, Karen, John, Barbara, Elizabeth and Paul.

Sally is married to the Rev. Robert Ench. They live in South Sioux City, NE. Their children are Dale, Duane and David. Rodney married Darlene Bak and lives in Centerville. Their children are Sherri, Sheila and Daniel. Deanna is married to Larry Brinkman and lives in Bryant. They have a daughter Rhonda and a son Brian. Marileen is in Colorado Springs, CO and is teaching Jr. High.

Four generations of the Blumer family have farmed and managed the Blumer land. Grace, Florence Tullar and Marie Hanson are the only children living of Henry and Agatha's family.

Joseph and Kathryn Boden

Henry Smith was born at Sabula, IA, son of Andrew and Mary Sheridan Smith. Mary was a cousin of Gen. Philip Sheridan.

Jessie Ross was born in Nigg on Cromarty, Firth-Ross-Shire Scotland, daughter of Dundan and Janet Menzie Ross. Janet's father was prime minister of Australia. The Menzie castle is still standing after having been restored.

Henry Smith as a young lad was sent by his mother to fetch a pail of water from the Mississippi River. A river boat came along and he hired on as a deck hand. He worked his way up the Missouri river to St. Joseph, MO, then to Kansas. He walked for days through the tall

Front row: Mrs. Boden, Bonnie, Mr. Boden. Back row: Gene, Cleola, Darrel.

grass on a path, which was thick with mosquitoes, to Jefferson, to his sister's home.

Henry Smith and Jessie Ross were married in 1867 in Jefferson township, Union county, Dakota Territory. They settled on a farm four miles north of Akron, IA in Sioux Valley township, Union County, SD. Jessie's father, Duncan Ross, walked across country to Yankton, 50 miles away and filed claim to their land, arriving just seven minutes before another man wanted to file on the same land.

Henry and Jessie were parents of ten children. Rosa, the sixth child, and oldest living girl married William Boden and they were the parents of Joseph, who married Kathryn Murphy. Eva, who married Fritz Fitzpatrick; Herbert who married Rose Enders, Jessie who married Arthur Gard, Daisy who married Fred Dempsey, and Leona who married P. Mackey.

Jessie and Arthur Gard were living in Beresford in 1938 when Joe and Kathryn moved here. Gards ran a pool hall at that time.

Rosa Smith's mother died when she was 13 years old. With the help of three older brothers she cared for two younger brothers and two little sisters. The youngest was four. When she and William Boden were married they lived close by and her sister Amy Agnes was eight years older than Joe. Amy died at her home in Akron in 1983 at 96 years of age, never having spent a day in a hospital.

William Boden died when Joe was 20 years old. Joe helped his mother with the five younger children. He was used to a lot of responsibility because his dad was in poor health for a number of years. When he was young he worked in the country store and sacked bulk goods and delivered groceries. They moved many times and farmed. What Joe liked best was when they ran a livery stable in Westfield and Joe got to drive salesmen from town to town.

The Boden side of the family were Irish immigrants that came by covered wagon near Eldader, IA. From there they made their way to Akron, IA. Henry Boden homesteaded about five miles from Chatsworth. That's where Joe Boden was born. Both grandfathers were

named Henry.

A note in the family history tells of Henry Boden, born in 1873, and one of the Ross boys trapping a winter where Sioux Falls now stands. They were there all by themselves when a big Indian darkened their door and asked them in sign language to come with their oxen. They went, of course, and dragged a large buffalo they had killed, to the Indian camp. They hurried back to their own camp and packed their many pelts and decided to go back to Akron because spring was almost there anyway. It is also indicated in the family history that Henry Boden was the first white man in Sioux Falls. He died in 1904 and is buried in Akron Catholic cemetery.

Kathryn Murphy Boden's roots also start back in Ireland. Dennis Murphey's family came first to NY and then made their way to Naperville, IL. Dennis was born there and the family went on to Iowa. They went by covered wagon to Tyndall, where they stayed.

About that same time the John McKenna family left Ireland and went to St. Catherine in Canada. Mary was born there. They also made their way down to Iowa. When Mary was 12 she walked behind the covered wagon to Tyndall. She told about her younger brother Pete pretending to be lame to her mother or dad would say, "Mary carry Pete". She said she got tired of that. She picked up a little switch and lagged behind. When the time was right she "switched Pete right smartly" and he walked the rest of the way to Dakota. Tyndall was not there when they first arrived.

Kathryn was the sixth child in a family of twelve. Ten grew to adulthood. There was always lots of work to do. She was very good with a needle and did lots of sewing for the family. She did not favor look-alike clothes because her mother bought a bolt of goods at a time and all the dresses looked alike until it was all gone.

The Dennis Murphy home was very much father-dominated. Mary McKenna Murphy was a hard working wife. She was in demand as a midwife and often went to care for the sick and wash and prepare bodies for burial.

Kathryn wanted to be a nurse but her father would not allow it. His girls could be teachers. So that's what they were. Kathryn went to Yankton college a summer and then taught the home school so she could help at home and teach, too. Kathryn taught Mount Hope School in Union county three years before her marriage to Joe Boden. Her only other work outside her home was serving on election boards and three months she worked in California at Douglas aircraft factory. It was wartime in 1942 and Kathryn and Bonnie went to visit relatives in California. Men were at war and women went back to work to take their places. Kathryn worked as a rivetor on bombers. It was her one big adventure.

Joe and Kathryn had four children; Cleola, Darrel, Verl (Gene) and Bonnie. (Mary) Cleola Olson, Vermillion had three children; James married Shirley Duppen, Armour; Dan married Donna Marrell, Sioux City, IA and Gary, Kansas City, MO. Cleola has two grandchildren.

Darrel married Claretta Gunderson Bridgeman, daughter of Ella Gunderson. They had five children; Larry (deceased); Ellen, Ute, IA; Ray married to Karen Hustrulid, daughter of Oliver Hustrulid, parents of three children, Christine, Kimberly and Larry; Bill married to Susanne Norling, daughter of Charles Norling and John married to Mary Erickson, daughter of Engolf Erickson, parents of two daughters, Tara and Amanda.

Verle (Gene) Boden lives in Anaheim, CA. He had five children. His son Mike is deceased. The four living children are: Mary, Patricia, Susan and Joe.

Bonnie Peterson, Fedora, has six children and five grandchildren. Her children are Gayla Davenport, Milesville; Glenda Davenport, Pryor, OK; Paul, Weatherford, OK; Lyle, Oklahoma City, OK; Guy and Pennie, Fedora.

Joe and Kathryn worked hard but took time to dance and play cards. Joe taught Kathryn to dance. She learned to waltz to "Red Wing" and it was their song.

Mrs. Joe Boden died in 1981 and Joe Boden died in 1983. Both are buried in St. John's Cemetery.

Edward and Anna Bogue

Edward Bogue, of Scottish descent, was born in Wisconsin. In 1896 he came to Charles Mix County, South Dakota. There he met and married Ann Ambur, who had come from Sweden as a baby.

In 1900 Edward and Anna bought a farm in

Standing: Harold, Edna, Alan, Esther, Hilbert. Seated: Mrs. Bogue, Mr. Bogue.

Section 12, Delaware Township, Lincoln County, and lived there for the next 30 years. Charles and Albin, brothers of Anna, settled in the community later.

Edward was an extensive cattle and lamb feeder, active in community organizations, and served in the South Dakota House of Representatives 1931-35. He died in Canton in 1950. Edward and Anna had five children: Edna, Hilbert, Harold, Esther and Alan.

Edna became a school teacher and taught in a number of rural schools in the area before her marriage to Vernon Erickson of Beresford in 1929. They now live in Cathedral City, CA. Their son James, an attorney, has three children: Karen, Karla and David.

Hilbert married Myrtle Erickson of Inwood, IA, who was a teacher in the local school, Pleasant View. He took over the family farm in 1930 when Edward moved into Canton. Hilbert has lived his entire life on the same farm. He served in the South Dakota Senate 1955-63. Hilbert and Myrtle have two children, Jean Ellen and David. Jean Ellen married Rev. John Elliott, and has two daughters, Debra Crouch, Ft. Worth, TX and Brenda Elliott, Louisville, KY. Jean Ellen lives in Sioux Falls. David, married Bonnie Eidsness of Hudson. David is in partnership with his father on the family farm and is actively engaged in community and livestock activities. He and Bonnie have three sons: Douglas, Marc and Michael.

Harold Bogue, became a lawyer. He married Mildred Tallberg. They lived in Canton and Pierre, where Harold served as a South Dakota Supreme Court Justice from 1957 until his death in 1959. Their children are Marilyn (Mrs. Charles Fuller) of Wyola, MT; Marlys (Mrs. James Bennett) of Cincinnati, OH, and Richard, an attorney in Canton. Richard married Connie Froker of Madison, WI, and they have three children: Eric, Bruce and Jennifer.

Esther Bogue also became a school teacher and taught in several rural schools of the area before marrying Russel Franz of Frankfort, SD. Their home is in Carroll, IA. Their children are Charles of Columbia, SC, and Ronald of Tuscon, AZ.

Alan married Lois Hardy, a neighbor girl. After living in Maryland and Chicago, Alan and Lois settled in Lincoln County in 1946, in Section 14 of Delaware Township. They have three sons: Donald, William and Theodore. Don is a minister at Jesup, IA. He and his wife, Sue, have two sons. Bill is an Area Extension Director with Iowa State University, and with his wife Sue, and their two children, live at Creston, IA. Ted is a lawyer and executive director of *Checkbook* magazine in San Francisco, CA. He is not married.

Back row: Theadore, Carrie, Vena. Center: Mrs. Bonine.

Willliam and Emily Bonine

The Bonine family had been in America approximately two hundred years before the William Bonines came to Dakota Territory in 1870.

Elias Bonine was the first Bonine to come to the Colony of Delaware in 1684. He left Bearn, France to escape religious persecution and lived in England before coming to America.

The Bonine family history tells of family members involved with settlement during Penn French and Indian War and Revolutionary War. Family members have lived in many of the eastern states but as the years went on some moved westward and William's parents lived in Iowa.

William Bonine 1841-1886 and his wife Emily Palmer Bonine 1845-1911 and their two older children migrated to Dakota Territory shortly after their second child Sylvenus was born in 1870. They arrived on a stage coach when Vena was only three months old. They homesteaded 160 acres of land in Brooklyn Township, Lincoln County. This land is presently the home of Robert Bonine, the son of Sylvenus. Later more land was purchased for the other son Theodore. Everett Bonine now lives on this farm.

William and Emily Bonine had six children; Ida (1866-1879) Sylvenus (1870-1960), Carrie (1873-1952), Theodore (1876-1945) and two who died as infants. Ira (1880) and Oyer (1882). William died in August 1886 leaving his wife and two young sons to operate the farm.

Sylvenus (Vena) Bonine married Gertrude Roberts and they had two sons, Robert and Donald.

Carrie Bonine married Alfred Sundstrom (see Nils Sundstrom story) and they had two sons, Quintis and Duane.

Theodore Bonine married Alice Glidden and they had eleven children—Gladys Anderson, Ethel Roberts, Walter, Hazel Nelson, Claude, Everett, Marian Krisline, Violet Stewart, Willis, Grace Milton and Emma Murray.

There were 54 great-grandchildren and 105 great-great-grandchildren and 6 great-great-great-grandchildren.

Many members of the Bonine family are buried in the Bonine Cemetery. It was given by William and Emily Bonine in 1875, the first cemetery for miles around. It was used as a burial ground for friends and relatives. It is a non-profitable organization and the upkeep of the cemetery is all donated.

John and Fannie Bovill

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John Bovill (1867-1917) was born in Antrim, Ireland. When John was 20 years old, he came to his Uncle Henry Thompson's home northeast of Beresford. He worked as a farm hand in the Pleasant Valley Community. Here he met his future wife, Fannie, daughter of Mathias and Magalena Schmid, and they were married in 1891 (see Mathias—Schmid story). They purchased the land that Fannie's father had

homesteaaded earlier. John and Fannie were the parents of three sons and one daughter, Robert, John, Harvey and Elsie. Later, two of John's brothers from Ireland, came here to farm also, but became lonesome and returned to their homeland. John died in 1917 and Fannie continued to farm with the help of her sons. Fannie died in 1929. Mr. and Mrs. Bovill are buried in the Zion Church Cemetery.

Robert (1891-1956) married Rose Voegeli and they lived on the Bovill home farm. Two sons, Robert and George, were born to them. After Robert died in 1956, Rose continued to farm with her sons until moving to a Home for the Aged. She died in 1982. They are buried in the Zion Church Cemetery. The older son, Robert, married Audrey Stoneall in 1953. They farmed with their parents until they purchased a farm near Flandreau. They now make their home in Parker, SD. They have three children: Debra (Byron) Ruhr, Randy and Julie of Flandreau. George married Phyllis Schrag in 1964 and they live on the Bovill home place. They have three daughters, Nancy, Donna and Lynette.

John (1895-1939) married Elizabeth Thompson in 1919. They had two sons, Roy and Glen and two stepchildren, Irene and Wendell Thompson. John purchased a farm in Pleasant Township where they lived until his death in 1939. Elizabeth moved to Los Angeles, CA and cared for the aged. She died in 1971. Irene married Greeley Tice in 1947 and they live in Glendale, CA. Wendell married Ardelle Clay and he died in 1958. Ardelle lives in Glendale, CA. Roy married Geraldine Rommereim in 1945 and lived on the homeplace north of Beresford. They have two children, Gary and Kathleen. They continue farming with their son but reside in Beresford. Gary married Linda Carlson and make their home on their grandfather's farm. They have three children: John, Mark, and Kimberly. Kathleen married Jerry Anderson in 1982. They make their home in Los Angeles, CA. Glen married Virginia Smith in 1947. They have three children; Danny, Calvin and Michelle. They live in Beresford where Glen works at the Farmers Elevator. Danny married Mary Modeleske and they have a daughter, Paula. They live in Chicago, IL. Calvin married Maria Trudeau and have a daughter, Heather. They live in Sioux Falls. Michelle lives with her parents in Beresford.

Harvey married Clarinda Rommereim in 1935. They moved to a farm in Pleasant Township, that Harvey had purchased. They still continue to make their home there. They have three children; Gail, John W. (who died in infancy) and Cheryl. Gail married John Jones and they live in Canton where she is Register of Deeds of Lincoln County. Her family consists of two sons and a daughter; Charles, Cynthia and Kelley. Charles is married to Peggy Bossow and live at Dakota City, NE. Cynthia married Mark Burns and live in Omaha, NE. They have a daughter, Jennifer. Kelley lives in Sioux Falls. Cheryl married Frederick Smith. They live in Los Angeles, CA.

Ralph and Ruth Boyle

John E. Boyle was born in 1863 in Seymour, WI. Kate Cushing was born in 1870 in Woodstock, VT. They were married in Kimball, SD in 1894 and came to Beresford to live. To the Boyles two children were born: Ralph and Sibyl.

In the early 1900's John Boyle was associated with W.J. Bulow (later U.S. Senator) in the manufacture and selling of harness and later the two entered the real estate, loan and insurance business. In later years and at the time of his death he managed grain elevators. Mrs. Boyle worked at the printing trade at the Beresford Republic for H.A. Sturgis and Harold Carpenter.

Ralph Cushing Boyle was born in 1895. He was a violinist with dance orchestras in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota until entering the service in WWI. He married Ruth Olsen in 1918 in Des Moines, IA. They have one daughter, Berniece. The Boyles returned to Beresford where Ralph learned the barber trade at Bussler's barbershop; a vocation he followed his entire life. He was in partnerships with Wm. Ullmann, Elmer Duerst, Peter Gard and Willmar Schmidt, becoming sole owner until the time of his death in 1956. Ruth Boyle, born in 1896 was the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. O.S. Olsen, who came to Beresford in 1911, when Mr. Olsen retired from the Methodist ministry. Ruth took nurses training at Iowa Lutheran Hospital in Des Moines. She worked for Doctors Vangsness and A.V. Elliott. She is now a resident at Bethesda Home.

Berniece Boyle Gustafson, Born in 1919, in Beresford, attended Yankton College and the University of Denver School of Library Science. In 1947 she married Robert S. Gustafson; they make their home in Conneaut, OH.

Sibyl lived in Beresford for many years.

Sibyl Boyle is living in a nursing home at Storla, SD at the present time.

George and Johanna Bruehler, Sr.

Mr. and Mrs. George Bruehler, Sr., with young George and Carrie, arrived in Beresford in 1886. They came from Freeport, Ill. where Mr. Bruehler had operated a harness shop, and before that he had been a saddle maker at Government Island near Moline and Rock Island, Ill. Another son, Charlie, was born in Beresford.

Establishing Beresford's first harness shop, Mr. Bruehler built south of the Mangan store which was on the corner of Third and Main. The family also had living quarters in the building. The Bruehler building, with the Mangan store, was torn down in 1938 for the erection of the new post office.

Assisted by his brother, John, Mr. Bruehler made the harnesses by hand, sewing them with an awl. He also carried a stock of horse collars, buggy whips, saddles and other necessities for work and travel at that time.

Mr. Bruehler died in 1889, and John, with another brother, Frank, a gunsmith, continued to operate the shop for many years as Bruehler Brothers.

Mrs. Bruehler had been a tailor before her marriage, and with a family to support and a building to pay for, returned to this trade. In order to sew at night, she sold the heating stove to buy a larger lamp. Through the years she stitched many of the finest articles of clothing in the area, including many elaborate wedding gowns. She died in 1952.

George, Jr. started to work in a drug store at the age of 12. He passed the State Board at 18 and was a registered pharmacist for over 50 years. He and Charlie operated Bruehler and Bruehler drug store until his retirement in 1958. Charlie continued with Bill Bierbaum. The store is now owned by Bill Bierbaum.

Leaving Beresford, Carrie Bruehler married Tom Stack. Their son, Tom, has six children and five grandchildren. Carrie died in 1970.

George Bruehler married Gladys Crandall, the daughter of a Beresford attorney, A. F. Crandall. Their daughter, Geraldine, married Glenn Bergren. Three of their five children are married. David Bergren and Diane Gange have Kay (Mrs. Rod Cleveland), Janet and Karen. Roland, Andrea, Steven and Paul are the children of Jean Bergren and Ron Barr. Paul Bergren and Darlene Ofthsun are the parents of Terry, Sue Anne, Wendy, Wade and Toni. When the Bergren family left Beresford, Carol was a baby and Mary Catharine was born in Sioux Falls. Glenn Bergren was killed by lightning in 1952.

Charlie Bruehler married Marie Fennessey of Beresford and had five children. Mary Bruehler married Kenneth Brady. Kent Brady and Carol Wiegand have Ann Marie and Patrick. David Brady and Tom Brady are not married. Terry Brady is Mrs. Mike Pettinger. Gary Brady married Mary Puccioni. Helen Bruehler married Gene Stinson. Their children are Mike, Mary, Chris, Steve and Shelly. At the age of 12, in 1942, Kathleen Bruehler died. Joan Bruehler and Merle Abraham are the parents of three: Jeff, Jan (Mrs. Steve Rokowski) and Jay, married to Christy Carter. Charles Bruehler, Jr. ("Chuck") is the only person in this branch of the family carrying the Bruehler name.

Both George and Charlie lived in Beresford until they died. George died in 1965 and Charlie and Marie in 1971. Gladys Bruehler died in 1981.

W.J. and Katherine Reedy Bulow.

William and Katherine Bulow

William Bulow was born in 1869 in Claremont County, Ohio where he spent his boyhood. After graduation from the University of Michigan with an L.L.B. degree in 1893, he came to the four-year-old state of South Dakota and opened a law practice in Beresford.

William married Katherine Reedy in 1898.

Katherine, at age six, came to Dakota with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Reedy, in 1883. The Reedys first lived on the Brule farm. In 1886 they moved to Beresford. Katherine attended Beresford schools and later attended a school at Yankton. She owned a millinery store in Beresford prior to her marriage. William and Katherine had three children: Maurine, William Jr. and Kathleen.

Senator William and Sarah Bulow and three of the grandchildren.

In 1918, Katherine died and four years later Mr. Bulow married Mrs. Sarah Farrand. The Beresford *Republic* writes, "After a few days wedding trip they returned to Beresford on Tuesday. In the evening they were visited by charivari parties. First the tin pan brigade gave them a noisy welcome and later the Beresford band went to the Bulow home and rendered several of its popular selections."

In 1926, the tragic death of Andrew Anderson, Democratic candidate for governor, placed Mr. Bulow in the contest, and he was elected by voters from both parties. He was re-elected to the office of governor in 1928.

Following his four-year tenure at Pierre, Mr. Bulow was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1930 and re-elected in 1936. He retired from public life in 1942. William continued to live in Washington, D.C. until his death in 1960. Mr. Bulow made many contributions to the community, state and nation during his years of public service. He was instrumental in obtaining for Beresford the modern post office and Third street pavement as a part of U.S. 77.

Concerning Bulow's children, Maurine died in 1944; William lives at Fort Walton Beach, Florida and Kathleen lives at Lenoir City, Tennessee.

Maurine graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1924. After graduation she was an instructor in high schools at Armour, Roslyn and Beresford. In 1928 she married Ray Kenaston, an attorney. They lived in Sioux City. Ray was a Municipal Judge. The Kenastons had two daughters, Sally and Janice, and a son, William B.

William (Bill) attended a business school in Minneapolis, Minn. He served as secretary to his father while Governor of South Dakota and for a time while his father was U.S. Senator. In 1931 he married Evelyn Keller, daughter of John and Joanne Keller. They made their home in Washington, D.C. Bill attended the University in Washington, D.C. and was admitted to the D.C. bar in 1936 and there practiced law until retirement in 1977. Three girls, Katherine, Barbara, Maurine, and a boy who died in infancy, were born to the Bill Bulows.

Kathleen was 11 when the family moved to Pierre. She writes, "Our family moved from Beresford to Pierre and the governor's "mansion" and then to Washington with its unique social and political way of life as it involved members of a U.S. Senator's family." Kathleen graduated from George Washington University, Washington, D.C. She married Benedict "Ben" Plotnechi, South Bend, Ind. Benedict joined the physical education staff at the University of Tennessee and remained there until 1977. The family lived at Knoxville, Tenn. Kathleen and Ben have two sons, Ben and (William) John. Kathleen's husband died in 1981.

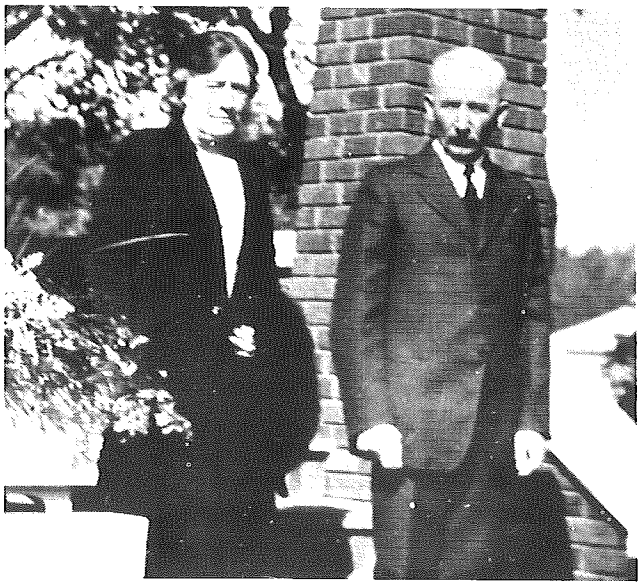
Senator Bulow's grandchildren are living in many different states. Many of them are in professional and community work.

Frank and Anna Buthala

Frank Buthala was born in Austria in 1859. He came to America with his parents when he was eleven years of age. The family settled at Brown, Iowa, where the youngest immigrant received his education and grew to manhood.

When he was 27 years old he decided to cast his lot in the new land of the Dakotas and came to Union County where he bought a farm seven miles south of Beresford. He returned to Brown the same year to make Anna Gard his bride and bring her back to the new home in the new country.

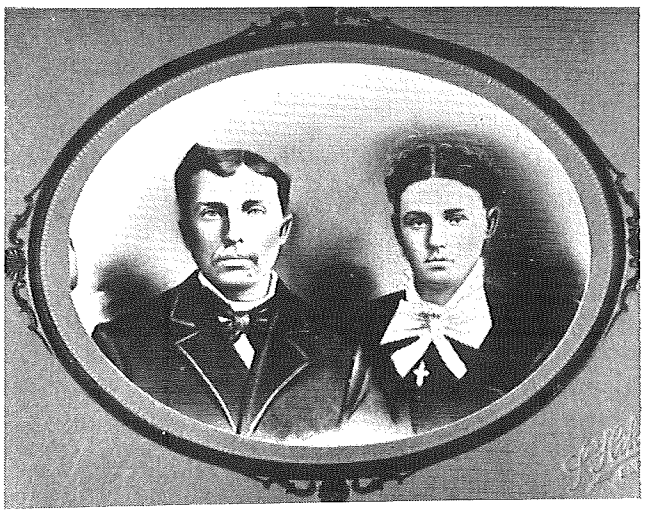
For 34 years they worked this farm. In 1919 they retired and moved into their home in Beresford.



Frank and Anna Buthala

They had three children. William F., who farmed the home place, Mary, Superintendent of Nursing at the State Soldiers Home Hospital in Hot Springs, SD. and Helen, who worked in the Brandies Store in the milinary department in Omaha, NE., later returning home to care for her parents.

Mr. Buthala died in 1935 and Mrs. Buthala in 1950.



Mathias and Mary Buthala

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There were two Buthala families, Mathias and Frank, originally from Austria. They married sisters, Mary and Anna Gard.

In the year of 1887, Mathias and Mary, with their three little girls, moved from Iowa and settled in Union County about eight miles south of Beresford. They bought a farm near the little town of Alsen. The older children attended Cleveland school and the Emmett church was the family parish. Matt was a prosperous cattle farmer, his lifetime ambition was to take a box car load of cattle to Chicago, which he did shortly before he died in 1904. The next spring his wife Mary and their eight children moved into Beresford where she built and lived in two different homes, one on 410 West Main and the other one at 308 South Third. Mary died in 1946 at the age of 83 years.

Their son, William M. (1889-1964) served his country in World War I. In 1920 William and his wife, Anna, started farming on the same land where his folks settled. In 1954 they moved into Beresford. William better known as Bill, was a carpenter and built his own home at 305 South First in 1955. His wife Anna still lives in Beresford. They have three daughters: Marion, Florence and Marge. Marion and her husband, Warren Fait, live in Phoenix, Ariz. They have nine children, 21 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Florence Salisbury lives in Longmont, Colo. She has seven children and six grandchildren. Marge has lived in the Beresford area all her life. She was married to Dale Farley and moved into Beresford after his death in 1978. She lives in the house that her father built. She has seven children; four sons and three daughters. Tom was in the Navy, serving nine months in Vietnam. He and his wife Linda have four children: Chris, Sherri, Holly and Randi. They live on the same farm that his parents farmed. Tom also works for the Beresford Post Office as a substitute rural mail carrier. Leann and her husband, James DeWitt, Yankton, have three children: Lisa, Tracie and Ryan. Pat Olson and her three children, Jeremy, Sara and Andy, live in Beresford. Sue, married to Dick Wood, lives in South Sioux City, Nebr. and has a daughter, Katie. Danny, Dean and Bill also live in Beresford.

Arthur (1900) is the only survivor and lives with his wife Catherine in Eugene, Ore. They have two children.

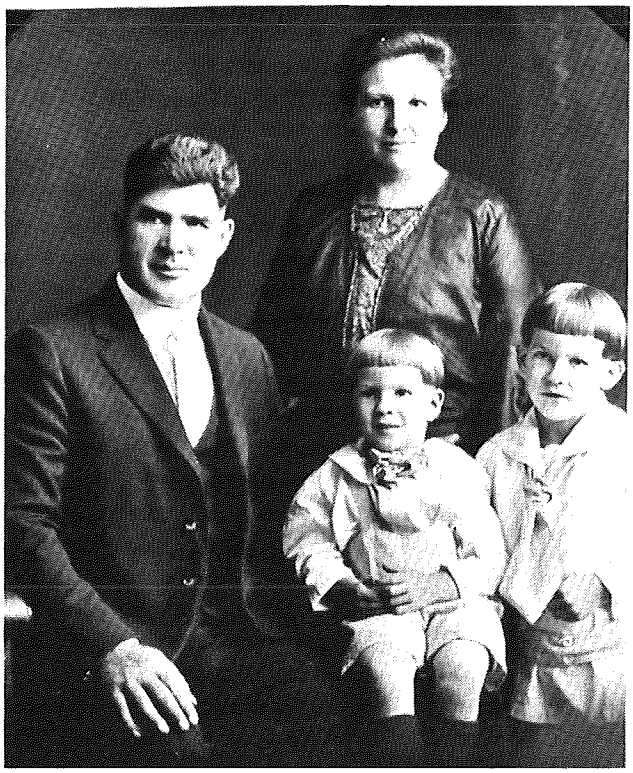
Anna (1883-1917) married Emil Sassel. They had three children: Delphine, Violet and Nick. Delphine and her husband Gordon Anderson live in Vermillion. They have four children. Violet and her husband Steve Toth live in Escondido, Calif. and have three children. Nick and his wife Dorothy lived on the Frank

Buthala farm south of Beresford until he retired and moved into Beresford in 1981. Nick also worked for many years for the ASCS office of Union County. They have two daughters, Diane and Marilyn. Diane and her husband Clark Wells live on a farm near Alcester. They have three sons: Todd, Chad and Bryan. Marilyn and her husband Herbert Dreeszen live near Harrisburg and have two children, Lisa and Brent.

Elizabeth (1887-1947), with her husband James Walsh, moved from the Garryowen community into Beresford in 1923 and lived here until her death. They had eight children: Cecila and Louise (deceased), LeRoy, Emerald (deceased), Romanus, Coletta, Wilfred and Greg. LeRoy and his wife Marie live in Sioux City, Ia. and have two children. Romanus lives in a nursing home. Coletta and husband Albert Ronan live in Cottage Grove, Calif. and have three children. In 1939 Wilfred and Greg started a grocery store in Beresford called "Walsh Brothers Food Market". From 1942 to 1945, Greg was drafted in the Army, leaving Wilfred to run the business. The brothers moved the store location and changed the name to "Walsh Brothers Associated Market". Greg sold out in 1952 and started to work in the post office. Some years later, Wilfred and his wife Lucille sold their store and moved to California. They now live in Rancho Mirage, Calif. and have five children. Greg worked as clerk and assistant to the postmaster for eight years and as postmaster for 20 years. He retired in January 1981. He and wife wife Vivian have four children: Greg who lives in Sioux Falls, Lisa of Lexington, Nebr., Mary and Jean, Sioux Falls.

Kathryn (1891-1954) and her husband M. V. Hilling lived in Beresford all their married life. They operated a store called "Hilling's Variety". It was destroyed by fire on the Fourth of July in the early twenties. Vilee then worked at the city power plant. They had two sons, Rival and Buzz. Rival and his wife Grace live in Sterling, Colo. They have four children. Buzz lives in Yuba City, Calif. and has two children.

One of Buthala's sons died in 1898 at two years of age. Family members who moved away from Beresford are: Marie (Mrs. Nick Griener, 1885-1980), Margaret (Mrs. Nick Weis 1894-1971) and Marcella (Mrs. Frank Gipson, 1903-1973).



John and Minnie Bylander

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John Bylander was born in 1883 in Ore Parish, Vastergotland, Sweden. He left his rocky rural home at age 13 to work in a bicycle factory in Gothenburg, Sweden and immigrated at age 16 to the U.S. coming to Chicago in 1900. He became a citizen in 1902 at Denver, Colorado. In 1912 John married Minnie Bylander (see Daniel and Anna Messler story). The Bylanders first lived at Omaha where a son, Daniel, was born in 1916. They came to the Clay County farm in 1919 when the Messlers retired to Vermillion. Their second son, John, was born at the farm in 1919. Both sons attended Newdale School. Daniel Bylander farmed the homestead until his death in 1939. Minnie Bylander continued to live on the farm until she died in 1981 at the age of 92 years.

John was married in 1946 to Elizabeth Howell, Tampa, FL. After his wartime service with USAF in the Pacific he was killed in an airforce accident in 1949. They had one son, John, born in 1948 who now lives at Cleveland, OH with his wife and three children. Daniel has lived on the farm and actively farmed it from 1939 till retirement on the farm in 1981. He was married in 1949 to L'Nora Bowden, born at Hooker, in 1919 to English and Danish parents.

They have five children all of whom attended for eight years the same Newdale School as their father and grandmother. The five children are: Karin, Des Plaines, IL.; D. Martin, Austin, TX.; Ruth, San Antonio, TX.; Nancy, Houston, TX.; and Thomas of Columbus, OH.

Three generations have lived on the farm since it was homesteaded and in the present house built in 1901. This house is the third residence after the original dugout used for "proving up" the claim.

Andrew and Annie Carlson

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Andrew Carlson was born in 1857 at Normlosa, Osterland, Sweden, the son of John and Inga Monson Carlson. He married Annie Swanson, Osbofoken, Ostergotman, Sweden. The Carlsons came to the United States in 1882, settling in Oto, Iowa. In 1895 they came to Brooklyn township, Lincoln county. They had seven children: Albert, Theodore, John, Oscar, Elmer, Edith and Minnie. Andrew was paralyzed from a hay stacking accident that happened in 1904 until his death in 1908. The mother and the family moved to North Dakota in 1915. Oscar and Edith remained in North Dakota. Albert, Theodore and Minnie moved to Oregon. The mother, Annie, died at Silverton, Ore. in 1930. John and Elmer returned to South Dakota to farm.

John married Florence Ende (see Edward Ende story) and they lived in North Dakota for one year. Their farm was in Pleasant township along Highway 77. In 1954, John was killed helping a stalled truck during a snowstorm. Florence moved to Beresford after John's death, living there until 1982 when she entered the Good Samaritan Home, Centerville, and died in 1982. The Carlsons had five children.

Merle married Iona Zweifel (see Joe Zweifel story) who farmed north of Beresford and now live in Sioux Falls. Their children are Janet, Glenn, Kathleen and Douglas. Lucille married Wayne Wastell of Barton Co., Missouri. They have three children. Gerald married Darlene Nelson (see Carl F. Nelson story), is farming in Alcester township, Union county, and has four sons: Todd, Terry, Craig and Kevin. Wilma married Loren Johnson who farm on the Wilbert homestead. Glenwood township, Clay county. Their two children are Steven and Sherry. Phyllis married Jack Drury who is retired from the John Deere Co. The Drurys live at Waterloo, Ia. Their two children are John (Ron) of Waterloo and LeAnn of Chicago, Ill. who married Al Fierke and have a daughter, Alyson. DeVona married Clayton Fedderson and they farm on John and Florence's home place. Their daughter, Debra, married Bob Dubrall and reside in Minneapolis, Minn. Another child of John Carlson's, Velma, died at the age of a year and a half.

Elmer married Nellie Nelson in 1914. They moved to Lincoln county in 1919 and farmed most of their married life in the Alcester and Beresford communities, retiring to Beresford in 1959. The Carlsons were members of Brooklyn Evangelical Free Church. They had seven children: Alvin, Della, Oliver, Victor, Emil, Elvina and Paul. Alvin died at age 13 of polio in 1929. Della Bushell lives at Montrose, Pa. and works at a Bible Conference. Her daughter, Velma Garrison (Ron) and two children, Ron and Tammy, live in New York. A son, Paul Bushell, married Grace Havland, lives at Custer and has two children, Nicholas and Lindsay. Oliver married Juna Voog. Oliver is a livestock order buyer. Oliver and Juna live in Pleasant township, have three children: Linda who married Gary Bovill (see Andrew Rommereim story); Lee married Jane Kennedy, farm near Beresford, and have five children: Chris, Joel, Timothy, Emily and Maria. Timothy died at birth; LuVern married Lorry Voegeli in 1974 (see Julius Christensen story). Their two girls are Lisa and Laura. LuVern is a self-employed carpenter. Victor married Marge Fyfe, has two children, Janice and Ken. Victor is a salesman for heavy equipment. Emil married Phyllis Wessels, farm west of town and have one daughter, Pam, Sioux Falls. Elvina married

Don Nomansen and they live on a farm, have three children: Donita, Sioux Falls, Duane and Dale. Paul married Marilyn Carlson and they live on the Carlson home place and have a daughter, Andrea. Oliver, Victor and Paul all served in the armed forces of the United States.

John and Ida Carlson

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John E. Carlson was born in 1876 at Lulea, Sweden. He came to America at the age of nine with his parents, Carl and Charlotte Martinson. His family lived in the Komstad community and he attended Ash Creek School. When he was 17 years of age he made his own well drilling machine and over a period of years he drilled 365 wells in the Komstad and surrounding communities. In the winters he attended the University at Vermillion.

In 1903, Ida Olson and John were married, and three children were born: Rose, Virgil and Floyd. John purchased a farm in the Dalesburg community and they lived there until 1907 when they moved to Beresford and John was engaged in the implement business for ten years. In 1918 the Carlsons moved to Moore, Mont. and raised wheat. The winters were spent in Long Beach, Calif.

In 1928 the family returned to Beresford and continued the implement business and started a plant to manufacture several of John's inventions. Power drives for grain and corn binders and for horse drawn mowers were made in the factory. Later they made a unit to attach to hammermills where the power drive was used instead of a belt device. Besides selling them locally, the devices were shipped all over the United States, part of Canada and several European countries. In 1938 his son, Virgil, returned from Montana to assist his father and brother in the factory. Mr. Carlson died in 1951, but his sons, Virgil and Floyd, carried on the manufacturing until 1960. The building was sold to Dan Cotton and is now occupied by S & S Stores and Krier's GTC Auto parts.

Rose married Robert Houghton, had one son John, married to Delores Lane and parents of three children. Virgil married Olga Edblom. Their two daughters are Marlene, married to Lloyd Geyer and parents of five children, and Donna Rae married William Lundeen and has two children. Floyd never married.

John, Ida, Rose, Virgil and Floyd are all deceased.

Jorgen and Karen Christensen

Jorgen Christensen was born in Laaland, Denmark, near Maribo, in 1825. He was first married to Karen Madgaline in 1950 and lived near Naskov, Laaland, Denmark. His wife died in 1865. The four children born to Jorgen and Karen were Katherine in 1852; Kristine, 1854; Peter, 1858; and Minnie, 1862.

In 1867, Jorgen married Karen Marie Rasmussen, born in 1842. They immigrated to America by ship with their two small sons, Hans, almost two years and Julius, six months. They arrived at New York City and came by train to Sioux City, Iowa where they were directed to the Pierce Mansion, now known as Pierce Street which was just a dirt road and the only place to stay. They bought a horse, a cow, yoke and wagon and some supplies and started to follow the river to Elk Point. From there they followed a trail that took them to near Alsen, Dakota Territory, where they homesteaded in 1872 just south of Alsen. The title was signed by Rutherford B. Hayes.

Couples, left to right: William and his wife, Martine; Herry and wife, Hattie; Julius and wife, Sena; Charlie Hanson and his wife, Gena.

Their home was a dugout which they lived in for some time until a house could be constructed. The dugout is still evident today on the farm homestead.

Three more children were born to Jorgen and Karen Marie: Gena in 1878, Henry in 1879 and William (Bill) in 1885.

The children from the first marriage arrived in the United States in 1970 and made their home near Greenfield vicinity. Peter made his home with his father.

Katherine Christensen married Stephen Robertson and lived at Greenfield until retiring into Vermillion. Their children were: Hannah married to Herbert Jorgensen; Morris Robertson married to Regina Lawrence; Gusta Robertson who lost her sight as a young child and spent most of her life in Beresford; Julius Robertson never married and lived in Vermillion, and Emma Robertson, married to Hans Peterson.

Kristina Christensen married Christian Robertson at Greenfield. Their eight children were: Mathilda Robertson, married to Paul Rasmussen; Rasmus Robertson married Caroline Christensen who died and Rasmus later married Emily Hansen; John H. Robertson married Lydia Rohe and had one daughter and a son, Dr. Roy Robertson; Julie married Henry Christensen and have 10 children; Vern married Hazel Engle; Lloyd never married; Mildred, a missionary worker in Chicago; Evelyn never married; Ethel married Walter Halverson; Eugene married Myrtle Christopherson. Andrew Robertson married Grace Thompson, had one son, Keith; Minnie Robertson married Hans Hansen and have three daughters:Lucille, Viola and Elnora; Leroy Robertson married Claudia Eisenberg and have one son, Curtis; George Robertson never married.

Peter Christensen lived with his father at Alsen and later learned the carpenter trade. Peter changed his last name to Johnson as a young man. He married Jessie Duncan. Later they lived at Ft. Bragg, Calif. and had four sons: Chester of Vermillion, Dr. Archie Johnson at White Sulphur Springs, Mont. Two sons, Clarence and Robert, both met with an accident during an airplane demonstration in California.

Minnie Christensen married Andrew Hansen at Omaha, Nebr. and died when their daughter, Emma, was born. Emma was raised by a family named Knapple.

Julius Christensen, a son of Jorgen and Karen Marie, purchased a farm in Garfield

township, Clay county, around 1900. He met his bride-to-be, Nelsine (Sena) Larsen, the daughter of Lars and Karen Hansen Larsen Storm of Helnes, Denmark, and married her in 1901. Children born to Sena and Julius were: Ada, married to Winfield Dennison; Clearance, married to Violet Dahlin; Myrtle, married to Erwin Voegeli; Werter, married to Karen Madsen; Arnold, married to Laura Dennison; Edna, married to Engwald Oren; Shirley, married to Eunice Ugland; and Maynard who died during World War II. Julius farmed until 1942 when he moved to Vermillion and made his home with his daughter, Ada. He died in 1950 and Sena in 1941.

Hans never married and passed away in his middle years.

Back row: Shirley, Clearance, Arnold, Werter, Maynard; front row: Edna, Ada, and Myrtle.

Julius and Sena Christensen

Julius Christensen, born in 1871 at Laaland, Denmark to Jorgen and Karen Rasmussen Christensen, came to the United States at the age of six months with his parents and two-year-old brother, Hans. They settled just south of Alsen and lived in a dugout which is still evident today on the farm his father homesteaded. They made the dugout their home for a number of years until a home could be erected.

Julius helped his father farm and worked for other farmers in the area. He purchased a farm near Emmett Hall just before 1900 from Chris Jacobsen, owner of the store.

In 1901, Sena Larsen came from Helnes, Denmark and lived in her sister's home, the J. M. Hansens. She worked for Sanna Nelson near Hurley. Sanna's brother, Herman, worked with Julius on the farm and so Julius met his bride-to-be. Julius married Sena (Nelsine) Larsen on her 25th birthday. Their wedding gift from the J. M. Hansens was a heifer.

Julius worked for other farmers besides farming his quarter and never asked for pay, but for a few chickens and young livestock. He continued to improve his farmstead and in 1917, with the help of the Oakland brothers, erected a new hog house, granary and dug a 100-feet-deep well. In 1919 a new home was built.

Children born to Julius and Sena were: Ada (1904), Clearance (1906-1972), Myrtle (1908-1982), Werter (1909-1980), Arnold (1912-1976), Edna (1914), Albin Shirley (1916) and Maynard Julius (1918-1945).

Sena always reminded her children and grandchildren of tending the cows in Denmark. One day they went to graze the good sea grass when the tide was low. The tide came in so fast the cows had to swim, and the only way she could save herself was to hang onto a cow's tail until they reached solid soil.

The times were hard when they started to farm. The grasshoppers came in droves that blotted out the sun, ate all their crop and everything in their path including the fence and fence posts. The years when the grasshoppers did not come, Andrew Hedeen and Erick Swedeen came with their big steam engine tractor and threshing machine to thresh the grain. The ladies would remove the old straw from the mattresses and stuff them with new, clean straw.

The children all attended Newdale School and carried their lunch in a syrup pail. Often lunch consisted of homemade bread with a spread of lard and a little sugar and cinnamon. They attended the Dalesburg Baptist Church, with Alsen and Beresford as towns at which to purchase supplies.

Sena passed away at her home in 1941. In 1942, Julius moved to Vermillion to make his home with his oldest daughter, Ada. His sons, Werter and Arnold, ran the family farm until it was sold to C. O. Peterson in 1951. It is now owned and operated by Leon Hansen. Julius died in 1950.

Ada married Winfield Dennison in 1925 and now resides in Milwaukee, Wisc. She parted from her husband and had the full responsibility of raising her children. They spent most of their growing years at Vermillion. Her children are: Robert, Bakersfield, Calif.; Beverlyn (Mrs. Thomas Riedel), Milwaukee, Wisc.; twins, Donna (Mrs. Leroy Burton) Matland, Missouri; and Dale of Meadows, Ill.

Clearance farmed his entire life near Dalesburg except for a period of being in the Army near Vancouver, B.C. and Portland, Ore. In 1934 he married Violet Dahlin. Two children survive, Julius who is on the home farm of Clearance and Violet, and Darlene (Mrs. Gerald Ballard) of Marcus, Ia. Both Clearance and Violet died in 1972.

As a young lady, Myrtle went to stay with her aunt and uncle, the Pete Johnsons, at Fort Bragg, Calif. She took nurse's training at San Francisco and attended a business college. Returning to Beresford, she was married to Erwin Voegeli in 1930. They farmed north of Beresford until 1941 when they purchased a farm near Valley Springs. In 1962 they returned to the farm near Beresford and in 1970 they retired and moved into Beresford. They organized and were charter members of Beresford Senior Citizens. Erwin died in 1977 and Myrtle in 1982. Erwin and Myrtle's children are: Flora Mae (Mrs. Donald Zweep), Garretson; twins, Dorthy (Mrs. Melvin Nothdurft) of Beresford and Dicky of Harrisburg; Karen (Mrs. John Scott), deceased in 1974; and Lester, Beresford.

Werter married Karen (Carrie) Madsen in 1933. Werter farmed all his life in the Dalesburg and Alsen areas. Their children are Marvin, Beresford and Maxine (Mrs. Charles Cayce), Pierre, S.D. Werter died in 1980. Carrie remains on their farm with Marvin operating the land.

Arnold joined the Coast Guard during World War II. He returned to farm the home place after the war. In 1949, Arnold married Laura Dennison. He worked several years on the construction of the Ft. Randall Reservoir and Dam. They purchased a farm near Spirit Mound, north of Vermillion, where Laura still resides and their son, David, farms. Arnold died in 1976.

Edna worked for Bell Telephone Company as an operator in Sioux Falls and California. In 1947 Edna was united in marriage to Engwald Oren. They began farming in the Beresford area and later purchased a farm in the Egan area. Engwald (Bing) sold the farm and owned the Western Locker plant at Sioux Falls, later selling it to work as a meat inspector for Morrell's, Sioux Falls. The Orens are now retired and live at Orangedale, Calif. Their three children are: Karla (Mrs. John Doelfs); Kent and Keith, all residing at Fair Oaks, Calif.

Shirley graduated from South Dakota University and studied medicine. He enlisted in the Army Medical Corp and served in North Africa during World War II. He married Eunice Ugland in 1946. They have four children: Dr. John, Bremerton, Wash.; James, Valley Springs; Ann Shirley (Mrs. Ron Whitehawk), El Paso, Tex.; Alan, Austin, Tex. Shirley and Eunice live at El Paso, Tex. where Shirley worked for the Lederle Laboratories.

Maynard joined the Coast Guard during World War II. On July 16, 1945 word was received that while on a mission, Maynard was washed overboard and lost at sea.

Back row, left to right: Ellen, Julia, Annie, Carrie; front row: Mr. Christenson, Chris and Mrs. Christenson.

Ole and Ingeborg Christenson

Ole Christenson was born in 1848 at Jostal, Norway. In 1867, Ole married Ingeborg Tiegan and their first child, Carrie, was born in Norway. In 1869, they immigrated to America and came to Sioux City, Iowa. They homesteaded two miles north and one mile west of Spink. He also worked part time on a steam ship on the Missouri River. Their first home was a dugout, but they soon built a log cabin and later a frame house, part of which is still standing. They were pioneer members of Brule Creek Church, which Ole helped build. Children born to them were: Ellen, Julia, Anna, Chris and Amory. In 1903, Ingeborg passed away.

Carrie was married to Olai Ronnei and had one child, Orve.

Ellen married Charlie Thompson. Julia married Peder Abrahamson and their children are: Adolph, Ida, Olivia, Petra, Ole, John, Ed, Roy, Alma, Hjalmer, Minnie, Marie, Leonard, Melvin (died in infancy), Clarence, Violet and Elvera.

Anna married Severt Abraham. Their children are: Olaf, Andrew, Arvid, Joe, Ollie, Lizzie, Elmer and Selmer.

Chris married Olina Foise. Their children are: Ida, Anna, Hilma and Myrtle.

Mary was wed to Edward Nelson and their children are: Inez, Mabel, Ardis, Thelma, Bernice, Edna, Selmer, Kenneth, Carroll, and Norene.

In late 1923, Ole bought his first car, a new Model T Ford. He learned to drive at the age of 75 and married Eliza Putman.

Issac and Golaugh Christopherson

Golaugh Sunsth Larson, a widow, married Issac Christopherson, a widower (see Peter H. Larson story). Issac had a daughter, Clara. The Christophersons had two daughters, Alma (1894) and Ina (1896). Alma was a telephone operator for many years before moving to Sioux Falls where she worked for Northwestern Bell until retirement. His daughter, Alma,

writes, "I recall Dad telling of a friend of his who got caught in a blizzard with his team of oxen and had to stop at a farm home. This farmer had no place for the oxen except a cellar, so they backed each one into the cellar. Their eyes were frozen shut so the oxen didn't know what was happening. They would have frozen to death. That was one winter many lives were lost."

Ina married Obed Grant. They farmed in the Sherman area. Their three children were Glen, Donald and Eunice. Golaugh died in 1933 and Issac in 1946.

(For more information, see Peter and Golaugh Larson story.)

Standing, left to right: Fred, Blanche, Cecil, Pearl, Russell; sitting: Mr. Clay and Mrs. Clay.

George Z. and Eva Clay

George Clay (1855-1936) and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clay, moved from Rochester, N.Y. to Toronto, Canada when George was a year old. As a young man he moved to Springfield, Ill. for two years before coming to Lincoln county. Here he met and married Eva Cox in 1889. She was born in 1867 in Hamburg, England, eldest of seven children of Robert Cox and Elizabeth Ham. At the age of two, she came with her parents to Wisconsin, in 1870 to Beloit, Ia., then to Lincoln county in 1876. She taught school until their marriage. In 1890 they purchased the timber claim from Henry Bradshaw and lived there until 1920 when they retired and moved to Worthing. Eva Clay died in 1955. Their son Fred, and wife Vera continued to live on the homestead farm until 1957 when they retired and moved into Beresford. Cecil and Hazelle Clay moved onto the homestead at that time and have lived there since.

The George Z. Clays had five children: Fred (1890-1964, Russell (1892-1970), Blanche (1896-1976), Pearl (1921) and Cecil (1907-1983).

Fred married Vera Engel in 1919. Vera died in 1964.

Russell married Mabel Young in 1916 and the couple farmed north of Beresford until retiring in 1957. Their children are: Esther Calvert, Glendale, Calif.; Harold, married to Doris Kram, parents of Darrel who is married to

Joyce Schoellerman; Sharon Miller (James), Mandan, N.D.; Duane who married Marlys Offerdahl; and David. Howard, unmarried; George, WWII veteran, married Dolores Hansen and parents of Diane Johnson (Thomas), of Sioux Falls, Kathryn Hansen (Gary) of Omaha, Nebr., Georgia of Sioux Falls and Faye Schoellerman (Roger); Ralph, Sioux Falls, married Betty Tollefson, parents of Jo-Ann McGee (Jesse), Omaha, Nebr.; Janet McClung (James), Sioux Falls; Steven, Sioux Falls, married to Patricia McClung and Marvin, Sioux Falls. The sixth child of Russell's is Ardes Macdonald (John) of Melrose, Wisc., parents of seven children: Michael, and his wife, Agnes; Mark, David, Matthew, Sandra, Joseph and Marlene. Mabel Clay has 21 great-grandchildren.

Blanche (1896-1976) married Howard L. Jacobs (1896-1943). They were the parents of five children: Arlene Voges (Elmer) Worthing, have a son, Jerry, married to Brenda Martinez; Ronald, WWII soldier killed in Germany; Shirley Kimball (James), Worthing, parents of Dennis, Laurie and David; William, Worthing, married Darlene Nelson, has a daughter, Judy; and Dell, Worthing. There are four great-grandchildren.

Pearl married Carl Kettwig (deceased). The Kettwigs had two children, Duane (deceased) and James, one grandson and two great-grandchildren. After Pearl was widowed, she married Iver Schmidt (deceased).

Cecil married Hazelle Eager in 1929 and had four children: Richard, missing in action in Korean War (1950); George, married to Roberta Ullom (divorced) and parents of Carol Grandchamp (Earl), Cheryl Panther (Richard, Bradley and Dale (deceased); Cecil E. married Nancy Peterson. They are parents of Cindy Baltezore (John), Carla, Bonnie and Benjamin; Helen Kennedy and her husband, William, have six children: Jennifer, Gregory who is married to Nancy Heidinger; Jolene Robinson (Scott), Janelle, Jillann and Kyle. Hazel Clay has ten great-grandchildren.

Of the 35 great-great-grandchildren of George Z. and Eva Clay, those residing in the area include: Crystal and Kyla, daughters of Darrel Clays; Stacey, Stephanie and Lindsay, daughters of the Duane Clays; Aimee and Heidi, daughters of John and Cindy Boltezore; Chad and Rhonda, children of the Thomas Johnsons; Heath, Heather and Jamie, children of Jim McClung; Steve, Jennifer and Justin, children of the Steven Clays. Five generations of the George Z. and Eva Clay family have been members of the Congregational United Church of Christ.

Charles and Mary Collings

Charles Collings was the fourth child in a family of six born to George and Mary Kipp Collings at Storm Lake, Iowa in 1882. When a child, Charles' family migrated to Fresno, Calif. where they lived for about a year. In 1894 they returned to South Dakota to make their home at Irwin and later to a farm in the Lincoln Center area north of Beresford.

Charles received his elementary education at Lincoln Center School. George and Mary Collings purchased a farm ten miles north of Beresford in Lincoln county. The family moved to this location where Charles assisted with farm duties.

In 1904, Charles E. Collings and Mary (Maime) Thompson of Larchwood, Ia. were united in marriage. Mary was the fourth child born in 1884 to Allen F. and Mary C. Weigel Thompson in a family of eight at Decatur, Ill. George and Mary Collings, parents of Charles, shared their home with Charles and Maime and their child, Gracie.

In 1910 the Charles Collings family moved by train to western South Dakota where they resided on a claim in Butte county, 14 miles north of Newell. Their belongings consisted of a four-cylinder red Reo car, a black cow, chickens, a team of mules and a wagon, a trotting horse and buggy, little dog Brownie, and some household goods, besides personal possessions. All this was loaded into a foreign car at Worthing, the family in the passenger car, to travel out west.

There they lived on the barren prairie amidst coyotes, rattlesnakes and prairie dogs for 14 months and witnessed very severe winters.

Because of Charles' serious illness, the family returned to Sioux Falls by train to seek medical help. After his recovery, the family of three returned west to get their belongings to come to Beresford. Charles returned by covered wagon and Maime and Gracie by train. In 1911 they located on their Lincoln county farm north of Beresford. Mr. and Mrs.

Left to right: Charles and Mary Collings, Grace and Bennie Nelson.

Donald Lounsbery reside there today.

Their daughter, Gracie, had not had the opportunity to attend school, as schools were few and far between in the west. In 1911 she enrolled at Park School and later attended Madison State Normal. She then taught in rural schools in Lincoln, Union and Clay counties and in the city schools of Beresford and Viborg.

Bennie Nelson and Grace were united in marriage in 1943 (see Olai Nelson story). After graduating from the University, Bennie served as a superintendent of schools. Times were difficult and warrants instead of a pay check, were issued, so he decided to change his profession. Bennie then accepted a clerk's position in the Dempsey Hotel at Davenport, Ia. where he remained until returning to Beresford to assist his parents with farm duties after his brother Jimmy died. Bennie was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. Bennie and Grace were members of Odd Fellows, Rebekah, Masonic Order and Lily Chapter.

In 1945, Charles and Maime retired from the farm, having purchased the H. J. Bondhus home in Beresford. The Nelsons lived with the Collings. This home was completely destroyed by fire in 1966. A new home was constructed on the same site. Charles and Maime were members of the Odd Fellows and Rebekah Lodges, and the United Church of Christ. They were married 68 years. Bennie died in 1972 and Charles died in 1973. Maime passed away in 1979, having been a resident of Lincoln county for 74 years.

Grace lives at 204 W.N. Maple, and has been a lifelong resident of Lincoln county except for the 14 months she lived with her parents in western South Dakota.

John and Barbara Cooper

Barbara Cooper was the wife of John Cooper. She was born in Prussia, a short distance from Berlin. The records show that she was 32 years old when she came to America with her husband in 1850. They lived in Galena, Illinois for two years when they moved to Sugar Creek, Iowa. From there the family came to Union county, South Dakota in 1872, where they homesteaded in Emmett township. John and Barbara were the parents of Anthony Cooper. Regina Cooper Lass (wife of Peter Lass) and of Barbara Cooper Maher, mother of John and Tom Maher, Pierre. The Coopers are buried in the cemetery of St. Joseph's Church at Emmett (see Farley, Lass and McGuire stores for more information about their descendants).

Dr. D. L. and Mildred Cotton

Dr. Daniel and Mildred Cotton

Dr. Daniel Cotton, his wife, Mildred, and daughter, Carolyn, came to Beresford, South Dakota in 1918 to open a veterinary practice, following his graduation from Veterinary College. They purchased the former Dr. Trotter hospital and home site of the current Cotton residence. He continued his practice for 45 years, retiring in 1963 due to ill health.

Dr. Cotton was born in 1894 in Vermillion to Dr. Alonzo and May (Lyons) Cotton, pioneers in the Vermillion community, and both medical practitioners. Daniel was one of seven children; two girls and five boys.

In 1916, he married Mildred McDonald. Mildred was born in 1895 to parents, Alexander and Caroline (Olson) McDonald, who homesteaded in Clay county. Mildred was one of 15 children; nine boys and six girls.

Daniel was called into service in the Army Veterinary Co. No. I, returning to Beresford after a short time. Both Dr. Cotton and Mildred have been active in many organizations and professional and civic groups. He served on the Board of Education, and for 50-plus years was actively involved in the United Methodist Church, Masonic Lodge, El Riad Shrine, Eastern Star, American Legion and Chamber of Commerce.

Dr. Cotton held many appointive and elective positions to his honor in the field of veterinary work. In 1972 he was recognized as "South Dakota Veterinarian of the Year." Daniel died in 1976.

For over 50 years, Mildred has been a member of the United Methodist Church, Eastern Star and American Legion Auxiliary, serving in offices of each. She is a past president of the Auxiliary of the South Dakota Veterinary and Interstate Veterinary Associations.

Dr. and Mrs. Cotton had three children. Carolyn, born in 1918, was a Girl Scout Executive worker for 25 years and a faculty member of Steven's College in Missouri for three years. She is now retired and lives in Wayzata, Minn.

Evelyn, born in 1920, is a graduate dietician. She has served as dietary consultant for Bethesda Home and the Morningside Manor in Alcester and is the present librarian for the city of Beresford, serving since 1972. She married Lowell Hogen in 1943. Lowell, born in 1920, and son of Martin and Karen Hogen, came to Beresford in 1932 when his father was hired as Superintendent of Beresford Schools. After graduation as a civil engineer, Lowell entered the service in the Field Artillery of the United States Army. Following his discharge he worked in Norfolk, Nebr. and Boone, Ia. He and Evelyn returned to Beresford in 1947 when he joined Danny Cotton in Cotton's Motor and Implement. In 1952 he took over the business and continues at this time to operate it. They have two children: Vicki, born in 1946 and Mark, born in 1953. Vicki and her husband, Gene Gross, live at Spencer, Ia. They have two children, Eric and Jeffrey. Mark married Vicki Edblom in 1982 and have two children, David and Melissa. They live at Muscatine, Ia.

Daniel Cotton, Jr. was born in 1927 and married Edna Johansen in 1946. Edna's parents were Ingvard and Nellie Johansen. Edna was born in 1928. Daniel Jr. and Edna have made their home in Beresford since 1947 when Daniel went into the Cotton Motor and Implement business after farming a short time. He served as Highway Patrolman for a few months before taking over the Chevrolet agency. He continues to own and operate this business, and his three sons have joined him. Daniel and Edna have four children: Barry, Thomas, Jane and Brian. Barry married Linda Basche in 1976 and taught in the Southeast Area Vocational School in Sioux Falls before joining his father in business. They have one son, Brad. Thomas married Jan Diefendorf in 1973. He served in the United States Air Force and is now with the

Dan Cotton Chevrolet Co. Laurie and Jamie are the daughters of Thomas and Jan. Jane is a special education teacher and married to Irving Smith. They live in Buffalo, N.Y. and have three children, Jesse, Jennifer and Jacob. Brian is employed with the Dan Cotton Chevrolet Co.

Peter and Josefina Dahlberg

In 1894, Peter and Josefina Johannesson and their children, Julia, born in 1883, John in 1885, Karl in 1888 and Hanna in 1891, left Smaland, Sweden to locate in Beresford. Their journey by boat took three weeks. Arriving in Beresford, they were met by August Frieberg, a cousin of Josefina. Frieberg took the homesick family to Duerst's Cafe for dinner. From there they went with Josefina's brother, Peter Johnson, to his farm in Clay county. They were to work for Mr. Johnson.

Peter's name, Johannesson, would be Johnson in America. To avoid confusion among the other three settlers named Peter Johnson, he adopted the surname Dahlberg. After working for Peter Johnson, they worked at the Nels Larson farm. Later they rented the farm of Alfred Holmquist, the first place north of Komstad Church. The children learned the English language at Danefield School. Matilda Frieberg was their teacher.

The Dahlbergs moved to Union county to the Donavon farm and from there moved to a farm they purchased at Wagner. All the family except Julia moved to Wagner where they farmed until their retirement in 1919. They were members of the Methodist Church, Wagner. Mr. Dahlberg died in 1920. John never married and lived with his mother until she died in 1937.

Julia helped in the Carl Helstrom home and in the Duerst Cafe until she married Thos. T. Voegeli in 1905 and they lived in Beresford all their lives. Julia, after taking a course in dressmaking, continued sewing. She was a member of the Congregational Church and the Eastern Star. Thomas died in 1953 and Julia lived in the family home until 1966, then lived at Bethesda Home for two years before she died in 1968 (see Thomas Voegeli story).

John helped his father on the farm until they retired and moved to Wagner. He was a member of the Methodist Church and the Masonic Lodge. After his mother's death, he lived alone in an apartment for a few years until Hannah, his sister, came to make a home for him until his death in 1966.

Charles farmed with his father and John for six years. He married Bertha Stout. When his father retired he moved to the family farm and remained there until 1969 when he moved to town. He and Bertha moved to the Good Samaritan Center. There, Bertha died in 1977 and Charles in 1981. They had three children: Ruth A. Morrell, Lincoln, Nebr.; Chas. R. Dahlberg, Hastings on the Hudson, N.Y.; and Margery B. Yohn of Lincoln, Nebr.

Hannah married J. P. Williams in Wagner in 1911. He was a carpenter there. They had five children who died in infancy. Eugene, Don and Dorothy were their three children when the family moved back to Beresford in 1923. Hannah was worthy matron of the O.E.S. of Beresford when they moved to Ellsworth, Minn. in 1930.

Hannah and her daughter, Dorothy Fowler (Ray) are the only ones living in the J. P. Williams family. J. P. died in the thirties, the son Eugene died in 1930 and Don in 1936.

Dorothy lived in Washington, D.C., but moved back to Wagner to be near her mother. Dorothy has two sons and one daughter who are all married.

Clayton and Marie Dahlgard

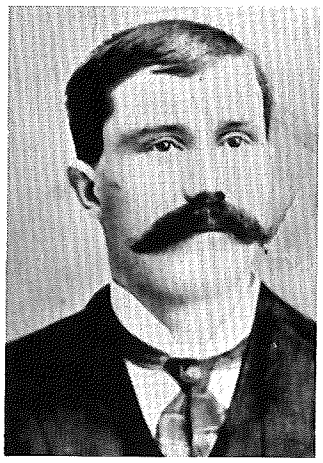
Clayton K. Dahlgard, born 1913, married Marie D. Friese, born 1909, at Wakonda, South Dakota in 1940. Clayton and Marie purchased and continued to live on the home farm owned by his grandfather. Continuing a family tradition, "Fat" also served School District 31 as treasurer until reorganization of the school. It was at this time the original land gift was returned to the family after 91 years. Lennox Presbyterian PCA Church is the longstanding home congregation for the family. The Dahlgard children include: Gerald C. of Aurora, Colo.; Mrs. Lee (Elaine) Swegheimer of El Paso, Tex.; Barbara Jo, and Mrs. William (Linda) Pankratz of Marion, South Dakota.

John and Ida Dahlin

John was three years old when he came to America with his parents in 1870. His parents, John and Stina Persson Dahlin, five brothers and sisters, came from Ottmar Parish, Vaster Norrland, Sweden. The parents and three of the older children filed patents for homesteads in Clay county.

John Dahlin married Ida Nelson at Dalesburg. This young couple, like other pioneers,

Ida Dahlin



John Dahlin

saw a lot of hard times. Despite the fact they had 16 children of their own, they raised several nieces and nephews. Ida even helped in neighboring homes when babies were born.

Elaine Merriman remembers her mother telling about her father, John, playing the violin for dances as the pioneers would get together and dance on the sod floors of their homes. She also writes, "Dad had a threshing machine, so he would go to other farms to do custom work and he would ask mother to make lemon pie because he got tired of eating apple pie on threshing days. Wherever you worked, the lady of the house would prepare dinner, plus forenoon and afternoon lunches for all the workers."

The children of John and Ida Dahlin are: Mrs. Earl Thomas (Lottie), Mrs. Sophie Hone, Mrs. Fred Snoozy (Anna), Mrs. Manfred Max (Christine), Clarence who married Opal Strand, Albin (deceased), Joseph married Delma Madsen, Arthur (a twin) married Mardell Snoozy, Artis (a twin) married Inman Knudsen, Melvin married Mildred Jorgenson, Robert married Inez Wrae, Mrs. Orville Strand (Grace) and Mrs. Donald Merriman (Elaine). They had another set of twins, but they died as infants. Notice that two Snoozys and two Strands married into the family.

John Dahlin was also uncle to these lifetime Beresford area residents: George A. Anderson, Amelia Anderson Gustafson, Joseph Norling, Arthur Norling, Maude Norling Landeen and David Dahlin.

There are many descendants of John and Ida Dahlin, but only four in the third and fourth generations continue the family name Dahlin. Those four are Donald, Gary, Gerald and John.

Abraham and Catherine Dann

Abraham Dann, born in England in 1813 and his wife, Catherine Conrad, moved from Wisconsin to Dakota Territory in about 1872. It was a four-week trip by covered wagon. With them were Abraham's mother, Anna, and five children: George, Fred, Harvey, Lois and Arthur. Their oldest daughter, Frances Parmley, was already married and stayed behind. However, the Parmleys later moved to Sioux Falls.

The Danns settled on the southeast quarter of Section 26 of Delaware township, Lincoln county, where Abraham's great-grandson, DeLee Dann, now lives.

Their first home, as described in later years by Arthur, "was about 20 x 40, boarded up and down with cracks battened, a shingled roof, and sodded up on the outside to the eaves on the north side and ends. It was sodded halfway up on the south side. The sod was made by breaking the virgin prairie sod on low ground with a 12-inch breaking plow and cutting the turned furrow into bricks about 16 inches long and four inches thick. Bedrooms were partitioned off each end."

Abraham died two and a half years after moving to Dakota, but Catherine and the four boys acquired more land and continued to farm. Many hardships were endured during the early years—blizzards, grasshoppers and the very serious problem of fuel.

George, the oldest son, married May E. Glidden in 1881. They had three children: Earl, Ernest and Irene.

Earl obtained land in the same section. He married Ida Engel. They had two children, Kenneth and Gwendolyn. Ida's niece, Mildred Rasmussen, also made her home with them. Kenneth married Elna Nelson and continued to farm for a time, but subsequently moved to Renner, S.D. They have four children: Diana (Mrs. James Sage) and their children Gregory and Laura, live in El Paso, Tex.; Joan (Mrs. Richard Wegener) and their sons, David, Mark, Aaron and Joshua live in Canton; George married Gail Calvin and live in Tea with their children, Timothy and Lisa; Vicki (Mrs. Harry Rathje) and their children, Leah, Rachel and Ryan live in Canton. Gwendolyn married Floyd Gibson. They made their home at Baltic, and their four children, Galen, Earl, Faye and Margo who live with their families in that area.

Ernest Dann remained on the home place. He married Edith Hoyer and they had two sons,

DeLee and Robert. DeLee, fourth generation Dann to live on the farm, married Evelyn Wilson. They had two sons, James (deceased) and Gary. Gary married Carol Ann Sorenson and farms with his father. They have three children, Jill, Cheryl and David. They are the sixth generation of Danns to live on the home place. Robert married Barbara Stanford. Robert was employed by Eastman Kodak Co. of Rochester, N.Y. for most of his life, but now lives at Friday Harbor, Wash. Their daughters, Janet and Catherine, live with their families in Seattle, Wash. and their son, John and his wife will be making their permanent home in Israel.

Irene became a nurse and spent most of her life in Sioux City, Ia. She did not marry.

Fred Dann, second son of Abraham and Catherine, never married.

Harvey married Bernett Koons in 1884. Their children were Ethel (Mrs. Ernie F. DeVo), Russel who married Helen Bates, and Bernice (Mrs. Benjamin Hardcastle).

Lois Dann married Luther Whitlow in 1884 in a double ceremony at the Dann home with her brother, Harvey. Lois and Luther settled on a farm about five miles northwest of the Dann home. There they raised their family of six children: Grace, Ava, Harry, Ella, Hazel and Claude. Their descendants are listed in the Whitlow family history.

Arthur Dann, youngest child of Abraham and Catherine, married Edna Belle Munsil in 1890 in Brooklyn township of Lincoln county. They were issued the first wedding license in Lincoln county after this law went into effect. Arthur and Edna later lived in Illinois and had a son, Forrest, who became a dentist.

Henry and Mary Deane

Henry Deane was born in 1831 at Quy, Cambridgeshire, England. He was united in marriage to Mary Beaumont, born in the same village, August 18, 1823. The great, early M. E. church evangelist, Charles Spurgeon, used to preach occasionally in her parents' home.

In 1856 the family came to America, settling at Princeton, Wisconsin. In 1882 they followed their older sons to Dakota Territory, settling in the Gothland community. The old store building at Gothland, which was supposed to have grown into a town before the railroad was re-routed, became a part of their home. They donated the ground where the store had stood for the Gothland Interdenominational Church and cemetery. Church services were nearly always given by Congregational pastors out of Alcester.

The children of Henry and Mary Deane were: Charles William, an early Union County sheriff who ran on the Populist ticket; Frederick; Alice, wife of Dr. Charles Staples, a dentist; and Duane Deane, who remained on the family farm and married the girl from the neighboring farm, Effie May Hoard. They had two children: Claude Duane, who first married Jency Wiles, and after her death in 1930 he married Mildred Monson. Most of his life was lived on the farm in Gothland; and Fern who married Finch Kimberly, then of Beresford, but later of Sioux City, Ia.

John Dolan

Mary Dolan

John And Mary Dolan

John Dolan and his wife, Mary Patterson Dolan, early settlers in Union county, Dakota Territory, came to Union county in the early 1860's and homesteaded in Emmett township which was named after a famous Irish patriot. An excerpt from a Union county biographical record reads, "The land was nothing but raw prairie and there was but one house to the north of his claim . . . Mr. Dolan's first place of abode and shelter was a dugout and a frame shanty later took its place . . . with part of the $300 in money which he brought with him he purchased a yoke of cattle and started breaking up his land. The first year he broke 40 acres and put in a crop; then came the grasshopper plagues and hailstorms which destroyed the result of his labor and left him almost penniless."

John and Mary Dolan lived in a dugout on their homestead for some years, later building

a house over the original dugout. John Dolan helped establish and build the Catholic church in Emmett township known as St. Joseph's Catholic Church. At one time there was a school across from the church, but it was later moved to Section Five on part of the original John Dolan homestead.

To John Dolan and Mary Patterson Dolan were born eleven children: Sister Dominica (Ann), Edward, Manny, William, Frank, Margaret, Alice, Geneva, Bernadette, Joseph (see Joseph Dolan story) and Sarah. William and Joseph lived their entire lives in the Beresford area.

William Dolan (1876) married Mary Kribell (1882) at Harlan, Ia., daughter of Thomas Kribell and Mary Hassett Kribell. William and Mary "Mollie" Dolan had five children.

Raymond Dolan (1903-1981) cared for his parents on a small farm on the northeast edge of Beresford. With his father and brothers, he operated the Beresford Livestock Auction in the 1930's. The building still exists on the farm.

Joseph Dolan (1906) married Elizabeth "Bessie" Buryanek, daughter of William Joseph Buryanek and Stella Boden Buryanek in 1929. They had three children: William, James and Rosamond. William Dolan married Joan Hillrich. Their children are Terrance, Leslie and Troy. Duane Dolan died suddenly of a brain tumor at the age of 21. Rosamond Dolan married Howard Lind. Their children are Mark and Ann.

James Francis Dolan married Esther Bourassa of Jefferson. To James and Esther were born three children. Daniel married Janet Mayer. They have four children: Colleen, Kelly, Daniel and Michael. Marilyn married Dr. James Burns. They have five children: Jeffrey, Stephanie, Christine, Casey and Jerome.

Bernadett, Sr. Amica Dolan, born in 1911, entered Sacred Heart Convent at Yankton in 1929 and now works with the Pastoral Care Team at Sacred Heart Hospital in Yankton, S.D.

Mary was wed to G. Patrick Dinneen. The Dinneens have five children: Michael, who is married to Corina Green and have one child, Jennifer; William married Merilee Jordan of Spokane, Wash. Their children are twins, Tyrone and Jessica; John "Jack" married Vicky Youngdell and has one child, Sarah; Anne Marie Dinneen and James Patrick Dinneen both attend Washington State College.

Joseph J. and Mary Dolan

Joseph and Mary Dolan

Three generations of Dolans have lived on the family farm atop the hill straight south of Third Street. John and Mary Dolan built the Victorian style home in 1901. Joseph (J. J.) and Mary Ellen (Nellie) Dolan made it their home from 1915-1976. Presently, the home is the residence of Florence Dolan, their eldest daughter.

J. J. Dolan was born in 1888 in Emmett township, Dakota Territory (see John Dolan story) and was the eleventh of 12 children. He farmed his entire life. J. J. was a member of the Beresford school board 12 years. Nellie was born in 1890 at Hurley. Her interests included art and music and was a member of the first Study Club in Beresford. The Dolans were members of St. Teresa's Catholic Church.

J. J. and Nellie had seven children, all of whom were educated for the teaching profession. There are 23 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Florence (1916), the oldest, never married and was a nursing instructor. She is retired and lives on the family farm.

Lois (Mrs. George Ballard) was born in 1918 and had six children: Pat, married to Roberta Raab; Dan, married to Mary Gass; Michael;

Jeanne Hanson (Kurt); Kristie (deceased and Christopher. The Ballards live in Vermillion.

Marge (Mrs. Gerald Smit), born in 1919, also had six children: Jan, married to Teresa Buman; Maria, Greg, Adam, Steve, married to Rose Park; Jennifer and Jean. The Smits live at Kansas City, Missouri.

Eunice (Mrs. Richard Beacom), born in 1921, lives at Denver, Colorado and they are the parents of Richard, married to Cynthia Smith; Katrin, Meghan, David, Brynn, Patrice, married to Jeff Giacchino; and Kristin.

Virginia (1924) was married to Kenneth Thompson. Kenneth died in 1974 (see Robert Thompson story). The Thompson children are: Thomas; Mary, married to Roger Anderson; and Phil. Virginia continues to make her home in Beresford.

Robert (1930) married Sally Codington and they live in Beresford. Family members are: David, married to Kim Kleinvachter; Joseph, Ann, Ellen Manning (Thomas), Deborah and Sarah.

Eileen (1931) married Robert O'Connor. The O'Connors are parents of Kathleen, Kim, Kay, Karol and Robert. The O'Connor family resides in Sioux Falls.

Archibald and Agnes Duncan

Archibald Duncan (1827-1901) emigrated from Scotland to Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada where he homesteaded a piece of ground which proved to be unfit for successful livelihood. In 1861 he married Agnes Hill (1840-1928) of Edinburgh, Scotland. They heard of land in Dakota Territory being open to settlers, so they decided to move. They put all their earthly goods on a boat which sailed across Lake Huron, and down Lake Michigan to Chicago.

Archie and Agnes loaded their belongings on a train to Earlville, Ia., getting a team of horses and covered wagon, they and their four children were on their way to Vermillion, Dakota Territory, where a cousin was living. The next day, Archie started off on foot to find land which might be suitable for their future home. He staked out land about 25 miles northeast of Vermillion which turned out to be SE¼, Sec. 8-94-50, Emmett township. The first winter the family lived in a cave on this property.

The next summer, Archie freighted groceries and supplies from Sioux City to Vermillion, and on returning home, he brought lumber from the saw mills along the Missouri River and built a one-room house over the cave and a lean-to for the cows and horses.

They had heard of the Indian massacre in Iowa which made them frightened, and one day a small band of Indians came and surrounded Archie and little son Sam while they were out picking buffalo chips for winter fuel. Archie gave them all his tobacco and they rode off.

Archie and Agnes were alone out on the prairie for a couple of years before other homesteaders came in.

The second year a late winter snow storm lasted three days. Fuel was running short, so Agnes put the children to bed in the cave and broke up the furniture (mostly boxes) and cooked corn meal mush, the only food left, as Archie had been gone freighting for some time.

In 1880, Archie and Agnes bought a tree claim: SW¼ Sec. 30, Prairie twp. (Junction 129 and Wakonda Road) and they lived with son, George. In 1895, Archie and Agnes bought a house on First Street, 111 South Beresford, and moved in.

Samuel Duncan married Mathilda Hanson (1852-1956). They had six children: Mabel (Mike) O'Connor, Effie (Earl) Wilson, Archibald, Esther (Elmer) Madsen, Leona (Harry) Williams, and Roy (Lucille).

Grace Braidwood (1863-1950) married Oscar Albin Anderson. They had four children: Agnes Stalheim, W. Raymond, Oliver G. and Carolyn Shurtleff.

Janet "Jessee" (1865-1951) married P. M. Johnson. Their children are Chester, Archie, Wallace and Clarence. Jessee and Pete operated a hotel in Beresford until 1902 when a windstorm destroyed it (Wass Furniture Store located on this site). They then bought a wagon wood shop (where Jack & Jill Grocery is today). About 1907 they homesteaded land in North Dakota. Two years later they moved to Fort Bragg, California.

Mary Elizabeth "Liz" (1868-1956) married W. Elmer Bussler. They had two children, Agnes (Will Chamberlain and Harry. Elmer and Liz operated the Pioneer Barber Shop for many years (present site of the post office in Beresford).

George Hill Duncan (1872-1902) married Anna Johnson in 1898. A child was born in 1901. George died in 1902, then Anna and daughter Gladys moved to Beresford. The 160-acre farm had been in the Duncan name from 1880 to 1982 when Gladys D. Brown died.

(See Anders Anderson and Duncan stories for more information.)

Martin (a son of Asmus and Elsie Ebsen) and Martina Ebsen.

Asmus and Elsie Ebsen

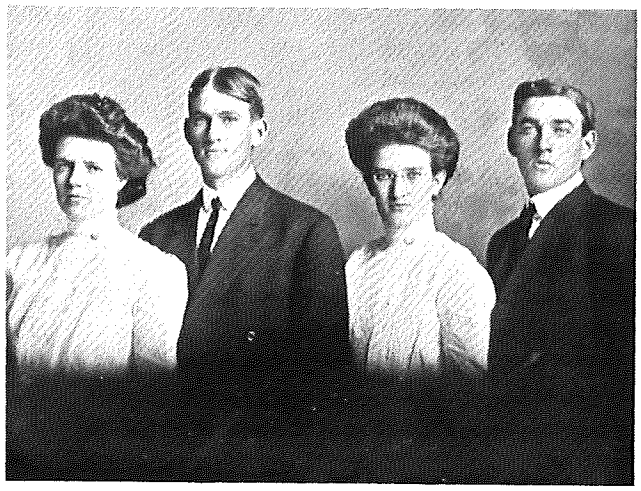
Asmus Ebsen, a pioneer homesteader, was born in 1845 in Denmark. He was married in Denmark to Elsie Riis. With his wife, he came to America and filed a claim in Clay county in 1880. Three children were born to the family: Nels, Marie (died in 1883) and Martin.

Nels Ebsen married Ida Johnson. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy. The other three are: Art (deceased), Elsie Ebsen Thompson of Lake Andes, S.D., and Reynold Ebsen of Fairfax, S.D.

Martin (1876-1950) was born on his parents' homestead in Clay county. He was married to Martina Hermanson (1878-1967), the daughter of Christian and Ellen Peterson Hermanson. Two children were born: Marie (1903) married Christ Klostergaard (1896-1947), Humlum, Denmark. To this family three boys were born: Harold (1926) married Ramona Nielsen (1928), daughter of Otto and Mable Nielsen. They reside in Columbus, Ohio, and have no children; Marlin (1928) married Roberta Peterson (1935), daughter of Everett and Agnes Peterson. They have three children: Bradley, Marla and Ann; Leland (1931) married Marjory Tornberg (1931), daughter of Oscar and Lillian Tornberg. They have four daughters: Kristy Peterson (John) who has a son, Jeffrey; Karen Graber (Kevin) has a son, Matthew; Vicki Oswald (Mark); and Jean.

After Christ's death, Marie Klostergaard was married to Alva Milliken (1901-1967). A son, Calvin (1947) was born. He married Lila Larson (1947), the daughter of Clarence and Evelyn Larson. They have three children: David, Tamera and Beth. They reside in Fargo, N.D.

Herman Ebsen (1906-1964) was married to Beth William (1910). They had one daughter, Jean, who married Charles Vail (1936). The Vails have two children: Ellen and David. They reside in Littleton, Colo.



Children of Nils and Anna Ebsen, left to right: Mary, Henry, Elsie and Hans.

Nils and Anna Ebsen

Schleswig-Holstein was the region of Denmark where Asmus, Mattias and Nils Ebsen lived before coming to America.

Asmus was the first of the three brothers to come to this area. He lived in a dugout, as did many others, but the door of his was very low. The reason for this was that if Indians came, they would have to bend over to get in, making it easier for him to hit the Indians over the head. (For more information, see Asmus Ebsen story.)

Mattias immigrated to the same area as his brother, Asmus. He lived in Beresford and never married.

Nils was Danish, and to avoid being drafted into the German Army during the Schleswig-Holstein Wars, came to America. He settled in the Beresford area some time in the early

1880's at the age of 17. Nils worked on the railroad and homesteaded on the farm where Marlow Christensen presently lives. He also lived in a dugout. It was located on a slope on the north side of the farm place. Nils wanted to be a true immigrant and sought to do so by changing the spelling of his name from Ebsen to Ebson. However, he later owned two farms, one in each version of the name.

Nils married Anna Nielsen. They had four children: Mary, Elsie (1888), Hans (1890) and Henry (1891). Mary wed Fred Smith and had two children, Stanley and June. Elsie married Eric Jensen and had two children, Clarence and Lucille. Clarence never married. Lucille married Ralph Christensen and they raised a family of three: Marlowe, Marie and Merle. Hans married Nellie Lee, originally from Nebraska. They farmed near Beresford and had two children, Clifford and Marjorie. Neither of the children married. Henry married Anna Lee, a sister to Nellie (Hans's wife). They lived in Sioux Falls for a time, then in 1925 bought a farm one mile north of Alsen. At one time, the four children of Nils Ebsen all lived and farmed along the Clay-Union line, beginning with Nils's brother Asmus, at Leland Klostergaard's and going south to Henry's farm north of Alsen. Henry and Anna had five children: Valeria, Elva, Kenneth, Helen and Wayne. Anna's second marriage to Leo McMillan were parents of one child, Janice. She married Russel Kirkebak. They farmed his home place (only one-half mile north of hers) for many years before moving into Beresford. Their four children are: Keith, who now operates the farm, Larry, Jack and June (Mrs. Larry Lewison).

Carl and Emilie Edblom

When Beresford celebrated its 75th Diamond Jubilee, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Edblom, ages 95 and 87, were Beresford's oldest couple. Although they are not, in the strictest sense, pioneers, Mr. and Mrs. Edblom were residents of this community for nearly 70 years and each lived to a very old age.

Emilie Gustave was born in 1872 in Godegaard, Sweden and came to America with her parents, Abraham and Marie Jacobson, in 1892. She worked as a hired girl in Sioux City and Beresford.

Carl Oscar Edblom, born in 1864 at Godegaard, Sweden, came to America in 1893 and first worked in the Minnesota iron mines. He

Carl and Emilie Edblom

moved to Beresford and hired out to work on different farms west of town.

Emilie and Carl were married in 1896 and started farming west of Beresford. After seven years of renting land, they purchased a farm two miles west and five miles north of town and lived there until 1931 when they retired and moved into Beresford. Siegfred Edblom, their oldest son, then farmed the land until he was 58 years old.

In 1959, Carl and Emilie celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. Mrs. Edblom was never in the best of health. Mr. Edblom was active and very healthy. At the age of 95, he was still driving his car around town and out in the country to Brooklyn Church where he and Emilie were members since 1903. Emilie died at the age of 87 and Carl lived to the age of 98.

They had eight children: Siegfred, married to Ethna Edman; Ruth Swanstrom (Axel), Esther Larson (Minus), Alvin, married to Alice Jacobson; Engar, married to Beulah Landon who died, and he then married Louise Simonsma; Violet Johnson (Gust), Evert, married to Stella Ronan; and Olga Carlson (Virgil). Of the 34 grandchildren, six of them have Beresford addresses. They are Freeman Swanstrom, Cameron Larson, Arnold Larson, Milford Larson, Joan Edblom Pedersen and John Edblom. There are 115 great-grandchildren.

Left to right, first row of small children: Ralph, Claude, Myrtle, Grace; seated: Mr. Ende, Mrs. Ende, George; back row: Lattie, Roy, Viola, Florence, Melvin and Mabel.

Edward and Annie Ende

Edward Ende, age two, came from Oslo, Norway in 1866 with his parents, Nels and Anna Ende, and they homesteaded in Lincoln county. In 1893, Edward married Anne Cox, whose parents had moved to Worthing from Dyunville, Ia. Edward and Anna farmed in the Worthing area, leaving in 1908 to farm five miles northeast of Beresford. The Endes had 12 children: Viola, Florence, George, Melvin, Mabel, Roy (died at age 18), Charlotte, Grace, Claude, Myrtle, Ralph and Roy (who died in infancy).

Viola Nupen and her husband, Albert, farmed in Lincoln county, retiring to Beresford in 1965. Viola died that same year. Albert is a resident of Pioneer Memorial Home, Viborg.

Florence married John Carlson (see Andrew Carlson story).

George married Tillie Johnson and a Pleasant township farm was their home until they retired into Beresford in 1962. Their two children are Mavis and Dale. Mavis Austin and husband, Curtis, farm in Clay county and have three children: Chris, Missouri; Varol, Freeman; and Clair, Madison. Dale married Norma Engstrom and they are parents of Alan, Sheila, Sioux Falls; Wesley, Chancellor, married Lucille Fincher, and have a daughter, Missy; Barbara Anderson and her husband, Stanley, farm north of town and are the parents of Jennifer, Jared and Tim.

Melvin married Hannah Johnson and they farmed in Lincoln county. Their daughters are Ardis and Betty. Ardis and Gail Jensen farm in Pleasant township. They are the parents of Gail and Curtiss. Gail Snoozy (LeRoy) has two daughters, Connie and Cindy. Connie has a daughter, Melissa. Curtiss and his wife, Kathy Waag, have three children: Hillary, Jessica and Hannah Lee. Betty lives in California and has five children and four grandchildren.

Mabel Ende married Clarence Ronan. They made their home in Canton and had six children: Lois (Lee) Cornelison, deceased; Grace, Canton; Evelyn (Richard) Mascarello, Omaha, Nebr.; Beverly (Roy) Beuchner, Canton; Richard, Milwaukee, Wisc.; and Ann (Walt) Aasheim, Canton. There are 17 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren of Mabel and Clarence.

Charlotte and Oluf Brevik (deceased) were married and moved to Minnesota. They had nine children: Clifford (died at age two), Hewey, Minneapolis, Minn.; Clifford, Eagle Bend, Minn.; Carol (Craig) Zem Brunner, Seat-

tle, Wash.; Doris (Dwight) Johnson, Sea Brook, Tex.; Robert, Clearwater, Minn.; Charlotte (Joseph) Badalato, St. Louis, Mo.; Gene (died in infancy), and twins, Lois and Louis, both live in Maple Lake, Minn. Charlotte and Oluf had several grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Grace Ende married Elmer Johnson and farmed in Lincoln county. They retired and moved to Canton in 1959. Elmer died in 1973.

Claude Ende married Violet Nelson and farmed in Lincoln county. They had one daughter, Elaine, who married John Thomas and has two children, Kristi and Gene. They live at Rapid City. Violet died in 1974 and Claude in 1982.

Myrtle Ende married Clarence Busness and had a son, Kenneth. She then married Norman Heither and had a son, Dale, and lives in Sioux Falls.

Ralph Ende married Edith Millage. They farmed in Pleasant township, Lincoln county, and have a son, Donald, and a daughter, Helen, who married Revis Heiskell and live at Canton. They have three children: Reavis Jr., Vicki and Carmen. Reavis Jr. married Lori Gudelson and have a son, Reavis III; Vicki married William Peterson and have a son, Brendlyn; Carmen married Clair Gard and their children are Amy and Judy. They all live in Canton.

William and Augusta Engel

William Engel was born in Bromberg, Germany in 1852. When he was 21 years of age he came to Independence, Ia. In 1883 he was married to Augusta Lamprecht. In 1893 they moved to the farm in the Leeville community. They lived there until his death in 1925.

There were four daughters and three sons born to them. They were: Martha Rasmussen (August) who lived in the Leeville community until they retired and moved to Beresford where she died; Ida Dann (Earl) lived in Beresford her entire life; Gladys Nissen (James) lived in Beresford her entire married life. Vera Clay (Fred) lived in the Leeville community until 1956 when they moved to Beresford. Fred died in 1961 and Vera in 1962.

Louie Engel moved to the Waubay and Webster area where he and his wife farmed until retiring into Webster. Eitel Engel lived at Lansing, Mich.

Verne married Margaret Westling in 1925. Three children were born to them: Marilyn, William and Karen. Verne lived his entire life on the farm, retiring in 1960, but remaining on the farm until his death in 1982. Marilyn married William Hazel, Hudson, and a son, Darwin, was born to them. Bill and Darwin farm the Engel farm. Darwin married Carol Viet of Parker and have two sons, Chad and Todd.

William married Sandra Putman, Vermillion, and they had two daughters, Kelly Ann and Darcy Lyn. In 1972, William was killed in an auto accident near Fort Dodge, Ia.

Karen married Michael Liefgen of Beresford. They have one daughter, Debra, a college student.

Lef to right: Floyd, Mr. Engstrom, Luella, Mrs. Engstrom, and Viola.

Edwin and Emma Engstrom

Edwin (known as "Ed") Engstrom was born in 1873 in Gammelgarn parish, Mattsarve, Kattammarsvik, Gottland (an island in the Baltic Sea), Sweden. His parents were Niclas Petter and Anna Maria Engstrom. Ed immigrated at age 18 to the United States in 1891. He worked as a farmhand around Beresford for several years, one of whom he worked for was J. W. Reedy. He married Emma Johnson in 1899. She was the daughter of Gustaf and Louisa Johnson of Komstad, Clay county. Her parents had immigrated to the United States in

1868, from Frosunda parish, Stockholms Lan, Sweden.

The family lived on a farm five miles south of Beresford. Ed bought five shares at $5.00 each, in the A.B. and E. (Alsen, Beresford and Elk Point) Telephone Company, dated February 1, 1906.

Ed received his naturalization papers and became a citizen of the United States on March 13, 1912. Ed farmed his land with horses, later owning a Flower City tractor which he used with a threshing machine in the neighborhood, and also did road grading. At one time he was constable and hired to help police at times. Emma died in 1939 and Ed in 1955. They had six children, three of whom died in infancy. Those who grew to adulthood were:

Luella Evangeline Engstrom (1900-1974) was born at Hartford. She was married in 1923 to Virgil Hill (1893-1969) at Niantic, Ill., and had three children: Maurice Ray (1924), Eldon Keith (1926), Betty Lue, born in 1927 and lived only one week. After some years of farming near Beresford and at Wall, S.D., the family moved to California. Their two sons are both married and live in California. They are Maurice of Fontana and Eldon of Pomona.

Floyd Vilas Engstrom was born in 1902 at Hartford. He was married, but divorced, and died in 1928.

Viola Josephine Engstrom was born in 1904 and graduated in 1923 from the two-story frame school built in 1886 and used as Beresford High School at that time. In 1928 she married Paul David Ingberg (1901-1975), son of Joseph Ingberg and Ingrid Mathilda (Berg). Paul and Viola operated a gas station and grocery store five miles south of Beresford built in 1929. On March 1, 1947, a fire caused by an underground gasoline tank overflowing, burned their entire belongings. Neighbors and friends came to their aid in every way. Later a station was built across the road and operated for some years, then sold. In 1956, Paul and Viola bought a mobile home park in Canton and lived there until 1975. Paul died that year. Viola still resides in Canton. They had five children (see John Inberg story).

Oscar and Emma Engstrom

Oscar Lars Engstrom was born in Gammalgarn, Gotland, Sweden in 1851 and was the youngest child of a family of four. Oscar Engstrom came to America in 1874 at the age of 21.

Mrs. Engstrom (Emma Petterson) was also born in Gammalgarn, Gotland, Sweden in 1859, the seventh child in a family of nine children. She came to America in 1882.

As a young man of 21, Mr. Engstrom, together with a few friends, left his home in Sweden to come to the land of promise, America. They landed in New York, but Mr. Engstrom soon departed westward for the new frontier of the middle west. Arriving in Michigan, he found work in the lumber camps, and for five years toiled in the great lumbering industry for the wage of $16.00 per month.

Saving his money and feeling once more the urge to set face to the west, he came next to LeMars, Ia. where he purchased a farm. Grasshoppers and hard times dealt heavy blows to the pioneers. Mr. Engstrom sold part of his land.

With Mr. Engstrom were memories of a girl back in Sweden, so he wrote to Emma Petterson, asking her to come to America. This she did in 1882 and courageously followed the westward trail to LeMars, Ia. In the same year, Emma Petterson became Mrs. Engstrom.

The lure of new, unbroken lands called Mr. and Mrs. Engstrom once more, and in 1883 they came to Dakota Territory. They settled seven miles southwest of the present site of Beresford on what was then little more than the primeval prairie. That summer, construction of the railroad commenced and soon the chugging engines brought many newcomers to the sparsely settled country. It was here where they raised their six children.

They retired in 1914, moving into Beresford where they resided until the death of Mrs. Engstrom in 1942. Mr. Engstrom sold his home and resided with a son until his death in 1948.

Their six children were: Anna, Ella, Emil, Esther, John and Charley. Anna Engstrom was born in 1883 and married Axel Christ Peterson in 1903. They were the parents of Earl Peterson who married Ellen Westergaard in 1924, and a daughter, Verna, who married Richard Sundstrom and lives in Livermore, Calif. Verna and Richard have one daughter, Camilla, also in California. LuVern Peterson married Isabel Wimple in 1934, and are parents of one daughter, Beverly Jean, who live in California.

Ella Marie Engstrom was born in 1885 and married Hans Johnson in 1913. They were the parents of four children: Vera, Leona, Robert

Back: Emil, Esther, Ella, Anna; front: Charley, Mrs. Engstrom, Mr. Engstrom, John.

and Emma. Vera married Casper Voog in 1935, and are the parents of two children: JoAnn Voog who married Dennis Reinholt in 1957 and live in Costa Mesa, Calif. Their two children are Kathy Jean who married Richard Wagner in 1976. They have two children, Heather and Grant, and live in Barrington, Ill. Dale Reinholt married Christine Hunt in 1982 and lives in Irvine, Calif.; Ronald Voog married Louise Johnson in 1959 and lives in Burlington, Ia. They have three children: Duane, Andrea and Nancy. Leona Johnson married Kenneth Sandvall in 1938 and lives in Plainfield, Ill. They are the parents of two children: Pamela who is married to Jim Pickering and lives in Illinois. They have three boys: David, Mark and Matthew; Dale is married to Donna Pruitt and lives in Arlington, Tex. They have a daughter, Brittany. Robert Johnson married Lucille Metras in 1941 and lives in Randle, Wash. They have two sons: Donald married Kimberly Kerr and are the parents of three sons: Aaron, and twins Jeremy and Nickolas; Wayne married Judith Anderson in 1970 and are the parents of two sons, Darrell and Matthew. Emma Johnson married Gordon Larson in 1939 and they have four children: Karen, married to Robert Isakson, has four children: Dean, Lori, Wendy and Michael, and lives in Rapid City; Phyllis married Sheridan Sternquist in 1962 and have three children: Jeffrey, David and Jodi, all of Centerville; Gerald married Letty Copeland in 1979 and their children are Jennifer, Matthew and Mindy; Claire married Jerry Antonson in 1979 and are the parents of Bradley, Alisa, Jennifer and Michael. They live on a farm south of Beresford.

Emil Engstrom was born in 1887 and married Clara Corrigan in 1920. He was a twin of Esther. Emil and Clara were the parents of two children: Oscar Engstrom was born in 1921 and died in 1945; Norma Engstrom married Dale Ende in 1948 and has four children: Wesley Ende married Lucy Fincher in 1978; Barbara married Stanley Anderson in 1971 and have three children: Jennifer, Jared and Timothy; Alan and Sheila are employed in Sioux Falls.

Esther Engstrom was born in 1887 and was a twin of Emil. She married Hans Peterson in 1908 and he died in 1929. She then married William Nelson in 1930 and had a son in 1933 and died in 1947. Donald Peterson married Llynne

Franks in 1972 and lives in Nevada.

John Engstrom was born in 1891 and married Hilma Johnson in 1914. She died in 1918 during the flu epidemic. He married Tilda Helgeland in 1922. They were the parents of four children: LeRoy, Dorothy, John Jr. and Darlene. LeRoy Engstrom married Thelma Nelson in 1941 and their children are Lynn, LeRoy Jr. and Arlen. Lynn married Marvin Amarel and they have two children, Steven and Mark; LeRoy Jr. Engstrom married Bonnie Ward. Lynn and LeRoy Jr's. families all reside in California. Dorothy Engstrom married William Woznick in 1944 and they live in Alameda, Calif. They have three children: Sherill, Kim and Drake. John Engstrom Jr. married Sheila Jenkins in 1963 and are parents of Michael, Randal, Linda, Brock and Debra. Darlene Engstrom married Selmar Kolsrud and has four children: Larry, Gregory, Denise and Timothy.

Charley Engstrom was born in 1895 and married Malinda Swanson in 1934. They lived in Sioux City, Ia.

Andrew and Anna Erickson

Anna Stoen was born in 1890 and lived on her father's homestead except for a few months when she took a course in sewing at Vermillion. (See Ole Stoen story.) In 1910 she was wed to Andrew Erickson and they moved to Butte county where they lived on a homestead for 15 months. Because of the heat and drought there, they decided to move back to the Murphy homestead which they farmed with Andrew's brother, Ole. Ole lived with them for 38 years, then he moved to Alsen and lived with his brothers and sisters. Andrew lived on the farm until his death in 1969 and Anna continued living there with her son, Cameron and daughter, Mildred. When her health failed, Anna moved to Morningside Manor where she resided until her death in 1981.

The oldest son, Palmer, died in 1910 in Butte county. The other children are Mildred, Palma, Cameron, Rockley and LaVonne. Palma Isakson (Oscar) lived in California where her husband was stationed. In 1951 they came to Union county, and have since lived at Colton. Their children are Clayton, Patricia Schumacher, Cynthia (Dennis) Noehren and Marlin; and two grandchildren, Benjamin and Belinda Schumacher. Rockley served in the U.S. Army (1944-1946) and married Dorothy Carlson. They lived on the Carl Stoen homestead until 1982 when they moved to Beresford. They have three children: Tom, Curtis and Myrna. Tom and Curtis served in the U.S. Marine Corp during the Vietnam War. Tom married Lynda Larson and they have three children: Rebecca, Andrew and Joseph. Curtis married Judy Jacobson and they have two daughters, Sasha and Kester. They live on the home place now. Myrna (Bryan) Itterman live in Sioux City where she is a nurse. Cameron served in the U.S. Army during World War II, then farmed and lived on the Murphy place until 1982 when he and Mildred moved to the Carl Stoen homestead. LaVonne (Oscar) Anderson lives on a farm near Alcester. Both she and her sister, Palma, were rural school teachers for a number of years in Union county. The Andersons have two children, Denton and Debra, of Denver, Colo.

Andrew and Fredericka Erickson

Andrew and Fredricka Erickson

Andrew came from Sweden. He was a Civil War veteran and homesteaded in Glenwood township. His homestead patent is dated 1894.

Andrew married Fredericka Fors Hendrickson. She was a widow with two children, Henry and Hannah. Henry died when he was a young man and Hannah married Gotfried Edling from the Komstad community. The Edlings moved to Turlock, California.

The Elwood Gylfes now own and reside on this farm.

August and Edla Erickson

August Erickson was born in Persby, Varmland, Sweden in 1868 and came to the Komstad community, Dakota Territory, in January 1888 at the age of 20. He worked on the farm of his cousin Rev. Hammer. Later August worked in the Brooklyn community and there he met and married Edla Carlson.

Edla Carlson was born in 1879 at Normlasa, Ostergotland, Sweden, Edla came to the United States in 1888, stopping at a brother's place in Clarinda, Ia. There she worked in different towns before coming to South Dakota in 1895.

After their marriage, they started farming in the Komstad community. The year 1898 they purchased a farm three miles east of Beresford. In 1902 and 1949 tornadoes damaged the buildings on this farm. In 1932 they retired in a new home they built on land purchased in 1914. August served on the schoolboard for several years. They were members of Brooklyn Church.

August and Edla Carlson were the parents of six children: George (1899), Clarence (1902), Hazel (1905), Alice (1908), Edna (1911-1937) and Elvera (1913). All attended the Gothland school.

George helped his father on the farm. In 1921 he attended an auto and tractor school in Sioux City, IA. In 1924-25, he operated a tractor grading roads. In 1927 he worked in the harvest fields in Sask., Canada. Dorcas Norman, a high school teacher, and George were married in 1932 and operated the family farm until 1965. George and Dorcas had five children: Gwenneth, Ruth, Norman, Faye, (died in infancy), and Howard. The Harlan Nielsens (Gwenneth) had four children, one dying in infancy, Robert, who served in the Navy, Jack, and Joannie, married to Joe Lyle. They have two boys and a girl. Leon (Ruth) Hanson has one son, Gary, of Omaha, Nebr. Gary is married to Kathy Clay and has two children. Mr. and Mrs. Terry (Marian) Wetrosky have four children. Norman married Karen Hagen and they are the third generation to operate the family farm. Their children are Daniel and Sandra, both college students. Howard married Mary Johnson and has two sons, Ronald and Randy. Howard drives a Standard Oil truck and farms.

George served on the school board for 21 years, was director of Lincoln-Union REA for 32 years, and served on the board of the Union County Soil Conservation District for 34 years, sold Pioneer seed corn for 36 years. His wife, Dorcas, died May 10, 1969, and on September 3, 1970 he married Inez Larson.

Neither Clarence nor Hazel married. They are retired and living on a farm.

Mrs. Elmer Johnson (Alice), a former school teacher, now lives in Sioux Falls. Her son, Verlyn, is an auditor and an antique dealer. He and his wife have three children. Janice Hedeen has six children: Glen, John (married and has two children), Dick, Craig, LeAnn and Diane.

Edna Erickson, a school teacher, died at the age of 26.

Elvera Kinkner (Ray) has one daughter, Mrs. Ed Crozier (Caryl) living in Burnsville, Minn. and two granddaughters.

Peter and Ingeborg Erickson

Peter Erickson was born in 1834 in the village of Slatte Parish of Alsen, Jamtland, Sweden. He was first married to Ingeborg Persdotter, who was born in Kougsta, a hamlet of Alsen, Jamtland, Sweden (Ingeborg Persdotter was a sister to Rev. George Norbeck who had also left Sweden and settled near Vermillion, S.D. He married Anna Kongsvik, a sister of Mrs. Ole J. Lykken, Sr. of the Roseni community. The Norbecks were the parents of Peter Norbeck, South Dakota Governor and U.S. Senator.)

They had two sons, Erik (1862) and Peter (1864). Because of crop failure, those living in Jamtland were near famine and so had to mix ground bark from the trees and straw into rye

Back row of men: Ole, Andrew, Peter and Iver; middle row of women: Jonetta, Emma and Oleva; front row: Christ, Mr. Erickson, Mrs. Erickson and John.

meal to make bread. The Ericksons then decided to leave their native land and seek a new home in America.

They sailed on the ship, Franklin, in 1868, a trip that usually took six or eight weeks, but because of no winds they were becalmed and the trip took ten weeks. Each family carried its own food for the trip. Because of the length of the journey, there was a food shortage and many became ill, some died and were buried at sea.

The Franklin docked at Quebec, Canada, and from there the Ericksons traveled by rail to Wisconsin. Ingeborg had become weak and ill on the voyage because of the food shortage and died shortly after they arrived in Wisconsin.

Peter had to find a home with strangers for his two young sons while he worked on the railroad in Wisconsin. In 1870, Peter and his sons came to Dakota Territory and he filed claim on a homestead in Emmett township of Union county. They built a dugout which they shared with Mans, Peter's brother, who had also come over from Sweden. Mans later filed claim on a homestead south of Peter's, now the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Eldean Wevik. Mans died in 1879 and later Erik, Peter's oldest son, lived on the farm.

In 1873, Peter married Ingeborg Stoen, a daughter of Johan and Olava Stoen, who had come to the Roseni community from Trondheim, Norway. Their children were John (1874), Christian (1875) who died in infancy; Christian (1877), Jonethe "Nettie" (1879), Emma (1881), Andrew (1883), Iver (1890), Peter I. (1894), and Carol Alvin (1899) who died in infancy.

Descendants of Peter Erickson and his first wife, Ingeborg Persdotter, are:

Erik Erickson married Annie Offerson in 1891 and had four children: Ludwig, Ida, Paul and Alice. Ludwig married Esther Moberg. They had five children: Emerald, who married Phyllis Ullrickson; Mrs. Gus (Wilma) Byrne; Mrs. Hugh (Eunice) McFarland; Mrs. Carl (Fern) Bryne, and Orlin who married Joyce Saugstad, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Saugstad. Ida married Herman Pederson and lived in Irene, S.D. Their sons are Kenneth, Harlan and Virgil. Paul married Hilma Moberg and had a son, Palmer, who lives in Irene. Following Hilma's death, Paul married Olive Olson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ole Olson from the Roseni community. They had a son, Jerome, who lives in Alcester, S.D. Alice married David McLaughlin and lives in Oregon. They had two children, Janice and Danny.

Peter married Alice Olson and lived in

Aurora county near Plankinton, S.D. They had five children: Alfred, Isabel, Emma, Harris and Lenora. Many of their descendants live in the Plankinton area.

Descendants of Peter Erickson and his second wife, Ingeborg Stoen:

John married Tilda Iverson in 1908 and lived near Corsica, S.D. before moving to Boise, Idaho. They had three children: Lloyd, Lester and Robert.

Nettie, Emma, Iver, Christ and Ole: Emma and Nettie lived together with their parents for many years. Following the death of their parents, they moved to a farm in the Roseni community to keep house for their brothers, Iver and Christ. Later they moved to Alsen where they remained together for many years, along with another brother, Ole. They are now deceased.

Andrew married Anna Stoen and they farmed in the Roseni community. Their five children are Mildred, Palma, Cameron, Rockley and LaVonne. Cameron and Mildred reside in the Roseni community. Palma married Oscar Isakson and lives in Colton, S.D. They have four children: Clayton, Patricia, Cynthia and Merlyn. Rockley married Dorothy Carlson and has three children: Tom, Curtis and Myrna. Tom is married to Linda Larson. Their children are Rebecca, Andrew and Joseph. Curtis lives on the Andrew Erickson farm in the Roseni community. He is married to Judy Jacobson and they have two children, Sasha and Kester. Myrna is married to Byron Itterman and lives in Sioux City, Ia.

LaVonne married Oscar Anderson and they live near Alcester, S.D. They have two children, Denton and Debra.

Leva married Alvin Finstad, a butter maker at Alsen and Nora. They later operated a store at Big Springs, S.D. before moving to Wisconsin. They had two daughters, Eileen and Norma. Leva is presently living in LaCrosse, Wisc.

Peter I. married Harriet Hall of Irene, S.D. They farmed on the original Peter Erickson homestead in the Roseni community until moving to Beresford where they now reside. Their daughters are Dorothy, Phoebe, Avis and Lois. Dorothy is married to Kenneth Lechner and lives in Sioux City, Ia. They have two children, Gary and Barbara. Phoebe is married to Russell Jensen. They have one son, Dave, and live in Santa Monica, Calif. Avis is married to Don Wullstein. They have four children: Mark, Tom, Scott and Susan, and live in Littleton, Colo. Lois is married to Cameron Larson. They farm south of Beresford. Their children are Wayne, Renee, Harvey, Diane and Jane. Wayne is married to Cheryl Peterson. They live in Dell Rapids, S.D. and have three children. Renee is married to Roger Munce. They live in Sioux Falls and have a daughter. Harvey is married to Wendy Munson and lives in Beresford. They have two children, Kira and Joshua. Diane is married to Dennis Davidson and lives in Beresford. They have a son, Eric. Jane is a student at the University of South Dakota.

Peter Erickson Sr. had a sister, Ingeborg, who also came from Sweden, and was married to Sivert Stene. They lived in the Roseni community and had a daughter, Carrie. Ingeborg died at a young age in 1888. Carrie married Mike Hanson and farmed in the Roseni community. They had three children: Alice, Sylvia and Milton. Alice married Oscar Berg. They live in Alcester and have three children. Sylvia married Emil Berg and had a son. Sylvia and her brother, Milton, are both deceased.

Carl and Gjorgine Evjen

Carl Olson, born in Norway, March 21, 1865, immigrated to America in 1884, arriving at Port Detroit. After coming to America he took the name Carl Olson Evjen. Evjen was a name from Norway. He worked as a carpenter.

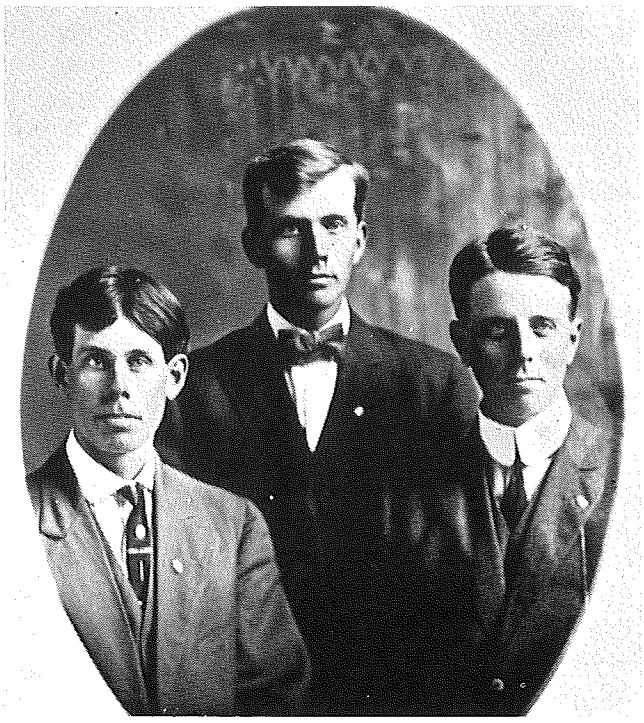
He married Gjorgine Helmine (Minnie) Christopherson in 1891. She was born in Union county, Dakota Territory, on May 3, 1872. Her parents were Daniel and Oleanna Christopherson. They had a son, Christ, who changed his name to Danielson. His children were: Harold, Dennis, Oscar, Esther, Lenold, Tina, Anna and Clifton. The Christophersons were among the members of Roseni Church that settled west of Brule Creek from 1869-1873. They lived 10 miles south of Beresford. Minnie was the first child baptized in the Roseni Lutheran congregation which had been organized in 1872. Meetings were held in the homes at that time.

Carl was a carpenter and a farmer. He built many homes and barns in the Beresford area. He was in charge of the building of the present Roseni church and the present parsonage. He cut all the window frames by hand from a mitre box. He was among the many who went west in 1912 under provisions of the act of Con-

Left to right: Ole, Mr. Evjen, Alfred, John, Mrs. Evjen and Vida; two little boys in front: Doralf and Carroll. Top insert: Marvin; bottom insert: Myrtle and Ethel.

gress of April 24, 1820, entitled "An act of making further provision for the sale of Public Lands". He bought 160 acres of land for $1.25 an acre at Acme. Conditions were not good for farming, so after a few years he and his family returned to the Beresford area. On the return trip they traveled by wagon and two mules to the nearest railroad station and then came back east. They lived at various places in the Roseni area. In 1906 they purchased two acres from Eric Erickson, located one mile west of Roseni Church; O'Connor place just west of Union County Park; the old J. B. Johnson place; on a farm one-half mile north of Nora (the present Gordon Peterson farm), and the Daniel Christopherson home (where Myron Shuck now lives), then later a house from the Christopherson place was moved to the south eighty, located 10 miles south of Beresford on old Hwy. 77 (the present home of Mrs. Denton James).

The Evjen children were: John, who married Anna Ronning, both deceased; Ole, Ovidia and Gladys, and Doralf, all deceased. Doralf married Alice Lykken. Alfred married Gelina Buum (deceased). He lives at Nancy Home, Yankton. His children are Berniece Medema of Sioux Falls, Clifford of Sioux Falls, Verlan Welsh of San Diego, Calif. and Arlene Smith of Westminster, Calif. Carrol married Ethel Hedeen (deceased). He lives at Good Samaritan Home, Centerville. He has a son, Sheldon, of South Sioux City, Nebr. Marvin married Ethelyn Simpson. They live in Alcester. Their children are Elaine of Venice, Calif. and Marvelyn Satter of Rosholt, S.D. Ethel married LuVern Gamberg. They live in Lebanon, Ore. Their children are: William and Richard of Redwood City, Calif.; Thomas of San Jose, Calif.; and Mary Delk of Salem, Ore. Myrtle married Elmer Hammer (deceased). She lives on a farm near Centerville. Their children are: Elmer Jr., Centerville; Mary Brown, Fargo, N.D.; Barbara Nachtigall, Sioux Falls.



Sons of Peter and Mary Fahlberg: Samuel, Joel and David.

Peter and Maria Fahlberg

Peter Fahlberg came to the Dakota Territory in the early 1880's, when he bought 160 acres of land in Lincoln County, sight unseen, on the recommendation of a friend. He later bought the 160 acres directly south of the home place for $22 an acre. Presently, Wesley Fahlberg lives on the north place and Deane Fahlberg lives on the south place.

After coming to Dakota, Peter married Maria Lundborg, and they had three sons; Samuel, Joel and David. Peter went to California with the intent of buying land and perhaps moving there but an event happened there that may have changed the course of Fahlberg history. Peter had purchased a new hat for $5.00, was wearing it while standing on a hill overlooking the city of Los Angeles, when a gust of wind blew the hat into a valley where he couldn't retrieve it. This angered him and he took the next train home.

The death of Peter Fahlberg in 1905 changed the family situation. His wife, Maria, took charge of the farming operation with her three young sons. They bought another quarter section, commonly known as the Riverside farm, in the Komstad community. David was living on this farm, planning on marriage to a Beresford girl, when under peculiar circumstances, he mysteriously disappeared. The community was stunned and J.W. Reedy, a landowner in the community, organized a search party but found no trace of David. About a year later, David contacted his family from North Dakota where he had met his future wife, Vera Wilson.

David Fahlberg married Vera Wilson and they had six children. David died in 1975 and Vera died in 1982.

Sam was 15 years old when his father died. He attended North Park College in Chicago and graduated at the age of 17. Joel graduated from the Aggie School in Brookings where he took an agriculture course, and David graduated from the University of Wisconsin with an engineering degree.

Sam married Matilda Fahlberg in 1917 and they had two sons; Robert, (1920), and Deane (1922). Robert married Violet Boe and they had three children, Nancy, Mark and Curtis. Robert's wife died and he later married Bernice Thompson, who had four children. Deane married Maye Holmes and they are farming on the home place. They have five children, Barbara, Frederick, Rebecca, Cindy and Laurie.

Besides farming, Sam was engaged in selling Pioneer Hybrid seed corn for 30 years. He was a charter member of the Lincoln County Farm Bureau and was on the County Board when the first County Agent in South Dakota was hired. Matilda Fahlberg died in 1962 and Sam died in 1970.

Joel Fahlberg married Ruth Swanstrom, a Swedish girl, after having returned from World War I and they farmed. They had four children; Wesley, who married Maurine Norman; Addison, married to Mary Labor; Betty Marie, married to Charles McIlveene; and Louise, who died at two years of age. Wesley and Maurine live on the north homeplace and they had four children; Jane Peter, John and Daphne, who died in infancy. Joel served on the school board, township and church boards. He died in 1981.

Sam was one of the first farmers in the state to use the McClean System of raising hogs. He and Joel owned the first mounted corn picker in the state and Joel was one of the pioneers in growing soy beans in the area.

Frank and Mary Farley

Mary was the youngest daughter of Peter and Mary Lass. Mrs. Lass died when Mary was 12 days old and Joe and Katie McGuire

took Mary to their home and cared for her until she was five years old. Her father Peter married Katherine Kennedy, Chatsworth, Ia. and Mary went to live with her father and his wife.

Frank was born in 1891. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Farley immigrated from Ireland.

Mary and Frank Farley were the parents of eight children: Ronald, Dale, Eileen, Gerald (died at age 5), Franklin, Kathleen, Coleen and Myrna.

Ron and Dorothy Moser have five children; Diane Curio (Mike), Omaha, NE; Kenneth is married and lives in Pocatello, Idaho; Karen Nunn (Mack), Austin, TX; Maureen Gallup, Pocatello, ID and Elaine Farley, Portland, OR. They have four grandchildren.

Dale (deceased 1978) and Marge Buthala Farley were parents of seven children. Their family is listed under the Mathias and Mary Buthala family.

Eileen married Wesley Arends and they live at Hawarden, IA. Their six children are Elizabeth Otten (John), Hawarden, IA; Jacquelyn Huigenga, Sioux Falls; Marlene Backer (Jack), Sioux Falls; Barbara Waterman, Hawarden, IA; Wesley Jr. married to Shirley Karish, Montrose, CO; and Gary Arends. The Arends have 14 grandchildren.

Franklin and his wife Shirley Christensen, Alcester have four children: Rhonda Beeler (Eldean Jr.); Steven, Garretson, SD; David and Sheryl Ann. Ambur Beeler is the only grandchild.

Kathleen Johnson, Hawarden, IA is the mother of Donna, Honolulu, Hawaii; Tim, Akron, IA; Julie, Fullerton, CA; Diane, Sioux City, IA; Janice, Vermillion and Mitch, Hawarden.

Coleen (deceased 1979) married David Walgenbach; Brookings. They were parents of four children: Madonna, Maureen, Michelle and David Jr.

Myrna Hass is the parent of two sons. They are Brian and Kevin.

Frank and Mary Farley farmed in the Beresford area. Frank died in 1963. Mary taught in rural schools for many years and is now living in town. (See Cooper, Farley, Lass, McGuire and Quinn stories).

Lawrence and Elizabeth Farley

Lawrence Farley arrived in the Beresford area in 1875, and proved up on a "Homestead" in 1883, in Section 22 of Prairie Township about three miles southeast of Beresford. The Farley family later acquired property in Sections 26, 27, and 23 in that sequence. His father Lawrence had previously filed on Section 10 in 1880.

Lawrence Farley married Elizabeth O'Conner in 1877, and to this union were born 11 children, of which 9 reached adulthood. James Farley married Mary Henle, Mary Farley was a single lady, Len Farley married Gertrude Merrigan, Charlotte Farley married Ben Neuroth, Ella Farley married Joe Neuroth, Alice Farley was a single lady, Phil Farley was a single man, Frank Farley married Mary Lass, and Julia Farley married Frank Guischer of Alexandria, So. Dak. From the original Lawrence Farley family there are 236 descendents, of which 25 live in the Beresford area.

Leonard and Gertrude Farley

Leonard (Len) Farley and Gertrude Merrigan were married in 1913 at Garryowen Church and moved to a farm in the Emmet Community. They became parents of five children. The youngest one died in 1950.

The oldest of the family, Delmar and his wife Marjorie (Orner) live in Bothell, WA. They have seven children, Jim, Mary Pat, Jerry, Kaylene, Jeannie, Candace and Cathy.

Lenore is married to Wayne Dennis and lives at Des Moines, IA. They have five children, Denny, Mike, Pat, Terri and Kathy.

Phyllis married David Sikkensen and lives in Eldon, IA. They have four children, Mary, Jim, Susan and Tom.

Earl married Lucille Gemmill of Irene, SD. Earl has been employed in Beresford for many years. They are the parents of nine children. Theresa, married Marvin Kingma, Hawarden, IA. They have two children, Derek and Melissa. Shellie married Ralph Delaney of Vermillion and have two children Joey and Miranda. Mary married Neal Barnes of Alcester, they have a son Jared. The unmarried children Gene, Linda, Andrea, Tim and Joanne are Vermillion University or Beresford High School students.

Len died in 1962 and Gertrude Farley, age 93, lives at the Bethesda Nursing home. She has 25 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren.

Top row: Lena, Fred, Ella, Anton; front row: James, Mr. Fedderson and Jane.

Detlev and Anna Fedderson

Detlev J. Feddersen was born August 19, 1844 at Tonder, Slesvig, Denmark. He immigrated to the United States in 1864 where he was employed for nearly four years by the Union-Pacific Railroad which was then building its Omaha to Ogden, Utah line. In 1867 he came to the Dakota Territory and filed a claim on the NW¼, Section 25 in Garfield Township, Clay county. He received a patent on this claim in 1872.

His home while living on this claim was a dug-out. This farm is still in the family and belongs to Mr. Feddersen's granddaughter, Mrs. Franklyn Peterson and family and is farmed by Roger Jensen.

Six or seven years later he moved across the line into Union County to take up a claim and the remainder of his life was spent on this farm. His son, James Fedderson and family made it their home also.

Mr. Fedderson was united in marriage to Anna Henricksen in 1875. She passed away in 1887 leaving him with six small children, all of whom he raised. The children all grew up in the Beresford area but later scattered out. They were Mrs. Lena Olson of Kimball, SD, Mrs. Jane Hegg of Huron, SD, Mrs. Ella Smith of Sioux City, IA, Fred Fedderson of Cresbard, SD, Anton (Tony) Fedderson of Los Angeles, CA, and James Fedderson. James Fedderson stayed on the home farm ten miles south of Beresford and was quite well known in the area as he served several terms in the State Legislature in Pierre. He served two terms in the House of Representatives and four terms in the Senate from Union County.

Four grandchildren of D.J. Fedderson still live in the Beresford vicinity. They are Kenneth Fedderson, Clayton Fedderson, Mrs. Marvin (Joyce) Sommervold and Mrs. Franklyn (Alta) Peterson. There are several other grandchildren living in various places and there are also many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

Two of his sons, Fred and Tony Fedderson, at one time operated the men's clothing store now owned by Leland Klostergaard.

Like other settlers of his day, D.J. Fedderson underwent all the hardships of pioneer life with the added burden of raising his family alone.

Andrew and Ingeborg Fillingsness

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Andrew Fillingsness (1881-1950) was born at Fyllingsness, near Bergen, Norway.

Ingeborg (Inga) Shaar (1883-1971) was born at Ytra Arna, Norway. In the spring of 1902, she came with a cousin to Creston, IL. The first place she worked was for the Gilbert Hustrulid family, parents of George and Bert Hustrulid.

In the fall of 1902 Andrew with his twin brother Berge immigrated to America also coming to Illinois to a brother who had come years before. Andrew worked as a hired hand for several years. In the spring of 1907 Andrew came to South Dakota because he had friends in Dakota. Later Inga left Illinois coming to South Dakota in 1907. Andrew and Inga were married in 1907. Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Hustrulid were their attendants. Andrew said many a time "The two dollars I spent for the marriage license is the best money I ever spent". For two years they worked as married farm hands. In the spring of 1909 they rented the McKellips farm, now owned by Merle Hanson, farmed by his son James and family.

His twin brother Berge and his bride in 1909 farmed one year with them, then went on their own. Andrew and Inga made a home for many a newcomer especially in the winter when work was short for farm laborers. They were parents of three children; Clarence who married Ida Anderson (deceased). Their children are Robert and Estelle Olson (Clarence). Clarence married Leona Jessen in 1956. Burdella married G. Edward Johnson. Their children are George, Linda and Berge. Stanley married Ihleen Rood. Their children are Geoffrey, Steven, Candace (deceased), Tami, Ross and Renee.

Andrew and Ingeborg are buried in the Beresford City Cemetery.

Edward and Julia Fitzgerald

Edward was born in 1846 in County Kerry, Ireland to parents John and Mary Harrington. He was an only child. His father died when he was a small child. In 1857 when he was eleven, he and his mother emigrated to the United States. They went to Joe Davis County, Illinois where his mother's brother lived. They later moved to Galena, Illinois where he grew to manhood. At the age of seventeen he began working on a farm. When he was twenty he started rafting on the Mississippi and Black Rivers, which he did for three years. He then worked in a sawmill on the Sininnawa River.

In 1870 he made his first trip to Dakota Territory driving cattle to Vermillion, South Dakota. He staked a claim on a homestead south of Beresford where he was to live the rest of his life. He went back to Galena for the harvest and in the fall he returned to Dakota traveling most of the way on foot. His first house was built of cottonwood boards (the only thing available) which warped like a bow. His first winter he lived in the cellar under his shanty.

Edward married Julia Jordan in 1872, daughter of Andrew and Catherine Goetz Jordan, who lived in Prairie Township. They lived on the homestead all their lives. Eleven children were born to them: Edward, Mary-Ann, James, Catherine, Margaret, Julia, William, Dennis, Delia, John and Helen. They also raised a foster child, Dan Fox.

In 1910 Edward was getting a load of hay on the lower Brule. As he was climbing on the load the team of mules started to run causing him to fall and the wagon ran over his body crushing his chest and killing him. His funeral at Emmet was attended by the largest gathering ever assembled on a like occasion, fully 200 teams being in the cortege. Julia remained on the farm until her death in 1918. The family belonged to St. Joseph parish,

Back row, left to right: Delia, Mary Ann, Helen, Margaret, Kathryn, Dennis, John; front: James, Mrs. Fitzgerald and William. Insert picture: Mr. Fitzgerald.

Emmet and all were baptized, confirmed and probably all married there. Edward and Julia were buried in the Emmet Cemetery.

Of the children, Edward died at the age of 21, MaryAnn married William Flanagan, James married Catherine Flanagan, Catherine married Tom Naughton. MaryAnn, James and Catherine all settled in the Dell Rapids, South Dakota area. Margaret married Victor Stoner and remained in the Beresford area and raised eight children. Anne married Clarence Foisey. She lives in Beresford. They had one son Clarence Jr. (deceased). He married June Dawson and they had three children, Judith, Kenneth and Carol. Rebecca married Leonard Hamerly. They had three children; Donald, Judy Lynn and Mary Kay. They lived in Lennox and Rebecca is deceased. Ned Stoner married Isabel Eide and their children are Peggy Ann, Clark and David. They lived in California. He is deceased. Marian devoted her life to caring for her older sister Edna who was an invalid and spent over 50 years confined to her bed. Lawrence Welk considered Edna his number one fan. Delia married Ed Towns and they lived in Sioux Falls. Their children are Kirk, Dianne, Margo, Sheila, William, Michael and Shannon. James Stoner married Ida Singer and they lived in Beresford. Gary married Jeanne Johnson of Minneapolis. Their children are Laura, Stephanie, Christian and Tiffinay. Patricia married Jerry Birgen. Their two sons are Michael and Chris. They farm south of Beresford. Nancy married Russel Johnson. Anne, Keith, Dustin and Tyler are their children. They live in Beresford. Mary Francis is married to Michael VanCamp and they have one daughter Shannan. They live at Rapid City, South Dakota. Julie Belle married Lauren Young in Beresford and then moved to California. Their children are Kathlyn, Ward, Mark, Bruce, Grant and Kevin.

Edward's daughter, Julia, married Joe Vittetoe and moved to Mitchell, South Dakota.

Edward's son, William, married Sarah O'Connell and had three children, Oliver, William and James. They also raised a neice, Jane O'Connell. Oliver married Viola Johnson. They have one son Gary and live in Topanga, California. James married June Burbrige and they had one daughter Gwen Lee. James died

in 1940. William married Opal Soldman. They reside in Beresford. They have three children, Bob, Rosanne and Dick. Bob married Janice Jones. They have one daughter Paige and they live in Raleigh, North Carolina. Rosanne married David Yost. They are parents of five sons, Chris, Andrew, Jesse, Matthew, and Daniel. They remained in Beresford. Dick married Lois Thissell. They live in Omaha, Nebraska and have one son Michael.

Edward's son Dennis married Anne Manning and they moved to Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Only surviving member of Edward's family is Delia. Delia married John McGill and had one son, Edmond, now deceased. Edmond married Delores O'Connor. Delores still lives in Beresford. They had ten children. Rosemary who married Joseph Mullin. Their children are Jennifer, Ryan, Patrick and Katie. They live in Atlantic, Iowa. Patricia married Larry Mechtenberg and lives in Tyler Minnesota. Mary Kay married David Bishop. They live in Fort Wayne, Indiana. Their children are Michael, Sarah and Stephanie. Frances married James Heeren. Their children are April, Heidi, Heather, Molly and Ted. They live in the Beresford area. Vincent is married to Sherri Orr. Kelly and Kara are their children and they live in Sioux City, Iowa. Michael married Pamela Lerseth. They have one daughter, Elise, and live in Beresford. Rita married George Vonracik. They live in Kuster, Minnesota. Thomas, Victor and William are not married. Victor lives in Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Thomas and William are at home.

Edward's son John married Theressa Gandrau and they made their home the original homestead. Theressa now lives in Beresford. They had 13 children. Edmond married Elizabeth Nordquist and they live in Beresford. Their children are Patricia, Mrs. Chuck Weaver of Killeen, Texas; Edward, Dallas, Texas, who has two children, Jill and Scott; Anne and Mary live in Sioux City, Iowa; Jim is in San Diego, California; Kathy and her husband, Bob Hilt, and their daughter Tia Lynn reside in Beresford and Dennis is at home. Mary married Gratton O'Connor. They reside in Sioux Falls and their children are Thomas, Janice, David, Susan, Robert, Mark and Michael. Helen, Mrs. Ernest Bridenstine lives in Denver, Colorado. Her children are Rita, Steven, Rosemary, Patrick, Sr., Sharen, Teresa of Jesus, Janet, Joel and Paula. Lucille married Bruce Schriever and live in Milton Freewater, Oregon. Their children are Bruce Jr., Robert, Cathy, Jane, Mary, Virginia, Barbara, Timothy, and Janet. Marcella lives in Sioux Falls. Leo lives in Mitchell and his children are Steven, Theressa, Linda and Laura. Mildred and her husband Carl Shea, and their boys Joe and Jeff live in Dallas, Texas. Veronica married Bill Muller and live in Beresford. Their children Jean and her husband Richard Geraets and daughters Kristin and Kelli reside in Sioux Falls, Larry married Debbie Truman and live in Beresford. Their children are Bardley, Jill and Kuke. Donna lives in Lincoln, Nebraska with her husband Rick Mertz. Randy and his wife Veda Rasmussen, and son, Nick, live in Beresford. Laura lives in Grape Vine, Texas. Violet married Willmar Thompson in Beresford and moved to Boring, Oregon. Their children are Rosemarie, Carla, Peggy, Patrick and Laura. Marjorie married Louie Wilson and Luke and Jon are their sons. They reside in Sioux Falls. John married Rose Marie Kingling. They have four children, John, Mike, Pam and Dallas. Jerry is married to Geraldine Birgen. Their children are Craig, Jessilyn and Ted. Gerald and family live on the original homestead of Edward. Delia died at birth.

The youngest of Edward's children was Helen who married John Adams. Their children are Audrey who married Ed Lotis who live in Anacortes, Washington with their four children, Mary Ann, Jim, Peggy and Bill. Bernadine is married to Alfred Van Hecke and they live in Naples, Florida with their daughter, Mary. Chuck married Gail Gannon. They live at Muscatine, Iowa. Their two sons are John and Rick. Susan married Roger Marcotte. Their three children are Ross, Ryan and Anne Marie and they reside in Vermillion. Thomas is in the Army. LaVonne married George Singer. They had eight children, Dick, Kathy, Helen, Georgia, Johnett (deceased), Bonnie, Connie (deceased) and Christi. George Singer is deceased. LaVonne is now married to Leonard Johnke and they live at McCook Lake. Maxine married Floyd Rhead. They had one son, Gary. Both Maxine and Floyd are deceased. Jack married Evelyn Johnson. They and their children live in the Beresford area. Their four children are: Doug married to Rita Lincblom. Their children are Matthew, Jill and Lucas. Dean married Patricia Moerke and has one son, Jeremie. Marsha married David Nelson. They have five children, Chad, Adam, Andrea, Ryan and Mary. Joe is still living at

home. Bill Adams is unmarried and lives in Asacortes, Washington. Leona married Ole Hansen and they had two children, Daniel and Pamela. Ole Hansen is deceased and Leona is now married to Gerald Friske. They live in Anacortes, Washington. Dennis married Lorraine Christoferson and they live in Anacortes, Washington. Their children are Larry and Cynthia. JoAnn is married to George Graham and live in Sioux Falls with their children Georgia, JoEllen, Nancy and Mark. Donna is married to Phil Poppel and they live in Bothel, Washington. They have five children Ronnie, Theresa, Marcia, Debra and Cheryl. Patrick married Arlene Whitman. They live in Fountain Valley, California. They have nine children John, Erin, Patrick, Emily, Peter, Angela, Dominic, Christina and Thomas.

August and Tillie Frieberg

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Five generations of the Frieberg family have resided in the Beresford community. Lars Gustafson Frieberg was born in Hinneryd parish, Smaland, Sweden and immigrated to the United States in 1868. He came to Clay County, Dakota Territory, in 1869 and filed a homestead claim in Garfield Township. He farmed in Clay County until his retirement when he moved to Beresford and lived with his eldest son, August, before entering Bethesda Home for the Aged where he resided many years until his death in 1925 at the age of 91.

August Frieberg was also born in Sweden in 1863 at Kronebergslan. He attended country schools, received a teaching certificate and taught school. In 1892 he graduated from the University of South Dakota with a degree of Bachelor of Science. In 1893 he was admitted to the bar association and opened his law practice in Beresford. He served as the first mayor of Beresford in 1898 when the town of Beresford was incorporated into a city. During his terms of office the waterworks and sewer systems were built. He was also city attorney for ten years.

August was president and a member of the Beresford school board for 15 years during which time the present high school building was constructed. He served two terms in the South Dakota state Senate (1903-1907) and from 1910 to 1925 as a member of the State Board of Regents. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, and the bar association, and served for several years as vice president of the the Security State Bank of Beresford.

August married Tillie Westling on New Year's, 1901, at Beresford. They had two sons, Roscoe and Arthur, both born in Beresford. August died in 1932 and Tillie died in 1955.

Roscoe and Arthur both attended the University of South Dakota. Roscoe obtained his law degree in 1925 and entered practice with his father, August, in Beresford. Arthur also received his law degree and entered practice in Beresford. In 1942 Arthur left Beresford for service in the FBI. He continued there until 1946 at which time he established a law practice in Benson, MN, where he presently resides in retirement.

Roscoe served as mayor of Beresford from 1936 to 1940. He also served as city attorney for about ten years. Like his father, he too was a member of the Masonic lodge and the bar association. He served as treasurer of the Beresford lodge for 27 years. In 1977 he was honored for fifty years of service to the legal profession. In 1976 he served as honorary parade marshall for the Beresford observance of the Bicentennial of the United States. Roscoe died in 1982.

Roscoe married Besse Bacon in 1933. Besse taught school in Beresford prior to their marriage, having come here from her home-

town of Randolph, NE, where she was born in 1903. She served for about twenty years as head librarian at the Beresford City Library and was responsible for the opening of the children's library in 1971. Besse died in 1973.

Roscoe and Besse had three children, Robert, Richard and Evelyn. All three attended the Beresford schools and graduated from the University of South Dakota. Evelyn married Gordon Harris in 1962 and presently lives on a farm near Plankinton, SD, with her husband and two children, David and Christine. Richard graduated from the law school at New York University. He died of leukemia in 1965 at the age of 28.

Robert received his law degree in 1961. After serving in the Army for two years in the Judge Advocate General's Corps, he returned to Beresford and entered law practice with his father. He has served for 14 years as city attorney and been active in several community organizations. He is past president of the Beresford Chamber of Commerce and Lions Club and past master of the Beresford Masonic Lodge. He served for 15 years as secretary of the Roger Price loan fund. He was president of the University of South Dakota Alumni Association from 1968-81, and is a member of the board and executive committee of the USD Foundation. He also has served in a number of capacities in the State Bar of South Dakota and as a adjunct professor at the USD School of Law. Robert was also deeply involved for many years in the struggle to maintain rail freight service for the Beresford community.

Robert married Evonne Hansen, daughter of Carroll and Irene Hansen of Beresford in 1957. She is the president of the 20th Century Study Club and served a three-year term on the Beresford School Board.

Robert and Evonne have three children. Susan graduated from USD in 1982; Charles attended USD for three years and is in the U.S. Navy; and Thomas is a student at USD.

The Frieberg families have all been active members in the Congregational Church.

John and Caroline Frick

John Malcolm Frick was born in 1847 at Svennerum Parish, Jonkapings Lan, Sweden. John Malcolm came to Clay county, Dakota Territory in 1871. The same year he filed a homestead claim in Glenwood Township.

He married Caroline S. Johnson (1851-1921) from Vena Parish, Kalmor, Sweden. Caroline came to America in the spring of 1874 and worked for a while in Oakland, NE with her brother and then in Omaha where she met her future husband. J.M. Frick borrowed a new lumber wagon and with his bride-to-be drove the horse drawn wagon to Vermillion, SD where they were married in 1878. They had eight children: Myrtle (1878-1883), twins Mina and Anna (1880-1883), Myrtie (1883-1944), Anna (1885-1885), Edith (1887-1961), Carl Phillip (1880-1947), and Joseph (1890-1955).

Myrtie married Carl Johnson (1879-1931). They farmed in Glenwood Township and had five sons. They were Orville, Glen, Vernon, Ralph of California and Herbert of Sioux Falls.

Edith married Joseph Johnson (1880-1961) and they were the parents of Rodney. He married Evelyn Stensether.

Carl Phillip married Helma Johnson. After training in England, he was sent to the front in World War I. After the war they lived on the Swan Johnson homestead.

Joseph married Nina Hedman (1892-1947). They had three children; Irving, Stanley, and Marilyn. Irving married Lila Lee and were parents of one daughter, Roxanne. She married Howard Cook and lives in Plainsville, MO and has one son, Brian. Irving's second marriage was to Arlene Jensen Walters. Arlene had married Carrol Walters in 1952. Mr. Walters was killed in a car accident. The Walters had one daughter Carol. She is married to Daniel Thissell. They have four children: Kerry, Kelly, Susanne and Timothy. Irving and Arlene have two children, Kathy and Steven. Kathy lives in California and married Ed Skoken and he has three children. Steven married Joleen Olberg and lives in Wisconsin.

Stanley married Margaret Peterson. They have three children: Kendal married Carol Bickett and have five children. They are Jon, Joseph (1970-1972), Brian, Jason, and Daniel. Keith married Margie Mankin and lives in Minnesota. Their children are Kristen, Scott and Erin. Stanley's daughter Patricia lives in Aberdeen.

Marilyn, the youngest child of Joseph and Nina Frick is a school teacher. She lives in California.

Edla, Violet and Ruby Gamberg, relatives of Lars Peter Gamberg, visit dugout made by Lars in 1871.

Lars Peter and Inga Gamberg

Lars Peter Gamberg, born in 1817 in Gnarp Parish, Halsingland, Sweden married Inga Frowald, also of Sweden. With their seven children, Karin, Peter, Louis, Inga, Andrew, John and Anna, the family immigrated to the United States in 1868. They first lived in Alamakee County, IA for three years before coming to Clay County, SD in 1871.

They homesteaded a quarter of land in Section 9, Glenwood Township. They obtained their patent for this land in 1884. The Gamberg family first lived in a dugout lined with home made clay bricks, later they built a frame house. In 1901 Mr. and Mrs. Gamberg moved to Sioux Falls. Their daughter Karin married a homesteader. (See Charles Hanson Story) and a son, Louis homesteaded nearby. (See Louis and Augusta Gamberg story).

Mr. and Mrs. Delmer Olson now own and reside on his homestead.

Louis And Augusta Gamberg

Louis, born in 1847, in Halsingland, Sweden, immigrated with his family to the United States in 1868. (see Lars Gamberg story). Augusta Fors, born in 1853, Halsingland, Sweden came with her parents in 1868 to New York and also lived in Lansing, IA. When Louis and Augusta married they homesteaded in Section 10, Clay County. They lived in a dugout and later built a frame house. They got supplies from Vermillion. Their children were Fred, Mary, Alexander, Willie, Emmanuel and Harry.

Louis and Augusta Gamberg

Fred married Mary Caldwell and he had a stepson, Russ.

Mary married Edward Johnson, an early Beresford merchant. His store was located where the new addition to the Frieberg Law Office is today. The Johnsons had two sons; Harold (deceased) and Edward, who lives in California.

Alexander married Edla Gamberg, daughter of pioneers, the August Soderstroms. (See August Soderstrom story). Their children were Roy (deceased) and Violet.

Willie died when a young man of 24 years.

Emmanuel married Bessie Reed, Sioux Falls. They had three sons, Victor E., Sioux Falls; Rollin, California; and Russell, Colorado.

Harry, the only one living of the Louis Gamberg family, married Olga Norin, daughter of pioneers, the John Norins. they had two sons, Robert (deceased) and Edward, who with his family lives at Severna Park, Maryland. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Gamberg, formerly of Sioux Falls now reside at Bethesda Home for Aged.

The Alexander Gamberg family lived on the homestead until 1942, then moved into Beresford. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Hult now own and reside on this farm.

Peter and Marie Gamberg

Peter Gamberg, son of Lars Peter and Inga Frowald Gamberg was born in Helsingland, Sweden in 1844. He came to America and homesteaded in Clay County, SD in 1872, living

there until moving to Beresford in 1911. He was married to Marie Johnson. They had four children: Charles, Amanda, Elon and Arthur. Peter died in 1922 and Marie in 1943.

Charles, born in 1883, married Etta Veborg. They had no children. Both are deceased.

Amanda (1884-1975) married Willard Lee Johnson. They had no children. Both homesteaded in western South Dakota and later built a home in Beresford. Willard had a gas station at the corner of 2nd St. and Hemlock.

Elon, born in 1887, married Ella Johnson. Both deceased. They farmed his father's homestead and then moved to Oregon. They had two sons. Harold married Eleanore Hanson and they had two children, James who is deceased, and Barbara (Mrs. Don Overholsor). James married Ethel Evjen and they had four children, William, Richard, Thomas and Mary (Mrs. Michael Delk). Both the Harold and LuVern Gambergs live in Lebonon, OR.

Arthur (1891-1974) married Emma Louisa Strommesen. They had one daughter Mary Ann, who married Keith Fittje. They have two children Andrea and Brian and live in Sioux Falls.

Back row: Marie, Peter Jr., Lillian; front: Alma, Mr. Gard and Mrs. Gard.

Peter and Hanora Gard

Peter Gard was born in Jackson County, IA in 1858, coming to Dakota Territory in 1882. He purchased a farm eight miles south of Beresford and began farming. Two years later in 1884, he married Hanora Flanagan. In 1904, Peter and Hanora moved into Beresford when he became a well driller. Peter died in 1931. Born to this union were seven children, Marie, Peter W., James, Lucinda, Lillian and the twins Alfred and Alma.

Marie married John Shanker in 1911. their four children are: Venice (Mrs. Harold Johnson), lived most of their life in Los Angeles, CA. Venice returned to Beresford in 1979 three years after her husband's death.

Leda (Mrs. Dan Manning) has eight children. They farmed in the Garryowen community for 38 years before moving into Beresford. Their children are: Phyllis, (Mrs. Bernard Brommer), St. Paul, MN, who has four children, Brad, Brent, Darcy and Deniese. James married Jacque Ryan and lives

on the farm in the Garryowen community. They have four children, Kate, Kelly, Ryan and Regan. Arlene married Ed Olson and they live north of Vermillion. Beverly (Mrs. John Kramer) and three children, Eric, Erin and Mark, live at Madison, WI. Ed married Dinah Newman and they have two children, Chris and Lynn, Omaha, NE. Sharyl married Richard Kessler and they have one son Troy, Winfield, IA; Richard lives in Philadelphia, PA; Janelle married Bill O'Keefe and lives in Cavalier, ND.

Donald married Gladys Vennard. They have three children. Linda married Richard DuBois. Dennis Married Cheryl Twork, Council Bluffs, IA; Rita, Sioux Falls.

Edward married Rosalie Abraham. Eight of their children are: David, Sioux City, IA; Jody (Mrs. Ron Fortune) Webster City, IA, who has two daughters, Jennifer and Mindy; Julie (Mrs. Steve McFarland) Blairsburg, IA, has a daughter Samantha; Rhonda (Mrs. Greg Lawrensen) Mitchell; Doug, Todd, Tim and Troy.

Peter W. Gard married Catherine Evans. They had three children, Carmel and the twins Patricia and Peter. Peter died at the age of 16. Carmel lives in Sioux Falls. Patricia married Mike Statem, Dell Rapids, and they have five children, Mark, Shawn, Chad, Ryan and Scott.

James and Lucinda died as infants. Lillian married Tom Maher.

Alfred and Alma were twins. Alfred died at 16 months. Alma taught school several years and moved to Des Moines, IA. and worked in the county clerk's office until she retired and moved to California. She married Cleve O. Crowningshield. She continued to live in California after her husband's death in 1935 until 1966 when she returned to Beresford.

Sterl and Margaret Gardner

The fifth child of James and Isabella Birnie, Margaret Stevenson Birnie, (1877-1974) was almost 10 when the family came to Beresford from Peterhead, Scotland. She attended school for two years and then went to work for the George Englers for 50 cents a week helping care for their daughters, now Mrs. Loretta Miele and the late Mrs. Louise Kelley and Mrs. Bill Henle. Margaret also worked for the Boyles and Reedys, at her sister's hotel in Hurley, and was a waitress at the Fitzgerald Hotel. There she met J. S. Gardner, Sr. whom she

Sterl and Margaret Gardner, grandparents of Sterl Gardner, John and Margaret Birnie.

married in June 1899. He was born in Jefferson County, New York, in 1872 and came with his parents to Sheldon, Ia. in 1877. He came to Beresford in the spring of 1899 to work in Billy Neuroth's Bar.

Sterl and Maggie had one son, John Sterling Gardner, Jr. (1902-1955). They operated the Lobby Cafe from 1906 until his death in 1922. With the help of her son, Maggie continued to operate the cafe, and from 1925-1954 ran Hotel Gardner (the old Fitzgerald Hotel, located where Dave's Mobil is now). From 1954 until her death in 1974, Maggie lived with her granddaughter, Marian Ryger, in Beresford.

Sterl and Maggie's son, J. S. Gardner, Jr., graduated from BHS in 1921 and married Ada Marian Woodward (1903-1955) in 1923. Sterl and Ada lived in Beresford until 1941 when they moved to Arlington, Nebr. There they lived until their deaths in 1955. They and the senior Gardners are buried in Beresford City cemetery.

Sterl and Ada had two children, John Sterling III who died in infancy, and Ada Marian. Both were born at 207 South 3rd Street where Jerry Voegeli now lives. Marian married Franz (Bud) Ryger, Jr. and they make their home in Beresford. For the past 16 years, Marian has been dean of Sioux Empire College in Hawarden. Bud and Marian have three children: Nancy (1948), a teacher in Montana; John (1956), a graduate student at USD; and Janet (1957), a scenic designer in Hollywood.

Finley Graham

Finley and Mary Graham

Finley Graham was born in 1848 in Ohio. At the age of 15 he served in the Civil War.

"Fin" accompanied his brothers, James and Jack, to Dakota Territory and each homesteaded northeast of where Beresford eventually was located. This was the same year (1872) that "Fin" returned to Ohio where he married Mary Coulter and his first two sons, Fred and Clare, were born.

In 1883, Fin returned to Dakota and bought the Lincoln county farm homestead by his brother, James. Three more sons were born to Fin and Mary Graham before South Dakota became a state. They were Willis, Roy and Myron. It is interesting to note that Myron was born just nine months after the blizzard of 1888. All three brothers farmed northeast of Beresford for many years. Willis moved to Wisconsin in the 1940's. His five children and their descendants live on the west coast.

Roy farmed the farmstead built by his father northeast of Beresford. This was his home for over 75 years. Roy's widow, Berta, continued to live on the farm with her sister, Esther Dahl, until Berta's 90th birthday in 1982 when she moved to Bethesda Home. Roy and Berta's two sons, Robert and Neil, live in California.

Myron homesteaded near Newell about 1910. He proved up his claim but later relinquished it for unpaid taxes. He worked in Colorado on the Denver and Rio Grande railroad for two years, then returned to farm northeast of Beresford. Shortly after Beresford's 75th anniversary in 1959, he took a trip alone in his car to North Dakota, the Black Hills and Wyoming. At Wamsutter, Wyoming he apparently made a wrong turn on a short cut to Colorado and got his car stuck on a sand dune in the Red Rock Desert. He tried to walk to the nearest highway but didn't make it. An extensive search at the time was fruitless. Eighteen years later his remains were found by a weekend camping family and were returned to Beresford for burial. Myron's widow, Jeanette, continues to live on the family farm.

Myron's children are George, Sioux Falls; Roger and Russell, and Janice Hanson, Alberta, Canada. George's children are Georgia Woolf, Nancy Zeeb and Mark Graham of Sioux Falls, and Jody Schipper of Trinidad, Colo. Roger's children are Lezlee Graham of Algona, Ia., Daniel and David Graham. Daniel has a daughter, April Sunshine.

Russell's two children are Evangel Barr and Sarah. Sarah married Scott Henderson and has a daughter, Bryana Lynn.

Janice Graham Hanson has three daughters, Kristi, Cindy and Karen, and a son, David, all of Alberta, Canada.

The Graham family originated in Scotland. Evidence of this lies in the family use of Scotch dialect words such as "stanchel" which, in English, is stanchion.

John and Marie Gruning

John and Marie (Aune) Grunning moved to America in 1892 from Trondheim, Norway. They arrived at Centerville with their one-year-old son, Torkel. After a few years the Grunnings homesteaded in southeastern Lincoln township about five miles from Romsdal Church. There they continued to raise their family with the births of Louis in 1896, Ella in 1898, and Joseph in 1901. The Grunnings expanded their land holdings in northeastern Eden township one mile north and one-half mile east of Trinity Lutheran Church. Louis operated this farm until his retirement in the mid-1970's. He and his wife (Gussie Cramer) now live in Canton.

Torkel Grunning served in the famous Hickory Division of the U.S. Army during World War I and was injured in France. He lived on the family homestead for many years until he

John and Marie Grunning

was hospitalized due to his war injuries and died in 1979.

Ella married Helmey Kittelson in 1922 and lived three-quarters of a mile west of the Grunning homestead. They had four children: Beverly, Desmond, John and Karol. Helmey died in 1942 and the family moved to an acreage close to Beresford and then to Sioux Falls. Ella continued her career in elementary education and taught Norwegian until her death in 1979.

Joseph farmed the homestead until his retirement in the late 1970's and now lives at Bethesda near Beresford.

Marie Grunning passed away in 1945 at the age of 83. John Grunning came to America with little or nothing and, through hard work, built a future for his family. He died in 1967 at the age of 99. John and Marie Grunning, Torkel and Ella, are buried in Romsdal cemetery.

Back: Amelia and Mary; front: Mr. Guenzel, George, Jr. and Mrs. Guenzel.

George and Mary Guenzel

George S. Guenzel was born in Poppenlauer, Bavaria, Germany in 1845, coming to America in 1873. He spent a short time in Wisconsin before coming to Canton where his uncle, Henry Manger, had a General Mercantile store.

He walked to Yankton to get his Naturalization papers so he could file on a homestead in Lincoln county, seven miles north of Beresford, now the Martin Frieberg farm. He had a tree claim, so carried trees on his back from Burbank to plant. A prairie fire destroyed these trees so his trip had to be repeated in order to

replace them.

In 1880 he married Mary Kleinmaier at Rock Island, Ill. and brought his bride out to the prairie homestead. They moved to Sioux Falls a few years later, but returned to Beresford in 1885 and started the first undertaking and furniture business. His first stock of coffins were kept in a building which was torn down to make room for Al's Market, now Chuck's Clover Farm.

In 1894 he built the building now occupied by the Senior Citizens Center and moved his undertaking and furniture business there. Another first in Beresford was the Guenzel rubber-tired hearse.

In 1913 he retired, selling his business to A. F. Lutt. In 1919, Mr. Lutt sold the furniture business back to the Guenzels who continued to run it under the direction of Mary and George Guenzel, Jr. until they sold it in 1930. Mr. Guenzel passed away in 1920.

He and his wife had three children: Amelia, born March 7, during the blizzard of 1881; Mary B. and George Jr. Amelia married George O'Reilly in 1901. She was the first woman in South Dakota to become a licensed undertaker.

Amelia and George O'Reilly had two daughters, Mary (Clifford) Corey who resides in Beresford, and Mildred who died in 1971. Mary and Clifford have three children: Mary (Gerald) Peterson, Sioux City, Ia., who has five children: Michael who married Carol Horseman, Dallas, and has two sons, Aaron and Sean; Robert who married Sue Martin, Polk City, Ia., and has one son, Nicolas; and Kathleen who married John Erickson, Lincoln, Nebr.; Timothy of Brookings and Thomas, Sioux City, Ia.

Robert married Corrine Weatherstone and lives at Canton. They have four children: Steven of Honolulu, Hawaii; Lisa of Lancaster, Pa.; Terese of Mankato, Minn. and Carolee, Canton. Barbara married Fred Hoffman, Grass Valley, Calif. They have two daughters, Heidi and Lina, at home.

George, Jr. had three children: George F. Guenzel of Carthage, Mo.; Jacqueline Wilson of Springfield, Mo. and Dr. Gregory Guenzel of Monroeville, Pa.

Back: Harley; front: Arlette, Mrs. Gylfe, Mr. Gylfe and Elwood.

Gust and Mabel Gylfe

Gust Gylfe (1892) came from Norberg, Sweden in 1913. He worked for Gust Erickson. Gust, a Swedish citizen, was drafted into the Army in WWI. His company went to battle but he could not go because he was a victim of the flu epidemic. Gust became a U.S. citizen in 1918 while in the Army.

Gust married Mabel Shogren (1900) (see

John Shogren story). Mabel and Gust have celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary and reside in the old John P. Olson place which they purchased. Mabel has lived in Clay county her entire lifetime.

The Gylfes had four children: Harley, Elwood, Arlette and a son dying in infancy.

Harley served as a fingerprint taker in WWII. In 1957 he married Trinidad Garcia and they have a son, Edward, and two daughters, Susan and Karen. Harley is retired from the FBI and now works for the Criminal Justice, Memphis, Tenn.

Elwood married Shirley Thoms, LeMars, Ia., in 1959 and they farm west of Beresford. They are parents of nine children: David who died in infancy; Helene, married to Steve Carlson, and has a daughter, Amy; Ronald, Darold, Reynold, Harland, Roland, Arlene and Jolene.

Arlette married Emil Kretschmer in 1952. They live at Sioux City. Arlette worked 25 years for Iowa Public Service. Emil has one married daughter and one son, Steven.

Back row, l to r: Irene, Harold, Ella; middle row, l to r: Stanley, Mrs. Hansen, Mr. Hansen, Judine; front row: Mabel, Josie and Myrtle.

John and Marie Hansen

In a sod house a couple miles south of Nora in 1886, a daughter was born to Jorgen and Anna Stene. They named her Marie. Marie grew up in the Nora community with her brothers and sisters. They were Sarah, John, Carrie, Olina, Emil, Sam, Julia, Clara, Anna, Emma, Johnny, Betsy, Edward, Otto and Marinus. Betsy lives in Colorado, Edward in Sioux City and Otto in Beresford.

John S. Hansen was born in 1877 at Ness L., Tronhjiem, Norway to parents Hans and Ingeborg Hansen. He was one of four children. In 1898, John immigrated to America. One brother, Cornelius Hansen, one sister, Inga (Mrs. Ben Buum) also came to America. He worked on farms and also as a well driller with Peter Norbeck.

In 1906, Marie Stene married John Hansen. They farmed in the Beresford community until 1942 when they moved to Beresford. John and Marie had a family of eight children. One summer they were quarantined for nine weeks

when some of the children had diptheria. The doctor would come to the farm every couple days and bring groceries to them. As the children grew up they attended Roseni church and remember walking to Luther League and Dorcas society. They would meet their neighbors along the way and they would all walk together. In the winter they would go by horse-drawn sleigh. Christmas to New Year's was a busy time. Each day was spent with friends and relatives at one home or the other.

Irene married Jennings Newbold and they farmed in the Vermillion area until Jennings died. Irene moved to Beresford several years ago. They have five children, 16 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Ella married Clarence Gunderson. They farmed in Nebraska until Clarence died. Ella moved back to the Beresford area. They have two daughters, eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Harold married Maggie Jensen and live in Oregon. Their three children and seven grandchildren also live in Oregon.

Josie married Herbie Strom. They farm the Strom home place south of Beresford. There are seven Strom children and 12 grandchildren.

Mabel married V. Paul Neary and lived in Vermillion several years but now reside in Milwaukee, Wisc. The Nearys have four children and nine grandchildren. One son died.

Myrtle married E. Kenneth Danielson (deceased). They farmed in the Beresford area for some years, then moved to Moline, Ill. The Danielsons have six children and 13 grandchildren.

Judine married Eva Sorenson and they live in Sioux City, Ia. They have five children and 10 grandchildren.

Stanley and Elaine Hansen live in Las Vegas, Nev. They have five children and nine grandchildren. One son was killed in a 727 plane crash in 1982.

John died in 1957. Marie has resided at Bethesda Home since August of 1982.

Charles and Karin Hanson

Karin Gamberg, daughter of Lars Peter Gamberg, was born in 1842 in Gnarp Parish, Halsingland, Sweden. She came to America with her family to America in 1868 (see Lars Gamberg story). She married John Valentine, a homesteader in Section 8, Glenwood township, who had received a patent in 1877. The Valentines had two children, Louis who moved to California, and Mary Rhoten.

Mr. Valentine died and Karin married Charles Hanson, a homesteader on the land adjacent to that of the Valentines. Charles was born in Myssjo Parish, Jamptland, Sweden, and came to Clay county in 1870.

The Hansons had four children: Henry, who was married to Jane Byler (deceased), and then to Margaret Davis; Josephine Hedeen (Joel); Georgina Hays and Clara. The Eldon Lunnings now live on this farm.

Maurice and Margaret Harrington

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Maurice Harrington, born in 1820, married Johanna Sullivan, both of County Cork, Ireland. Mr. and Mrs. Harrington came to this country in 1854 and lived at Rall River, Mass. In 1868 they moved to Dakota Territory, homesteading three miles east of Elk Point. Mr. Harrington died a year after coming to Dakota and was buried in the Jefferson cemetery. Mrs. Harrington held onto the farm and raised the family, acquired other property and won the confidence of the community for her business ability and integrity.

They were parents of 11 children. Four died in infancy. Their living children were Florence, Cornelius, Daniel, John and Morris, Mrs. Joseph (Mary) Smith and Mrs. Andrew (Johanna) Peterson.

Florence "Flurrie" Harrington was born May 15, 1851 in County Cork, Ireland and came to this country in 1854. In 1868 he and his family homesteaded in South Dakota near Elk Point. He married Katherine Quinn (1876-1976) in 1891, who was the daughter of James and Mary Quinn. Katherine lived to be 100 years of age. Her brothers and sisters were Daniel and Thomas Quinn, Hannah Fennessey and Mary Ann Quinn. Their farm was located 1¼ miles east and three miles south of Beresford. Mr. Harrington died in 1919 and Katherine remained on the farm with their four sons: Maurice, Thomas, Daniel and John.

Maurice James Harrington (1896-1971) married Margaret Agnes Lass (1894-1954), daughter of Peter James and Mary McGuire Lass of Beresford. Margaret's brothers were James and Thomas. Her sisters are Mary Farley, Charlotte Sigaty and Grace Sigaty. Maurice was a farmer and, in later years, a farm laborer. Margaret taught many years in country schools. Seven children were born to them. Dorothy, Kathleen and Dennis John all died in infancy. Their living children are Marian, Delmer, Joyce and Loreen.

Marian Harrington (1926) married Richard Kiepke in 1945. Richard served in the Army in WWII. They make their home in Sioux Falls. Three daughters born to them were Judy (1947), married to Richard Tulio who have three children: Richard, Tony Lee and Tami Lyn, twins; JoAnn (1950), the second daughter of the Kiepkes, lived only a few months; Jill Lyn (1952) married Robert Morman. They live in Dakota City, Nebr. and have a daughter, Mari Ann.

Delmar Joseph Harrington (1928) married Lenoy Odeen (deceased) and had a daughter, Laurel. Delmar lives in Norfolk, Nebr.

Loretta "Joyce" Harrington (1931) married Lloyd Peterson. Lloyd served in the Korean conflict in 1951-1953. He is employed by the City of Beresford. They have one daughter, Cynthia, who married Rick Orr. They have two children, Michael and Nicole. They make their home in Vermillion where Rick attends law school.

Margaret "Loreen" (1933) married VerDell Othus Andal in 1957. They have a daughter, Joni Marie, and live on a farm near Centerville. A foster son, Gary Lee Willms, son of the late Louie and Alyce (Andal) Willms, made his home with them for 9¼ years.

Thomas Daniel Harrington (1897-1979) was a WWII Army veteran. He lived at Laurel, Nebr. where he was a tractor mechanic. He was unmarried.

Daneil Cornelius Harrington (1900-1978) was unmarried and worked as a farm laborer.

John Joseph Harrington (1905) was married to Gen Olson (1913) of Clay county. They make their home in Dunsmiur, Calif. and had a son, John (1933-1963) who served in the Navy and was married to JoAnn Tousig in California. They had three children: Sharon Ellis, Thomas Harrington and Lynn Baker. There are also three great-grandchildren of John and Gen.

Andrew and Christine Hedin

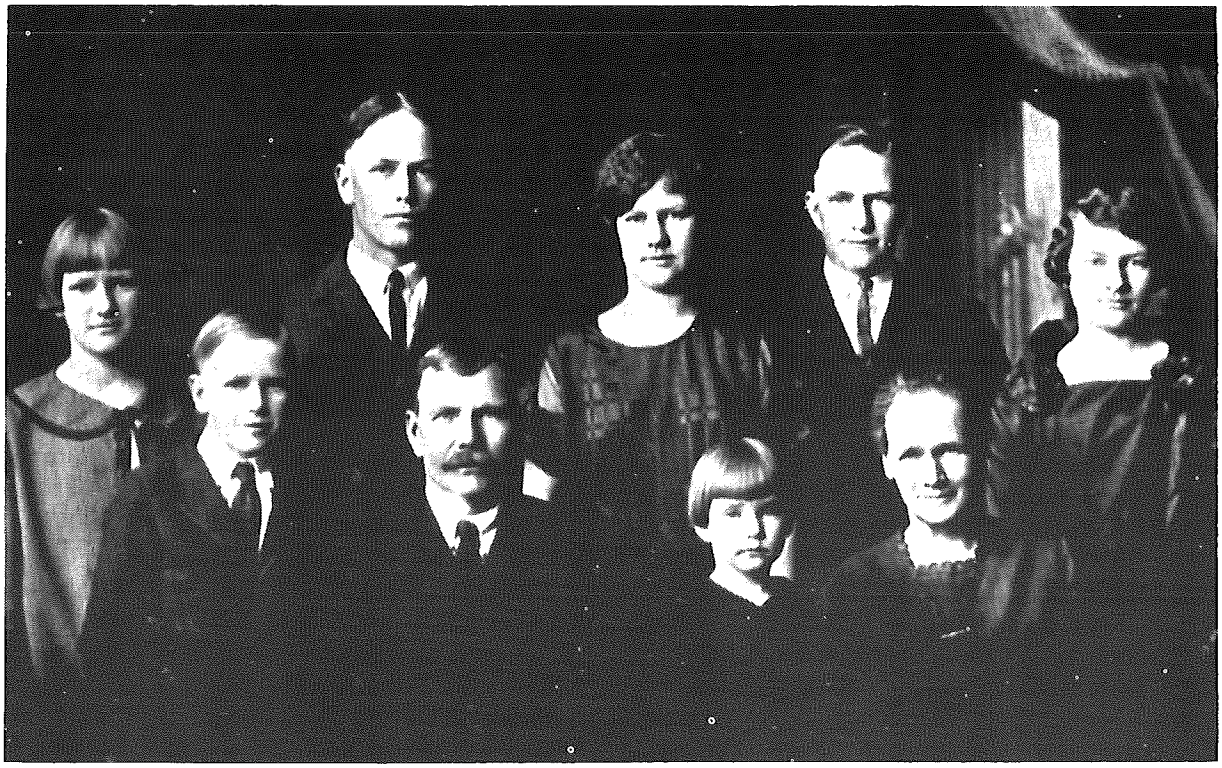
In 1870, Andrew A. Hedin emigrated with his parents to this country from Dalarna, Sweden. In January of 1886, Andrew married Christine Swedberg and, at that time, bought land in Garfield township from her parents. Three children were born to Andrew and Christine: Henry, Lilie and Melvia. Andrew's second marriage was to Erika Erickson who died in 1897. They had no children. Andrew married the third time to Bertha Danielson. They had seven children: Effie, Clifford, Florence, Leonard, Ethel, Earl and Lucile. The children changed their last name from Hedin to Hedeen.

Effie married Erick Lindblom. They had five children: Burdette, Betty, Helen, Norma, and one who died in infancy. Burdette and his wife, Marilyn, have five children and live in Vermillion. Betty married Neil Crance and lives with her family in Eugene, Ore. Helen (Mrs. Dick White) and her family also live in Eugene, Ore. Norman, her husband and children live in Alaska.

Clifford married Vivian Lundborg, lived at Portland, Ore. and had two sons, Loren and Keith.

Florence married Archie Vennard and has a daughter, Joyce. She married Don Myron of Marshall, Tex. and has three sons.

Leonard married Minnie Crane and they have five children: Roger, Darrel, Mavis, Leon and Marla. Roger and wife, Thomasine, live in Utah. Darrel married Elaine Hustrulid. They have five children: Dan, Sandra, Jeff, Tim and Debbie. Dan married Holly Keller and has a daughter, Lauren. Sandra married David VanBallegooyen of Alcester and has two boys,



Back row: Ethel, Clifford, Florence, Leonard, Effie; front: Earl, Mr. Hedin, Lucile and Mrs. Hedin.

Robbie and Ryan. Jeff married Patricia Hubert and has a son, James. Mavis married Dennis Webb, lives at Douglas, Nebr. and has two girls, Denise and Jody. Leon, who is operating the farm since Leonard and Minnie retired, married Shirley Hansen and they have two daughters, Cynthia and Crystalyn.

Ethel married Carol Evjen and have a son, Sheldon who, with his wife, Bernie, have two children living in South Sioux City, Nebr.

Earl married Opal Jones. They have three children: Dennis, Gary and Shirley. Dennis married Janice Johnson and has six children. Gary is married and lives in North Dakota. Shirley married Larry Jacobson and has a son, Scott.

Lucile married Don Crane, Eugene, Ore. and has two sons, Donald and Greg. Lucile is now married to Frank Young. Donald and his wife have three children. Greg and his wife have one child.

Fred and Lina Heinzman

Fred Heinzman, Sr. was born in Ernsback, Germany in 1885, was educated in German schools and apprenticed in a bolt factory. Wanting a better life, he and a friend immigrated to the United States and settled in Beresford in 1902.

He worked at many jobs in the village of Beresford; at the flour mill, electric plant and did electric wiring. Farming struck a desire and he worked for different farmers in the Beresford and Centerville areas; his last farm job was for J. W. Steadman. In 1906, Fred rented the present Heinzman farm, living on the farm now owned by Delmo Blumer. Mr. Heinzman broke the virgin sod, moved into a small cabin and built a mule barn on the Heinzman farm. He farmed with a team of mules and a driving horse. Fred supplemented his income by hauling water to the cisterns of city residents and ran a wheat and flour dray between Beresford and Akron, Ia.

In 1912, a childhood sweetheart, Lina Broesamle of Stuttgart, Germany married Fred at Chicago and came to live on the farm south of Beresford. On the prairie there were no trees and Lina had come from a big city and had worked in a department store. Fred, Jr. was born in 1913 and, in 1917, Walter was born. Fred, Sr. continued to farm but also did custom corn shelling and threshing when the first gas

tractors were sold on the market. Amidst the depression, Fred and Lina bought the farm, survived the dirty 30's and farmed into the late 50's. Mr. Heinzman was killed in a farm accident in 1962. Lina lived on the farm until her death in 1972. They were members of the United Church of Christ. The two sons, Fred, Jr. and Walter, both farmed southeast of Beresford and have seen many changes in the Beresford community. Both young and old folks have happy memories of sledding on "Heinzman Hill".

Walter and Esther Heinzman had four children. Two live in Beresford. Don works at Kelly Construction and Bill manages Fruen Elevator. The other son, Bob, lives in El Paso, Tex. Daughter, Carol Smith, lives at Alcester.

The 14 great-grandchildren of Fred and Lina are: Charmaine, Alfonso and Robert, El Paso, Tex.; Jan, Tammy, Kevin, Kenny and twins, Anne and Carl Smith, Alcester; Donald Jr., Dawn and Chrystal, Scott and Nichole.

Left to right: Lydia, Silas, Mr. Hendricksen, Albin, Mrs. Hendrickson and Nora.

Henry and Laura Hendricksen

Henry C. Hendricksen and Laura Hanson were married in 1899. Henry came from Denmark in 1887. Laura was from Iowa and came with her parents. Henry drove his horse and cart to farms, working as a carpenter for $1.25 a day. In 1900, Henry built a six-room house on one acre of what was then the Peter Hanson farm. The house was built for $600. The original plaster and woodwork is still in the house. Henry rented the farm, later purchasing some of it. All five of their children—Lydia, Edna, Silas, Nora and Albin—were born in this house.

Henry and Laura lived on a rented farm, but moved back to their home in 1925, living there until Henry's death in 1953. A daughter, Mrs. Alvin Larson (Edna) bought the acreage in 1955 and moved in with Laura, caring for her until she moved to Bethesda, dying at the age of 98 years. Their two daughters are Mrs. Wendell Arends (Darlene) and Mrs. Wesley Stverak (Norma Jean). Concerning the other children of Henry and Laura: two are deceased, Albin in 1968 and Silas in 1982; Nora Shoemaker lives in Maywood, Calif. and Lydia Ryming lives in Dixon, Mich. Alvin and Edna are still living on the farm.

Isaak and Martha Hendrickson

The Isaak Hendrickson family moved into the Beresford area in 1899. They lived on a farm four miles east and one and three-fourths miles north of Beresford. Isaak was born in 1853 in Nordre Sunde, Stavanger, Norway. He came to America as a young man (no recorded date). He met and married Martha Rommereim at Rochelle, Ill. where they lived for 13 years. She was born in Bergen, Norway in 1856 and came to America when she was 16 years old. They moved to a farm five and a half miles from Alcester before moving to the Beresford area. Isaak and Martha retired and moved into Beresford in 1918. Their children were Hannah, Bertha, Josephine, Ada, Henry and Jodmer. Four children died in childhood. Three of the children married Johnsons, who were also early settlers. Jodmer married Inga Johnson, Henry married Ida Johnson and Ada married Joseph Johnson. The Joseph Johnsons lived about a mile east of Beresford. They operated a dairy farm for many years. Jodmer is the only living family member. He now resides at the Bethesda Home in Beresford. He will be 89 years old in May. His wife, Inga, died in 1967. Both she and Jodmer were lifelong members of the Romsdal Church and both were confirmed by the Rev. J. A. Quello. Pastor Quello was instrumental in starting the Bethesda Home. Jodmer married Signe Bystrom in 1972. She lives in Beresford.

Jodmer and his family farmed the home place for many years. Jodmer, known as J. B., also sold Kirby vacuum cleaners. He lived there for over 40 years and was blessed with a talent for singing. Nurses at the Home say he is still singing, although his voice is now weak. He has one daughter, Mrs. Nels Thormodsgaard, of the Beresford area, and four children live in or near Seattle, Wash. They are Ione (Mrs. Terry Smith), Jewell and Donald Hendrickson and Jean (Mrs. Allen Wagnon).

Henry and Mary Henle

Mary Lass, second daughter of Regina and Peter Lass (see John Cooper story), married Henry Henle, son of Michael and Christine Henle. Mary and Henry were the parents of Caroline, Bernard, Mary Jane, John and Henry James. Mary died in 1900 at the age of 37. Henry then married Therese Hauer in 1906 and they moved to Hayes, South Dakota in 1907. Henry and Therese were the parents of one son, George. Mary, John and Henry James stayed with their older sister, Caroline, who was married to John O'Connell in 1906. John and Caroline were the parents of seven children: Henry, John, Mary, Ann, Joseph, Dorothy and Raymond. John died in 1954 and Caroline died in 1967.

Henry O'Connell and his wife, Adeline Neuroth, were married in 1936. They have four children: Carol married Frank Determan and they are the parents of two daughters, Kimberly and Kelly. Darrell married Janice Robb and they have two children, David and Jill, and live in Sioux Falls. Verle of Canton married Marlys Olson and they are the parents of Lisa and Jeffrey. Connie and Paul Knudsen are the parents of two sons, Chris and Kyle, and one daughter, Becky. The Knudsens live in Sioux Falls.

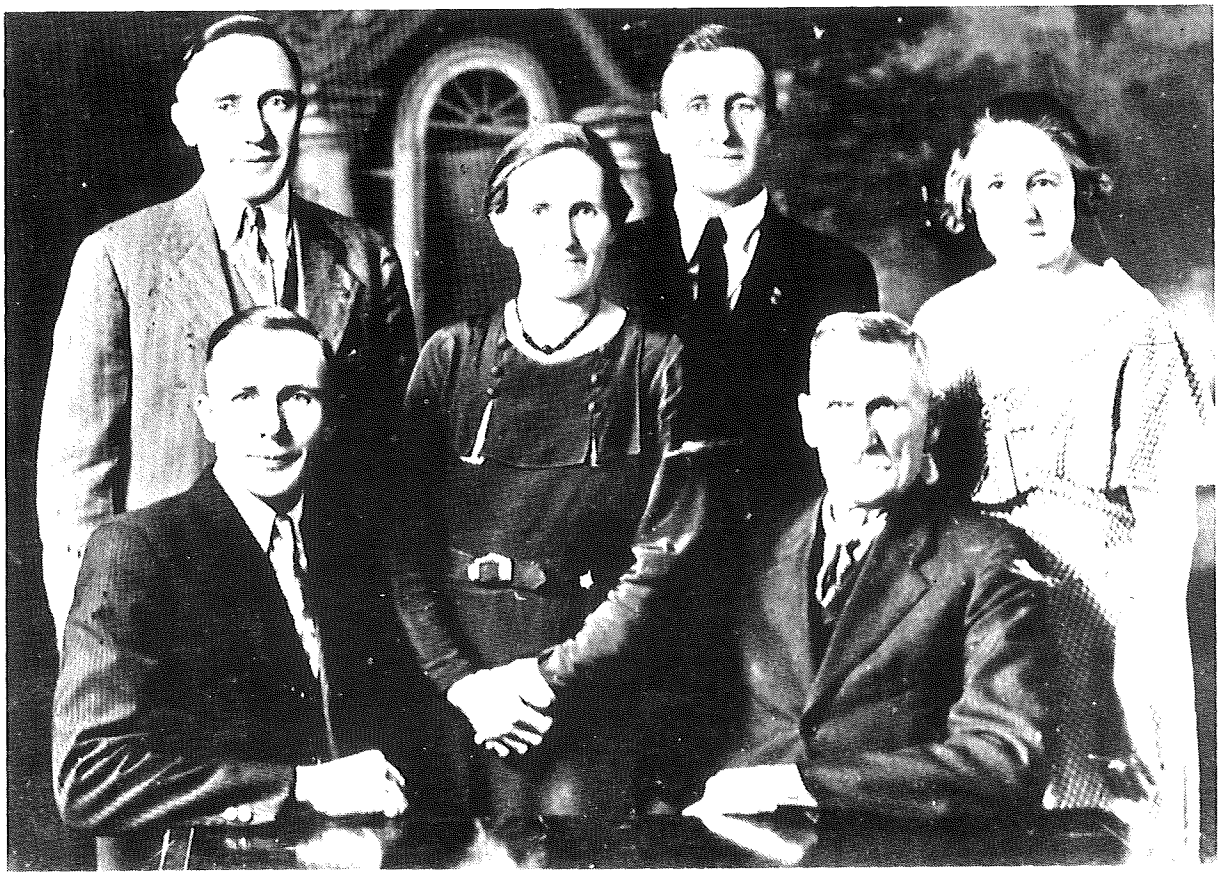
John O'Connell was born in 1909 and died in 1973. He spent his lifetime on the O'Connell farm in the Emmett community.

Mary O'Connell married Bernard Manning in 1933. Bernard died in 1983. They lived on a farm in the Burbank area and had four children: Donald married Karen Steckley and has two daughters, Kim and Michelle; Dennis married Sally Pritchett and they have three sons, Michael, Craig and Thad, and a daughter, Linda; Mary Anges Manning married Richard Mockler and they have four sons, Todd, Scott, Keith and Travis. Duane married Bonnie Lynch and they are the parents of Debra, Daniel and Jennifer.

Ann O'Connell and Leo Muhlenkort are the parents of four children: James, Cleo, Henry and Charles. James married Cindy Voegeli and they have two daughters, Nicole and Jacci. Cleo married Luther Alt and have four daughters: Nora, Loretta, Patricia and Karen. Nora died in 1980. The Alts live in Petersburg, W. Va. Henry resides near Beresford. Charles married Janet Volden and are the parents of Ann Marie. Leo died in 1983.

Joseph and his wife, Margaret, live in Wichita, Kans. They are the parents of four daughters.

Dorothy O'Connell married Leonard O'Connor in 1945. Leonard died in 1980. They were the parents of two children: Larry who is married to Ruth Messler and Marilyn who resides in



Back row, standing: John, Caroline, Bernard, Mary Jane; front row, seated: Henry and Mr. Henle.

Sioux Falls. Larry and Ruth are the parents of three children: Stacey, Sean and Erin Ruth.

Raymond O'Connell married Janet Weyen in 1952. Raymond died in 1981. They are the parents of five children: Phillip of Lubbock, Tex. who is married to Janice Richardson; Christi married Michael Gant and lives in Crescent, Ia.; Robert and wife, Barbara Lang, farm near Beresford; Carol and Steve Sommervold farm near Beresford and have a son, Matthew; Dennis resides in Lubbock, Tex.

Bernard Henle was born in 1889 and died in 1973. He was a lifelong resident of the Beresford community except for three years in Elk Point and eight years in Hot Springs.

Mary Jane Henle married James Farley in 1913. Mr. Farley died in 1959 and Mary Jane in 1978. Their daughters are Edna and Charlotte of Beresford and Mary of Yankton. They have a son, John, who married Shirley Bruinning. They have four children: Lawrence, Patricia, Mary Ann and Michael.

John Peter Henle was born in 1895 in the Emmett community and died in 1954. He farmed in the Emmett community.

Henry James Henle Married Ida Hongslo in 1928. Ida died in 1983. Henry drilled and repaired wells in the Beresford and surrounding areas from 1937 until he retired in the early 1980's. Henry and Ida were the parents of seven children: Mary Ellen, Lucille, Joan, Donald, Geraldine, LeRoy and William. Mary Ellen married Vernon Hustrulid and they were the parents of three children: Steven of Beresford; Douglas, Beresford, who married Rondi Lillestol of Mobridge; and Diane of Sioux Falls. Mary Ellen is owner of Mac's Cafe in Beresford. Vernon died in 1978. Lucille married Lyle Zimmerman of Willmar, Minn. and has two sons, Kevin of Willmar and Mike who is married to Pam Rasmussen and lives in St. Louis, Mo. Joan Henle married Dalton English and they have five children: Rick, Connie, John, David and Robbie. Rick married Kathy Peklo and have a son, Ryan. Connie married Brad Waldecker and John married Lori Hammond. They are all residents of Omaha, Nebr. Donald Henle married Donna Benson and have two daughters, Kimberly and Paige, and a son, Todd. Kimberly married Calvin Welbig. They

all live in Sioux Falls. Geraldine married Cherlan Coffman, owner of Coffman Electronics in Beresford. They have four children: Sheryl, Chuck, Greg and Sean. LeRoy Henle married Cheri Bertrand and they are the parents of Lori and James and are residents of Rock Rapids, Ia. William Henle married Kaye Hoffman and have three daughters: Krisanne, Jennifer and Lisa. They live in Sioux Falls.

George Henle was born in 1908. He married Gertrude Harrison and had a daughter, Mary Ellen (Mrs. Harold Kaiser). George married Gladys McIver and had three children: Dennis, Darrel and Sheryl. George died in 1978.

Alonzo and Keziah Hoard

Alonzo and Keziah (Small) Hoard came by covered wagon across Iowa in 1874 from Lone Rock, Richland County, Wisconsin, to settle in the Gothland community. He was 58 years old, she was 52. Their homestead had previously been filed by their two oldest sons, Orison and Addison, who settled in the Alcester community in 1871. Accompanying their parents were the remaining children: Edson, who died at a young age; John, George, Laura who married Reuben B. Harding of Alcester, Mary who married Arthur Disbrow of Alcester, and Effie who married Duane Deane of Gothland.

Alonzo and Keziah were married at Chase Mills, St. Lawrence County, New York in 1844 by a Methodist circuit rider. In 1855 they moved to Wisconsin. Alonzo was sixth in descent from Hezekiah Hoard of Sidmouth and Pynecomb, Devonshire of a minor gentry family and an original proprietor of Taunton, Plimouth Plantation (now Massachusetts). His grandfather, William Hoard of Chester, Vermont, had been an officer of the local militia during the Revolutionary War. Keziah's ancestors had been early colonists of Maine and New Hampshire. Alonzo died in 1891 and Keziah in 1904.

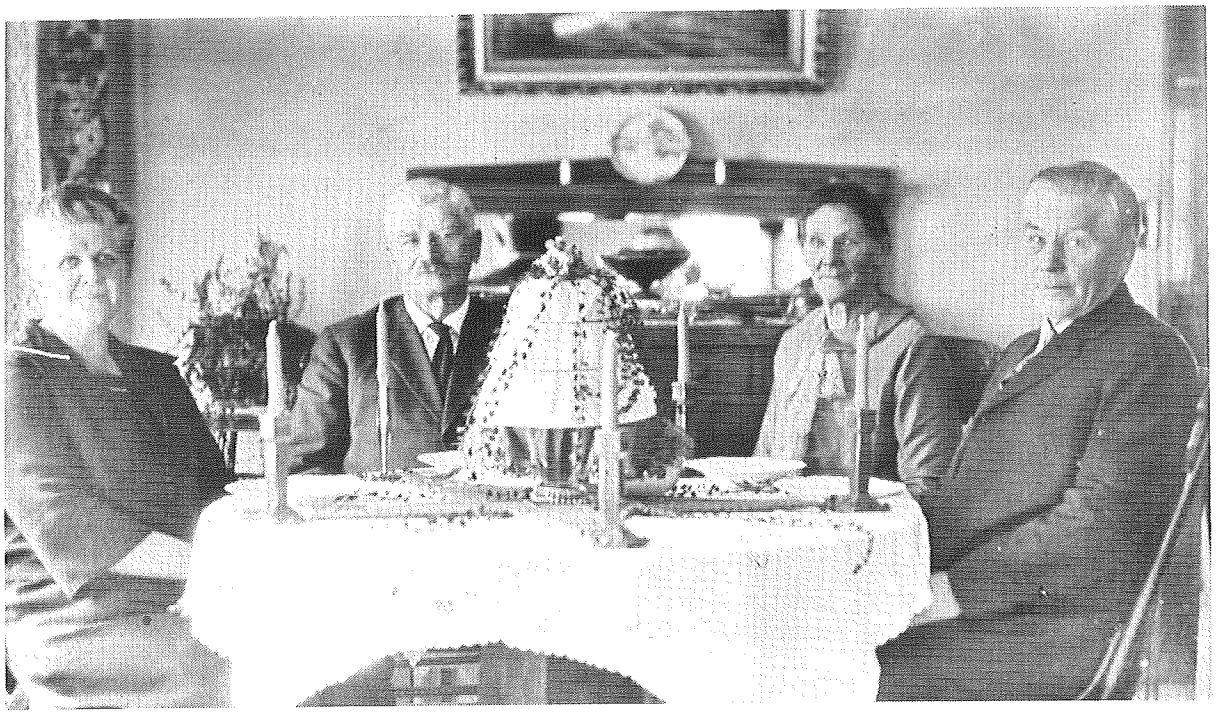
Their youngest son, George Jackson Hoard, moved from the farm in Gothland to Beresford in 1917 where he became a well known citizen until his death in 1949. He married Amelia Houser in 1883, whose parents had settled just east of Beresford in Lincoln county, in 1881. George and Amelia Hoard had three sons, now all deceased. They were: Guy Hoard who never married, but lived with his parents in Beresford; Jesse Hoard who married Jessie Cornish and farmed in the Gothland community; and Thomas Hoard, Sr., a doctor of Osteopathy who practiced in Alcester and Beresford from 1924 until his death in 1949. His wife was Sarah Lyon of Marshall and Centralia, Mo.

John and Maria Holmes

John Holmes was born in Ostergotland, Sweden in 1830, and his wife, Maria, was born in 1817 in the same town. John and his wife and their three children, Hilda, Oscar and August, left Sweden in the spring of 1867, first coming to Illinois and then moving to Red Oak, Ia. where they ran a boarding house. In 1872 they sold it and came to Clay county where John Holmes filed on the SE¼, Sec. 2, Glenwood Township and homesteaded, remaining there until his death in 1902. His wife, Maria, died in 1909.

The eldest child, Hilda, was born in 1854. She married John Hurd, whom she met while he was living at her parents' boarding house, and they moved to Ottumwa, Ia. She died in 1930 and he in 1931. They had three children: William, Ernest and Lillian. William (1879) was married to Emma Miller and they had three children: John, Stanley and Richard. Ernest (1881) married Ella Bretschneider and they lived in Iowa. They had two children, Hilda and Dorothy. The third child of John and Hilda was Lillian, born in 1884, and married to Rev. William Dahl, Sweden, and later moved to Nebraska where he is said to have helped establish the Home for the Aged in Axtell. They had two children, Samuel and Marion.

Oscar Holmes was born in Sweden in 1857. He homesteaded in Lincoln county, Brooklyn township, across the line from his father in Glenwood township. In 1875 he married Anna Olson, daughter of Pol-Anderson Olson in Garfield township, Clay county. She was born in 1860 in Rattvik, Dalarna, Sweden and came with her parents to the Dakotas in 1870. Besides farming, Oscar was a lay preacher. He was one of the men responsible for the incorporation of the Brooklyn Evangelical Free church and was a charter member. Anna Holmes died in 1932 and Oscar in 1939. They had no children. Upon his death, he willed 80 acres of his farmland to the Brooklyn church and it remains church property.



Left to right: August and Hannah Holmes, Oscar and Anna Holmes.

August Holmes was born in 1860 in Sweden and was married in 1882 to Hannah Nylen, born in 1866, in Dalarna, Sweden. Her parents were John Nylens, early homesteaders in Clay county. August and Hannah had five children and lived on the old John Holmes farmstead. Their children were Melvie, Edward, Oliver, Minnie and Edna. Melvie, born in 1883, was married to Emil Danielson and they had two children, Avis and Luvern. After Mr. Danielson's death, Melvie married Nyss Dyvad, and two sons, Truman and Delbert, were born to them. Melvie and Nyss are both deceased as is one of their sons, Luvern. The remaining family members live on the west coast. Two of the children of August and Hannah Holmes died in their youth. Edward "Eddie" Holmes was born in 1886 and died in 1909. Minnie Holmes was born in 1893 and died in 1911. Oliver was born in 1891 at Haxton, Colo. and was married in 1922 to Freda Swanstrom, born in 1888 at Ljungby, Sweden. Oliver died in 1964, and Freda lives in Beresford. They had four children: Eva (Mrs. Harold Rieger), born in 1916, now living in Albuquerque, N.M.; Berniece (Mrs. Harold Peterson), born in 1924, resides in Turlock, Calif., along with their children, Harold and Candice (Mrs. Ron Caviglia); Maye (Mrs. Dean Fahlberg) lives on a farm outside of Beresford. She was born in 1926 and has five children; Barbara (Mrs. Wade McGehee) lives in Minneapolis and has a son, Michael; Frederick is married to Debra Hanson; Rebecca and Cynthia are both living in Minneapolis and Laurie at Luverne, Minn. Oliver and Freda's son, Wendell, born in 1929, married Betty Wevik and lives in Lincoln, Nebr. They have a son, John.

The only surviving member of the August Holmes children is Edna who was born in 1899. She married Sam Fliflet in 1901 and they reside in Turlock, Calif. They have four children: Dottie Rae and Carol live in California, Merle lives in Oklahoma and Gloria resides in Alaska.

Andrew and Martha Houser

Andrew Houser was born at Smithfield, Monroe County, Pennsylvania in 1931 near the famous Delaware River Water Gap. He was baptized in the Hamilton Square Church, now a national historic monument, where many of his ancestors are buried. He was the fifth generation of Palatinite Swiss-German settlers known as Pennsylvania Dutch. His family first settled at the Wind Gap on the Delaware River in Northampton County where they became officers in the early Reformed Lutheran Church and Indian fighters during the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars.

Andrew married Martha Ann Durland in

1860. Her parents, Samuel C. and Catherine (Manning) Durland, had settled in nearby Lucerne County from New York State in 1841. The Durland (originally Dorlandt) family were of Dutch descent, being early settlers at Brooklyn, New York; Oyster Bay, Long Island and Orange County, New York. They settled at Goshen and later at Minisink, New York and suffered heavily from Indian warfare during the Revolution.

About 1866, Andrew, with his in-laws, moved to Fon du Lac County, Wisc. and in 1881 settled on a farm just east of Beresford, in Lincoln county. He was a farmer and carpenter by trade, building many of the earliest barns in the Gothland community. Many carpenters used wooden pegs instead of nails in their construction. Both he and his wife died in Beresford, he in 1925 and she in 1912. Both are buried in the Gothland cemetery as is her mother, Catherine Durland.

Andrew and Martha Ann Houser had four daughters: Jessie F. died in her youth; Amelia married George Jackson Hoard of Beresford; her identical twin sister, Adelia, married John Jackson Graham of Beresford; the youngest daughter, Joannah, was killed by lightning in 1881 at age 15 while in her bed.

Edwin and Amanda Hufsmith

Edwin Hufsmith was born in 1852 at North Hampton, Pennsylvania. The family moved to Delaware County, Ia. and, as a young man of 21, he came to Dakota Territory. His daughter, Fannie, wrote about this trip in a journal she kept: "The brother wrote to him to come and file on a homestead. He decided that would be a good idea. His brother had told him to come as far as possible on the train which, at that time, was in Sioux City, and he would meet him there. That was in the fall of 1873; he had written to his brother when to meet him. His brother received the letter and the right date, so he hitched his team to the wagon and started to Sioux City.

"When the train stopped there were only one man and an old woman to get off the train. Uncle Will had not seen his brother for several years and did not realize he had changed in looks so much. This man who got off the train was a very nice-looking young man with a mustache and carried a new suitcase, or satchel, as it was called at that time. So his brother went to where his team was. Hitched them up and went back to Lincoln county. That left father a long way from home and alone, but he did not give up. He started to walk to South Dakota. At night he would take his shoes, and point them toward Canton so he would know what direction to start walking. There were no roads then, only trails. He stopped at a place between Elk Point and Jefferson called the halfway house, got a lunch, and asked the way to Canton. When told how to get there he started to walk again. Had not gone far before he came to a pond or lake, took off his shoes and socks, waded through rather than go around. Stayed all night in Canton, got his papers for his homestead."

The farms he and his brother homesteaded were in an unnamed township. The Hufsmiths named it Delaware after the township in Iowa where they had lived.

Edwin Hufsmith married Amanda Ells. The Ells came to Delaware township, Lincoln county, Dakota Territory, from Catskill, New York, in 1872. Edwin and Amanda were married in 1876 in a sodhouse on her parents' homestead and lived on that farm 40 years, retiring to Worthing. Ed Hufsmith built the first plastered house in Delaware township and it still stands on the farm. A tree they received as a gift on their 45th wedding anniversary still grows on the farm. The family got their mail from the Lincoln Post Office located where the Center School now stands. The Ed Hufsmith homestead is still in the family.

During the early days they experienced grasshoppers which came in clouds and ate everything. Pitchfork handles would be chewed up. Shoes could not be left out because the hoppers would eat all but the rubber heel. The homesteaders hauled their grain with oxen pulling the wagons. The grain markets were at Yankton and Vermillion or at LeMars or Sioux City, Ia. The trip would take two or more days. Mrs. Ralph Lounsbery relates, "I can remember Grandpa telling one winter they burned prairie grass tied in knots and cow chips because there were no cobs or wood."

The Hufsmiths were grandparents of Mrs. Robert Johnson, California; Mrs. Ralph Lounsbery, Mrs. Fern Johnke and G. Edward Johnson.

Great-grandchildren of the Hufsmiths are: Alice Johnke Keipke, Chicago, Ill.; Henry Johnke, Lake Andes; Kennard Johnke, Centerville; Nancy Johnke, California; Beverly Lounsbery Weeg, New Castle, Wyo.; Ellen Lounsbery Eberle, Centerville; Betty Lounsbery Andal, Sioux Falls; Dennis Lounsbery; Linda

Johnson Heeren, Springfield; Berge, Sioux Falls; George, Seattle, Wash.; Candice Johnson, Fresno, Calif., and Steven Johnson, Rochester, Minn. Candice and Steven are children of the Robert Johnsons. There are 26 great-great-grandchildren and seven great-great-great-grandchildren.

Back row: Walter, Muriel; front row: Mr. Hult, Melvin, Ernest and Mrs. Hult.

Carl and Mathilda Hult

Carl Bring was born in Ostergotland, Sweden to Frederick and Magdalina Andressdotter Bring. Carl married Mathilda Ahlstad about 1865 in Sweden and came to America in 1868. His wife came over a year later. They stopped in Rock Island, Ill., Keokuk, Ia., Sioux City, Ia. and then homesteaded in Clay county. They had three children: Frank Hult was born in Iowa, Ernest and Richard Hult were born in Clay county. Carl Hult died in 1896 and Mathilda died in 1927.

Ernest Hult married Christine Leaf of Centerville in 1895. They farmed in Lincoln county until 1905 and then moved to Clay county where they lived until their deaths. Christine died in 1942 and Ernest in 1949. They had four children: Walter, Myrtle, Carl and Melvin.

Walter was married and had two children, Geraldine and Milford. Geraldine married Willie Hoefts and Richard and Walter were their two children. Milford married Laura Gruntman and resides in Centerville. Their four children were Eugene, James, Norman and Elizabeth.

Myrtle married Clarence Westlund in 1921. They lived in Sioux City, Ia. until moving to Marietta, Ga. They had a daughter, Fern, who married George Garrett, Jr. and they had two children, Rebecca and George.

Carl married Inez Nelson of Beresford in 1931 and farmed in Clay county until Carl's death in 1967. Inez now resides in Beresford. They had a family of five children: Beverly, Leland, Ronald, Denwood and Marla.

Beverly married Clifford Evjen of Beresford in 1948. They lived in Beresford and then moved to Sioux Falls. There are four children in their family. Gary married Margaret Shirber and they live in Aberdeen. Jessica and Lucus are their two children. Julie married Louis Parrin and they live in Sioux Falls with their two children, Renia and Zachary. Trudy

married Don McCoy and they live in Sioux Falls. Their two children are Paige and Justin. Steven works in New Mexico.

Leland married Marilyn Alendal of Viborg in 1958. Their home is in Sioux Falls where she teaches and he is a salesman.

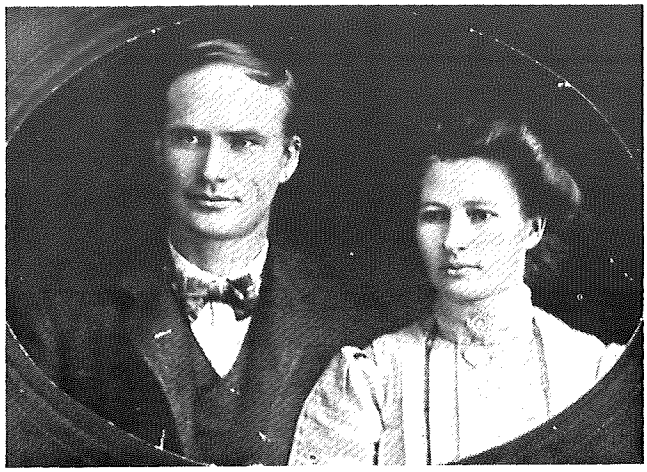
Ronald marrried Maureen Kraakmo of Alcester in 1958. They farmed in Clay county and later moved to Sioux Falls. They have three children: Karen, Kathryn and Lynette.

Denwood married Isabel Tunstall of Flushing, N.Y. in 1976. He also works for the Burlington Railroad.

Marla married Garland Adrian of Belgrade, Minn. in 1977. They live on a farm near Belgrade. Their two children are Grant and Reed.

Melvin Hult married Genevieve Eisely in 1931. They reside and farm on the Ernest Hult home place. Their daughter, Janice, married Ray Schultz of Sioux Falls and they live in Noonan, N.D. Vaughn, Shelly and Aaron are their children. Vaughn married Iris Johnson and, with their three children, Mindy , Shandy and Aaron, live in California. Shelly married Kevin Furderer and they live in Linton, N.D. They have a son, Paul.

Richard and Goldie Hult



Richard and Goldie Hult

Richard Hult was born in 1875, Clay county, Dakota Territory. Richard's parents were Carl (1845-1896) and Magdalena Bring Hult (1839-1927). The Hults, of Ostergotland, Sweden, had come to Glenwood township and filed a homestead claim in 1871.

Richard had two brothers, Frank and Ernest. Frank (1870-1936) married Mary Peterson, daughter of Lars Peterson. Ernest (1872-1949) married Christine Leaf, daughter of Charles and Augusta Leaf (see Ernest Hult story).

Richard (1875-1963) married Goldie Vennard (1880-1966) (see John Vennard story). Richard and Goldie were lifelong farmers in Clay county. They were parents of five sons: Fred (1900-1971), Louis (1903), Oliver (1907), Eugene (1913) and Dwight (1916-1964).

Oliver Hult is the only son who has been a lifelong resident of the Beresford community. Oliver married Eunice Hult (see Anders Olson story). Their two children are: Mrs. Glen (Nada) Landeen, Sioux Falls (see Landeen story) and Milton, married to Gloria Beaver. The Oliver Hults have four grandsons: Vern, married to Darla Severson; Neal, Jon and Steven.

Gilbert and Anna Hustrulid

Gilbert Anderson Hustrulid was born in 1962 at Ostrefjort, near Bergen, Norway. When he immigrated to America at the age of 21, he changed his name from Anderson to Hustrulid. The Hustrulid name was taken from a location in Norway.

He lived at Rochelle, Ill. and worked at farms in this area. Through friends, he met and married Anna Maria Osse in 1893.

In 1907 they settled on the Graham farm eight miles northeast of Beresford. In 1919 they moved to their own farm in Union county about three miles east and one mile south of Beresford. They resided here for 19 years, then moved into Beresford where they lived until their death, Gilbert in 1940 and Anna in 1941.

Eight children were born to this family. Eddie (1894-1976) was born in Rochelle, Ill. He married Fena Rasmussen in 1915. They had six children: Ralph (deceased) who was married to Delores Anderson and had four children in California; Arnell married Virginia Bradshaw, lived in North Carolina and had two children; Alberta married Herbert Johnson, lives in Sioux Falls and has four children; Lillian married Archie Powell, lives in Crooks and had one daughter. Kenneth married Janie Johnson, lives in Sioux Falls and has three children; Darlene married Clarence Josten, a nephew of Tony Henle, and lives in Sioux Falls. They have

Back row, l to r: Gladys, Bert, Eddie, Art, Carl, George; front row: Mr. Hustrulid, Myrtle and Mrs. Hustrulid.

three children.

Carl A. (1887-1980) was born in Rochelle, Ill. He married Florence Larson in 1922. They had two children, Frances and Curtis. Frances had three children, John, Jeanine and Georgia, and lives in Houston, Tex. Curtis, who lives in Sioux City, Ia. has one daughter. Carl lived in Canton and Sioux City, Ia. and later moved to California. He and his wife, Adeline, had a son, Glen. Carl died in 1980.

Clarence was born in 1896 in Rochelle, Ill. He died from a ruptured appendix in 1917.

Bert was born in 1900 in Rochelle, Ill. He married Ruth Albin in 1922. They farmed three miles east and one-half mile south of Beresford until they retired in 1948 and moved into Beresford. Bert also owned and operated the Hustrulid and Sons Road Construction. He was also a Union county commissioner and served on the Gothland school board for a number of years. In 1946 they donated the digging of the present Emmanuel Lutheran Church basement. They also dug and donated their labor for the present swimming pool in Beresford. In July 1949 a tornado destroyed all but one building on the farm. Both Bert and Ruth died in 1977. Bert and Ruth had nine children.

Oliver married Bonnie Christopherson in 1947 and they had five children: David died in infancy; Judy married Terry Jensen and has two children; Duane married Joni Behnke and has two children and lives in Arizona; Karen married Ray Boden and has three children; Peggy married Mike Robbinette and has two children and lives in Englewood, Colo. Oliver now lives in Englewood, Colo. and is still in the construction business. Palmer married Marilyn Miller in 1947 and they had five children. LuAnn married Arden Kleinsasser and has two children and live in Norfolk, Nebr. Lynelle lives in California. Ronald married Glennitta Strand and has two children. Sheryl married Mike Shellhammer and has two children and live in California. Robert married Wanda Hubert and has one child. Palmer lives on the Bert Hustrulid home place. Wayne Hustrulid married Joyce Seglem in 1950. They had three children. Janet married Tom McCarron and lives in Denver; Jerry and Julie are of Beresford. They farm two miles east of Beresford. The Hermanson wood shop and Nissen blacksmith shop were moved from the site where the present Jack and Jill grocery store is to the Wayne Hustrulid farm in 1962. They are now

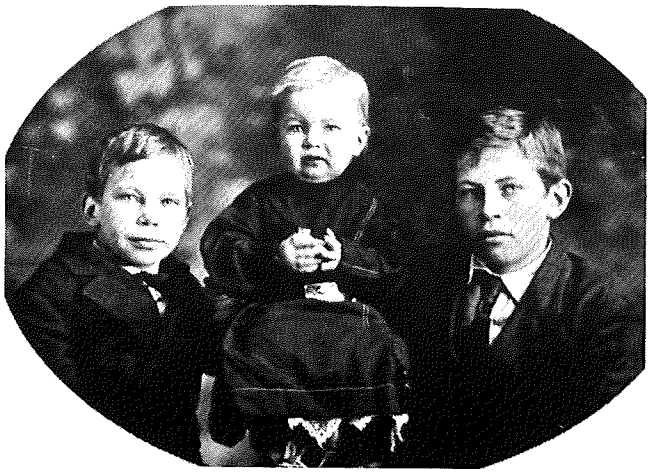
being used for a machine shed and a shop. Vernon married Mary Ellen Henle in 1955 and they had three children: Steve; Doug married Rondi Lillestol; and Diane of Sioux Falls. Vernon worked with road construction until his death in 1978. Elaine married Darrel Hedeen in 1952. They had five children. Daniel married Holly Keeler and has a daughter. Sandra married Dave VanBallegooyen and has two sons. Jeffrey has a daughter from a previous marriage. He later married Patricia Hubert and has a son. Timothy lives in Vermillion and Debra in Sioux Falls. Helen married Burdette Peterson in 1954 and lives in Beresford. They had three children. Kathy married Frank Stanavitch and lives in Wyoming. Karla married Steven Birgen and has one daughter. Brian married Jill Weiland and they have a daughter. Burdette died in 1974. Roger married Anne Behrens in 1963. They had three children, Lucinda, Melinda and Jennifer, and live in Forest City, Ia. Lee married Cheryl Eklund in 1970. They had two children, Brenda and David, and live in Minneapolis, Minn. Phyllis married Douglas Lundberg in 1962. They had six children: Kristi married Steve Erickson and has two girls; Michael married Michaela Strommer; Terri, Todd, Carol and Mark. They farm in the Beresford area.

Gladys A. Hustrulid was born in 1902 in Crescent, Ill. She married Adolph Larson in 1921. They farmed in the Hawarden, Ia. area and had eight children: Ardella, Gilmore, Delores, Lorraine, Merlyn, Joyce, Larry and Grace. Gladys died in 1953.

Arthur Hustrulid was born in 1907 at Beresford. In 1929 he moved to Texas where he married Rena Pirtle in 1936. He was in the glass and window business.

George Julian Hustrulid was born in 1911 in Lincoln county. He married Eden Williams in 1938. They had two sons, William and Robert who died at birth. William has seven children: Ronna (Mrs. Rex Fountain), Tammra, Cinnamon, Steed, John, Daniel and Nicholas. William and Georgia now live on the original Gilbert Hustrulid farm southeast of Beresford. In 1949 a tornado partially destroyed the home and buildings. George and Eden were members of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. George served on the township board and was on the Co-Op Board of Directors for a number of years. He died in 1983 and Eden continues to live in Beresford.

Myrtle A. Hustrulid was born in 1914 at Beresford. She married Meril Tschudy in 1932 at Brookings. They farmed in the Beresford area until they moved to town. Myrtle was a cook for local establishments until her death in 1977. They had five children. Beverly died in infancy. Raymond married Donna Kryger and they live three miles north of Beresford. They have three daughters: Roxanne of Sioux Falls, Renaee and Connie. June married George Thompson in 1951. They are now living in Gresham, Ore. and have three sons: Steve, Richard and David. David has a daughter, Nicole Ann. Carol lives in Arlington, Va. Meril, Jr. married Phyllis Peterson and lives in Beresford. They have three children: Lori, Michael and Scott.



Sons of Joseph and Ingrid Inberg: Paul, Roland and William.

John and Christine Inberg

John Gustaf Inberg was born in 1827 in Stockholm, Sweden to Carl Inberg and Christine of the city of Bjorneborg in Bjorneborg Lan, Finland. They moved to Stockholm while J. G. was young and he acquired an education in the commercial line. He engaged in the retail business in 1854, in Stockholm, Sweden. Sometime later he became a bookkeeper and manager for a large mercantile establishment and lived in Govle, Sweden. J. G. Inberg was married in 1863 to Christine Persson (1842). John and Christine, son Joseph, her parents, Per and Anna Persson, and John Edlund, his wife Anna, a sister of Mrs. Inberg, and their two children, Anna and Carl, left Sweden and came to Clay county in the fall of 1870. J. G. Inberg filed on a homestead claim in Pleasant Valley township. He made final proof and obtained a patent in 1873. A short time later he filed on another quarter in Riverside township, and obtained a

patent in 1876. Their permanent home was on the homestead in Pleasant Valley township.

J. G. and Christine Inberg had seven children but only three survived to adulthood. They were: Joseph Inberg, born in 1869, in Sweden. He married Ingrid Mathilda Berg (1872) in 1895 at Dalesburg on the parents' homestead. For some years they lived with Joseph's mother and farmed the homestead, but later bought 160 acres. Mrs. Joseph Inberg died in 1917. Joseph died in 1951 and is buried in the Dalesburg Lutheran cemetery.

Joseph Inbergs had nine children: William, Edith, Paul, Anita, Frances, Viola, Roland, Elmeda and Dorothy. William was born in 1896. He married Pearl Sweden (1901). He originated Hub City in 1925 by building a garage and gas and oil station. He died in 1976. The Will Inbergs had five children: Betty Ann (1928) married Royce G. Dahlin (1920). They farmed for seven years in the Riverside community and are now retired and living near Lead. They had five children born to them, one dying at birth. Royce also had a daughter by a previous marriage, Carol Rosenberger. The children are as follows: Valerie Begeman, Centerville; Arlen, married to Sherry Harris; Janelle Brown, Beaver Creek, Minn.; Stuart Ray, who served four years in the U.S. Air Force. He is unmarried.

Rodney Inberg (1929) married Audrey Skaff (1926). They now reside at Citrus Heights, Calif. They have two children, Karen Fong and Rodney.

Darlow (1931) married Delda Hahn (1936). He is a Lt. Col. in the U.S. Army. He and his family live at Fort Sam Houston, Tex. They have three children: DeLee, Darren and Darla.

Elliot (1933) married Nancy Chester. Peggy, a daughter of Nancy by a previous marriage, was adopted by Elliot. They also have a son, Nicholas. Elliot is a commercial artist, designing the 1976 Oakland Raiders Super Bowl ring and also the South Dakota Bicentennial medallion. He and his family reside in Owatonna, Minn.

Constance (1943) married Gary Richards. They have a son, Brendyn.

Edith, the second of the Joseph Inberg children, was born in 1898. She married Arthur Soderman (1895). Edith and Art farmed the Anker farm east of Hub City until their retirement. They had a daughter, Odile Babb (Joel). They had four children: Joel, Larry, Brian and Becky. Odile and Joel now reside in Mitchell.

Paul David Inberg (1901-1975) married Viola Engstrom (see Edwin Engstrom story). They had five children: Edsel (1929) who married Marion Sorensen. They had three children: Debra Kay, Steven, and Dana. Pauline (1930) of Las Cruces, N.M. married John Hoff. They have two adopted children, David and Kimberly. David (1932) married Sandra Stene. They have two children, Julie and Kelley, and live on a farm south of Beresford. Lindy (1934) married Myla Edblom. They have six children: Brian, Lee (deceased), Andy and Randy (deceased), Linda Scholljegerdes, Nova Prochell. Shirley Vi (1935) married Dale Juel. They have three children: Paul, Ricky and Darlee Houchin.

Anita Inberg (1903) married George Moore (1911), but was later divorced. She resides in Laguna Hills, Calif.

Frances Inberg (1905), Laguna Hills, Calif. and her sister, Anita, share a home after retiring from the ownership of a nursing home in Los Angeles.

Viola Inberg (1907-1923) died at age 16.

Roland Inberg (1909-1962) was a carpenter in California for several years. He was married, but later separated. He is buried at the Point Loma Military cemetery at San Diego, Calif.

Elmeda (1911) married Harvey R. Olson (1909). They reside on the Olson farm southwest of Hub City. They have two sons, Dale and Neil.

Dorothy (1914) married Vernon Silkens (1911) and lives in Huntington Beach, Calif. They have two sons, Gary and Gregory.

David, the second surviving child of the J. G. Inbergs, was born in 1878 and moved to Texas to homestead. He died there at an early age.

Hulda Inberg (1887-1976), the third surviving child, was born on the homestead. She married John A. Anderson (1866-1957) in 1923. The couple built a home on the Inberg homestead.

There are 37 great-grandchildren and 18 great-great-grandchildren.

Ole and Lizzie Jacobson

Ole Jacobson was born in 1866 in Norway and came to Rochelle, Ill. in 1888. In 1892 Ole married Lizzie Knudsen at Rochelle. Seven children were born to this union.

When they came to Beresford in 1904 they settled on the Mike White farm east of Beresford. In 1907 Ole purchased a farm two miles east of Beresford. This was open land so a

Back row, l to r: Jennie, Oscar, Clara, George and Mabel; front: Lawrence, Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson, and Helen.

home was built on it. Just as the carpenters were ready to plaster the house it was destroyed by fire. Another house was built and in 1910 they moved on the farmstead. Ole and Lizzie lived on the farm until 1947 when they retired and moved into Beresford.

Ole served on the Prairie Township Board and the Gothland School Board for many years. He was also noted as being a breeder of purebred Aberdeen Angus cattle.

Lizzie Jacobson died in 1950 and Ole died in 1959.

Jennie Jacobson married Sigrud Johnson and lived all their lives in the Beresford community. Their son Oliver and wife, Connie, live in Beresford. They have a daughter and two grandchildren. Jennie died in 1975, a couple years after Sigrud passed away.

Clara Jacobson married Phillip Sundstrom and they farmed west of Beresford. They have three children. Gordon and Mae (Henderson) live on the Sundstrom home place, have three children and four grandchildren. Helen and her husband, Dr. Robert Collins, live in Lincoln, Nebr. They have four children. Phyliss married Dr. Ron Lockwood and they live in Viborg. They have two children. George married Margaret Ison. They have resided in Beresford. Their daughter RoseNell and husband, Rev. Ed Youngquist, live at Platte. They have four children. George died in 1974. Oscar married Mabel Wilkinson and they lived in the Beresford area and farmed. Their daughter lives in Oregon. Oscar died in 1976 a couple years after his wife.

Mabel married John W. Johnson. They lived in the Beresford and Sioux Falls areas until moving to Phoenix, Ariz. Mabel, now widowed, makes her home with her daughter and son-in-law, Louise and Melvin Lykken, parents of two children and grandparents of seven children. Mabel has three sons in Phoenix. Robert is married and has two daughters and four grandchildren; Douglas is married, has three children and one grandchild, and Dennis is married, has three daughters and one grandchild. The Johnsons' son, John, and his wife, Marilyn (Gunderson) and three children live in Beresford.

Helen Jacobson married Chet Heisler. Helen lives in Sioux Falls, as does their daughter Mary and her husband, Douglas Miller. They have two children.

Lawrence and his wife, Dorothy (Smith), live on the Jacobson home place. They have three children. Terry and Corrine have two sons and live in Vermillion. Larry and Shirley (Hedeen) have a son and live in Beresford. Judy and Curtis Erickson have two daughters and live on a farm south of Beresford.

Left to right: Orville, Mrs. Jensen, Mr. Jensen, and Kenneth.

Axel and Esther Jensen

At the age of 95, one of the oldest residents in the Alsen area at this time is Axel Jensen.

The first member of the Julius Jensen family to come to this area was Christ. During the 1890's, neighbors of the Jensens in Denmark, the Jens Rasmussen family, had settled in this area. This encouraged Christ to come to the Alsen community in 1906 after working in Denmark and saving $70.00 to make the trip to America. Christ worked for area farmers so he could send money to his brother, Axel, in Denmark, so he could make the trip the following year. Axel recalls the misery of being seasick 12 of the 14 days at sea, getting relief after someone gave him some herring which had been soaked in salt brine.

Axel worked for the blacksmith in Alsen, Christ Nissen, for $2.00 a day, which was $1.80 more than he had been getting in Denmark. He also went to work for area farmers after a few months of blacksmith work.

Between 1906 and 1911 they saved enough money to bring their father, Julius, and eight brothers and sisters to this country, plus a friend of the family, Henry Johnson, known by the old-timers as "Big Henry".

In 1908, Walter Rasmussen (son of Jens Rasmussen) and Axel went to Oaks, N.D. to farm land belonging to two Beresford area businessmen, Fred Nissen and August Rasmussen. When they arrived there, their living quarters consisted of a small house, 12'x16'. After spending the first night, they awakened to snow in their bed. The second night they moved to the barn and slept with the horses which they found to be more comfortable until spring weather arrived.

Axel tells of the experience he had when he tried to make bread without yeast just so they could have something to chew on, and later after obtaining some yeast, put the dough in the oven overnight to keep it warm; however, the fire burned out and in the morning the bread dough was frozen.

Axel plowed 130 acres with an 18-inch walking plow and three horses that spring in North Dakota. The total farm was seeded with small grain and flax.

In preparing to make the trip back to South Dakota in the fall, Axel had sold his crop and all his belongings. Not daring to carry his money in his outer pockets, he sewed a pocket

on the inside of his long underwear in which to carry it.

Leaving North Dakota in Walter's covered wagon, Walter served as an "outrider" as Axel drove the team, they soon encountered cold, blustery weather. Tired of fighting the elements, Walter also sold his possessions and they both boarded the train for South Dakota.

Coming back to the Alsen area in 1909, Axel continued to farm. Axel married Esther Hanson in the spring of 1910 and three children were born: Orville, Lucille (died when an infant) and Kenneth. Axel did not return to his native country until 1951. It wasn't until he reached the age of 85 that he gave up some of the responsibilities of farming.

Esther died in 1973 after being partially paralyzed for 14 years. Axel acquired the responsibility of keeping the house in order, doing the washing, mending, cooking, and caring for the yard. At the age of 95, he continues to perform these daily chores, keeping flowers and yard neatly groomed.

Axel was the second oldest of ten children, and is the only one still living.

Orville and his wife, Elva (Larson) Jensen, are retired and live in Beresford. Their four children are: Cameron, married to Betty Holley; Donald, married to Donna Tollefson; Mary Larson (Milford); and Danny, married to Karen Reierson.

Kristi Kerkal (Mike); John, married to Diana Nielsen; and Jackie Zweifel (Douglas) are Cameron's children.

Donald's children are Jerry; Jeffrey, married to Jessica Lynn; Scott and Sheryl.

Milford and Mary Larson have five children: Dale, married to Marcy Bryneldson, Tim, Natalie Johnson (Steven), Keith and Darin.

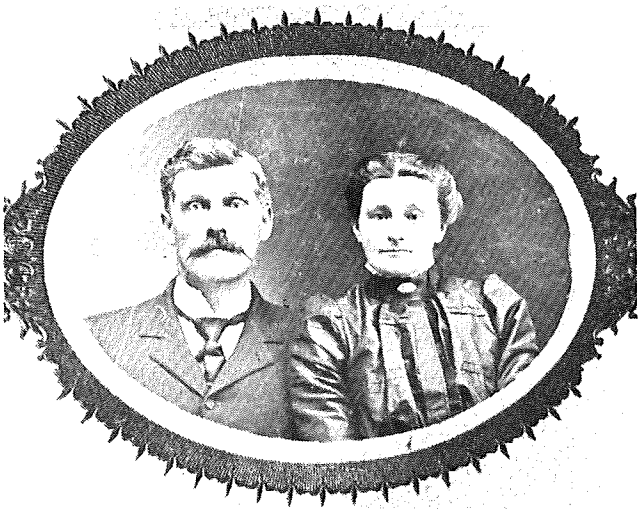
Danny Jensens are the parents of two sons, Terry and Jimmy.

Axel Jensen has 10 great-grandchildren.

Kenneth lives with his father, Axel.

Lauritz and Karen Jensen

In 1885, a young Danish farmer and his wife and infant son left their home in Denmark to seek a new life in America. Lauritz and Karen Sofie Jensen and son, Hans, made their way westward to Dakota where people lived who spoke their language and worshipped in their church. Working first as a carpenter, Lauritz soon secured a homestead, locating five miles north of Beresford. Early in 1888, they moved to the farm after having built a house to live in.



Lauritz and Karen Jensen

The original house is still standing.

Lauritz did carpentry work in Beresford and surrounding area. One of the buildings he worked on was Nazareth Lutheran Church.

Five more sons and one daughter were born to the couple. One son, Walter, died in infancy. The other children were Hans, James, Eli, Victor, Harvey and Alma.

Lauritz and Karen Sophie lived on the homestead until they retired and moved to Beresford in 1913. Lauritz died in 1922 at the age of 58 and Karen Sophie died in 1950 at the age of 86.

Two of the children are still living. Harvey, born in 1904, a retired superintendent of schools, lives in Mesa, Ariz. James, born in 1888, now lives at Bethesda Home. He farmed the homestead after his father retired.

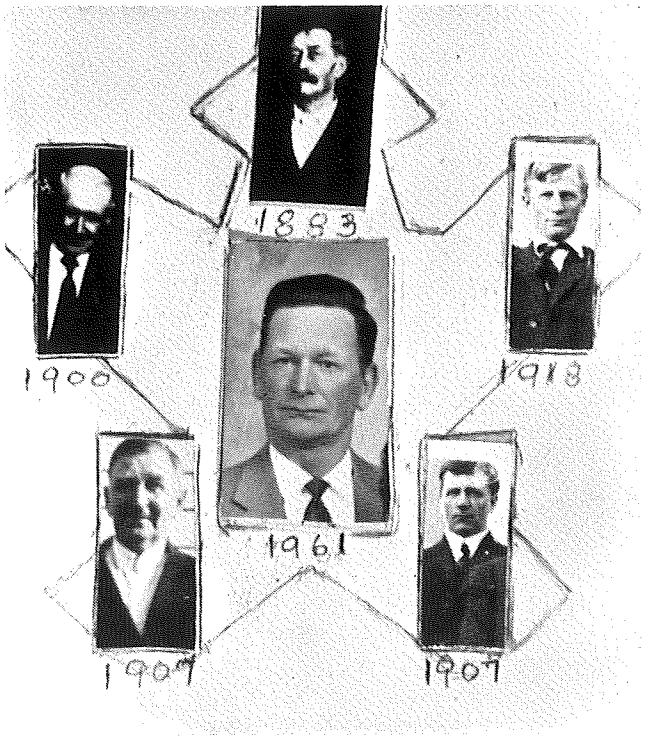
Two grandsons and one great-grandson are living in Beresford and the Beresford area at the present time. Lyle, the son of Victor Jensen and his son, Mark, run the Jensen Insurance Agency in Beresford. (See Victor Jensen story.)

James Jensen married Amalia Debel of Denmark in 1917 and lived on the homestead for 72 years, moving into Beresford in January of 1960. His son, Stanley, farms the homestead that once belonged to Lauritz and Karen Sophie Jensen.

Morten and Kirstine Jensen

The home place, family-owned for 101 years, is located one mile west and three-fourths of a mile north of Beresford. It is presently owned by Ernest and his wife, Shirley Jensen.

Eric Rasmussen, Ernest's great uncle, came from Iowa in 1883 and purchased the land. The owner had already made a transaction for the railroad right-of-way on the land.



Eric Rasmussen, 1883; Morton Jensen, 1900; Lauritz Jensen, 1907; Peter Jensen, 1907; Chris Jensen, 1918; Ernest Jensen, 1961. Date after name indicates date of ownership.

In 1888, Eric weathered the big blizzard, having to tunnel himself out of his home. That same year Eric's sister, Kirstine, and her husband, Morten Jensen, and their seven children, Lauritz, Peter, Inger, Cecilia, Chris, Eric and Lena, came from Denmark to Dakota Territory. Eric met them and took them to his farm in his sleigh. They lived on this farm for 19 years, eventually buying the farm after Eric moved to Beresford.

Over the years various acres of the farm have been owned by different members of the family. Land membership was divided between Lauritz and Peter. Lauritz lived with his wife, Cora, in Beresford and Peter and sisters, Inger and Cecilia lived on the farm.

In 1912, the youngest Jensen, Chris, his wife, Minnie, and their daughter, Isabel (now Mrs. Ray Reed) came from Nebraska and in 1918 bought the land from other family members. Here seven of their children were born. Ray married Gladys Torkelson, Eileen married Harold Tollefson, Ernest married Shirley Smith and all are living in this area. Living in other states are: Leona, now Mrs. Clark Bird; Evelyn (Mrs. Lou Torry); Esther (Mrs. Heglin) and Ruth (Mrs. Dale Yeoman).

The farm dwelling that had housed three generations of Jensens burned in 1921. This caused much hardship. Drought years, wet years, grasshopper infestations and the great depression brought hard work and deprivation.

Chris died in 1959 and the youngest son, Ernest, who had lived on the farm all his life, bought the estate. His mother, Minnie, lived with him until her death in 1973. In 1975, Ernest married Shirley Smith.

In 1980, Ernest watched a crane lift the rails of the Chicago-Northwestern track onto a semi-truck and saw them taken away to where they would later be stockpiled; rails that had crried freight and passenger trains through their land since 1883. The last train passed over the route in 1978.

Thomas and Susanne Jensen

Thomas Franz Nielsen Jensen (1874-1958) was born at Kobenhoved, Denmark. In 1898, he married Susanne Nielsen who was born at Boboll, Denmark. They had ten children; five died as infants in Denmark.

In March of 1911, Franz imigrated to America. Susanne and the children, Anna Louise, Christine, Johanna and Helga, came in June of 1911. Their brother, Tinus, was born in November of the same year. The family initially settled near Wakonda, S.D. In 1915, Franz purchased what is referred to as the "home place", 1½ miles north of Alsen. This farm was purchased from Rasmus Neilson whose son was killed when struck by lightning. Rasmus lived with Franz's family until he died at the age of 91. The large, two-story home was built in 1915 to accommodate the new family. In 1918 the barn was built. Large cottonwood trees, which were located northeast of the house, were felled by a lumber company that brought their saws right to the farm. This lumber was used to build the barn. Franz's children attended the Newdale rural school.

Andrew Kirkebak (1894-1972) was born in Trondhjem, Norway. He immigrated alone to Clay county, South Dakota in 1914. A World War I veteran, Andrew found employment as a hired hand at the Andrew Andersen farm at Alsen. It was there that he met Christine Jensen who was also employed there, working on the telephone switchboard. Their courtship began and in 1926 the couple married. A son, Russel Andrew Kirkebak, was born in 1926. An-

Left to right: Franz Jensen, father; Christine Kirkebak O'Connor, daughter; Russel, son; Keith and Larry, grandsons.

drew and Christine farmed near Beresford and Alsen. In 1943, Andrew purchased the home place from Christine's father, Franz. Andrew and Christine farmed the home place until 1959 when the couple retired and moved to Beresford.

Russel Kirkebak married Janice McMillan of rural Beresford in 1949. Janice was born to Leo and Anna McMillan in 1931 at Beresford. Russel and Janice have four children: Larry married Irene Fatlys and they live in Omaha, Nebr. Their children are Todd, Adam and Sarah; Keith married Elizabeth Baird. They have two children, Anne and Vance (see Baird story). The Keith Kirkebaks are the fourth generation to occupy the home place; Jack married Inga Lantz and they live in San Diego, Calif.; June is Mrs. Larry Lewison.

Russel and Janice were the third generation to live on the home place. They now live in Beresford where Russel is employed at the city post office.

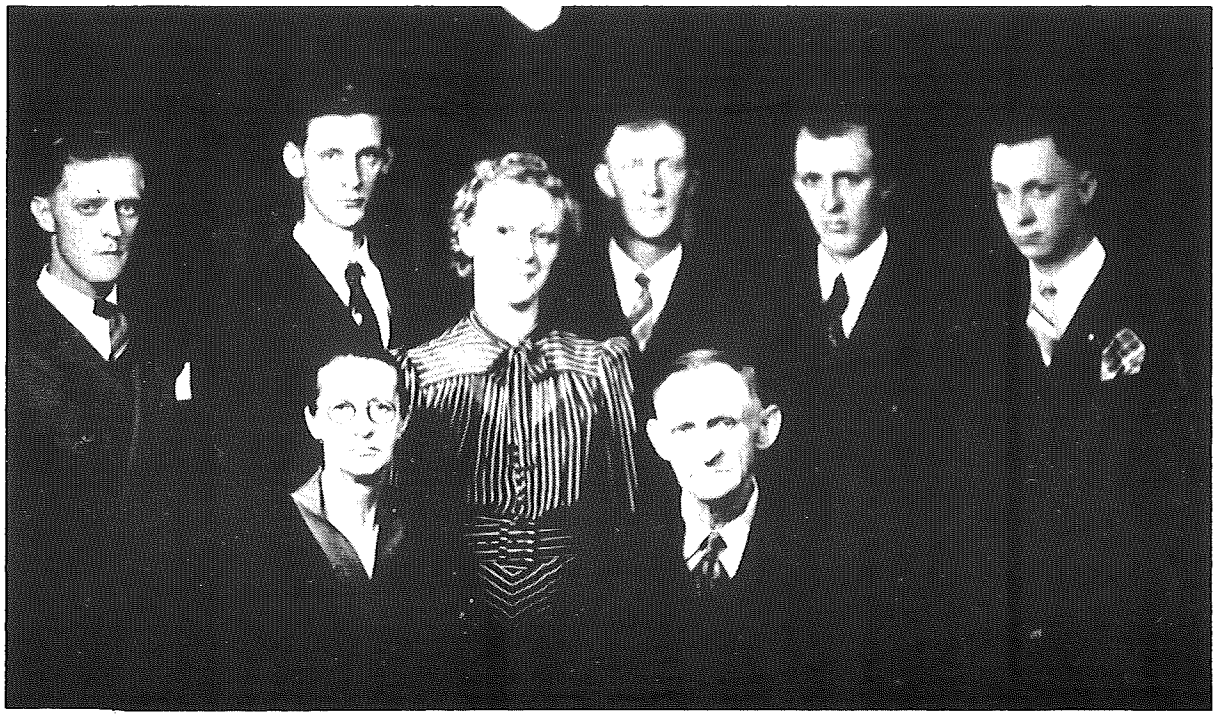
Victor and Ethel Jensen

Victor Jensen was born in 1900 to Lauritz and K. Sophia Jensen on their homestead six miles north of Beresford. He attended country school and graduated from Beresford High School. He then worked for area farmers until he was employed at the Moe Store. In 1922, he married Ethel Swanson of Beresford and they lived in the Beresford area.

Victor was employed by the Security Bank of Beresford as cashier and then by Haley-Nealy Co. of Sioux City, Ia. as a supervisor for their chain of grocery stores. He purchased a store in Beresford which he operated until 1944 when he formed the Jensen Insurance Agency where he remained active until his death in 1976. In community affairs, he was clerk of the Beresford School Board for 20 years, mayor of Beresford for two terms. They were members of Nazareth Lutheran Church. His wife, Ethel, resides in Sioux Falls at Dow-Rummel Village.

They had two children, Helen and Lyle. Helen married Al Ellefson and resides in Sioux Falls. They had two children, Jackie (Nothdurft) and Douglas. The Ellefsons have three grandchildren. Lyle married Mary Lou Thorson and they had three children: Paul, Mary Karen and Mark. Paul married Sandra Yttreness and they live at Dell Rapids. They have

two children, Michelle, and Brian Victor. Mary Karen Engebretson (Dan) lives in Watertown. Their children are Tom and Kate. Mark married Jonda Woldendorf and their child is Zachary.



Standing, back row: Wayne, Lloyd, Viola Jensen, Melvin, Clifton and Royal; seated: Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Johnson.

Allen and Marie Johnson

Allen R. Johnson, age 11, came with his uncle to a small town near Fort Dodge, Ia. from Dalsland, Sweden in 1880. As a young man he worked in a coal mine before coming to the Beresford community. After coming to Beresford, he worked as a carpenter. He married Marie Erickson, daughter of Andrew and Anna Erickson, and they lived in town for one year before moving to the Alsen community. They lived in rural Alsen where Allen built a new home on the Union county side. They continued to live there for the remainder of their lives. They are now both deceased.

Allen and Marie had seven children, the oldest being Virgil who died in infancy. The others are Melvin, Viola, Wayne, Clifton, Lloyd and Royal.

Melvin married Lavon Weiland, daughter of Mary and Anthony Weiland, also of the Alsen community. They now make their home in Beresford. Their three children are Lois (Mrs. Lyle Savey), Daniel who is married to Patricia Selken, all of Beresford; and Dennis who lives in Harrisburg. Lois and Lyle have three boys: Christopher, Jason and Chad. Daniel and Patricia have two girls, Steffanie and Erin. Dennis is single.

Viola, the only daughter, married Timan Jensen, son of Julius and Laura Jensen. They had twin daughters, Karen and Sharon. Viola lives in Beresford. Her husband is deceased. Karen is married to Dennis Gale and lives in Sioux Falls with their two boys, Brian and Patrick. Sharon married Gene Hetland, Sioux Falls.

Wayne Johnson married Bertha Overby, daughter of Harriet and John Overby of Alcester. They now reside in Vermillion. They had four children: Jeraldine, who is presently living in Minneapolis, Minn. She has a son, John II, from her marriage to John Harris. John II resides in Portland, Ore.; Duane, married to Jerry Carlson; Lynn who is married to Connie Chester; and Donald. Duane and Jerry have three children: Kristine, Kelly and Kara. They live in Portland, Ore. Lynn and Connie have a daughter, Angela, and live in Mississippi. Donald is married to Deborah Reis and lives in Sioux Falls. They have a daughter, Amelia Marie. Donald also has two other children from

a former marriage, Jennifer, and an adopted Korean daughter, January.

Clifton Johnson married Lucille Paulsen, daughter of Nels and Clara Paulsen of rural Beresford. They farm northeast of Beresford. They are the parents of three children: Marsha, Lee and Kay. Marsha is employed in Minneapolis, Minn. Lee is married to Lori Johnson and lives in Big Springs, S.D. They have two boys, Luke and Lonnie. Kay is married to Paul Ketterling and lives in Sioux Falls. They have one daughter, Alissa.

Lloyd Johnson married Marcella Engman, daughter of John and Nell Engman of Irene, S.D. They reside in the original house which Allen constructed in Alsen, S.D.

Royal Johnson, the youngest of Allen and Marie's children, is married to DeLona Rasmussen, daughter of August and Martha Rasmussen, and live in Beresford.

Standing: John, Edna and Henry; seated: Mr. Johnson, Ernest and Mrs. Johnson.

Andrew L. and Christina Johnson

Andrew Johnson was born in 1953 in Wisconsin to John and Enga Johnson who came to Dakota Territory and homesteaded 11 miles northwest of Beresford. He married Christina Olson, a native of Wisconsin, in 1856. Christina and her parents came to homestead in Lincoln county in 1873. Andrew and Christina were married in 1878 and had four children: John, Henry, Edna and Ernest.

John married Ida Jackson of Lincoln county. Their only child, Clifford, died at the age of 14. John and Ida lived their entire lives in the Beresford area.

Henry W. married Minerina Jackson of Lincoln county. This couple had no children.

Edna Lane (Willis) had two daughters: Vada Kenny (James), Omaha, NE, who has a daughter, and Opal Doty (Leavo), of Alcester. They have a married son, Rodney, in Wyoming, and a married daughter, Betty, in Wyoming.

Ernest married Fern Dann, daughter of Arthur and Inez Dann, early homesteaders in Lincoln county. The Arthur Danns moved to Minnesota in 1912. Ernest and Fern farmed

north of town until the late 1940's, retiring to Beresford. They had two children, Arthur A. and Inez. Arthur married Madelene Huckfelt. Their son, Gary, lives in Pierre with his children, Chris and Katie, and their daughter, Cathy Conklin (Ted) lives in Des Moines, Ia. and has a son, Cash. Inez married Earle Peterson, Clay county (see Charles Peterson story). The Petersons have three daughters: Kaye Drennan (Dr. James), Iowa City, Ia.; Gale Monson (Kendall), Centerville, who has a daughter, Katie; and Nancy Peterson.

Andrew and Margaretha Johnson

Margaretha Schmid was born in 1862 at New Glarus, Wisconsin and died in 1938 at Beresford, South Dakota. She was the fifth child of Mathias and Magdalena Schmid who homesteaded in Pleasant township in 1873 (see Mathias Schmid story).

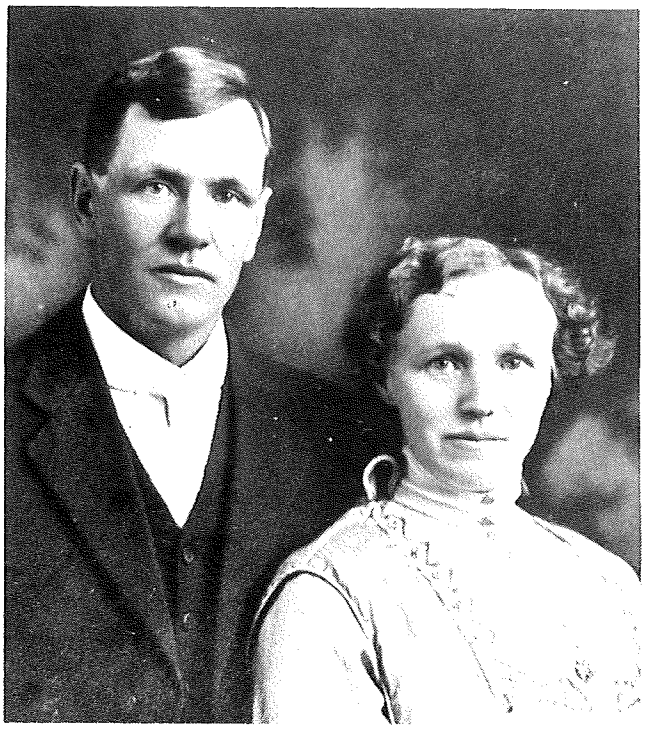
Andrew Johnson was born near Copenhagen, Denmark in 1850. He immigrated to Racine, Wisconsin in 1869 with two sisters. Next they moved to Sergeant Bluff, Ia. and in 1873 came to Dakota Territory where he filed on a homestead in 1874. The first two or three years he worked as a fireman on a steamboat, plying between Sioux City and Fort Benton, Montana. During this time he often walked between Yankton and the homestead, sometimes sleeping on the open prairie on the way home.

He served on the North Star School Board and was township assessor for several years. Andrew and Margaretha Schmid were married in 1881. The couple had six children, two of whom died in infancy. Nona died at the age of 23. Iva married Sheldon Skinner and made her home at Scenic, S.D. until her death in 1931. Clarence H. took over the farm in 1921 and died in 1958. Melva, the youngest, married James Nelson and still lives near Beresford.

This couple retired into Beresford in 1921 where Andrew died in 1930. Harris Johnson, a third generation grandson, is currently on the farm, making it a continuous family operation for 109 years.

Carl and Bertha Johnson

Carl (Johansson) Johnson was born in 1881 in Granna Parish, Smaland Province, Sweden. His father owned a small farm, and he had seven brothers and sisters. He worked as a hired man, and in 1905 he immigrated to Chicago where his older sister was living. He



Carl and Bertha Johnson

worked in a glass factory in Chicago before coming to South Dakota in 1906. He worked on the railroad in Canada one summer, and homesteaded land in Meade county, South Dakota, in 1912. He worked for Andrew Lyckholm, owner of the Dalesburg store, and other farmers in the Dalesburg community in Clay county.

Bertha (Brita) Larson was born in 1886 in Aspas Parish, Jamtland Province, Sweden. Her father owned a small farm and she had six brothers and sisters. In 1910 she immigrated to the Dalesburg community where her sister, Martha Larson Lyckholm, was living. She worked as a maid in the Dalesburg community and homesteaded land in Meade county, S.D. in 1912. In 1913 she visited her family and friends in Sweden. Upon returning to Dalesburg, she was accompanied by two neighbor girls, Christina Lif and Brita (Bertha) Hakansson. (Christina Lif worked in Dalesburg and Sioux City, but later returned to Sweden. Bertha Hakansson married Richard Carlson and lived in Dalesburg and later in California.)

Carl and Bertha Johnson were married in 1915 in Dalesburg. Bertha Johnson joined the Baptist Church in Sweden, and she and Carl were members of the Dalesburg Baptist Church. Carl Johnson died in 1961, and Bertha Johnson in 1971.

Their children are: Milton, born in 1917; Roy, born in 1919; and Helen, born in 1922. Milton

married Virginia Soderman and they have a son, Ronald; Roy married Dorothy Olson and has two children, Gordon and LeAnne. Gordon married Margaret Haarsager and has three children: Todd, Kristin and Rebecca. LeAnne married Tom Austin and has three children: Lee, Stephanie and Jill; Helen married John Green and has three children: Carol, Douglas and Steven. Carol married Burton Carlson and has two children, Marny and Bradley; Douglas married Janice Hall and has two children, Rachael and Jonathan.

After their marriage, Carl and Bertha Johnson rented farms in Prairie Center and Garfield townships, Clay county. In 1925 they bought the Lyckholm farm in Garfield township. Carl Johnson retired in 1945 and they moved to the village of Dalesburg. Roy Johnson was stationed in Europe during World War II. After his return, Milton and Roy Johnson began feeding cattle and farming as Johnson Brothers. Roy and Dorothy live on the Johnson home place in Garfield township. Milton and Virginia Johnson live on the Heglin farm in Pleasant Valley township, Clay county, which they purchased in 1950.

Helen Johnson Green moved to Minneapolis, Minn. in 1943. Her husband is a carpenter-contractor in Golden Valley, Minn.

Ernest G. and Lillie Johnson

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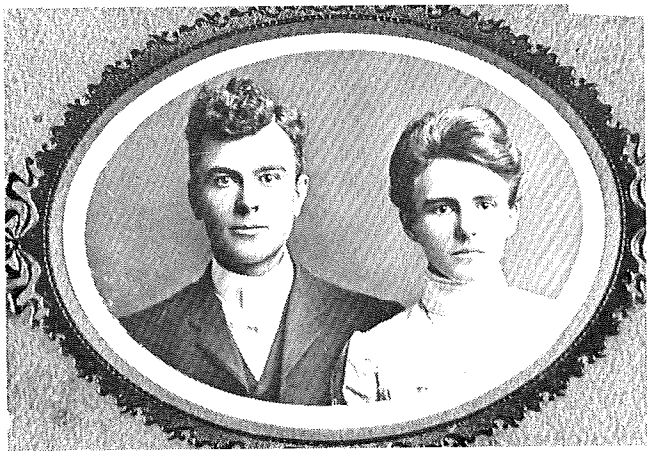
Ernest Godfrey Johnson was born in Ljungby, Smaland, Sweden in 1879. He immigrated to America in the early 1900's. Together with his wife, the former Lillie Larson, daughter of the Oscar Larsons, Primghar, Ia., they came to Beresford as newlyweds from Moline, Ill. in February, 1911. They rented the Jepson farm one mile south of Highway 46. Their son, Lester, was born there. After four years of farming, they moved to Guckeen, Minn. in 1914, where their daughter, Signie, was born. Returning to the Beresford area, they purchased the farm of Ed Reed, one mile south of Beresford on Highway 77. This farm is now owned by the Gordon Tornbergs.

Ernest and Lillie were members of Brooklyn Church. Mrs. Johnson died in 1942 and Mr. Johnson in 1951. Both are buried in Brooklyn cemetery.

Their son, Lester, lives in White Plains, N.Y. Signie has lived in Sioux Falls since 1949 where she was an administrator in the public schools for 28 years. The youngest son, Wilbur, now resides in Cole Camp, Mo.



George W. and Fannie Johnson

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George W. Johnson (1897-1948) was born in Delaware township, Lincoln county, to Lars and Mary (Rudd) Johnson. In 1904 he married Fannie Hufsmith, daughter of Edwin and Amanda Hufsmith (see Ed Hufsmith story).

Before Fannie's marriage, she taught school in Lincoln county. Many of her students were larger than she as in those days school was hit and miss in attendance. She also was a dressmaker for neighborhood women.

Living close to the Burney School, they made a home for the rural teachers who taught there.

George served on the school board and township board. Their children are: Fern Johnke (Henry), whose children are Alice, Henry Jr., Kennard, Donald (deceased) and Nancy; Hazel A. married Ralph Lounsbery and

had four children: Beverly, Ellen, Betty and Dennis; G. Edward married Burdella Fillingsness and are the parents of George, Linda and Berge; Robert married Lois Tulga and they have two children, Candace and Steven.

George and Fannie spent their entire lives farming, retiring to Worthing in 1944, and moving to Beresford in 1947. Fannie died in 1976. They are buried in the Worthing cemetery.

Back row: Marcella Lapour, Evelyn Ekren, Myrtle Solberg; middle: Ona Abraham, Eldon, Milton, Ethel Hokl; front: Mr. Johnson, Conrad, Mrs. Johnson, and Maxine.

J. Emil and Hilda Johnson

Hilma Frick (1881-1951) was one of 11 children, seven of whom grew to adulthood, born to Claus Frick who came from Jonkopings Lan, Sweden in 1869, and Emelie Odeen who also was born in Ostergotland, Sweden. Hilma was a member of Dalesburg Lutheran Church.

In 1904, Hilma was married to J. Emil Johnson (1876-1962) who was born in Hjorted, Kolmar Lan, Sweden, and immigrated in 1896 to Clay county. Their first home was on the Lee Bergren farm near Alsen. Their three children are Milton (1905), Eldon (1907) and Marcella (1909).

The Johnsons' dream was to own a home of their own. They packed their belongings and went to Charles Mix county. The trip took three days by team and wagon. During the next years they reared a family of nine, with five more daughters and a son: Ethel (1912), Myrtle (1914), Evelyn (1916), Ona (1921), Maxine (1923) and Conrad (1925).

In 1935, drought and hard times made them decide to return to Clay county to the same farm they had resided on before going to Geddes, S.D., Charles Mix county. This was known as the Hedburg place.

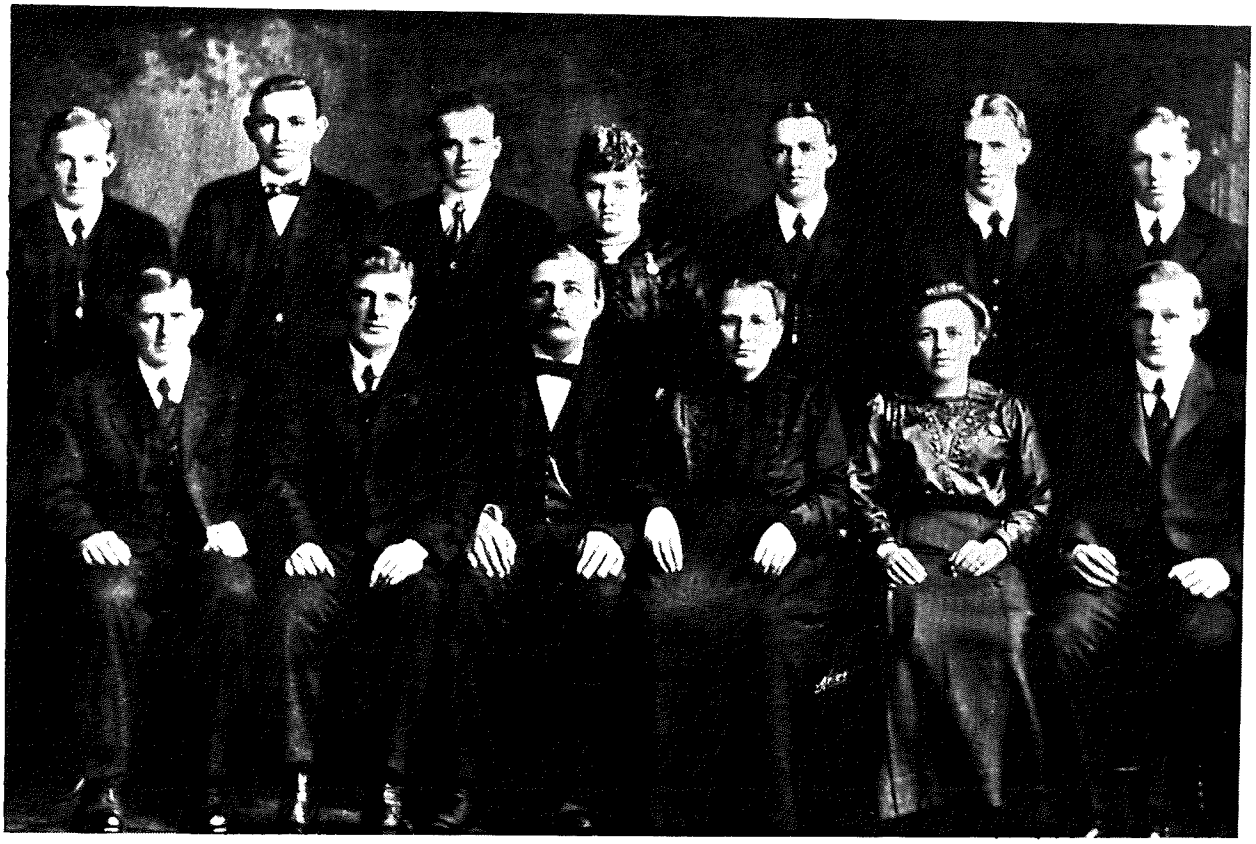
Milton married Myrtle Hansen (both deceased) of the Alsen vicinity. They had no children. Marcella married Roy Lapour of Geddes. Both are deceased. The Lapours farmed the Lee Bergren place in the Emmet and Alcester community. They had four children: Verlyn, Alcester; Norene and Eileen of Minnesota, and Roger of Sioux Falls.

Eldon has worked with his parents on the farms and still resides south of Beresford on

the Hedborg place (retired). Ethel also taught in rural schools of Charles Mix county, married a dairy farmer, Frank Hakl (deceased), of Geddes. They also moved to Beresford in the spring of 1938 to a Lee Bergren farm. Later they bought land at Norway Center, Lincoln county. They have four children: Rodney, Hudson; Marlene, Beresford; Craig, North Carolina; and Curtis, Australia. Ethel lives in Alcester. Myrtle married Judin Solberg (deceased), a trucker from the Nora community. They had a son, Merlyn, of Minnesota, and a daughter, Myrna, of Sioux Falls. Myrtle resides in Alcester. Evelyn married Gilbert Ekren, a farmer from the Roseni and Nora vicinity. They have a son, James, of Arizona, and a daughter, Glenice, of Alcester. The Ekrens retired and reside in Alcester. Ana married Rolland Abraham of the Spink community. They are parents of four daughters: Diane of Huron; Lynette of Volga; Nancy of Canton, and Lori of Missouri. They live near Alsen, acquiring one of the Lee Bergren farms.

Maxine married Gilbert Ellingsen. They are the parents of three sons: Bruce of Cheyenne, Wyo.; Lynn, in the service at Cheyenne, Wyo., and Charles of Harrisburg. They retired and reside in Alcester.

Conrad married Ardis Osthus of Centerville. They live on a farm east of Alsen and have two daughters, Marcene and Darla, both of Sioux Falls.



Back row: Thorwald, Nels Peter, Harry, Rosie, Holger, Dewey, Moody; front: Hans, John, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Mary and Albert.

Jens and Hansene Johnson

Jens Johnson was born in Lolland, Denmark on April 10, 1851. He came to America at the age of about 20 years. Coming first to Wisconsin, he later worked in Michigan. He then came to South Dakota where he homesteaded southwest of Beresford, Dakota Territory, Glenwood township, Clay county. He was married to Hansene Hansen in 1879, who was born in Langeland, Denmark in 1864. Hansene came to America at about the age of six years. They homesteaded in Dakota Territory, Glenwood township, Clay county. They were the parents of 12 children. Jens Johnson died in 1917 and Hansene Johnson died in 1937.

John Johnson was born in 1880 and was married to Augusta Sorenson. She died in 1910. He

then married Cora Peterson in 1920 and lived at Beresford their entire lives.

Catherine Johnson was born in 1882 and died in 1885.

Hans Johnson was born in 1883 and married Ella Engstrom in 1913. She died in 1934. He then married Magda Carlson in 1943. They had four children: Vera Johnson, who married Casper Voog in 1935 and reside in Beresford. The Voogs have two children: JoAnn Voog, who married Dennis Reinhold in 1957 and lives in Costa Mesa, Calif. The Reinholts have two children: Kathy Jean, married to Richard Wagner, and lives in Barrington, Ill. They have two children, Heather and Grant; Ronald Voog married Louise Johnson and lives in Burlington, Ia. They have three children: Duane, Andrea and Nancy.

Leona Johnson married Kenneth Sandvall in 1938 and lives in Plainfield. They have two children: Pamela, who married Jim Pickering and lives in Illinois. Their children are David, Mark and Matthew; Dale Sandvall married Donna Pruitt, and lives in Arlington, Tex. They have a daughter, Brittany.

Robert Johnson married Lucille Metras in 1941 and the live in Randle, Wash. They have two sons: Donald Johnson married Kimberly Kerr. Their three sons are Aaron, and twins, Jeremy and Nickolas; Wayne Johnson married Judith Anderson and they live in Aloha, Ore. Their two sons are Darrell and Matthew.

Emma Johnson married Gordon Larson in 1939 and live in Beresford. They have four children: Karen married Robert Isakson and lived in Rapid City until recently when they moved to south of Beresford. Their four children are Dean, Lori, Wendy and Michael; Phyllis married Sheridan Sternquist and lives at Centerville. Their three children are Jeffrey, David and Jodi; Gerald Larson married Letty Copeland and lives in Beresford. Their children are Jennifer, Matthew and Mindy; Claire Larson married Jerry Antonson and live south of Beresford. They have four children: Bradley, Alisa, Jennifer and Michael.

Mary Johnson was born in 1885 and married Alfred Johnson in 1911. They both died during the flu epidemic a week apart in January, 1919. They had a son, Herman, who married Alice Redwood and live in Omaha, Nebr. They had a daughter, Carol.

Nels Peter Johnson was born in 1888 and married Christina Peterson in 1917. They had four children: Virgil Johnson, who married Louise Fletcher, lives in Sioux Falls and has three daughters: Cheryl, who married Gerald Boekhoff; Nancy, who married Carl Ivy; and Lori Johnson.

Violet Johnson married John Erickson in 1952 and lives in Beresford. Their two sons are Steve, married to Kristi Lundberg and has a daughter, Melissa; and Dale, married to Tracy Nelson, has a son, Jake.

Delmar Johnson married LaVonne Olson in 1955 and has three sons: Bruce, married to Terri Cordes in 1982; Bryan and Bradley.

Darlene Johnson married Valley LeMoine in 1950. Their children are Valerie and Jeffrey.

Thorvald Johnson was born in 1889 and died in 1967. He lived at Beresford and also in Oregon.

Holger Johnson was born in 1891 and married Isabelle Latandresse in 1920. They had a son, Raymond, who married Opal Erickson. They have five children: Kathleen, Teresa, twins Kris and Kaye, and Brian, who died in infancy.

Harry Johnson was born in 1893 and married Annie Jorgenson in 1917. They lived in Newberg, Ore. Their daughter, Viola, married Otto Tetz and lives in Scapoose, Ore. Their children are John, Janice, Alfred and Gary.

Leverne Johnson married Dorothy Hanigan in 1940. Their daughter, Patricia, married David Bauer and lives in Oregon. Their children are Jeffrey, Jill and Jennifer.

Lawrence Johnson married Linda Myhren in 1965 and live in Oregon. Their children are Stephanie and Brent.

Joan Johnson married Tony Dressel and has a daughter, Tiana.

Leonard Johnson married Christine Polo in 1971. Their children are Angela, Allison and Scott.

Dorine Johnson was born in 1923 and died in 1925.

Melvin Johnson lives in Oregon and has a son, Marc.

Alvin Johnson was born in 1929 and died in infancy.

Evelyn Johnson was born in 1931 and died in infancy.

Florence Johnson married James Umscheid in 1952 and lives in Oregon. Their children are David, Michael and Debra, who married Peter Adamske, and their children are Ryan and Casie.

Moody Johnson was born in 1896 and married Ethel Larson in 1921. She died in 1933. He then married Hazel Strom and had a son, Russell, who married Dotty Dunham. Their children are

Duane, who died in 1949; Pamela, Roger, Ricky, Sheila, Justin and Ross.

Pearl Johnson married Oliver Schoffeman in 1947 and had a son, Dennis.

Roger Johnson Sveen married Marcene Jacobs in 1953 and live in Sioux Falls. Their children are Jay, Jolene, twins Jean and Joan, and Julie.

Dewey Johnson was born in 1898 and married Bertha Strom in 1929. They had a son, Darine (Jack), who married Betty Decker in 1957. Their children are Teresa, Robert, Gary and Julie and live in Denver, Colo.

Dalton Johnson was born in 1932 and died in 1979.

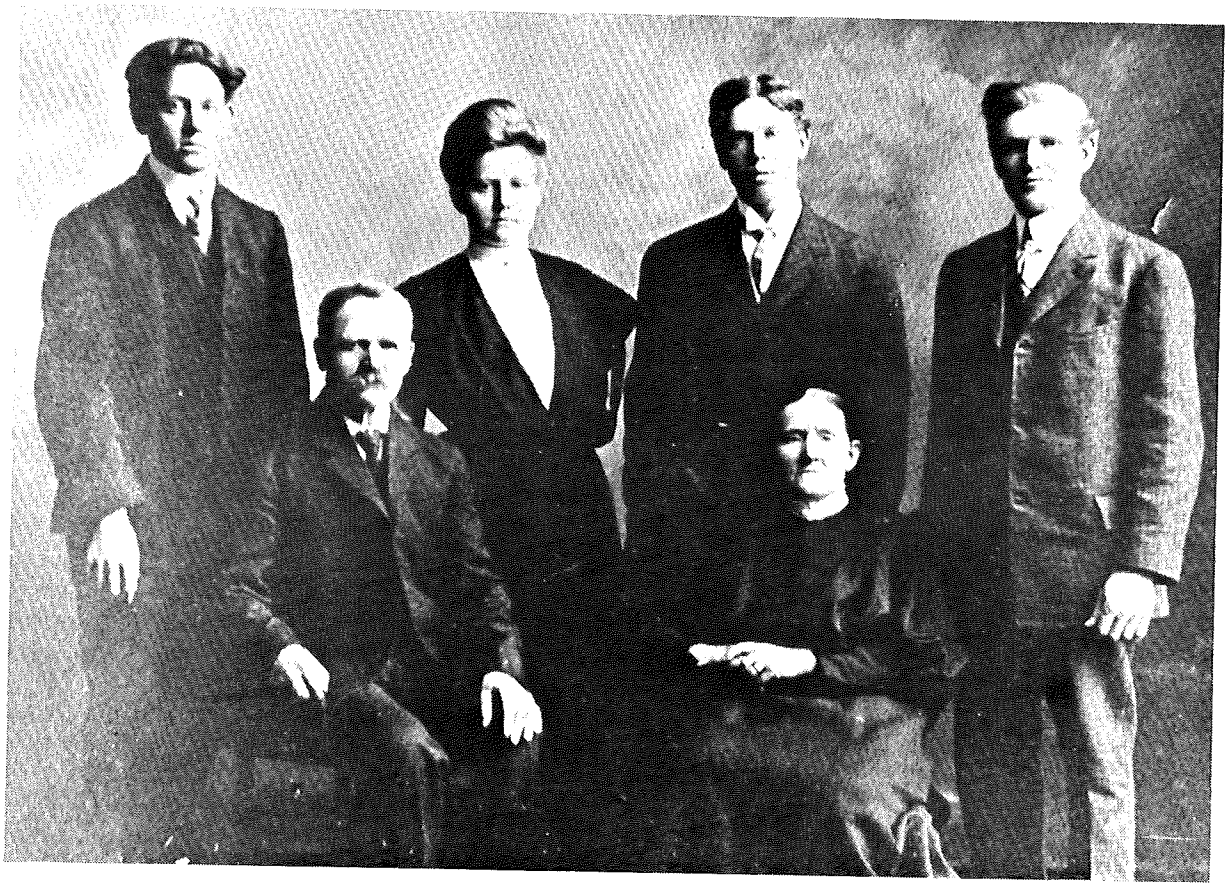
Daniel Johnson married Marilyn Holley in 1956. Their children are Michael, who married Maria Ramerez, and has a son, Dustin; and Debra.

James Johnson lives in Colorado.

Albert Johnson was born in 1900 and died in 1918.

Rosie Johnson was born in 1902 and married John Nielsen in 1922. Their son, Howard, married Elaine Claussen. Their children are Mark and Ronald.

Harlan Nielsen married Gwenneth Erickson in 1954. Their children are Joannie, who married Joe Lyle, and are the parents of Douglas, Angie and William "B. J."; Joy Nielsen, born in 1958, died in 1959; Robert and Jack.



Standing: Emil, Emily, August and Theodore; seated: Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

John and Anna Johnson

In a Swedish settlement near Andover, Ill., several immigrant families were making plans to move west. They had lived in Illinois for about 14 years after leaving Sweden, but were getting restless after hearing of others who had gone west and had their own land. They wanted a place they could call their own, instead of working as farmhands or in other labor that wasn't fulfilling their dreams. They had heard Dakota Territory offered what they wanted.

Plans were made through the winter and supplies for the trip accumulated for months. Many of the families talked of taking this trip to Dakota, but on that morning early in May 1874, only five covered wagons started out. Three of them were families: Charles Ander-

sons, Nels Larsons, Peter Normans, and three bachelors. One of these bachelors was John F. Johnson, who homesteaded in Brooklyn township, Lincoln county, near Beresford, South Dakota. The two other bachelors were Louis Egerstrom and Charles Veborg.

Their supplies for the journey consisted mostly of dried vegetables and fruit, salt pork, meal, flour and coffee. They had spiders for cooking in the open skillets and other pans. Some of the children were sickly, so the parents took medicine along. This group had heard stories of other western trips telling of dangers such as Indians, fever and small pox.

The first few days were filled with excitement, but soon each day became like the one before; setting up camp and breaking camp and traveling on and on. Some of the creeks (because of spring rains) were hard to ford, but after the first exciting experience of being ferried across the Mississippi, the lesser streams were not so difficult. Care had to be taken against swift currents so wagons would not be swept downstream, losing precious cargo. Cracks in the wagons were filled with tar and cloth. As the pioneers entered their second week of travel, they were enjoying the new sights of Iowa.

After their long days of travel, they always took time after supper, when darkness was about to descend, to take out the "Helgia Bibilia" to read and to have an evening prayer.

One of the families had relatives who had made this trip some three years earlier and had settled in Clay county at a community called Komstad, so this group went there also. At the end of the third week they reached their destination. The first thing that was done was to build a dugout for each family. Later they added a good roof with shingles and a couple small glass windows.

During the first few years, the families took turns having church services in their homes, and in 1882 the Brooklyn Free Church was organized.

On their arrival from Illinois, most of them had very little money, but learned to share what they had. During their first years in Dakota there were grasshopper infestations. In 1880, as settlers began digging potatoes, the snowstorm of 1880 struck in the afternoon. By morning, the potato patch and all else was knee deep in snow. They suffered much hardship the rest of the winter. The only towns for supplies were Canton and Vermillion. In these early days, death claimed parents and children as epidemics of diptheria and small pox plagued the settlement.

John F. Johnson was one of these pioneers who immigrated to Dakota Territory. He later married Anna Louise and had four children: August, the twins, Emil and Emily, and Carl Theadore. In 1880, John and Anna applied for homestead rights in Lincoln County, Brooklyn Township. They received their homestead patent in 1881. Their land later was owned by his eldest son, August, and later purchased by Arlan Ostrem. The 80-acre home site was sold to John's great-grandson, Terry Ostrem, who now resides there with his wife, Janis, and daughter, Nicole. They are the fifth generation to live on this homestead in the same house.

Besides the homestead, John Johnson purchased land from Charles Norton. His youngest son, Theadore, lived on this farm after his marriage and later owned it. John died in 1924. His wife, Anna, died in 1921.

Theadore's children are Eleanor Haugland, Lloyd Johnson, Vivian Vik (mother of Darrell Vik, Beresford), Elvera Knutson, Elaine Hall, LeRena Ostrem (mother of Don and Terry Ostrem of Beresford), Lynette Osthus. Other descendants of John and Anna Johnson are 29 great-grandchildren and 45 great-great-grandchildren.

John E. and Dorthea Johnson

John Edward Johnson was born in 1843 in Bergen, Norway. He homesteaded seven miles northeast of Beresford. In 1876, when he was 33 years old, he married Dorthea Olson. She was born in Jaeren, Hadeland, Norway in 1857 and came to America with her parents in 1866. It was an eight-week trip in a sailboat. They lived in Iowa for three years and came by oxen and wagon to Dakota Territory. They settled and homesteaded at Gayville, S.D. The Rev. Albert Olson, who lived in Canton for many years and preached many times in this area, was her brother.

Dorthea moved with her husband to a sod hut and together they endured many hardships. At one time there was a huge prairie fire and a neighbor came to their home badly burned. They took her in and cared for her, but she lived only 16 days. They carried water for household use from a well quite a distance

Back: Josephine, Joseph, Gina, Della, Sophia; front: Mr. Johnson, Alvin, Inga, Mrs. Johnson, Ida, Marie and John.

from the sod house, mostly uphill, and did all of the work by hand. Dorthea had a spinning wheel to spin the carded wool to make many warm garments for her ten children. Many times the supper would be a dish called "mush", a kind of thickened milk.

Their children were Marie, Della, Gina, Sophie, Josephine, Ida, Inga, Joseph, John and Alvin. Alvin died in July, 1982. He was the last surviving member of the original family.

John and Dorthea were among the first settlers to help organize the Romsdal Church of rural Beresford. John was one of the solicitors for the building fund in 1890. He suffered a stroke in Romsdahl in 1908 and died on Easter Sunday of that year.

His wife, Dorthea, who was 14 years younger than John, was left with all the children and farm work. The older girls had to help as the boys were all very young. Dorthea lived as a widow for 37 years after her husband died. When her children were all grown, she knitted many articles for her grandchildren. When she died in 1945 at age 88, she was the last charter member of the Romsdahl Church.

Her son, Joseph, lived in the Beresford area all his life. He owned and operated a dairy farm a mile east of Beresford for many years. His children were Doris, Russell, Clifford and Joseph, Jr. Dorthea's son, John W. Johnson, has a son still living in Beresford. He is also named John and lives with his wife, Marilyn.

Louis and Christina Johnson

Louis Johnson was born in Denmark in 1848 and came to the United States at the age of 22 years.

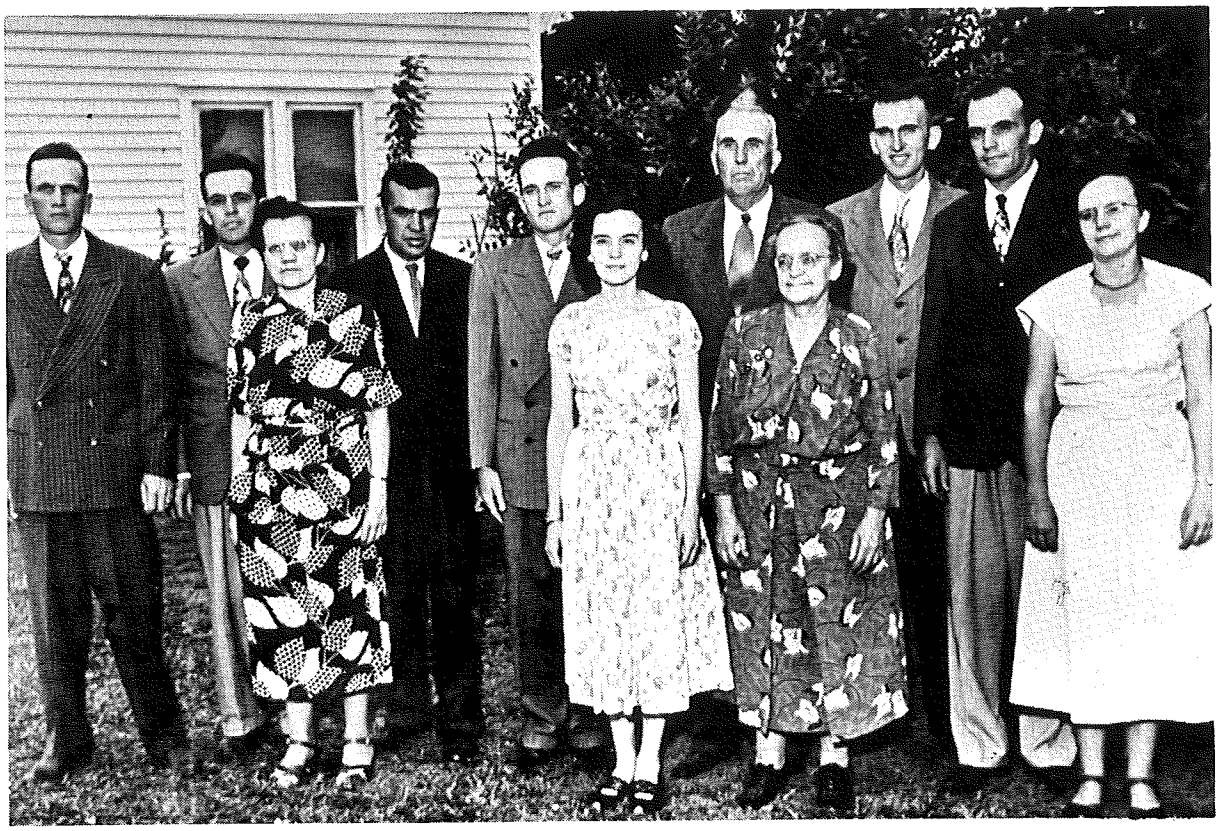
Spending three years in Chicago, he came to Lincoln county, South Dakota where he spent the remainder of his life, except for nine years when he lived in Sioux Falls. He purchased land in 1882, Delaware township, which he named Pleasant View Stock Farm, as he was a breeder of Shorthorn cattle.

Mr. Johnson offered free use of his land and loaned the money to build the first school (1880) District 31. He served many years on the school board as treasurer.

Louis was united in marriage in 1887 to Christina Nelson, born in 1860, at Horsen, Denmark. She came to the U.S.A. in 1884 and began housekeeping on his Pleasant View farm.

Born to them was one daughter, Alice, born in 1889, and they adopted a son, Edgar, in 1892. Alice married Neils C. Dahlgard, born in 1881, at Ames, Dodge county, Nebr., in 1908. They continued to reside on the farm owned by her parents northwest of Beresford.

Mr. Dahlgard also served as treasurer of School District 31. The couple attended the Second Reformed Church in Lennox. Their children are Dennis of Seattle, Wash.; Clyde W. of Lennox; Clayton K. of Beresford; and Louise M. Marsh of Aurora, Colo.



Left to right: William, Lawrence, Mary, James, Charles, Ethel, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. Johnson, Richard, Allan and Dorothy.

Louis and Mary Johnson

Louis E. Johnson was born in Lincoln county, Dakota Territory, in 1885, the son of Lars E. Johnson (born in Denmark in 1845) and Mary Rudd Johnson (born in Chicago in 1856). Lars and Mary were married in 1876 and came to Dakota Territory in 1878. They were the parents of six children.

When Louis was three months old, he and his parents moved to the farm which became his home the remainder of his life. Louis was married to Ethel Noble (daughter of John and Mary Noble), who was born in Lincoln county, Dakota Territory (Centerville) in 1889. The couple farmed all their married life and were the parents of nine children: Mary E., Allen, Laurence, James, Dorothy, William L., Ethel, Charles and Richard. Louis passed away in 1965 and Ethel in 1953.

Mary E. married Carl Miller of Marcus, Ia. and they farmed north of Beresford until their retirement. They have two children: Gary, of Oklahoma City, Okla., who is a construction worker and served in the Army in Vietnam; and Karen (Mrs. Michael Galvir of Galva, Ia.), who, with her husband, farms and has four children: Jamie, Brian, David and Christopher. The Millers now live in Beresford.

Allan served his country in World War II and after the war was employed in El Dorado, Ark. He married Eleanor Hendrix of Arkansas

and has a daughter, Dorothy E. Allan died in 1972.

Laurence married Shirley Hughes and the couple farm northeast of Beresford.

James grew up on the family farm and died in 1970.

Dorothy lives in Lennox and is employed at the retirement home there.

William is living on the family home place. He married Charlene Carlson and has two children, Nancy, who lives in Boulder, Colo. and Keith who lives in Texas.

Ethel is married to LaVern Hughes and they live at Stickney. They have three children: David of Woodward, Okla., is married and has a son; Mary, of Forth Worth, Tex. and Carol of Rapid City.

Charles is married to Jean Holt of Cresbard, and they live in San Diego, Calif. They have three children: Doris (Mrs. Quentin Goldstein), who has two children, Wayne and Kevin, and live in Georgia; Howard and his wife live in San Diego; and Wayne of San Diego.

Richard is married to Donna Nelson of Hills, Minn. They now live at Rushmore, Minn. and have eight children: Ronald and wife, Pat, live in Sioux Falls; Raymond is in the Army; Rosalie (Mrs. Andy Jordahl) lives in St. Paul, Minn.;Roxanne, in Minnesota; Richard and Roger who are in the Army; Rhonda and Ralph who are at home and are students.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Johnson

Peter and Inga Johnson

Peter Johnson, native of Ostersund, Jamptland, Sweden, came to Dakota Territory in 1870. He filed a homestead claim in Glenwood township, Clay county, and received the patent in 1885.

Peter married Inga Gamberg, daughter of Lars Peter Gamberg, also homesteaders in Glenwood. They had nine children: Martha, Christine, George, Edward, Amanda, Oscar, Willie, Lillian and Nina. The family sold the farm to Nils Olson and moved to Pasa Robles, Calif. in 1886.

Mr. and Mrs. Gust Gylfe are the present owners and residents of this homestead.

Henry and Clara Jones

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Henry Jones was born in 1891 near Beresford, South Dakota. He was the son of Henry, Sr. and Clarissa Jones, and was the youngest of four children. The other three children in the Jones family were Lily Jackson (1879-1963), Ida Gifford (1881-1968) and Effie Kinkner (1883-1956).

In 1909, Henry was married to Clara Cornish, daughter of Andrew and Maggie Cornish. They raised a family of five children: Myron (1910), Racine, Wisc.; Opal Hedeen (1913-1970); Olive Faulkenberry (1918), Plains, Tex.; and twin sons, Myrl (1919), La Jolla, Calif. and Earl (1919). There are 16 grandchildren, 27 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

For a number of years, Henry farmed on the home place of his parents. That farm is now owned by George Erickson. In the early thirties he moved his family into town and in 1959 began operating "Jones' Card Room". He retired in 1954. Mr. and Mrs. Jones died in February and May of 1966, respectively, at the age of 75.

Henry and Clarissa Jones

Henry and Clarissa Jones Sr.

Henry and Clarissa (Lower) Jones came to the Beresford area in 1888 from the Racine, Wisconsin area where they owned an inn in Raymond, Wisc. Their ancestry traces back to England and Holland. Their families have been in America since before the Revolutionary War. Family members owned a farm on what is now Times Square in New York City. Others lived in New Hampshire and Connecticut and trades included farming, law, circuit riding, preachers and veterinarians.

Henry and Clarissa first farmed across from the Gothland Church and later lived on several farms east of Beresford. Their children, Lillie (Jackson), Ida (Gifford), Effie (Kinkner) and Henry helped with the farming and later all married and lived in the area. The famly was active in the Gothland Congregational Church. Henry was Gothland School clerk for 20 years, and helped neighbors dehorn cattle and haul corn. He worked for an implement dealer (Stakke) fixing and assembling machinery and was especially adept at fixing horse-drawn grain binders. Henry loved all games—horseshoes, croquet and cards—and his favorite day of the year was April Fools Day when his sense of humor resulted in tricks on everyone.

Clarissa was busy raising a family and being a farm wife, but had time to enjoy piecing quilts, knitting, sewing and mending. She also worked in the Missionary Society, making quilts, which were sold in town. She played an old pump organ, enjoyed reading, and loved the beautiful South Dakota sunsets. She served as a midwife and welcomed many new lives into the community.

Henry and Clarissa built a house and lived in Beresford in their later years. Henry died in 1927 and Clarissa in 1939.

John Simpson and Andrew Kalgren

Andrew Kalgren

A Swedish immigrant, who will be remembered by many in the Alsen area, lived "kitty corner" from the Simpson farm on a small acreage. He was a tinner—a mender of pots and pans. He conducted his business from a two-wheeled cart which he pushed from farm to farm. His small house was moved to Spink where it is now. He caught water in a barrel for cooking and drinking. The Simpsons remember him chopping wood, talking to himself as he worked. He died at Bethesda Home where neighbors had helped him acquire a home. He thought his new home was "seventh heaven".

Walter and Effie Kinker

Since the late 1800's, the Kinkner family has farmed in and around Pleasant township east of Beresford. The Kinkners first arrived in 1890 when Laura Parker Kinkner came from Illinois by way of Ogden, Ia. with her sons, Walter and

Walter and Effie Kinkner

Fred, and daughter, Lottie (Forbes). Mae Churchill Wass, another daughter, joined them later. Laura's husband, James, died in 1882 when the family farmed near Ogden, Ia. Walter, age 12, and Fred then assumed the responsibility of farming. Later, Laura and her children joined her three brothers, Will, Frank and Jim Parker, who were already farming in the Beresford community.

The Parkers were originally from England, then settled in Virginia, and eventually moved to Indiana and Illinois. The Kinkners were originally from Germany, then lived in Pennsylvania before moving to Illinois where James and Laura married in 1868 in Genoa, Ill.

Upon arrival in South Dakota, the teenage Kinkner children helped their mother by working in the Beresford area. They were members of the Gothland Congregational Church where Walter met and married Effie Jones in 1900. Effie was the daughter of Henry and Clarissa Lower Jones, who came to the Beresford area in 1888 from Racine, Wisc. The Kinkners had two children, Eva, born in 1902, and Raymond, born in 1911.

Walter and Effie Kinkner were typical of the pioneers of their time, suffering through the hard times as well as enjoying the benefits of hard work. They played fiddle and piano at dances where their friends and neighbors danced the circle two-step, waltzes and square dance. Throughout the year they entertained at dances, traveling in the winter by bobsled, picking up friends and keeping warm in 20-degree below zero temperatures with horse robes, soap stones, or by running behind the bobsled. The only light was a lantern hanging on the side of the sled.

Walter farmed with horses and never drove a tractor in his life. He walked behind them plowing, dragging, and with a one-row cultivator. Everything was done by hand labor, from picking corn to pitching manure.

Walter and Effie bought 80 acres east of Beresford and bought a two-room house in Beresford which they moved to their place with horse-pulled running gears. They added three bedrooms and a porch as they could afford them.

Centerville beach was a favorite spot for family outings, picnics and swimming. Ample baskets of fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad, homemade bread and date cake went along.

Huge gardens, with everything from strawberries to vegetables, were preserved for winter use. Corn and apples were dried, Cucumbers preserved and meat canned. Carrots were carefully tucked away in sand and other vegetables were stored in the cave.

Effie always raised her own chickens, putting the eggs under setting hens for three weeks. The newly hatched chicks had their own individual coop with a hen. Effie churned and sold butter after helping milk cows by hand.

Eva married Ragnar Ostensen in 1936. She was a linotype operator at the Beresford *Republic* for 25 years and died in 1950. Raymond married Elvera Erickson in 1933. Elvera is the daughter of August and Edla Erickson, also early settlers in the community east of Beresford, and emigrants from Sweden in 1888 (see August Erickson story).

Walter, Effie, Ray and Elvera farmed 320 acres for nine years through the dirty 30's, enduring drought, grasshoppers, hail and dust storms, which made it dark as night during the day. Damp cloths were put at the windows to keep the dust out. Dirt drifted the ditches full up to the fence posts. On winter mornings, they often awoke to find frost on the bed covers and the drinking water frozen. Heat was from a wood stove and kitchen range. Washing was done for awhile on a washboard with homemade lye soap and later with a gas-powered

machine.

Walter and Effie farmed until their deaths in 1947 and 1956, respectively.

Ray and Elvera still live on the family farm in Pleasant township. Their daughter, Caryl, married Ed. S. Crozier in 1960, and has two daughters, Michelle and Cherise. They live in Burnsville, Minn.

Front row, seated: Ida, Mrs. Kittelson, Mr. Kittelson, Carrie; back row, standing: Emma, Theodore, Tillman, Selma, Helmey, Oluf, Selmer and Martha.

Eric and Sigri Kittelson

Eric Kittelson (1854-1922) was born in Gol Hallingdal, Norway. He married Sigri Bren (1854-1945) and the following year they immigrated to America. They came to Canton and homesteaded near Fairview, just west of where Lake Dakota is now situated. They lived there for 12 years and then bought a farm two miles north and two and one-half miles west of Romsdal Church.

In 1892 they became members of Romsdal Church and all their children were confirmed there. They were Ida Sather, Carrie Tuntland, Selma Nash, Theodore, Selmer, Oluf, Hilmey, Tillman (all deceased), Martha Jackson and Emma Eneboe. Tillman farmed the home place until his son, Buell, took over and now operates the farm for the third generation.

Sigri never spoke much English. Her only signature was an X. She was a charter member of the Romsdal Ladies Aid. She and Eric are buried in Romsdal cemetery.

Descendants of Ida Sather are: Mrs. Tillman Nelson, Mrs. Lorraine Norgaard, and Lloyd (deceased). Emma Eneboe had a daughter, Mrs. Jasper Myers. Carrie Tuntland had three sons, Olaf, Stanley and Egan (deceased). Martha Jackson had two daughters, Mrs. Darlene Blake and Mrs. Ardis Sorenson. Selmer Kittelson had two children, Bob and Mrs. Audrey Harrington. Children of Hilmey are Beverly Claussen, Desmond, Jack and Karol. Theodore had a son, Lee. Tillman had two sons, Jules and Buell, and Oluf had three sons, Dale, Donald and Leon.

Thomas and Mary Kribell

Thomas and Mary Hassett Kribell homesteaded the Kribell family farm on April 30, 1880.

Thomas Kribell was born in Germany and immigrated to New York with his parents while a small child. When he was 16, he repeatedly tried to enlist in the Army. His father would find his name on the enlistment roll and remove it because he was too young. Tom then enlisted under the name of Tom Smith and served two years with the Union Army. He served with Gen. Sherman during Sherman's March to the Sea the last six months of the Civil War. With the end of the war, he went to Dakota Territory.

Mary Catherine Hassett was born at Mt. Carmel, Ill. in 1854. When she was quite young, her parents moved to Minnesota. They were among the pioneers who broke the prairies. Later they homesteaded in Dakota Territory where the Emmett township hall is located.

In 1873, she was united in marriage to Thomas Kribell. They homesteaded here during the grasshopper infestation. After suffering five years of crop failure, they left with a team of mules, ten dollars, and a baby daughter, Catherine, to work on building a drainage canal near Chicago, and later help build railroad tracks from Illinois to St. Louis to the Gulf of Mexico. Mary cooked for the men who worked on the railroad, as well as for her own family.

Sixteen years later, 1896, they returned, and again took up residence on the homestead five miles south of Beresford.

A Tschudy family lived on the land and built the house on the homestead while the Kribells were gone.

Thomas Kribell had two brothers, Peter and Lewis, and a sister, Kate. Children of Thomas and Mary Hassett Kribell were Catherine, James, Mary (Dolan), Thomas, Daniel Lewis, Leona, and Ellen (Manning). Catherine, James and Leona never married.

Children of Mary and Will Dolan are Raymond, Joseph, James, Burnedette (Sister Amica), and Mary (Dinneen).

Children of Thomas and Lena McIlvenna Kribell are Katherine (Bickett), Mary (Birgen), Betty (Kippes), Teresa (O'Connor), Helen (Sister Ruth), Margaret (Sister Blanche), Thomas, Florence and Joseph.

Children of Ellen and Jere Manning are Coletta (Sweeney), Patricia (McGerry), Mary (Stene), Joseph and Gerald.

Children of Daniel Lewis and Katherine Neuroth Kribell are Mildred (O'Connor), Lucille (O'Connor), Monica (Lyle), Daniel, Delores (Valsvig), James, Larry (died at age 5), Mary Terese (Jennings), Lewis, and Anne (Harrington).

Children of Lewis and Gloria Bystrom Kribell are Jeffrey, James, Jerald, Daniel, Thomas, Robert and Kari.

Henry and Katherine Kundert

Katharine Anna Schmid, oldest daughter of Mathias and Magdalena Schmid, was born at New Glarus, Wisconsin in 1856. She came with her parents to Dakota Territory when they homesteaded in 1873 (see Mathias Schmid story).

Katharine was married to Henry Kundert, born in 1875, who died in 1926. They resided near Beresford until 1900 when they moved to White Lake. In 1902 they moved to Yankton where they resided until her death in 1934.

This couple had eight children: Henry Jr., August, Mrs. D. J. Hughes, Annetta, Mrs. Arthur Fox, Mrs. W. M. LaBounty, and Mrs. Aurora Scanoin. One son, Edwin, died in military service during World War I.

Lars and Marit Kylling

Lars Larsen Kylling (1840-1912) was born in Romsdal, Norway. He married Mari Erlandsdatter Alness (1843-1911) of Sogndal, Norway. Soon after their marriage in 1869 they left for America. It took them 13 weeks to cross the Atlantic Ocean and they settled in Ossian, Winneshiek county, Iowa. In the spring of 1871, they started for the Dakotas, together with friends, in two wagon trains. They homesteaded 160 acres in Norway Township, Lincoln County.

In the summer of 1872, Lars and Marit donated two acres of ground and $50 toward starting a Lutheran church and with it expressed the desire that the church be named Romsdal after the place they came from in Norway.

Lars and Marit had eight children; two girls died in infancy, Edwin (1871-1888) and Louise (1879-1901).

On the afternoon of January 12, 1888, Edwin Kylling, 17 years old, drove a team of horses and wagon a mile south of home to get a load

of hay. A snowstorm came up which turned out to be the worst blizzard in history. Edwin started for home but lost his way, and was found the next morning frozen to death by a straw stack where the horses had stopped a quarter of a mile east of home. At this time there were no roads or fences to follow, just prairie land; nothing to help one find the way to safety.

Ludvig Kylling (1873-1951) married Anna Morken (1887-1979) of Lesjaskog, Gulbrandsdalen, Norway. They had seven children: Marie (Lester) Millsap, died in 1974; Olive Kylling, Eleanor (Tom) Lass, Ardis (Bob) Harvey, Ludvig, Jr. died in 1954, Lillian (Bob) Jelnick, and Grace (Jim) Kennedy.

Ador Kylling (1875-1931) married Annie Thorstenson (1874-1909). She died in childbirth, leaving a small son, Lawrence (1909-1915) and daughter, Meneva (Oliver) Anderson.

In 1914, Ador married Clara Linde (1889-1982) Ador's grandson, Larry, and wife, Jone Anderson, operate this farm and the Kylling homestead today. The Lars and Marit Kylling homestead has been in the family for 112 years.

Emma Kylling (1881-1977) married Edw. M. Linde and they had no children.

Lyda Kylling (1883-1961) married Theodore Kittelson. They were parents of one son, Lee.

There are four granddaughters of Lars and Marit Kylling living in Beresford: Olive Kylling, Eleanor Lass, Grace Kennedy and Meneva Anderson.

Back row, left to right: Mabel, Edwin, Esther, Blanche; front row: Mr. Landeen, Mildred, Mrs. Landeen.

John and Tilda Landeen

John Landeen was born in Mjolby, Ostergotland, Sweden in 1864. Anna Mathilda Carlson, called "Tilda", was born in the neighboring town of Normlosa the same year. They came to America in the late 1880's along with other relatives.

For a time they worked at Dayton, Boone and Clarinda, Ia. In 1888 they came to Dakota Territory to the Komstead area of rural Beresford where friends from the same place in Sweden had previously settled. Tilda worked for the Norgrens whose home was where the Experiment Farm is now, and John worked at several places, one of them being the Riverside Mill. He attended classes for "newcomers" at the Riverside school.

After their marriage in 1890, they started farming the first place north of the school. The

next year they moved one mile west of Beresford and two years later three miles east of town. There are no buildings on these sites now. In 1898 they bought land one mile east of the Beresford cemetery. By 1902 they had built a house and other buildings so they could move to the place that became their permament home. This has always been known as the Landeen home place and it is still in the family.

John and Tilda had five children: Edwin, Esther, Mabel, Blanche and Mildred. For several years they sold milk and butter to many Beresford residents. It is said the horses learned the milk route so well they knew just where to stop. All of their children attended Gothland school. In 1910, John made a motion that carried to name the school Gothland that previously had been known as District 70. The name was taken from a place in his native land where he had been stationed for military service. After John's death in 1916, Tilda and the two unmarried daughters, Mabel and Mildred, moved into Beresford. They purchased the house on North 3rd Street known as the Kimberly house.

Their son, Edwin Landeen, married Maude Norling. They lived on the farm west of Beresford where she was born and that her father had homesteaded until 1960 when they moved into Beresford. Their four sons were Clarence, John, Roy and Glen.

All of the Ed Landeen families who remained in this area established homes in the Glenwood area and a few miles west. Clarence John and Glen served time in the military service.

Clarence Landeen married Marjorie Georgeson. They live in Sioux Falls. All of their seven children—Clarene, Edwin, Francis, Gary, Janelle, Jeffrey and Trudy—are married and live in Sioux Falls along with their families. John Landeen married Doris Nielson. Their children are Gerald, Karen and Colleen. Gerald Landeen, Beresford, married Shelley Austin and their daughters are Ann, Amy and Amber. Karen and her husband, William Rush, and three sons live in Sioux Falls. Colleen, her husband, De Lynn Stene, and two sons live south of Alcester. For a Few years while John was in road construction work, the family lived in different parts of the state. They came back to the Beresford area where the family grew up. After John's death in 1977, his wife, Doris, moved to Vermillion and later to Sioux Falls. Roy Landeen married Joann Wiskstrom. Roy lived on the home place where he was born and that his grandfather Norling homesteaded until his death in 1980. His wife, Joann, and two children, Kristy and Marc, still live there. Glen Landeen married Nada Hult. They live in Sioux Falls. Their two sons are Vern and Neal. Vern married Darla Severson and live west of Beresford. Neal, who served in the military, lives in Sioux Falls.

Esther Landeen married Edwin Westling. For four years after their marriage, they lived near Dunn Center, N.D. on the farm her husband homesteaded. In 1918 they came back to Beresford and built a home on an acreage that was part of the Landeen home place. Ed did carpenter work for many families. In 1946 they moved into Beresford where they lived the remainder of their lives. Esther spent her last years at the Alcester nursing home.

Mabel Landeen married Carl Volden. They lived north of Beresford in the North Star area and had three children, Leslie, Donald and Marian. Leslie married Betty Norling (deceased). Their children are Steve, Janet and Gail. Steve married Charlotte Larson and has a son, Duane. Steve works for the Beresford Telephone Co. Janet married Charles Muhlenkort and has a daughter, Ann, and lives in Tea. Gail married Jerry Jeffries and has a son, Tim, and lives in Mississippi. Donald married Maxine Hastings and had three children: Jack, Jerry and Jean. They lived in Beresford until 1951 when they moved to Des Moines, Ia. Maxine and Donald have a son, Allan, who has two daughters. Donald died in 1976. His entire family still lives in Des Moines. Marian Volden married Royce Dahlin. She lived in the Komstad community until her death in 1949. Their daughter, Carol, married Dr. T. G. Rosenberger. They have a son, David, and live in Iowa City, Ia. Mabel Landeen Volden's husband, both her sons, and her grandson, Steve, were all in the military service. After her husband's death in 1950, she moved into town where she still lives.

Blanche Landeen married Edwin Olsen who was born in North Dakota and came to live at Bethesda Orphan's Home at the age of three, along with an older sister, Olga, and brother, Julius. Julius Olsen worked in the Beresford area before moving to Sioux Falls where he died in 1963. Blanche and Ed were the parents of five children: Melvin, Odell, Loreen, Delmar and Kendall. Melvin married Thelma Sorensen. They farmed in the Rainy Vale area for a few years before moving to Gann Valley in 1949. They have three children, Mary, Tom and Roger. Melvin died in 1979 and his wife in 1982. Odell married Evelyn Anderson and has four

children: Carol, Odell Jr., Ronald and LaDell. Carol married Dale Temple and they have five children: Jerry, Rocky, Debbie, Paul and Shawn. They live in Illinois. Odell Jr., Connecticut, married Eileen Christofferson and they have three children, Robin, Odell III (deceased) and Justin. In less than two years, he will have completed 20 years in the Navy. Ronald married Gale Lawrenson and has three sons, Mike, David and Brad. They live on the Landeen home place that his great-grandparents, John and Anna Landeen, purchased in 1898. LaDell married Gary Sletto and has three children, Misti, Derrick and Trevor. They live near Draper. Odell lived his entire life in the Beresford area and most of his married life one mile from his parents' home place where his wife, Evelyn, still lives. Odell died in 1976. Loreen married Boyd Knudson. They have nine children: Karen, DeLee, Joyce, Kathy, Sharon, Dale, Pam, Jan and Lori. They live in Centerville. Delmar lived on the home place with his parents except for the years he served in the Army during the Korean War. He married Irene Anderson in 1973 and they live on a ranch just east of Gann Valley. Kendall married Mary Huddleston of West Virginia. They lived in Ohio for a short time before returning to South Dakota. They are presently living in Yankton with their three children, Brian, Timmy and Tammy. Blanche lived near Beresford her entire life. She moved to the Landeen home place when she was two and lived there until her death in 1963. Ed served on the Gothland School Board and was on the Prairie Township Board for several years. All of their children and some of their grandchildren attended Gothland School. Their five children attended Beresford High School, and Melvin, Delmar and Kendall were all in the military service.

Mildred was a young girl when her parents died, so she lived with her brother and sisters and their families. After college she taught a few years. She married Harold Nelson and they lived on his home place in the Komstad community. They have two sons, Cameron and Lanney. Cameron married Mary Bonine. They have three children, Craig, Barbara and Jill. Craig married Collette Tardiff and has two sons, Travis and Andrew. Lanney married Bonnie Hegge and has two daughters, Julie and Wendy. Mildred and Harold moved into Centerville in 1963 when their sons took over the farming operation. Harold died in 1972. Since his great-grandparents settled in this same community in the 1860's, Harold and Mildred's great-grandchildren make the seventh generation to live in the Komstad community. All of their family, sons and grandchildren, and their families and great-grandchildren still live there, no more than three miles apart.

Jasper and Millie Landon

Jasper Wylum Landon was born in 1886 near Lancester, Wisconsin. He was the son of Henry and Adeline Harwood Landon. In 1872, at the age of six, he accompanied his parents to Lincoln county, Dakota Territory, where the family settled on a homestead. Here it was that he grew to maturity and received the schooling afforded those early day homesteaders. In 1888, he was united in marriage to Millie Redfield near Beresford. To this couple, 11 children were born.

Nora Landon married Frank Mausbach. They had two children, Wayne, of Sioux Falls and Wilma Lavinder of Worthing.

Myra Landon married Oren Buker. They had a child, Garrel, who died in infancy.

Lyle Landon married Elizabeth Fredrick of Germany. They live in California and have four children: June, married to Arthur Gard, lives in Santa Rosa, Calif.; Lyle F. married Violet M. Hope and lives in Tacoma, Wash.; Merle, married to Loris Kleppen, lives in California. Joyce Landon married Edwin Sarrevin and lives in California.

Jasper Landon married Emma Ariso. Four children were born: Richard, who married Lilia Nordquist, lives in Portland, Ore.; Delmar passed away; Eldon married Etta Mae Hart and lives in Washington; Lois married Douglas Salisbury and lives in Washington.

Alma married Wayne Babcock. She died. They had no children.

Theone Landon married John Auth and lives in Sioux Falls. They have a daughter, Thea, who is married to Joe Flemming and lives in Sioux Falls.

Opal Landon married Harry Nelson and lives in California. They had a son, Wylum, who married Mary Class, and lives in California.

Floyd Landon married Vanice Peterson. They lived in Beresford and had five children (see John Peterson story).

Back row, left to right: Theone, Alma, Lyle, Jasper, Nora; front row: Dwight, Beulah, Lynn, Floyd, Opal; sitting: Myro, Mr. Landon, Mrs. Landon.

Dwight Landon married Florence Nichols and had a son, Delayne, who is married to Jeanne Jagodinski, and lives in Minneapolis.

Lynn Landon married Helen Williams. They have a son, Dean, who is married to Arlene Weisinger, and lives in Texas.

Beulah Landon married Egnar Edblom. They had four children. Althea Edblom married Elmer Wittrock and lives in Sioux Falls, Lyle Edblom married Nancy Flood and lives in Brandon, Myla Edblom married Lindy Inberg and lives in Minnesota, and Angie Edblom married Roger Dunn and lives in Sioux Falls.

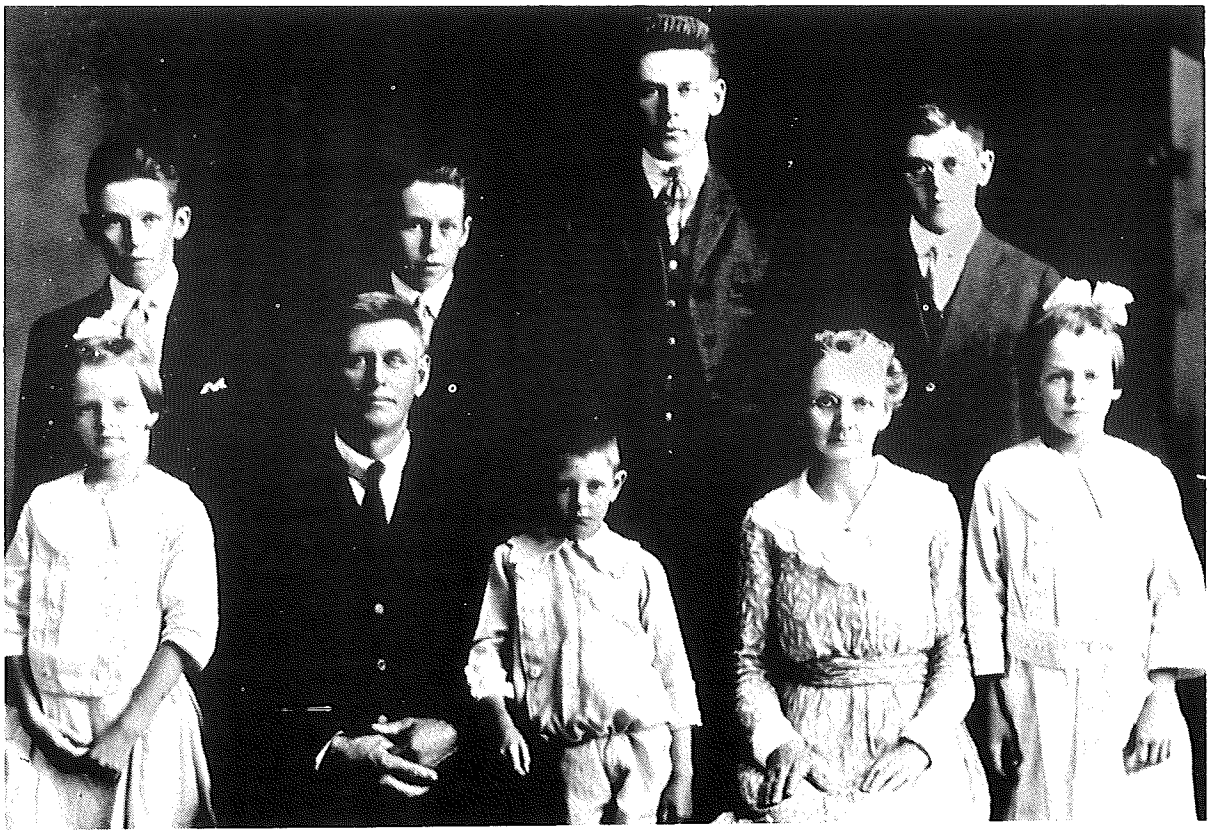
The family experienced the sorrows of disappointment when drought, pestilence and grasshoppers destroyed the crops. Jasper Landon was a continuous resident of Lincoln township, Lincoln county, for 77 years and lived in the same farm home for 58 years.

Tom and Clara Lappegard

Peder E. Lappegard married Bergit Thormodsgaard in Hollingdahl, Norway. They had two boys and four girls in 1880 when they decided to come to America. Tom (or Thorsten) was four or five years old. The family stayed near Fairview with the Lars Thormodsgaards for four years, then moved to a log house in Campbell county where his father had homesteaded. Tom met Clara Hagen when she came from Lincoln County with her sister and brothers to homestead. After they were married, they lived on Clara's claim for four years. They moved to Lincoln County with their two boys, Tilman and Phillip.

They bought a farm five miles east and a mile and a half north of Beresford. Twin boys, Burdette and Casper, were born before that move. Twin girls, Gladys and Geneva, and another boy, Buel, were born in their new home. Tom and his boys farmed until he died in 1934. Clara spent some years in Bethesda and died there.

Tilman and his wife, Hazel, moved from Glenham, South Dakota where Tilman worked for an oil company, to a farm adjoining the home place so he could help his brother, Phillip, and his mother, who were still on the home place. Drought, dust storms and tumble-



Back row, left to right: Casper, Bert, Tilman, Phillip; front row: Gladys, Mr. Lappegard, Buel, Mrs. Lappegard, Geneva.

weeds instead of crops had made Campbell County a desolate place. Lincoln County had been spared much of that and it looked good as a place to live.

Tilman became a charter member of the Lincoln County Soil Conservation Board. He was one of the first to practice contour farming and terracing in the 40's.

Three children were raised on the farm: David, Donna and Gail. Hazel went back to teaching when Dave was ready for college. Tilman and Hazel, after retiring in 1969, moved to International Falls, Minn. and are now living in Alcester.

Dave and JoAnn moved to the farm and live there at present in a remodeled farm house. Their children are Michael, Stephanie and Shelley. Michael, Karen and family live in the community also.

Jens and Hannah Larsen

Jens Larsen was born in 1840 in Birket, Lolland, Denmark. As a young man he served in the Army in Denmark during the Prussian War. In 1870 he married Hannah Rasmussen in Denmark. The following day they left for America to make a new home. Arriving at Racine, Wisconsin, Jens became a cabinet maker, but due to the damp climate, they immigrated to Dakota Territory. Jens and Hannah homesteaded at Alsen, nine miles south of Beresford. Their homestead papers were signed by President Rutherford B. Hayes, August 20, 1878.

Mr. Larsen built the first frame house known in that part of the country. A portion of this house is still standing in the village of Spink. Shortly thereafter, he built a red barn which was a landmark to guide people as they walked across the plains. This barn was made of cottonwood and is still standing and in use on the Larsen farm.

Jens Larsen was instrumental at the time of the building of Beresford and the Solomon Anderson place in Alsen as he helped with the hauling of lumber from near Vermillion, leaving home at 4 A.M. with the hope of making a round trip in one day.

Mr. Larsen was widely known as a sharp

Jens Larsen

Hannah Larsen

financier. He was a character in Beresford known for his extreme habits of savings. It is recalled by those best acquainted with him that while known as being very exacting in every detail of a transaction, he was just as prompt in seeing that all with whom he dealt were given a square deal. The story has been passed down of the time "Jens Peter" walked a mile to repay seven cents interest which had overcharged a school clerk. It was incidents such as this which caused him to be dubbed "Penny Pete".

Hannah was small in stature. Her interests were her family, flowers and poetry. After her death, short poems were found among her possessions in her own handwriting. Jens and Hannah were the parents of two sons, Louis and Robert.

Louis and Robert received their early education at Brule School. Louis continued his education at the University in Vermillion and was later a teacher at Brule and neighboring rural schools.

Louis married Ella Owens. They owned and operated a hardware store in Chester. One daughter, Ethel, was born to them. Ethel married Lynn Miller, making their home in the Canton-Harrisburg area. They are the parents of one son, Jerauld. Jerauld and his wife, Betty, have two children and live in the Harrisburg area.

With the passing of Jens Peter in 1920, Robert owned the homestead. Here, he and his wife, Mary Petersen Larsen of the Viborg area, made their home and raised their ten children: Naomi, Orville, May, Helen, Wesley, Elva, Edith, Vesta, Phoebe and Eldon.

Naomi married Einar Carlson and they had six children: Avis (Mrs. Palmer Antonsen), Leneya (Mrs. Oral Evans), Dorothy (Mrs. Rockley Erickson), Alyce (Mrs. Morris Selle), Emerald and Marvin. Orville and his wife, Gladys Hanson Larson, had two daughters, Berdice (Mrs. Bob Lund) and Roberta (Mrs. Clifford Erickson). May married Fred Henricksen and their children are Robert, Ruth (Mrs. Milton Anderson), Grace (Mrs. Art Luben), Joyce (Mrs. Leo Millage), Eva (Mrs. Ronald Mommer), Elaine (Mrs. Ernest Komechne), Janet (Mrs. Claude Gray), Charles, Tony and Steven. Helen married Roy Shogren (see Shogren story). They had three children: Duane, Nona (Mrs. Stanley Marshall) and Gloria (Mrs. James Adamson). Wesley and his wife, Florence Strom Larsen, had five children: Morris, Sharron (Mrs. David Hieneman), David, Janice (Mrs. Charles Bingen) and Ronald. After Robert's death in 1960, Wesley purchased the homestead, still owning and operating it.

The other five are Elva, married to Orville Jensen. The Jensens have four children: Cameron, Donald, Mary (Mrs. Milford Larson) and Danny. Edith married Silas Thompson and their sons are James, Lester and Paul. After Silas died, Edith married Orin Hier. Vesta and her husband, Bertil Shogren, are the parents of Berta (Mrs. Bill Bratton), Larry and Rebecca (Mrs. Christen Brown). Mr. and Mrs. Art (Phoebe) Selle have five children: Gregory, Lynn (Mrs. Jeff Heidebauer), Bill, Kathy Carper and Richard. Eldon and his wife, Phyllis Belfrage Larsen have four children: Vicki (Mrs. Dick Thompson), Barbara Mondahl, Douglas and Jerry. As of February 1, 1983, there are approximately 230 living descendants of Jens Larsen.

C. Edwin and Vera Larson

C. Edwin Larson, youngest son of Nels and Caroline Larson, was born on the family homestead northwest of Beresford in 1880. He grew to manhood in the Brooklyn-Beresford area. As a young man he did free-lance photography work and carried mail on Rural Route 8 out of Beresford. About 1913 he went to work as a mechanic for Stakke Brothers, where he worked until the company was discontinued at the death of Andrew Stakke. He then became a self-employed mechanic until going to work for Carlson & Sons Mfg. Co. where he remained until his retirement.

In 1909 he was married to Vera May Sargent, daughter of Charles and Carrie Sargent. Charles Sargent was a long-time mail carrier on Rural Route 1 out of Beresford. Edwin and Vera had three children: Hazen, Evelyn and

C. Edwin and Vera Larson

Oscar and Olivia Larson

Lloyd,; eleven grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Ed died in 1963 and Vera died in 1968.

Frank Oscar and Olivia Larson

Frank Oscar Larson, grandfather of several Glenwood area residents, including Gordon Albert Larson, Cameron, Milford and Arnie Larson, homesteaded in this community in 1872.

Christina Maria Larson immigrated to the United States in 1866 from Smalaand, Kalmar Lan, Sweden, first arriving in Henry county, Ill. together with seven children. Nels, Peter, August, Hanna and Frank Oscar and their mother all settled in the Beresford area. Christine went to work in Chicago and became separated from the rest of her family when her belongings were lost during the Chicago fire of 1871. Carl remained in Illinois and was never heard from again.

F. Oscar, who was a tailor by trade, was compelled to leave his duties, due to ill health. He and his brother, August, having heard of free land in the west, worked their way to South Dakota. They worked in the harvest fields the first season and at buildings railroads, earning money and searching for the land they had hoped for.

While working on the railroad near Vermillion, they heard of a friend from Sweden, Swan Peterson, who had settled further north in the Komstad area. This farm is now occupied by Delmar Payson.

Swan Peterson advised them to travel further north and east to find unsettled land. "Preacher Brown," a well-known surveyor and "Jack of all trades," assisted them in locating their claim. He conducted his business from a log cabin, located one mile south and two miles west of Komstad church. This building served as church, land office, meeting house and general information center. It still stands as a historical site today.

After receiving assistance from "Preacher Brown", August homesteaded the farm where the Douglas Lundberg family now resides. Frank settled across the road on the land now occupied by the Harlan Nielsen family. A deed to the land was acquired by residing on the farm for five years and making proof of their residence by two disinterested parties. It was in the spring of 1880 that August, F. Oscar, Pete Norman and August Soderstrom walked to Sioux Falls to receive patents finalizing requirements of their land purchases.

In the early 1880's, the community was ravished by the "black plague". F. Oscar and his brother, August, traveled by horse and wagon to Vermillion to purchase lumber at the sawmill. Upon their return home, they constructed crude coffins and assisted in the burial of a neighbor family.

Among those suffering great losses was the

Peter A. Wallin family. Three of eight children died within a week during the summer of 1883. The father and one daughter were the only survivors of the "plague". Phillip Larson, son of F. Oscar, recalls being told of Peter A. Wallin's grief, causing his jet black hair and beard to turn snow white within a few months.

Winters were harsh and the pioneers were forced to travel to Vermillion to gather firewood, due to the fact that the plains were barren. On one particular occasion, F. Oscar and August encountered a snow storm. August, overcome by exhaustion and fatigue, was tempted to succumb to the cold. F. Oscar, realizing the consequences of stopping to rest could be fatal, spurred his brother onward.

Philip also tells of the great blizzard of 1888, when threshing had not yet been finished in the fall, nor the potatoes dug. The Larsons, however, had harvested theirs and shared with several neighbors throughout the winter months. Fall housekeeping meant special preparation for Christmas and the winter months: butchering, preparing corned beef, making mince meat, canning, making head cheese of both beef and pork, drying apples for pies and fruit soups, making cheese and soap making from tallow. Philip tells of the women milking the cows, since the custom in Sweden was for the men to care for the horses only.

In 1889, F. Oscar married Olivia Lagar, who had arrived the year before from his home parish in Sweden. He once related that he borrowed a brand new lumber wagon from a neighbor with which to bring his bride home from Vermillion. This was their wedding trip.

The early days were a test for survival. Oldtimers tell of plowing with horses or oxen, taking one to one and a half days to plow one acre. The sod, being very tough, required two people to handle the walking plow. Harvesting with a cradle scythe, a good man could cut an acre in half a day. Together they endured bitter winters, drought, fires, dust storms, all manners of afflictions, as they broke the prairie and planted it.

Seven children were born to F. Oscar and Olivia: Ernest, Esther, Carl, Minus, Henry, Alice and Philip. Philip is the only first generation survivor of the F. Oscar Larson family.

Ernest first married Dagmar Larson. She died and he married Elizabeth Anderson. Their children are Betty Lou, Mary Lynn Gisselbeck (Allen), Lauralee Newport (Samuel), William Judy Stewart (Lowell) and Sandra Rasmusen.

Esther married Albert Larson. Their family included Ruby Sundleaf (William) Alvina Morse (Willis), Dorothy Larson (Oswin), and Gordon married Phyliss Ostrem. A granddaughter, Marlene Shoen, lived there also, after the death of her mother, Ruby.

Minus and his wife, Esther (Edblom) had 12 children: Mildred Lewis (Robert), Cameron, (Lois Erickson), Lorraine Harmon (Don), Darrell (deceased) was married to Barbara Keckela, Marilyn Gors (Orville), Ardell VanZee, Arnold (Betty Birkeland), Marie Ostrem (Arnold), Milford (Mary Larson), Delores Jensen, Karen Folkers (Ronald) and Kenneth (Sherry Koch).

Harry married Agnes Hult and had eight children: Helen Hargreves (deceased), Margery Lindsay (Henry), Jerald (Elly Reves), Jerome (Helen Swenson), Wilma Lenards (Edward), Lucille Brow (Gaylon), Harry (deceased) and Howard.

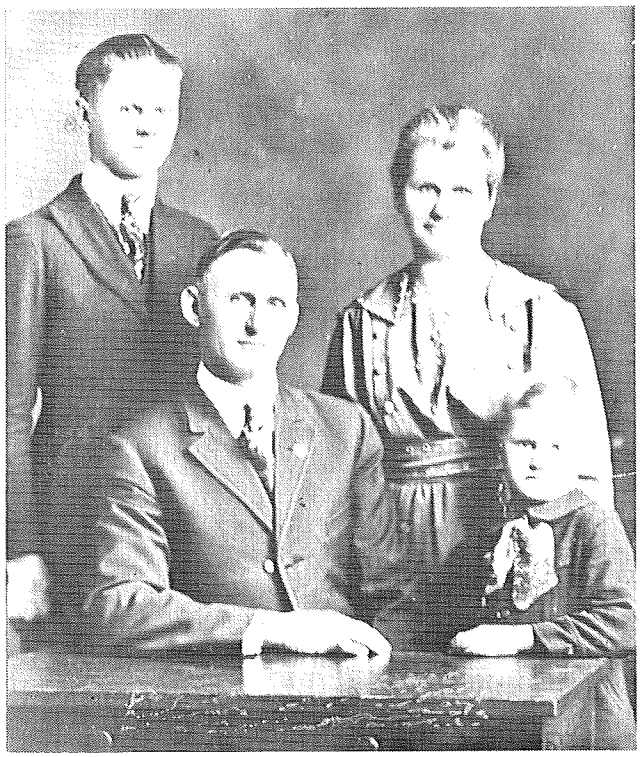
Alice had one child, Elwood, who was married to Marie Gelston.

Philip, Sioux Falls, was married to Amy Kvalshaug (deceased). Their four children are Don, married to Dorothy Pech, Beverly McFarlane, Howard, and Carol Shephard (William).

There are approximately 235 living descendants of F. Oscar Larson. Of the 110 great-grandchildren, those from Beresford are: Linda Erickson (Tom), Jerrine Worley (Ed), Charles, Greg, Gail, Wayne Larson, Renee Munce (Roger), Harvey, Diane Davidson (Dennis), Neil and Leslie Larson, Julie Peterson (Gary), Bonnie, Mark and Angela Ostrem, Natalie Johnson (Steve), Dale, Tim, Keith and Darin Larson, Brenda Voegeli (Kevin) and Lynette Holtzman.

Hans and Ragnhild Larson

Martinus Magnus Larson was born at Tiltrum, Norway in the north Trondheim area in 1836. He married Anne Sather and came to America in 1869. He homesteaded in Emmet township nine miles south of Beresford. He walked from Elk Point to this area staking a claim. Martinus Magnus and Sophie Larson had nine children. Hans Peter Tiltrum Larson was born in Lysosund, Norway in 1871. He came to America in 1888, setting in Sioux City, Ia. He married Martinus Magnus Larson's daughter, Ragnhild Sophie, at Sioux City in July, 1901. They resided on the Martinus Magnus Larson homestead for more than 50 years. They were



Left to right: Harold, Mr. Larson, Mrs. Larson and Raymond.

the parents of five sons, three passing away in infancy. Harold and Raymond are the surviving sons.

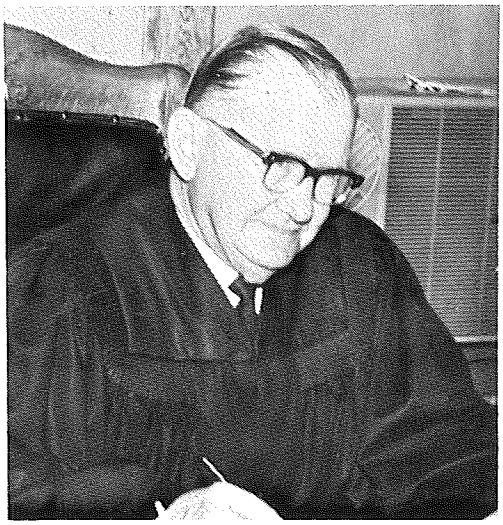
"H. P." was active in several organizations, namely Alsen Telephone Board, Beresford Co-Op Oil Board and Emmet Township Board. He was known as "Chicken Larson" as he was a lifelong poultry judge. He had shown several varieties of chickens, ducks, geese and pigeons at all the local fairs and poultry shows. He judged chickens at the Los Angeles County Fair, World's Poultry Congress in Cleveland, Oh. and South Dakota State Fair. Mrs. Larson passed away in February, 1952 and Hans died in December, 1959. They are buried in Roseni Church cemetery.

Harold married Hilda Smedsrud, and now live in Grants Pass, Oregon.

Raymond married Thelma Nelson of rural Beresford. They are now retired and live in Beresford. They have a daughter, Janice Laskey, who is married and lives at Lake Forest, Illinois.

Harold J. and Hazel Larson

Harold J. Larson was born July 9, 1902, the only child of early day druggist, John August Larson, and Louisa Mount Larson. Mrs. Larson had worked in her parents' variety store as a



Judge Harold J. Larson

young lady. Mr. Larson later sold the drug store to George Bruehler.

Harold graduated from Beresford High School in 1920 and from the University of South Dakota School of Law in 1926. He practiced law at Geddes, S.D. for eight years, then accepted a position as supervisor for the Farmers Home Administration. During his years with the FHA the Larson family resided at Huron, Burke, Salem and Woonsocket, retiring to Beresford in 1952. Harold's hobby, which was photography, kept him busy for the next few years until he was appointed Union County Judge, a position he held until retiring again in 1968.

Harold was married to Hazel E. Mahoney of Hurley, S.D. on December 26, 1923. Their children include: Dr. Harold C. Larson of Flagstaff, Ariz., who is married to Eudora Miller; John W. Larson of Vermillion, S.D. who is married to Flora Sippel; Letha L. of Scotland, who is married to William G. Snoozy.

Grandchildren include Harold's (C.) children: Vickie (Mrs. Joseph Lynch) and Steven who is married to Lynda Cassells, all who reside in Flagstaff, Ariz.; John's children include: David of Chamberlain; Linda (Mrs. Peter Drennan), and Dr. Dean Larson of Yankton, who is married to Dr. Heather Auld Larson; Letha's children are: Michael of Beresford, Nancy of Sioux Falls, Jane (Mrs. Joe Weiland) of Scotland, and Thomas of Scotland.

Great-grandchildren include Aaron Lynch and Brian and Becky Weiland.

Judge and Mrs. Larson spent the recent winters in Phoenix, Ariz. until his death in January, 1981. Mrs. Larson still lives in the house in which Harold was born on West Hemlock Street.

Lars and Berte Larson

Three sons of the Larson family, Lars, Jr., Gulbrand (Gilbert) and Johannes, seeing how limited was the chance to get ahead in Norway for the person who owned no land, set out for America and settled in Dane county, Wisc. about 1864. Johannes and Guldbrand joined the Union Forces while Lars, Jr. remained in Dane County working and saving as much money as he could. With his funds he returned to Norway, and bought passage for 25 people to come to this land of opportunity. Among these people were his mother and father, Lars and Berte, his brother, Edward, his sisters, Sessilia, Gunhild Sophia, and Lisa. Five children had died in infancy between 1834 and 1866 in their homeland, Vardal, Norway (Gjovik). Only one child of Lars and Berte, Mathias, was born in the United States.

Coming to Dakota Territory about 1866, they turned to the only available means that afforded them shelter and dug caves into the banks of the Brule Creek. To this home Lars, Jr. brought his bride, Eloen Helseth. Ten children were born, but with only six surviving the difficult living conditions. Diptheria spread like wildfire through the territories and four of the children died in a short time.

J. Martin Larson married a girl from a local family, as did most of the young men at this time. Martin and Anna were the parents of three children: Lester (deceased) married Venita Selby; Selmer and his wife, Dorothy Rastad; and Marcella and her husband, Ralph Burrell. The other surviving son, Adolph, married Josephine England. Two sons were born to them: Leonard (deceased), who married Kathy Anderson, and Adolph. They owned and operated the Spink Store from 1946 until 1981 when the sale of the store resulted in the ownership passing from the direct descendant of Johannes Larson to a direct descendant of Lars, Jr. (see Spink story). Three girls were born to Adolph and Josephine: Margaret, who married Dr. Hoyer; Elvira and Helen. Adolph is the only one of this family remaining in this area. A granddaughter, Gail (Mrs. Sheridan Swee), resides in Beresford.

There were four surviving daughters of Lars, Jr. and Ellen. Olivia married Carl Peterson and had three children. Sophie married Gust Satter. Three boys were born to this couple, only one of whom, Lewis, is still living. Four girls, Ida Wilson, Elizabeth, Agnes Soyer and Ann, almost span the continent: Ann lives in Rochester, N.Y., Ida in Cedar Rapids, Ia., and Elizabeth and Agnes in Boise, Id. One sister, Grace Pylman, lives in Sioux Falls. Lewis Satter married Grace Kjose 65 years ago. They celebrated this event in 1983. They are the parents of three sons: Luverne (deceased), and wife, Mavis Paulson; Archie and wife, Arlene Fish; and Eldon and wife, Elsie Westerberg. Gust and Sophie's daughter, Betsy, was married to August Lindgren. They lived in the Philip area. The other daughter, Lisa, married Alexis Anderson. They resided in Vermillion and were the parents of two children, a son who was killed in the armed service, and a daughter, Eleanor Getters, of California.

The second son, Guldbrand (Gilbert), came to Dakota Territory from Dane county, Wisc. about 1868 after serving in the Union Forces. The site of his homestead is the location of the Brule Creek cemetery. He was interested in the education of young people and established the first school in his home. He married Ida Clemetson in 1878. No children were born to them so a daughter was adopted. His wife died in 1887. Soon thereafter he went to Kirkland, Wash. and remained there until his death in 1917. He was buried in the Brule Creek cemetery. His only immediate survivor was the adoptive daughter.

The third son, Johannes, came with Guldbrand to Dakota Territory and established a homestead claim. He returned to Dane County, Wisc. and married Ingeborg Linass. He worked on the Southern Railroad to accummulate some money and, with $1,000 which he borrowed, he opened the first Spink Store in his home (see Spink story). One year later he borrowed another $1,000 and built the second store, a building which was later used as a hog house on the Lincoln Twedt farm. Johannes and Ingeborg were the parents of three sons, Lewis Albert, Eddie and Andrew. Lewis Albert married Guri Berte Dale, and were the parents of two children: Myrtle and her husband, Lincoln Twedt, and John E. Larson and his wife, Clarinda Wiberg. John and Clarinda had no children. Myrtle and Lincoln are the parents of twins, Marilyn (Mrs. Sheridan Erickson) and Marion (Mrs. Stewart Aaker), and Nancy (Mrs. Benjamin Burtsloff). They have two sons: Lynn and his wife, Alice Blake, and Carter and his wife, Peggy Woods.

Eddie married Esther Peterson and, after homesteading in Haakon County, opened the first store in Philip along with his sister, Lisa (Lizzie), and her husband, Andreas Abrahamson, who had also homesteaded there. Kenneth Larson, born to Eddie and Esther Larson, was

the first white baby born in Haakon county. Another son, Philip, was born to this couple. He and his wife, Lucille, live in Sioux City.

Lisa (Lizzie) and Andreas Abrahamson sold their interest in the Philip Store and moved to Spink. Their first son had died at 15 months. Their second son, Norman, was only two weeks old when they left Philip. Besides Norman (wife Vivian TePoel) there were three other sons: Lewis and wife, Peggy Brubaker, Leo and wife, Lenora Jacobson, and Philip and wife, Julie VanDam. The two daughters, Alvena and her husband, Byron Blackstone, and Dorothy and her husband, James Robinson, do not live in the area. Another child, Ruth, died in infancy. A granddaughter, Norma Jean, and her husband, Lowell Wetrosky, lived in Beresford for some time.

Andrew Larson married Ellen Bervin. Two children were born to them, Norman and Julia, who reside in California.

Four daughters were born to Ingeborg and Johannes: Anna Marie and husband, Sam Klopstad, were the parents of Bertram, Arnold and Isabel, who are all deceased. The one remaining child, Alice, lives in Washington, D.C. Sophie Braastad lived for only a short while after her marriage. Ida Johanna's husband, Ole Klopstad, was a partner in the implement business with Johannes Larson in Sioux City.

Edward, the fourth son of Lars and Berte, wed Helene Marie Braastad and lived on the site of the original Larson homestead. Four sons of this couple, Ludwig, Helmer, George and Edward, Jr., never married. Of the two sisters, Sophie and Mina, only Mina married. Mina and her husband, Charles Waag, are the parents of three sons: Raymond, who married Shirley McFarland and live on the original homestead; Clifford, who married Shirley Johnson; and Don, who never married.

Matthew, the fifth son and only child born to Lars and Berte in the United States, never married. Their daughters, Sessilia and her husband, Christian Anderson, moved to Canada; Gunhilde Sophia and her husband, Peter Bonefield, were the parents of four sons and five daughters. They made their home in Montana. One grandson, Willie, lives at Belle Fourche. The youngest daughter, Lisa, married Andrew Helseth. Three children, two sons and a daughter, were born to them: William, living near Huron; Anna Hegg, also near Huron; and Lewis, living in the Spink area. Lewis married Carrie Anderson and had three children: Lloyd, who lives near Vermillion; Arnold, of Alcester; and Mildred, who lives in Washington.

Maria Larson

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In Smaland, Sweden, Maria Christine Larson was born in 1812. She married young and evidently her husband was in the King's guard because they had a small acreage of property. It is not known how long she had been widowed before she decided to sell her property and bring her family to America in the year 1866.

Nels Jr., the oldest son, was married and she insisted that they, too, must come with their small son, John August, who was only 16 weeks old (see Nels Larson story). Strange, indeed, that little John August and his mother were the only ones in the family who did not become seasick during the voyage that took six weeks. Other members of her family were Christine, Carl, Peter, Oscar, August and Hannah.

They went directly to Andover, Ill. where they already had acquaintances.

The others began to move westward, but Christine went to Chicago where she married a Mr. Saline in 1871, the time of the great Chicago fire. She and her husband, as many others, were given the opportunity to leave by train for anywhere of their choice. They left for Oregon and made their home at Portland on Saline Island,

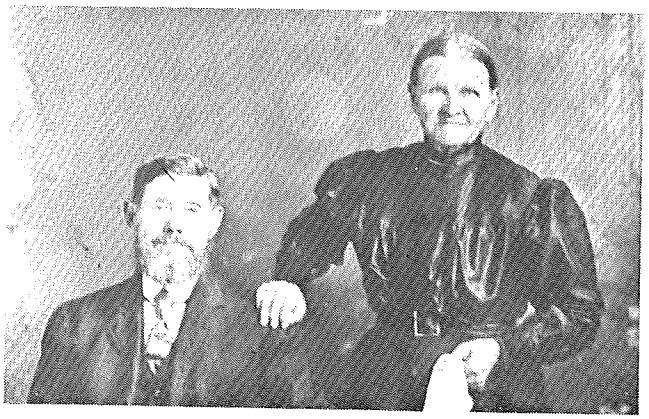
but, in so doing, lost track of the rest of the relatives. By a strange coincidence many years later, however, she got in touch with them.

Maria Christine, along with her unmarried son and daughter, Hannah, began moving west and, in the year 1870, they were in Red Oak, Ia. where Carl decided to stay. They left him there and went on to Dakota Territory. He never got in touch with the family again.

The men worked on farms or wherever they could find work. Peter and Oscar were tailors by trade, but also worked building the railroad from Sioux City to Vermillion.

Arriving at Vermillion, they learned that Swan Johnson, a friend from Sweden, had homesteaded in the Komstad area, so in 1872 they decided to make their home near there. "I (Ida Anderson) remember my uncle Oscar telling me he had filed for a homestead the day after he arrived in Dakota Territory in 1872."

Hannah, who later married Swan Johnson, lived on a farm in the Komstad area, later moving to Beresford on Third Street. This house still stands and is occupied by her great-granddaughter and husband, the Otto Birnies.



Nels J. and Helene Carolina Larson

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In 1866, Nels J. Larson of Kalmar Lan, Smaland, Sweden, came to America with his wife, infant son, mother, brother and sisters (see Maria Larson story).

Besides their son, John, who had been born in Sweden, two daughters were born in America to Nels and Helene. They were Amelia, 1868, and Mathilda, 1869.

In 1875, Nels decided to move to Dakota Territory. So a caravan of five covered wagons left Andover, Ill. for the "promised land" of Dakota Territory. He homesteaded in Pleasant township, Lincoln county. He was one of the eight men who incorporated the Brooklyn Church.

Peter and Golaugh Larson

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Peter H. Larson, born in 1850 in Norway, came to America when he was 20 years of age. In 1880, Peter married Golaugh Sunsth, Trondheim, Norway. Golaugh had come to America in 1872, also at the age of 20. Golaugh was a charter member of St. John's Lutheran Church, Sioux City, Ia.

The Larsons lived in Sergeant Bluff, Ia. with their children, Mary and Ludwig. Later they moved to a farm ten miles south of Beresford where Gerhard (died when an infant) and Paul were born. Four years after moving to Dakota Territory, Peter died. Golaugh then married Issac Christopherson (see Issac Christopherson story).

The Larson's oldest child, Mary, married Louis Throne, a widower with three children. Louis and Mary had a son, Irving. When Irving was a year old, Louis died. Mary then married Lou Thompson and they were parents of Gordon, Edwin and Adeline.

Ludwig (Lewie), born in 1882, married Lena Stoen, daughter of Ole and Maret Stoen (1884). They farmed in the Brule community and raised four children: Stella, Evelyn, Berniece and Oswin. Berniece Rusten (Melvin) lives south of Beresford. One of her children, Twila, married Arnold Sveeggen, and lives in the Roseni community.

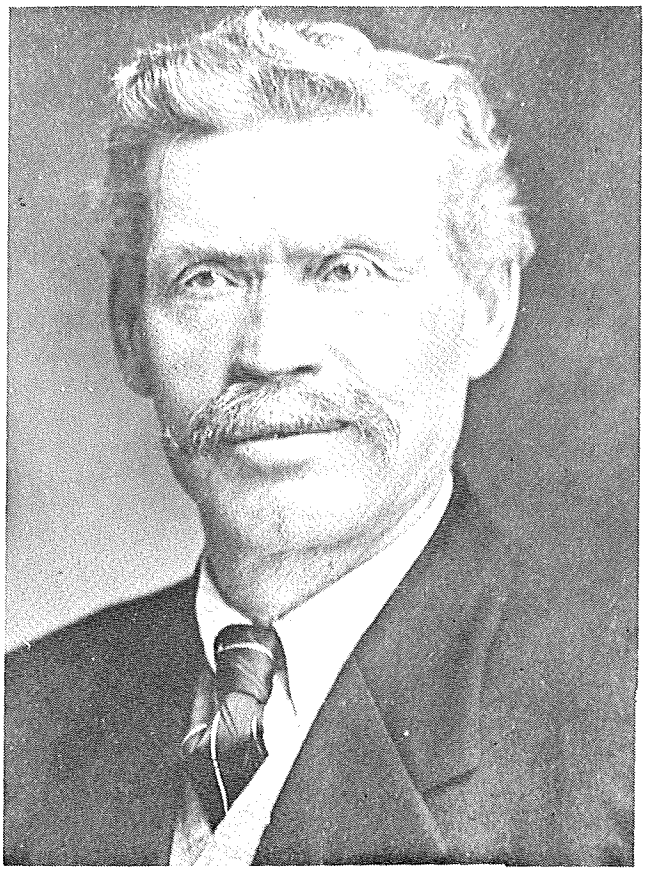
Paul (1887) married Clara Ronning (1888), daughter of Eric and Anne Ronning. They also farmed in the Brule community and had six children: Ernest, Clarence, Hazel, Palmer, Gordon and Roger.

Paul's sons, Gordon and Clarence, are the only ones living in Beresford. Gordon married

Emma Johnson and farmed until moving to Beresford. Gordon worked with the Beresford school system and now is employed by Beresford Telephone Company. The Larsons have four children who live in this area: Karen Isakson (Robert), Phyllis Sternquist (Sheridan), Claire Antonson (Jerry) and Gerald, married to Letty Copland.

Clarence and Evelyn Fickbohm farmed near Beresford and lived in Rapid City for some time. They had three children: Edwin (deceased), Lois (deceased) and Lila Milliken (Calvin).

Roger, the youngest of Paul Larson's family, married Kathryn Johnson. He was a farmer and is now in the insurance business. Their four children are Mavis, Marlene, Gerhart and Wayne.



S. A. Larson

Swan and Selma Larson

Swan August Larson (1848-1921) was born in Vena Parish, Kalmar Lan, Sweden. He immigrated to the United States in 1866 with his widowed mother, four brothers and two sisters (see Maria Larson story).

His mother, Maria Christina Larson, was one of the few pioneer women who filed and proved up on government land in Dakota Territory. They came to Henry County, Ill. just before harvest in 1866. They found work in the harvest fields and railroad building and worked on the Dakota Southern Railroad from Sioux City to Yankton, the first railroad into Dakota Territory in 1872. They learned of a friend from their home in the old country who had settled near what is now Komstad. Their search for a home ended when Swan's mother, three brothers and a sister moved to Dakota Territory in 1872. Swan August filed a claim in Glenwood township, obtaining the patent April 30, 1880. He married Selma Lager (1872-1942) and had three children: Enoch (1895-1965), unmarried; Elsie (1898-1953) married Eric Carlson (1895-1969) and had a son, Dale (1927-1980), who married Donna Melow; Elna (1902) married Oscar Lundberg (1901-1966) and lived in Glenwood township which S. A. Larson, with his two brothers, had bought from the homesteader, Carl Stahl, in 1915. He later bought out his brother's share and the land was deeded to Elna Larson in 1928. They had five children: Shirley (Walter) Brill (1935), now living in Ohio, who has six children, David, Kari, Lisa, Jay, Christopher and Travis; Barbara (Harold) Hofman (1938), who farms in the Beresford area, and has three children: Hal married Beth Roesler; Steven married Mary McAthie, and has two children, Bradley and Lucus; and Cindy Hofman. Ronald (1940) married Nancie Hotchkiss and lives in Wisconsin. They have two children, Gregory and Rebecca. Douglas (1942) married Phyllis Hustrulid and lives on the farm homesteaded by S. A. Larson. They have six children: Kristi (Steve) Erickson, has two daughters, Melissa and Crystal. Michael married Michaela Strommer; Terri, Todd, Carol and Mark. Gary (1943) married Diane Larson and live on the home place where Gary was born. They have a daughter, Jessica.

Peter and Katherine Lass

Peter Lass (see Peter and Regina Lass story), a widower, married Katherine Kennedy in 1905. Katherine was born in a log house in Union county in 1877. Her parents were Mr. and Mrs. Tom Kennedy, immigrants from Ireland. Before her marriage, Katherine had taught in one-room schools; sometimes 50 pupils were enrolled. She had three sisters who also taught school in Union County.

In 1908, Peter and Katherine went to West River country in South Dakota and proved up a homestead claim 14 miles northwest of Philip.

The Northwestern Railroad bridge across the Missouri River had just been built in 1907.

They raised six children, three from a previous marriage. Peter and Katherine's children included: Tom, who married Eleanor Kylling (see Lars Kylling story), and their children were Kathy, Tom and Eleanor; Charlotte and her husband, Lambert Sigaty, had four children: Vincent, Marilyn, Howard and Beverly; and Grace Lass married Myron Sigaty, and their family lives in Connecticut.

Back row: Will, Joe, Tony, John, Peter, Bernard; front row: Nettie, Barbara, Mr. Lass, Mrs. Lass, Kate and Ann.

Peter and Regina Lass

Regina Cooper was born in 1843, east of Berlin, in Prussia. She came to America with her parents in 1850 at the age of seven and lived with her family in Illinois and Iowa before coming to Dakota Territory.

In 1860, she was married to Peter Lass at Clinton, Ia. In the spring of 1871, she and her husband rigged up a prairie schooner and with their six children, Barbara, Mary, John, Peter Anton and Joe, started west across the prairies of Iowa. After fighting their way over mud roads for many miles, they loaded their meager equipment onto a railroad train and came to Sioux City which, at that time, was the railroad terminus.

Starting out again in the prairie schooner, they crossed the Sioux River into Dakota Territory and spent the winter in a small house directly north of where Garryowen Church now stands. When spring came the family moved north to the Emmet community and filed on a homestead. Their first house was made from cottonwood slabs, cut and hauled from the Sioux River bottoms.

Mrs. Lass made their clothes, from carding and spinning the wool, to sewing the material into garments. She taught the boys and girls both to knit their own socks and weave their own straw hats. Each child knitted three socks during the winter and the two nearest in size shared the six thus made; one pair for each to wear and the other pair to be washed.

Six more children were born to the Lass family. They were Katie, Bernard, Henry, Nettie, Anne and Will. Peter Lass died in 1914, four years after the couple had celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. At the time of her death in 1936, her descendants included nine living children, 48 living grandchildren, 66 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren, and totaled 126.

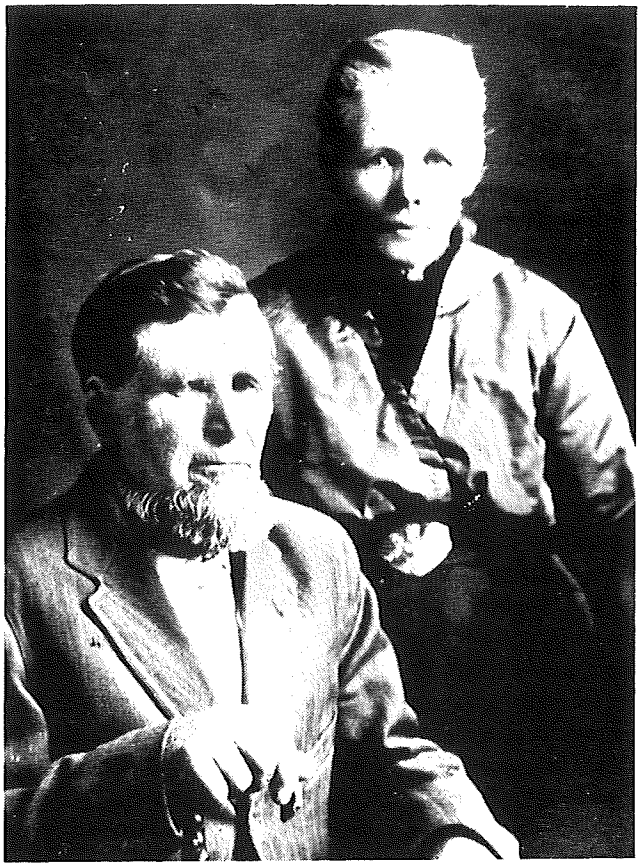
Their daughters, Barbara and Mary Lass, married two brothers, August and Henry Henle. The August Henles moved to Minnesota and Henry Henle's son, Heinie, lives at 204 N. 4th (see Henle family story).

There were five from the Lass family who married cousins from the McGuire families,

namely: Katie Lass and Joe McGuire, Peter Lass and Mamie McGuire, Anna Lass and Ben McGuire, John Lass and Anna McGuire, and Henry Lass and Elizabeth McGuire. The next generation of Lass and McGuire children were double cousins. Anna and John Lass were parents of six children: Jane Streit, Ipswich; Ed, Tucson, Ariz.; Elmer, Ipswich; Bernard, Howard and Edna Mundt (all deceased). Peter and Mary had three children: Margaret Harrington (see Harrington story); Peter, and James, who married Frances Kirkas. The James Lass children were: Ray, Pomona, Calif., married Pat Jenner and has four children, David, Laurie, Gary and Vicki; Gene, Brookings, married Connie Tollefson, and their children are Sandy and Cindy; Margie, Sioux Falls, married Dick Bellach and they have three daughters, Nancy, Jackie and Marianne; Patty, Sioux Falls, married John Teeman and their children are Bonnie, Mari, Mike, Mary, Jane (deceased), Kathleen, David, Terri and Don; Joan and her husband, Jim Duffy, live at Oldham with their two children, Steven and Barbara; Karen married Gary Lounsbery and their children are Ann, Julie, Brian, Mark and Donna Lass (deceased). Peter and Mary's youngest daughter, Mary, was 12 days old when her mother died, so Joe and Katie McGuire cared for her in their home until her father married again. Mary married Frank Farley (see Farley history). Look for the families of Katie Lass and Joe McGuire, Henry Lass and Elizabeth McGuire, and Anne Lass and Ben McGuire under the James McGuire caption.

Anton Lass and wife, Kathryn Henle, lived in Sioux Falls and raised their family. Joe Lass married Tillie Secort and they had no children. Bernard Lass and wife, Anna Hines, moved to a farm near Mayhen Lake, Minn. and raised their family. Nettie Lass married Tom Quinn (see Quinn story).

Will Lass married Mary Bauerle and they lived on the original homestead for a number of years. Will and Mary had three daughters and two sons: Frances, Sioux Falls, married Jim Psweslienk and they are parents of two sons, Donald and Robert; Irene Somonank, Ill., married Cody Morre and has five children: Agnes (died as a young girl); Bill, Mankato, Minn. and his wife have two children; Louis, Minneapolis and his wife have two daughters. Mrs. Will Lass lives in Beresford and is the sole survivor of the 12 couples of the marriages of Peter Lass' 12 children. Clarence Ihle and his sister, Dorothy Withee, live on the Lass homestead.



Ole and Johanna Lerseth

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In 1878, Ole Lerseth came to work for Johan Olbue, a homestead in Union county (see Johan Olbue story). In 1879, Ole Lerseth married Johan's daughter, Johanna Olbue, and took over the farming. He also filed homestead on a nearby 40 acres of land. In 1884, Ole was appointed postmaster of Emmet Post Office.

Ole and Johanna had 12 children. The oldest, Ingri, died in 1882 at the age of 2½ years, and in January, 1883, Josie, age one, died of scarlet fever. In August of the same year, Pauline, age 4, and Ingri (the second), age 9, died of diptheria a few days apart. There were eight children who grew to adults: Inga, John, Joseph, Pauline (the second), Peder, Bertha, Oliver and Hannah. As of 1983, Oliver and Hannah are the only survivors. Oliver lives on a farm close to where he was born and Hannah lives in Beresford.

After Ole retired from farming, his son, Joseph, took over the farm and later purchased it. When Joseph retired, his son, Dayle, farmed the land until his death in 1977. His two sons, Randy and Don, are now farming the land. They are

the fifth generation operating the farm.

Other grandchidren of Ole and Johanna Lerseth are: Mrs. Alfred (Alice) Heggem, Camp Crook and Mrs. Albert (Janice) Rothermel, Belle Fourche, daughters of John Lerseth. Children of Joseph Lerseth were Mrs. Glen (Eleanor) Wachob, Pipestone, Minn., Ronald Lerseth, Sioux Falls and Dayle Lerseth (deceased). Children of Pauline (Lerseth) Danielson are: Mrs. Donald (Josei) Bjorklund, St. Paul, Minn.; Mrs. Chester (Donna) Lacey, Rosemont, Minn. and Elmer Danielson, Minneapolis, Minn. Peder Lerseth's children are: Rev. Luther Lerseth, Minneapolis, Minn.; Rev. David Lerseth, Marion, Ia.; Mrs. Al (Phoebe) Abergh, Chicago, Ill. and Mrs. Dean (Elizabeth) Peterson, Morristown, N.J. Children of Oliver Lerseth are: Lyla Lerseth, Minneapolis, Minn. and Philip Lerseth.

Standing: Andrew, Joel, August, Alfred; seated: Mr. Lindstrom, Mrs. Lindstrom; on ground: Minnie and Annie.

Anders and Anna Lindstrom

Anders Matson, 1844-1887 (used Lindstrom name in America), came from an educated family of preachers and teachers. He had lived in Gogreg Parish, Sweden. Anders arrived in Chicago in 1868 and traveled on to Dakota Territory. He filed a homestead claim in Garfield Township, Clay County.

Anders was married at Sioux City in 1874 to Anna Hanson (1844-1917), who also came from Gogref Parish, Sweden. The couple lived in Sioux City many years after they had obtained patent on the land. In Sioux City, Lindstrom was a carpenter, helping to build the first packing plant, worked for Curtis Sash and Door Co. and worked in the first drug store, learning about herbs and roots. In 1887 they made the farm their permanent home.

Anders was often seen wearing his umbrella hat, even in summer, and his Swedish wooden shoes. In later years he traveled in a one-seated spring buggy, driving a horse named Black Diamond. He visited his children and grandchildren, giving them string rock candy and reading to them from his Swedish Bible.

Anders and Anna moved from Sioux City to his claim by oxen and wagon, with the possessions in wagons and the family on foot. They first lived in a straw shanty. Anders planted wheat, made a wheat grinder and sold flour. He also planted sugar cane and had a press pulled by horses to extract the juice. The juice was cooked for sorghum molasses to pour on cornbread or pancakes. Anders made many trips to Sioux City on foot for supplies. On one trip he carried home a spinning wheel on his shoulders, which is now owned by his granddaughter, Mrs. Oliver Hult. Later he made a loom to weave yarn into material. They had one white sheep they kept for wool.

When Anna died in 1967, the pipe organ at Dalesburg Lutheran Church had just been installed, so was played for the first time at her funeral.

Anders and Anna had six children: August (1875-1930), who never married; Alfred (1877-1963) married Betsy Lundquist, and had three children; Anna (1881-1972) married Charles Olson (see Anders Olson story); Joel (1884-1966) first married Ellen Burkland who died of flu epidemic and he then married Rose Williams and had three children; Minnie (1885-1967) married Oscar Bergland and were parents of two children; and Andrew (1888-1970) married Margreta "Gertie" Carlson and had six children.

Back row, left to right: Andrew, Christa, Anna, Betsey; front row: Mr. Lundquist and Mrs. Lundquist.

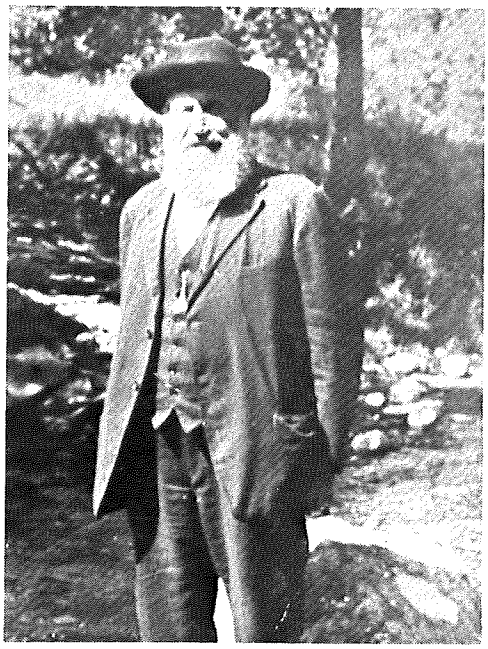
Hans and Karin Lundquist

Hans Lundquist was born in 1853 at Ratvik Parish, Dalarna, Sweden. He married Karin Olson, also of Dalarna. Hans and his cousin came to the United States and homesteaded in Garfield Township during the 1880's. Hans sent for his wife and children after being in this country two years. Their four children were Betsy Lindstrom (Alfred), Anna Johnson (Olaf), Christina Heglin (Peter) and Andrew. Hans and Karin are buried in the Dalesburg Baptist cemetery.

Andrew farmed the homestead at a young age because his father, Hans, took up the trade of a painter. Andrew and Esther lived on the homestead all of their married life. When farmers sold cattle they would need enough to fill a train car, so they would herd the cattle together and chase them to Beresford where the cattle were loaded on the train car and marketed in Chicago. The men would ride on the train to see them sold. The Andrew Lundquists had three sons: Stanley, Milwaukee, Wisc.; Delbert (deceased) and Marshall. Andrew, Esther and Delbert are buried in the Dalesburg Lutheran

Cemetery.

Marshall married Joyce Oursland. Joyce was born west of Hub City on a farm homesteaded by her great-great-grandfather. Marshall and Joyce, who farm the Lundquist homestead, have three children, Michael, Wayne and Heather. Mike and Wayne both have worked the land on the Hans Lundquist homestead. This makes four generations who have planted and harvested the same land. Wayne married Deborah Harvey, lives in Vermillion, and has two children, Ross and Rondi, who are the fifth generation of Lundquists and seventh generation of Ourslands to live in Clay county.



Ole J. Lykken

Ole and Anna Lykken

Ole Lykken (1843-1929) left Trondhjem, Norway at the age of 28 and came to the United States in 1871 to file claim on a homestead in the Nora-Roseni area. Ole's wife, Anna Kongsvik, and six-year-old son, Lars, came in 1875. Ole's oldest son was named Ole and, as was the custom in Norway, took the name Wevik and also came as a young man to settle in the Nora-Roseni community. Ole and Anna had four more children who were born here: John, Sigvold, Isaac and Betsy.

Ole J. selected his homestead site because a neighbor of his in Norway, Ole J. Stene, had filed for an adjoining homestead. Their homes today sit half a mile apart, as they did in Norway, and on similar terrain.

Ole began building a frame house soon after he settled. It had two rooms and a loft where the older boys and hired help slept. This building is still standing on the present Isaac Lykken, Jr. farm. It has been used as a school and post office, and was used for church services until Roseni Lutheran Church was built. After the large family house was built about 1889, the old house was used as a summer kitchen; it is still used to process meat after butchering.

The large barn on the north side of the road was built in 1884 and is still used today. A third house was built by Ole J. about 1912, the present residence of Isaac, Jr. and his wife, Esther. The large family home is now the residence of Isaac's oldest son, Merle, his wife, Marie, and children, Carrie and John. The farm is located ten miles south and two and one-half miles east of Beresford. Besides those living on the homestead, many of the descendants still live in the Nora-Roseni area.

Ole J. had a large farming operation, which kept his sons and hired men busy. The hired men were those whom he helped get to America and they worked to repay steamship fares. There was a large milking herd, with all milking done by hand. A large threshing machine powered by a steam engine was used for many years by Lars and Isaac, Sr., as well as by neighbors. Isaac, Jr. threshed grain for many years also.

Mrs. Ole J. Lykken's sister and her husband, George Norbeck, homesteaded near Vermillion on land where St. Peter Lutheran Church now stands. Their son, Peter, served as Governor of South Dakota and as a U.S. Senator. He was a frequent visitor at the Lykken farm.

Since the land was claimed in 1871, it has always been farmed by a Lykken, and received a century farm certificate in 1971. When Ole J. retired from active farming, his youngest son, Isaac, took over the operation of the farm, and after his death in 1937, Isaac, Jr. became the third generation to farm the land. At the present time, Isaac and his two sons, Merle and Kerwyn, carry on a diversified farming operation on the original farm. Mr. and Mrs. Ole J. Lykken and their children are deceased.

Ole Wevik, the Lykkens' oldest son, married Lizzie Solem. They had four sons and six daughters: Alfred married Ida Husby, and they had three sons, Irving, Ernest and Delmer, and three daughters, Judith, Olive and Deloris; John married Dora Fickbohm and had two sons, Almer and Arvid, and two daughters, Lucille and Lillian; Anna married Olaf Johnson and

had two daughters, Mildred and Amy; Olea married John Engelbrecht and had a son, Melvin; Mabel married Emil Engelbrecht and had two daughters, Ruby and Edith; Helen married Tony Lakness and had a daughter, Leatrice; Hilda married Joe Charlson and had six sons, Marvin, Elmer, Herman, Ernest, Eugene and Raymond, and a daughter, Helen; Olga married Virgil Wilson and had two sons, Melvin and Luverne, and a daughter, Viola; Leonard married Olga Engelbrecht and had a daughter, Gloria. Ole, Jr. married Anna Hanson and had three daughters, Suzanne, Betty and Loretta.

Lars, who came with his mother from Norway when he was six, married Ovidia Norgaard. They had eight children: Ole married Goldie Newbold and had two sons, Melvin and Gene, and three daughters, Elna, Betty and Jeanette; John married Minnie Anderson and had three sons, Lloyd, Palmer and Kenneth, and a daughter, Ruby; Louis married Agnes Meyers and had two sons, Mervin and Jerry, and three daughters, Mary Louise, Ann and Roberta; Arthur married Fern Newbold and had a son, Gerald, and two daughters, Mildred and Lois; Anna married Emil Klemme and had a son, Leverne, and three daughters, LuIda, Agnes and Marjie; Abbie married Alvin Anderson and three sons, Roger, Leroy and Myren, and a daughter, Ladell; Selmer and his wife, Fay, had three sons, Gary, Nicholas and Douglas, and two daughters, Janet and Marlene; Agnes died in childhood.

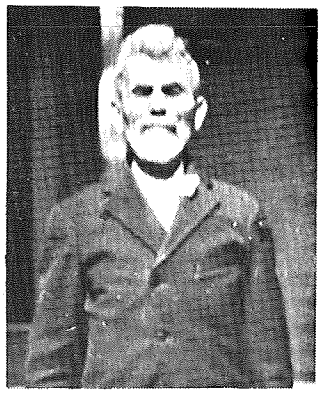
Sigvold married Betsy Larson and had two sons and six daughters: Alice married Doralf Evjen and had a daughter, Barbara; Ella married Peryl Heisler and had a son, Marvin, and three daughters, Charlotte, Joan and Elaine; Bertha married Claude Brown; Selma married Henning Westin; O'Neil married Esther Bormann and had twin sons, Eldean and Eldon, and a daughter, Betsy Ann; George married Barbara Amundson and their children are Arlo and Lynda; Ruth married Robert Tiltrum and had two children, Charles and Eilene; Mary, who died in childhood.

Isaac O. Lykken married Carrie Stene and had seven children: Ane married Stanley Swanson and had four children: Arden married Gladys Harkness and their children are James and Paul, Debra and Angela; Carolyn married Curtis Saugstad and their children are: Rev. Allen A. Saugstad, who married Rev. Cheryl Matthews, and has one child, Karin; Eldon is married to Teresa Smith and their children are Racheal, Nichole and Eric; the third son, Clifton, lives at home. Robert Swanson married Karen Olson and had two daughters, Tracy and Carrie Ann. Arlene married Jerome Onnen. Following his death she married Floyd Kanne. Isaac and Carrie's second child, Ida, married Earl Boheim who had two daughters, Annabelle and Clarine. Annabelle married Gerald Pedersen and has four sons, Michael, Richard, Duane and David. Clarine married Don Snyder and their children are JoLynn, Lisa and Douglas. After Earl's death, Ida married Fred Bircher and had a son, Kenneth who, with his wife, Debra, have two daughters, Sara and Tina. Isaac and Carrie's third child was Luella. She married Marvid Oie and they have three daughters: Marilyn married Thomas Anderson and their children are Pamela, Steven and Kendal; Lois married Dale Renner and their children are Daniel, Lynda and David; Clarinda married Delton Schnabel and have two children, Benton and Emily. Josephine married Donald Olson who had four daughters by a previous marriage: Linda, Marie, Carol and Susan. Isaac, Jr. married Esther Lakness and their children are: Karen, who married Gary Kratochvil, and their children, Tamara and Todd; Barbara married Dennis Dahlin and has a daughter, Denise; Merle married Marie Christopherson and their children are Carrie and John; Diane married Bill Bruns and have two sons, Christopher and Matthew; Kerwyn married Kathy Saugstad and their children are Jeremy and Jessica. They live in a trailer house on the homestead. The youngest son, David, has been living at home; Nancy married Steven Bell and their children are Laura and Joshua. Arabelle married Perry Goetschius. Robert, the youngest child of Isaac and Carrie, died in childhood.

Jerome and Margaret Mangan

Jerome Mangan was born in Quebec, Canada in 1837. When still a boy, he moved with his family to New York and, shortly before the Civil War, made his home in Chicago, Ill. In 1861 he entered the U.S. Army as a private in the Illinois infantry, and was honorably discharged from Louisville, Ky. at the end of the war in 1865. On November 11, 1865, he became a naturalized United States citizen.

He was married to Margaret Ann Trindle of Centerville in 1870, and in 1873, after operating a book and stationery store in Minneapolis, Minn. for a few years, he came to Prairie Township in Union County to take up a homestead. The



Jerome Mangan

Margaret Mangan

family remained on the farm for ten years. The claim was located five miles south of Beresford on the west side of what is now U.S. 77. At the time, landmarks were few and lost travelers were numerous, so Mr. Mangan hit upon the idea of hanging a lighted lantern on a high pole after dark had fallen. He continued to do this each night for many years, and his thoughtfulness was remembered and appreciated by many passersby.

They had five sons. Mark, who took over the corner book store his father had and later made it into a hardware store, after which he went into the Whippet car, implement and oil business in the building east of the post office. Ralph, Paul, Felix and Henry spent their childhoods in Beresford. They had three girls, Marcella, Mae and Margaret, who became school teachers. Mark's son, Leonard, spent most of his life in Beresford. He married Lucile Voegeli (see Thomas T. Voegeli story). Mark's other children were Gerald, Mary, Dolores, Marcia, Veronica and Therese, all of whom left Beresford.

In 1884, the Mangan family moved to Beresford where they built a two-story building on the southeast corner of the intersection of Main and Third streets. The upper part was used for the family dwelling and the lower part for his book and stationery store. Early records state that "Always every inch a gentleman, Jerome Mangan sold a slate pencil to the smallest child with as much courtly dignity as Raleigh would have used in spreading his cloak for Queen Elizabeth."

Mr. Mangan studied law and was admitted to the bar, then opened a law practice and real estate office. In 1887 he was elected judge of the probate court at Elk Point, a position he held for two years. In 1894 he was elected county register of deeds, and served until 1898. He was also a member of the G. M. Dodge post, Grand Army of the Republic, and served as commander.

Jerome Mangan continued his civic activities by serving again as register of deeds from 1900 to 1904, and in 1904 was elected county judge, which office he held continuously until his death on April 3, 1919. A staunch Republican in politics, Mr. Mangan was well-informed on topics of the day and took an active interest in public affairs of the county and state. He was appointed as delegate to various political conventions. Judge Mangan died at his home in Elk Point. He was 82 years of age.

In 1938, when government appraisers came to Beresford to make their choice of sites for the new United States post office building, the Mangan and Bruehler adjoining properties were chosen. The old Mangan building was razed and the new post office building was erected. Thus, the post office building became a fitting memorial to such worthy pioneers of Beresford.

Jeremiah and Catherine Manning

Jeremiah Manning, who came west with his parents, was born in Essex County, N.Y. in 1854. In 1881, Jeremiah married Catherine Duncan. The Mannings first lived at Emmetsburg, Ia. where he worked for the railroad. They moved to Union county in 1897 to farm. Their son, Jere, moved on this farm when the older Mannings retired to live in Beresford. The farm is now owned by the Ed Manning family.

Jeremiah and Catherine had nine children: Tom, Esther, Mary, Ann, Ed, Rosella, Irene, Jere and John. Esther, the last member of this family, died in 1982 at the age of 97.

Tom was ordained a priest in 1918. Mary became a nun, Mother Carmelita, in 1911. Irene became a nun, Sister Benigna, in 1920.

Esther married Mark Mangan. They were the parents of seven children: Gerald (deceased); Mary K.; Leonard married Lucille Voegeli and their children are Joe, who married Barbara Lubeck, live in Cherokee, Ia. and have four sons, Daniel, Robert, Tim and Tom, and Ruth Jervik (Don), who has two daughters, Jennifer and Jessica; Delores of Madison, Wisc.; Marcie Geppart (Dr. Joe) of Byron, Texas; Veronica Clark (Al) of Madison, Wisc. has four daughters; and Teresa Dyer (Bruce) has five children and lives in California.

Back row, left to right: Esther, Edward, Mary, Tom, Ann; front row: Rose, Mr. Manning, Jere, Catherine, Irene; and John, sitting in front.

Ann married Dennis Fitzgerald and has three children, Edward, Rita and Rosemary.

Ed and Margaret Malloy Manning have five children: Kathleen, Carol, Dick, Marilyn and Jim.

Rosella married John O'Connor. There are seven O'Connor children: Joe, Mary, Sylvester, Donald, Jerry, Irene and Ralph.

Jere and Ellen Kribell are the parents of Colletta Sweeney (Robert), Patricia McGary (Bernard) of Sioux City, Ia., Mary Steen (Harold) of Sioux City, Ia., Joe, and Gerald, who is married to Madonna Nordquist. The grandchildren of Jere and Ellen Manning are Kathleen, Mike and Tom Sweeney, Joe and Kevin McGary, twins Charmaine and Lorraine, and Jere Steen. John Manning married Kathleen Unschied, Ft. Riley, Kans.; Margaret Stephenson (Manning), Rose Frigge (Manning), Colorado; Tom, married to Patricia Heinricy, Teresa of Sioux City, Ia., Dan and Colleen Manning. Their four great-grandchildren are Bridget and Molly Stephenson and Rebecca and Roman Frigge III.

Archibald and Mary Maynard

One of the early (1884), and just possibly the first, merchant in the Beresford area was Proctor Edwards Maynard. P. E. Maynard and family came here from Elk Point. Mr. Maynard rode the first regularly scheduled passenger train into Sioux City in 1868. He homesteaded near Elk Point, proved up and sold his land, then opened a general store in Elk Point. Originally, he was from Coudersport, Potter county, Pennsylvania, descended from very early New England settlers. His wife was the daughter of one of Michigan's first teachers, first township clerks, and a very early settler south of Ann Arbor. The two met when she visited relatives in Pennsylvania and taught for a year or two there.

He operated the Beresford Store from 1884 to 1888. His grandson, Proctor W. Maynard, remembers reading in his grandfather's letters, press copy and book copies of correspondence between P. E. Maynard and Montgomery Ward, he acting as agent for Montgomery Ward with members of the Grange in the Beresford area. What is not clearly established yet is whether

Archibald B. Maynard

the P. E. Maynard store was in Beresford proper, or Sunnyside. The Maynard family believes it was Beresford proper. In 1888 he moved the store and family to Hawarden, probably because Hawarden was to be a division center on the railroad, not just another land grant township town.

Two children were born to Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Maynard, Archibald Benton and Myra Edith. Both attended Beresford schools between 1884 and 1888. A. B. Maynard graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1891. He attended the University of Chicago and taught for several years at the University of South Dakota. Myra graduated from the University of Wisconsin, became a vice principal in the Green Bay, Wisc. schools, then was to return to Elk Point as principal, when she died prematurely in 1902.

James and Bessie McGuire

Bessie Swift was born in County Managhan, Ireland in 1839. She came to America alone at the age of 17. She and her father had started for America in 1855, but the father died of cholera on the ship and was buried at sea. Bessie went to Galena, Ill. There she met and married James McGuire, also from Ireland. In 1870, the McGuires came to Dakota Territory and homesteaded in Emmet township, Union county. The house in which they lived and raised their family still stands and is being used by the present owner of the old homestead.

Nine children were born to them: Frank, Ellen, James, Anna, Mary, John, Joseph, Ben and Elizabeth. Frank and John married sisters and lived at Coggan and Ryan, Ia., respectively. John never married. Ellen married Mike O'Connor. Their children were Mayme (who never married), Timothy and Carey (who died as infants). Mike married Mable Duncan after Ellen died. Agnes and her husband, George McIlvenna were the parents of five children: Frances, Bernard, Helen, Albert and James. James McGuire and his wife, Anna Muhlenkort, had three children: Mildred married Warren Reirson and their children are LaVerl, married to Marlys Nebelsieck, Arlington. LaVerl's three daughters are Shelly, Tami and Stephanie. Karen married Danny Jensen and they are the parents of two sons, Terry and Jimmy. Leonard married Dorothy O'Connell and have two children, Marilyn, of Sioux Falls and Larry, married to Ruth Messler. The Larry O'Connors' three children are Stacey, Sean and Erin. Catherine and her husband, Glen Kennedy, are the parents of Kevin, married to CeCe Robusek, Yankton, and Shelly Overturf (Robert), Yankton. James' second marriage was to Violet Quinn (see Quinn story).

Teresa married Paul Lambert and they had four children. Betty married Al Kloiber, Sioux Falls, and their eight children are: Kathleen Pulford (Larry), and their children are Chris, Carol and Kim; Roger married Connie Inberg and they have a son, Jason; Curt, Sioux Falls; Colleen Fisher (Steve), Marshall, Minn.; Christie Herman (Craig). The twins, Pat and Peg, and Kerry. Gene Lambert married Kay Machael, Sacramento, Calif., and their children are Caroline, Yvonne and Terry. Caroline married Lee Coleman and they are the parents of Kathy and Steve. Yvonne Peterson Owasso, Okla., has three children, Nane, Jody and Craig. Terry married Sue Kugel, New Orleans, La., and they have two sons, Bill and Dave.

Bill O'Connor married Hattie Nissen and their children are Coletta, Cleo and Mike. Coletta married Bill Meile and their daughter, Celeste, married Rodney Eldara, who are the parents of Christopher and Anna. They all live in Dayton, Oh. Cleo and her husband, Jack Jurgenson, had two sons, Jeffrey (deceased) and Vincent. Mike married Janice Wevik, Marshalltown, Ia., and their two children are Michele and Timothy.

The other five children of the McGuire family, namely, Anna, Mary, Joseph, Ben and Elizabeth, married five of the Lass family, namely, John, Peter J., Katie, Anna and Henry, and their stories are under the Lass caption.

Mr. Meidell, Mrs. Meidell, Martha, Helen and Olive.

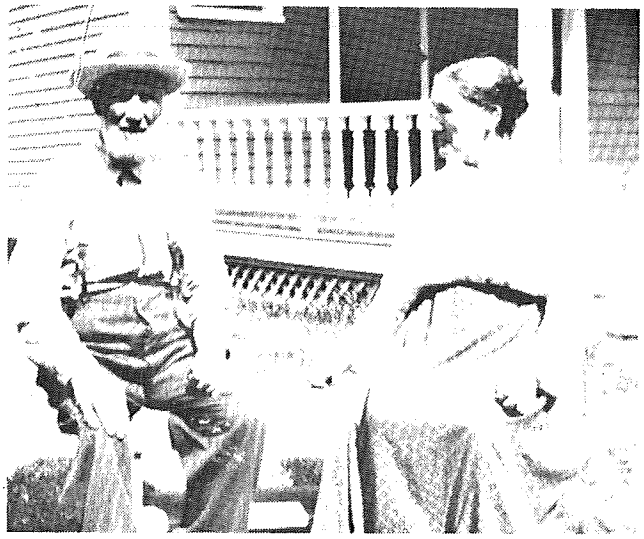
Hans and Mary Meidell

The immigrant passports issued in Bergen, Norway, 1872, tell that Hans Hanson Dorland, wife, Martha, and eight children, namely, Hans, age 19, Ole 17, Jena 15, Anna 11, Anna 9, John 6, Ands 3, and Martha 1, left Bergen, Norway, bound for Clinton, Ia. The family lived on a farm near Holstein, Ia. for many years. Two members of this family came to Beresford and worked in the State Bank. John and his wife, Mary Hyde, came and they both worked in the bank. Hans, whose wife was Mary Harstad, Sioux City, Ia., moved to Beresford in 1899 to work with his brother in the State Bank. Olive and Helen were their two daughters, and a third daughter, Martha (1900), was born in Beresford. Hans died at his home in West Beresford in 1922. His wife moved to Sioux Falls to make her home with Olive and Helen. She died in 1943.

Martha, the youngest, married Louie Peterson (P. L.) and they lived on the family farm for 40 years. Their son, James, resides in Colorado. Their daughter, Joan (Mrs. Kenneth Knutson), now resides on the farm with their two sons, Ronnie and Robbie. They also operate a Western store at Truck Towne. Their daughter, Cindy Ann, married Chuck Carlson, and they, with their two children, Andy and Lindsay, live in Beresford and manage Chuck's Clover Farm with Chuck's father, Tubby Carlson. Martha moved to Sioux Falls after the death of her husband in 1961. She and Olive still reside at 315 N. Sherman, sole survivors of the Meidell clan.

Daniel and Anna Messler

The Messler-Bylander homestead, located in Garfield township, Clay county, was filed upon as a homestead in 1869 by Daniel Messler. Daniel was born in 1844 in Svardsjo Parish, the province of Dalarna, Sweden. He came to the United States with his brother, Erik, in 1868, to the state of Illinois. While there, the brothers changed their name from Andersson to Messler. Daniel came to Dakota Territory in 1869 and filed his land claim that year, receiving patent to the land in 1876. He made application for U.S. citizenship in 1869. In the early years, Daniel worked with his brother, Erik, on the railroad at Plattsmouth, Nebr., except for the number of

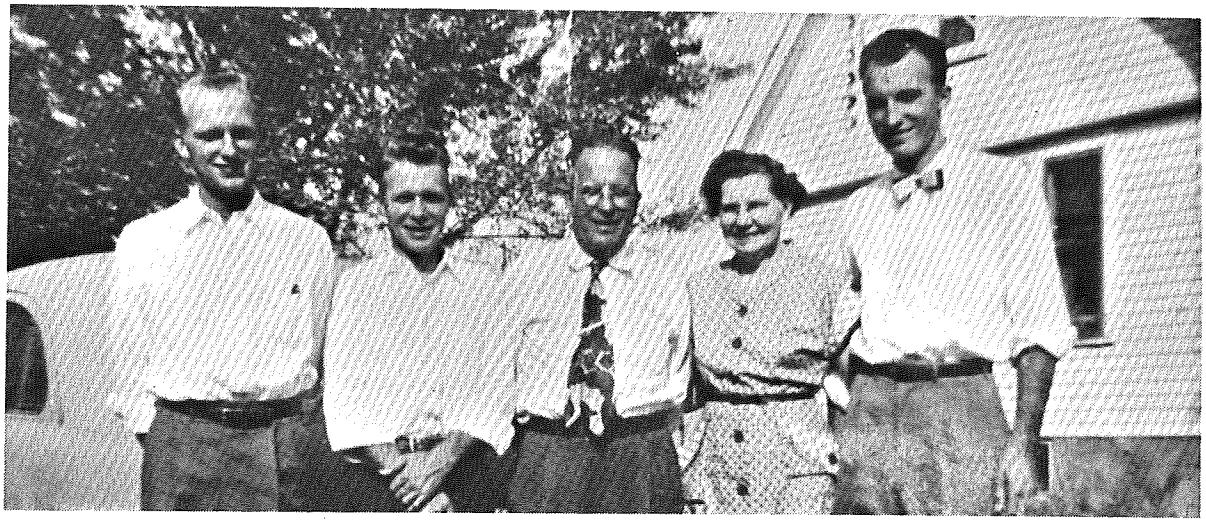


Daniel and Anna Messler

days required in residence on the claim. On the claim, he had a dugout for a home.

Daniel was married in 1884 to Anna Jansson, who was born in 1851 at Fellingsbro Parish, Narke, Orebro Lan, Sweden. She came to New York in 1882 and worked there before coming to live with a half-brother in Clay county. They lived on the homestead until they retired to Vermillion in 1919. Daniel died after a fall in 1924 and Anna returned to live on the farm until her death in 1937.

Two daughters, Anna, born in 1885 and died in 1889, and Ida (Minnie), were born to the Messlers. Minnie was schooled at the original early Newdale School and the building that followed. As a child, she remembered hiding beneath a bed when Indians crossed the farm to a spring across the section. She also remembers riding a bicycle or driving a buggy to get the mail once a week at the Alsen Post Office before there was rural mail delivery by horse from Beresford. Minnie married John Bylander and they had two sons (see John and Minnie Bylander story).



Left to right: Roger, Ralph, Mr. Messler, Mrs. Messler, and Raymond.

Erick and Ebba Messler

Erick Messler was born in Dalarna, Sweden in 1896, to Mr. and Mrs. Anders Anderson. He came to America in 1914 at the age of 17. It was here in America that he took the last name of Messler, which a cousin of his had taken, because there were so many Andersons in the community. He married Ebba Erickson in Sioux City, Ia., in 1920. Ebba was born in Angmanland, Sweden in 1892, to John and Maria Erickson. After their marriage they moved to the Beresford-Alsen area where they farmed. He later became an electrician. Mrs. Messler died in 1964. In 1965, Erick moved into town. He passed away in September, 1981. Erick and Ebba had three sons. Raymond Messler (1923), who graduated from high school and attended electrical and TV school in Chicago. He married Avis Jean Newbold, daughter of Jennings and Irene Newbold, in 1949. They have four sons: Leon (1950) married Judy Larson and they have two daughters, Shannon Leigh and Abbey Kaye. They live in Alcester; Durwin (1953) lives in Beresford) Calvin (1955) lives in California; Edward (1957) lives in California and is a student at U.S.C.

Ralph (1926), after high school graduation, attended and was graduated from Coyne Electrical School in Chicago, Ill. in 1946. In March,

1949 he married Patricia Ann Swanson, daughter of Thure and Tillie Swanson of Beresford. Their six children are: Ruth Ann (1950), married to Larry O'Connor. They have three children, Stacey, Erin and Sean; Susan (1951) has a son, Jason, Ft. Pierre. She is married to Randy J. Lessman and lives in Sioux City, Ia.; Daniel (1952) lives in Los Angeles, Calif.; David (1955) lives in California; Kristi (1959) is a student at U.S.D. Karen (1964) is a senior at Beresford High School.

Roger (1931) graduated from a plumbing trade school in Kansas City, Mo. and married Marilyn L. White, daughter of Ellis and Susan White, Hub City. Their five children are: Gwen (1952), Quinton, Va.; Clare (1953) married Linda Long and have a son, Erick; Janell (1954) married Dale Liston of Ireton, Ia. They live at Hawarden, Ia. and have two children, Wendy and Christopher; Curtis (1963) is a student at SDSU, Brookings, S.D.; Carol (1965) is a Nursing student at Western Tech Community College, Sioux City, Ia.

Magdalena and John Messner

Magdalena Schmid was born in 1860 at New Glarus, Wisc. and died in 1943 at Sioux Falls, S.D. Magdalena was the fifth child of Mathias Schmid and Magdalena Duerst, early homesteaders in Lincoln county (see Mathias Schmid story).

John Messner (1849) Rosenfeld of Wittenburg, Germany, the oldest son of John Messner, Sr. and Barbara Bitzer, settled with his family in Dodge County, Wisc.

In 1874, John Messner homesteaded in Delaware township, Lincoln county, Dakota Territory. John met Magdalena when he stopped at the Mathias Schmid home to attend church services. John and his brother, Andrew, operated a drag line with oxen team, freighting lumber from Sibley and Sioux City, Ia. to Sioux Falls, S.D.

Magdalena and John were married in 1880. Eight children were born on the Messner homestead west of Harrisburg: Alfred (1881), Lydia M. (1884), Ottilie B. (1886), Alma (1888), Lorenz (1891), Daniel (1895), Ruth Marie (1899) and Walter (1902).

In 1914, Magdalena and John Messner retired from the farm and moved to Sioux Falls. The couple celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in 1930. John died in 1935. One son, Walter Messner, of rural Harrisburg, survives. Descendants include 19 grandchildren and many great-grandchildren living in Lincoln and Minnehaha counties. The couple are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Sioux Falls. They were members of Zion Church.

Leslie and Mr. Milliken, Mrs. Milliken and Marie.

Charles and Louise Milliken

Louise Rose Voegeli was united in marriage to Charles Leslie Milliken at Beresford in 1891. Mr. and Mrs. Milliken lived on a farm 3½ miles north of town, which Mr. Milliken purchased in 1892. Charles also drilled wells and made his own well drilling outfit. He worked at the Farmers Elevator. Charles served on the town board of Lincoln county for 31 years and eight years as township clerk. They were members of Zion Evangelical Church. Mrs. Milliken died in 1934 and Mr. Milliken in 1941.

Their two children were Leslie Charles and Marie Louise. Leslie, a minister, served several churches in South Dakota and was a veteran of World War I. In 1921, he married Blanche Pierce.

Marie was united in marriage to Francis Willard Spire of Alcester in 1920. They farmed near Beresford and had a daughter, Joyce (Seip). The Charles Millikens had five grandchildren.

Rev. Milliken died in 1941 and Francis Spire in 1971. Mrs. Marie Spire now lives in Plant City, Florida.

front row: Palma, Mrs. Narum, Mr. Narum, Conrad; back row: Effie, Paul, Helen, Edwin and Emma.

Hans and Elisa Narum

Hans Narum was born in 1859 to Paul Andreas and Helene Narum in Vestre Toten, Norway. As a teenager, Hans helped his father with duties on the farm and worked for his oldest brother, David, hauling butter, cheese and meat to Oslo.

Hans was 21 years old when he immigrated to the United States in 1880. He lived several years at St. Peter, Minn. with his Uncle Matthias. He worked there with his two brothers, Christian and Martinus, doing tile work. It was here he became known for his talent of great strength which followed him the remainder of his life. Hans often told of humorous incidents in which he used his strength to play tricks on his friends. In the spring of 1882, Hans came to Hudson and stayed with his sister, Johanna (Mrs. Ole Overseth). In 1884, he purchased a threshing machine. The first ten years they used horsepower, then later used steam power. He threshed for other farmers for 18 years.

In 1887, Hans Narum and Elisa Odegaard were married in the Lands Lutheran church. Elisa was born in 1863 in Ness Hademarken, Norway. She was seven years old when she and her parents immigrated to America and made their home two miles east of Lands church. After taking private sewing lessons, she became a seamstress.

Hans purchased 240 acres of land near the Romsdal Lutheran church. Their house was very small so, in 1891, they built a new home. Hans and Elisa were members of Lands Lutheran church.

In 1926, Hans and Elisa purchased a home in Canton, so Conrad, the youngest son, and his wife moved to the family farm. During their retirement, Hans and Elisa liked to listen to the radio, especially Sunday morning Norwegian services from St. Olaf College, Northfield, Minn. Elisa died in 1944 and Hans in 1948. They are buried in the Lands church cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Narum's family included seven children; three boys and four girls.

Paul farmed near Canton and also near Pequot, Minn. He died in 1947 and is buried in the Lands cemetery.

Edwin married Olga Nelson and they moved to a farm north of Canton. They had two sons, Oliver and Ernest. Edwin died in 1969 and is buried in the Trinity cemetery. His wife still lives on the farm.

Palma married Ludvig Fladmark and they made their home in Canton. They had two daughters, Marilyn and Natalie. Palma passed away in 1976 and she is buried in Lands cemetery.

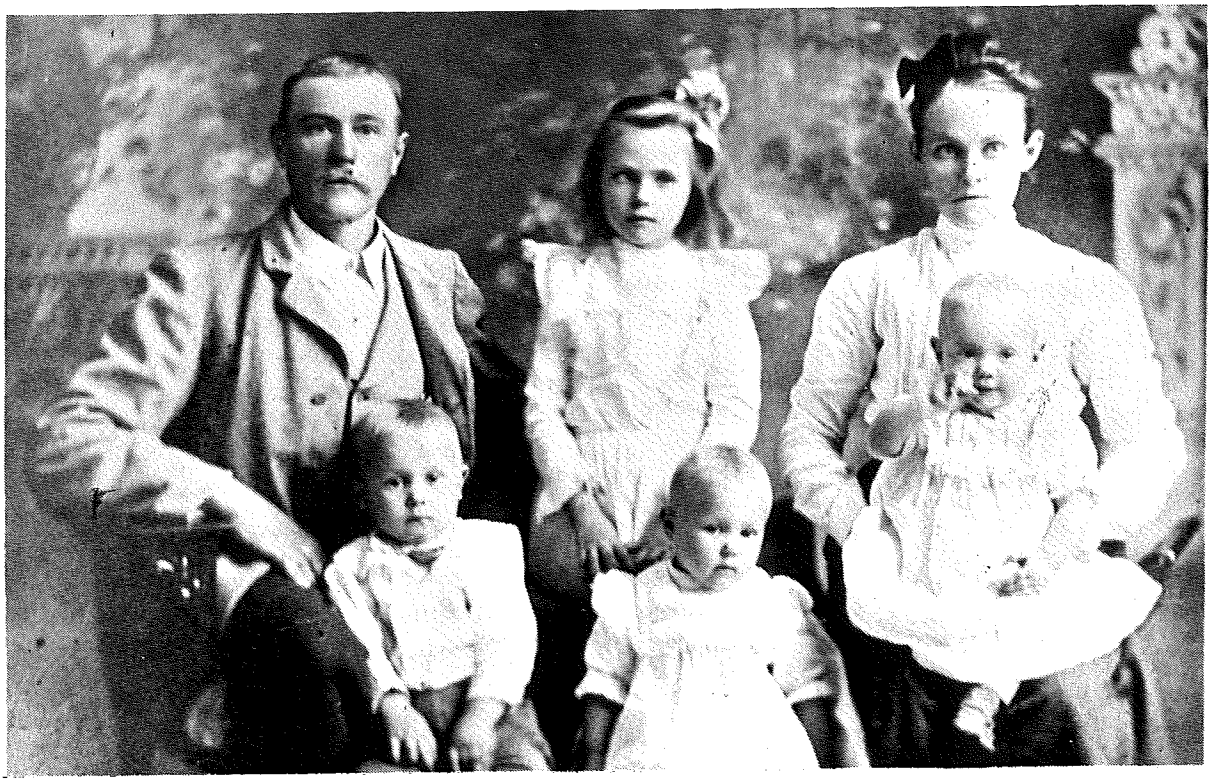
Effie married Albert Brynjulson and they farmed south of Canton. Four children were

born to this marriage: Verna, Doris, Robert and Harlan. Effie now lives with her son, Robert, and his family on the Brynjulson farm.

Conrad and his wife, the former Mabel Eide, lived on the Narum farm. They had two children, Leo and Enolia. Conrad died in 1981 and is buried in the Lands cemetery. Mabel resides at Palisades Manor in Garretson, near her son's home.

Emma married Morten Rommereim and they farmed near Beresford. They had two children, Geraldine and Curtis. In 1964 the Rommereims moved into a new home in Beresford. Morten passed away in 1969 and is buried in the Romsdal cemetery. Emma now lives in an apartment in Beresford. Geraldine married Roy Bovill and lived on the Bovill farm. They now reside in Beresford and continue the farm operation with their son, Gary. Curtis married Leatrice Sundstrom and they lived in Oregon. They later lived in Sioux Falls, but now reside on the Rommereim farm.

Helen married Nels Nelson and they resided on a farm north of Beresford. They retired from farming and moved to Canton. Nels passed away in 1975 and is buried in the Romsdal cemetery. The Nelsons had a daughter, Thelma. She married Raymond Larson and they lived in California for many years. In 1979, the Larsons retired to Beresford where they now live. Helen now resides at Bethesda Home in Beresford.



Back row: Mr. Nelson, Edith, Mrs. Nelson; front row: Erick, Ida and Ebba.

Carl F. and Augusta Nelson

Carl F. Nelson was born in Skaninge, Ostergotland, Sweden in 1871. He was married to Augusta Carlson. They immigrated to this country in 1903. They settled in the Komstad area and farmed. To this couple, 12 children were born, five of them in Sweden.

Edith married Carl Christensen (both deceased). They had four children: Elwood and wife, Hazel, have two children; Ray married Mavis Jensen and have two girls, Julie and Sheila; Mildred married J. P. Bradley and they have two children, Cindy and Bruce; Margaret married Altan Powell and they have two children. All of these families live in California.

Amy Nelson married Lee Millage and lived in Vermillion until their deaths. They had ten children: Ervin, who married Harriet Slawey, has four children and lives in Vermillion; Mickey and wife, Carol, have a son and live in Virginia; Cathy married Jack Renner, has four children and lives in Iowa; Terry married Scott Davis, has a son and lives in Arizona; Lea Ellen mar-

ried Mike Rummelhart, live in Vermillion and have two children; Leo married Joyce Hendrikson, has five children and lives in Rapid City; Eileen married John Delany, has five daughters and lives in Vermillion; Betty Jean (Kent) Sublet, Vermillion, has four children; Betty (Mrs. Ivan Jensen), Vermillion, has four children. Phillis married Dave Bride, has two children, Carol and Kevin, and lives in Nebraska; Marilyn married Larry Riehle, Vermillion, and has three children, Kim, Kelly and Tina; Beverly married Ken Sorenson, Irene, and has five children, Scott, Kay Lynn, Craig, John and Jill; Janice married Arnold Boschker, Avon, and has three children, Amy, Ramona and Mike; Ethel married Robert Harrington, Iowa; Earl died when very young; Virginia married Arne Mockler, Vermillion, and had three children; Leo married Pam Fletcher and has two children, Debra and Bruce, Vermillion; Juanita married Russ Bailey, Yankton, had five children; Kay married Dr. Charles Munson, Parkston, had six children, Tim, Marcy, Brenda, Mark, Robert and Erica; Doris married Doug Myran, who have three children, Lisa, Darcy and Brent, and live in Ohio.

Erick Nelson married Elsie Westling. Erick lived in Beresford until his death. They had four children: Beverly married John Brown, have two children and live in Iowa; Alice Davis lives in Tennessee and has three children; Dale and Harriett live in California; Betty married Carl Holm, live in Nebraska and have three children.

Ida Nelson married Oscar Odeen. They lived in the Geddes area until Oscar's death. Ida returned to Beresford. They had four children: Lenay married Delmar Harrington and had a girl, Laurel Kay; Lillian married Keith Larkens and lives in Beresford; Morris and Norman both live in Vermillion.

Ebba Nelson married Oliver Washburn. They farmed at Meckling and later moved to Vermillion where Oliver died several years ago.

Edwin Nelson married Ruby Peterson. They farmed in the Beresford area. After Ruby's death in 1947, Edwin continued to farm until 1952. He moved to Beresford and lived there until his death in 1979. They had five children: Marcella married Shernold Anderson, Wagner, and they have four children: Joelle married Jan Antonson, Beresford, and have three children, Andrea, J. J. and Christopher; Brian is in the Navy; Gaylon lives in Beresford; Kendall married Terry Taylar and lives in Minnesota. Warren married Carol Kuharski and had three children, Becky, Lori and Greg, all living in California. Warren married Beverly Wenblod in 1980 and they now live in Beresford. She has three children, Kristen, Mindy and Jeff. Kristen is married to Rob Brown, California, and they have two boys, Mike and Matthew. Darlene married Gerald Wastell, Beresford, and has four sons: Kevin married Patti Bickett and has two children, Andrew and Christina; Todd has a daughter, Melissa. Terry and Craig are Gerald's other two sons. Dennis married Myrna Voegeli, live in California and have two children, Shelley and Stephen. Elaine married James Tatge, Sioux Falls, and has two children, Alicia and Timmy.

Eskol Nelson married Marian Sunde. They live in Arizona where Marian died recently. They had two children: Clayton and wife, Ann, who live in Chicago, Ill. and have a daughter; and Diane, who married Michael Schumacher, who lives in Arizona and has a daughter, Crystal.

Elden Nelson married Lucille Larson. They live in Beresford and have five children: Donald married Patricia Wass, live in North Dakota and have two sons, Clark and Christopher. Elwood married Ann Remien. Robert married Carol Lundberg and has two boys, Michael and Phillip. Lois married Larry Lounsbery and has two children, Jason and Stephanie. David married Marsha Adams, and their children are Chad, Adam, Andrea, Ryan and Mary.

Emma Nelson married Egmar Laugren and lived in Sweden until their deaths. They had three children: Greta Pettersson, Sweden, has two daughters—Gunnel and Brigit; Gunnar, Sweden, has one son; Lars, also lives in Sweden.

Elmer Nelson married Bernice Sunde, Sioux Falls. Bernice died in 1978. They had two daughters: Bonita, married to Calvin Wildeboer, Sioux Falls, has three daughters; Roslyn married Roger Swanson, Sioux Falls, and they have five children.

Elva Nelson married Willard Hansen and lived in California. Both are deceased. They had a daughter, Nancy, married to Gary Mickleson, California, who has two sons, Johnny and Jimmy.

Robert and Marvel Nelson lived in Minnesota and had no children. Robert and Marie Nelson lived in Minnesota and had two children.

Gust and Anna Nelson

Gust Nelson, born in 1885, and Agnes Tedland both emigrated from Sweden with their respective families. They were married at Boone, Ia. in 1890. The Nelsons moved east of Beresford and farmed in the Gothland area. Their six children were: Amy (1893), Evert (1899), Vernie (1901), Roy (1903), Hile (1906) and Hazel (1909). Hazel is the only one living of the family.

Amy married Merton Henry. They had a son who lives at LaCrosse, Wisc.

Evert married Mabel Backlund and had four children: Donald, Mesa, Ariz.; Darold, St. Louis, Mo.; Lois Schempp (Rodney) and Karen, Hawarden, Ia.

Vernie married Violet Johnson and had two children, Christie, California and Buddy (deceased).

Ray and Laura Confield were married and were the parents of two sons, Daniel and Jerry. Both sons live in Sioux Falls.

Hile Nelson married Floyd Strong. Their four children are LaRae, Roger, Delores and Darlene.

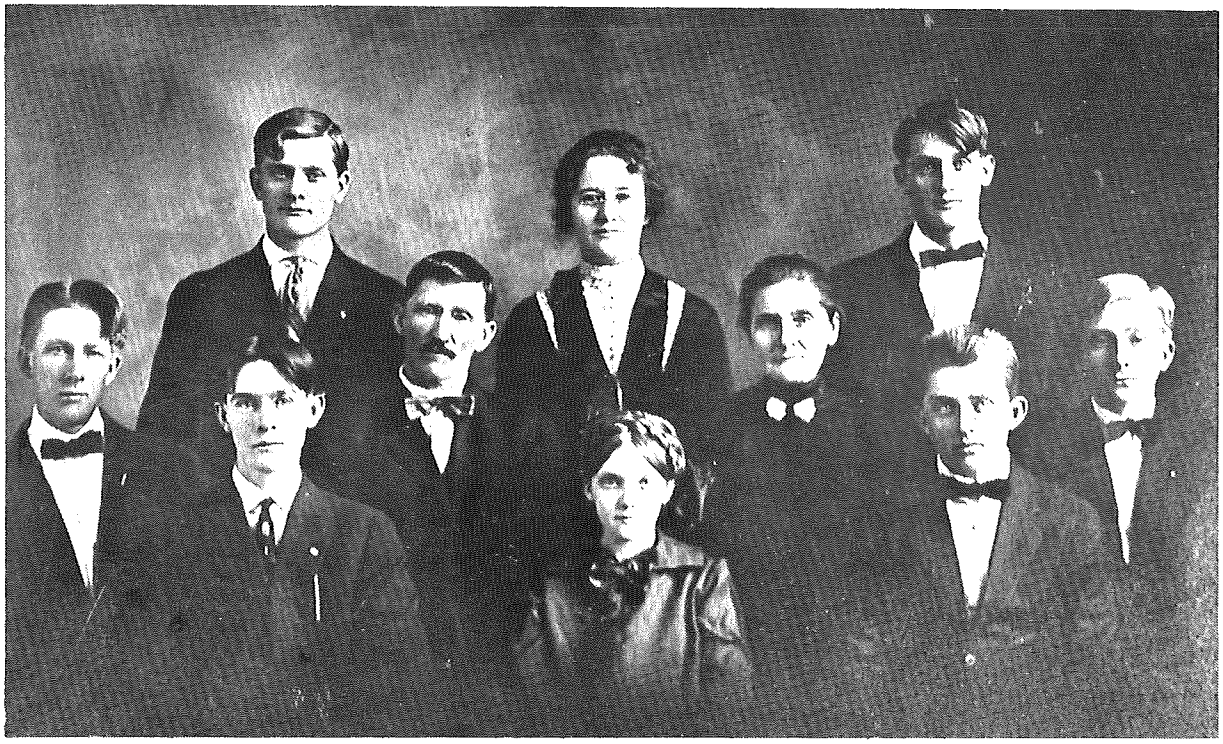
Hazel married Joe Edman, son of Nels and Louise Edman, Swedish immigrants. Hazel was instrumental in forming a Beresford ladies' bowling league. She also has bowled on television and has won some big prizes. The Edmans had four children: Lyone Banke (Elmer) lives in Arkansas and has two sons, Bruce and Ross; Clayton married Donna Leight and have a son, D. J., married to Barbara Baylor; Barbara Schuknecht (Scott); and James. All live in Sioux Falls. JoAnn Haller (Don) live in Arkansas and have two children, Douglas and Lisa. Carl married Marla Miller and they have a daughter, Carla.

Back row: Ruby and Nill Nelson, Mina, Emma Lou, Pete Nelson, Myrtle, Ben, Anna, Carl; front row: Burton Nelson, Isadore Hofling, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson, Louise Hofling, Isadore Hofling, Sr., Dorothy Hofling, Ward Nelson, Evelyn Hofling, Jim Hofling.

James and Anna Nelson

James Nelson came to America from Denmark in 1881 and found his way to the Beresford area where, two years later, he married Anna Peterson, also from Denmark. They moved to a small farm just west of Beresford. James was a watchmaker and had a shop in the window of the David Stephens General Store which was located at the present site of the old First National Bank, now the City Hall. They had five children: Peter, William, Dagmar, Ben and Carl. James died in 1942 at the age of 83 and Anna died in 1949 at the age of 88.

Carl Nelson was the only descendant to stay in Beresford. Carl, who died in 1970, is remembered best for his many years as custodian at the Beresford schools and as Scoutmaster of Boy Scout Troop II.



Back row: Theodore, Martha Brockway, Tilman Nelson; middle row: Nels, Mr. Nelson, Mrs. Nelson, Edwin; front: Adolph, Alma Toft, and Henry.

Marius and Thea Nelson

Marius Nelson was born in 1856 at North Odal, Norway and came to America when he was 26 years old. He first stopped at Avoca, Minn. and lived with his parents. He decided to go to Dakota Territory and went to Eden, or Hudson, as it is now known.

Thea Torstenson, born in 1864, came from North Odal, Norway in 1884 and she and Marius were married at Hudson. Marius had built a small house northwest of Hudson and there they farmed until 1893. Marius had purchased a farm seven miles north and one east of Beresford, so they loaded their small house on two wagons and moved it to their new place. There were no fences or buildings on this land and only five acres had been plowed for farming. Here they farmed and raised eight children: Nels, Theodore, Alma, Adolph, Henry, Tillman, Edwin and Martha.

In 1915, Thea, the mother, having cancer, passed away and in 1918 Edwin, Henry and their father, Marius, died within 17 days of each other from the flue epidemic.

Nels, Theodore and Tillman continued to live around Beresford all these years. Nels married Helen Narum. Their daughter, Mrs. Ray Larson, lives in Beresford. Nels died in 1975, but Helen lives at Bethesda Home. Theodore married Margaret Detmers and their son, Marvin, lives on the home place. Marvin married Lenore Lenning and had two children, Marcene, Iowa City, Ia. and Donald, married to Karen McCormick. Their children are Travis and Kami, Beresford. Tillman married Selma Sather. Their daughters are Mrs. Robert Elliot (Janet), Sioux Falls and Mrs. Ray Lowe (Shirley), Indianapolis, Ind.

Olai and Anna Nelson

Olai Nelson was born at Bergin, Norway in 1876. His wife, Anna Nelson, was born at Voss, Norway, in 1882. Anna immigrated to the United States at the age of 20. She met Olai on the boat. Five years later they were married. Mr. and Mrs. Olai Nelson moved to Beresford from Laurel, Nebr. in 1900. Eight children were born to them. All the children except Jim graduated from Beresford High School. Even 10 grandchildren graduated from the Beresford schools.

Olai Nelson bought the farm east of Beresford (now owned by Russell Graham). They settled

Back row, left to right: James, Butha, Hazel, Bennie; front row: Nora, Mr. Nelson, Mildred, Helen, Mrs. Nelson and Richard.

there so that the children were close to school and church.

They sold milk to help pay for at least one year of college for seven of their children. Nora, Ben, Bertha and Helen were teachers. Hazel and Mildred took secretary work. Richard studied a business course. After all the children left home, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson moved to town. Mr. Nelson died in 1961 and Mrs. Nelson in 1973.

Fredrik and Marie Nissen

Fredrik Nissen (1864-1940) was born in Slesvig, Denmark and began at an early age the work of assisting in his father's blacksmith shop in Slesvigand, and learned the blacksmith trade under his father's guidance.

When he was 20 years of age, he came to America where he spent the first year in Chicago working at the trade he had so well learned in his native country. The following year he came west to Yankton where he worked in association with his brother, Jacob Nissen, also a blacksmith.

In 1891, Mr. Nissen came to Beresford and purchased the blacksmith shop of George Christensen. Also, he purchased the residence of Mr. Christensen located on the lot where later he erected the brick house which remained as the family home for many years. Following the death of James Nissen, Miss Dora Nissen chose to move to a smaller property.

In 1902, Mr. Nissen built his new shop on a new location, and in this worked faithfully until his strength failed him.

In 1892, Fred Nissen was married to Marie Jensen of Viborg. The young couple moved into the home the groom had bought before their marriage.

Four children were born: Jim, a machinist (deceased), served for many years on the school board in Beresford; Dora, an instructor in music and a former member on the faculty of Yankton College; Nis followed, until his death, in his father's trade; and Chester, an electrical engineer in the service of Western Electric Co., Cranford, N.J. Besides his widow and children, Fred was survived by a grandchild, Sally Ann, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Nissen. Grandfather and grandchild were "great pals". Sally Ann married Harold Price, Tucson, Ariz., and has two children, Nancy and Scott.

Fred Nissen held the unique record of having been a member of the city council for 32 years, and all agree that he rendered efficient service. "To Fred Nissen, honest work was not only a duty, it was a pleasure."

Children of John and Anna Norling: Joseph, Maude and Arthur.

John and Anna Norling

John Norling was born in 1843 in Gnarp Parish, Halsingland, Sweden and came to Allamahee County in 1869. In 1870 he came to Clay county and homesteaded in Glenwood township. John was a bachelor for many years, but about 1885 he married a widow, Anna Dahlin Anderson. Anna had two children, George and Amelia.

John and Anna had three children: Joseph, born in 1886, Maude, 1887 and Arthur, 1889. They were married five years when Anna died of a ruptured appendix. John was left with the task of raising five children, ranging in age from 12 to one year. John died on the homestead in 1922.

Joseph married Clara Thompson. They farmed across the road from the Norling homestead. Their children were Archie, Lois and Ethna. Archie (deceased) married Esther Shum and they had a daughter, Dianne. Lois married Earl Olson (see John P. Olson story) and Ethna married Don Hanson. They now live in Phoenix, Ariz.

Maude married Edwin Landeen (see John Landeen story). They lived on the Norling homestead and the farm is home to fourth generation descendants, Roy Landeen's widow, Joann, and children, Kristy and Marc.

Arthur was twice married to two sisters, Mable and Amy. They were daughters of John and Helen Anderson Bergquist, Swedish immigrants. The first wife, Mable, died and, in 1927 he married Amy.

Arthur and Mable had five children: Milo, Norma, Joy, Donna and Betty. Milo married Rosabelle Johnson and had two children, Roger and Mable Ann. They have two grandchildren. Norma died at age 18. Joy married William Close, live in Phoenix, Ariz. and have three children, Bill, Chris and Cindy. They have eight grandchildren. Donna married Leigh LaFurge, live at Ft. Pierre, S.D. and have four daughters, Barbara, Judy, Nancy and Susan. They have eight grandchildren. Betty (deceased) married Leslie Volden. They have three children, Steve, Janet and Gail, and three grandchildren.

Arthur and Amy had five children. A daughter died in infancy. The living children are John, Art Jr., Charles and Richard. John, Sioux Falls, had four children, Raymond, Terry, Dianne and Shelly, and six grandchildren. Art, Jr. married Arlys Haugen. They have three children, Sandra, Larry and Doug. Charles married Lois Zweifel and has six children, Marlin, Thomas, Susanne, Jeffrey, Patricia and Lyle. They have two grandchildren. Richard married Annadell Austin.

The Art Norling family lived on the farm directly north of the Norling homestead which Art owned and operated. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Norling now reside there.

Olaf and Catherine Norling

Olaf Norling and his two brothers, Eric and John (see John Norling story) emigrated from Halsingland, Sweden about 1870. All three brothers took homesteads west of Beresford and a short distance south of what is now Highway 46.

Ole married Catherine Holmberg, a Swedish immigrant. They had four children: Hulda married and moved to Galena, Mont.; Oscar married Alma Carlson and they lived on the old homestead; Arvid farmed in Glenwood township; and Victor, who was killed in World War I on his 26th birthday anniversary, September 20, 1918.

Oscar and Alma Norling had a daughter, Violet. In 1937, Violet married Arno Heidebrecht and they farmed the Norling home place. After

Olaf and Catherine Norling

the Heidebrechts retired to Beresford their son, Larry, and his wife, Carol Halvorson, and children, Jeffrey and Stacey, were the fourth generation to farm and live on the land. Larry and Carol's son, Jeffrey, now farms with his father and built another house on the original homestead. Jeffrey married Jill Swanson and the day before the homestead patent was 100 years old on May 24, 1983 a son, Brock, was born. This makes six generations that have lived on the Ole Norling homestead, Brock being the sixth generation.

The other children of Arno and Violet Heidebrecht were Philip (deceased), Gloria Zeimitz, Arlene Fletcher, Arnold, Norma Holthe, Valerie Smidt, Audrey Goodwin and Keith.

Back row: Arthur, Axel, Emil, Ernest; front row: Eskel, Mr. Norman, Esther, Mrs. Norman, and Ed C.

Charles and Annie Norman

Charles August Norman was born in 1854 in Norhult, Smaland, Sweden. Together with his parents, Sven and Liza Pearson, and brothers and sisters, he came to America in 1868. In 1876 he came to Dakota Territory, homesteading in Brooklyn Township. He married Annie Johnson, daughter of Johan and Johanna Johanson, in 1883. She was born in Rickelstorp, Smaland, Sweden in 1856. They later purchased a farm in Brooklyn township where seven of their eight children were born and raised. They lived in Colorado and Nebraska from 1888-1890.

Their children were Ed, Eskel, Emil, Axel, Arthur, Esther, Ernest and Ruth. Their entire life was spent in Beresford, either on their farm or their home in Beresford where they moved in 1921. Both Mr. and Mrs. Norman were charter members of the Brooklyn church. Mr. Norman

loved traveling and frequently spent winters in California. He passed away in 1923 and Mrs. Norman in 1933.

Ed C. Norman, eldest son of Charles and Annie Norman, was born in 1885. He married Martha S. Hansen, daughter of Peter and Christine Hansen, in 1914. Mrs. Norman was born north of Beresford in 1892. She was a "traveling seamstress" before she married Mr. Norman. They farmed in Brooklyn township northwest of Beresford until 1942 when they retired to Beresford. His grandson, Daniel Thissell, lives on this farm now. Mr. Norman served on church, school and township boards most of his working life. Their family included four daughters: Leona (Thor) Hovda who resides in Evanston, Ill.; Berniece (Donald) Thissell, Maurine (Wes) Fahlberg, both of Beresford; and Lorraine of Sioux Falls. Grandchildren of the Thissells and Fahlbergs living in the Beresford area are Daniel Thissell, married to Carol Walters; Peter Fahlberg, married to Doreen Tjeerdsma; and John Fahlberg.

Second son of the Charles Normans was Eskel, born in 1886. He, too, farmed northwest of Beresford. He married Mabel Kron in 1913, and three of their children, Mildred, Melvin and Charles, were born on the farm now owned by the Dale Kennedys. The Normans' youngest son, Ralph, was born after they moved to California. Mrs. Norman died in Pasadena, Calif. in 1968 and Mr. Norman died there in 1982. Melvin Norman resides in El Paso de Robles, Calif. and Ralph Norman resides in LaVerne, Calif.

Emil Emmanuel Norman was born after his parents had moved to Stoneham, Colo. He returned with the family to Beresford in 1890. He married Ellen Faulk, daughter of the Alfred Faulks, in 1924. They farmed in Section 10, NE¼ Brooklyn township, where their two daughters were born: Arlene, now Mrs. Dean Anderson, lives in Springfield, Ore; Marilyn married Donald Twedt in 1948. She died in 1964.

Axel Alfred Norman, fourth son, was born in 1890 and served his country in Germany and France during World War I. He farmed a few years before purchasing and operating the Norman Hardware in Beresford until his death from cancer in 1940.

Arthur Harry Norman was born in 1893. Like his brother, he fought in France and Germany during World War I. He and his wife, Esther (Nelson), whom he married in 1927, farmed the "home" place until 1937 when he purchased part interest in the Norman Hardware. He operated this business until it was disbanded in December, 1942. Mrs. Norman died in 1966 and Mr. Norman in 1979.

Esther Sophie Norman was born in rural Beresford and, like her brothers, was educated at the Milbrook school. She married Gerald Dahlquist in 1942. The Dahlquists lived in Beresford until the illness of Mrs. Dahlquist necessitated her move to Bethesda Home in 1979. She passed away there in 1981. Mr. Dahlquist now resides at Bethesda.

The seventh Norman son, Ernest Arvid, was born in 1897. He died during the "winter of the flu" in 1918. The youngest Norman child, Ruth, was born in 1899 and passed away six months later.

All members of the Charles and Annie Norman family and their wives, except Eskel, are buried in the Brooklyn cemetery.

Rev. John Olbue

Ingri Olbue

Johan and Ingri Olbue

Johan Olbue was born in Orkkedallen, Norway. He and his wife, Ingri, and their two daughters, Johanna and Pauline, left for America in April, 1868 and arrived in Lodi, Wisc. by July. His wife and two daughters were sick on the way and, after arriving in Wisconsin, Pauline died. The Olbues lived at Lodi for four years when they moved to Union county, Dakota Territory in 1872. He filed for a homestead and built a dugout in which the family lived for six years. He built a house in 1878. He served as a lay preacher and was one of the charter members of Roseni Lutheran church. In 1884, he was ordained as pastor (see the Ole Lerseth story).

Back row: Ole, Anna, Rachel, Andrew; front: Marie, Mr. Olsen, Mrs. Olsen, Andy and Severt.

Abraham and Berte Olsen

The Abraham Olsens came from Syndfjord (Bergen), Norway about 1879. They settled on a farm a mile east of Spink and a half mile north. The original family name was Holmseth. Abraham changed his name to Olsen. The succeeding generation took the name Abrahamson, which has subsequently been shortened to Abraham by some. There were five sons in this family, now going by the name of Abrahamson: Ole, Peder, Andrew, Sever and Andreas. The daughters were Anna, Rachel and Marie. They retained the name Olsen.

The eldest son, Andrew, married Lisa (Lizzie) Satter, and to this union 12 children were born. Albert and his wife, Della Johnson, had seven children, one of whom, Rosalie Shanker, lives in the area. Richard and his wife, Betty Miller, were the parents of two children. George and his wife, Vera Paskert, had two children. Gust married Agnes Solem and had a son. Alfred married Josie Jamtgaard and had six children: Myron, Merle, Luverne, Arlys, Alvira Myhre and Wendel. The only daughters living in the area are Laura and her husband, Ed Ronning, who had a son, Orville, now deceased. Anna (deceased) and her husband, Oscar Ronning (deceased) had no children but raised a foster son, Osborn Sandberg.

Ole Abrahamson and his wife, Anna Eide, bought the family farm of 160 acres for a total of $600. This farm is still in the family, the most recent residents being Olaf and LuIda. Nine children were raised on this farm: Arthur, Martin, Adolph, Oscar, Olaf, Bertha, Anges, Ragna and Olina. Only four of this family are living today. Agnes (Mrs. Everett Peterson) lives on the Peterson family farm (see Peter Peterson story).

The third son, Peder, and his wife, Julia Christenson, were the parents of a large family—16 children (see Peder Abrahamson story).

Severt, the fourth son of Abraham Holmseth, moved his family from the Spink area to North Dakota. Little is known about them or their whereabouts. For an account of the youngest son, Andreas, see the Lars and Berte Larson story.

Two daughters of Abraham Holmseth Olsen, Rachel and Marie, never married. They went to Chicago seeking work as soon as they were old enough to leave home. Marie was a cook for the

Rosenwalds (Sears Roebuck) and the Jelke (Margarine) families. She retired at the age of 85 and moved to Sioux City. Coming to America at the age of eight, she had lived to see the rapid changes in travel, communication and industry that spanned 100 years. She died at the age of 108.

Anna, the oldest daughter, married Thomas Solem. Two sons were born to this family: John, who married Selma Holthe and Albert and his wife, Clara Johnson. Local grandchildren of this couple are Stanley Solem and Vivian (Mrs. Earnest Johnson). Two daughters: Olina, who never married and died in middle age, and Betsy, who married William Dale of Spink and now lives in Vermillion.

Charles and Anna Olson. Charles is the son of Anders and Anna Olson.

Anders and Anna Olson

Anders, or Tis Anders, Olson (1834-1893) left Vesterford Village, Gagnuf Parish, Dalarna, Sweden and came to Chicago, Ill. with his wife, Anna Persson (1841-1907), his sister, Anna, and his parents.

Anna Persson Olson was from a family of six children. Her brothers, Eric, Lars, Ole and Peter, all took the name of Engman in America. Peter never married and made his home with Anders Olson.

From Chicago, Anders and Anna went to Detroit, Mich. Two sons died there. The now childless couple moved on to Dakota Territory and filed a homestead claim in Garfield township, Clay county.

Like other pioneers, their first home was a dugout. In October of 1870, when their baby, Charlie, was a month old, the Indians stopped at the Olson dugout asking for food. Mrs. Olson gave them corn meal and dry meat. She feared the Indians might take Charlie, so she hid him under the bed, hoping he would not cry.

In 1871 the grasshoppers came, darkening the sky, eating their crops and the bark off trees. Some grass grew back for their cows and pig. That same year the Olsons built a one-room house and, as years went on, added on rooms. The house, built 112 years ago, is still partly standing on the homestead.

Eight children were born on this homestead. Three died very young and are buried on the homestead. The five who lived and made their home in Clay county until their marriage are: Charlie (1870-1943), Anna (1872-1927), Fred (1874-1962), Philip (1880-1936) and Ida (1883-1968).

Charlie attended the first Marshalltown school until age 10. Few children attended eight years because they were needed to work at home. Charlie married the neighbor girl, Anna Lindstrom, in 1914 (see Anders Lindstrom story). In 1915, they had a belated honeymoon to the first World's Fair in San Francisco. They had four children: Mrs. Oliver (Eunice) Hult (1916) (see Richard Hult story); Iver (1918-1980) married Francis Stiegelmeyer; Arnold (1919) married Merva Spain; and Mrs. Clifford (Signie) Knutson (1921).

Three children of the Martinson Carlson family married three members of the Anders Olson family. The couples were Ida Olson and John Carlson (see John Carlson story), Edla Carlson and Philip Olson, and Anna Olson and Marvid Carlson.

There are many descendants of Anders and Anna Olson; however, in the Beresford area there are only the Harvey Olson, Milton Hult and Vern Landeen families.

Anders and Anna Olson are buried in the Dalesburg Baptist cemetery.

John P. and Selma Olson

John P. Olson was born in 1885 at Leigh, Nebraska. He was two years old when he moved with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nils Olson, to the Komstad community. Selma Nelson was born in 1887 at Holmquist, Dakota Territory. Selma came to Beresford when a young girl with her parents. Mr. and Mrs. John P. Olson were married in 1916. They farmed their entire lives in Glenwood township. John died in 1957, Selma in 1969. John and Selma had three sons: Earl (1916), Sioux Falls, married to Lois Norling and parents of Beverly, Wayne and Dale; Rodney (1919), Sioux Falls, married Alta Tendler Bultena and have a daughter, Gloria; and Delmer (1923) married Ferne Knudson and have two children, David and Tamara. There are 12 great-grandchildren.

Children of Jonas and Susanna Olson, standing: Frida, Frederick, Oscar, Carl; seated: Emil and Elvira.

Jonas and Susanna Olson

The family of Jonas and Susanna Jacobs Olson were born in the rural area of Berga, Njurunda County, Sweden.

Jonas Olson (1855-1913) was a tailor by trade, and Susanna (1860-1942) was a seamstress. They had four sets of twins, the first set (son and daughter) died in infancy. Mrs. Olson came to the Beresford area in 1920, the last of the family to make the trip. The family, who all came to the Beresford area, are as follows:

Oscar N. Olson (1887-1960) came in 1912 to the Charles Ambur home of rural Beresford. He was a World War I veteran. He married Agnes Rommereim and they lived in Ravinia where he was a barber. Agnes died in 1969. They had a daughter, Betty Ann, who married Paul Kruse (divorced). They had four children, James, Gordon, Paul and Susan, and three grandchildren.

Emil H. Olson (1889-1952) came in 1910 to Spaulding, Nebr. He then came to the Arthur Crane farm in 1911. He farmed near Leeville.

Frederick Olson (1892-1918) came in 1911 to the Arthur Crane farm. He was a World War I soldier and died while in the service.

Twin Frida Josephine Olson (1894-1965) came in 1914 to the Jessie Wimple farm home. She was married in 1918 to Erick Kram (1893-1956). He came from Juniskar, Nyland County, Sweden in 1916. He was a World War I veteran. They farmed north and southeast of Beresford. They had three daughters: Alice Susanna Kram (1923-1981); Violet Elisabeth Kram (1925) married Raymond J. Wehde and farm near Baltic, S.D. They have two sons, Roger Allen of Dell Rapids and Gaylon John, married to Jolene Posey; Doris Victoria Kram (1926) married Harold R. Clay and farm north of Beresford. Their children are Darrel, married to Joyce Schoellerman, Sharon (James) Miller, and Duane, married to Marlys Offerdahl; David (deceased).

Elvira Olson (1894), twin to Frida, came in 1914 to the Charles Ambur farm home. She married John Bickett (1895-1978) in 1920. He was from Reynolds Station, Kentucky. They farmed northwest of Beresford and had 12 children: Bernice (1921) married Robert W. Jorgenson. They live at Lennox and have nine children: Margaret (Steve) Waterman of Lennox; Robert Jr. and wife, Kathy, live in Lennox; Mary (Ted) Iverson lives in Minneapolis; Donald married

Joannie Mullinix and lives in Lennox; Kathy (Tom) Morrison lives in Arizona; Mike married Gayla Smith; David married to Carolyn Greer, Rock Springs, Wyo.; Jeannie Jorgenson Campbell lives in Rapid City; Dolores lives in Sioux Falls. Milford, born in 1922, owner of Milford Mfg. in Beresford, married Darlene Hagen. They have seven children: Carol (Kendall) Frick and Steven, married to Patricia Bendert, both live at Beresford; Debra (Bob) Short, Hawarden, Ia.; Patty (Kevin) Wastell, Greg, Bradley and Mark, a Navy veteran, live at Beresford. Raymond (1924-1979) married Minnie Stack and farmed near Lennox. They have four children, Jim, Linda, twins Mike and Matthew. Lillian (1925) married Warren Biehl and lives at Minneapolis, Minn. They have seven children: Rodney, married to Pat Clemens; Sherri, married to David Wagner; John, married to Carol Peterson; Paul; Tom, married to Terry Clarno; and twins, Barbie and Betsy. John Gilbert (1927), is co-owner of M&M Mfg. in Beresford. Adeline (1929) married Patrick McIlvenna, co-owner of M&M Mfg. and lives in Sioux Falls. Their children are Sherri, married to Kevin Zuelke; Dan; Mary, married to Steve Blau; Kelly, Teresa, Mike and Jerry. Irene (1930) married James Latendresse and lives in Camden, Tenn. Their children are Jeff, married to Sharon Butterworth, Robert, Marie, Terry and Bennie. Marie (1931) of Kansas City, Kans. Robert (1933) lives in Beresford. Bernard (1935), a World War II veteran, married Phyllis Brown and lives in Joplin, Mo. Their children are Tim, married to Annie Woolever; John, married to Anne Peterson; Chris, Michelle, Terry and Douglas. Dorothy (1937) married Dean Kirby and lives at Bridgewater, S.D. Their children are Chuck, married to Madeline Determan, Pat, Karen, Tom and Becky, married to Bob Walters. Gerald (1939), a U.S. Marines veteran, lives in Lebanon, Ore. and is married to Janice Patnoe. Their children are Brian, Alisha and Tami.

Carl J. (1897) came to the Charles Ambur farm in 1913, farmed southeast of Beresford, and now lives at Morningside Manor in Alcester.

Lily, twin of Carl, came to the United States in 1919 and died in 1931.

Annie (1899) remained in Sweden.

There are approximately 60 fifth generation descendants of Jonas and Susanna Olson.

Back row: Betty, Christine; middle: Anna, Mary, Edna, Carrie; front: Esther, Alfrida; seated: Mr. Olson and Mrs. Olson.

Olof and Anna Olson

In 1868, 35-year-old Olof Olson came from Gagnef, Dalarna, Sweden, to homestead land near Dalesburg Lutheran church. He built a dugout on the side of the hill overlooking the Vermillion River bottom and, in 1871, his wife, Anna, and four little girls, Brita (Betty), Anna, Christine and Karin (Carrie), joined him on the claim. Ole worked as a carpenter in Sioux City, walking home on weekends, one time with pockets full, carrying a sack of flour and leading a cow. Very early he started building a home for his family, fashioning all the planes, groovers, and sharp tools needed for construction, hand-forging the metal edges and nails. Some years later it was discovered he had used wood ashes to insulate the house. The house was located down the driveway south of the present Marshalltown schoolhouse and was in use until destroyed by fire in the 1960's. The Olson house was the first structure above ground of frame construction in the area.

Olof was called "Resar Ole," a nickname that came from his family being identified in Sweden as "on the move," or travelers. Ole was interested in horticulture and planted a grove, grape vines, and an orchard. He experimented with seeds and grafting and, at one time, had seven different kinds of apples on one tree. He

developed a wild plum he had discovered along the river while looking for firewood. The sweet yellow fruit it produced was advertised in seed catalogs for many years as the "Olson Plum."

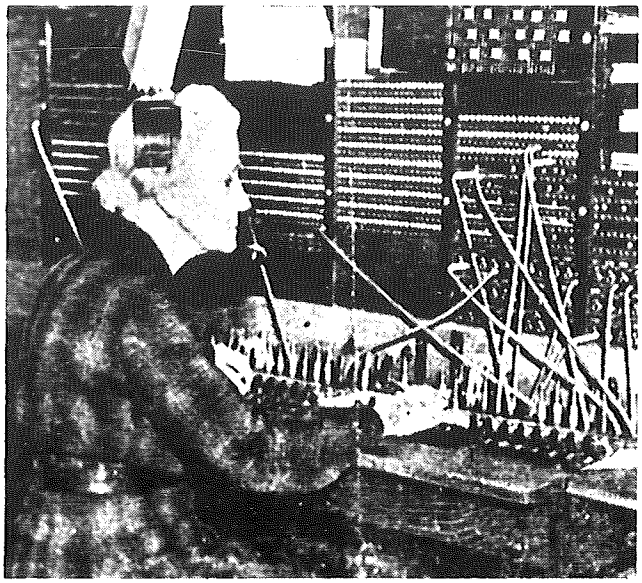
His wife, Anna Johnson, born in 1835, at the same place in Sweden, was known as the strongest woman in the community, but she was also a fine seamstress. She wove and cross-stitched husband Ole's fancy wedding shirt, which later got cut up for doll clothes by five-year-old granddaughter, Lillian.

The Olsons had four more daughters born to them on the homestead: Marie in 1873, Albertine in 1876, Alfrida in 1880, and Esther in 1882. Two young sons died and are buried in the grove, as there was not yet a cemetery. Of the eight daughters, two have families living in the Beresford area: Christine's grandsons, Maurice and Stanley Erickson, and Howard and Richard Lind, and Alfrida's granddaughter, Ann Lynn (Arnold) Graham.

The eight Olson girls all helped on the homestead. It was said that the cows and cattle were so accustomed to the girls that they were scared when men came to help. One young man who worked for Olson was Oscar J. Williamson. Ole's daughter, Alfrida, would go and help him pick corn and her dad would end up paying Oscar for her picking as well. Oscar (born in 1880 in Smaland, Sweden) had come from Chicago when 20 years old and got a job with a neighbor after repairing a stacker rope for him that had broken while Oscar was watching them stack hay. Oscar opened a photographer's shop in Viborg and traveled around taking pictures in the area, often walking from Viborg to court Alfrida. They married in 1907 and, since her father had died the month before, they lived on the home place, caring for Anna until her death in 1922. Alfrida, with a green thumb like her father, kept the grounds like a showplace—with rock garden, lily pond, flowers and shrubs. Oscar raised pigs and also sold feed and animal health products. He had acetylene lights in the house, piped in from storage tanks in the ground outside.

They had four children: Clifford, born on their first anniversary, Lillian 1910, Gordon 1911 and Warren, 1914. The children spoke Swedish with their grandma, learning the language at Swede school, which was taught in the summer by seminary students who stayed at the Williamson house. Oscar and his boys played in the Dalesburg band.

At Christmas time in 1937, Lillian and Delphin Arnold were married by Delphin's brother-in-law, Oscar Turnquist, who was, at that time, pastor of Dalesburg Lutheran church. They moved to California where Lillian still lives, and where their daughter, Ann Lynne, was born in 1939. Son, Roger, was born in 1941 at Salem on the Arnold family farm. Gordon had also married in 1937, and with Oscar's death and Clifford's marriage to Agnes Miller in 1941, the farm was sold and Alfrida moved to Minneapolis with her youngest son, Warren. No one is Alfrida's family was left in the area until Lillian's daughter, Ann Lynn, married Russel Graham (see Finley Graham story) in 1959 and came to live within 16 miles of where her great-grandparents had homesteaded. They have two daughters: Evangel Barr of Sioux Falls and Sarah Henderson. She and her husband, Scott, live in Beresford and have a daughter, Bryana Lynne, the sixth generation of Ole and Anna Olson.



Mollie Opland

Joseph and Mollie Opland

Mollie Hedlin Opland was Beresford's night telephone operator for 27 years. Mollie was born to parents, Andrew and Rebecca Hedlin, in a sod hut in Clay county, near Vermillion, S.D. in 1872. She attended public school and went one year to USD. She taught in rural schools.

She married Joseph Opland in 1903. Her husband taught school but later attended and graduated from Northwestern Dental College in Chicago, Ill. and was a dentist in Beresford for many years. His office was on the second floor of the Green Globe Cafe building that was demolished to make way for First National Bank.

Joseph and Mollie had three children: Toga, killed in a construction accident; Helen (Mrs. Leo O'Connor) and Marjory (Mrs. Elmo Richards). Dr. Opland died in 1938.

The Beresford Telephone Company was only a

little more than a year old when Mollie first started to work at the switchboard. She worked the night shift for many years, later working days.

Besides taking care of the many calls coming through the switchboard, it was the duty of the operator to blow the siren for fires, and notify the fire chief of the location of the blaze. She blew the wake-up siren at 7 a.m., also handling emergencies during winter storms. Years ago, when interviewed, Mrs. Opland said, "The people have been very good to me." At one time, Mollie had received a good luck pixie from a friend. Some college students came to visit her and spied her little pixie doll. They wanted her to try and make dolls for their dormitory rooms at USD. This led to her making many pixie dolls and selling them.

She ended her service as a daytime telephone operator in 1952. In her later years she suffered a stroke and went to live with her daughter before becoming a resident at Bethesda Nursing Home. They welcomed her with a party and singing. She seemed pleased and sang happily along with the group. That night, in her sleep, she went into a coma and died at 90 years of age.

Couples, left to right: Bridget and Robert O'Reilly, Kitty and John O'Reilly, Johanna and Pat O'Reilly.

Patrick and Mary O'Rielly

Patrick and Mary Scanlon O'Reilly left County Kerry, Ireland in 1849 because of a famine. They first settled in Smith Falls, Ontario, Canada. In 1865 they left Canada and lived in New York and Pennsylvania for a short time, then came west to Akron, Ia. In 1873 they settled in Union county in the Emmett area.

They were the parents of seven children, but all of them did not come with their parents at that time. Robert, Bridget (Mrs. Michael White) and Annie (Mrs. O'Connor) settled on farms near Beresford. John, who remained in Canada, married Catherine Murray and came to the United States when George O'Reilly was seven months old. They had 14 children, including two sets of twins. Six children lived to adulthood. Mrs. Jerry Reedy (Mary) was the only twin to survive.

John O'Reilly hauled the first load of lumber from Hawarden to the new Beresford settlement. He continued the dray line business until illness forced his retirement.

George became a jockey at age 14 and continued until age 20. He rode in the first World's Fair at St. Louis and at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans. In 1901, he married Amelia Guenzel and they had two children, Mary and Mildred. Mary was married to Clifford Corey in 1930 and still lives in Beresford. Mary and Clifford Corey have three children: Mary (Mrs. Gerald Peterson), Sioux City, Ia.; Robert, Canton and Barbara (Mrs. Fred Hoffman), Grass Valley, Calif. Mildred, a teacher for 44 years, died in 1971.

George sold insurance and had a tea and coffee business in Minnesota and Sioux City, Ia. before taking over the dray line. After his father's death he started the Beresford Tea and Coffee Store. After the store burned down, he organized The Farmer's Store in 1918, but shortly after moving in to the new building he contracted the flu of 1918 and passed away.

Robert Corey, a great-grandson of George S. Guenzel and John O'Reilly, is in the automotive business (GTC) in Beresford, so two old pioneer families, Guenzel and O'Reilly, still are represented in the "prairie town" of 1884.

Nelson and Alle Patnoe

Nelson Patnoe, born in 1847 of French descent, was a native of Franklin county, New York. When the Civil War broke out, he enlisted in the Army, but he was so small that all he could handle was a drum, and as a drummer boy he served all through the war.

After the war he returned to his home in Franklin county, N.Y. and the next year he married Mrs. Alle Jean St. Andrew, a native of Montreal, Canada.

He sold a colt for $48 and, with this as a nest egg, he and his young bride settled in Prairie du Chien, Wisc. Mr. Patnoe worked there for four years and, in 1870, moved to Winneshiek county, Ia. During the winter of 1873, he moved to Sioux City, Ia. and, in the following March, moved to Dakota Territory and located on a homestead in Norway township in Lincoln county. This farm he improved and made his home there for eight years. For five years straight his crops were destroyed by grasshoppers. For five years, during the winter, he moved to Sioux City and came back to the farm in the summer. He sold his property for $800 and, with half the proceeds bought and moved to his present farm in Section 35 of Pleasant township, Lincoln county. They lived on this farm until the early 1900's and then moved into Beresford. They had 13 children; two died in infancy. Those who lived to adulthood were: Josephine, married to Tom Fillion and parents of two children; John and wife, Mary Asland, had five children; Ida married Isadore LaBarge and had eight children; Mary Patnoe and George Grandrau had three children (see Ricard story); and Matilda married Jame Montagne and had five children; William, Edith and Henry never married.

The Nelson Patnoe children who lived in Beresford with their families are Zoa (see Quinn story), Alice and Napoleon. Alice married Leo Hartman and had a son, William who, with his wife, Theresa Ronan, have three daughters, Marilyn, Marjorie and Linda. William's family lives at Omaha, Nebr. Napoleon married Myrtle Adams and were the parents of Lawrence, Elmer, Donald, Ralph, Loretta, Helen and Velma. Lawrence married Fern Doty and they had four children: Larry, married to Evonne Pierrie, Tiffany, Wisc., has two children, Rodney and Sheryl; Richard, married to Carol Manuszak, Boulder, Colo. has twins, Cory and Nyssa; Janice married Gerald Bickett, Lebanon, Ore., and has three children, Brian, Tamaria and Alisha; and Lynette, married to Robert Decker, Sioux Falls. Elmer (deceased) married LaNole Howe, St. Cloud, Minn., and they had seven children. Donald (deceased), Milbank, S.D., married Evelyn Schultz and had four children. Ralph (deceased), Minneapolis, married Inez Tuel and had two children. Loretta married Ervin Tassler, Milbank, and had four sons: Larry, Phil, Jim and David. Helen married Clarence Hanson, Minneapolis, and they have four children. Velma and her husband, Ray Christensen, Ortonville, Minn., have two children, Robert and Judy.

Charles and Beda Peterson

Charles J. Peterson was born in 1870 in Sioux City, Ia. to Swedish immigrants, Lars and Ingeborg Peterson. That same year the Lars Petersons came to Dakota Territory and homesteaded in Clay county. Charles had 12 brothers and sisters.

Charles married Beda Shoberg whose parents, Jolin and Anna Shoberg, also came from Sweden. The Shobergs were from Riverside township. The Charles Petersons had three children.

Mae married Andy Isaacson and had twin

Mr. and Mrs. Charles J. Peterson in a picture taken in 1900.

sons, Maynard and Donald. Their mother died the day after the twins were born. Both Maynard and Donald are married and live with their families in Sioux Falls.

Verma never married and lived her entire life in the Komstad and Beresford area.

Earle lives on the farm his parents homesteaded. Earle married Inez Johnson. Their three daughters are Kaye, married to Dr. James Drennan, Iowa City, Ia.; Gale, married to Kendall Monson, Centerville; and Nancy. Katie Monson is the only grandchild.

Harold and Theodosia Peterson

Harold W. Peterson was born in 1882 in Sheffield, IL to parents Jens Peter and Anna Christine Peterson. He came with his parents to Clay County when one year old.

As a young man of sixteen he came to Alsen and worked in the Alsen General store for his brother-in-law Chris H. Jacobson, later forming partnership with him. Mr. Jacobson and Mr. Peterson were also partners of Jacobson & Peterson store in Beresford.

In 1909 he married Theodosia Spensley, a school teacher, in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J.M. Spensley, in Vermillion. At this time Mr. and Mrs. Jacobson moved to Beresford and Mr. Peterson became manager of the store.

In May 1938, he purchased the store from Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Peterson

Jacobson. During the "Dirty 30's" he gave $1.00 in trade on groceries for a triple box load of cobs and $3.00 for a load of wood, fuel to be used for the three stoves in the store and two in the home. He never did run out of cobs or wood. People had no money and lots of pride. He was owner until June 1942 when he sold the groceries and drygoods to Miner and Mabel Peterson and leased them the store building and in April 1948 they purchased the buildings from him.

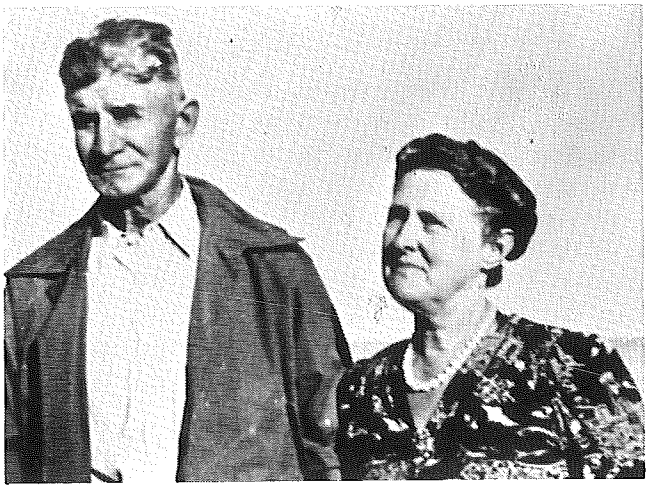
He had been Secretary and Treasurer of the A.B. & E. (Alsen, Beresford and Emmett) Telephone Company for more than 20 years, clerk of the M.W.A. lodge in Alsen for many years and he was a member of Beresford Masonic lodge, Oriental Consistory of Yankton and El Riad Shrine of Sioux Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were parents of six children; Iona (Mrs. Theodore Dilley) of Yankton; Avis (Mrs. Edward Ekren) of Elk Point; Elwin of Sioux City, IA; Donald of Overland Park, KS, Keith of Lubbock, TX and Lorraine (Mrs. Stanley Erickson) of Burbank. Keith served in the Air Corps during WWII and Donald served in the Navy. Elwin, Donald and Keith also attended N.B.T. Business college in Sioux City.

Their living descendents beside their six children include twelve grandchildren and twenty-four great-grandchildren.

Richard Jensen purchased the house from Miner Peterson in Alsen, later selling it to Lloyd Johnson who dismantled it. The store building was purchased by Al Ottmar of Beresford and was torn down.

Mrs. Peterson died in 1940 and Mr. Peterson died in 1948.



John and Emma Peterson

John and Emma Peterson

John Peterson, one of 13 children born to Lars and Ingeborg Peterson was born 1880, Dakota Territory. His parents had immigrated from Sweden to Clay county.

John attended the University at Vermillion for two years. He worked in the Black Hills gold mines. Coming back to this area he purchased the Karen Hammerquist homestead in Glenwood Township. Members of the family were told John purchased the farm with gold nuggets.

John married Emma Peterson, daughter of Sven and Helen Peterson, in 1907. They had two daughters, Yvonne (1907-) and Vanice (1911-).

Yvonne married Clayton Sanford (deceased). They had two sons, Jack married Ann Graney, they have five children: John, Kathleen, Patricia, Andrew and Daniel; the other son, James marred Barbara Caskey, they have two children, Tiffany and Clayton.

Vanice married Floyd Landon (see Jasper Landon story). The Landons had five children: John, Robert, Yula, Mavis, Marshall, Minn., and Verlyn, Sioux Falls. John married Dianne Scroggs and their children are: Rebecca Koehler (Thomas), Sioux Falls; Scott married Susan Taintor, Brooklyn Park, Minn.; Michelle Nelson (Kent), Grand Forks, ND; and Jan. Robert married Annabelle Groethe and are parents of Barry who married Lori Merrit, South Sioux City, Neb.; Debra, Muscatine, IA.; Ann and Robin. Verlyn Landon married Shirley Buller, they have two children; Teresa and Rick. Yula and James Weber have three sons: Michael, Steven and Ronald. Mavis married Marvin Hass, they have a son, Mark. Vanice has four great-grandchildren.

John and Louise Peterson

John Peterson, born in Sweden in 1832, married Louise Larson in 1866. They arrived in America in 1871. He secured employment at a sewing machine factory in New York. Later he accepted a position with the locomotive works in Jervis, New York until 1875 when they arrived in Dakota Territory. They located on 160 acres in Pleasant Township. At the time there were no buildings, trees or any cultivation of wilderness. They built their home, planted orchards and brought the land under cultivation.

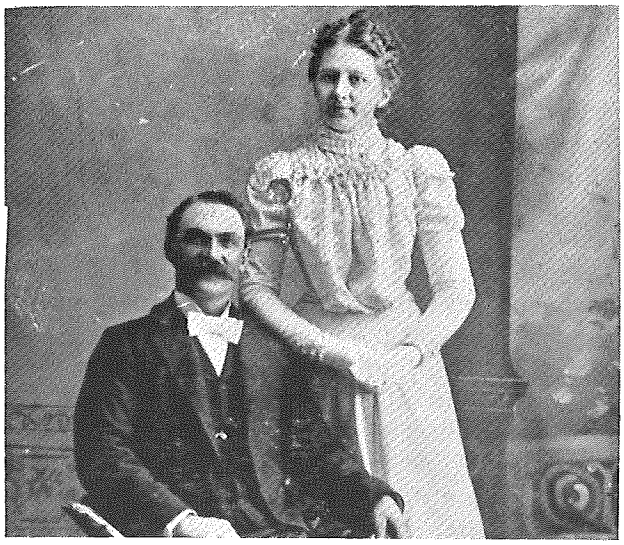
This couple had no children of their own, but they made it possible for six nephews and a niece to come to America, by buying their passports which they in turn were to earn and repay later. The six were Charles J. Anderson, his two brothers August Peterson and Fred Peterson, his sister Anna Anderson (Mrs. Henry Falk) and two cousins, Andrew Peterson and August Peterson who located in Sioux City, IA.

Mr. and Mrs. John Peterson moved to Beresford in 1898, building the home recently owned by Minnie Dugan. The house built on the farm was moved to another farm and is where Mr. and Mrs. Peter Fahlberg live. The original farm is now owned by Mr. and Mrs. Terry Cowan.

Mr. and Mrs. Peterson were members of Brooklyn Church. Both died in the spring of 1911.

Peter and Mary Peterson

Peter Peterson (1871-1953) was born on his parents' homestead in Greenfield Community, Clay County. His parents were Frank and Mathilda Peterson immigrants from Kronobergs Lon, Sweden in 1869. He was married to Mary (Mamie) Peterson (1871-1954) at Sheffield, IL, the daughter of Christian Peterson from Denmark, a brother of Jens Peterson an early settler of Garfield township Clay County. Four of Frank Petersons brothers and sisters; John, Josephine, Amanda and Carl were born in Sweden. Besides Frank five others were born in Dakota. Laura died in infancy; the others were Emma, Hilda, Minnie and Harvey. Both died in Illinois, Mr. and Mrs. P.O. Peterson moved to Vermillion after having farmed during their active years. They had seven children born to them. All reached maturity except an infant shortly following birth. The six are as follows: France William was born in 1899, married in 1928 to Evanda Hanson (1899) the daughter of



Peter and Mary Peterson

Mr. and Mrs. Jas. P. Hanson, resident of Dalesburg vicinity. F.W. Peterson and wife own and reside on the former J.P. Hanson farm in Garfield township. They have no children.

Floyd Arnold (1902-1938) was married in 1935 to Florence Swenson (1910). They were the parents of one son Stanley, married to Madeline Stolberg. Their two children are Steve and Debbie.

Albert (Everett) (1904-1982) was married in 1933 to Agnes Abrahamson (1908) in Union County, a school teacher and of Norwegian parentage. They are the parents of three children: Carolyn, married to Harold Jones and has three children; Bryan, married to Diana Langley; Lois, married to Tim Hall and has two children, Nathan and Casey; Harrison; Roberta, married to Marlin Klostergaard (see Nels Ebsen story), has three children, Bradley, Marla and Ann; Charles, married to Louise Meyer. They are the parents of one daughter, Amy.

Ruth Peterson (1906) was married in 1931 to Leonard Crogstad (1906) at Alcester. They had one daughter Marlyn (deceased).

Ada Kathryn, (1908) was married in 1938 to Victor Johnson (1906-1977). They have one son, Gary, married to Sandra Neish, who has a daughter Kirsten. Ada Johnson married Len Morgan in 1982.

Murvin Aldo Peterson, (1912) was married in 1941 to Helen Olson (1916). They have two daughters, Carol, married to Dale Fleming who has a son and a daughter, Allison and Eric; Joan, married to Thomas Francis McAleer IV and has a son Thomas McAleer V.

James and Mary Quinn

James and Mary Quinn came from County Wickford, Ireland in the mid 1800's. They first settled in Omaha, Nebr. Later they homesteaded a farm north of Emmett Church. This farm is now owned by William Dolan. James spent most of his life building railroads across South Dakota. The Quinns had five children: Mary Ann, Hannah, Kathryn, Irene and Earl.

Mary Ann married Herman Glynn and they had one child. Hannah married Ed Fenessey and had five children. Kathryn married "Flurrie" Harrington and had four sons (see Maurice Harrington story). Dan married Edith McIlvenna and were parents of three children; Mary (deceased) married to Tom Gale and had three children, Marie and Harlan Joy had a daughter, Barbara; Violet married James O'Connor (deceased), they had three daughters, Pat married to Larry Heggestad and twins, Shirley and Janice. Earl married Agnes St. Pierre and they were parents of Lois, New York, married to Kenneth Lappman and have two sons; Marlys, Pelican Rapids, Minn., married Eric Johnson and has a son; and Douglas, Highmore, SD, married to Diane Kotthe and are parents of a son and daughter (see Cooper, Lass and McGuire stories).

Adolph and Emma Rasmussen

Sometime in the 1870's Robert L. Johnson acquired 130 acres of land. He married Marie Larsen, a Danish immigrant girl, a Waupaca, WI. The building that was the original house on this farm still stands. The house which this young couple built was razed in 1982. The barn which they also built is still there and in good condition. The lumber for both of these buildings were hauled up by team and wagon from Vermillion.

About 1888 they adopted Emma K. Larsen following the accidental death of her father at Waupace, WI. Emma being Marie's niece. They had already adopted Emma's youngest brother four years prior to that upon the death of their mother. Emma attended Glenwood school and then attended Wayne Normal School at Wayne, Nebr. After graduating from that school she taught at Danefield and North Star schools. In 1902 she married Adolph Rasmussen. They farmed Adolph's home place for two years and then moved to a farm east of Bowbelle, N.D., returning to this farm in 1918. They resided here until Adolph's death in 1959. Emma continued

Adolph and Emma Rasmussen

living in that house until health failed and then lived at the Bethesda Home for the Aged until her death in 1978.

Adolph and Emma had three children, Evan, Alice and Raymond. They all attended the Sunnyside grade school. That was as far as Evan got educational wise. In 1939 Evan married Emma E. Larson in the new house they built. They resided in this home until 1977 when Emma's health necessitated her residence in the Bethesda home until her passing in 1980. Evan continues to live in that house, renting the farm land to Glen and Milo Twedt.

Alice attended Beresford High School two years and later entered the Lutheran Hospital nursing school in Sioux City, Ia. Health forced her to leave that school before graduation. She did practical nursing locally for some time before moving to California in 1938. Alice was employed by Dr. Arthur Pedersen as office assistant for 28 years when her husband's health forced her retirement. He passed away in 1977. She returned to Beresford in June 1981 and resides in Beresford.

Raymond graduated from ISU in 1938, spent a year at Ft. Logan, Colo. as a 2nd Lt. in the Army Corps of Engineers, returning to ISU as instructor in Engineering Drawing. He died in May, 1940.

Raymond's talents in hand craft were evident by his winning of the Fisher Body Napolenic Coach contest in the State in both 1932 and 1933. This coach is on display at the East River Museum at Prairie Village, Madison, SD.

The Rasmussen farm has been a place of a number of firsts. Evan built the first radio in the township in 1922. During 1939 this was the first place to receive REA service and in 1945 the first electric range in the township. Possibly it was the first farm to be rated an all electric farm.

Evan and Alice, the third generation, share joint ownership of this farm and since neither were blessed with children their demise will terminate the family of this farmstead.

Andrew and Annie Rasmussen

Andrew L. Peterson (1872-1951) was born in Schleswig Holstein, Germany, to parents Lawrence and Ane Nielsen Peterson. He immigrated to America at age five with his mother, brothers and sisters. They landed at New York City Harbor in March, 1877. They came on west directly to Rockfield community of Clay County, Dakota Territory.

Annie Rasmussen also immigrated to America from Denmark and came to the Alsen community in 1894. She and Andrew Peterson were married in 1899 in the Danish Lutheran church in Beresford. They moved to their farm located one mile west of Alsen and lived there until moving to Beresford in 1950. They were life-long members of St. Pauls Lutheran church at Rockfield. They had four children: Hazel, Miner and Roy, and one son who died as an infant. Annie Peterson died in 1966.

Hazel married Martin Klostergaard and had a family of four children. They farmed all their years around Alsen and Beresford, before retiring and moving into the city of Beresford. Their children are Delmer, married to Darlene Groon and lived in Alcester. They had two daughters, Judy and Genelle. Evelyn married Richard Moss of Reading, MN. They had three children, Connie Jo, Pam, and Craig. They now reside in Worthington, MN. Clinton Klostergaard, unmarried, lives in Beresford. James Klostergaard married Eleanor Hulzebos. They have one daughter, Kim.

Miner Peterson married Mabel E. Nelson. They had two sons, Burdette and Delane. They farmed for a few years, then purchased a gas station and beer parlor in Alsen, from Eric Messler in 1938. They purchased the General Merchandise Store in Alsen from Harold W. Peterson in 1942. In 1954 they sold out and moved to Beresford where Miner and son, Burdette, purchased Jones' Card Room. In 1958, the Miner Petersons moved to Elk Point, where Mabel served as Union County Treasurer and lived

there until 1982 when they returned to Beresford. Burdette married Helen Hustrulid. They operated the Recreation Parlor until 1972, when they sold the business and they built and operated Bert's Lounge. Burdette died in 1974. They had three children, Kathy, Karla and Brian. Kathy married Frank J. Stanovitch Jr. and lives in Laramie, WY; Karla married Steve Birgen and lives on a farm west of Beresford. They have a daughter Erin. Brian married Jill Weiland and has one daughter Jamie.

Delane Peterson married Barbara Robinson of Olympia, WA and live in Lacey, WA. They have one daughter Kendra.

Roy Peterson married Ardis J. Nelson, Faith, SD. They worked for farmers around Alsen, until moving to Portland, Ore. in 1941. Returning to Alsen a few years later, they purchased a plot of ground in Alsen and built a gas station, beer parlor and living quarters, and are still operating the only business establishment left in Alsen. The Roy Petersons had four children: Maureen, Sharon, David and Terry. Maureen married Duane Burch of Hawarden and have four children, Diana, Hawarden; Debra married Dan Baker, Craig, IA, and has one son Erick; Rhonda married Doug Briggs of Alcester, and lives in Sergeant Bluff, Ia.; Steve is attending college at Estherville, Ia. Sharon married Roger Jensen and they live on a farm south of Alsen. They have two sons Bradley and Boyce. David married Merry Anderson of Hawarden, IA and live at McCook Lake, SD. They have one son Kevin. Terry lives in Alsen.

The other children of Lawrence and Ane Christine Nielson Peterson all settled in Southeastern SD. Peter married and raised his family on a farm at Viborg; Tena married Peter Simonson, raised her family on a farm at Irene; Jane married Pete Madsen, raised a family and lived on a farm south of Alsen; Frank married Sena Rasmussen, lived on a farm a mile west of Alsen; Niels C. Nielson lived on his mother's farm southwest of Alsen later moving to Beresford to take care of his mother until she died in 1931. Niels spent the rest of his years in Beresford. He died in 1966.

The rest of the brothers and sisters of Anna Rasmussen, all immigrated to America and came to the Alsen Community. Also the parents, Jim and Hannah Rasmussen and lived on a farm a mile south of Alsen. August Rasmussen married Tillie Robertson and lived in Beresford where he was a mechanic. They had five children, Ida, Emma, George, Melvin and Howard. John Rasmussen married Clara Peterson, farmed around Alsen and had one son Warren. Peter Rasmussen married Ida Henriksen and lived on a farm southwest of Alsen, had four children, Raymond, Alice, Isabelle and Howard. Walter Rasmussen married Laura Henriksen, farmed for many years around Alsen and worked for the highway department. They had one daughter Mildred. Minnie Rasmussen married Anton Jensen, farmed south of Alsen, had three children, Walter, Lillie and Edwin. Sena Rasmussen married Frank Peterson and farmed west of Alsen and later moved to Beresford. Olivia Rasmussen married Lawrence Peterson and lived on a farm west of Alsen, had three children, Thorvald, Dagnar and Alma.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen

Peter and Margreta Rasmussen

Peter and Margreta came to America from Denmark and were married in 1874 at Ischpming, Mich. They moved to Sergeant Bluff, Iowa and lived there until 1877 when they came to Dakota and homesteaded six miles north of Beresford.

They raised a family of six sons; August, Alfred, Martin, Otto, Henry and William, and three daughters; Clara, Emelia and Hannah. Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen were charter members of Nazareth Lutheran Church when it was organized in 1883.

After their retirement to Beresford their son, August, who married Martha Engel in 1904, took over the homestead. They continued farming there until 1951 when they moved into Beresford.

Five of their ten children reside in Beresford—Merle, Marie, Arley, Mrs. Elmer Wevik and Mrs. Royal Johnson. William lives in Vermillion, Helen in Sioux Falls, Wayne in

Missouri and Odeen in Belvidere, South Dakota. Donald of Twin Falls, Idaho passed away in 1963.

The original homestead of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Rasmussen is now in the third generation of the Rasmussen family.

Back row, standing: Mrs. Tom Reedy, Thomas Reedy and baby Mary, Mr. and Mrs. Bulow, Mrs. Bulow's brother, John L. Reedy, holding his baby, Amanda, Mrs. John L. Reedy and Katherine; seated: Mary and James Reedy (parents), James holding granddaughter, Odessa, daughter of John and Amanda; front row: Gladys, daughter of Tom Reedy, Lucius and Thomas, sons of John and Amanda.

John and Hanora Reedy's Children

Among the earliest arrivals in Union County near where Beresford was later to be built were members of a Reedy family from Illinois. Richard homesteaded in Prairie township, arriving on June 6, 1873. Two of his sisters, married to brothers, Mary Reedy Ryan (John) and Catherine Reedy Ryan (Patrick) came to Emmet township by covered wagon with their husbands at about the same time. Civil War veteran Patrick Reedy came to Emmet township after the war, staying only long enough to establish a homestead in 1873 and donate part of the land as a site for St. Joseph's Catholic church 5 miles south of Beresford before returning to Illinois to live. Brothers John W. and Jeremiah arrived in Emmet in May of 1877. The oldest brother James arrived in March of 1883 as the town of Beresford was being established. Soon all of these men moved their families into the new town, where they played important roles in the town's development.

James for several years operated one of the first livery and livestock sales barns in the area. (A May 27, 1897 item in the newspaper related plans for a water line to be laid: "an eight-inch main to run from the Reedy Livery Barn to the Hotel.") James and his wife Mary celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in Beresford on May 7, 1911 and there were over 80 people bearing the name of Reedy from Beresford and environs present. James and Mary are both buried in Beresford. Three of their four children grew up to figure in Beresford's history: John L. was the first treasurer of the Beresford schools before working for some time in one of the new Beresford banks. In 1883 he and his uncle Jeremiah opened the first hardware

store-tinshop, which they operated for four or five years. At the turn of the century John L. entered the business of buying and selling livestock and opened a chain of grain elevator—feed and coal business—in towns along the railroad with headquarters in Beresford. At one time he and his son Lucius operated 13 grain elevators in surrounding towns. Father and son continued in the grain business until the depression of the 1930's. Later John L. was for several years Beresford's postmaster until he retired and moved to California, where he died at the age of 98 in 1962. He and his wife Amanda and four of their children are buried in Beresford Cemetery. All of his children and many of his grandchildren attended the Beresford schools before moving to other states. John L.'s wife, Amanda Root was one of Beresford's first primary teachers. John and Amanda built and lived their lives in a brick and frame house on the southwest corner of Sixth and Hemlock Street. In the early 1920's Lucius built the stucco house on the southeast corner of Sixth and Main (now Lutheran parsonage). Mary Reedy (Mrs. Alvah Graves), childless, taught in Beresford's elementary school from 1890 to 1898. Katherine Reedy (Mrs. Wm. Bulow) operated a millinery store in the Torgerson Building, "one door east of the butter-and-egg house", according to an early Beresford newspaper, in the 1890's before her 20 year marriage to attorney Wm. J. Bulow, later a S.D. Governor and U.S. Senator. She played an active role in early Union County and Beresford Red Cross activities, Royal Neighbors and was a charter member of Beresford's Study Club. Their three children, William, Maurine and Kathleen all attended Beresford schools. Katherine Reedy Bulow and William J. Bulow are buried in Beresford. Tom, James' other child, moved to Yankton after his marriage.

Richard moved to the new town of Beresford from his homestead south of town in 1888. He was the owner and driver of the horses for Wass' first horse drawn hearse in Beresford and worked in other capacities for his brothers James and John W. All of his children attended the Beresford schools. Sons John and Frank were long time early day Beresford barbers. No children. Son James (Jimmy) became a well-known horse handler employed by his Uncle James' livery barn. Unmarried. Married daughters Margaret, Ella and Anna, early day Union county school teachers, moved elsewhere. Only the latter, Mrs. Albert Berg, had children. They were born in Webster, SD. Unmarried daughter Kitty, graduated from Beresford High School in 1905, was for many, many years the sixth grade teacher in Beresford. Richard and his wife, Anna, and several of their offspring and spouses are buried in Beresford.

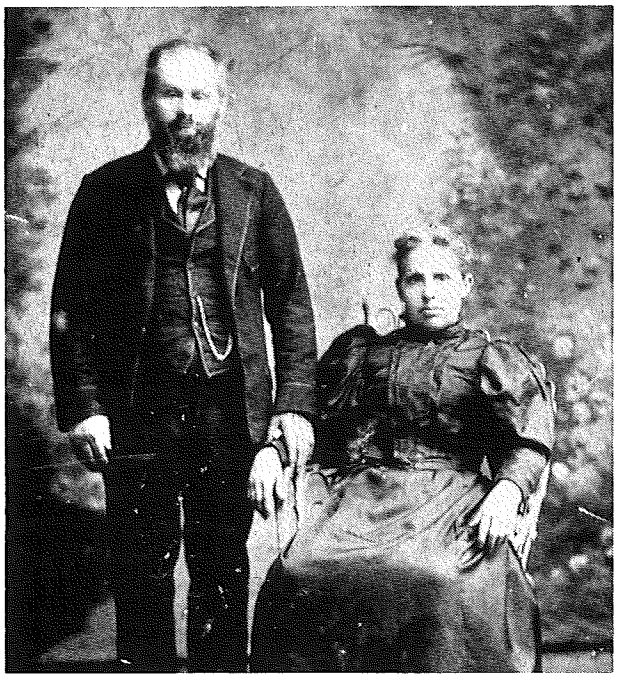
John W., later known as Colonel Reedy, built the first dwelling in Beresford, a seven room frame house, later replaced by a larger one on the same lot. One of Beresford's leading citizens, he was instrumental in the donation of the present site of the school house and in moving a school into town in 1883. He was also instrumental in obtaining a fine railroad station for Beresford. A well-known auctioneer, he sold land in 35 states and in Canada. When the town was first platted, he played a prominent part in having land donated for most of Beresford's present church buildings. He carried on extensive farming and stock breeding throughout his lifetime. Childless, J. W. was married to his wife, Johanna, for 38 years and they reared an orphaned niece, Theresa Ryan Limoges, and helped to care for other orphaned Ryan nieces and nephews. Four years after the death of his first wife, John married Miss Pauline Seegar. He died in 1934 and he and his first wife are buried in Beresford.

Jeremiah arrived in Dakota Territory with his brother, J. W., in 1877, lived on a farm in Emmet township until the new town was established, when he and his 18-year-old wife (said to have been the third woman in the new town) moved into town. As mentioned previously, he established a hardware store-tinsmith shop with his nephew, John L., and later was in the business of raising and marketing registered livestock. He was struck by lightning at age 47, leaving his widow, Mary Liz O'Reilly Reedy, and three young children, all of whom were educated in the Beresford schools. Their family home was two doors north of the Catholic church. Mamie later married the Beresford School Principal, George Kephart, and they later moved from Beresford. Katherine taught for many years in and around Beresford, later in Ohio. Ernest, after graduation from the Beresford schools and S.D. State College and the Navy in World War I, farmed northeast of Beresford before moving to the western part of the state. Jeremiah, his wife, Mary Liz, daughter Katherine and an infant son are buried in Beresford.

Catherine and Mary Reedy Ryan, the two Ryan sisters of the Reedy men died in 1882 and 1887, so did not figure in the early history of the town. However, a daughter of Mary was Mary

(Ryan) Toomey (Mrs. Jerre), whose daughters Catherine, Dorothy, Margaret, Mayme and Theresa Toomey played important roles in the early business, teaching, and public service affairs of Beresford. Theresa (Ryan) Limoges (Mrs. Joseph), was reared by her Uncle J.W. A turn-of-the-century Beresford newspaper spoke of her wedding in Beresford as "one of the most brilliant social functions our city has ever known". Mary and Theresa's other siblings moved from Beresford early.

None of the seven children of Catherine Reedy Ryan and Patrick Ryan remained in Beresford other than Mary (Mrs. Soren Emglebreth), who was childless. They are buried in Beresford.



Elie and Delima Ricard

Elie and Delima Ricard

Who was the first man to settle in what is now the city of Beresford? The distinction apparently belongs to a man named Elie Ricard. Mr. Ricard had been a blacksmith, carpenter, and just before coming here he had been in business as a grocer in Toledo, Ohio. He came to Beresford in the latter part of 1872 or sometime before September 1873. He brought with him his wife, Delima, and four daughters, Agnes, Della, Rose and Emily. Four other children were born to the Ricards after their arrival here. Herman (1876), Delia (1879), Ada (1882), and George (1884). Elie filed a homestead claim in 1873 and an adjoining timber culture claim in 1874. The former James Walsh home is on part of this land as is, also, a part of the former J. W. Steadman land now owned by Wayne Wastell.

It was the policy of the U.S. government at that time to require actual residence of the land, so that all speculators and land grabbers could, as far as possible, be eliminated. In Mr. Ricard's homestead file it states that "He has built a house on said land, and has lived in said house and made it his home from the 15th day of September, 1873, until the present time, and that he has, since said settlement, made the following improvements on said land, to wit built frame house 18 by 26 feet, story and half with six windows and two doors, dug well, built frame barn, set out 200 fruit trees and has plowed and cultivated about 25 acres." The house on 509 E. Maple now stands on the spot.

In Mr. Ricard's house was located Beresford's first post office, with Mr. Ricard as Beresford's first postmaster. Elie Ricard, was of French descent, and ardently loyal to his ancestry is the case with most people. It is not strange, therefore, that he should choose the name Paris for the designation of the new postoffice. However, as more and more settlers came, of varying nationalities, a conflict developed between the name Paris for the post office, and the name Beresford which had been given to the town after the railroad had been built. As a result, one day Mr. Ricard is reported to have "bundled up the whole outfit and taken it over to Davey Stephen's store, and Mr. Stephen then acted as postmaster until an appointment was made."

It seems that Elie may have been quite instrumental in routing the railroad where it is, for there was a rumor to the effect that "Elie Ricard offered the railroad across this particular place. This offer evidently was accepted as the railroad runs right along where his claim was located."

Elie Ricard and Delima Leriger de La Plante were married in Quebec, Canada, 1863. Both of their families trace their origins to the French pioneers of the late 1600's. They came to Toledo, Ohio, about 1865.

When the Ricards came to the Dakota Territory other relatives came, too. Mrs. Ricard's brothers, Jean B., and Eusebe La Plante and her sister Mary Elisabeth (wife of Isadore Legrand) also homesteaded near them in Union County.

At the time the Ricards homesteaded in the county, Antoine Gandrau and his sons were also homesteaders and the two families became

good friends. Two of the Ricard daughters, Della and Rose, married two Gandrau sons, Antoine, Jr., and Noel, Della died in 1889 and is buried in the Catholic cemetery in Beresford, as are her husband's parents, Antoine and Marcelline Gandrau. A long time native of Beresford, Mrs. Theresa Gandrau Fitzgerald, is the granddaughter of Antoine and Marcelline. Isadore Legrand and his wife, Mary, Mrs. Ricard's sister, are also buried in the Catholic cemetery.

In 1878 a claim jumper contested Elie's timber culture claim and the case was taken to the courts. During the thirty-six pages of handwritten court testimony Elie described the hardships he faced in trying to set out and establish trees on the claim, one being the grasshoppers that caused great destruction in 1877. The court decided in Elie's favor and the contest was dismissed. His attorney at the time was George Stickney, of Elk Point.

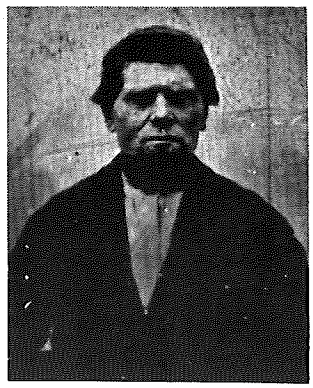
Elie Ricard was also Beresford's first furniture dealer. In addition, he carried, too, a small stock of coffins. He disposed of this business in March, 1887, the buyer being J. N. Wass.

Mr. Ricard and his family moved back to Toledo, Ohio about 1888 and later to Los Angeles, California about 1913. He met death from burns in an explosion, as he was attempting to start a fire in his stove in 1921. He was 78 years old when he died. His wife had died in Los Angeles in 1918.

An interesting note is that Mr. Ricard's mother was Marguerite Trudeau and that Elie was a first cousin to the grandfather of the present Canadian Prime Minister.

Anders and Agatha Rommereim

The Anders Rommereim family came from the village of Rommerheim, north of Bergen, Norway, to America in 1871. Anders (1838-1916) and his wife Agatha Urdahl (1820-1915) were married in 1851. They, with many others, came to America by sail boat. It took three weeks until the boat docked in Quebec. Food had been prepared for the long trip in large copper vats. They took trunks, Bible and song book. Anders was a copper smith in Norway, also made trunks. From Quebec they came by train to southeastern Minnesota. The family lived upstairs at Ander's brother Ole's mill. Ole R. Severson and Ole J. Rommereim were the first



Anders S. Rommereim

Agatha Rommereim

to bring the name Rommereim to America. In 1873 the family joined a caravan of prairie schooners going to Dakota Territory. Anders drove horses and others drove oxen. It was a long and tedious drive. Anders and family arrived in Norway Township in Lincoln County on June 24, 1873.

Here a dugout was built (many made sod huts). Later a basement was made, topping it later with a frame structure. The kitchen is part of the structure today. Anders and family became U.S. Citizens the year South Dakota became a state. On the farm they settled there was a creek, so they had water for their few animals. He was a blacksmith, which later his son, Sivert, took over. Many a neighbor walked to his shop to have something repaired or tools made by the smithy. School was held in the granary after it was built, until the Sundy School, District 25 was organized. Anders also was a postmaster in his own home, called Nurey Post Office, later Sivert was postmaster. Nurey Post Office was later moved to the Lars Sogn farm, then to Hudson.

Women came from miles around to have seams sewed on Agatha's sewing machine. It was that kind of sewing machine where one turned the wheel by hand and it made stitches. Anders S. Rommereim and son, Sivert, had sugar cane which they gave to families in need. The Rommereims held services in their home. In 1900 the Parish church was destroyed and later rebuilt.

Their daughter Anna married Lars Rommereim of Rommersheim, Norway. He had taken out a tree claim when he homesteaded. To meet the requirements of tree planting, he put in four acres of trees, plum, apples, cherries and black walnuts. Their children were Christine (Mrs. Jeri Johnson), Millie (Mrs. Olaf Lorenson), Hannah, Elizabeth, Agnes (Mrs.

Oscar Olson), Berta (Mrs. Roy Graham), Esther (Mrs. Dewey Dahl), Ludwig, Nels and Gilbert.

Son, Sivert married Betsy Thompson. He was a farmer. Even though he had only three weeks of formal schooling, he was self-educated by doing a lot of reading. He was 12 years old when he came from Norway. They lived on the old homestead one mile south of Romsdal Church. They had one daughter Agatha. She, in later years became Beresford's first council woman and Beresford's woman Mayor. The piece of furniture that served as the post office in Ander's home is now in her home. It was refinished by Clifton and Lucille Johnson, who now own and live on the homestead.

Daughter Martha married John Moen. He came to America as a young man with the Anders S. Rommereim family. Locating one and half miles south of the old homestead. He was a farmer. They had three daughters. Agatha married Palmer Evanson; Anne married David Cleeland; and Janet married Ed VanDeVanter. The only daughter still living is Anne Cleeland of Veazie, Maine. Her daughter Nancy lives with her.

Daughter Agatha married Jorgen Severson from Masfjorden, Norway. They had four children. Alice married Martin Rasmussen, Haugsdal, Norway. Their children were Alfred, Margaret (Toering), George, Robert, Martin, Harris, Otto, Earl and Delores (Goodwin).

Daughter Gunhild married Elmer Twedt, a farmer. Their children were Leo, Arlene Wilbur, Audrey, Delores, Beverlee, Robert and Tommy.

Son Sivert married Gunhild Nelson and farmed. Their children are Marcella (Boe), Grace (Flatboe).

Daughter Anna married Rudolph Twedt, a farmer. Their children are Roy, Maxcine, Dorothy, Dwayne and Carol. At this writing Gunhild Twedt is still living at Hartford, SD.

Jorgen Severson, after becoming a widower, married Kari Mastrom, Mastrom, Norway. They had one son John, who married Velma Marsh. To this couple five children were born: Irene (Lindblom), Gordon, Russell, Marlys, and Jerry. Irene Lindblom is owner of the Toddler's Shop here in Beresford.

Andrew J. and Anna Rommereim

Andrew J. Rommereim was born near Bergen, Norway in 1851. When he reached the age of 20, he came to America. He worked as a farm laborer in Fillmore county, Minn. for four years. In 1875 he returned to Norway and married Anna Dyrkollbotten that year. Their first child, Andrew A. Rommereim, was born in Rommerheim, Norway.

The family soon left for America and arrived at Stewart, Ill., in Lee county, where they lived for 12 years. Here, Andrew did farm work to support his family. Charles, Bertha, Belle, Celia and Ella were the children born to them in Illinois.

Andrew and Anna started for Dakota Territory to buy a farm and build a home of their own. They came to Lincoln county where Mr. Rommereim's older brother, John, and family, had already settled. It was a dark day in March 1887 when the family of eight saw Beresford for the first time. There were no roads, so they traveled cross-country to the brother's home, which was eight miles northeast of Beresford. The two families lived together for over three months. Andrew was able to buy a quarter of land west of John's farm for $16 per acre. By June the house was completed and the family moved to their own farm. Later, Andrew bought an additional 80 acres for the sum of $200. Tom Ulrickson was paid $1 an acre for breaking sod on the 80. This farm ownership has passed through three generations of the family, from Andrew to Morton and to Curtis, who presently lives there.

Andrew's family grew to 13, with the births of seven children: May, John C., Ole, Alma, Morten, and two who died in infancy. Olaf Loney, a foster son, also shared their home since early childhood.

Andrew and Anna never did return to their homeland to visit. At one time, in June 1902, they prepared for a trip to Norway. All arrangements had been made and their trunk was packed. The eldest daughter, Bertha, and husband, Bert Yttreness, with their young sons, Jesse and Alvin, had moved home to be in charge of the family and farm. The night before the Rommereims intended departure, June 23, 1902, a tornado swept a path of destruction through the community. With it went the new barn Andrew had just finished building. Among other losses was the first Romsdal Church

Front row: Ella, Andrew, Mr. Rommereim, Mrs. Rommereim; back row: May, John, Alma, Celia, Charles, Ole, Belle, Morten and Bertha.

which was ten years old. Without comment, Andrew and Anna unpacked and went to work. It is said they never again brought up the subject of traveling to Norway. They thought it was the Lord's will they should not go.

The Rommereim family worshipped at Romsdal Lutheran, a country church, near their home. Andrew was a member of the board, formed in 1913, for the purpose of building Bethesda Home for the Elderly. The building was constructed in 1914.

The early Norwegian settlers were very conscientious about instructing their children in the Christian faith. They also wanted to pass on a working knowledge of the Norwegian language. Therefore, classes were held for these purposes in rural school houses after their term of seven months had ended. About the year 1900, the Lutherans in Pleasant Valley school district constructed their own parochial school house on the Andrew J. Rommereim farm. Classes were held there for two months after the public school had closed for the summer. The building was also used for confirmation classes and other small church gatherings. The Romsdal Ladies Aid held an auction in 1921 and the parochial schoolhouse was included on the sale. Mr. Rommereim bought it and moved it to his farmstead where it still is being used by his grandson, Curtis, as a utility building.

Andrew was interested in politics. He served two terms in the State House of Representatives for Lincoln county, 1911-1912 and 1913-1914. In 1921, Andrew and Anna moved from their farm to Beresford, where they purchased the house at 411 North 5th Street. They were once again next door neighbors of brother John and his wife, Anna, who had retired earlier. In 1926, Andrew died at the age of 74. Anna continued to live in the home, with daughter Belle caring for her in her last days. Anna suffered a stroke and died in 1943 at 87 years of age. Andrew and Anna are buried in the Romsdal cemetery. Since then, their Beresford home has been kept in the family, first owned by their daughter, Ella Gubbrud, and now by her daughter-in-law, Gladys Gubbrud.

Most of the Rommereim children lived their entire lives in the Beresford area. The eldest son, Andrew (1815-1953), married Olena Vaksdal

in 1907 and lived on his Uncle Ole Rommereim's farm one-half mile east of Romsdal Lutheran church. Ten children were born to this marriage. In 1939 the family moved to a farm near Flandreau. Andrew died in 1953 and is buried in the Romsdal cemetery. His wife, Lena, lives at Dell Rapids.

Charles (1878-1961) married Gena Urdahl in 1906 and they moved to their farm in Norway township, Lincoln county. Two daughters were born to them. Gena passed away in 1917. Charles continued to farm until 1943, when he moved to Beresford. Charles and Gena are buried in the Romsdal cemetery. Alice married Claus Runhovde and they live on the farm where she was born. They have a daughter, Linda, who lives in Minneapolis, Minn. Clarinda married Harvey Bovill and they farm near Beresford. They have two daughters, Gail, who is married to John Jones and resides in Canton, and Cheryl, who married Fred Smith and resides in Northridge, Calif.

In 1898, Bertha (1879-1960) became the bride of Bert Yttreness at her parents' home. They made their new home on a farm nearby. They had three children, Jessie, Alvin and Lucille. When Bert passed away in 1942, Bertha moved to Beresford. She died in 1960 and is buried in the Romsdal cemetery. Jessie married Alma Eide and Lucille married Phil Moore of Washington, Kans. Alvin married Tena Kroger and they continue to make their home on a farm northeast of Beresford. Olaf Loney (1902-1973), the Rommereims' foster son, married Tena Kroger's twin sister, Ann. They lived in Canton where he worked for the Canton Creamery. They had two sons, Donald and Merle. In 1936, they moved to California where Olaf was employed for many years by Douglas Aircraft. He is buried in the Romsdal cemetery.

Bell (1881-1957) married Andrew Toft in 1902 and they farmed north of Beresford until 1907 when they moved to Halliday, N.D. In 1920, Andrew died and Belle and her son, Kenneth, returned to Beresford to live. Belle is buried in the Romsdal cemetery. Kenneth married Lydia Haupt and they live in Canton.

Celia (1882-1965) married Erick Thormodsgard in 1905 and moved to Bowden, N.D. where they bought a farm. They had five children. In 1939, Erick died and Celia moved back to the Beresford-Canton area. She is buried in Bowden beside her husband. One son, Murhl, and his wife, Christine, live in Canton.

Ella (1885-1971) taught school for five years before she married Marius Gubbrud in 1908. They settled on a farm east of Beresford. Marius died in 1934, but Ella continued to farm with her sons until 1941. Then she bought her parents' home in Beresford, where she lived until her death in 1971. She is buried in the Lands cemetery. Her four children all farmed in the Beresford area. The youngest son, Clayton, married Mildred Hoversten and lives on the family farm. They have four children, Gerald, Connie, Mark and Joe. Their daughter, Connie, and her husband, Ronald Voeltz, farm north of Beresford. Archie married Florence Dexter and farmed near the home place. They had two children, John and Maxine. Archie was in the State Legislature for five terms before being elected Governor of South Dakota (1961-62 and 1963-64). He then served eight years as Chairman of the State Farm Home Administration before retiring to their farm home. Olive married Osmond Tuntland and they lived on the Tuntland family farm. In 1978, they retired and moved to their new home in Beresford. Osmond passed away in 1980 and is buried in the Lands cemetery. Leslie married Gladys Thorsheim and they farmed until 1959, when they moved to Beresford where he was an auctioneer and implement dealer. They had three sons and a daughter: Dennis and Dean live in Minneapolis, Steven lives in Huron and Jean (Mrs. Ronald Nelson) and family lives on a farm east of Beresford.

May (1887-1908) died at the age of 21, and Ole (1894-1911) died at the age of 17.

John C. purchased a farm near Beresford when he was 21 years old. He was a Lincoln county commissioner for 20 years. Upon retirement in 1968, John moved to Bethesda Home for the Aged. He passed away in 1980 and is buried in the Romsdal cemetery.

Alma (1895-1974) married John Kolos in 1918 at her parents' farm home. They farmed in the Canton area and later purchased a farm northeast of Beresford where they lived until Alma's health failed. In 1972, Alma became a resident of Bethesda Home for the Aged. Alma died in 1974. John moved to Beresford, where he died in 1978. They are buried in the Romsdal cemetery.

Morten (1897-1969) married Emma Narum in 1921. They farmed north of Beresford on the Rommereim home place. They had two children, Geraldine and Curtis. In 1964, they moved to a new home in Beresford. Their son, Curtis, became the operator of the family farm. Morten passed away in 1969 and is buried in Romsdal cemetery. Emma lives in an apartment in Beresford. Geraldine married Roy Bovill and

farmed near Beresford. They moved into her parents' home in town and continue the farm operation with their son, Gary. Gary married Linda Carlson and they have three children, John, Mark and Kimberly (see Andrew Carlson story). Kathleen, their daughter, married Jerry Anderson and they live in Los Angeles, Calif. Curtis married Leatrice Sundstrom and was employed in Oregon and Sioux Falls. They had four children: David married Catherine Rasmussen, Vancouver, Canada, and they have three daughters; Jeanne married James Ballie and live in London, England with their two sons; Steven married Charlotte Leafstedt, Brookings; Susan is employed in Sioux Falls. Steven and Susan are twins. In 1964, Curtis and Lee moved to the original Rommereim farm where his grandparents had settled in 1887.

Joseph and Bertha Rommereim on their 70th wedding anniversary.

Joseph and Bertha Rommereim

Joseph Rommereim was born in 1887 to Johannes and Anna Rommereim and, in 1913, was married to Bertha Rommereim, daughter of Sivert and Kari Urdahl Rommereim. Her parents were married in Norway and came to Lincoln county where they purchased the Lars Berg farm one-half mile west of Romsdal Church. Their first child, Bertha, was born in 1892 and, when their second child was born, Kari died in childbirth.

After being a widower for six years, Sivert went back to Norway and, in 1901, brought back to his farm a bride. Less than one year later, while harvesting grain, Sivert was struck by lightning and killed. Bertha's step-mother stayed on the farm one year and then went back to Norway. Bertha lived with an aunt, Inga Notvedt, until she and Joseph were married and lived on the farm where her parents lived.

Joe and Bertha had three children: Cecile (Mrs. Russell Hegness) of Pittsburgh, Penn.; Virginia Frislie, Thousand Oaks, Calif. and one son, Rev. Elvern Rommereim of Carlsbad, Calif.

They farmed until 1945 when they retired and moved into Canton. Mons and Hilda Grottviet farmed the farm until 1963 when Melvin Nothdurft farmed and later purchased the farm.

Joe and Bertha celebrated their 70th wedding anniversary April 2, 1983. On April 10, 1983, Joseph died at his home. Bertha resides in Canton.

Erick and Maret Ronning

Erick Ronning (1843-1932) and his wife, Maret Oldsdatter Rambraut (1846-1876), came to Vermillion, Dakota Territory, in 1871. He filed on a Union county homestead, living there his entire life. In 1872, he and seven other pioneers organized the Roseni Lutheran Church. He was Nora Postmaster from 1891 until rural free delivery began.

Erick and Maret had two children: Arnt (1872-1952) and Ole (1875-1902). Arnt and Ole never married. Maret died and Erick married her sister, Ane Rambraut (1857-1907) in 1879.

The children of Erick and Ane were: Martin, Klara (died at age 6), Albert, Inga, Clara, Alma, Joseph, Emma and Oliver.

Martin married Petra Hanson and they had six children who lived to adulthood: Edgar married Mabel Isakson; Orville married Isabelle Johnson, Penn.; Alta Neff (Lyle), Wash.; Herman; Maynard married Alma Isakson and Esther married Robert Wilkensen. Erick and Ane had 19 grandchildren. Only the Edgar Ronning children were raised in the Nora community. They are: Harold, married to Marydell Larson; Marlys Stensaas (Richard); Melvin, married to Doreen Ronning; Marlene Bryar (Michael) and Mary Jo Kruse (Bradley). The Edgar Ronnings had 11 grandchildren. Inga married Edward Lingert. Edward was left in the New York Foundling Hospital by his mother who gave his name as John Linger of German nationality. They had six children.

Clara married Paul G. Larson (see Peter Larson story). Albert, Alma, Joseph, Emma and Oliver never married.

Back, left to right: Inga, Martin, Albert, Clara, Joseph, Mr. Ronning, Emma, Mrs. Ronning, Alma; little boy in front: Oliver.

The Erick Ronning land was purchased by three of his grandsons, Edgar, Herman and Maynard Ronning. The homestead was purchased by a great-grandson, Harold Ronnning. Edgar and Mabel are presently living on the Erick Ronning homestead.

Erland And Anna Rusten

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Erland J. Rusten was born in 1870 at Lejaskogen, Norway. Erland remembered the summers in Norway when they went to their home up on the seter to herd the cows and sheep. The children were frightened by the wolves who tried to come down to get the sheep.

Erland, his mother, a brother and sister came to America in 1886. The tickets were sent to them by a brother and sister who had lived in America for some time.

Erland worked for Sivert Alness for $8.00 a month when he first came to South Dakota. He worked for other farmers, too, until his marriage to Anna Nelson, Cherokee, Ia.

The Rustens purchased 80 acres of land for $80 per acre; later they owned an additional 80 acres of land. To start farming, Erland had a walking plow, a hand planter, one buckskin and one grey horse, a few cows, pigs and chickens. Later he bought a fine black team.

The house they lived in for the first ten years was 12 x 14 feet, all in one room. The children slept in the loft. The Rustens' bed was a spring set on four legs and hung on the wall during the

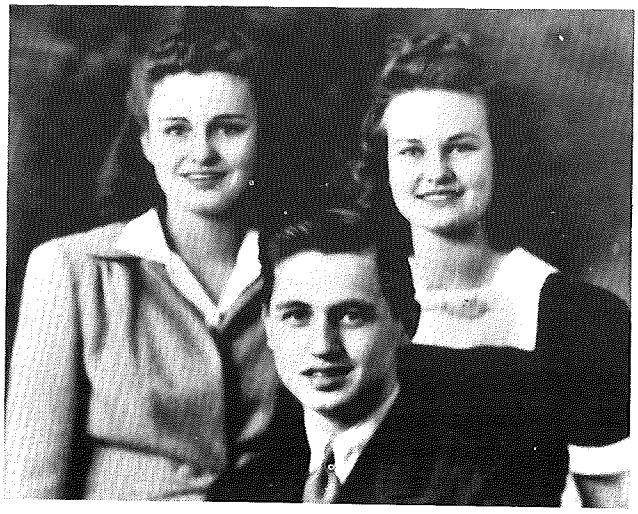
day. This house still stands on the farm and is used for a shop.

Erland and Anna were members of Lands Church, which was nine miles from their home. In the winter, Erland would heat stones and place them in the buggy to keep their feet warm. Later they purchased an Overland car.

They celebrated their golden wedding in 1943. Erland farmed for 54 years on the same farm. His son, Arne, now lives on this place. Erland served on the Plain View school board for 12 years and as an assessor.

Erland and Anna raised 11 children: Philip, Clara Anderson, June Husby, Elvin, Julius, Alma Campbell, Palmer, Melvin, Arne and Reuben, all of South Dakota. Bessie Severson died in Florida.

Franz Sr. and Agnes Ryger



Rose Marie Stubbs, F. H. Ryger, Jr. and Elaine Turowski.

Franz, Sr. and Agnes Fjelstad Ryger came to Beresford in 1931. He was born at Milbank in 1899 and she at Canton in 1902. They were married in 1920 and lived in Brookings, Miller, White Lake and Yale before coming to Beresford where he was employed at the Beresford Creamery from September, 1931 until February, 1932, when he founded his own business. "Shorty" died in 1955 and Agnes in 1979.

"Shorty" started Ryger's Produce in 1932, took his son, Bud, into the business in 1946, and operated the business until his death. From that time until 1967, his son ran the business which included a hatchery, an ice cream store, and feed supplies.

The Rygers had three children: Elaine (Mrs. Edwin Turowski), Orlando, Fla.; Rose Marie (Mrs. Harold Stubbs), Alcester; and Franz Ryger, Jr. (Bud), who still lives in Beresford.

Albert and Grace Salberg

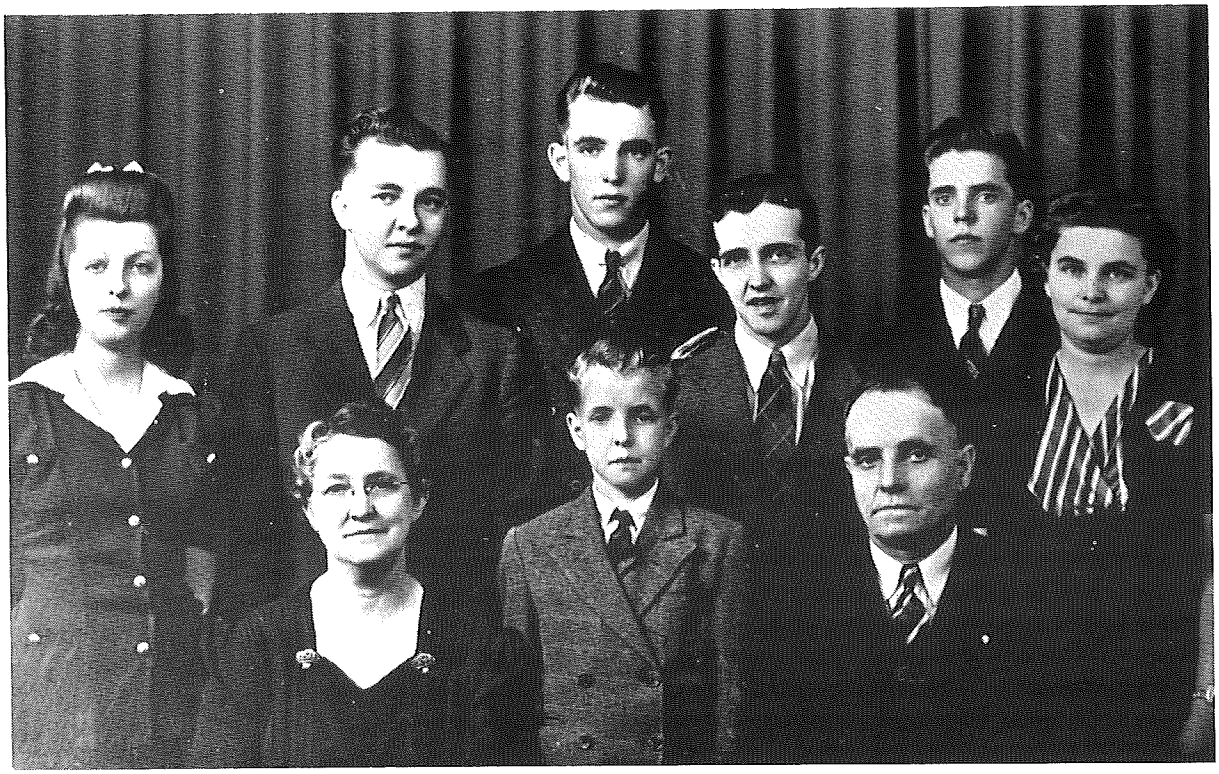
Albert Salberg was born in 1888 at Vermillion. Albert married Grace Davis in 1914. They had seven children; one son, Alvin, died in infancy. They farmed in the Vermillion area.

The family moved to Beresford in 1931. Albert worked for the Beresford Creamery for two years. Albert and Franz Ryger started a cream and egg station which they operated for several years. Albert then managed a cream and egg produce in town for Swift and Company. This produce was located where the post office was built, later moving to the building on Third St., vacated by Dr. McCauley, north of the VFW. They terminated the produce business in 1948.

In 1945, the Salbergs bought the Largerson home on North Third and ran a rooming house and first trailer court in Beresford. In 1955, part of this property was sold to Texaco, but the Salbergs built a new home and ran a smaller trailer court on the remaining property. In 1964, Albert and Grace celebrated their golden wedding. Mr. Salberg died in 1971, but Mrs. Salberg continued to operate the trailer court until 1981. She now lives at Evergreen Squares.

Their oldest child, Mildred, married Arnie Voog, Centerville, and they farmed for 42 years. After Arnie's death in 1979, Mildred moved into Centerville. They have one daughter and a son.

Stewart married Irene Koons, worked for the American Roller Co., Chicago, Ill., until his death in 1980. Stewart and Irene had two sons and three daughters. Harlan married Wilma Hensly and has a daughter and two sons. Harlan was in the 4th Armored Division, WWII. He and his sons, Harley and Mike, own the Salberg Excavating and Ditching in Beresford. Jerald was a polio victim in his teens, took a watch-making course, and owned Jerry's Jewelry, Hawarden, Ia. He married Marilyn Jensen and had two sons and a daughter. Jerald died in 1979. Earling was in the 23rd Infantry, WWII, wounded twice and received the Purple Heart.



Back row: Katherine, Jerauld, Harlan, Stewart, Earling, Mildred; front row: Mrs. Salberg, Gilmore and Mr. Salberg.

He worked as an upholsterer in Minneapolis for 36 years. He married Muriel Saunders and has two daughters. Gilmore died of severe burns in 1946 after being hospitalized eight months. Those of the family who live in Beresford are all members of VFW and Emmanuel Lutheran Church.

Willard and Katharine Savey

John and Esther Savey

Willard Savey married Katharine Luchsinger and they farmed north of Beresford until his death in 1935. They had two children, John and Mattie (died as a child).

John married Esther Johnson, daughter of Burton and Martina Johnson of Centerville, in 1936. John was a trucker and they lived in Beresford until his death in 1949. There were six children in their family. Lester was born in 1941 and lives in North Bend, Oregon. He has three children. Bonnie (Morgan) was born in 1944 and has seven children. Their home is in Lake Andes. Caryl was born in 1945. She married Raymond Hisel and they have two children, Teresa and Heather, and they live in Beresford. Lyle was born in 1947, married Lois Johnson, and they have three sons, Chris, Jason and Chad, who live in Beresford. Lila (Knutson) was born in 1948 and lives in Centerville. They have three children. Esther remained in Beresford raising her family and working after her husband died and until her death in 1981.

Bathasar and Anna Schmid

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This man, Bathasar Schmid, was born at New Glarus, Wisc. in 1854, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. Mathias Schmid. He grew up in New Glarus and, in June, 1873, came to Dakota Territory to file on the claim which was later farmed by his son, Wesley Schmid. In 1878, he was united in married to Anna Kundert at the home of his parents. The couple farmed the homestead until about 1888, when they moved to the new town of Beresford where Mr. Schmid engaged in the hardware business and later added a line of farm implements, one of which was the Cooper wagon. After six years, they moved back to the farm and remained there until 1915 when they again came to town to occupy the house in which he died and which remains standing today.

For more than 18 years, Baltz Schmid held the office of city justice of the peace, a position for which he was well qualified as he served as township justice while on the farm. He was a charter member and manager of the first creamery in Beresford, which began in July, 1898 and was later operated by Henry Claussen. He was an active member of several civic organizations and helped build the first Zion Evangelical Church, was an active member of the church board of trustees and also held other offices.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmid had three children: Wesley, who lived on the homestead; Clara (Mrs. Nels Frieberg), who died in 1924; and Luella (Mrs. Earl Milliken), who died in 1937. Bathasar Schmid died at his home from pneumonia in 1939. Mrs. Schmid lived until 1942. This homestead still remains in the family, and is presently owned by a granddaughter of Baltz, namely, Valonta (Schmid) Cleland. Mr. and Mrs. Larry Speich, a grandson of Wesley Schmid, live on the farm at the present time.

Henry and Isabel Schmid

Henry and Isabel Schmid were married in 1890. They had four children: Mathias (Matt) (1891-1951); Elmer (1893-1960); Joseph (1896-1896) and Rueben (1908-1977). Elmer was married to Gertrude Moen in 1911. They lived on a farm in Pleasant township, Lincoln county. They had one daughter, LaValis Maxwell (Clyde). The Maxwells had three daughters, Bonnie, Mary and Janice. Bonnie Selmeg and her husband have one son, Calvin. Mary Warren and her husband have five children, David, Steven, Dawn, Sherri and Kimberly. Janice Hill and her husband have three daughters, Kemi, Kerri and Julie. Carl and Delores reside on a farm near Canton. Carl and Delores Vaksdal had a daughter, Carol (deceased) and a son, Scot, who is farming his grandfather's, Elmer Schmid, farm. Scot has a son, Ryan. John and Odella Andredsky have a son, Jay. They reside in Phoenix, Ariz.

Mathias and Magdalena Schmid

One of the early settlers of Lincoln county is Mathias Schmid, Sr., a native of Switzerland. He was born in 1830 and the eldest of six children. He was reared in the picturesque land of his birth, educated in the common schools and, at the age of 15, accompanied his parents to America in 1845. The family immediately settled in Green county, Wisc., where both the parents died.

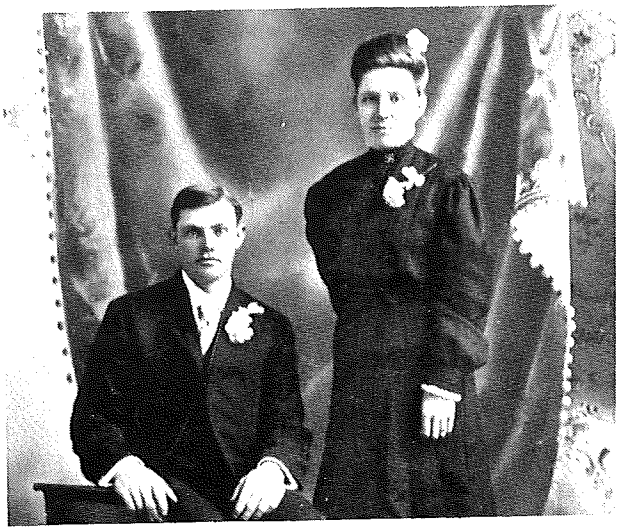
Mathias grew to manhood in the Badger state and, having been bred to the life of a farmer, adopted that calling as his life's work. He was industrious and, during his more mature years, owned a farm near his father's. This land, however, he sold and, with the money he purchased a flour mill, which he operated for five years. He was married to Magdalena Duerst in 1854 at New Glarus, Wisc. Ten children were born to them: Bathasar married Anna Kundert; Katie is the wife of Henry Kundert; Mathias, Jr. married Mary Duerst; Joshua; Lena is the wife of John Messner; Margarite married Andrew Johnson; Anna married Jacob Voegeli; John Henry married Bell Annesen; and Fannie married John Bovill.

Back row: Mathias, Fannie, Margarite, Anna and Henry; front: Lena, Baltz and Katie. Pictured in inserts are Mathias and Magdalena Schmid.

In the spring of 1873, Mr. Schmid and his family pioneered their way to Dakota Territory, coming overland by wagon to Dubuque, thence by emigrant train car to LeMars, and then by team to Akron, Ia., fording the Sioux River and reaching Pleasant township in June, where they filed on a homestead and put up the first claim shanty in what is now Pleasant township, section 14. When he arrived, the township was yet unorganized, so he became one of the organizers, also of school district 39.

No roads existed, but here and there could be seen the cabins of the pioneers. Mathias was poor when he arrived, and saw some pretty hard times during his early residence in the county. Especially vivid is the recollection of the grasshopper years when everything looked black, indeed. He became owner of an entire section of land, all improved. Oldtimers took pleasure in recalling that, as far back as they can remember any dealings with him, Mathias was as straight as a die and true as steel.

Mr. and Mrs. Schmid were the founders and members of Zion Evangelical Church in Pleasant township. For some time, they and their neighbors worshipped in their house, which stood for many years as a landmark in Lincoln county. They worshipped in the schoolhouse for eight years after it was built, until the fall of 1900 when Zion Church was completed. This building was blown down by the tornado which raged through that section a year or two later and was rebuilt in 1902. Zion cemetery grounds are his donation to the church, and both he and his wife are buried there.



Wesley and Edna Schmid

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Wesley Schmid, only son of Baltz and Anna Schmid, was born in 1886 on the family homestead in Pleasant township, Lincoln county, Dakota Territory. He helped Rev. Charles Zech haul lumber from Centerville by team and wagon to build the first Zion Church which was completed in 1900. He received his education at Pleasant Valley rural school. He was married to Edna Fredricksen in 1907 and they farmed in Lincoln county until retiring into the city of Beresford in 1948.

Wesley served as a member of the board of trustees of Zion Church and of Pleasant Valley school board. He was a member of the Beresford Oddfellows Lodge for over 30 years. He was also a member of Rebekah Lodge.

To this union five children were born, namely: Neva (Mrs. Henry Speich); Clifford, the only son; Iona, who died in early childhood; Bernita (Mrs. L. Grant Meeker) of Trumansburg, N.Y., and Valonta (Mrs. Dale Cleland) of rural Beresford. Wesley died in 1972. At the present time a grandson, Larry Speich, lives on the homestead.

Standing: Alice, Anna and Gunhild; seated: Sivert and Mr. Severson. Insert: Mrs. Severson.

George and Agatha Severson

George Severson was born in 1862 at Maskjardon, near Bergen, Norway, to parents Sevart and Gunhild (Rommereim) Kejlland. He was one of a family of 15 children. He resided in that area until 1881 when, at the age of 19, he emigrated to America. Coming to Lincoln county, northeast of Beresford, in Dakota Territory, he was shortly faced with the rigors of that early pioneer day when we went through the terrible blizzard of the following winter which took so many lives, caused so much suffering and loss of livestock.

Mr. Severson was among the first to join the Romsdal Lutheran Church. This remained his church home for the balance of his lifetime.

He was united in marriage to Agatha

Rommereim in Norway township in 1892, to which union seven children were born. Three children died in infancy and one son, Severt, in 1933. The other children were: Alice (Mrs. Martin Rasmussen), 1896-1982; Gunhild (Mrs. Elmer Twedt) of Hartford, born in 1898; and Anna (Mrs. Rudolph Twedt), 1904-1981. In 1905, when Anna was a year old, their mother died and their home had also been destroyed in a prairie fire. George rebuilt his home, but after the death of his wife he sold his farm and moved for a short time to Brookings county. The farm he sold is four miles east and one and one-half miles north of Beresford and is where his granddaughter, Irene (Mrs. Glen Lindblom), and her husband now reside.

Returning to Norway, he was united in marriage to Kari Mostrom in 1909. The couple returned to the United States and farmed near Brookings where their son, John, was born. When he was two months old they took their entire family back to Norway to visit. Discontinuing farming operations, they moved to the town of Beresford for two years, and then Mr. Severson purchased the farm three miles east and one mile north of Beresford where he lived for four decades.

Active in community affairs, he served, by appointment, on the township board, to which he was re-elected for five consecutive terms of three years each. He was also a member of the Pleasant Hill School Board, a trustee at Romsdal Church, and he served on the building committee that constructed the present church basement. George died in 1957, having reached the age of 95 years. He had never been seriously ill or been hospitalized during his lifetime.

Kari passed away in 1961 at the age of 94. Their son, John, was married to Velma March in 1932 and continued to farm the family farm until Mrs. Severson passed away in 1969. John Severson died in 1973. Five children were born to this union, including Irene (Mrs. Glen Lindblom) of Beresford, Gordon of Aberdeen, Marlys (Mrs. Don Hass) of Breckenridge, Minn., Russell of Beresford, who passed away in 1982, and Jerry of Rapid City. There are 18 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. The grandchildren living in the Beresford area are Rita Lindblom (Mrs. Doug Adams), Darla Severson (Mrs. Vern Landeen), and Brent, Cindy and Russell Severson.

Johann and Sarah Shogren

Johann (1834) and Sarah Shogren (1836) and two children, Betsy and John, emigrated from Sweden in 1862. They first lived at Red Wing, Wisc., traveling west to Tochinton and Sloan, Ia. At Sloan they received a letter from Hans Ostrand that land in Clay county was available for homesteading. The Shogrens left for Dakota and filed patent in 1868 for land in Garfield township, Clay county. The Shogren children were Betsy, John and Charley.

Betsy married Olaf Bergquist. They were parents of two daughters and four sons.

John never married. He left home as a young man and never returned to his parents' home.

Charley married Susanna Backlen from Halsingland, Sweden in 1893. Charley left his family in 1912. There were seven children: Hulda, John, Roy, Mabel, Anna and Elmer (twins), and Bertil. Hulda (1893) married Milo Smith and were parents of three children, Charlie, Lloyd and Carmen. John (1896) married Laura Prestige and they had two daughters, Annette and Glenna. Roy (1898) married Helen Larson (deceased). They were parents of Duane, Nona and Gloria. Mabel (1900) married Gust Gylfe (see Gust Gylfe story). Anna married Ed Larson and has a son, Leonard. Elmer (deceased) married Berniece Johnson. They were parents of Roger, Richard and Sharron (deceased). Bertil (1906) married Vesta Larson. They had two daughters and a son.

Anders and Karin Siljenberg

The great-grandfather of Sonja Ofstad Gabel (Melvin) wrote in his diary, May 6, 1880, while riding on a train the second day in America, "This is Ascension day. Like the day when John ascended to heaven, the day was clear. All awoke well and happy that we had got away from the miserable sea and were on solid ground again. Now we begin to see the real America with its large farms and pleasant gardens. The fruit trees were in full bloom . . . the mountains were barren . . . no fodder growing on the mountains."

Anders (Andrew) and Karin Siljenberg, accompanied by their two children, Hans and Anna, Andre's father, Hans, and Karin's sister, Christine, came to Sioux City in 1880. There they met Hans and Seve Olseson who came from their hometown, Backa, Dalarna, Sweden. The Siljenbergs also stayed at the Backlin and Lundquist homes in Clay county. Andrew, Hans and

Henry and Esther Siljenberg

Christine walked to McCook county to file homestead claims. Hans went back to Sweden; Christine married Abel Lund, Clay county, and Andrew and his family lived on the McCook county homestead 14 years before buying a farm in Garfield township, Clay county. Andrew had been a sailor. He helped erect many windmills in this area as he was used to height from being on sailing ships. Children born to Anders and Karin in Dakota were Christine, Ellen, Henry, Holly, Ida, Esther and Daniel.

One of their sons, Henry, was a service station operator in Beresford before retiring to Sioux City, Ia. One station was located on the property of the fire department and Henry built another station on the lot which is now the residence of the Jim Willys.

Henry married Esther Boom, whose parents, John and Karin, also emigrated from Sweden. Henry and Esther's children are: Frances Orr, Holly Talley, Berdice Ofstad, Kermit, Warren and Gilmore.

Henry's granddaughter, Sonja, lives in Beresford. Her husband, Melvin, owns Gabel Refrigerator and Heating Service. The Gabels have four children: Kyle, married, lives at McKinleyville, Calif.; Laurie Thompson (Paul), has a daughter, Leslie; Calvin and Karin.

Wedding picture of John A. Simpson and Nellie Stoen Simpson, seated. Attendants, standing: John Stone, Leva Larson Johnson, Chris Stoen and Anna Stone Erickson.

Johannes and Ane Simpson

Johannes Simpson homesteaded in 1870, ten miles south and two west of Beresford, in Clay county (one mile west of Alsen). "He built thereon a house 6 ft. by 8 ft. one story high, another 6 ft. by 8 ft. one story high and one other 16 ft. by 17 ft. two stories high. He has built a slat barn, granary, dug a well and has cultivated about 60 acres of land."

Johannes emigrated from Varren, Norway and applied for citizenship in Columbia county, Wisc. He worked for a time as a waiter in Sioux City, Ia. He married another Norwegian immi-

grant from Selbu, Norway, Ane Eidem. Ane had taken the train to Boone, Ia., then came by covered wagon to Dakota Territory. Ane worked in Yankton for a Kingsbury family prior to her marriage in 1872. Johannes and Ane had ten children, most of whom died in infancy from scarlet fever and other diseases of the era. Sam lived until age 12 and Karoline until age 16. Only one lived to adulthood, John A. Simpson.

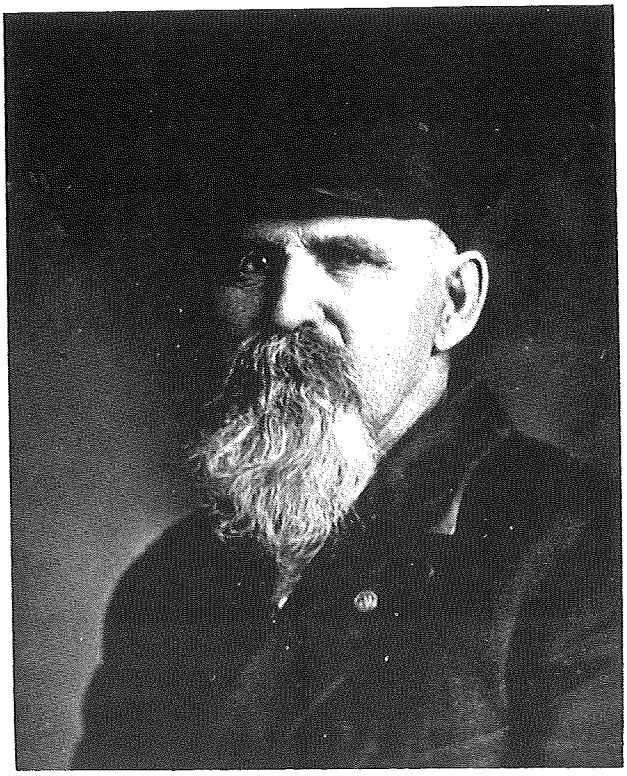
John A. Simpson married Nellie Stoen, whose parents also settled in the Alsen area. John was secretary of the Alsen Creamery, active in Beresford Co-op and a member of Roseni Church. Nellie was the first graduate of Cleveland school, attended Canton High School and taught at Cleveland and Brooklyn schools. John attended Newdale school where all his children attended through the ninth grade. The two oldest girls graduated from Vermillion High and the other children graduated from Beresford High School. Their children are: Caroline Isakson, Elna Ellison, Doris Ronning and Elroy Simpson of Beresford, Ethelyn Evjen of Alcester, Eunice Fisher, Sioux Falls and Donna Klemestrud of Hastings, Minn. Deceased children are Lyla and Judith Simpson. Johannes and Ane, John A. and Nellie Simpson, Lyle and Judith Simpson are all buried in the Roseni cemetery south of Beresford. Many of their descendants still reside in the Beresford community.

Johannes also established a tree claim west of his homestead. Records show that he planted over 1,000 trees on his farm.

Theodore and Adaline Smelker

Theodore Smelker and his wife, Adaline, came to Delaware township, Lincoln county, Dakota Territory, in 1873 with their two small daughters, Katie and Lillian. He built a two-room house nine miles north of Beresford where Mr. and Mrs. Bill Ambur now live. Theodore made the trip by wagon. His wife and daughters left Platteville, Wisc. by train and Theodore met them at Sioux City with the wagon for the last part of the trek. Adaline's widowed mother, Marian Young, and her sons filed claim on land across the road to the north.

Theodore had served with the Wisconsin volunteers in the Civil War; before that he had been a coal miner in Pennsylvania. Adaline was a graduate of Platteville Academy and had been a teacher before her marriage. In addition to the daughters who came with the Smelkers from Wisconsin, five more children were born:



Theodore Smelker

Frank, Charles, Gertrude, Odean and Victor. Victor died of peritonitis at age six. With the exception of their eldest daughters—Katie, who married Joe Woodward and lived in Beresford and Lillian, who married Charles Gibson and lived near Lennox—the children moved away from the area. One great-granddaughter, Marian Gardner Ryger, lives in Beresford. One great-grandson, Otis Eddy, lives northwest of Beresford.

Theodore went to town twice a year with the wagon, once to Vermillion for coal, which was barged up on the Missouri River, and other supplies, and once to Canton for wood and other supplies. The family never burned twisted corn or hay. He was Lincoln county sheriff in the 1890's and they were members of the Pioneer Church. Adaline died in 1904 and Theodore in 1915. Both are buried in Pioneer cemetery.

Eugene and Charlotte Smith

Eugene D. Smith was born in Iowa and, at 20 years of age, due to a farm accident, was left with about 99 percent vision. He studied music for four years at a school for the blind in Vinton, Ia.

In 1894, Mr. Smith moved from Iowa to Beresford and was married to Charlotte Harris. He taught piano, organ and all stringed instru-

Left to right: Mr. Smith, DeLoss, Fern, Mrs. Smith, and woman to her right, unknown.

ments in his home and also in the country. His son, DeLoss, drove the horse and buggy for him when he traveled around to sell pianos and organs. Later they had a Model T Ford for transportation.

In 1898, he celebrated Independence Day by opening Beresford's first music store. In addition to the sale of a full stock of musical instruments, including pianos and organs, he continued to give lessons in his store. Mrs. E. D. Smith opened a millinery department in the store in 1928. The Smiths retired from business in 1928.

A daughter, Fern, was married to Spencer Eidsmoe and taught school in the Beresford area. They had two children, Marilyn, now an officer at the First National Bank in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., and Verle, who was a computer instructor at Cedar Rapids before his death. He and his wife had three children.

Fern later married Chris Evenson and lived in Canton until her death.

The Smiths' son, DeLoss, married Cora Masters of Hurley. DeLoss traveled for Atwater Kent Company for several years. Later he and his wife, ran a cafe for 20 years and, in 1954, started a clothing store. He retired from this business in 1974. DeLoss and Cora had two children, Boyce and Arvene.

Boyce married Julie Brown and worked at Reed Sales before becoming city auditor of Beresford. He is now finance officer for the city of Brookings. They have three children, Ronald of Tampa, Fla., Sandra of Brookings and Larry, now in the Navy.

Arvene married Francis (Chuck) Carlson, who operated Carlson Produce in Beresford for 33 years before selling the business and moving to Sun Lakes, Ariz.

They have three sons, Kent, Craig and Todd, all living in Arizona.

Peter and Karen Smith

In the year 1876, Peter Smith acquired ownership of the NE¼ of 13-95-51, Clay county. He married Karen Larsen in 1880. Before coming to the Beresford area, he had been employed at the brick yard at Sergeant Bluffs, Ia. This brick yard apparently was a popular place for Danish immigrants to seek employment. His brother, Chris, and Jens and Peter Rasmussen also

worked there before coming to this community.

To that union four sons, William, David, Paul and Julius, and three daughters, Marie, Martina and Elizabeth, were born.

Except for a couple of years, this farm has been operated by descendants of Peter and Karen Smith. Presently, their granddaughter, Marlene Twedt, and her husband, Glen Twedt, operate this farm, having acquired ownership to it in 1974. They have one son, Tom, at home. Another son, David, was fatally injured in an accident in 1972. Their other son, Milo, farms in partnership with his father. He is married and lives in Beresford. He and his wife, Angie, have two children, Jennifer and Jason. This farmstead is now in the third generation.

Werter and Myrtle Smith

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Werter F. Smith was born at Canton in Dakota Territory in 1874. His parents were Werter Smith, Sr. and Isabelle Dunne Smith.

In 1896, he was united in marriage to Myrtle A. Pierce, daughter of Robert and Louise Pierce. Robert was Lincoln County Sheriff and operated the "opera house" located east of the present Reed Sales Co.

In 1877, the first Methodist Church service was held. The Pierce home served as the first meeting place.

For the first years of residence, Werter worked in a clothing store. Later he entered the employ of Robert Sundstrom in the general merchandise business. Then he was in the grocery business, in partnership with Abe Duerst. After this he set up a grocery business for himself in the corner building which now houses the Jensen Insurance Agency.

In 1920 he sold out the grocery and was employed by the city of Beresford as auditor until 1947. He passed away in 1952.

Werter Smith was the father of four children. One daughter died in infancy; one son died in Texas; a daughter, Lila Smith Johnston, is a resident of Bethesda Home for the Aged, and a son, Ernest, presently resides in Beresford. Ernest attended school here and later went to Dakota Wesleyan University in Mitchell. He was employed with Montgomery Ward Company in St. Paul, Minn. for two years and then worked for Bell Telephone in Beresford for two years. Then for 40 years he was employed by Beresford Municipal Telephone.

In 1925, Ernest married Minna Schmidt of Alpena. She was a teacher and, having taught in other places, taught in Beresford High School for 25 years. They are parents of three children: Pierce, supervisor in Chemical and Tape Research with Minnesota Mining in St. Paul, Minn.; Kendall, salesman, also of St. Paul; Susan Smith Ambur, presently teaching in Beresford. Ernest and Minna have 11 grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Gust and Mia Britta Soderstrom

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Gust Soderstrom, with his wife, Mia Britta, and their four children, Mary, Charles, Anna and Eric, along with his father, Andrew, emigrated from Rutvik, Sweden in 1878 and came to Dakota Territory. The first years were spent in a dugout home across the road on the creek bank near the Philip Sundstrom place. Some years later they bought the land now owned by Arlen Ostrem in

the Brooklyn vicinity.

At that time, Vermillion was the nearest town. There were few roads, miles and miles of unfenced prairies, tall prairie grass, and no trees except along water courses. It was necessary to go to the river bottoms to obtain wood to burn with the chips and twisted hay to heat their homes for the cold winters they endured. Like the other pioneers, they had many hardships and privations.

Andrew Soderstrom died in 1883. He was the first one buried in the Brooklyn Church cemetery.

Soon after coming to America, Mary (Hanson) went to Sioux Falls to work and lived there the rest of her life, and Anna (Lang) worked in Sioux City and lived there permanently. Eric stayed with his parents on the farm, later marrying Sophie Sundstrom. They had two sons, Roy (died in infancy) and Emory who married Mabel Satter. Robert Johnson, a great nephew, was raised at Eric's. Charles married Margaret Sundstrom. (See Nis Sundstrom story). Charles attended the University of South Dakota, taught school, bought a farm one mile north of his home place, and lived there the rest of his life. He served his community as township treasurer and county commissioner and helped organize the Rural Telephone Company. His children, Ellen, Amy Titzel, Evelyn, Edna Schmid and Ethel Kennedy are in this area. The son Edwin is deceased.

His farming and cattle feeding operations are carried on by the corporation of Kennedy-Soderstrom, comprised of his daughter, Evelyn, his grandsons, Howard and Robert, and their sons, Jack, Tom and David.

Back: Edla, Reuben, Adina, Axel, Henry; front: Loida, Mr. Soderstrom, Mrs. Soderstrom, Elida; child in front: Elmer.

August and Johanna Soderstrom

August Soderstrom (1848-1930) came to America in 1869. He stopped at Pittsburgh, Pa. and worked in the steel mills to earn money to travel west. From there he went to Council Bluffs, Ia. to lay railroad tracks and left for Dakota Territory in 1872 to homestead in Glenwood township, Clay county. His betrothed, Johanna Sundstrom (1850-1935) of Lulea, Sweden, came to Sioux City, Ia. and was married to August (see Johan Sundstrom story). August and his bride came to the homestead where they lived for over 50 years. The homestead is now

owned by Art Norling, Jr.

When fall came, the Soderstroms had their dugout ready; but only a few dollars to buy food for the winter. August was hired by the U.S. Post Office to deliver the mail to Lennox once a month. The mail was brought from Vermillion to Stephen's store by another horseback rider. August rode his horse across prairie country, only trails and no bridges to cross the Vermillion River and the many creeks. For this two-day trip, he was paid $10. Johanna was often called on by the neighbors to be a midwife and help nurse the sick.

A few years after they came, the Soderstroms built a small frame house. It burned to the ground one cold winter day. One of the older daughters helped carry pails full of water to try to stop the blaze and another older daughter had to take the smaller children to a straw-filled manger in the barn until they could take the family by horseback or by foot to their grandparents' place.

August and Johanna were spared the sorrow of children dying in infancy, a common occurrence in pioneer days. All eight of their children lived to old age. Elmer, the only family member living, was 85 years old in 1983.

Adina, the eldest, born in 1874 in a dugout three miles west of Beresford, lived to age 86. Adina married Nils J. Sundstrom of Lulea, Sweden (see Nils H. Sundstrom story). The two farmed on the John Sanford homestead, Lincoln county, which they had purchased. The Sundstroms had two daughters: Florence (1897-1900) and Hannah (1899-1960). A niece, Phoebe Thissell Johnson, lived there after her mother's death. Hannah married Alfred Wickstrom of Lulea, Sweden (see Alfred Wickstrom story).

Edla, the second child, lived to age 99. She married Alex Gamberg, son of Glenwood homesteaders (see Louis Gamberg story). Their children were Roy, married to Hazel Sorenson, and Violet. Edla and Alex farmed in Glenwood township until retiring to Beresford.

Two sisters, Loida and Elida, never married. They retired to Beresford and both lived to be in their 80's.

The oldest son, Henry (1883-1960) married Freida Bergstrom of Lulea, Sweden. Henry and his wife farmed west of Beresford. At one time they had a dairy and delivered milk to Beresford homes. Their daughter, Lillian, married Olander Tuntland, had a daughter, Beverly Eklund (Jack), Tacoma, Wash., who has three children, Debbie, Jan and Jackie. Henry Soderstrom's son, Milford, Canton, married Doris Ambur, and their son is Dr. Jerry Soderstrom, Beresford dentist. He married Shirley Eisland and they have two children, Sheri and Amber.

Axel (1886-1964) married Hazel Delbridge, daughter of the John Delbridges. They had no children. Axel worked in Beresford and Norfolk, Nebr. banks his entire life. His widow, Hazel, lives at Luther Manor Home, Sioux Falls.

Reuben (1888-1983) farmed in the Beresford area until his marriage to Pansy Peters. Mr. and Mrs. Soderstrom lived at Plymouth, Ind. and Chicago Heights, Ill. After Pansy's death, Reuben moved back to Beresford.

Elmer was adopted when a baby by his Aunt Johanna and Uncle August after the death of his mother, Sophia Sundstrom Heglin. Elmer married Ethel Wilkinson. They had three children: Elmer, Jr. (1928-1980) married Elizabeth Johnson, Dent, Minn.; Leila married Rev. Richard Gilman, Windom, Minn. and Rodney, Warren, Minn., married Dorothy Heglin. Elmer has 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. He lives on his farm north of Beresford.

Severt and Marit Sommervold

Severt was born in 1856 at Orkedalen, Norway. He came to America with his brother, John, three sisters, Johanna Sveeggen, Paulina Anderson and Ellen Berg, and his parents in 1877. They first went to Sioux City, Ia. where Severt got a job working on the steam boat from Sioux City to Bismarck, N.D.

Marit Esp was born in 1868 in Bynasset, Norway and came to the United States in 1889 and worked in Sioux City. Severt and Marit were married in 1890. They lived on his parents' homestead south of Nora for 10 years or so and then they purchased 160 acres a mile south of the homestead for a price of $1,100.00. They built a seven-room house, large barn and small chicken house for another $1,100.00. This included material and labor. This farm is still in the Sommervold family. They had ten children: Severt Jr., Alfred, John, Hilda, Sigvold, Johanna, Sarah, Ludwig, Esther and Martin.

Severt, Jr. married Lillian Fickbohm and farmed in the Nora community. Lillian is deceased. They had four children: Viola, Verlan, Marvin and Lillian. Severt, who is 93 years old, lives at Nora. His sister, Hilda, who is 87, lives with him. Viola married Newton Wevik. They

Back: John, Sigvald, Alfred, Martin; middle: Sarah, Johanna, Esther, Ludwig; front: Hilda, Mrs. Sommervold, Mr. Sommervold, and Severt, Jr.

live in Beresford and have two children, Beverly and Eldean, and a foster daughter, Arlene. Beverly married Clinton Wetrosky. They have five children: Nancy, Terry, Pamela, Jerome and Kimberly. Nancy married Randy Schaap. Their children are Aaron, Amanda and Abbie. They live in Yankton. Terry married Marian Hansen and their children are Lisa, Tracy, Geoffrey and Lynsey. They live near Roseni. Pamela married Regan Hamandberg. They have a daughter, Sara, and live near Beresford. Jerome (Jerry) is in the service. He married Marlene Larson. Their two daughters are Rachelle and Heather. Eldean married Eleanor Larson and lives on the home place near Roseni. Their children are Brenda, Douglas, Debra and Scott. Brenda married Vernon Christopherson. He is a pastor in Herington, Kans. and they have a son, Erik. Arlene married Wendell Akland. They live in the Roseni community and their children are Rickie, Julie and Jennifer.

Severt's second daughter, Verlan, married Marvid Stoen and they live in Alcester. Their daughter, Charlotte, married Charles Floyd and they live in Des Moines. Their children are Christopher, Catherine and Allison.

Marvin married Joyce Fedderson and they live in the Roseni community. Their three sons are Merlyn, Arvid and Steven. Merlyn married Sharon McKellips and they live in Chancellor. Their children are Brent and Brian (twin sons), Bonnie and Barry. Arvid married Debra Jervik. Their children are Angela, Susan and Mark. Steven married Carol O'Connell. They also live near Nora and have a son, Matthew.

Lillian married Judin Solbne (deceased). They had a son, Loren, who married Lois Mahlmann.

Alfred married Olivia Abraham and had four children: Alvin, Opal, Pearl and Alan. Alvin married Gertrude Popkins and they had a son, Alan. Alan married April Nystrup and they also live near Akron. Their children are Tara and Amber.

Opal married Jay Robertson and they live in Akron. They had three children, JoEllen, Beth and Denise. JoEllen and her husband, Richard Tuttman, live in Sioux City. Beth is at home and Denise is deceased.

Pearl married Henry Wilkens and both are deceased. They had two children, Warren and Darla, who live near Alcester.

John married Petra Abraham and both are deceased. They had four children: Martha, Mildren, Morris and Rue Adene. Martha mar-

ried Marvin Jamtgaard and they live east of Beresford. They have three daughters: Jeanette, Janice and Linda. Jeanette married Michael Silva. They live in San Antonio, Tex. Their three sons are Michael, Nathan and Richard. Janice married Gary Coleman and they live in Alcester. Their children are Heidi and Sean. Linda married Gary Cummings and they live in Aberdeen.

Mildred married Clarence Zweifel and they live in Beresford. Their four children are Darlene, John, David and Royal. Darlene is in Phoenix. John married Valerie Ebsen and their two children are Danelle and Janelle. David married Linda Ruba and their children are Heather and Gregory. Royal married Kay Andrews. All three brothers farm near Beresford.

Morris married Helen Loftesness and they are living on the home place east of Beresford. Their children are Karen, Karla and Kurt. Karen married Martin Buum. Their children are Lisa and James, and they live in Waseca, Minn. Karla married Robert Osterday and they live in Wagner. Their two children are Angela Rae and Brian Robert. Kurt married Michele Gross and their children are John Karl and Erik James, Alcester.

Rue Adene married Bruce Nilson, Fergus Falls, Minn. Their children are Jody, Holly and Brett. Jodi married Todd Meyer and Holly married Wade Noack.

Hilda married Elmer Klemme and had two children, Arnold and Dorothy. Elmer is deceased. They live near Spink. Arnold married Margaret Ritchie and lives on the home place. Their children are Gail, Bruce and LeAnn. Gail married Cory Gacusana. Bruce married Nancy Hultgren and their children are Shawn, Kristin and Venessa. LeAnn works in Washington, D.C. Dorothy married Roy Pomplun and lives in Denver, Colo. Ray is deceased. Their son, James, and wife, Mary, live in Denver with their children, Kimberly, Jennifer, Laurie and Sherrie.

Sigvold married Irene Halderson. He is deceased and she lives in Vermillion.

Johanna married Adolph Eggen. They were the parents of two sons, Gordon and Milo. The family moved to Arizona. Adolph and Johanna are deceased. Gordon married Frances Rosemore. Gordon is deceased also. Their children are Mary and Mark. Mary is married to Larry Bethell and they have two children, Brandon and Tami, Tempe, Ariz. Mark married Renee Longshore and lives in Phoenix with their two children, Matthew and Rena. Milo married Donna Rosemore and their children are Michael, Jowan, Joy, Kelly, Kathy and Christy. Christy is a high school student. Michael married Susan Erickson. Their two children are Travis and Adam and they live in Phoenix, Ariz. Jowan married Wanza Anglin and they live in Phoenix. Their four children are Devon, Kywan, Kywanza and Javon. Joy married William McElyers and they have three children: Joshua, Aaron and Sara. They live in Las Vegas, Nev. Kelly married Janice Hoffman. Their two children are Natausha and Bucky. They live in Sky Valley, Calif. Kathy married Kenny Price and they live in Gastonia, N.C.

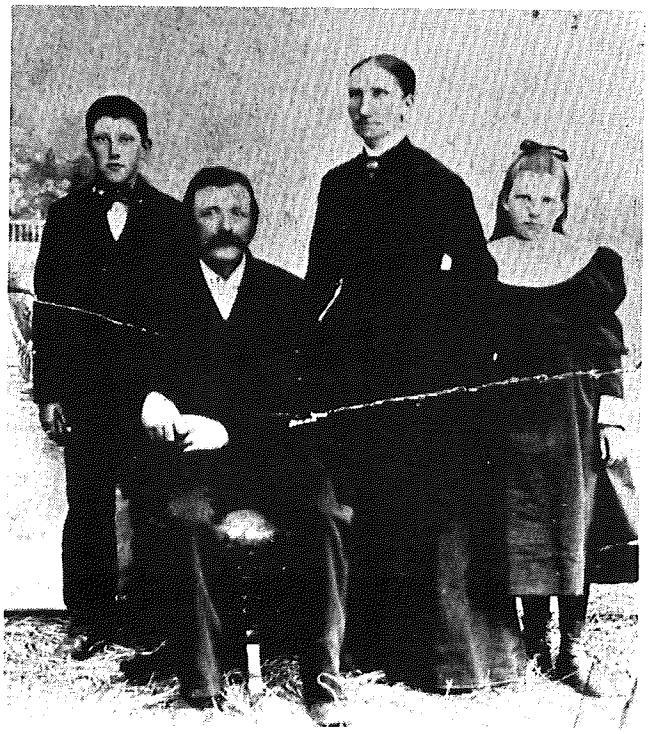
Sarah married Roy Abraham and they farmed the Abraham place. Roy is deceased. They had four children: Gene, Curtis, Cynthia and Gregory. Cynthia married John Chartier and they have a son, Jerald John. Gene is in the service. Jerry died and Shirley married Robert Derflinger and they live in Sioux City. Donald married Mary Urbigket. They have two sons, David and Erik, and live near Spink. Robert married Marilyn Ching. Their children are Jillian and Ross. They live near Nora.

Ludwig (deceased) married Hilma Frahm. Their sons are Darrel, Daren, Dwight, Derwin and Dwayne. Darrel married Norma Scott and they live near Ivanhoe, Minn. Their children are Marsha, Kevin, Vickie and Alan. Marsha married David Ludahl. Their children are Michele and Rodney. Kevin married Diane Stillman. Their children are Nathan and Shawna. Vickie married Nicolas Karr and they have a child, Shannon. Alan and his wife, Linda, have no children. Daren married Betty Johnson and they live in Hillsborgh, Pa. Their children are Darlys and Dwight. Darlys is married to Doyle Hendricks. Dwight and wife, Tali, have two children, Luanna and Loretta. Luanna married Tony Faurri and has a daughter, Marlana. Derwin married Anna Ujwari and they live in Momence, Ill. Their children are Jeffrey, Brian and Erin. Dwayne lives in LaCenter, Calif. He married Mynna Loy and they have a daughter, Debbie.

Esther married Dallas Burkholder. They reside in Golden, Colo.

Martin married Margaret Halldorian and they live in Sioux Falls. Their children are Barbara, Martin II, Gerald, Marilyn, Kay and Greg. Barbara married Dick Matson. He is deceased and she lives in Sioux Falls. Their children are Barry, Owen and Dawn. Barry married Elaine Easterhouse and they have a son, Beau. Owen married Laurel Park. Martin II lost his first wife, Lorie, and daughter, Lorna, in a plane crash. He has three sons, Martin III, Patrick and

Shawn. Martin II and wife, Juanita, live in California. Martin III and wife, and Patrick and wife, Sharon, also live there. Gerald married Donna David and they live near Vermillion. Their children are Shelly and Grant. Shelly has a daughter, Heidi Brower (Mike). They live in Plymouth, Minn. Kay married Robert Brewer and they live in Minnetonka, Minn. Their children are Julie, James and Kathrine. Greg is in the service. He and his wife, Sukei, have a son, Rafael.



Left to right: Tony, Mr. Sorenson, Mrs. Sorenson, and Hannah.

Martin and Carrie Sorenson

Martin J. and Carrie (Larsen) Sorenson came to South Dakota from Fowler, Ind. in 1888. They were met at Centerville by members of the Payson family with whom they stayed for awhile. Martin worked as a laborer for a time until acquiring their farm four miles south of Beresford. Their children were Anton (Tony) and Hannah.

Anton married Bertha Larson in 1909 at Webster. Their children were Milton, Richard, Eldon, Ardella (Johnson), Helen (Dwyer) and Eunice (Hansel).

Anton was a farmer, trucker, and did custom corn shelling and threshing for many years. He was on the Sunnyside school board for over 25 years. He died in 1967.

Milton married Pearl Nelsen of Wakonda in 1934. They lived in Wakonda where he was a trucker until his death in 1969. His children are Milton Lee of Sioux Falls and Nancy Addy of Canistota.

Richard married Helen Olson of Inwood, Ia. in 1944. They took over the home place and he farmed until his death in 1978. His wife, Helen, and son, Wayne, live on and operate the farm at the present time.

Eldon died in 1919 at the age of four.

Ardella married Hans L. Johnson in 1940. They farmed north of Beresford for 30 years and now live in Beresford. Their children are Vernon of Alcester, Joanne (Gary) Gower of Bremerton, Wash. and Marjorie (Michael) Burakiewicz, now of Beresford.

Helen married John Dwyer of Wakonda in 1947 where they farmed until moving into Wakonda in 1977. Their children are Luverne of Yankton, Judy of Sioux City, Jeanette (Ronald) Hoebelheinrick, Bloomfield, Nebr., and Sheila.

Eunice married Ralph Hansel of Sioux City in 1948, where they live. Their children are Kathleen and Angela, at home, and Bonnie (Bill) Blenderman of Sioux City.

Hannah Sorenson was a traveling dressmaker for many years. She married C. J. Johnson in 1937 and died in 1964.

There are 21 great-great-grandchildren.

Ben Spire Mrs. Ben (Rachel) Spire

Ben and Rachel Spire

Ben Spire was born in 1863 in England and came to the United States with his parents in 1872 when he was nine years old.

Rachel Mallin Spire was born in 1871 near Tama, Ia.

They were married in 1892 and in 1896 pur-

chased a farm five miles east and a mile south of Beresford.

On this farm they raised their family of three sons: Walter, Clarence and Francis, and two daughter, Amy Meyers (Martin) and Edith Boyle, Lucerne, Calif. Only the two daughters are living. A daughter-in-law, Mrs. Frances Spire, resides at Plant City, Fla.

Ben and Rachel had two granddaughters: Joyce Spire Seipp (Wayne) of Plant City, Fla. and Delores Carlson (Marvin) who, with her family, are the third and fourth generations to live on the old Ben Spire farm. There are eight great-grandchildren.

The Ben Spire family attended Gothland Church and Brilliant Hill school. Neither building is in existence today.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Steadman

John and Ellen Steadman

John W. Steadman was born in 1857 at Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada. With his parents and their family, as well as the additional company of a large group of relatives, about 40 in all, he arrived at Sioux City, Ia. in 1870. They had traveled by train to Sioux City, and there the group purchased horses, mules and wagons, oxen and some implements and made their way to Dakota Territory, to about the present location of the Union County Park.

Rather than take time to build separate shacks, they concentrated on growing some crops and enjoyed fine yields on their new land.

The whole party lived in a dugout the first year, digging a large cave which they covered with logs and dirt.

The bitter winter weather in 1872 caused a great tragedy in the group. Mr. Steadman's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Hemstock, were frozen to death. When the storm came up, the husband had gone out to gather in the cattle. When he did not return, his wife went to look for him. She was forced to leave alone, in the house, two little daughters, one three years of age and the other a baby. The children were found by neighbors a couple days later. The older girl had kept her baby sister warm in bed. The mother and father had never found each other, but their bodies were only about one hundred feet apart, frozen in the snow.

Coffins were fashioned for them out of boards taken from the upstairs flooring in Samuel Steadman's newly erected house, which was seven miles south of Beresford. Burial was on Anthony Steadman's homestead and it is that cemetery which the highway by-passed. Later, J. W. Steadman's father, George Steadman, his wife, Geneva, and also a younger brother of J. W. Steadman, Elmer, were buried there. It is a dedicated cemetery.

J .W. Steadman lived in Vermillion for several years with his parents, and while there managed to attend school part of two winters, the first school built in Dakota Territory. During the summer he worked with a team, throwing up the grade for Dakota's first railroad—the Dakota Southern—from Sioux City to Yankton.

Mrs. Steadman was born near Postville, Wisconsin, 1862. She came to Beresford about 1880, to stay with a sister, Annie Keon. She taught school in Emmet vicinity until she was married to Mr. Steadman. They operated the first meat market in Beresford, living upstairs over the building Mr. Steadman had erected for it. It was there their first son, Morris was born in 1883.

In 1885, the Steadmans purchased the Carey O'Connor homestead east of Beresford, and their other five children were born there—Floyd, Ray, Lester, Alva and Lillian. Morris, 99 years old at this writing, lives in Waverly, Ill. He had one son Roger; Floyd, now deceased, had three daughters, Lois, Jean, Laverna and one son Olive. Lois was married to Carl Lehman, whose parents ran a grocery store in Beresford, and their daughter, Carol, was married to Ronald Moon, whose parents owned the Ben Franklin store for several years in Beresford; Ray lived in California and is now deceased. He had one son, Wesley; Alva, also deceased, had three boys David, John and Richard. Lillian, now Mrs. M.W. Schueler is living in Sun City, Arizona. She had three children, Marilyn, Martha and William; J. Lester married Lucy Fennessey and

they have always made their home in Beresford, living first on a farm and upon retirement moved into the home where Lester's parents had lived.

Floyd twice was elected to the South Dakota State Legislature as Representative, and Alva was for several years the United States Circuit Judge in Hawaii.

Mr. and Mrs. Steadman retired from the farm and purchased a residence in Beresford on S. 3rd Street. Mr. Steadman died in 1938, and his wife, Ellen, in 1950.

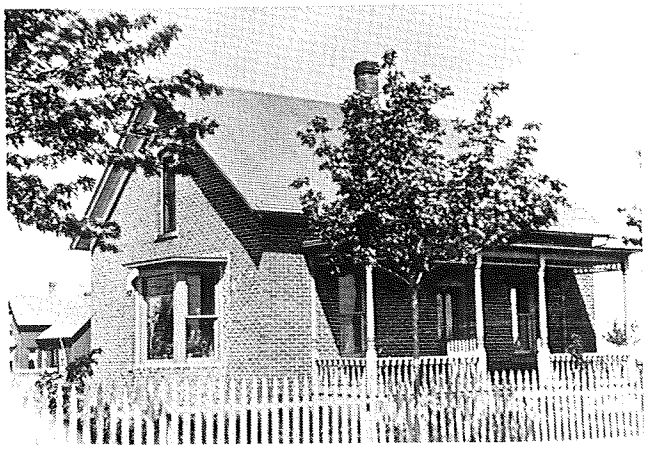
Back row: Nels Steenholdt, Anna Grepp Steenholdt, Kathrine Steenholdt; front row: Clara, Harry and Peter.

Anna Grepp Steenholdt

The Steenholdt-Jensen farm has been in the family for a century. Anna Grepp Steenholdt and her sister, Marie Grepp, immigrated to the Alsen area, Clay county, from Denmark, and bought land in July of 1883. Anna Grepp Steenholdt had two sons, Nis and Christ. She divided the quarter of land between them. Nis married Kathrine Graverson and they had five children: Peter, Harry, Clara (Mrs. Peter Tiltrum), Mabel (Mrs. Richard Jensen) and Carl. After the death of his wife, Kathrine, in 1920, Nis Steenholdt made his home with Richard and Mabel Jensen until his death in 1942.

Richard Jensen immigrated to America in 1911 at the age of 17 from Lunde, Denmark. He worked on farms in the area until he married Mabel Steenholdt in 1920. They purchased the farm from her father, Nis, and raised three children: Ervin, Willard and Marjorie (Mrs. Leonard Uecker). When his parents retired, Willard took over the management of the farm. He married Joyce Lone and they have three sons: Charles, Randall and David. Charles married Rochelle Waggener and they have a daughter, Brooke Elizabeth. Ervin married Joyce Feay. They had four children: Craig, married to Cathy Lind, and have two sons, Brian and Jason; Kevin, Beatrice, Nebr., married Francis Reppe, and has a son, Luke; Kimberly, married to Grant Homandberg, and has a daughter, Stacy Jo. They live at Bismarck, N.D.

Marjorie Uecker (Leonard), Beresford, has a daughter, Janet Ligman (Rick), who lives at Palm Springs, Calif.



Steensland Home

S. O. and Salmine Steensland

Unique, perhaps, at this time of the Centennial celebration, is the story of a house—the red brick one at 407 North Third Street. Unique, because this house was home to the Steensland family, albeit with changes and additions, but without interruption, for 85 of these 100 years. Here, condensed to a capsule, are the lives of the people who lived there.

The builder, S. O. Steensland, emigrated from Stavenger, Norway, in 1881, at the age of 19. He first homesteaded in Campbell county, Dakota Territory and, according to his account, it was here he learned the new language from a country school teacher in exchange for his help with her deficiency in mathematics. He later moved to the Beresford area and, in 1890, established a hardware store. He remained in business continuously for over 56 years. After disposing of his hardware interests, he built the city's first locker, freezer and ice cream plant, and also engaged in the oil business. This he retained and actively participated in at the time of his death in 1949. He was 86 years old.

His wife, Salmine Torgeson, for whom he built the house, was also of Norwegian descent. At 17, she emigrated from Christiansand, Norway, with her parents, a brother and a sister. After a year in Nebraska, Andreas Torgeson moved his family to a homestead in Lincoln county. Somehow, like other pioneer families, they managed to survive the perils of the prairie—fire, grasshoppers, snowstorms, drought and disease. They moved to Beresford in 1890.

That was the year S. O. purchased the lot for this house, and after he and Salmine were married in 1892, they moved into their new home. In 1893, together with five other families, they organized the Emmanuel Lutheran congregation. A year later a church was built and dedicated, debt free. In the beginning, he called himself the "errand boy," and as a member of the Bethesda board of directors from the time the Home was established in 1896, he ran errands for the children for 53 years and for the aged 35 years, a record without parallel. He also served several terms, both as mayor and treasurer of the city of Beresford.

Salmine was an active member of the Flower Mission Band which, in the early 1900's, brought flowers and cheer to shut-ins on Sunday afternoons. As women during these times, their role was raising money for the church and missions by cooking and serving meals at social events, sales and suppers. Countless hours she spent over the cookstove preparing Norwegian delicacies for these occasions. And lest we forget, for many years this was without electricity or running water, and not a microwave in sight. She died in 1934 at age 79.

This house was also the birthplace of their three sons, Almer, Theodore and Osmond. The boys grew up here and graduated from high school. Middle son, Ted, when a college junior at Brookings, enlisted in the Army in June, 1917, and died in a hospital in England the following May, the first Beresford boy, to quote the local newspaper, "to pay the price". Youngest son, Osmond, always known as "Babe" in this community, was a veteran of both World War I and II. He was associated with the Internal Revenue Service for over 20 years and died in Pierre just two months before his retirement. He had never married.

Their eldest son, Almer, with his wife, Ivah, returned to Beresford in 1942, he to assist his father in the oil business. After 30 years, during which time they had lived in Lake Andes, where he was a banker and mayor, and in Sioux Falls, where he was state manager of the HOLC, they came home again to this house where he was born. Like his father before him, Almer was mayor of Beresford for several terms, and was serving in that capacity at the time of his death in September, 1965. Ivah chose to remain here even though their three children, Mary, Holly and Tom, and their famililes, were all living in California. She died at home in 1976 at the age of 81. The following summer the house was sold; the end of the Steensland era.

The house was sold, but not the treasured times nor the special things remembered by children, grandchildren and great-grandchil-

dren. Memories do not go through escrow. Surely the walls of this house that Svend and Salmine built still hold the sounds of music, laughter and yes, tears, that are a part of a family's life for 85 years. Such roots are deep, and "going home" will always mean Beresford.

Family of Ole, Sr. and Anna Stene at their 50th wedding anniversary, front row, left to right: Pat, Mike, Wanda, Johanna, Helen, Enoch, Ole Jr., Ole Sr., Anna, Ella, Ethelyn, Rev. Arneson, John O., Darlene, Pearl and Delores.

Ole and Anna Steene

Ole Stene was born in 1849 at Trondheim, Norway. He came to America when he was 21 years old. Isaac Lykken, a cousin, came with him. They came to Dakota Territory and homesteaded a half mile from each other, just as in Norway.

Ole lived in a sod hut until 1878 when he married Anna Johnson. Anna was born in 1861 in Jamptland, Sweden. She came to America with her parents in 1870 and they settled in Dakota Territory, in the area which later became Union county. She married Ole Stene when she was 17 years of age and he was 29.

They had eight children: Caroline died as a child from diphtheria, Betsy died at the age of 20 after giving birth to twins. Enoch I died at 18 months of blood poisoning, Alma died as a child from diptheria.

Enoch II married Johanna Solem. They had four children: two sons, Emerald and Stanley (Pat and Mike). Both were killed in World War II. Two daughters, Wanda Mae and Helen Lou, both live in California. Enoch and Johanna had two children who died at a young age. Enoch was killed in a car accident when the children were young and Johanna died just a few years ago.

Ole's daughter, Ella, married Rev. Arneson. They are both deceased and they had a daughter, Ethelyn, who lives in Tucson with her husband, Ernest Benson. They have two sons, Bradley and Brian.

John O. Stene lived on the place homesteaded by his parents all of his life. He married Pearl Ronan and they raised five children: Delores, married to Robert Greene, lives in Seattle, Wash. They have two sons, Robert and John, and one granddaughter, Teresa; Darlene, married to Cliff Nelson, lives in Seattle, Wash. They have four children, Diane, Carl, John and Rick, and two grandchildren; John Stene, Jr. (Jack) married Norma Wetrosky, lives on a farm southeast of Beresford, and has three sons, David, Mike and Jim; Richard (Dick) married Jeannine Bishop and lives on the home place. They have five children, Karen Graham, Richard Jr., Jane, Ann and Ruth, and one granddaughter, April; Sandra, married to David Inberg, lives on a farm southeast of Beresford. They have two children, Julie and Kelly.

Ole Stene, Jr. farmed near Beresford and lived most of his adult life in Beresford. He never married and died in 1970 at the age of 72.

Ole and Anna celebrated their golden wedding anniversary in Roseni Church in 1928, which was a big day as very few people lived long enough in those days to celebrate a golden wedding.

Everett and Violet Stewart

Everett Stewart was born in 1912 at Nelsonville, Mo. He was the youngest of four children. When Everett was 14 years of age, he came to South Dakota with his mother, Jennie, and sisters, Amy (Schleiermacher) and Irene (Decker).

Violet Bonine was one of 11 children born to the Theodore Bonines (see William Bonine story). Violet and Everett were married in 1932. They farmed first at Violet's home place. The Stewarts rented farms near Beresford, Centerville and Wakonda. They purchased a farm west of Beresford in 1949.

The Stewarts have four children: Bernice, Lila, Leo and LeRoy. All four children are married. Everett and Violet have 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Left to right: Josephine, Gunhild, Jonetta, Chris, Olissa, Carrie and Ragnild Stoen.

Andrew and Regina Stoen

Andreas and Regina Stoen came to America on the ship "Tasso" in 1878 from Rissa, Norway. He was 33 years old and she was 28. They had two small daughters. They joined Regina's parents, Johan and Olava, and the rest of the family who had come previously to homestead in Emmet township. Their first home was the partial dugout and house above ground that had been vacated by Johan's family as they had now built a new frame building. A baby girl, Gunhild, was born on July 4, shortly after their arrival here.

Andrew was a carpenter who helped build many houses, barns and sheds, some still in use in the Emmet and Alsen area. He helped build an addition on his father-in-law's house as well as his own home one mile farther north, which had been purchased in 1883 from homesteader Wm. Carson. This farm was one mile directly east of Alsen, where the family traded and brought their farm produce.

An older granddaughter, Esther Hvistendahl, recalled early days on the farm in her memoirs: "The carefree existence, carrying lunch to the men in the field, Aunt Josie's one-egg cake, grandma smoking meat out in the grove next to the house, cool milk kept in the cave, getting a bag of candy at Alsen when going along with grandpa with his cart and horse; grandma's weaving loom and the carpets she made, the hammock in the trees, grandma making "rommegrot" on the back of the range, her lumps of sugar with camphor on it in her underskirt pocket, butchering days and curing and preserving meat in stone crocks, grandpa wanting his family to have educations, and his smoking a pipe and reading *The Scandinavian*, a

paper from Norway."

The oldest daughter, Carrie, went to Sioux City where she was a clerk in a department store. In 1892, she was married to a Danish suitor, Herman Hvistendahl. He was a Watkins Co. salesman in the Canton and Beresford areas. They had five children: Carroll, Ruth, Esther, Allan and Maurine. The family mostly went to Texas where the youngest daughter still resides.

Olise (Lizzie) was born in 1876. After obtaining her education, she taught at Oacoma, where she met her cowboy husband, Bert Young, They later lived at Lake Andes, Hisle and Boise, Id. Their five children were Nettie, who married Ed Weber, Arthur, Merton, Winifred, who wed Walter Mollet, and Lenard Young.

Gunhild (Goldie) was born in 1878 and was baptized by Rev. Gunnar Graven. After teaching a number of years, she was married to John Oie in 1906 and they lived in Gregory and Charles Mix counties. After living pioneer lives in the Fort Randall area where Enoch, Kermit and Marvid were born, they returned to Union county where twin daughters, Hazel (Ambroson) and Helen (Mrs. Chris Nelson) were born. Marvid resides in the Roseni area with his wife, Luella Lykken Oie. They had three daughters: Marily Anderson, Lois Anderson and Clarinda Schnabel. Hazel and Art Ambroson's family are Miriam Anderson, Donald, Gene and Gerald.

Jonetta (Nettie) was born in 1880. She first saw her future husband at Roseni Sunday School and remembered how he gave a Norwegian recitation in a loud, resonant voice that impressed her. Nettie attended the University of South Dakota, as did her sisters, She was a member of the first girls' basketball team that was organized a year before the boys' team. After teaching for a number of years, she was married to Charley Peterson by Rev. G. O. Vik. Their children were Leona Davick, Ruby Bennink and Lawrence.

Chris, the only son, lived on the farm until his retirement to Beresford. He married a widow, Laura Anderson Peterson, of Sioux City, Ia. She had a son, Franklyn Peterson. Laura's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Elling Smith Hansen, had lived at one time in a dugout ten miles south of Beresford. He and Johan Stoen were charter members of Roseni Lutheran Church and, in the pageant of the church's 100th anniversary, their parts were played by Ellsworth Stoen. Franklyn Peterson farmed the home place until his retirement to Beresford. He was married to Alta Fedderson and they have two sons, Howard and Harlan.

Clarice Stoen married John Yttreness and they reside northeast of Beresford. Their daughters are Karen Tiede, Kristi Speaker, Sandra Jensen and Joni Youngwirth. Ellsworth Stoen served in WWII in the West Pacific and has been a bookkeeper in Sioux City and Beresford. Royal Stoen lived in Falls Church and Richmond, Va. and was a government worker in the C.I.A. until retirement. He married Lucille Cummins and has two children, Grace and Chris. Ardis, now widowed, married Melvin Koepsell and lives in Canova. Their two sons are Bradley and Gregory.

Two more daughters were born to the Stoens; Ragnild in 1896 and Josephine in 1889. The latter lived at home and helped on the farm. She attended Cleveland school as did the rest of the family. Ragnhild was the first eighth grade graduate from Cleveland school. She attended Canton High School and USD where she was on the girls' basketball team. She taught in Cleveland and Brooklyn rural schools. As a girl she remembered walking the three miles to church and boating on the sloughs in the area.

Nellie was married to John Simpson in 1909 and they had eight daughters and one son. Caroline married John Isakson and they had sons, Robert, John and James. John, James and Robert have farmed in the Beresford area. Ethlyn became Mrs. Marvin Evjen, Alcester, and they had two daughters, Elaine and Marvelyn Satter. Judith and Lyla are deceased. Judith and most of her sisters pursued the teaching profession. Elna was wed to Earl Ellison and they lived in the Greenfield area before retirement. Their children are Marlys Henderson, Stanley, who is a pastor in New York, LaVonne, Gwendolyn Strike and Janelle Grant.

Doris Simpson married Orville Ronning (deceased) and their children are Doreen, Mrs. Melvin Ronning and Gaylon Ronning, who married Dianne Christensen. They and their children reside in the Roseni community and are of the fifth and sixth generation to live there. Marcy Ronning married Craig Mortenson. Elroy Simpson married Marie Johnson and their children are John, Daryl, Janice, Dwight, Shirley, Sandra, Linda and Larry, all graduates of BHS. Eunice Simpson married Cecil Fisher (deceased) of Sioux Falls and their children are Craig, Kevin, Kendall, Clay and Jerilyn Rozeboom. LaDonna was wed to George Klemetsrud and Jeff and Cheryl are their children. They reside at Hastings, Minn.

Regina died after a stroke in 1919 and Andrew met his death in 1921 after being injured in a run-

away horse and buggy accident. They are buried in the Roseni cemetery.

In 1978, the Andreas Stoen descendants held a family reunion in Beresford, commemorating 100 years since their grandparents had come to America. A history of all the members of the family was written and published in a book form. Another genealogy book, which included all descendants of Johan Stoen, was published, as well as a cook book with recipes from relatives living all over the United States, was compiled by Ardis Koepsell and Clarice Yttreness, respectively. About 150 descendants of Johan, Andrew and Ole and Olaus Stoen were in attendance that August day.

Johan Stoen

John and Olava Stoen

Johan Stoum was born in 1824 at Rissa, Norway, which is across the fjord from Trondheim. Many Stoum families lived in the valley about 70 miles in length along the Skaudal River where they specialized in carpenter and concrete work. Johan married Olava Oldsdtr in 1848 and they had six children. Ole, the eldest son, heard about America from someone who had been there. At first the father, Johan, was not at all interested, but when his brother, Carl, a widower, wanted to go, the family made arrangements and went on the ship "Norway", leaving on May 2, 1869. With them were their sons, Ole and Olaus (the youngest son) and a daughter, Jonetta. Three young daughters were left in Norway to come at a later time.

The ship docked at Quebec, Canada where the party boarded a train for Salix, Ia. which was then the end of the line. The first winter was spent in Sioux City where a house was built with four rooms to accommodate four different families. Johan and son, Ole, worked on railroads being built through South Dakota and on steam boats traveling the Missouri River to Buford, Mont.

In the spring of 1870, Johan, Carl and son, Ole, joined Magnus Larson, Peter Larson, Daniel Christopherson and Mattias Stenvik and walked from north of Elk Point to select their homesteads in what is now Emmet township, Union county, and nine miles south of Beresford. The entire area was grassland with no trees closer than Vermillion, about 20 miles away.

At first, Johan and family lived in a dugout until they could get a house built. In 1880, this house was built north of the dugout. Several years later, more rooms were built to the original part of the house. The Johan Stoum house was built first and is still in use. The Ole Stone home was built a half mile north and, in 1883, the Andrew Stoen home was built a half mile north of Ole Stone's house.

The Stoum name was changed in spelling to Stoen or Stone. Other first names were "Americanized."

The teenaged daughters came to America. Regina, the oldest, was now married to Andreas Stoen and they had two daughters, Karen Anna (Carrie), who became Mrs. Herman Hvistendahl and Olise (Lizzie), who became Mrs. Bert Young. They came on the ship "Tasso". The other two sisters had arrived in 1873. Ingeborg married Peter P. Erickson several months later (their history is under Erickson).

The other sister, Christine, married John Larson in 1874. Larson was born in Aafjorden, Norway and was a homesteader. They lived near the Andrew, Ole and Johan Stoen farms, but in 1910 moved to Dunn Center, N.D. Their daughter, Leva, later lived on the homestead with her husband and eight children. Leva was married in 1887 to J. B. Johnson, whose father was a pioneer in the Dalesburg area. J. B. was instrumental in the beginning of the first livestock organization in the area and the Woodsmen Lodge in Alsen. He is still living in the Sacramento area where his family settled after having served under Gov. Bulow as highway superintendent in Pierre and living in Mitchell. At age 98, he is the oldest living confirmand of Roseni Church. He remembers the old Newdale school. In 1979, he wrote the following about the past 100 years:

". . . We remember where a team of horses and a lumber wagon was the usual way of getting around. They did a lot of walking, too. As time went on, they got lighter rigs like spring wagons and buggies, which prevailed until the Model T Ford appeared . . .

"There was limited mail service, no daily newspapers or magazines like we have today. There finally got to be some local papers printed like the Beresford *Republic* and Vermillion *Republican* and the *Plain Talk.*

"Recreation and entertainment were almost nasty words. They were so busy trying to make a living and building a home. The young people had to improvise for ways and means to get together and socialize.

"We didn't miss cars, radios, TV's that we have now. We never gave a thought of going to the moon or going across country in one day. Probably, years from now, people will wonder how we ever got along."

The Stoums helped build and organize Roseni Lutheran Church and most were baptized and confirmed there. Many are interred in the Roseni cemetery. Johan Stoen died at the age of 92 and his wife died in 1884. Their daughter, Jonetta, died at age 18.

The Stoen-Stone name is carried on by people in areas other than the Beresford locality, such as: Menlo Park, Calif.; Sioux City, Sioux Falls, Alcester, Chicago, Ill. and Richmond, Va. However, through marriage there are many descendants with the last names of Ronning, Erickson, Isakson, Rusten, Sveeggen, Simpson, Sommervold, Anderson, Fedderson, Ellison, Evjen, Lykken, Wullstein, Jensen, Megard, Finstad, Ellestad, Johnson, Ambrosen, Nelson, Young, Mollett, Weber, Ellefson, Fisher, Klemetsrud, Haugen, Carlson, Yttreness and Koepsell.

Olaus and Marie Stoen

Olaus J. Stoen, youngest son of Johan and Olava Stoen, was born in 1864 at Skaudalen, Norway. He came with his parents to this country in 1869. They took a homestead in Dakota Territory and lived in a dugout until a house was built on the land. Their farm was located nine miles south of what is now Beresford, along the King of Trails, later called Highway 77. He continued living there and farming all his life. He passed away in 1929. Alsen was their post office.

He married Marie Johnson Trudell, who was born in Sundalen, Norway. She came to America with an aunt, Ane. Aunt Ane married Carl Stoen, who homesteaded on land a mile south and a half

Olaus and Marie Stoen

mile east of the Stoen farm. Six children were born to the Olaus Stoens.

Olga married J. A. Swenson and lives in Jasper, Minn. Their children are Joyce Eggerud, Betty Perdue, Kenneth, Marilyn Eshleman, James, Beverly Hoffman and Charles. They had 24 grandchildren.

Ruth J. Stoen married W. Ray Anderson, who is deceased. She now lives in Alcester. Their children are Jean (Mrs. Elton P. Kelley) of Niantic, Conn., who has three children; Dale married JoAnn Quast and lives in Cincinnati, Oh., and has seven children; Grace Baker, who has seven children; Don married Myrna Keiser Parsons, Alcester and Merlyn married Barbara Olson and lives in Cincinnati, Oh.

Judith Stoen married Arthur Wiegman and was a nurse at the Soldier's Home in Hot Springs for many years, and Oliver Stoen who married Sylvia Satre and reside in Menlo Park, Calif. They have a daughter, Linda, and two grandchildren.

Lydia Stoen married Ralph Anderson and resides in Verington, Nev. They have three children: Shirley Bayless (Pat), Janice Caroline (Robert), and Walter, who married Lynn Horbin; and 11 grandchildren.

Marvid Stoen married Verlan Sommervold and lives in Alcester. They have a daughter, Charlotte, and a son, Floyd (Charles), and three grandchildren.

Standing: Leva, John, Anna, Joseph and Clara; front: Ole and Maret (Eidem) Stone.

Ole J. and Marit Stone

Ole J. Stoum (name changed to Stoen and then Stone) was born in 1849 to parents Johan and Olava Stoum, in Skaudalen, Norway, which is across the fjord north of Trondheim. One day, when Ole was 20 years old, he had talked to someone who had been to America and learned about homesteads for free. So the parents, Ole, and the two youngest children, and Johan's brother, Carl, left their homeland in 1869 by steamboat for Quebec, Canada, then by train to their destination, Sioux City, Ia.

Ole and his father worked on steamboats that freighted supplies between Sioux City and Yankton. They also worked on railroads being built in Dakota.

In the spring of 1870, they came to Elk Point where Johan, Ole, Carl and others walked north, but couldn't decide where they wanted to settle. So they returned to Elk Point and returned the next day when the decision was made to settle on a quarter nine miles south of present-day Beresford. Ole and Johan's homesteads were side by side, and Carl's was just southeast. Now Cameron Erickson owns the north part of Carl's land and the south part is in the Union County State Park.

Ole and Johan got a team of oxen which they drove to Vermillion to get lumber, wood and logs. They lived in dugouts until they could afford to build frame houses.

In 1872, the Stones and other settlers in the area organized a church congregation which was named Roseni. They first met in the homes for services until 1876 when the church was built.

Ole married Marit Eidem in 1880; the ceremony took place immediately after the Sunday church services. They were the first couple to be married in the church.

Marit was born in 1862 to parents, John and Karen Eidem, near Trondheim, Norway. Her father was a shoemaker by trade, tanning the leather and making shoes for people. Her mother died when she was four years old, so lived with friends until she was eight. Later she came with her father, three brothers and two sisters to America on a sailboat, the voyage taking nine weeks. In 1874, she came to Dakota and made her home with an older sister, Mrs. Johannes Simpson, who lived just west of Alsen.

Marit carded wool, making the yarn and knit-

ting mittens and stockings. She sold enough to pay for their first walking plow.

Dave Stephens of Jefferson built up a small grocery store in the side hill south of where the Emmet round hall stands. The Stoens walked to this Sunnyside Store where groceries were purchased. In 1883, he moved to Beresford and built his store where the old National Bank now stands. Then Christ Jacobsen and Hans Hansen built the Alsen Store west of the Stoens where they could buy groceries, dry goods and all their needs.

Their first post office was in the Ronan home two miles east of the homestead. Later it was moved to the Alsen Store until rural free delivery came in 1905.

In 1895, a creamery was built in Alsen where the farmers could bring their milk every day to get it separated.

The Ole Stoens had five children: Clara (Anderson), Leva (Larson), John, Anna (Erickson) and Joseph.

After Joseph was married in 1918, a small house was moved onto the homestead where Ole and Marit resided. Ole lived there until his death in 1926. Marit continued living there for a few years, and then lived with Leva and the Joseph Stones until her death in 1950.

Peter and Emma Strom

Peter Strom was born at Andover, Ill. in 1867 to August and Gustava Danielson Strom. When Peter was three years of age, the family moved to a farm at Stanton, Ia. where he lived until he married Emma Larson in 1908. They came to South Dakota in the spring of 1911 and bought the Herman Westberg farm where he continued to live until his death in 1941. The move from Iowa was made by train and box car. Herbie remembers how his father would put sacks of wheat on the running board of the car and have the wheat ground into flour at the Centerville mill. Three children, Herbie, Florence and Frances, made up the family.

Herbie still lives on the family farm. He married Josie Hansen in 1937. They have seven children: Charles married Janice Sandbo of Odin, Minn. They have two daughters, Marcia and Lorna. They live on a farm south of Centerville. Raymond married Kay White. Scott and Bradley make up their family. They live at Elkton, S.D. Roger married Sandy Hoffman of Oshkosh, Wisc. They have two daughters, Kristen and Jennifer, and a son, Layton. They farm five miles southeast of Centerville. Philip married

Back: Florence, Herbie, Mrs. Strom; front: Mr. Strom and Frances.

Dorothy Norman and they have a daughter, Kathryn. They farm the home place. Elizabeth Tollefson and son, Timothy, live in Sioux Falls. Emilie and Brad Bak also make their home in Sioux Falls. Sarah married Morris Bonine. They have a son, Preston, and a daughter, Rebecca. They live on a farm eight miles northwest of Beresford.

Florence Strom married Wesley Larsen in 1938. They have a family of three sons and two daughters (see Robert Larsen family).

Frances Strom married Erling Swee in 1941. They farmed in the Vermillion and Rockfield area until they moved to Beresford in 1980. They have two sons and a daughter. Sheridan married Gail Larsen. They have four children, Heidi, Kelly, Jamie and Carrie. Roberta married Albin Schoebner of Colton and they have four children: Rochelle, Durin, Justin and Gregg. They make their home at Salina, Kans. Kendal married Kay Wagtner and, with their children, Jennifer, Troy and Stephanie, live on a farm 11 miles southwest of Beresford.

Jost and Salome Stuessi

Jost Stuessi was born in 1859 at Canton, Glarus, Switzerland and came to America in 1880. He came first to Missouri, then to Hawarden, Ia. where he worked in a hotel. In 1885, he

Back: John, George, Rose, Ann; front: Mr. Stuessi, Marie, Mrs. Stuessi and Lena.

came to Beresford and purchased land four and one-half miles northeast of Beresford.

Salome was born in Canton, Glarus, Switzerland, in 1867, and came to America in 1890 and that year married Jost. They lived with Jost's sister and family, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Voegeli, as there was no house on their land. When another Silver Lake school was built, they purchased the old schoolhouse and moved it to the farm for their home. In 1903, a new home was built and that home is presently occupied by David Stuessi, great-grandson. Four generations have lived on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Jost Stuessi were charter members of Zion Evangelical Church.

Nils and Maja Sundstrom

Nils Henric and Maja Greda (Nilsdotter) Sundstrom arrived in the Port of New York after being on the steamship, "The City of Chester," for six weeks with seven of their ten children, their eldest son, John, having come to what is now Gary, Ind. in 1880. He was joined there in the spring of 1881 by his older sister, Mary, and their brother, Robert.

Records which were found in the old 15th century parish church at Gammelstad, Sweden indicate the family departed northern Sweden in 1883. Records also reveal that Nils was one of 11 children and Maja was from a family of three girls.

The family came briefly to the August Soderstrom family in Clay county and shortly thereafter joined John on a homestead in Douglas county near the town of Harrison. Here the eleventh child, Otto, was born in December, 1883. In 1888, John and Charles bought adjoining farms three miles west of Beresford, and the family moved with them to Lincoln County.

The 11 children were Maria (1861-1900), John (1862-1933), Charles (1865-1924), Kristina (1867-1902), Robert (1869-1930), Margaret (1871-1961), Alfred (1874-1949), Sophie (1875-1951), Oscar (1878-1941), Henning (1880-1968) and Otto (1883-1954).

In 1888, Mary married John Forsberg who had also emigrated from Sweden in 1883. They had six children: Gertrude, Robert, Edith, Mary, Adina and Edwin. The family moved to Radville,

Back: John, Sophie, Robert, Alfred, Henning, Margret, Oscar; front: Maria, Mr. Sundstrom, Otto, Mrs. Sundstrom, Kristina and Charles.

Sask, Canada.

John was married in 1894 to Adina Soderstrom, daughter of early pioneers, the August Soderstroms. John had left Sweden at the age of 17 and worked four years in Gary, Ind. and Chicago, Ill. He homesteaded in Douglas county, but purchased the John Sanford homestead in 1888, and that became his permanent home. He served several terms as Lincoln county supervisor and on the Brooklyn school board. They had two daughters: Florence, who died at the age of two, and Hannah (see Alfred Wickstrom story).

Charles and Mary Carlson, a Swedish immigrant, were married in 1894. They had ten children. Carl, their first born, and the second set of twins, Anna and Oscar, died as infants. The other children were: Eschol (1896-1974) and Esther (1894), twins; Mabel (1897), Arthur (1900), Melvin (1902), Clarence (1905-1965) and Rose (1908). Eschol was a WWI veteran and farmer. None of his five children—Eleanor Darter, Estelle, Eschol Jr., Dolores Klassen or Rosemary Christensen—live in this area. Esther married Axel Wickstrom (see Axel Wickstrom story). Mabel, Ohio, married William Reynolds. They farmed in Brooklyn township. After Mabel became widowed she clerked many years at the variety store. The Reynolds had two sons: Dr. Wesly married Joyce Frame and Glen married Lucille Vermilea. Arthur and his wife, Julia Jonnes, are retired from farming and live in Alcester. Their four children are Ramona Blumer (see Blumer history); Burdette married Lois Egan; Charles married Pat Anderson and Ardell Hagon. Melvin, a former auctioneer and implement dealer, is retired and lives in Phoenix, Ariz. with his wife, Helen. Melvin's four children are Lorraine Welch, Gloria Shillings, Marilyn Campbell and John, married to Mary Rockford. Clarence was a mechanic and had a car dealership. He married Lucille Eklund and their daughter is Mrs. Ron Johnson (LaVon). Rose, Sioux Falls, married Harry Reynolds, son of pioneers Charles and Esther Lundberg Reynolds. The Reynolds had three children: Roger, married to Betty Burney; Charles, married to Barbara Smith, and Dr. James, married to Deborah Darroch.

Kristina married William Thissell and they were parents of six children: Annie Mickelson (William) moved to Meade county in the early 1900's and their six children are Levern Kline (Oliver, Marjorie Dutton (Warren); Lee, married to Doris Chord; Edith Bud (Earl); Oscar married Jessie Raymond; and Robert. Charles married Elizabeth Lindeberg and lived in Connecticut; Grover married Minnie Peterson, daughter of Charles and Annie Peterson. Gro-

vers farmed in the Beresford area and had a son, Donald, who married Berniece Norman (see Charles Norman story); Phoebe married Elmer Johnson. She died at age 24, leaving three children, Edith, Ralph and Robert. Oscar married Berniece Olbertson and they were the parents of three sons: Charles, married to Leila Rossner, James and David, married to Sandra Burnham. Maude married Floyd Johnson and they were the parents of a daughter, Karen.

Robert worked in various stores and the bank in Beresford. He married Emma Jacobson and they were the parents of three children: Mary Scallin; Milton married Wilma Tenge and Robert married Ethel Frost.

Margaret "Maggie" married Charles Soderstrom (see Gust Soderstrom story). Their six children were Ellen, who made her home in New York City; Edwin, married to Dagny Norling (died in a house fire); Amy Titzel (Louis), Sioux Falls; Evelyn; and twins, Edna Schmidt (Wilmar, Sioux Falls and Ethel Kennedy (Walter). Edna and Wilmar, a former Beresford businessman, have two daughters, Paula Spielman and Sue Ellen Towers. Ethel and Walter had four children: Howard, married to Alice Mae Larson; Dr. Charles married Helen Cleveland; Robert married Darlene Larson and Mrs. Elliot Grace (Helen).

Alfred married Caroline "Carrie" Bonine (See Bonine story). They lived in Michigan and Canada and were the parents of two sons: Duane married to Margaret Philip and Quintis married to Grace Stoner.

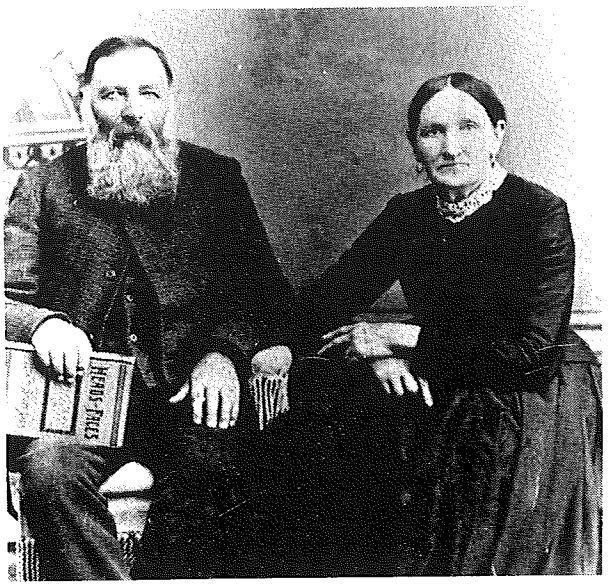
Sophie married Erick Soderstrom (see Gust Soderstrom story). The Soderstroms had two sons. Emory married Mabel Soderstrom and they farmed the home place after Erick and Sophie retired to Sioux Falls. Their other son, Roy, died in infancy.

Oscar never married. He lived many years in Montana and Canada.

Henning married Ethel Wimple (see Andrew Wimple story). They were the parents of eight children: Raymond, Sioux Falls, married Helen Sellers; Ione Brode (Wallace), Washington, D.C.; Doran; Amy married Arley Rasmussen and they have a son, Dwayne, married to Patricia Howard; Adelia Tichenor (Norwood), Calif.; Willard married Ruth Westling; Leslie "Sam"; and Della Droll (John), Dixon, Calif. have a daughter, Barbara. Henning farmed northwest of Beresford.

Otto married Clara Wimple (see Andrew Wimple story). They farmed northwest of Beresford but moved to Madelia, Minn. in 1959. They were the parents of three children: Margaret, Andrew and Gordon. Margaret and her husband, Helmer Hanson, have two daughters, Helen Sweeter and Myrna Rider. Andrew married Ruth Kumlien and their children were Andrew; Peter, who married Martha Gerace, and Mary Gramer. Gordon, Vernon Center, Minn., married Nora Halverson and they have four children: Kenneth, David, Carol and Donna.

There are many fifth and sixth generation and some seventh generation descendants of Nils and Maja Sundstrom living in the U.S. and Canada.



Johan and Lovisa Sundstrom

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Johan and Lovisa Sundstrom and five children, namely John, Johanna, Erica, Sofia and Oscar, left Lulea, Sweden and came to America in 1870. They lived in Michigan and Chicago before coming to Dakota in 1872 and were among the first homesteaders in Glenwood township, Clay county. Johan was 54, Lovisa, 50, and their children ranged in ages from eight to 22. The oldest sons, Carl (who came later) and John, filed claims on adjoining land. Their daughters married Clay county homesteaders. All the children married Swedes.

Various stories of those early times have been told from one generation to another. Like many other pioneers, their first home was a dugout. While they were digging the dugout, an Indian came riding on his pony. The youngest son, Oscar, was frightened and jumped into the hole. Also, a blizzard came before they had time to provide a shelter for their animals so they were

taken into the dugout to make sure they would survive the storm.

The men would walk to Vermillion for provisions. Sometimes, Mr. Sundstrom and youngest son, Oscar, would go to Sioux City with an oxen team and stoneboat to get supplies. On one trip, Oscar got a new pair of shoes, but his feet were too sore from the long walk to wear them for some time.

Johan and Lovisa lived 20 years in this new land, both dying in 1892. They are buried in Brooklyn cemetery.

John Sundstrom, the oldest son, married Hannah Enquist, who emigrated from Sweden in 1883. Their five children and their years of birth were: Edith Lind (Elmer) 1885; John Arthur 1887; Richard 1889, married Ruth Sanford and their children are Richard, married to a former Beresford resident, Verna Peterson, Livermore, Calif. and have a daughter; Wesley married Eileen Johnson and has two sons, Dwight and David; Harrison is married, has two sons and lives in Concord, Calif.; Ruth 1893; and Ellen Connors (Clark) 1897, had two children and lives in Vancouver, Wash.

John was one of eight men who incorporated the Brooklyn Mission Church and built the largest farm residence in Clay county. He was also postmaster of the Glenwood post office from 1876 until its closing in 1887.

His daughter, Mrs. Connors, writes, "Yes, my father was the first postmaster. I remember, when I was very young, the shelves with all the little cubby holes for mail were stacked away in one of the closets in the old house. These shelves were later moved to a loft in the granary, which later burned down. It was during President Garfield's administration he served as postmaster . . . Also, I don't know if it would be of any interest to you, but my father was also on the jury that tried and sentenced to hang, Jack McCall, for the murder of Wild Bill Hickock in Deadwood. North and South Dakota were one territory at that time and the capitol was in Yankton. He (my father) walked cross country to Yankton to serve on the jury."

Carl (Sundstrom) Falk took a different surname when he was a sailor and came to Dakota after sailing to San Francisco. He homesteaded the land directly south of his father's homestead, married Anna Anderson, later moving to Vancouver, Wash. Four children were in this family: Carl, born in 1890, Edna 1891, Amy 1893 and Henry, 1896.

Johanna, born in 1850, married August Soderstrom when she was 21. Their family history is under the Soderstrom caption.

Erica married Emmanuel Norelius who homesteaded in Clay county. The family later moved to Vancouver, Wash. They had nine children, two dying in infancy. The seven who grew to adulthood were Atlee, born in 1885, John 1887, Ray 1891, Lydia May 1894, Margret 1896, Elom 1898 and Roland, 1900.

Sofia married Peter Heglin and nine of their 11 children grew to adulthood: Adolph 1881, married Ellen Carlson, moved to Canada, raised a family of seven children; Oscar, born in 1884, married Tecla Lundquist, lived at Dalesburg, had six children; Edward, 1885, married Esther Carlson who died in 1920, leaving three young sons; Ralph, Beresford; Raymond and Russell. In 1927, Edward married Vernie Lind. The other children were: David, 1889, married, father of four children, lived at Sioux City, Ia.; Nathanial, 1891, married, had two sons, lived in Canada; and Amy Williamson, 1894, lived in Wisconsin. Henry, 1896 and Elmer, 1898, were adopted by the Falks and the Soderstroms (aunts) and took those family names. Their mother, Sophia, died in 1898. Henry lived in Washington. Elmer farmed in the Beresford area, married Ethel Wilkensen and had three children, Elmer Jr., Leila and Rodney. Peter Heglin remarried and moved to Canada.

Oscar, 1964, married Johanna Norin. Oscar had a large farming operation, stallion and horse trading business, and was a partner in the Sundstrom and Sundstrom Mercantile in Beresford. They lost their first two children in childhood—Leonard, the oldest at nine months and Adina at the age of nine years. The other five children were Philip, 1892, married Clara Jacobson, Clifford, 1894, married Amanda Stephenson, Signie 1890, Hazel 1900 and Egon, 1904.

Descendants have continued to own and live on the old homestead. First Oscar, then Philip, lived there. Philip's son, Gordon, married Mae Henderson and they live on the farm, and their son, Daniel, farms the land. Philip's daughters are Helen Collins, Lincoln, Nebr. and Phyllis Lockwood, Viborg.

Clifford lived on the farm his Uncle Henry homesteaded. A great-great-granddaughter of the Johan Sundstroms, and her family live there now. They are the Larry Merrimans. Only Leatrice Rommereim of the five living children, lives in the Beresford area. The others are: Alden Sundstrom, Moorehead, Minn.; Carol Lovdahl, Little Falls, Minn.; Roslyn Sundstrom and Harriet Wilbert, Seattle, Wash.

Henry and Marie Thompson

Henry and Marie Thompson

Henry Thompson was born in Emerald Isle, Ireland in 1844. He grew up on a farm and learned the trade of a weaver. In 1964, he immigrated to America and settled in Janesville, Wisc. where he worked on farms and then moved to Fillmore county, Minn. Here he married Marie Andersdotter Rommereim in 1872, who was born in Norway in 1847, and came to America with her family. Their first child, Betsy, was born there in Minnesota in 1873. She died in 1958.

In 1874, the family arrived in the Dakota Territory and located on a claim in Pleasant township, Section 24. Here he built a sod house for his family, traded his only span of horses for a yoke of oxen, and started to farm the land. He planted 65 acres of wheat that yielded only 76 bushels of crop. The grasshoppers ate the rest of the crop for the next couple of years. Here, their second child, Anne, was born (1874-1951).

Henry then bought a farm in Pleasant township for which he paid $5.00 an acre. To raise this amount of money he had to sell his preemption claim for $125.00. He later sold this farm and took up a homestead in Dakota Territory.

Here, again, he built a sod shanty for shelter in which he and his family made their home for four years. In the 1880's he purchased 160 acres for $600.00. It had a few trees planted there and he bought many more trees from some wandering travelers for a penny each and planted them in a row about 20 or 25 yards long down the driveway. He found out later that the trees he had purchased were dug up from his own land about a mile from his homestead. He built a small dirt shanty here and later moved his first house from his former homestead claim and kept adding on to it until he had a nice, comfortable residence. He also constructed a dairy and spacious barn and a windmill.

Their third child, John, was born in a sod house in Pleasant township in 1876. He died in 1957.

Mollie was born in 1879 during a prairie fire and she died in 1959. Thomas was born in 1881 and died in 1896 when a horse kicked him in the stomach. The other children were: Mary (1883-1959), Robert (1885-1952), Emma (1886-1956) and Bertha (1889-1976).

Henry and Mary Thompson and their family lived on this farm until 1915 when they moved to a house in north Beresford. Their youngest child, Bertha, lived with her parents until their deaths. A son, Robert, remained on the homestead. He married Hannah Tarleboe of Bergen, Norway and there they raised 11 children.

Henry died in 1923 when he had gone out to the pasture at the east edge of town to fetch his cow home. His body was discovered near the end of the pavement on the county line by Victor Colby. He died of heat exhaustion. Mrs. Thompson died in 1934.

John and Martha Thompson

John and Martha Thompson

John Thompson, son of Henry and Marie Thompson, was born in 1876 in a sod house in Section 12, Pleasant township.

In 1906, when he was 30 years old, he went to Norway with his uncle. There he met and married Martha Farstvedt in 1907. He brought his new bride back to America to a farm which he had purchased in 1904 in Pleasant township, Section 11, about a mile west of the place where he was born. John borrowed the money to pur-

chase this homestead from his father and paid him back $100.00 a year for three years. A small shanty house was already on the place, but he kept adding to it to make a nice home for his family. He constructed a new barn and other buildings.

Their first child, Herman, was born in 1907. A daughter, Alice, was born in 1909 and son, Johnny in 1910.

The family lived on this farm until 1947 when they moved to town and lived at 508 West Spruce. Their youngest son, John, continued to farm the home place until his death in 1954. John died in 1957 and Martha in 1982. Their daughter, Alice, died in 1977. The oldest son, Herman, and his wife, Frances, have been living in this home on Spruce Street since 1982.

Herman Thompson married Frances Meyer in 1935 in Randolph, Nebr. They had five children and lived 2½ miles south of his parents' homestead. Their children are: Marjorie (1936-1971), Marion (1937), Leon (1938), LeRoy (1940) and Larry (1948). The oldest son, Leon, and his family are the fourth generation to live on the home place.

Leon married Betty Thornton. They have four children: Lynda, David, John and Susan. Leon and son, John, farm this land together. Marion married Howard Austin. They had three children: Angela, Alan and Andrew. Howard died in 1965 and she married Anthony Neuroth. Anthony and Marion own Tony's Feed and Seed located at Trucke Towne, which they purchased in 1978. LeRoy married Bette Page, and they live at Beloit, Wisc. They have two children, Bobbi and Randy. Larry married Phyllis Hawley of Beloit, Wisc. and they have two children, Jean and Janet. They live on a farm 4½ miles south of Beresford.

Alice Thompson (1909-1977) married Clarence Dullerud. They lived at Wayne, Nebr. until his death in 1933. Their two children were a daughter, Lila Rhude (Lauren) and Roger, married to Rosalyn Anderson. The Rhudes have five children: David, Mark, Kim, Joni and Scott; and the Roger Dulleruds have two children, Wayne and Jan, and two grandchildren.

Alice married Magnes Ivarsen in 1937 and they farmed near Beresford until 1961. Their four children are Marvin (unmarried), Irene Rezac (John), parents of two sons; John Ivarsen married Sharon Hoffman, parents of five children: Laurie, Steven, Grant, Brian and John; and Glenn, married to Susan Johnson, parents of Debbie and Kevin.

Great-grandchildren of Herman and Francis Thompson who live in the Beresford area are Jennifer and Jason Twedt, and Matthew Thompson.

Lewis and Maria Thompson

The Thompson farm on the northwest edge of Beresford was homesteaded by Lewis Thompson and his wife, Maria, in 1874. The papers were signed by President Garfield. The Thompsons came from Denmark to Waterloo, Ia., then by covered wagon to the 160-acre homestead (40 acres of which is now part of Beresford). Lewis died in 1881 and Maria raised the family of six boys. She died in 1913. The boys were William, James, Nels, Frank, Charles and Fred.

William the oldest, was a carpenter in Beresford all his life. He died in 1936. His children were: Henry, Helen, Dora and Oliver. All have passed away except Dora (Mrs. Leo McMillan), who lives in Beresford.

James and his wife, Caroline Johnson, bought the 120 acres and farmed and lived there until they passed away in 1955. They had two boys, Ernest (1902) and Silas (1905-1977). Both were born and grew up on the farm and farmed there together with their father. Ernest farmed there until recently and still lives on the homestead. Darrell Vik has horses in the barn and yards now. Silas, the younger, farmed near Beresford and later moved to Mesa, Ariz. in 1962.

Nels went to Grandview, Wash. He and his wife had a family of three daughters: Margaret, Marion and Ruth, who are all living in Washington state.

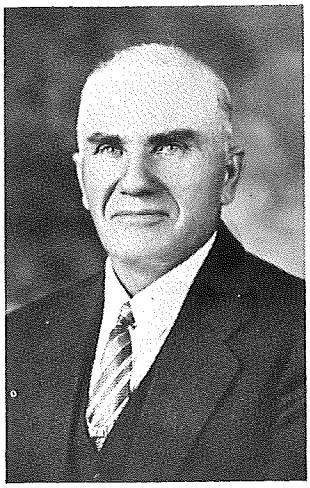
Charles died in 1895 when a teenager. Frank stayed single and lived in Beresford; died in 1920.

Fred was a carpenter in Beresford until he moved to Phoenix, Ariz. in 1959; died in 1961. His two sons were Lyman of Phoenix, Ariz. and Fred, Jr. who died at Lake Andes in 1967.

Robert and Johanna Thompson

Robert Thompson (1885-1952) was the son of Pleasant township, Lincoln county homesteaders, Henry and Marie Thompson (see Henry Thompson story). He married Hannah Tarleboe (1892-1958) of Bergen, Norway. Robert and Hannah farmed in Lincoln county and raised a family of ten children: Lorene, Victor, Robert Jr., George, Wilmar, Calmer, Kenneth, Esther, Henry and Lowell. Richard, a twin of Victor, died as an infant.

Four of the sons married Beresford ladies and



Robert Thompson

Hannah Thompson

moved to Oregon. They are Victor (deceased), who married Betty Buum. They had five children: Barbara, Vicki, Bruce, Larry and Richard (deceased). Robert, Jr. married Carol Edblom. Their four children are Linda, Greg, Sara and Nancy. Wilmar and Violet Fitzgerald Thompson have four daughters, Rose, Carla, Laurie, Peggy and a son, Pat. George is married to June Tschudy and they have three sons, Steven, Richard and Daniel. Lorene also lives in Oregon. Her family, Karen, Janet, Sandra and Paul, reside there. Esther married Kenneth Lewis and lives in Tennessee.

Lowell, Sioux Falls, married Shirley Kuechenmeister and they are the parents of Jean, Michael, Susan and Sherry.

Calmer married Ruth Weber and lives in Beresford. Their four children are Diane, Donald, Tyrone and Elizabeth. Calmer is a senior vice-president of the Beresford Bank.

Kenneth (deceased) lived in Beresford, was married to Virginia Dolan (see J. J. Dolan story) and Thomas, Mary and Philip are their children. Kenneth was an implement dealer in Beresford.

Henry married LaVerne Naeve. They have farmed the home place. Their ten children are: Dennis, Douglas, Joan, Janice, Jane (deceased), Judy, Dallas, Dean (deceased), Joelle and Dale.

Erik and Sidsel Thormodsgaard

From the Valley of Hollingdol, Norway, in May 1881, Erik Olson Thormodsgaard and wife, Sidsel, together with their four sons and one daughter, came to Dakota Territory. They first came to Canton and were taken by lumber wagon to Erik's brothers who had already homesteaded. They lived with the brother until August that year when Erik purchased a farm six miles

Standing: Haakon, Erick (small boy) and Engebret; seated: Ole, Mr. Thormodsgaard, Mrs. Thormodsgaard.

east and one mile north of Beresford. There was water, a straw shed and a very small house with one thickness wall.

In the summer of 1882, when the diptheria epidemic prevailed throughout the area, their little son, Erik and small daughter, Ingeborg, died. Another son was born that summer and they named him Erik also. He went by Erik E.

The family soon experienced blizzards, prairie fires, crop failures, along with other hardships, but with courage, hard work and faith in God, they succeeded.

The brothers grew into manhood, and father, Erik, had increased the size of the farm. Now he divided the land and gave a portion to each of the boys, so each one established a home of his own. Ole, being the oldest, remained on the old home place. Haakon got a place a short distance to the southeast. Engebret got a place to the northwest now known as the Archie Gubbrud farm, and Erik E., after living with his father and mother east of brother Ole, got a farm 1½ miles southwest of Ole's place. After the father died, Mother Sidsel continued to live with son, Erik, the rest of her life.

The Thormodsgaard families were all members of Trinity Lutheran Church in Moe Parish. They are all buried in the Trinity Lutheran

cemetery. Several of the uncles and aunts are also buried there. The descendants of Erik Olson Thormodsgaard are still living in the same community where they were first established.

The old homestead is now owned by Ole and Hannah's son, Oliver, and wife, Fern. They live there and together with their son, Lee, operate the farm and other rented land. Oliver has three daughters: Evelyn, June and Ellen, all married. In August, 1981, the Thormodsgaards celebrated 100 years of having come to America and to the old homestead. A citation was received from Governor Janklow for having contributed to the church and community these 100 years. Relatives from many states and long distances came.

Ole's oldest son, Eric H., and wife, Ina, bought his mother's (Hannah) old home farm two miles north from Oliver, known as the "Hans Sogn farm." Their son, Clarion, lives close by in a new home, and operates his father's farm and his own. They also have an older son, Curtis, and wife, Glennys. They have four children and also have grandchildren.

Ole and wife, Hannah, had one daughter. She married Albert Nelson and lived five miles east and one-half mile north of Beresford. They have both died. Their only child, Alberta (Mrs. Leonard Torberson) has two children and lives in New Orleans, La.

Haaken and wife, Ida, had seven children. There were four sons, Edwin, Ingert, Albert and Nels. Nels and his wife, Myrtle, own and live on the home place. They have three sons, Neil, Glen and Rodney; two daughters, Kathleen (Mrs. David Osvog) and Vicki. Haakon's oldest son, Edwin, lives on his own farm near Spink, together with his son, Elvin. He also has a daughter, Alice (Mrs. Francis Loneman) of Hawarden, Ia. Albert and wife, Myrtle, are retired and live in Alcester. They have a daughter, Janet (Mrs. Dennis Belkey). The late Ingert Thormodsgaard bought the old Graham place four miles east and two miles north of Beresford. His wife, Clara, lives there, and their son, James, and wife, Bonnie, live in a separate house. Two miles north on the old Arne Rommereim place lives Ingert's son, Gene, and wife, Carrol, and son, Tyson. Two miles northwest from Gene is Ingert's only daughter, Carol (Mrs. Lester Voegeli). Haakon had three daughters: Selma lives in Alcester, Berthine (Mrs. Melvin Falk) in Beresford, Nora (Mrs. Alvin Jamptgaard) and Thelma (Mrs. Orrin Hammit) live in California.

Erik E. had three daughters: Alma (Mrs. Oris Hove), Sioux Falls and Esther (Mrs. Emil Zweifel. Emil and Esther live in a new home on their farm six miles east of Beresford. They have two sons, Myron and Leland, a daughter, Miriam (Mrs. David Mattson). They have three sons and a daughter. Myron and wife, Valorie, bought the old Per Hagen place northeast of Beresford. They have two girls. Leland and wife, Lois, live on and farm Emil and Esther's home place. They have a daughter.

Jere and Mary Toomey

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Mary was the first born of parents, Mary Reedy and John Ryan, Irish immigrants. Mary came to Dakota Territory in a covered wagon with her family in the early 1870's. Jere Toomey was a pioneer auctioneer, marshal and merchant, born in Freeport, Ill., in 1857. He came to Dakota Territory at the age of 23. He farmed in Emmet township two years, but moved to Beresford when the town was founded. Toomey's Addition bears his name. He helped to unload the first car of coal coming to town by rail, operated a dray line for two years, and served as one of the first town marshals. He then entered the profession he liked best, auctioneering.

John (Jere) and Mary Toomey lived their entire married life in Beresford. Jere died in 1932 and Mary in 1937. They were parents of seven children; a son, Joseph, died as an infant and a daughter, Helen, died at the age of four. Those living to adulthood were Catherine, Dorothy,

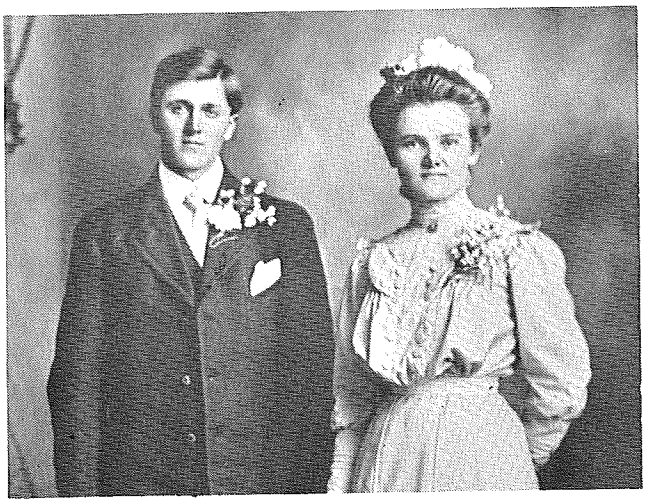
Margaret, Mayme and Theresa.

Dorothy and Katherine operated the Toomey Shoe Store for many years, retiring when it was sold in the 1970's. Dorothy died in 1983 and Katherine died in 1968.

Margaret was principal of Beresford and Elk Point grade schools and was county superintendent of schools, Union county, for 18 years. She died in 1980.

Mamie worked for Beresford Telephone Company as manager with Tina and Maurice Ryan, who started the Beresford telephone system. She next worked for the city of Beresford as its auditor until her retirement. Mamie died in 1983.

Theresa taught four years in Brooklyn rural school. Theresa writes, "I have a warm place in my heart for the people who lived around Brooklyn school. I don't forget the good times we had together." Theresa also taught 21 years in Sioux City. After retiring, she helped Margaret in the Superintendent of Union County Office.



Otto and Alfreda Tschudy

Peter and Anna Tschudi

Peter Rudolph Tschudi, Sr. (later the name was spelled Tschudy) was born in 1843 in Switzerland where he grew up to maturity and received his education. Peter immigrated to America in 1861. He went to Green County, Wisc., but after only six months residence there, the rebellion broke out and he was one of the first to offer services as a soldier in 1861. Peter participated with his regiment in several battles, but he was never wounded during his entire term of enlistment. Mr. Tschudi was discharged the latter part of 1864 after three years of duty in the service of his adopted country.

In the spring of 1865 Peter Rudolph Tschudi, Sr. setted on a farm in Goodhue county, Minn. Here he met and married Miss Anna Legler in 1865. Anna was the daughter of Casper and Agatha Legler, who were one couple of the Swiss Colony who had immigrated from Switzerland in 1845. Anna was born in 1846 at New Glarus, Wisc. When Anna was born, she was the first white baby girl to be born in that community. Most of her youth was spent in Wisconsin and then she moved to Goodhue county in Minnesota to live with a sister.

Peter and Anna lived in Minnesota until 1877 when they came to Dakota Territory. They acquired homestead rights from Sam Blumer and also an adjoining timber claim in Pleasant Township.

When Peter and Anna moved to Dakota Territory they had seven children that were born to them in Minnesota. The oldest was Fred, born in 1866. The second child was John, born in 1867 (John had one child, a daughter, Lucille Pliska, presently living in Beresford area). John was gored to death by a mad cow. Their third child was Rosie, who died at the age of 12 from diptheria. Their fourth born was Peter Jr. Peter was born in 1871, he moved to Pukwana. Fifth born was a daughter named Agatha. She was born in 1873. Agatha moved to Volga, then Wisconsin. (Agatha had two sons, Emil and Melchoir and one daughter, Amelia). Their sixth child was Jake, born in 1875 and died of asthma at an old age. Edward, born in 1877 was just a baby when Peter and Anna came to Dakota Territory. (Edward has one son, Marvin Tschudy presently living in Sioux Falls and two daughters Mrs. Inez Zemlicka of Brookings and Mrs. Anna Beam of Senica). Edward was their seventh child.

Peter and Anna Tschudi and the seven children lived for awhile in a dug-out on the property until the Blumers moved out of the house. Living quarters were cramped even when they were able to move into the house. Two more children were born to them in this house. Their eighth child was Samual Emil who was born in 1879 and their ninth child was Rosa, born in May 1881 and resided in Beresford all of her life. (Rosa married James Birnie, Jr. and they had six children: Otto Birnie, Don Birnie and Margaret Birnie who are all presently living in the Beresford area, Robert was killed in World War II, two other daughters are Annabell Johnson of Biloxi, Miss., and Marian Poules of Newark, Ohio). Rosa's oldest sister died at age 12 so Peter and Anna named Rosa

after Rosie.

By 1885 they had established themselves well and built a good sized new house to make their family comfortable. This is when their last child was born, their tenth child was Otto. He was born in 1885. He and his only child, Peter Meril Tschudy, were born in the new house which still stands on the homestead.

Peter Rudolph applied himself in improving his farm and his estate, all under cultivation and done by himself besides building the structures.

Anna was always busy with a large family and a house to care for. The timber claim had to be cultivated for. It contained many nice fruit trees which provided good food for them. A good herd of milk cows was built up and provided milk. From the milk the cream was skimmed off by hand. This cream was churned by hand to butter which was for their own table use as well as for selling. Anna acquired quite a reputation for making good cheese. This cheese was for their own use as well as selling. Chickens gave them meat and eggs to eat. Sometimes there were some eggs to sell. The money from eggs, cream, butter and cheese had to buy shoes, jackets or material for clothing. In Anna's early married life, Peter traded a cow for a sewing machine so she made clothing for the entire family.

Water that came from the wells was hard and water from the slough was used for washing and bathing as well as for the animals. Soap was made from tallow and lard that come from the animals that were butchered for food.

As true pioneer farm men and women, Peter and Anna survived all the hardships of droughts, blizzards, grasshoppers, floods, etc. on their homestead.

A smoke house close to the living house had hams and bacons hanging in there the year round as that was their only way of preserving them. Fresh meats were packed down in salt in stone jars. Because of the size of the family it was continual work to keep the food supply plentiful. Anna was a hard working pioneer, besides all of the work around the house, she often went into the fields to help. Besides this she was often called upon by neighbors for many miles around to act as mid-wife. She was able to go to the neighbors aid because her family was taught well to be self reliant and to work together when she wasn't there.

Death took Peter Rudolph Tschudi, Sr. in 1900 when he died from injuries received when he fell off of a wagon on the way home from the mill at Centerville. Anna continued living on the Lincoln County homestead the remainder of her life, except the last 18 months when ill health forced her to move into Beresford and live with her daughter (Rosa Tschudy Birnie). Anna died in 1939. At the time of her death Anna Tschudi was 93 years old, which gave her the honor of being Beresford's oldest woman as well as the oldest widow of a Civil War Veteran in the community.

Peter and Anna's youngest son Otto attended North Star school in Lincoln county. Otto married Alfreda Veborg in 1910, they had one child born to them, Peter Meril Tschudy. Peter Meril was born in 1911 at the Tschudi homestead. Peter Meril married Myrtle Hustrulid in 1932. Otto and Alfreda farmed in Lincoln County until 1918 when they moved to a farm south of Beresforrd. Otto and Alfreda moved into Beresford in 1945. Alfreda died in 1961 and Otto died in 1982 at the age of 97. He was the oldest lifetime resident of Beresford.

Peter Meril Tschudy and Myrtle Hustrulid Tschudy had five children. Myrtle died in 1977. Beverly, born in 1936 died at the age of four months. Carol, was born in 1939 and lives in Arlington, Va. June (1933) married George Thompson and lives in Gresham, Ore. They have three sons, Steven, Richard and David. David is married to Cheryl Brown and they have a daughter, Nichole Ann. Raymond (1937) married Donna Kryger and has three daughters, Roxanne, Renee and Connie. Meril D. (1943) married Phyllis Peterson and has three children, Lori, Michael and Scott.

Ole Tuntland Family

Three Tuntland brothers immigrated to this community from Norway at various times in the 1870's. They settled within a few miles of each other in the southern part of Lincoln County. The first to come was Oystein. He dropped the name Tuntland and took Olson as his surname. This was common practice among early Scandinavian immigrants, especially if their last name was a difficult one. Most often they would add a "son" or "sen" to their fathers' first name. Oystein homesteaded in Highland township and married Dora Nilson in 1871. They raised five children, Minnie Rodway, Martha Peterson, Carrie Olson, Emma Peterson and Oscar Olson. Oystein died in 1913 near Centerville and is buried in the Centerville cemetery.

The eldest of the three brothers was Ole

Tuntland, Sr. He came to Dakota Territory in the spring of 1871. Ole and Eli Kvarne were married at Vermillion in 1872. They settled on a homestead near Romsdal Lutheran church. The four sons of this couple spent their entire lives farming in the Beresford area. They were; Peter, Austin, Ole Jr. and Bartlett Tuntland. The mother, Eli died in 1883. Many years later, in 1905, Ole married Mrs. Marthine Rade. He was a lay evangelist and in his later years spent much of his time preaching the Gospel and writing. After thirty-eight years on the homestead Ole moved with his wife to Centerville. The youngest son Bartlett and family took over the family farm. In 1926 Ole Sr. was buried in the family cemetery on his homestead. The Peter Tuntland's farm is now occupied by his great-grandson Gregg Fossum. Austin's farm is owned and operated by Fred Sweeter. Ole Jr.'s place is farmed by his grandson David Tuntland. Barlett's daughter Mrs. Ethel Rowley is in charge of the family homestead.

Ole Oysteinson Tuntland

Ole Oysteinson Tuntland was the third and youngest of the Tuntland early settlers. He came to Lincoln County in 1879 and later purchased homestead rights to a farm one mile west of Romsdal Lutheran Church. He married Kari Olson in 1882 and to this couple were born Osemina, Bertha, Oscar, Otto and Inger. In 1891 the farmhouse that now stands was built. That same year the mother Kari died and Ole was left with five young motherless children to care for. One child, Bertha, died eighteen months later.

During the winter of 1893-94 Ole paid a visit to his homeland. When he returned to South Dakota he brought with him his new bride. He had married Anna Haug of Hjelmeland, Norway. Anna mothered the four little children and bore eight of her own. The five who grew to adulthood were; Melvin, Bernhard, Osmond, Agnes and Ellen. Mother Anna died in June, 1924.

Ole and his family were members of Lands Lutheran church.

In 1927 Ole married Inger Oveson and they lived in Buxton, N.D. By the mid-thirties Ole's health failed and he returned to Lincoln County. His daughter Agnes and her husband Edgar Wastell cared for him in their home until his death in 1938.

Melvin married Opal Erickson of Inwood, Ia. in 1925. They farmed in Highland township and had three daughters, Carol, Alice and Norma. Melvin died in 1972 and Opal still lives on their farm.

Bernhard farmed near home a number of years. He was married in 1933 to Myrtle Lind from the Worthing area. They moved to Canton, when he was sheriff of Lincoln County for 12 years. They are retired and live in Canton. Their daughter Mary Brodland died in 1975. The other daughter, Lois, lives in Sioux Falls with her husband Dr. Gon Sanchez and son Paul.

Osmond lived on the homeplace continuously for 76 years. He married Olive Gubbrud of rural Alcester in 1932. They farmed until 1978 when they moved to a new home in Beresford. Osmond died in 1980 and is buried at Lands cemetery.

Agnes married Edgar Wastell in 1934. They purchased a farm one-half mile north of Romsdal Lutheran Church. Agnes died from cancer when their children Ann and Charles were four and six years old. Edgar is retired and resides on his farm.

Ellen was married in 1930 to Paul Hanson of the Moe community. They farmed in Moody County until they retired and moved to Dell Rapids. Paul died in 1972. Their daughter, Estelle, is married to Pastor Roy Reierson, presently serving a church in Colton.

John and Susan Vennard

John Vennard was born in 1834 in Armagh County, Ireland to parents Robert and Jane White Vennard. In 1861 he married Susan Carson (1837), from the same County in Ireland. They came first to Canada, then to Dakota Territory. John and Susan had seven children; William married to Soffie Berthelsen, Mary Ann (Hitchman), John who never married; Jane (Boles); James married to Lydia Olson, Edward married to Maude Hooker and Goldie (Hult).

Mr. and Mrs. Vennard operated a store in Alsen for five years. The family moved to Beresford where they established a store for a time. They were still living above the store when fire took an entire block of buildings.

Back row: Jacob, Thomas T., Charles Milliken and his wife Louise. Front: Mr. Voegeli, Anna, Mrs. Voegeli.

Gabriel and Louise Voegeli

Louise Hauser was born in 1849 in Glarus, Switzerland to Louise and Jake Hauser. She with her parents and three brothers came to the United States in 1867 by sail boat which took 47 days. They settled in New Glarus, Wisconsin, which was a settlement of all Swiss people.

In 1867 she was married to Thomas Voegeli. Two children were born in New Glarus: Thomas T. in 1869 and Louise in 1870. (See Thomas Voegeli story).

They immigrated to South Dakota in 1873 in a covered wagon and located in Lincoln County, Pleasant Township six miles northeast of where Beresford is now located. Two children were born here: Jacob in 1873 and Anna in 1876. Jacob was the first white baby born in Pleasant township. Of course they lived in a sod house which was heated by burning hay and cow chips in the cook stove. Corn meal which had been ground in the coffee grinder was made into mush and bread, supplying them with food. For coffee they picked chickory in the fields and ground it in the coffee grinder.

Prairie fires and Indians were their chief worries. There was an Indian Reservation in Yankton at that time. There being nothing but prairie and grasshopper invasions in this territory it was a hard struggle to make a living. They decided to move to White Bear Lake, Minn. where Louise's parents lived. It was here that her husband, Thomas lost interest in caring for his family so they divorced and Gabriel, his half-brother, wanted to care for them, so Gabriel married Louise in 1883.

Gabriel was born in Linthal Canton Glarus Switzerland in 1843 and came to the United States in 1861 and located in New Glarus, Wisc. When he arrived the Civil War was in progress and soon after he enlisted with the Ninth Wisconsin Infantry where he served four and a half years.

After two years at White Bear Lake, he took the family to St. Paul, Minn. where he could make a living at his carpenter trade. After two years they decided to move back to South Dakota. They came back to the same location where Louise had lived before. Living conditions had become more improved so farming was more successful. Cattle and chickens were now available. They were able to purchase groceries three miles south of where Beresford is now located at Dave Stephen's store across from where Sunnyside School was located. In the fall a group of men would go to Elk Point with oxen to get their winters supply of wood.

The German Lutheran Church services and Sunday School were held in the Mathais Schmidt home about two and a half miles from the Voegeli home. Another thing that pleased them, a doctor was now available in Canton.

They saw the beginning of Beresford and watched the railroad being built. "I remember my father telling how he jumped out of bed when he heard the first train whistle into Beresford even though he was bed-ridden with rheumatism."

After several years of farming they moved into the town of Beresford in 1892 where

Grandpa Gabriel continued his carpenter trade. In their retiring years they had a cheese shop. Gabe sold every kind of Swiss cheeses.

Gabriel died in 1921. The four remaining Civil War veterans acted as honorary pallbearers. Louise died in 1926. The Voegeli's had resided in the Beresford community for 50 years. They were members of the Congregational Church.

Back row: Anna Rommereim, Mamie Blumer, Matt (Matheis) Voegeli, Millie Speich; front row: Erwin, Mr. Voegeli, John and Mrs. Voegeli.

Jacob and Anna Voegeli

Jacob Voegeli, born in 1862 in Linthal, Canton-Glarus, Switzerland, came to the United States with his mother at the age of 13. He spent several years around the St. Paul, Minn. area before he decided to come to Beresford, Dakota Territory. His two brothers, Thomas and John, had already homesteaded northeast of Beresford, which is now the Walter Zweifel and Leon Thompson farms.

In 1887, he purchased a homestead claim from John Martz for $1,800. John, in 1884, had purchased the claim from a Mr. Mort for $200, in which he had homesteaded rights for the land in 1882. Mr. Martz was unmarried and Jacob worked the land and started improving the building site along with the land.

Jacob married Anna Schmid, daughter of Mathias and Magdalena Schmid, in 1887. Anna was born in 1865 at New Glarus, Wisc. She came by covered wagon to Dakota Territory with her parents and eight brothers and sisters at the age of seven. They settled in Pleasant Valley, Pleasant township, in 1873.

Because of the many wooded areas, walking to and from school was very dangerous at times because of the threat of timber wolves. The children would carry a large wash tub with them to school and if the timber wolves were close, they would hide beneath the tub until they thought it was clear for them to run towards home.

Immediately after Jacob and Anna were married, they moved to their homestead. Jacob, who had learned the carpenter trade, made use of his skill by establishing a sawmill on the northwest corner of his land. Many homesteaders bought lumber at Jacob's sawmill. The barn built on his farm before the 1900's and the house that was rebuilt from the first four-room structure and remodeled in the early 1900's, are still standing and are both in continuous use.

Children born to Jacob and Anna were Nellie Cordellia (died in infancy in 1890 flu epidemic), Mamie (1890-1959), Mathias (1895-1937), Anna (1895), Millie (1898-1981), John (1902) and Erwin (1905-1977).

In June 1910, Jacob drove his team and wagon with high top box into Beresford to take a load of shingles home. Being a warm day, he waited until evening to start with his load home. Just outside of Beresford, near the Buddie place, one

wheel of the wagon struck a culvert and threw Jacob to the ground, landing on his head and shoulders. He was found partially paralyzed and unconscious. The town doctor was summoned and he took Jacob back to town with him. By morning he was feeling somewhat better and had regained consciousness. He assured his family he would be better in a few days. By mid-afternoon, Jacob fell into unconsciousness and died that afternoon.

In 1916, Anna married John R. Thompson, who had come to work on the Jacob Voegeli farm in 1908. John R., born in 1875 in Antrim County, Ireland to Robert and Mary Ann Thompson, learned to farm with his father and then later for himself in Ireland. In 1908, John Bovill of the Beresford community, took a trip to visit relatives in Ireland and on his return, John R. accompanied him.

Contacting German measles as a young woman left Anna deaf for over 50 years of her life. She became very appreciative and aware of nature's beauty. In their early years of farming the threat of prairie fires, grasshoppers and locutsts destroyed their crops. Anna died in 1950. John R. continued to live on the farm until 1956 when his granddaughter and husband, Dorothy and Melvin Nothdurft, started farming on the homestead. He moved into Beresford and died in 1959.

Mamie Voegeli was married to Bert Blumer in 1912. He was born and raised in LeMars, Ia. His craft was painting and paper hanging, which he learned from his father. His father, Bartholamew Jacob, and Jacob Voegeli were boyhood friends in Linthal, Switzerland. In 1917, they moved to Beresford where their children received their education. In 1938, for health reasons, they moved to Denver, Colo. Both Bert and Mamie died there. Their children are Donald, Sioux Falls; Mrs. Esther Powers, Lakewood, Colo., Leroy of Arvada, Colo. and Anna Marie (Mrs. Kenneth Mahoney), Sequim, Wash.

Mathias married Anna Schiesser in 1918 at Sioux City, Ia. He farmed the home place until 1921 when he moved to Oaks, N.D. to farm. He died in 1937, leaving a young family. Children of Matt and Anna are Viola Elmer (Walter), Bismarck, N.D.; Helen Vix (Henry), Stickney; Clayton, Ellendale, N.D.; Adele Mattheis (Calvin), Morris, Minn.; Shirley Greene (W. C.) Lexington, Kent.; Harris (deceased). Anna lives in Morris, Minn.

Anna Voegeli was married to Gilbert Rommereim in 1923. They settled in Beresford where he operated Gil's Battery Service, located where the post office now stands. He also operated an electrical and motor repair shop later. He taught the trade to Ole Wevik, Alfred Latendresse and others. Gilbert died in 1964 at Seattle, Wash. Their children are James, Seattle, Wash.; Jean Houseman (Bob), Puyallup, Wash. and Enid of Bellflower, Calif. Anna resides in a nursing home at Puyallup, Wash.

Millie Voegeli married Matt Speich in 1920. They farmed in the Beresford area, bought, and then sold the farm which Russell Hinkle owns. Millie gave piano lessons for over 50 years. After Matt's death in 1965, she built a home and lived in Beresford. Later she entered the Bethesda Nursing Home, passing away in 1981. They had one daughter, Evelyn Cornish (Ted), deceased.

John Voegeli and Agnes Espeland were married in 1932 and began farming the adjacent place to the home farm until they retired into Beresford in 1970. John and Agnes celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in 1982. Agnes died that same year. Their children are Marlys Warrington (Jerry), Everett, Wash.; Arlene Waag, Beresford; Jerold, Beresford; Myrna (Mrs. Dennis Nelson), Mission Viejo, Calif.; Lois Mass (Chuck), Sioux Falls; Lloyd, Beresford; and Linda Nelson (David), Arvada, Colo. John and Agnes were charter members of the Senior Citizens.

Erwin married Myrtle Christensen in 1930. They farmed the homestead. In 1941 they bought a farm in the Valley Springs vicinity. In 1962 they returned to the homestead to farm. In 1970 they moved into Beresford and became very active in formulating the Senior Citizens Center and were also charter members. Erwin was a conservationist and, while attending a conservation seminar at SDSU, he died in 1977. Myrtle died in 1982. Erwin and Myrtle's children are Flora Mae Zweep (Donald); Garretson; Dorothy Nothdurft (Melvin) and Dicky (twins), Harrisburg; Lester, Beresford; Karen Marie Scott (deceased).

The family has continually farmed the homestead of Jacob and Anna Voegeli since he first purchased the homestead claim. Lester, Erwin's son, purchased the farm from his father in 1976 and operates a dairy and crop farm.

Joseph and Anna Voegeli

Joseph Voegeli was born in 1859 at Linthal, Canton-Glarus, Switzerland, one of a family of four children, to parents Jacob Voegeli and Elsbeth Ris. At the age of 22, he immigrated to America, spending the first four years in Wisconsin and Iowa.

Joseph Voegeli family: Katie, Margaret, Ed, Minnie, Joseph, George, Rose, Jake; inset: Anna, the first Mrs. Joseph Voegeli.

In 1883, Mr. Voegeli came to Dakota Territory on a visit. Coming to this community, he located east of Beresford before the town was built, and witnessed the building of the railroad.

In 1885, he was married to Anna Stuessi, who was also born in Linthal, Canton-Glarus, Switzerland, in 1861 of parents George and Rosina Stuessi. They had eight children, who are: Margaret (1886-1974), who married Joseph Zweifel in 1903 (their children are listed under the Joseph Zweifel history); Jacob George (1888-1889).

Katherine (1890-1974) married Henry Heimgartner in 1885. They lived in Iowa and their children and families are almost all located in Iowa.

Ed (1893-1962) married Loretta Bubs. They had two children, Florence (Mrs. Dennis Tellinghuisen) of Soux Falls. They have a daughter, Dawn (Philip) Zimmerman of Rapid City, and a son, Dennis, who is married and lives in Minneapolis, Minn. LeRoy married Karen Weeldreyer and lives in Sioux Falls. They have three children, Krisi, Michelle and Rhonda.

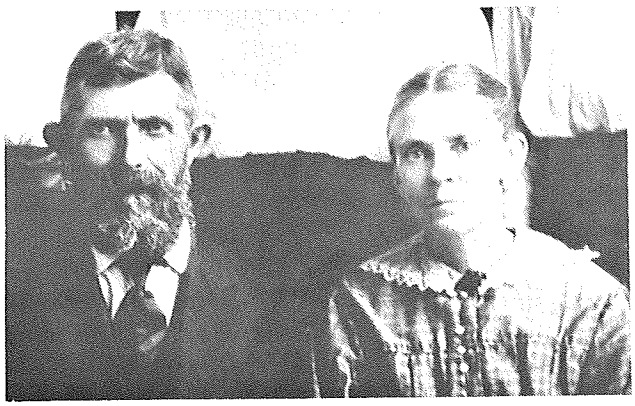
Minnie (1896-1976) never married and lived on the family farm all her life.

George (1899-1976) married Hertha Stusse in 1927. They had three children: Delores, Kenneth and Paul. Delores married Jules Welch in 1955 and they have five children. Marsha (Daniel) Thompson has two children, Stacy and Justin. Karen (Donald) Hatle has a son, Nathan. Neal is serving in the Navy and Gary and Dean are at home. Kenneth married Gwynneth Stalheim. They have six children: Cynthia (James) Muhlenkort has two daughters, Nicole and Jaccii; Kevin married Brenda Larsen and has two sons, Jesse and Jason; Kendall married Connie Terpstra, is living in Hawaii, in the Armed Forces, and they have a son, Kullen; Keith, Kent and Kyle live at home. Paul married Marlene Hakl and they have four children: Beth (Robert) Schlup, Elaine, Allan and Charles.

Rose, a twin sister to George (1899-1982), married Robert Bovill, Sr. in 1929. They had two sons, Robert and George. Robert married Audrey Stoneall and has three children: Deborah (Byron) Ruhr, who has a son, Ryan; Randy, who married Brenda VanDyke, has two children, Connie and Jerald; and a daughter, Julie Kay.

Jake, born in 1902, has lived and farmed the homestead all his life.

In 1885, with his brother-in-law, Jost Stuessi, a half-section of land was purchased from Gabriel Voegeli. The two families continued living together in their pioneer home until division of the land was made into two separate farms.



Joseph Voegeli and second wife, Anna.

In 1902, Mrs. Voegeli passed away. In 1903, Joseph Voegeli married Anna Stuessi (1861), who was the daughter of Melchior Stuessi. The two Mrs. Voegelis were not related.

Mr. Voegeli retired in 1935 and rented his land to his sons. Jake Voegeli, only living member of the family, still resides on the farm.

Julia and Thomas T. Voegeli

Thomas and Julia Voegeli

Thomas T. Voegeli was born in New Glarus, Wisc. in 1869. He was the son of Louise and Thomas Voegeli. In 1873, he came with his folks to Beresford. He farmed awhile and later was fireman on the North Western Railroad.

In 1905, he married Julia Dahlberg. That year he began working at the J. L. Reedy Grain Elevator and later worked at the Farmers Elevator until 1941. Julia worked as a dressmaker. They had three children. Lucile was born in 1907, Harvey in 1909 and Ray in 1911. Two boys died in infancy. Tom and Julia were members of the Congregational Church and Eastern Star. Tom was also a Masonic Lodge, Consistory and I.O.O.F. member. He died in 1953 and Julia in 1968.

Lucile spent most of her life on the business streets of Beresford. She started with the popcorn machine at Krieb's Drug Store when in the seventh grade. In 1938, she married Leonard Mangan and they lived in Dubuque, Ia. for six years before returning to Beresford and operating the Standard Oil for 17 years. They managed the Wards Catalog Store for 11 years until Leonard died in 1976. Lucile operated the store for two more years and then sold the business to her daughter and husband.

Leonard and Lucile had two children. Joseph married Barbara Lubeck and is living in Cherokee, Ia. and Ruth Ann married Don Jervik. The Jerviks sold the Wards Store and now are with Watertown Monuments Co. The Leonard Mangans have six grandchildren: Daniel, Robert, Timothy, Thomas, Jennifer and Jessica.

Harvey attended the School of Mines and, in 1936, married Thelma Witt. They moved to California in 1939 and Harvey went to work for Douglas Aircraft. Their three children are Barbara, Susan and Thomas. Thelma died in 1982 and Harvey is retired and lives in Mar Vista, Calif.

Ray was employed by Reed Sales and married Dorothy Wells of Alcester. Ray's family moved to California in 1941 and he also worked at Douglas Aircraft. Ray died in 1971. They had two children, Cherie and Douglas.

Louise Voegeli, born in New Glarus, Wisc., came to Beresford in 1873 and lived with her parents and brother in a sod house. She married Charles Milliken in 1891 and they lived on a farm four miles north of Beresford. They had two children. Leslie was born in 1892 and Marie in 1900. They attended Zion Evangelical Church. Charles died in 1941 and Louise in 1934.

Leslie was an Evangelical minister serving at Yankton, Plankinton, Watertown and Big Stone City. He was chaplain at the State Hospital and held services over WNAX. He married Blanche Pierce, a teacher and daughter of P. S. Pierce, of Beresford. Rev. Milliken died in 1943 and Blanche in 1981. They had four children and ten grandchildren.

Marie married Francis Spire in 1920 and they farmed north of town. Francis died in 1971. Their daughter, Joyce, married Wayne Seipp. Marie has five grandchildren and now lives in Florida.

John Jacob Voegeli was born in Pleasant township in 1873 in the sod house. Emma Miller became his bride in 1906. They had two children, Vernon, born in 1908 and Lillian, born in 1918.

John organized the Voegeli Harp Orchestra in 1873 with Adam Hinkus as clarinet player, George Cohoe on trumpet and bells, Peter Gard, harpist, and John, violinist. They traveled together for 17 years in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota. He took a course in embalming and operated a funeral home and furniture business. Mr. Voegeli built the first public swimming pool in Beresford, near the intersection of highways 46 and 77.

The family belonged to the Congregational Church. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge, Shriners and Consistory. Jacob died in 1950.

Vernon assisted his father in the funeral home and furniture business and continued after his father's death. He was in the service overseas. Vernon died at Ft. Meade in 1978.

Lillian was employed in several areas until her

marriage to Dave Schneider in 1943 when she moved to Chicago. They had a daughter, Nancy, and a grandson, Jeffrey. In 1969, Lillian married Charles Lewis.

Anna Voegeli was born in 1876. She, too, was born in the sod house. In 1900 she married George Oakes who was janitor of the Beresford school and later a city policeman before being associated with Standard Oil. He made the bulk line gas delivery with his Morgan horses before trucks were available. In later years he was associated with Phillips Oil. They lived most of their lives in the house on the corner of Fourth and Main. They attended the Congregational Church. Anna was a member of Eastern Star. George died in 1959. Anna lived at Bethesda for eight years before her death in 1970. They had two children, LeRoy and Mildred.

LeRoy was foreman at Cudahy's in Omaha before returning to Beresford to join his father in business. In 1925, he married Ann Darrell. In 1951 they left Beresford and moved to Wisconsin. They had two sons. Robert, born in 1930, is married and in business in Oregon. He has two girls and one boy. Donald, born in 1936, is a pharmacist, married, and living in Florida. He and his wife have two boys and three girls.

Mildred was employed at the Children's Home Society in Omaha until, in 1928, she married Dr. Harry Muilenburg. He was a dentist and had grown up in Beresford, as had Mildred, but practiced in Sioux Falls. Mildred and their two children, Thomas and Susan, returned to live in Beresford while Dr. Muilenburg served in WWII. They returned to Sioux Falls where he completed 45 years in dentistry before retiring in Vermillion. He died in 1979. Thomas became an attorney and practices in Sioux Falls. He and his wife have two children, Lisa and Michael. Susan is Mrs. Rollie French, a real estate broker in Vermillion. She and her husband have two sons, Mike and Tom.

Vernon Voegeli

Vernon J. Voegeli (1908-1978) was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Jacob Voegeli at the family home at 311 East Cedar Street, Beresford. He attended Beresford Public Schools, graduating from high school in 1928. During this time he was interested in music—playing the harmonica as a youngster, then the violin (following in his father's footsteps) and also the coronet and trumpet. He was a member of the Beresford City Band, and also played with local dance bands and groups that played for school dances and local events.

Vernon Voegeli

His first venture into business was to operate the refreshment stand at the swimming pool. The pool was built by his father in 1925, and located at the east end of Cedar Street. From May to Labor Day, his days, especially on weekends, were very busy as the pool brought visitors to Beresford from surrounding towns of Vermillion, Centerville, Alcester, Viborg and Canton. He gave this up in 1931 and the family leased the pool to others. The pool closed in the early 1940's and later the city constructed a pool located in the City Park.

After graduating from high school, he entered the University of South Dakota at Vermillion, where he majored in Business Administration and Music. He studied with Dean Colton and was in the University Symphony Orchestra, and was also a member of the ROTC Band, playing the trumpet. He was a student at Vermillion for three years, 1928 to 1931.

In 1931, he went into business with his father and continued his interest in music and civic affairs: Commercial Club, Odd Fellows, Masons, Congregational Church, among others. The first location of the Voegeli Furniture Store was the former location of the Benson Furniture Co. (formerly Guenzel's), in 1934. They later moved two stores north on the same block. This was a much larger location, and provided space for their undertaking business as well as the furniture store. Later, as the business prospered, they moved the funeral home to the Dr. Hansen house on East Main Street.

Vernon was inducted into the Army and served in the Army Air Force in WWII. After his discharge in 1945, he resumed his business career in Beresford. His father died in 1950, and Vernon continued the business as sole owner. In the

1960's he moved the funeral home to the Duncan House on South Third Street. At that time he gave up his residence in the family home on Cedar Street, rented it to others, and established an apartment above the funeral home.

In 1965, his health failed and he suffered a stroke, forcing him to give up his business. He retired to the State Soldiers Home at Hot Springs, S.D. and later, in 1971, moved into the V.A. Hospital at Ft. Meade, where he died in 1978.

Louis and Ida Wagner

Louis J. and Ida Wagner

Louis J. Wagner, Sr. was born in 1866 at Ernsbach, Wurttenburg, Germany and came to America when he was about 15 years of age. To avoid military duty at age 16, Louis came to America. He first stayed with Louis Miller, a cousin, at Storm Lake, Ia. Later he worked for Lou Crill in a flour mill near Richland, S.D. It was during this time that he met and married Ida Fate, who also was working for the Louis Crill family. They were married in 1887.

The Wagners lived in Vermillion and Lennox before coming to Beresford around 1898. Louis was a miller by trade and for a year was in partnership with two men at Lennox. He then disposed of his partnership and went into partnership in Beresford with L. N. Crill and William C. Field in the milling business and electric plant. In 1901 the city entered into a contract with L. M. Crill, Wagner and Field to furnish electricity to Beresford. This plant was later sold by the trio and still later the mill burned.

Louis then became a partner in Union County Investment Co. and when this partnership was dissolved he received as his holdings a flour mill at Doone, Ia. and the electric plant at Beresford. The mill was dismantled and moved to Beresford. It was a large building about three stories high and its location was near the C&NW Railroad. The mill produced flour named "Zenith" made from the best wheat and "white silk" made from a lower grade of wheat. This flour and bran millings (also called "shorts") were shipped by rail to Sioux City and Omaha.

A high line was built to furnish electricity to Alcester. When Louis first ran the electric plant it was shut down at midnight. About 1920, the City of Beresford took over the electric plant, and built a diesel powered plant just north of the Methodist Church.

Louis lost his milling business. While working for Fred Heinzman during threshing season, he reached over a threshing machine belt to oil a bearing. His right arm was caught and torn off below the elbow. In spite of his handicap, he learned to write very well. After this happened, he opened a flour and feed business near the present home of Tom Nordquist.

Louis and Ida Wagner owned an entire city block with a house, barn, hog house and chicken house on it. Ida lived there for 60 years before her death in 1959. John Latendresse bought the property after Ida's death and built several new homes on the block. Some of these homes belong to James Dolan, Dean Seiler, Robert Neilson, Edwin Johnson and Earl Ellison.

When Louis had been in America for some time, he assisted a sister, Julia, and two brothers, Chris and John, in coming to America.

Julia married John Tschudy and lived on a farm near Beresford. They had one daughter, Lucille, who married Joe Pliska. Lucille still lives on the farm her parents owned.

The children of Joe and Lucille Pliska are Marcene, Garran, Jule and Jerry. Marcene and her husband, Wendell Gabel, farm near Alcester and have four daughters: Brenda Briggle, who has a son, Matthew; Sherea Risk (Kevin) has a daughter, Torrie; Sheryl Myers (Brad) has two sons, Nikolas and Derek; and Cindy Gabel. Garran, Sioux Falls, married Ruth Johnson and are parents of Shawn, Jay, Chad and Dana; Jule Schollerman (Howard), Hawarden, Ia. has two sons, Randy and Kevin; Jerry and his wife, Linda Overbaay, and daughters, Heide and Holly, live at Dell Rapids.

Chris eventually lived in or near Bonners Ferry, Id. He married and had a son, Chester.

John married and had two sons, Milton and Kermit. Milton was killed in WWII. Kermit owns the grain business left by his father. There are

many silos in different towns in Nebraska that carry the Wagner name.

The Louis Wagner children were William (1888-1977); Louis, Jr. (1890-1936); John (1892-1965); Daisy (1894-1982); Bryan (1896-1960); Julia (1899-1900); Almina (1901); Oscar (1904); Chris (1907-1976); Edith (1910); and Ada (1914).

William worked in the electric and diesel plants. He moved to Dixon, Ill. and there married Lila Drew. They had two children, Lloyd and Jean.

Louis, Jr. also worked in electric and diesel plants. Louis had a broom factory in the house now owned by Max Carlson. He was a World War II overseas veteran. Louis never married.

John worked as an electric lineman. When up on a pole working on a line, 3,200 volts of electricity arched through his thigh, leaving a hole about the diameter of a broomstick. John was also a WWII veteran serving stateside. He never married.

Daisy was the only one of the 11 children to graduate from high school (class of 1912). She married Willis Cox, who worked for C&NW Railroad. After living in many towns, they made a permanent home in Centerville. Their two children are Evelyn and Melville. Evelyn, Centerville, married Bud Hisel. Melville lives in Columbus, Nebr. He has a son and daughter from his first marriage and a daughter from the second marriage.

Bryan worked for his father in the flour mill and electric plant. Bryan and Anna Ganvick, of Bergen, Norway, were married in 1918. Bryan farmed in the Harrisburg area but returned to Beresford, working at the elevator and as Supt. of Water and Light Plant. Bryan and Anna had four children: Raymond, is married and has a son, Dale; Eleanor married Kenneth Hendrix, and had a daughter, Kathleen Andre (Daniel) whose children are Angela and Belinda. In 1974, Eleanor married James Dunne, retired Supt. of Streets, Water and Sewer; Lillian Married Kenneth Carlson, Benso, Minn., and they have six children: Delores, Patricia, Richard, Linda, Robert and Joyce; Ruth married Lawrence Husman, Harrisburg, and has seven children: Dennis, Roger, Donald, Judy, Russell, Jerry and Jessie.

Almina, as a young woman, worked for the Beresford News, which was owned by C. W. Johnson and A. S. Colby. She married Paul Fredric and the couple moved to Dixon, Ill. They were the parents of three sons: Louis, Robert, Oscar "Red" and a daughter, Almina "Mina."

Oscar also worked at the flour mill and later at the *Beresford News* Office. Mary Buthala worked there at that time, too. Next, Oscar worked for Sturgis, editor of the *Beresford Republic,* and from there went to Peru, Ill. where he worked 19 years for a daily newspaper. At Peru, Ill, he married Venetta Bishop and they are the parents of a daughter, Virginia. Oscar and his wife now live at Central Valley, Calif.

Chris, as a young man, worked as a plumber for Raap and Norman Hardware. His older brother, Louis, used to tease Chris about his plumbing job by reciting this poem:

"The water pipes freeze
The plumber comes in;
He sets down his tools
With a satisfied grin,
He tears out the walls
That he never puts back
And carries the cash
Away in a sack."

In 1926, he moved to Kalamoazoo, Michigan and married Aurean Pello and they had a son, Louis.

Edith married Barney Abbott and they were parents of David, Jean and Daisy. David, Sioux Falls, married Melody Brunette, and they have two children, April and Jon. Jean and Tom Nordquist are parents of six sons: Mark, Jay, Gene, Luke, Timothy and Jeremiah. Daisy, Hastings, Nebr., married Vernon Sands and they have two children, Wade and Stacey.

Ada married Mike Johnson and her children are Marilyn Fannen (William) and Gary, and his wife Kay. The Fannens are parents of Debbie, Pam, Dana and Terry. Ada worked at Mac's Cafe for many years. After Ada's first husband died, she married Truman Lewis and had three children, Cheryl, Gail and Danny. The Lewis' lived at Central Valley, Calif.

John and Harriet Wass

John Wass was born in 1852 at Addison's Point, Maine (near the Great Wass Island) to Rufus and Mary Adams Gulliver Wass. Rufus was a sailor, boat builder, cabinet maker, carpenter, coffin builder, shoemaker, village undertaker and doctor. John Wass was a direct descendant of Miles Standish, Nathaniel Hawthorne, Henry Wadsworth, John Adams and John Quincy Adams. In 1856, Rufus crossed the Mississippi on ice with his wife and six children, then traveled to Grundy Center, Ia. by stagecoach. In Grundy Center, John grew to manhood, engaging in the livery, well-drilling and windmill business, then immigrated in a prairie schooner to Dakota Territory around 1879. After farming a few acres

Mr. Wass, Lloyd and Mrs. Wass

of beans and potatoes near Howard, Dakota Territory, John rode to Beresford, a village with 17 houses, on the first train in 1883. As a carpenter, he built many buildings and entered into partnership with Alec Campbell as Beresford's first contractors.

In 1887, John purchased Eli Ricard's stock of furniture and coffins for $300.00. He mortgaged and eventually lost his farm land to save "J. N. Wass Furniture and Undertaking" located east of where the post office now stands. John served the city as its first treasurer at $5.00 a year and when statehood was passed, John served as treasurer of the South Dakota Funeral Directors Association.

John married Harriet Garwood in 1881 at Wakonda. To this union were born two sons, Lloyd Milton (1893) and Wayne (1898). Wayne died in 1921 and Harriet died in 1909. John was an organizer of the Beresford Gun Club and brought the first horse-drawn hearse to the area and then the first auto hearse in 1914. John Nicols Wass died in 1935 of a heart attack, never reaching his goal of a half century of business in Beresford.

John and Harriet's son, Lloyd, was born in the upper level of a building built by John, which stood where Christensen's IGA now stands. Lloyd Milton graduated from Beresford High School in 1912 and entered into his father's business at an early age. He attended the Cincinnati College of Embalming and passed his state board exams on the day he became of voting age. Lloyd married Rose Elizabeth Stuessi, daughter of Jost and Salome Voegeli Stuessi, in 1916 and together they operated the family business. Lloyd assumed ownership of the business upon his father's death in 1935 as Wass Furniture and Wass Home for Funerals and he remains president of L. M. Wass, Inc. to this day. Lloyd's foresight brought modernization to his father's pioneer business. As of 1983, the business begun by John Wass was 96 years old. It is the oldest business institution in Beresford and the owners throughout the years held seven embalming licenses. In 1982, Rose died at Bethesda Home where she had resided since 1976.

Lloyd and Rose's one son, Milton, was born in 1918. Milton attended the University of Chicago and graduated from the College of Mortuary Science in St. Louis, Mo. He joined his father in the family business and married Lillian Bondhus of Iona, Minn. in 1939. They resided in Centerville following Milton's service in the Navy, and continued in the family business. Their four daughters are: Patricia (Mrs. Donald Nelson) of Bismarck, N.D.); Sandra (Mrs. Darrell Vik) of Beresford; Marjorie (Mrs. Lynn Ellis) of Beresford; and Kathleen (Mrs. Craig Fransen) of Jackson, Minn. The great-great-grandchildren of John N. and Harriet Wass are Clark Nelson, Christopher Nelson, Darren Vik, Regina Ellis, Clint Ellis, Daina Vik and Kollin Ellis.

Anthony and Mary Weiland

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Anthony (1888-1941) and Mary Reinartz (1900) Weiland came to the Beresford area in 1919. Meeting them at the train was Ray Seamen who they worked for their first year here. They began farming for themselves on the George Engler farm east of Beresford and lived there three years. Their oldest daughter, Dorothy (1920), was born there. They farmed a couple other

places in the next few years and, in that time, Lavon (1924) was born. In 1929 they moved to the Buthala farm south of Beresford. Donald (1935) and Marie (1938) were born there. Anthony passed away in 1941 and Mary lived there and, with the help of her family, continued to farm the land until 1960 when she moved into Beresford.

The four children attended Cleveland and Beresford High School. Dorothy attended her first three years at Gothland. All four were married at St. Joseph-Emmett.

Dorothy married Nick Sassel. They have two daughters, Diane and Marilyn. Diane married Clark Wells. They live at Alcester and have three boys, Todd, Chad and Bryan. Marilyn married Herbert Dreeszen. They live at Harrisburg and have two children, Lisa and Brent.

Lavon married Melvin Johnson. They have three children, Lois, Daniel and Dennis. Lois married Lyle Savey. They have three boys, Chris, Jason and Chad. Daniel married Patricia Selken and they have two daughters, Stephanie and Erin. Dennis lives at Harrisburg.

Donald married Pauline Schneibel. They have nine children: Paullette, who has a son, Paul; Donald, Mary Kay, Jolean, Jane, Jerome, Teresa, Beth and Donna.

Marie married Robert Schumacher. They have six children: Kathleen, Mary, Joseph, Debra, James and Jean. Kathleen married Anthony Anderson and lives in Sioux Falls. Mary married Brian Peters. Joseph lives at Ree Heights and Debra is at Indianapolis, Ind.

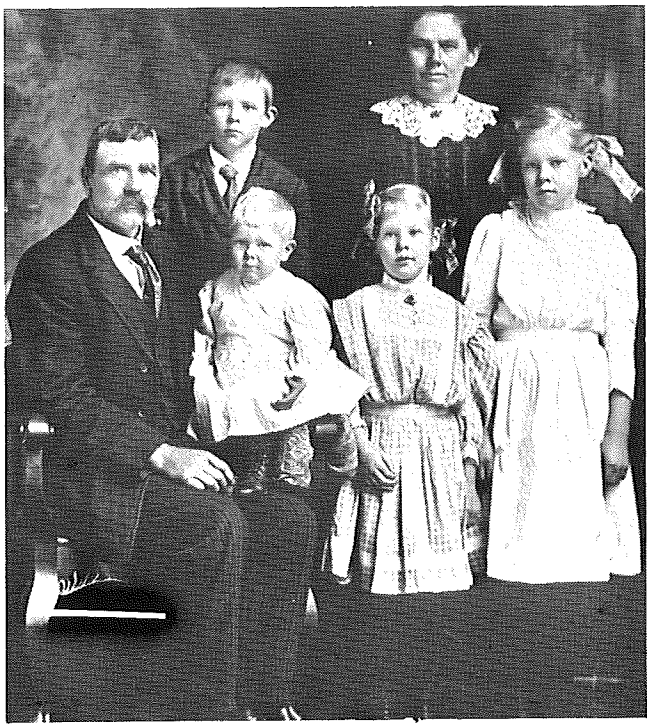
Erik and Hannah Wevik

Erik Wevik was born in 1867 in Byneset, Norway to Hans and Randi Olsdatter Stene, and came to the United States at the age of 16. He worked on the railroads at Sioux City, Ia. and at Huron, and in 1898 he married Hannah Leer in Sioux City.

They purchased a farm in Emmet township, Union county, in 1912, which has been in the family for three generations. For about 20 years, the Roseni Luther League sponsored the Fourth of July celebration at the large Wevik grove.

Erik and Hannah had four children: Ella, Newton, Ruth and Elmer. Ella has been a lifelong resident of the Beresford area. Ruth married Bert Anderson; she passed away in January, 1975.

Newton married Viola Sommervold and they farmed in the Roseni community until moving into Beresford in the fall of 1966. They have two children, Beverly and Eldean.

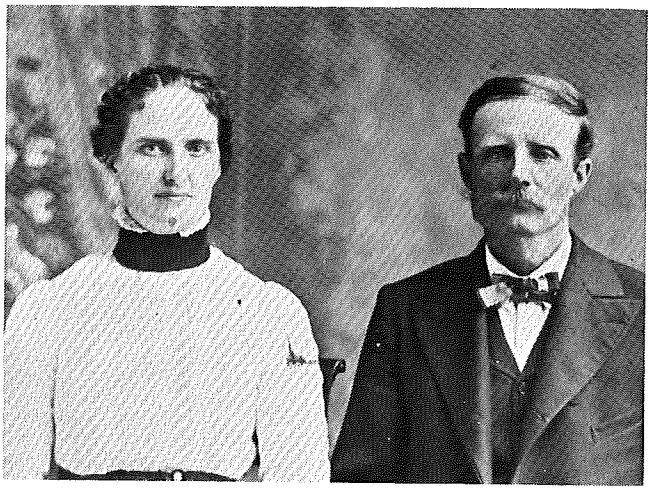


Back: Newton, Mrs. Wevik; front: Mr. Wevik, Elmer, Ruth and Ella.

Eldean is married to Eleanor Larson and they farm in the Roseni community. Their children are Mrs. Brenda (Vernon) Christopherson, Doug, Debra and Scott.

Beverly married Clinton Wetrosky. They farm in the Roseni community and have five children: Mrs. Nancy (Randy) Schaap; Terry; Mrs. Pamela (Regan) Homandberg; Jerry and Kimberly. Terry is married to Marian Hansen; they have four children: Lisa, Tracy, Geoffrey and Lynsey, and live near Beresford. Nancy married Randy Schaap and live in Yankton. They have three children, Aaron, Amanda and Abbey. Jerry is in the U.S. Navy and is stationed in Virginia. He married Marlene Larson and they have two daughters, Rachelle and Heather, and live in Alcester.

Elmer (Pat) married Mildred Dann Rasmussen. They farmed the home place until moving into Beresford in 1976. They have twin daughters, Janice and Jeanette, and a son, Merle. Jeanette is married to Cy Smolik. They are now living on the home place with their two children, Saretta and Matthew. Mr. Smolik is a Beresford High School teacher. Janice and her husband, Michael O'Connor, live in Marshalltown, Ia. They have two children, Michele Lorea and Timothy Michael. Merle lives in Riverton, Utah, a suburb of Salt Lake City.



Lois and Luther Whitlow

John and Anna Whitlow

John Thompkins Whitlow, grandson of an Englishman who immigrated to Virginia in about 1777, came to Dakota Territory from Michigan in 1878. There were nine in his family group: he and his third wife, Anna Straight, Grandmother Straight (79 years old) and six children—Ben, the oldest at 14, Jason, Lizzie, Ella, Dolph and Elmer (8 months). They came by train to Vermillion. After spending the first night in a hotel, John bought a team of mules for $200, a wagon with a double box and a spring seat for $76 and a harness for $30. The next morning they set out in the lumber wagon with a strange team in a strange country to Lincoln county to stay with relatives of Anna until they found land.

They soon found a place which belonged to a man named Tupper. He had filed on this quarter section as a tree claim, had plowed a small field and was planting a grove of young trees. To get it, John paid $25 in cash and the team of mules. But he could keep the team until he finished plowing and planting the corn. According to Ben, "Father borrowed a corn planter and I helped him. He tied a white piece of cloth to the spoke of the planter wheel on opposite sides. I sat facing backward on the planter, and every time the white cloth came up, I pulled the lever that released a corn kernel. That is how we planted our first corn in Dakota Territory." The homestead was in Section 19 of Lincoln township, Lincoln county.

After the harvest, John took grain to Vermillion, 35 miles away. Then they bought lumber to build a house on the homestead. The house was finished and they moved in 1878.

The family was growing. During the year, John's two oldest sons, Luther and Dempsey, came to Dakota Territory to settle. In 1879, another baby, Rena, was born to John and Anna.

Luther and Dempsey eventually found land of their own. Luther settled in Section 11 of Delaware township, about three miles from his father, and Dempsey found a place even closer in Lincoln township.

In 1884, Luther married Lois Dann, daughter of Abraham Dann, another pioneer. They settled on Luther's place, where Mrs. Scott Hardy now lives. Scott was a grandson of Luther and Lois Whitlow. Luther and Lois had six children: Grace, Ava, Harry, Ella, Hazel and Claude. Hazel died at about age 12.

Grace married Herbert Hardy of Mitchell in 1913. After living elsewhere in the state, they moved to the Luther Whitlow farm in 1933. They had four children: Lois, Scott, Sylvia and Caroline.

Lois Hardy married Alan Bogue and they now live in the same area. Their three sons are Donald of Jesup, Ia.; William of Creston, Ia. and Theodore of San Francisco, Calif. More about this family is found in the Edward Bogue family history.

Scott Hardy married Miriam Loken of Fairview in 1944 and they settled on the Luther Whitlow farm. Herbert had died in 1940. Scott and Miriam had seven children: Dennis, LaVonne, Daryl, Lynn, Brian, Marilyn and Jan. Dennis married Lynette Bong, a neighbor girl. They and their three children now live in Lincoln township. LaVonne is a school teacher in Hartford. Daryl married Karla Thorsby of Canton. They, with their four children, live in the Tea area. Lynn married Kija Thorsby, Karla's sister. With their daughter they live near Salt Lake City, Ut. Brian married Lisa Molyneaux of Davenport, Ia. They and their two daughters live near Burbank, Calif. Marilyn married Richard Hyronimus, a neighbor. They and their daughter also live in Lincoln township. Jan is at home with her mother.

Sylvia Hardy married James Trewin of Cedar Rapids, Ia. They now live in Richardson, Tex. Their three children are James of Richardson, Carol Shapiro of Houston, Tex. and Janet Faust of Hartland, Mich.

Caroline Hardy married James Howard of St. Louis, Mo. They were married in India during World War II, but now farm in the Centerville area. Caroline is a dietician in Sioux Valley Hospital, Sioux Falls. They have two sons, Robert and Richard. Robert and family live in Mitchell. Richard married Lois Akland of the Beresford

area. They and their son live in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Ava Whitlow, second daughter of Luther and Lois, became a singer and lived most of her life in Chicago. She did not marry.

Harry Whitlow, oldest son of Luther and Lois, married Leone Scott. For a time they farmed the Luther Whitlow place, but spent most of their lives in Kansas, Ohio and Iowa. Their older daughter, Beverly, lives in Swizterland. Jean Marrone, their other daughter, lives in Las Vegas, Nev. Leone Whitlow now lives in Las Vegas also.

Ella Whitlow married Verne Kennedy of Canton. They lived much of their life in the Chicago area. Their children are Verne, Jr., never married; Patricia Moore, Raleigh, N.C. and Lois Wark, West Lafayette, Ind.

Claude Whitlow, youngest child of Luther and Lois, married Alice Burke of Rapid City. Claude was a professor of economics at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion for most of his life. They had no children. Alice Whitlow still lives there.

John Thompkins' second son, Dempsey, married Clara Hornbeck. Their daughter, Mabel, did not marry. Their son, Roy, married Ethel Maynard and they had three children. Dempsey and Clara farmed for a number of years in Lincoln township before moving out of South Dakota.

Ben Whitlow, John's third son, married a Beresford school teacher, Eleanor Pickett. He was a blacksmith in Worthing for a time, then moved to the Forestburg, S.D. area. They had a son, Hugh.

Jason Whitlow married Huldah Koons in Beresford. They had eight children.

Lizzie died at age 22.

Ella Whitlow, daughter of John and Anna, married Homer Davis, who was a school teacher for several years at Pioneer rural school where the Whitlow children attended. Homer later became a doctor and he and Ella lived in Genoa, Nebr. for the remainder of their lives.

Dolph Whitlow married Nellie Simmons. They had two sons.

Elmer married Nellie Mooney. They farmed near Stickney. Their two children are Ivan and Ruth.

After the death of John Thompkins Whitlow in 1888, the family had separated, and Rena and her mother, Anna, moved to Madison so Rena could attend school there. Rena married Wilbur Gilbert. They had a daughter, Dorothy. No grandchildren.

When Luther Whitlow retired from farming, he and Lois moved into the city of Beresford. They were members of the Congregational Church. He died in 1934.

Alfred Wickstrom

Hannah Wickstrom

Alfred and Hannah Wickstrom

(Carl) Alfred Wickstrom (1886-1954) was one of ten children born to Peter and Sophie Sunder Wickstrom, Neder Lulea, Sweden. At the age of 17, Alfred came to South Dakota and went to the farm of his cousin, Zacharias Strom. He worked as a hired man to repay Strom for the steamship ticket. A brother had come to the Brooklyn community two years before Alfred (see Axel Wickstrom story). Alfred, his brother Axel, Joseph Norling and J. A. Sundstrom went to Butte county and homesteaded. Disappointed in the land, they came back to the Beresford area. Alfred tiled farms, worked as hired man and rented farms until WWI. Despite the fact he wasn't a citizen, he was drafted. The government gave non-citizens a choice of being drafted or being sent back to their native country. This law was rescinded after the war so no one was deported. Alfred served in the 89th Infantry, seeing action in both St. Mihiel and Argonne battles. At Argonne, he was wounded in the left shoulder by shrapnel. The military men found Alfred the following day among the soldiers left for dead. After discovering he was alive, they took him to a hospital in France, where he stayed six months.

Returning to Beresford, Alfred resumed farming. He married Hannah Sundstrom (1899-1960), daughter of N. J. and Adina Soderstrom Sundstrom. The Wickstroms lived on the N. J. Sundstrom farm. Hannah spent her entire life of 61 years on that farm. Alfred and Hannah had three children: Beatrice Erickson (Engolf), Joann

Landeen (Roy) and John, married to Celene Bernard. Kathy and Jan Erickson, Mary Erickson Boden (John), Bruce, Daniel and Nils Wickstrom and Kristy and Marc Landeen are the grandchildren; Tera and Amanda Boden are the great-grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Wickstrom are buried in Brooklyn cemetery.

Axel and Esther Wickstrom

Axel and Esther Wickstrom

Axel Wickstrom (1883-1967) was born at Neder Lulea, Sweden. He was one of a family of ten; his parents were Peter and Sophia Sunder Wickstrom. Axel immigrated to America in 1902. His brother, Alfred, came to America two years later.

Mr. Wickstrom married Mary Sundstrom (1896-1963), daughter of Charles and Mary Martinson Sundstrom, in 1915. They made their home on their farm west of Beresford until moving to Beresford in 1955. Their five children were: Milton (1916-1971); Mildred (1917); Geraldine (1919-1981); Warren (1922) and Lillian (1925).

Milton married Thelma Arne and their daughters are Mary Williams (Donald), rural Canton, and they have two sons, Shane and Brett; and Sharon Zocco (Frank), Tea, and they have three children, Kimberly, Timothy and Jason.

Mildred Sandwick (Allen), Centerville, have two daughters, Janet Hybertson (Ronald), Mankato, Minn. and their three children are Lori McConville (Brian), Brooks and Brian; and Nancy Bartlett (Gerald), Blue Springs, Mo. They have three children, Timothy, Daniel and Nicole. The Sandwicks' great-grandchild is Angela McConville.

Geraldine Peterson (Clifford) had two daughters, Barbara Frankovich (Ronald), Mechanicsburg, Pa. and children, Ronald, Jr. and Michelle; and Diane Miyaka (John), Boise, Id., and they have three children.

Warren married Donna Adamson, lives in Beresford, and ran an implement business. Their four children are: Linda Carter, Lincoln, Nebr. She has two children, Eraina and Matthew; Sherry Mennis (Mark), Sioux Falls. Their sons are Todd and Troy; Richard Wickstrom married Debra Brown, they live and work in Beresford and have two daughters, Katie and Kristen; and Debra Christensen (Merle). They have a son, James.

Lillian married Eugene Rasmussen, Union County Sheriff, Elk Point. Their four children are: Susan Olson (James), Sioux Falls, parents of Amy and Timothy; Richard married Maureen McInerney, lives in Elk Point and has three children, Robert, Jodi and Lisa; Kathleen Codner (Robert), Urbendal, Ia., has a son, Kyle; and John Rasmussen lives at Salem.

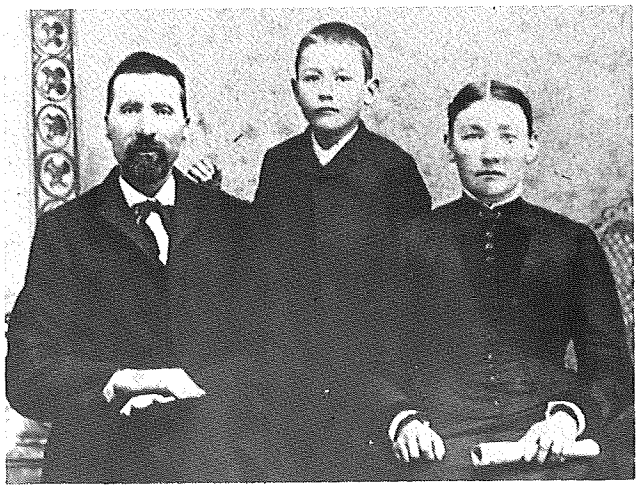
Nils and Christine Wilbert

Nils (Olson) Wilbert, born in 1844, left his native southern Sweden, immigrating to the United States in 1868, going first to Lansing in eastern Iowa. Not much is known of his family as it appeared he wanted to get lost, and nothing is known what he did in Iowa.

While still in Sweden he loaned money to a friend and he said he was going to find him even if he had to go to California in his search west, and landed in Clay county, Dakota Territory, where he was located. In 1874, Nils secured a relinquishment from a claimant in Glenwood township and obtained this land in 1884, part of which is still owned by the Wilberts.

At first he lived in a dugout. Then a small house was built with wood hauled from along the Missouri River near Vermillion, as the prairie at that time was treeless. Additions were made to the house and, after nearly 90 years, was torn down to make room for another.

Coming from Sweden his name was Nils Olson, but in Dakota in the same section lived a man



Mr. Wilbert, Ard and Mrs. Wilbert

with the same name, so the little mail they received was frequently mixed up. Thus the name change to Nils O. Wilbert, taking the name from someone he had worked for in Iowa.

His citizenship paper bears the date November 3, 1876. This certificate was found in the Federal Land Bank office when cleaning out papers, and an employee thought the family might appreciate having this century old paper.

Nils married Christine Carlson in 1879, whose family came to American from Christianstad, Sweden. The Jeppe Carlson family settled in Manson, Ia. before coming to Dakota. Christine worked in Vermillion when the town was below the hill, before the Missouri flooded the area, after which the city moved up on the bluff.

Four boys were born to the Nils Wilberts. Two died in infancy and one died at the age of two. Only Ard, born in 1881, survived to live until he was 75 years. He attended Ash Creek School, one-half mile west of the home place. Students of all ages attended when it was convenient, depending on the work needed to be done at home.

Ard's desire for an education was so great that his daughter remembers him telling how he would bicycle to the University at Vermillion over the trails, nearly 20 miles. Later he attended business school in Sioux City, which led to his being a cashier at the old Security State Bank.

In his desire to see America, Ard enjoyed taking the train to an exposition, the World's Fair as it is known today, to Portland, St. Louis, Omaha and Chicago.

Excelsior Springs, Mo., where various types of baths and mineral drinking waters were cures for many ills, the Nils Wilberts from Dakota met the John Nelsons of southern Iowa. The Wilberts had an eligible son and the Nelsons a daughter, and the Wilberts invited them to Dakota. The daughter, hearing this, thought it would be a lark to see Indians, so a visit was made and it led to Ard and Amelia's marriage in 1913. Ard's cousin, Eddie Carlson, was to be best man at the wedding, but Ard pulled a fast one and decided to get married the day before, taking the train alone to Essex, Ia. At Pacific Junction, Ia., others got on the train, and it wasn't long until they began talking Swedish, thinking no one would understand, and the groom-to-be, sitting behind Christine (Amelia's aunt), was taking it all in. Were they surprised, when getting off the train at Essex, that this black-haired fellow was the groom at the wedding they were to attend!

At first they lived in a house they built at 207 N. 5th in Beresford, and a couple of years later, decided to move out on the family farm. They had four children; the oldest died at the age of three. They always said they may not be able to leave their children much, but wanted, if possible, to give them an education. They bought a farm in 1920 from the George Larsens a mile west of Beresford so that the children would go to the Beresford City School. The family lived on this place for 40 years.

At first times were good and crops did well. Then came the crash of '29 and closing of banks, followed by drought, hail, grasshoppers and everything to make the life of a farmer frustrated.

Amy attended Augustana and graduated from Iowa State College. She worked in various hospitals in the United States and three and one-half years in the WWII Army Medical hospitals in North Africa and Italy. After 30 years of government service, she retired from the Veterans Administration in Hot Springs and moved back to Beresford to live with and care for her mother until her death at the age of 93.

Reynold attended Gustavus and Iowa State, graduating with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. After five years in the Army Air Corps with service in Alaska and India, he worked for Boeing in Seattle, Wash., retiring after 33 years of service with them. He married Harriet Sundstrom whose grandfather, John Sundstrom, was also an early pioneer. They have one daughter and one son, and two grandchildren.

John Vernon's attendance at Augustana was short-lived as he also entered the Army Air Corps with service in England and Germany. He married Charlotte Leeper, a Californian, and graduated from the University of San Francisco with a B.S. Degree in Business Education. He

retired after 30 years with the Mill Valley, Calif. school system. They have one daughter and two sons, all married.

Mrs. Willey, Clarence, Lottie, Ernie and Mr. Willey.

James and Sarah Willey

James Willey was born in 1843 in the province of Quebec, Canada. His early life was spent on a farm in Canada.

In the spring of 1865, he came to the United States and located in Jackson county, Ia. He worked in a blacksmith shop for two years and then settled on a farm in Clinton county, Ia. He later moved and homesteaded land in Sioux county, Ia. In 1881, he sold out and moved to Prairie township, Union county, Dakota Territory.

James Willey married Sarah Armstrong, a native of upper Canada, in 1885. James and Sarah had six children: Earnest, Elmer, Mary, Lottie (Mrs. Polie Latendresse), Clarence and Violet. Elmer, Mary and Violet died as small children.

Clarence Willey has two children residing in the Beresford area, James F. and Irene (Mrs. Carroll Hansen). James F. has three children, David and Dick of Minneapolis and Deborah (Mrs. Andy Anderburg) of Stevens Point, Wisc. David has four children: Maria, Mike, Renelle and Danise. Dick has three children, Jennifer, Michel and David. Irene has one daughter, Evonne (Mrs. Robert Frieberg) (see August Frieberg story).

Earnest and his wife, Minnie, had one daughter, Violet (deceased). Violet had one son, Bill Wiese, and he lives in Pocohantas, Ia.

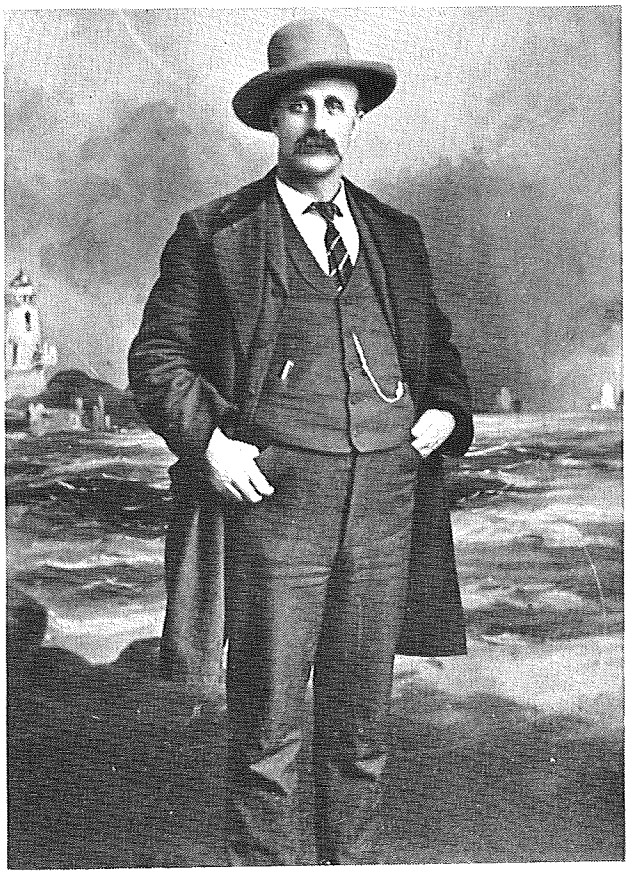
Andrew and Adelia Wimple

Andrew and Adelia Wimple, both natives of the Empire State, were pioneer homesteaders of a Brooklyn township farm in Lincoln county, South Dakota.

A. J. Wimple was born in 1851 and moved from New York with his mother to Rock county, Wisc. as his father had died while he was yet an infant, and then on to Butler county, Ia. He grew to maturity in the Hawkeye State on a farm, attending the district schools during the winter months. In 1871, he came to Clay county, Dakota Territory, and settled a claim where he lived until 1878, the year after his marriage to Adelia LeSuer. They moved to Brooklyn township, Lincoln county. There he cultivated the wild land, fenced it in, and planted a 15-acre grove of trees and an orchard of 200 trees as a timber claim.

Mr. and Mrs. Wimple had come by oxen with two wagons in which they lived until a sod house was completed. They then built a one-room house, which was later used as a cob house behind the big house, their third home in the Dakotas. Food storage was a necessity and a fruit and vegetable cave served that purpose. A second cave stored ice brought from the Vermillion River for use all summer long. The quantity of fruit trees necessitated the use of a fruit press in the cave. Mr. Wimple specialized in breeding Poland-China hogs, and later in developing the Wimple Yellow Dent seed corn. A. J. Wimple always took an active interest in township and county politics, and served on the local rural school board, the township board, and the town board of Beresford.

Five children were born to the Wimples: Della E. 1881, Ethel B. 1882, Jessie L. 1884, Clara A. 1886, and Henry, 1888, who died as a young child. Della served for many years as the Lincoln County Superintendent of Schools. Ethel, Jessie and Clara all married, and the 18 grandchildren of the Wimples all lived within a mile of their grandparents' home, and all attended Millbrook School, located one mile south of the farm. Family Christmas gatherings were an important part of the Wimples' life. Two grandsons were Andrew Jay Wimple's namesakes: Andrew H. Sundstrom (deceased) and Jesse Jay Wimple; and one granddaughter, Adelia Tichenor (de-



J. W. Woodward

Eula Woodward Joplin (1912), living in Canoga Park, Calif.; LaVon Woodward Miller (1917-1979) died in Los Angeles; and Marian Gardner Ryger (1925), Beresford. The other two grandchildren are Demarest Greene Wells (1927), Jackson, Calif. and Stanton Greene (1930), Fresno, Calif.

There are 11 great-grandchildren and 11 great-great-grandchildren. Joe died in 1936 and Katie in 1938. They are buried in the Beresford City cemetery.

Johannes and Brita Yttreness

Johannes Yttreness was born in 1839 at Skanevik, Norway and Brita Tveit was born in 1844 at Bergen, Norway. In their youth they both lived across the Hardanger fjord from each other. In 1870 they were married and, shortly after, left for America. In their party was a sister of Johannes, Ien, and Brita's two sisters, Molena and Guriana. It took three weeks to reach Quebec, Canada. They first went to Albert Lea, Minn. where Brita's half-brother lived. There they found work in the harvest fields cutting grain with a scythe. Two children, Bert and Marie, were born at Albert Lea.

In 1872 the group came to Norway township in Lincoln county, where homestead papers were filed on land three miles north and four miles east of Beresford. They drove to their homestead in a covered wagon. There was a stove and belongings in the wagon, but there were no roads, bridges or fences. Three cows followed the wagon and, when Bert got thirsty, they would stop and milk a cow so he could get a drink.

They had to cross the treacherous Saddle Creek and Brita refused to ride over the wagon. The wagon tipped over in the middle of the creek and she later waded across with her children. The new stove was rescued and they continued on. It was a happy day when they first got to their land. A sod house was dug out and a shed made for the oxen using slough grass for the covering. Molena, sister of Brita, returned to Norway because of illness. Guriana married a Swedish suitor, John Hultgren. They were married in the Yttreness sod house. Ien was also married the same day to Peter Iverson and they resided in the community.

A well was dug and plowing done with a home-made plow and pulled by oxen. A broom was made from slough grass and soap made from tallow from butchering. Candles were made from tallow and yeast made from wild hops. Fuel was made of tight wads of slough grass and cow chips and what wood could be found. Mustard leaves were used for greens and tea leaves were made from wild tea that grew plentifully.

The closest town was Sioux City and Johannes walked there to get what groceries they could afford to buy, which was a small amount he could carry on his back. They had their own meat and salted it down in a barrel and made corned beef. As time went on it rained more and they were able to raise wheat. There was a mill by the Vermillion River where they bought the wheat to be made into flour. Once, when Johannes got there, he let the oxen lose and one got too close to the river. It fell in, and when Johannes saw he could not save it, the critter was butchered, the meat cured, and he went home with flour and meat and a new oxen that he had to purchase.

Herding cattle was a continual chore as there were no fences, so they took turns going to church in a small building which was two miles north of the present Romsdal Church. In a few years there were improvements. The land was fenced, so they did not have to herd as much. A new platform buggy and a team of horses were purchased. The greatest step forward was the

Left to right: Clara, Della, Mr. Wimple, Ethel, Mrs. Wimple and Jessie.

ceased) was named for her grandmother.

The Wimples attended church service held at the Millbrook School house for a time. They were members of Mt. Zion Methodist Church, then located northwest of Beresford. They are buried at the Skrefsrud Lutheran Church cemetery. Mrs. Wimple was a member of the Rebekah Lodge, and he was a member of the I.O.O.F. in Beresford.

The golden wedding anniversary of Andrew J. and Adelia Wimple was an exciting celebration for their family and for many relatives and friends on July 9, 1927. That was an uncommon milestone for a couple to reach in those days. That same year, Mr. Wimple was selected as one of the first two Eminent Farmers in South Dakota, honored by SDSC in Brookings.

At this writing, the living grandchildren of A. J. Wimple are: Raymond Sundstrom, Sioux Falls; Ione Brode, Washington, D.C.; Amy (Mrs. Arley Rasmussen), Beresford; Leslie Sundstrom, Beresford; Della (Mrs. John Droll), Dixon, Calif.) Clara Ronan, Beresford; Isabel Peterson, San Luis Obispo, Calif.; Helen Minor, El Cerrito, Calif.; Jesse Jay Wimple, Richmond, Calif.; Virginia Wimple, Oakland, Calif.; Margaret (Mrs. Helmer Hanson), Lennox; and Gordon Sundstrom, Garden City, Minn. There are 19 great-grandchildren and 28 great-great-grandchildren. The descendants are challenged to carry on the legacy of their ancestor, Andrew Wimple, that of caring for the land and trying to leave the world just a little bit better than they found it.

Joseph and Katie Woodward

Joseph Woodward, born in Hardin county, Ia. in 1859, came at the age of 11 with his father, Samuel Woodward, his stepmother, Emma Rubottom Woodward, and other children in the family to Pleasant township, Lincoln county, in 1870. Joe walked behind the wagon driving the cattle.

Samuel was a veteran of the Civil War, serving with the Iowa Infantry. By profession, he was a farmer and cattle drover. The Woodward family lived in shelter made from the wagon and a tent until their two-room frame house was completed. Samuel died in 1886; he is buried in Zion cemetery. The home place is a half mile east and a mile north of Zion Church.

Joe worked for several years as a clerk in Torgersen's store, sold real estate in partnership with W. J. Bulow. He was town marshal for several years. In 1889 he married Katie Smelker at her parents' home nine miles north of Bersford. Katie was a midwife and practical nurse, as such she was in attendance when Lloyd Wass was born.

Their five children were born in Beresford: Wallace Franklin (1890-1918) married Vera Seeley in 1911; Joseph Harold (1891-1974) married Vera Seeley Woodward in 1923; Nelly Louise (1896-1973) married Thomas McClintock in 1934; Katharine Helen (1900) married Frank Greene in 1925; and Ada Marian (1903-1955) married J. S. Gardner, Jr. in 1923.

Three grandchildren were born in Beresford:

Back: Lydia, John M., Katie; middle: Nils, Ella, Marie, Bert; front: Hannah, Mr. and Mrs. Yttreness.

building of a house in time for the oldest daughter's wedding.

There had been misfortunes, including a fire which destroyed most of the belongings in the sod house and the loss of their crops to the grasshoppers, but the family persevered and did not give up.

The neighbors got together and built a church names Romsdal. After the 1902 windstorm, it was rebuilt and is the present structure, having been remodeled from time to time. The first wedding was in 1903 when two Yttreness girls, Ella and Lydia, married Emil Olbertson and Hildur Johnson.

The oldest son, Bert, married Bertha Rommereim in 1898. Bert farmed with his father, who farmed another farm a mile farther west after 1898. Once, when Bert was about five years old, he was out in the grass with his mother and sister, Marie, herding cows. A wolf was sneaking up on him. Brita took a stick she was carrying and, with a cry, pointed it at the wolf, who took off in fright. Bert was a livestock man and was instrumental in the beginning of the Federal Land Bank of Beresford. Their children were Jessie, Alvin and Lucille. Jesse married Alma Eide and they resided in Lincoln county, Wessington Springs and Sioux Falls. Their family consisted of Dale of Ukiah, Calif.; Velma (Mrs. Glen Martin), Phoenix, Ariz. and Dale, Sioux Falls. Alvin married Tina Kroeger of Lennox, and they farmed in Pleasant township where he was a corn sheller for 38 years. He also served on the Farmer's Co-op Elevator board for 39 years. Lucille married Alex Crowley, who was killed in an airplane accident during WWII. She married Phil Moore of Washington, Kans. They had one son, Tony.

Marie married a Swedish Lutheran pastor, Rev. L. E. Sjolinder, from the Union Creek Church near Akron, Ia. Their wedding took place on the homestead with Rev. Gunnar Graven officiating. Their children were Lawrence, Anthony, Julius and Constance (Malmin). The Sjolinders served pastorates in North Dakota and Minnesota.

John Yttreness married Karen Amelia Johnson from the Spink-Elk Point area. In 1901 they purchased the farm of Mathias Schmid in Pleasant township.

John was a layman with the S.D. Inner Mission Society and traveled extensively in that position. They had six children: Hazel, Joseph, Harold, Justus, John and Helen. Joseph farmed in the Davis and Inwood, Ia. area. He never married. Hazel, a Lincoln county school teacher, married Arthur Hybertson. They lived in the Centerville and Beresford vicinities. Their children are Audrey and Paul, who married Lillie Ann Larson. They had five children.

Harold Yttreness married Thrina Johnson and they lived near Davis. Their daughters were Carol (Mrs. Norman Gustafson), Lois (Mrs. Jim Dravland) and Helen (Mrs. Gene Schoffelman).

Justus married Dorothy Meelberg and lived in the Davis and Flandreau areas. Their children are Dianne (Mrs. Mike Wood), John and Robert. Justus is deceased.

The youngest son, John, resides on the home place where he was born. He married Clarice Stoen, who taught rural schools for 25 years. They have four daughters: Karen Tiede (Don), Kristi Speaker, Sandra Jensen (Paul), Dell Rapids and Joni Youngwirth (Dr. Stephen). There are four grandchildren.

Helen Yttreness resides in West St. Paul, Minn. and taught school for many years. She married Russel F. Johnson and they have three children: Joan (Mrs. David Auten), Bill and Mary Edholm (Todd).

Johannes lived on his second place until his death in 1917 and Brita died in 1929. This farm is where Ella lived with her husband, Emil Olbertson. They had four children: Elmer, Bernice, Esther and Irene. Elmer married Mildred Hove of Flandreau, and they farmed the home place until they retired. They had two children, Janet Helgaas (Dr. Stephen), Luverne, Minn. They have four children; and John, who today resides on the home place with his wife, Sharon, and two children, Kristin and Jed. This makes the fourth and fifth generations of continuous dwelling on the land.

Bernice married Oscar Thissel and they lived on a farm north of Beresford. Their sons were Charles, James and David, who are now living on the West Coast. Esther married Oscar Pierson and they lived in Brandon. Their daughters are Marsha Pettree (Bill) and Valerie. Irene became Mrs. Don Birnie and they farmed east of Beresford. Their daughters are Barbara, Jerilyn and Maureen (Maurice) Marshal, Dearborn Heights, Mich.

Katie was married to Wm. Lundgren and they made their home in North Dakota and Minnesota, as did sister Hannah who married Larry Cermack. They had a son, Francis. Nils Yttreness was the youngest son, who married Emma Thormodsgaard, in North Dakota. They had two children, Beulah (Mrs. Bill Herbold) and Ernest.

Lydia, the youngest daughter, married Hildur Johnson and they lived for a time near Akron, Ia. and Ulen, Minn. before returning to a farm near Beresford. Their children were: Edith, who died in infancy; Gladys, a nurse from St. Paul who has retired to the farm place in recent years; Kenneth, married to Evelyn Nelson and have a son, Kendal. Kenneth died in 1949; Leonard married Margie Kroger of Lennox, now deceased, and they farmed the home place. They had one son, Loren, who married Wilma Wastell. They farm west of Beresford where they live with their two children, Steve and Sherri. Leonard was married to Alma Larson in 1982. Milfred, the youngest son, served in WWII, but died at the age of 23 in 1949.

Many of the Yttreness family attended Pleasant Valley School and the Romsdal Lutheran Church which they helped build and support. Farming was the main occupation. Today's generation is scattered from coast to coast and engaged in many various occupations in the medical, business, educational, technical and scientific fields; however, they know that their roots are here on the rural plains of Beresford. A family reunion is held at the Moe Parish park every odd-numbered year.

Herman and Emma Zetterlund

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Emma Mossberg came directly to the Solomon Anderson home from Sweden in 1910. She was employed by the Andersons for seven years. There were a dozen hired men to cook for and serve meals to and their laundry to wash. Most of the floors in the Anderson house were painted white at this time.

Herman Zetterlund came from Sweden in 1911. He was employed at various farms in the community before he entered the Army. He was still in the service of his new country when he and Emma married in 1918.

They were the parents of three daughters. The eldest is Linnea, who married Orin Peterson, in 1939. The Petersons have four daughters. Jeanette married Merlyn Darly and their two children are Craig and Dawn. Phyllis and her husband, Meril Tschudy, are the parents of Lori, Michael and Scott. Marlys married Ron Rauk

and their children are Ryan and Linnea. Joyce is a nurse and lives in Sioux Falls.

The second daughter of the Zetterlunds is Edith Ellison, who married Morris in 1946. Their children include Marilyn Skogen (Marvin), whose children are Michael and Kjersti, and Julle Ann, married to Rick Wood, and they are the parents of a son, Christopher.

The third daughter is Helen Resel (Edgar). She and Edgar were married in 1953 and they have three sons, Paul, Deane and Steven. Paul married Ruth Quisell and they have a son, Erik. Deane lives in Lincoln, Nebr. Steven married Brenda Brown and they have a son, Tony, and live in Arizona.

The Zetterlunds made their home in Clay county all their lives. In 1929, they moved to the Andrew Anderson home in Alsen, which they farmed for 26 years, after which they moved to the Helen Quirk house in Alsen, the former Nissen home across the road. They lived there until their deaths, Emma in 1965 and Herman in 1973.

Joseph and Anna Margaret Zweifel

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Joseph Zweifel was born in 1872 at Linthal, Switzerland. He was the youngest of a family of 11 children. At the age of 11, both of his parents had died. When he was 17, he decided to come to America to find his brother, Andrew, who was living at Hinton, Ia. Another brother, Fred, had immigrated to America, but was never located.

When Joe arrived in Iowa, he had only a few cents in his pocket. He worked and lived with a family in Hinton as a farmhand for 50 cents a week. He walked to Beresford many times to visit Swiss families (the Voegelis and Stuessis) that his family knew of from Switzerland. Joe came to Beresford to farm for himself in 1901 and settled east of town. In 1903, he married Anna Margaret Voegeli.

Anna Margaret Voegeli was born in 1887 and was the oldest of eight children born to Joseph and Anna (Stuessi) Voegeli. Her mother died when she was a young girl and she helped to care for the family. After her marriage to Joe they went to Oaks, N.D. and lived there for six years. Four of their children were born there. Albert (1905), Jacob (1906), Katharine and Edwin, twins (1907). Edwin died in 1908.

They came back to South Dakota in the fall of 1908 and bought a farm northeast of Beresford, Lincoln county, Section 21. The house they lived in had three rooms. Five more children were born on this home place. Walter (1912), Emil (1914), Clarence (1919), Iona (1921) and Lorene (1925). Jacob died in 1923. Joe had another brother, Jacob, and the family emigrated here from Switzerland. Jacob's wife died about a year later and he returned to Switzerland after a few years. Jacob's son, Jake, stayed and lived with Joe's family.

All of Joe and Margaret's children have grown up and lived around Beresford. Margaret helped as a midwife and nurse throughout the neighborhood. She often hauled cream to town by horse and wagon to trade for groceries. Joe took wheat to Centerville with horse and wagon to grind for flour. They used corn husks to make their own mattresses, feathers from ducks and geese they raised for pillows, and Margaret made all their quilts and bedding. The family butchered and cured their meat in a smokehouse and salted down meat in crocks to preserve it. There were times when gypsies and horse-traders came through and they would graze their horses overnight in the ditches and come in and beg for food.

In 1924, Joe and the Graham brothers (Roy and Willis) bought cattle in Sioux Falls and drove them from Sioux Falls to Beresford. He also drove cattle to Beresford to the stockyards and shipped them to Chicago by train to the markets. Joe was one of the people who helped start The Co-op Oil Company in Beresford and was a director of the Federal Land Bank for many years. He enjoyed growing a few grape vines and made his own wine as a hobby.

In 1947, Joe and Margaret took a trip to Switzerland to visit his brother, and a sister who lived to be 101. In 1949, they retired and moved into Beresford, living at 111 N. 7th. In 1953, they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. They

rode their horse-drawn surrey buggy in Beresford's 75th anniversary celebration in 1959. Joe and Margaret were lifetime members of the Zion Evangelical Church and Margaret was a charter member of the Ladies Aid. All of their children attended Silver Lake School, as did their mother and the children of Walter and Clarence.

Albert Zweifel farmed and lived with and cared for his parents until they died. He lives at their home in Beresford.

Katharine married Walter Krause (deceased). They had two sons: Roger, who lives at home, and Lawrence, who died in infancy.

Walter married Violet Pike (1915-1939). They had three children, Paul, Lowell and Lois. Walter later married Laura Myron and they had nine children. Paul married Beverly Lakness. Their two daughters are Cheryl Birgen, who has a son, Gregory, and Connie Hersey (1956-1983). Lowell married Donna Anderson. They have four sons, Calvin; Douglas, married to Jackie Jensen, they have two daughters, Lisa and Stephanie; and Alan and Daryl Sweifel. Lois Married Charles Norling. they have six children: Marlin, Sioux City, Ia.; Thomas; Susanne, married to William Boden; Jeffrey, married to Jane Sweeney, they have a son Theodore; Patricia, married to Richard Hybertson, they have a daughter, Lindsey; and Lyle Norling. Wayne, and wife Carol, have four children: Scott, Dean, Shari and Laura. They all live in California. James farms and lives with his parents. Esther married David Larsen and has three children, Kimberly, Todd and Charlotte. Warren married Barbara Fletcher of California. They have two children, Sheila and Steven. Warren served eight years in the Marines (1966-1974), two tours of duty in Vietnam. Shirley lives in California and is married to Edwardo Sessman. They have four children: Kathleen, Chad, Brian and Christine. Jean married Greg Puls. They live in Sioux Falls and have two sons, Danny and Matthew. Jana married Robert Vacek, lives in Vermillion and has two children, Travis and Tyler. Sharron married Greg Larson, has two daughters, Jamie and Kayla, and lives in Beresford. Jerry married Dianne Ortman and has three children, Alicia, Angie and Joseph.

Emil, Alcester, is married to Esther Thormodsgaard. He served in the Army during WWII (1943-1945) and overseas in Germany. They have three children. Myron, Alcester, is married to Valorie Hagen. They have two daughters, Sheila and Karen. Leland, Alcester, is married to Lois Offerdahl. They have a daughter, Tracy. Another daughter, Lori Beth, died in infancy. Miriam, Arden Hills, Minn., married David Mattson and has four children, Matthew and Mark (adopted Korean children), Ruth and Stephen.

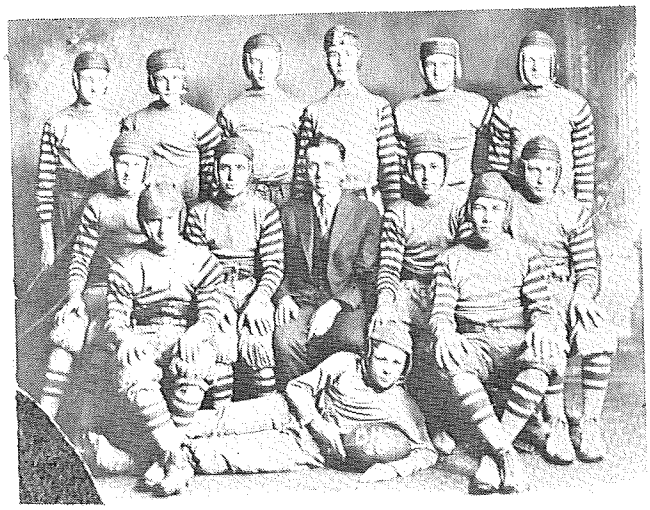
Clarence married Mildred Sommervold and they have four children. Darlene lies in Phoenix, Ariz.; John married Valorie Ebsen and they have two daughters, Danelle and Janelle; David married Linda Rube and has two children, Heather and Greg; Royal, married to Kay Andrews, lives on the home place.

Iona married Merle Carlson and lives in Sioux Falls. They have four children. Janet, Sioux Falls, married David Swanson and has two sons, Scott and Tim. Glenn, married to Becca Freeman, lives in Winner. They have two daughters, Lisa and Carrie. Kathleen married James Lunder and lives in Sioux Falls. They have a son, Daniel. Douglas married Vicki Nelson and they have three children, John, Kristen and Lori Ann.

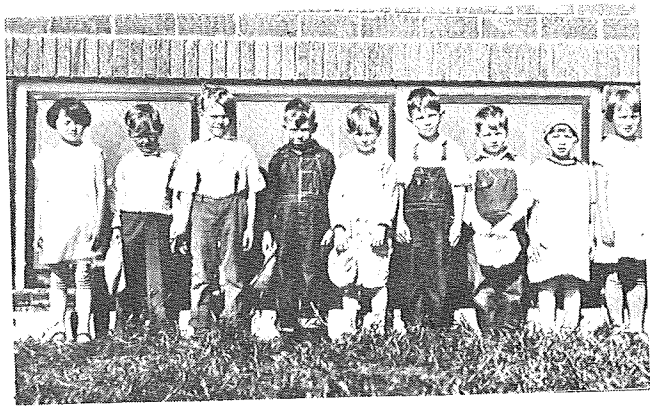
Lorene married Freeman Swanstrom and they have five children. Carl, married to Owen Gunter, lives in California. Margaret and her husband, Scott Wallenstein, live at Centerville and have a daughter, Jamie. Dale, married to Nancy Fish, has two sons, Joshua and Jacob. Jane and Joan are their twin daughters.

Joseph died in 1962 at the age of 90. Margaret died in January, 1974 at 87 years of age. To date, they have 102 descendants. Three generations have lived on their farm since they purchased it in 1908.

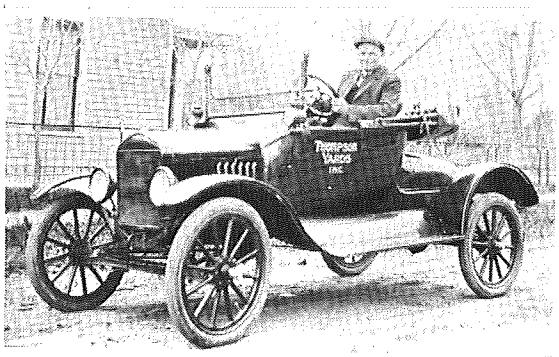
Picture Memories



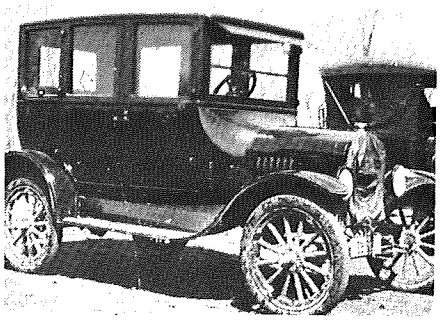
Football team of 1920. The team had only one football; beat Augustana College 92-0. Back row: Edwin Burns, Oliver Anderson, Ted Lambertson, Eitel Engle, Clifton Chirchill, Harold Carlson; second row: Ray Kennedy, Ernest Smith, Carl Seeger (coach), Sterl Gardner, Leonard Hamerly; third row: Frank Smith, Frank Brunner; front: Russell Eidsmoe.



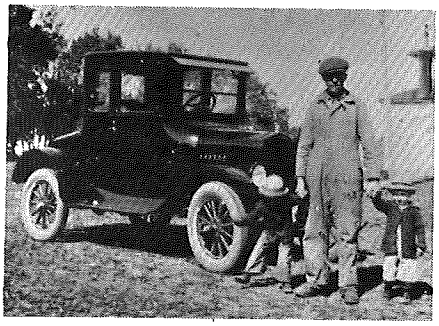
Left to right: Shirley Milliken, Llywellyn Kenon, Milton Anderson, Luverne Nordstrom, Ernest Jensen, Deane Fahlberg, Addison Fahlberg, Ethel Anderson, Lillian Hanson.



Art Loffler, one-time Mayor



Car of Ed Landeen



Ed, John and Roy Landeen

The Brooklyn Auto Club has adopted the following rules for next summer:

Upon discovering an approaching team, the driver must stop outside and cover his machine with a blanket painted to correspond with the scenery.

In case a horse will not pass an automobile, the automobilist will take the machinery apart as rapidly as possible and conceal the parts in the grass.

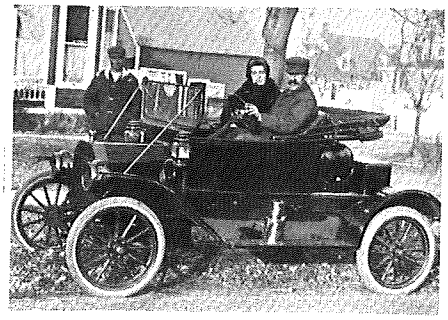
In case an auto makes a team run away, the penalty will be $50 for the first mile, $100 for the second, and $200 for the third, that the team runs in addition to the usual damages.

All members of the club will give up Sunday to chasing automobiles, shooting and shouting at them and making arrests and otherwise discouraging country touring on that day.

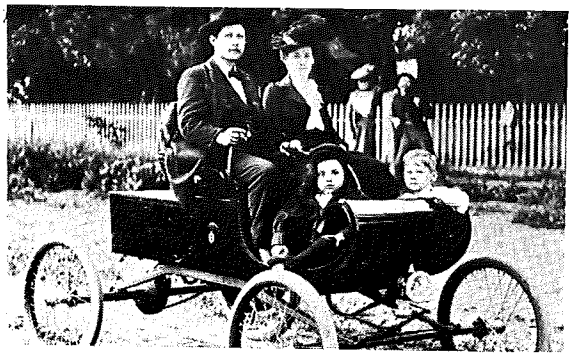
Automobiles must be seasonably painted, that is so they will merge with the pastoral ensemble and not be startling. They must be green in spring, golden in summer, red in autumn and white in winter.

Automobiles running on country roads at night must send up a red rocket each mile and wait ten minutes for the road to clear. They might then proceed carefully, blowing their horn and shooting Roman candles.

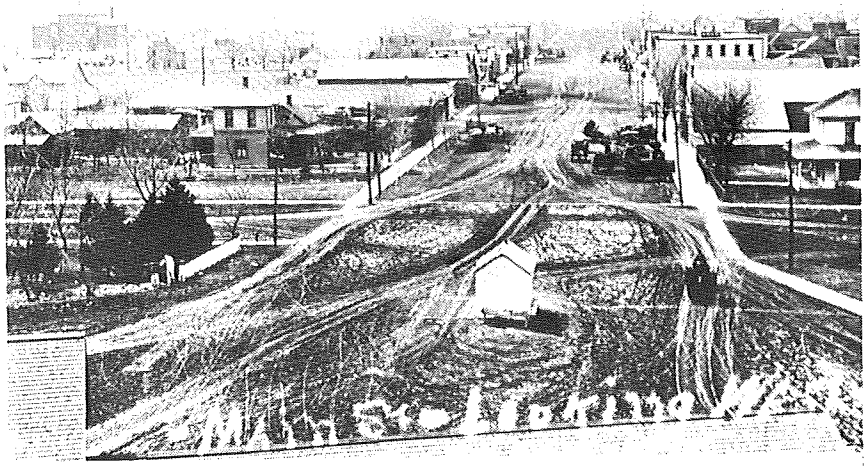
Herman and Mamie Larson, daughter Lillian, and Violet Holse.



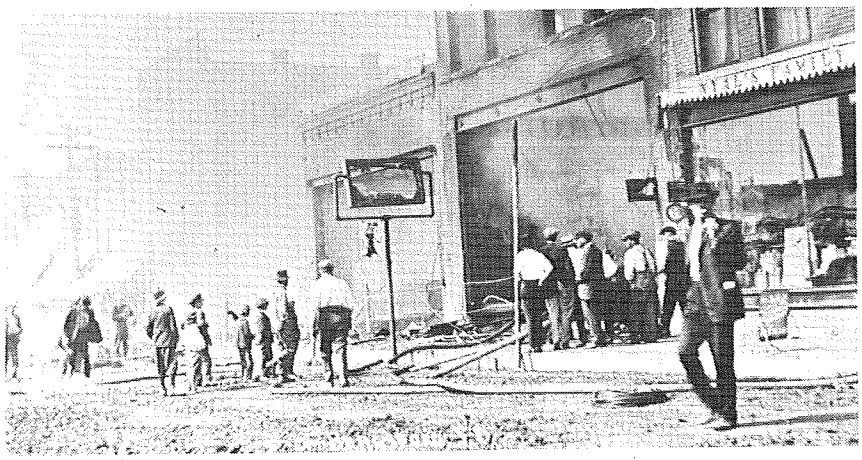
Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin



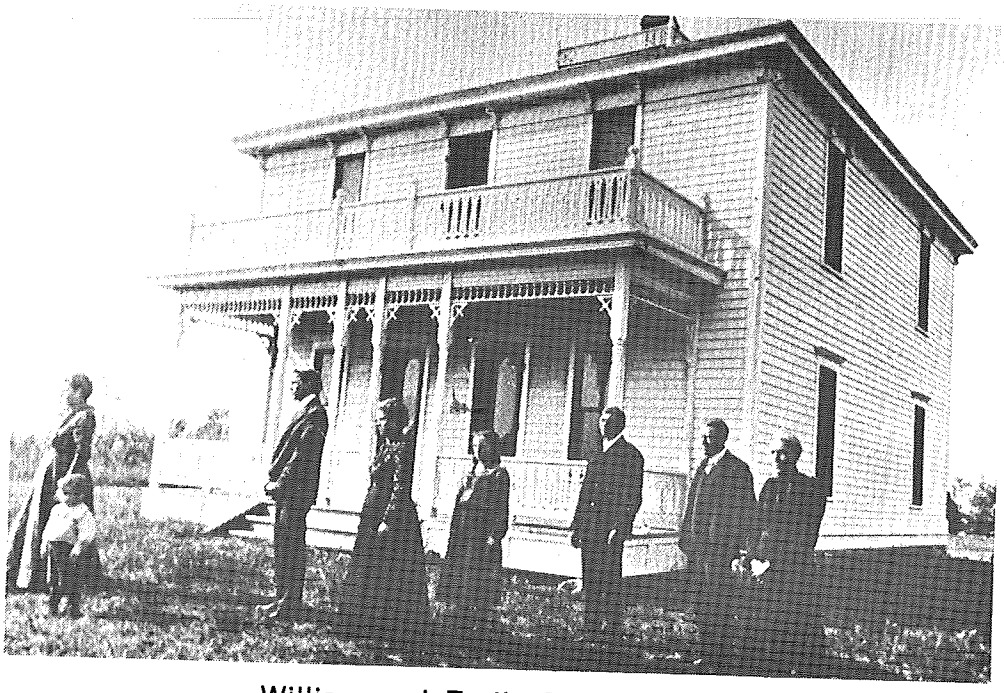
Dr. and Mrs. Elliot, Cameron Elliot and friend, Eddie, in 1903.



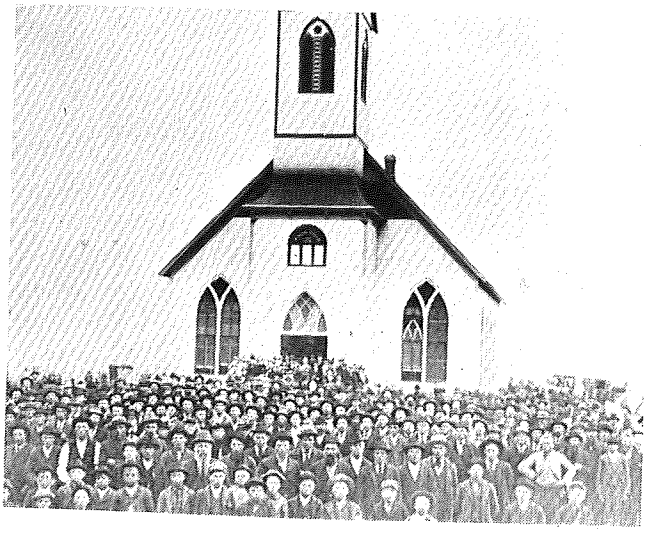
Sunshine Four: Al, Ole, Mike and Mel.



First group of students at Glenwood School.



William and Emily Bonine home



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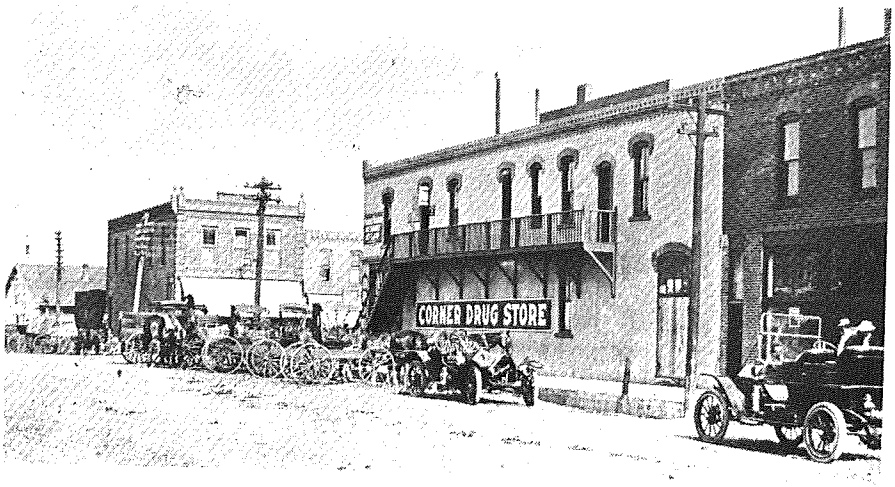
Mrs. Anna Nelson



Brooklyn Church

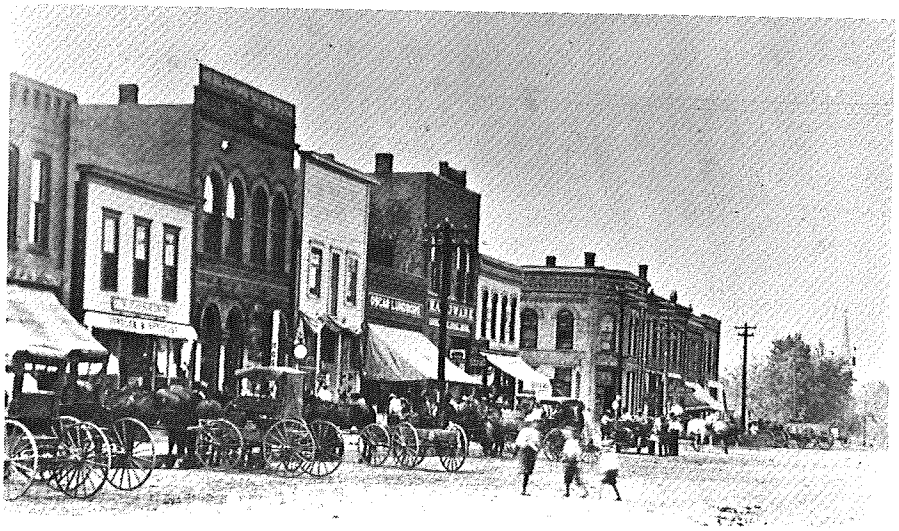
Pleasant Valley School. Horse and buggy days.

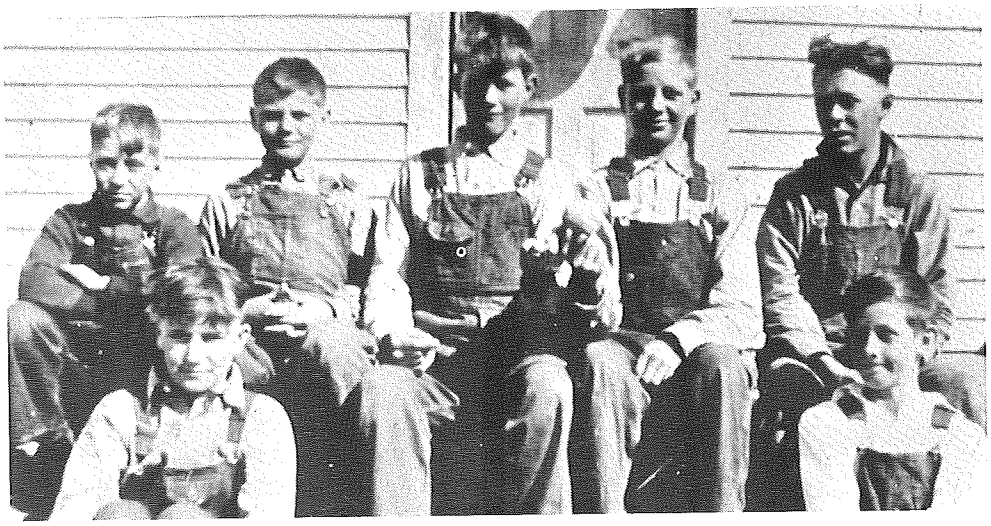
J. L. Rose, Principal of Schools, 1885-1888.

Pupils of Cleveland School

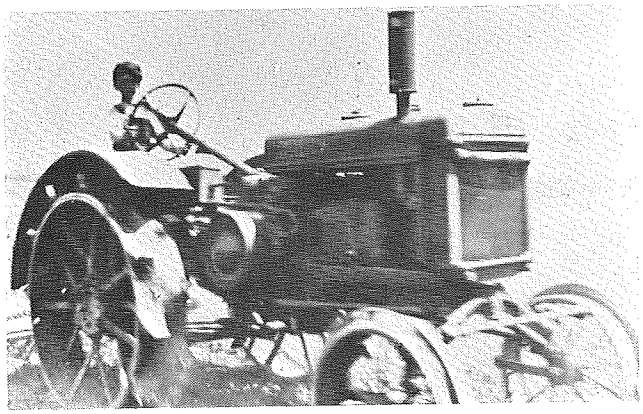
Alsen Ladies Club, back row: Mrs. Chris Stoen (partially shown), Mrs. Ole Olson, Mrs. Solomon Anderson, Josie Stoen, Mrs. H. P. Larson, Caroline Simpson, Mrs. John Rasmussen, Mrs. Maret Stone, Mrs. Aune Simpson and Lyla, Mrs. Alice Johnson, Mrs. John Simpson, Ethelyn Simpson, Mrs. Harold Petersen and Elwin, Mrs. John Shanker, Leda and Venice (partly shown).

Erick Messler in front of Messler Electrical Repair, formerly the Harness Shop.

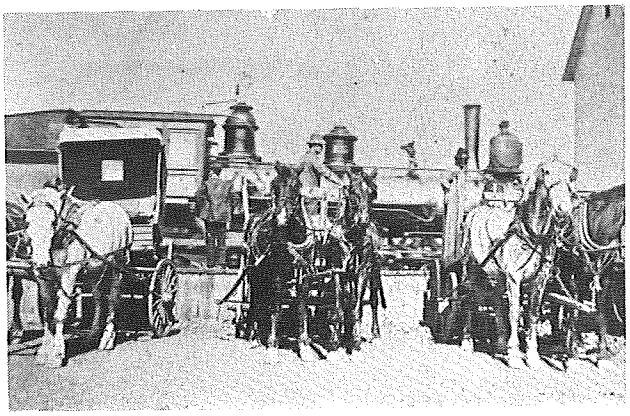




Plainview baseball team, 1929: Novello Blumer, John Wallem, Ahlmer Wallem, Arne Rusten, Lee Kittleson, Reuben Rusten, Sidney Bong.



John Landeen on old tractor

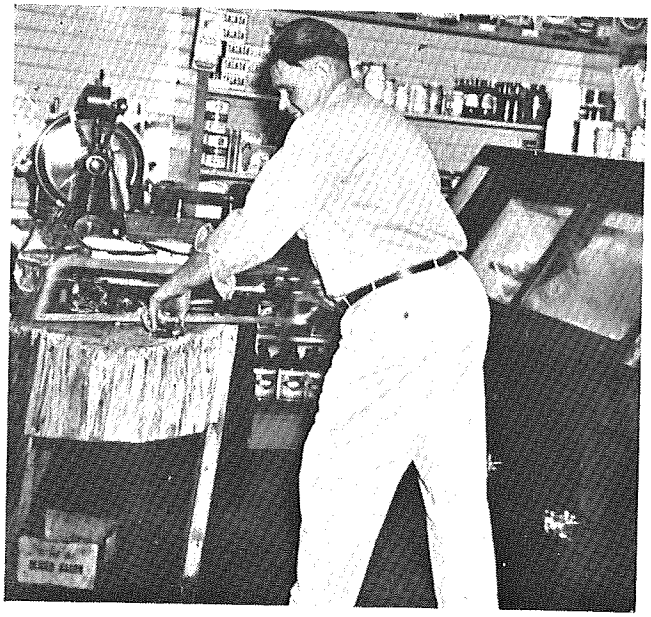


O'Rielly Dray Line

St. Mary's Church — Garryowen

Beresford State Bank

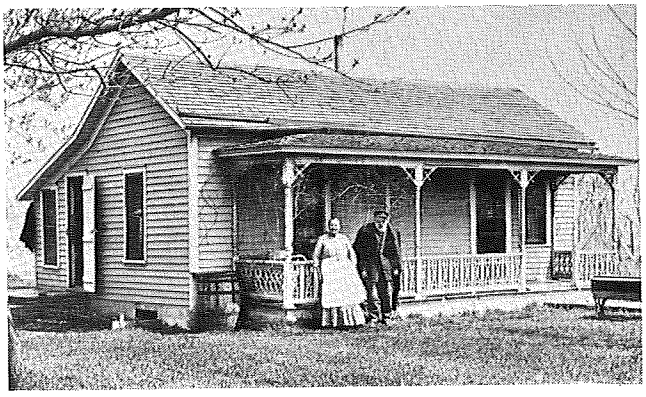
Home of Louis and Ida Wagner



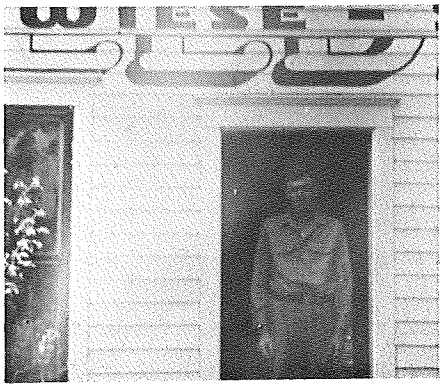
Miner Peterson in his Alsen Store

Mr. and Mrs. Jere Toomey

N. J. Sundstrom farm house, built in 1899



Gabriel and Louisa Voegeli

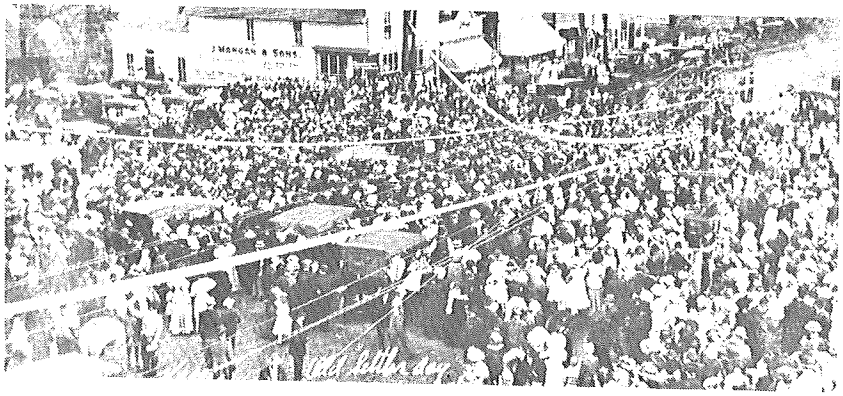


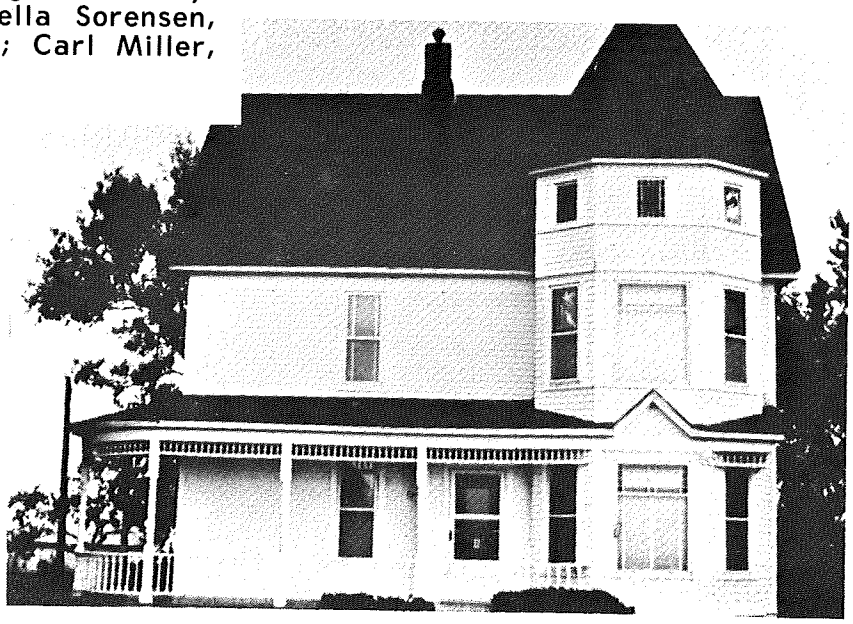
Byron Weise

Albert Henderson family: Sally DeWall, Albert, Freida and Mae Sundstrom.

Voegeli Family Reunion

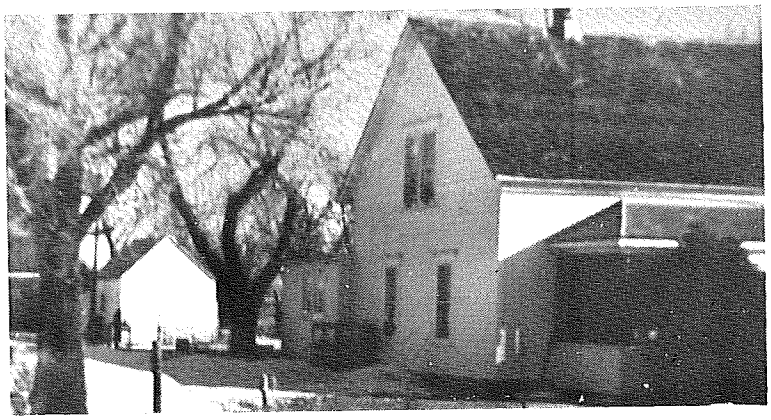
National Farm Loan, l to r: Ed Blankenberg, secretary-treasurer; Ardella Sorensen, office assistant; Carl Miller, attorney.





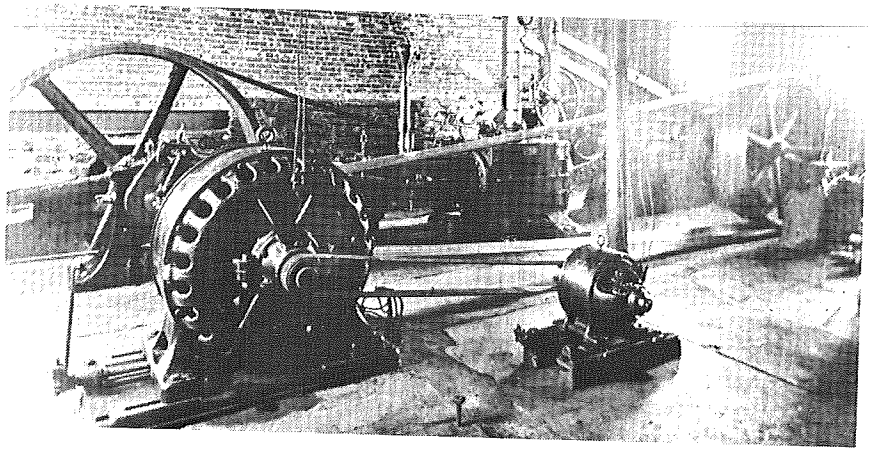
Dolan residence

John and Stena Dahlin



Four generations were born in the Henry Henricksen home.

Fire Trucks

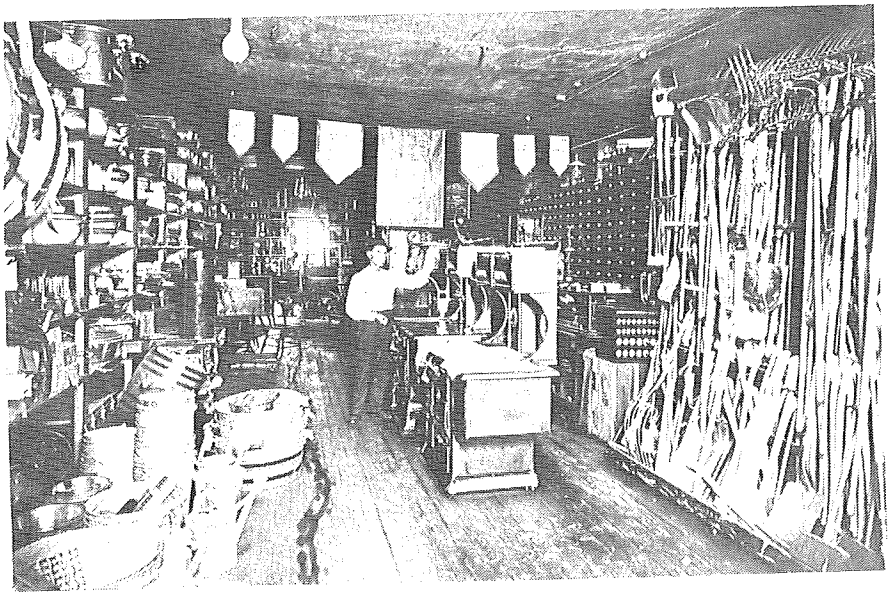


Source of electricity for the City of Beresford about 1912.

Harvest Time

Smith Grocery Store. Pictured are Ernest and Werter Smith.

Wevik Bros. Trucks



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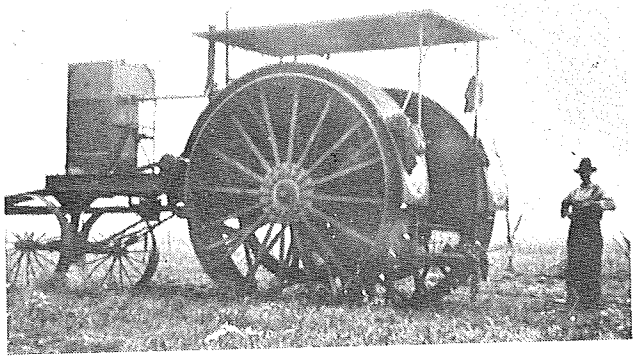

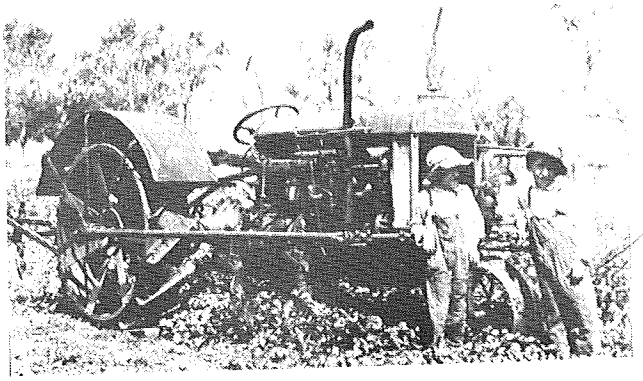

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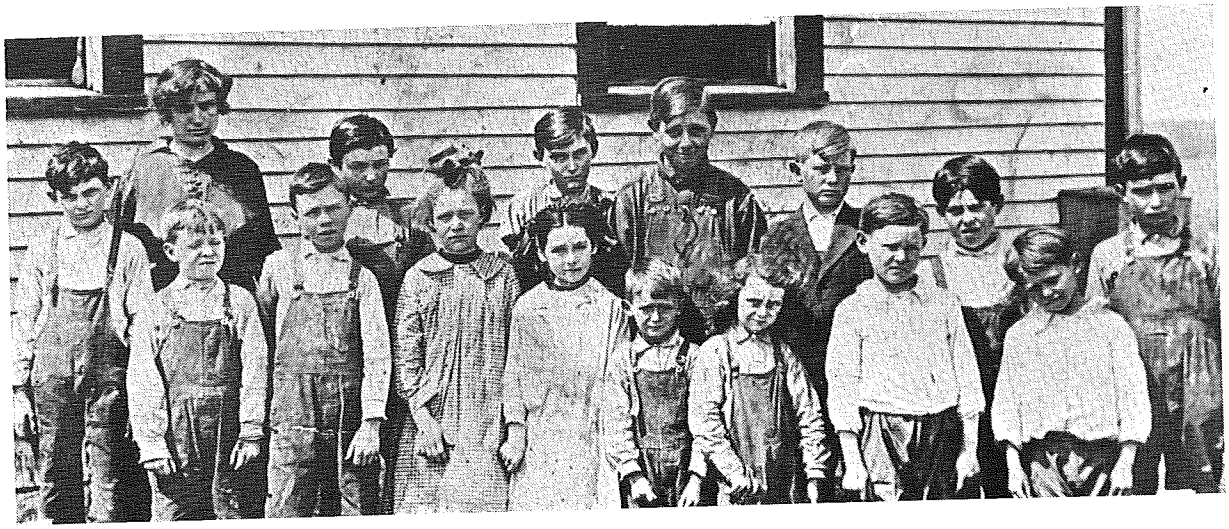
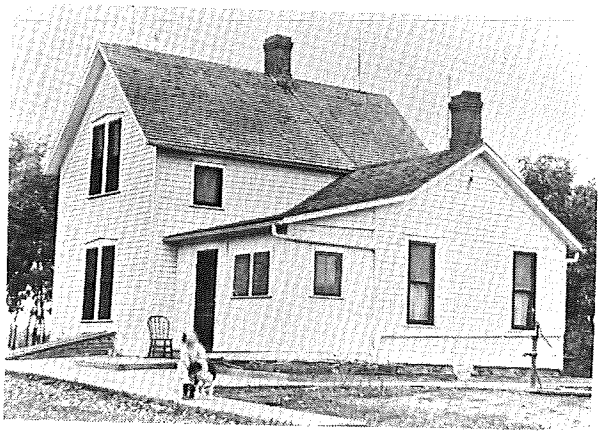


Emmet School, 1916, Agnes O'Connor McIlvena, teacher. Children in picture are: Ted McGuire, Mary Ellen Gagin, Francis Jensen, Ethel Vennard, Francis Gagin, Edmond Dolan, Archie Vennard, John Dolan, James Dolan, Herbert Crilly, Tom McGuire, Joseph Dolan and James Horner.



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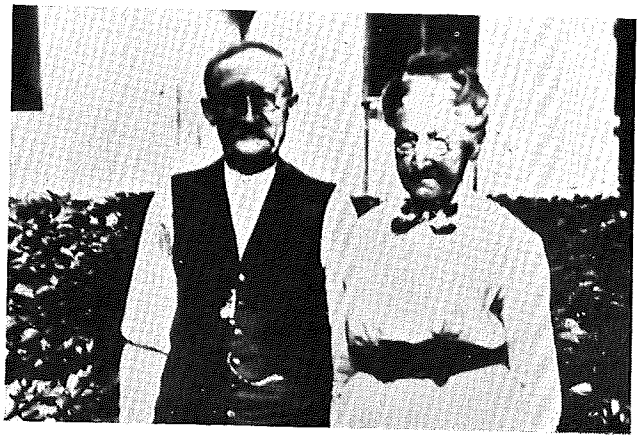
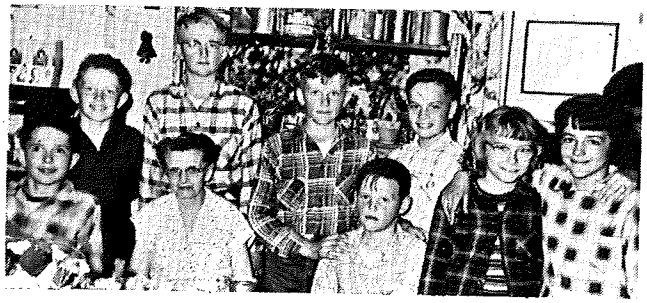
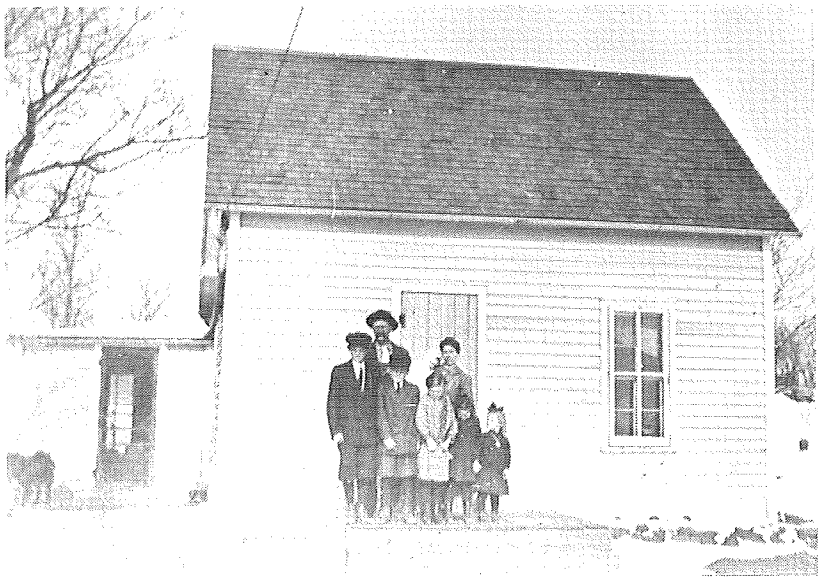


Robert and Marie Johnson, grandparents of Evan Rasmussen and sister, Alice.

Front, seated: Bridget Jennings O'Connor and James O'Connor; man and baby, back, are John O'Connor and Genevieve O'Connor Scheuring.



Glenwood School, 1956, l to r: Mrs. Bean, teacher; Bob Frank, Gary Lundberg, Leo Stewart, LeRoy Stewart, Kenny Larson (seated), Jack Foos, Beverly Frank.

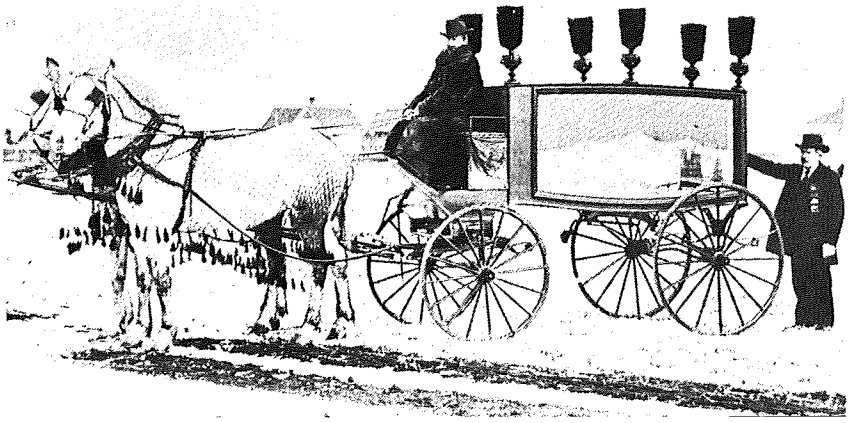


August Erickson family: George, Clarence, Hazel, Alice, Edna and Elvera.

Ole J. Lykken home, built in 1889.

Federal Land Bank 40th anniversary, 1957.

H. W. Peterson home



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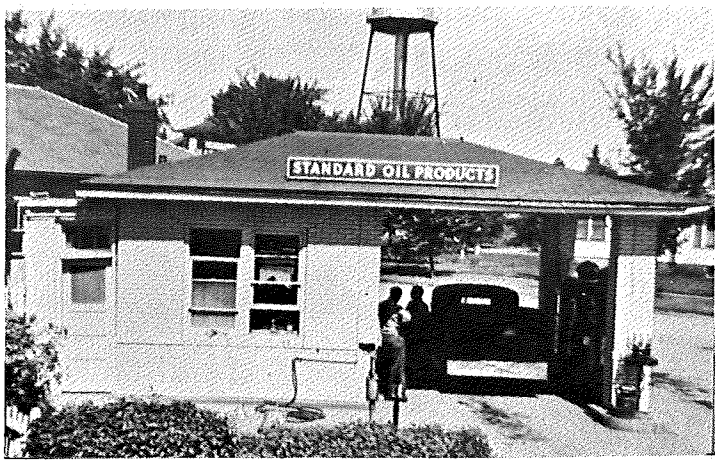

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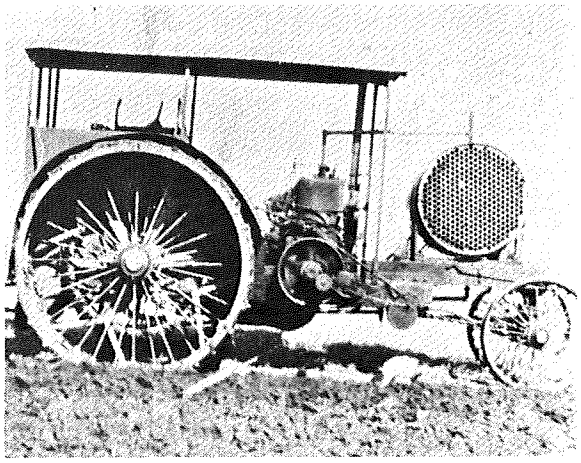
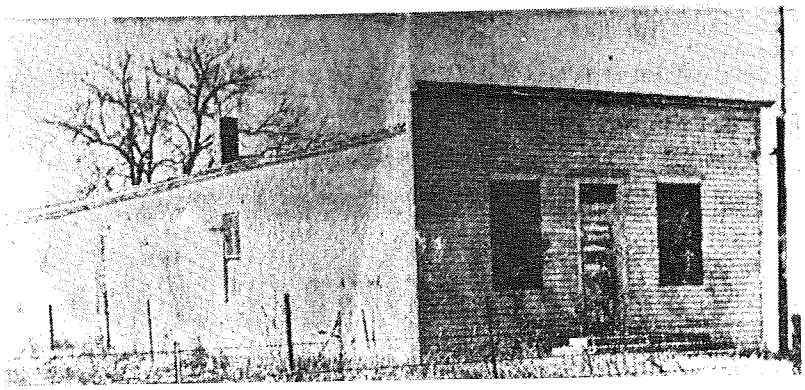


Russell Tractor

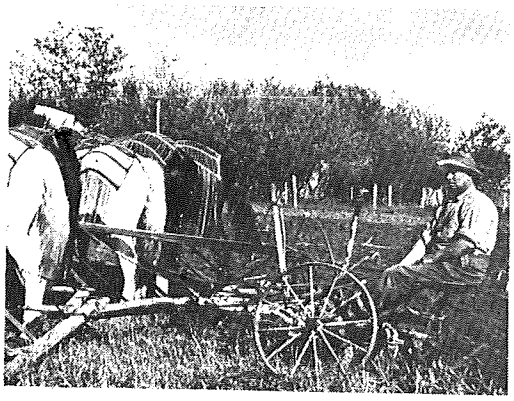
FRANK FARLEY FAMILY— Standing l to r: Franklin D., Eileen, Kathleen, Ron, Dale; seated: Mary Lass Farley, Myrna, Coleen and Frank Farley.

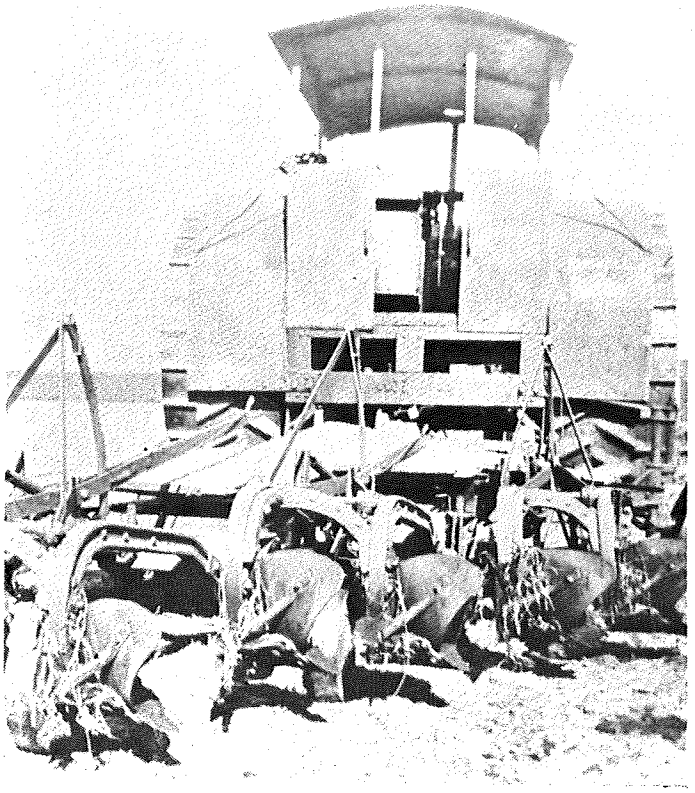
Guenzel Furniture, 1897. George Guenzel, Mary Guenzel, Amelia O'Rielly.



Woodman Hall south of Alsen

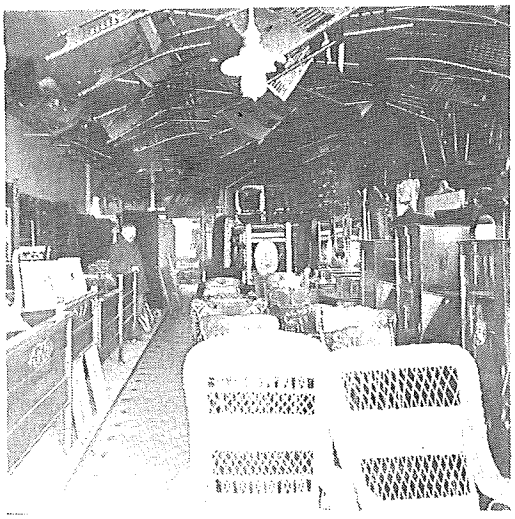
John Yttreness and Amalia Johnson, June 12, 1901





Russell Tractor

J. L. Reedy home



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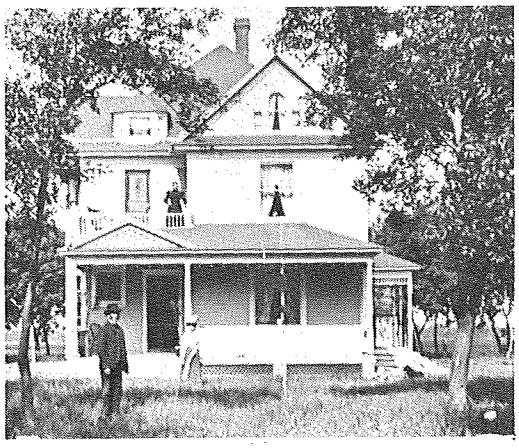
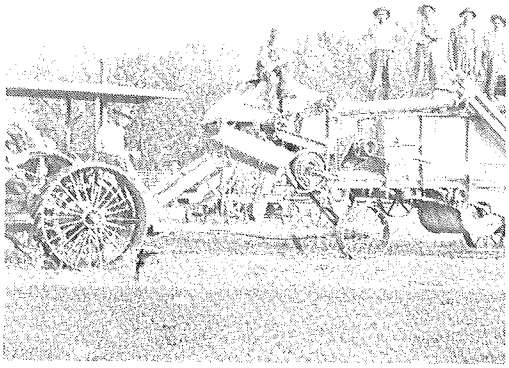
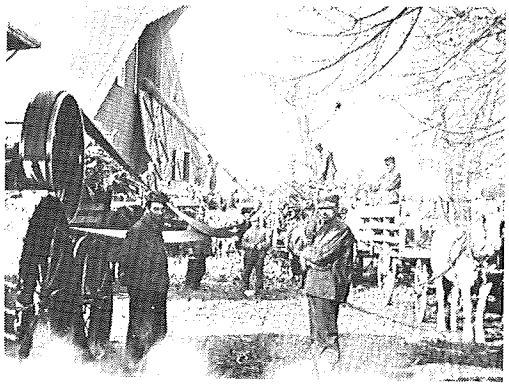


Bylander Home

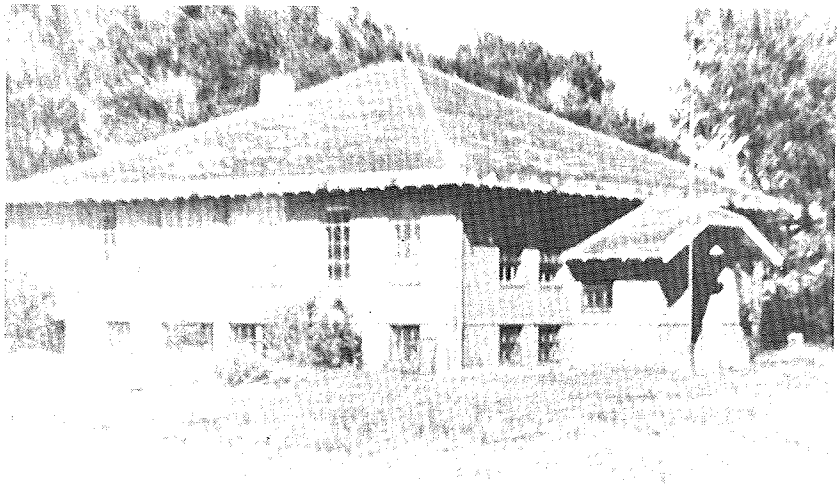
North Star School about 1903



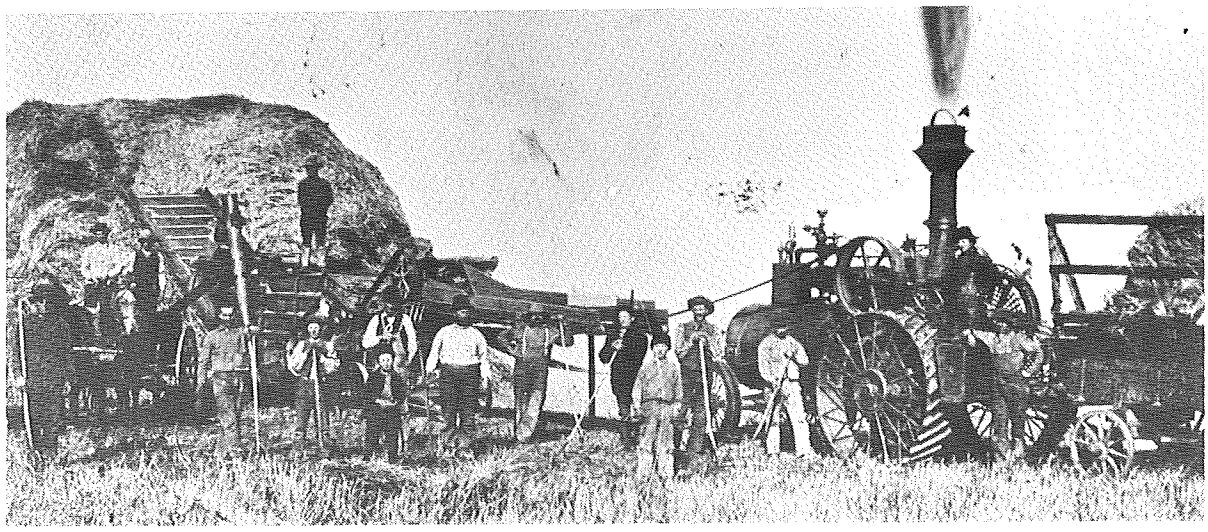
Charles Anderson threshing crew



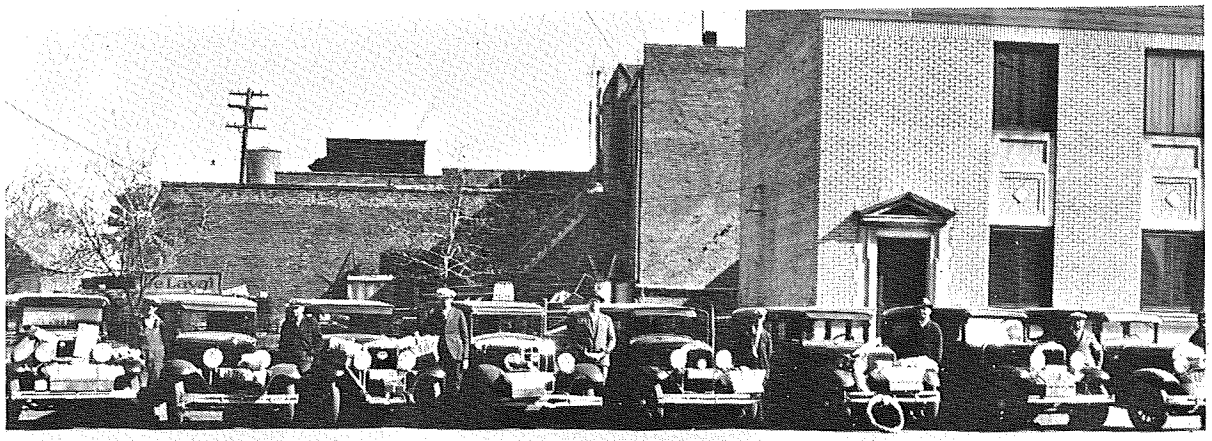
Shredding corn on the Nichols farm



Dalesburg School, 1977

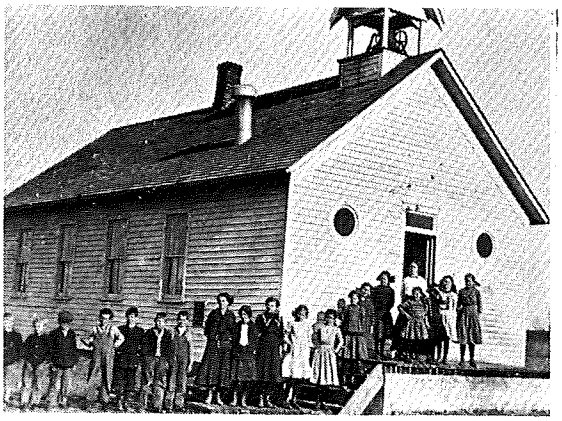


Home Ec Class, 1916. Helen Scroggs, teacher



Rural Mail Carriers

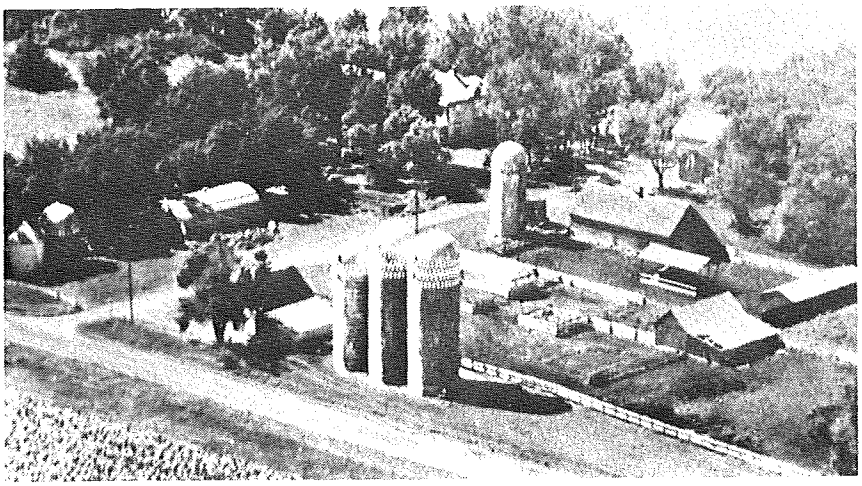
McMahon Employees



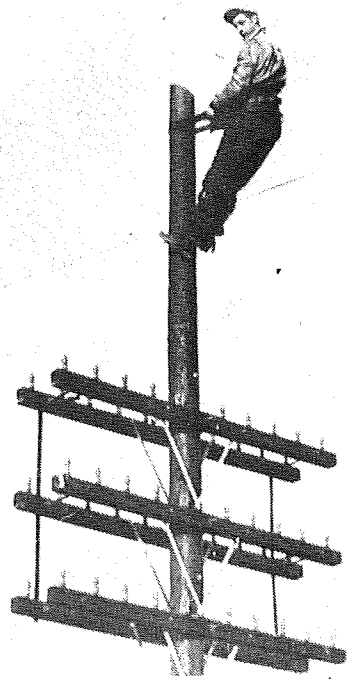
North Star School, Nellie Carlson, teacher. Girls: Maime Olson, Melva Johnson, Marie Milliken, Lydia Henricksen, Lavina Paulson, Wava Milliken, Fern Stiles, Edna Hendricksen, Emma Determan, Edith Crane, Nora Hendricksen, Violet Milliken. Boys: Fredell McKellips, Ralph Crane, Theadore Paulson, Andrew Hustrulid, Olaf Olson, Harvey Jensen, Silas Hendricksen.

Solomon Anderson house

Home of Mrs. Martin Miller, built in 1916 by George Ackley



Bylander Farm



Lineman Lloyd Johnson

Simpson House. John Simpson in his buggy. His mother, Anne Simpson (center), and other two might be Anna Erickson and Anton Staum.

Pleasant School, 1893, top row, l to r: Edwin Larson, Martin Engstrom, Fred Thompson, Oscar Veborg, Mrs. Sandell (teacher), Anna Engstrom, Selma Nordquist, Ella Veborg, Mary Jensen; middle: Chris Jensen, Willie Larson, Eric Jensen, Edward Egerstrom, Walter Davis; front: Oscar Nordquist, Sam Fahlberg, David Egerstrom, Minnie Veborg, Cecelia Jensen, Frieda Veborg, Minnie Peterson.

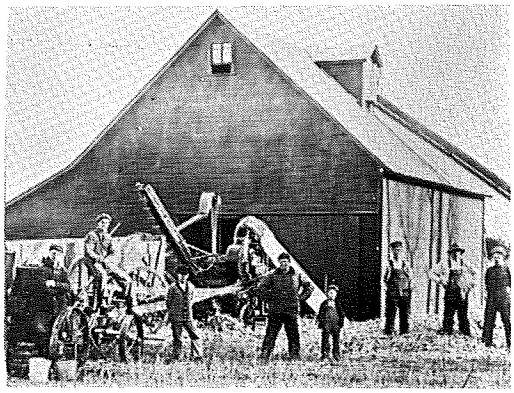
The third St. Teresa's Church

Peter, Nils and Katrina Steenholt, Carl, Mabel, and a Mrs. Lawrensen.

Past Matrons of Eastern Star, 75th anniversary of Beresford, l to r: Freida Henderson, Marty Wolf, Hazel Larson, Florence Steadman, Berta Graham, Tina Plautz, Mildred Deane, Minna Smith, Helen Turner, Margaret Frick, Hannah Williams, Lucile Mangan; seated: Marie Thoreson, Louisa Larson, Mildred Cotton.

Charles and Annie Olson in old Jackson and Peter Engman on cultivator about 1915.

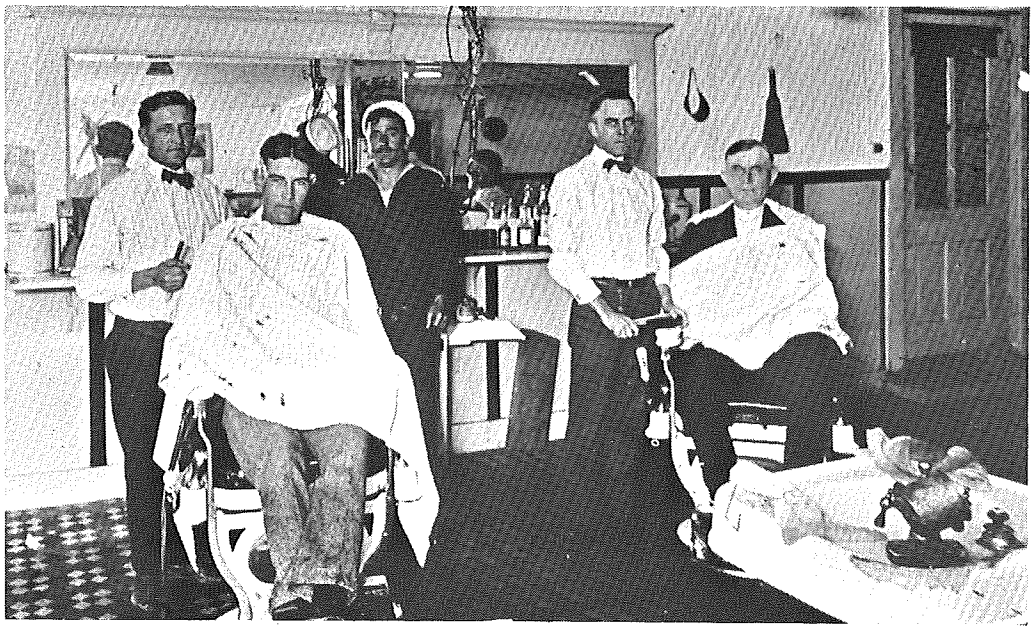
Left to right: Nils and Anna Ebsen, Mary, Elsie, Hans, Henry and Mathias.



A corn shelling crew

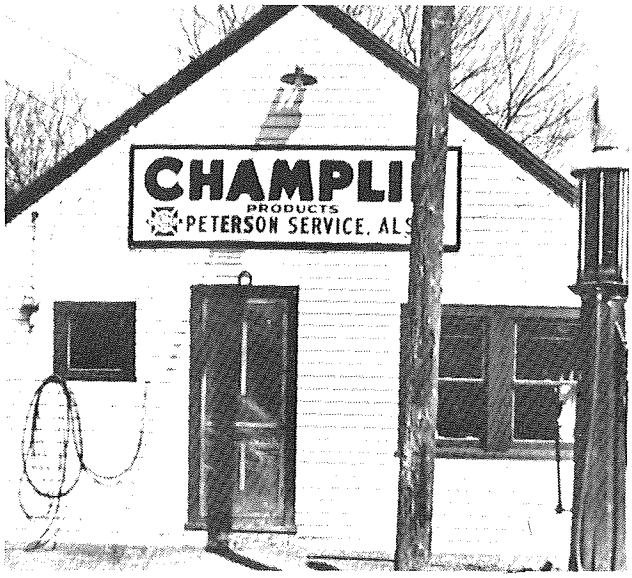
Mr. Boyle and Mr. Warne, standing in front of Boyle Harness Shop.

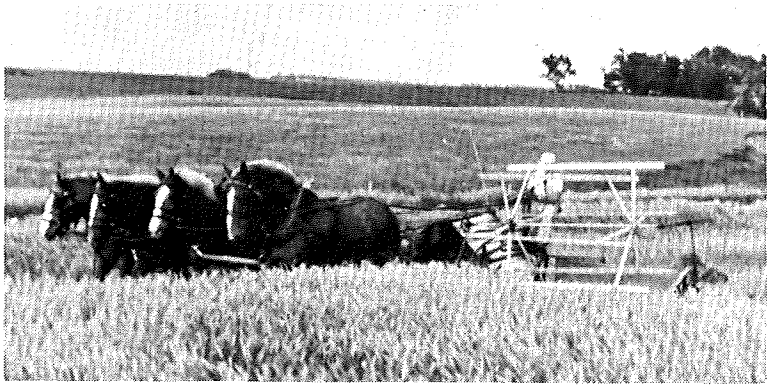
Mr. Staley, school custodian, and Vernon Voegeli, at side.



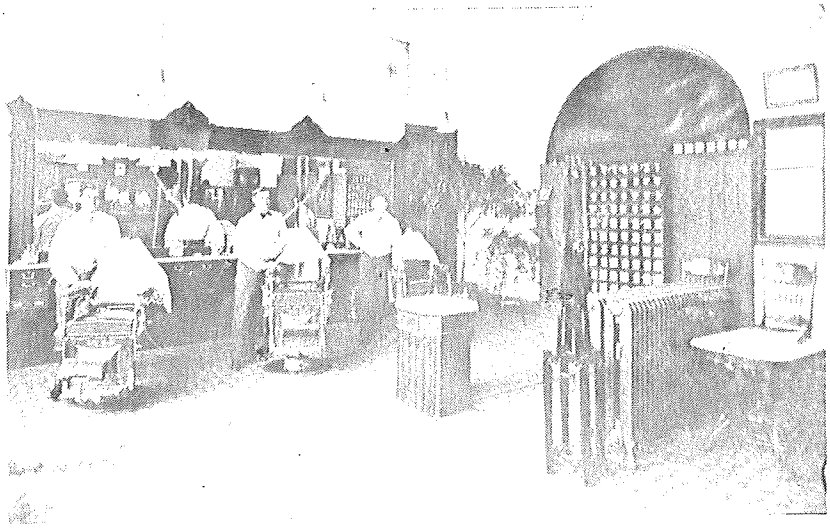
Left to right: William Ullman (barber), Frank Brenner, John Ullman (sailor), Ralph Boyle (barber), and William Bulow.

Martin and Dolly Schneider

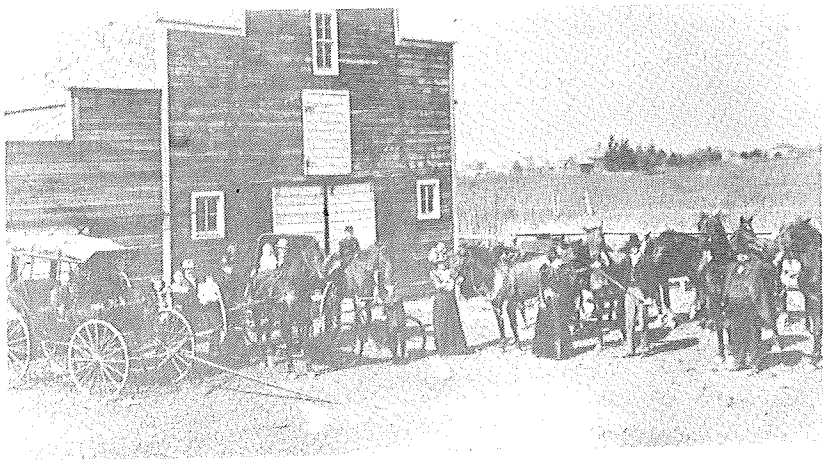




Richard Stene cutting grain



Schmid and Boller Barbershop



James Reedy Livery Stable, Beresford. Taken on same day as picture above.

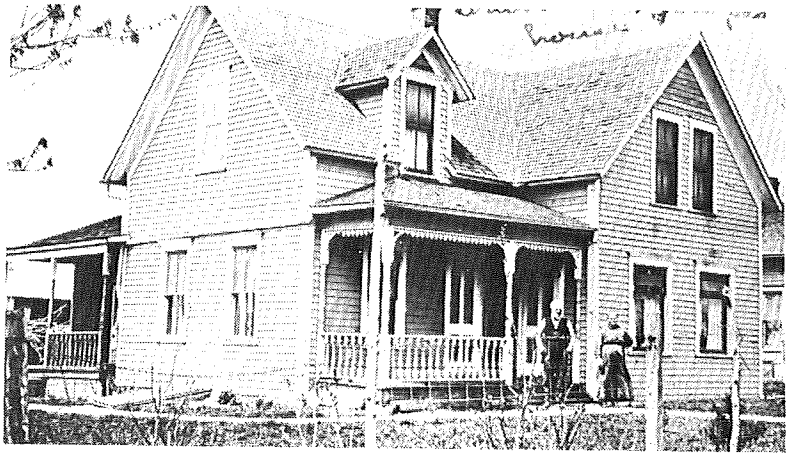
Norwegian Lutheran Church

Bohnton's Clothing Store

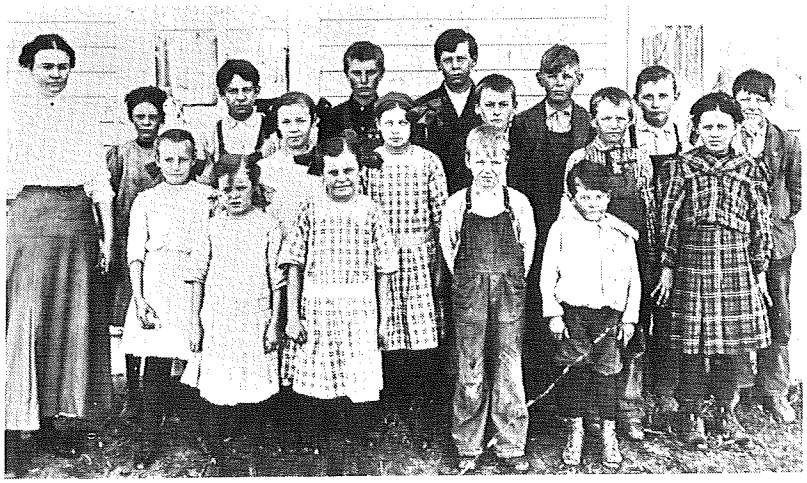
Andy and Mary Weiland

A wedding of the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johannes Yttreness in 1897.

Mr. and Mrs. Pete Lass Golden Wedding

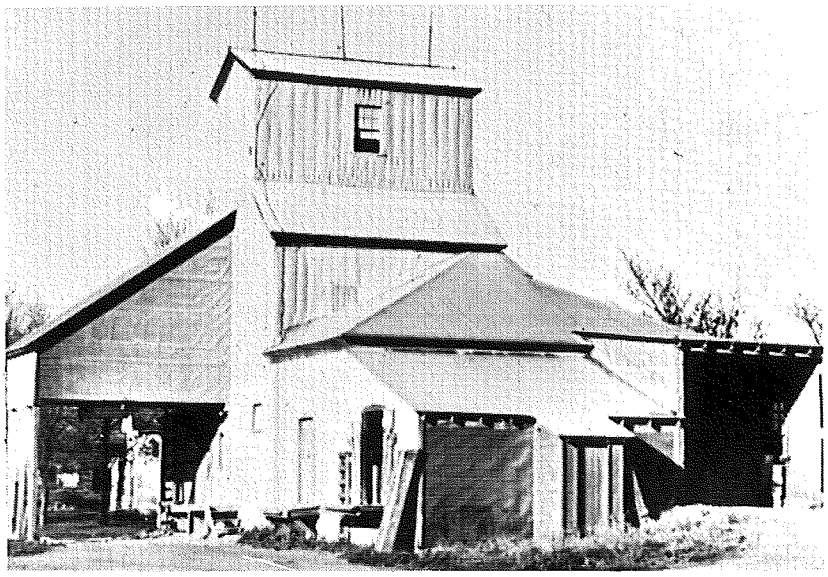


Thompson House

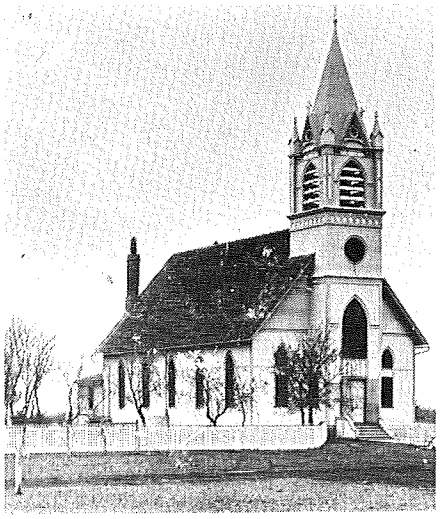


Pleasant Hill School, 1913

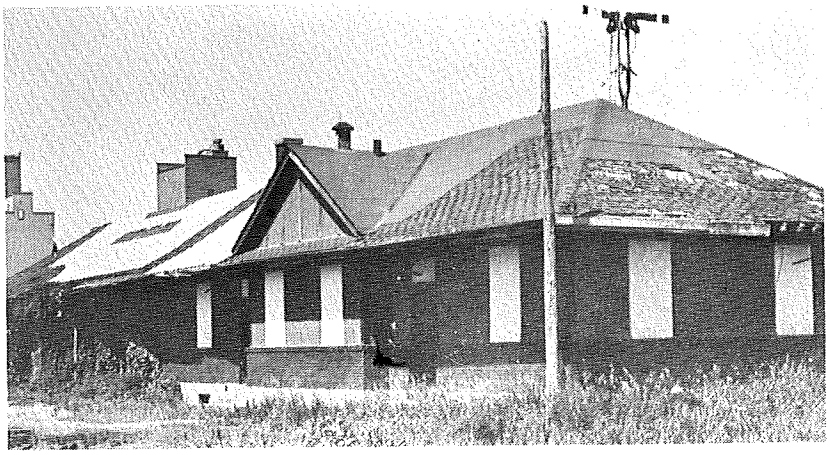
Pleasant Hill School: Sophie Eneboe, teacher; back: Agnes Nelson, Melvin Ende, Jesse Yttreness, George Ende, Carl and Bert Hustrulid; second row: (unidentified), Mabel Ende, Clarence Nupen, Alvin Yttreness, Lolita Howe; front: Grace Ende, Lottie Ende, Noble Nelson, Claude Ende.

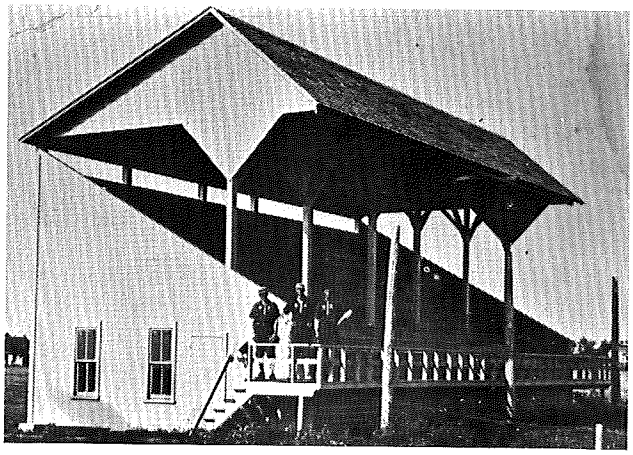


Len's Feed Mill

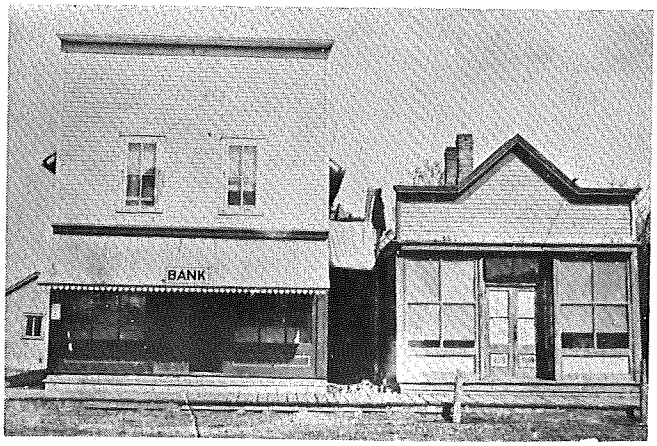


Emmett

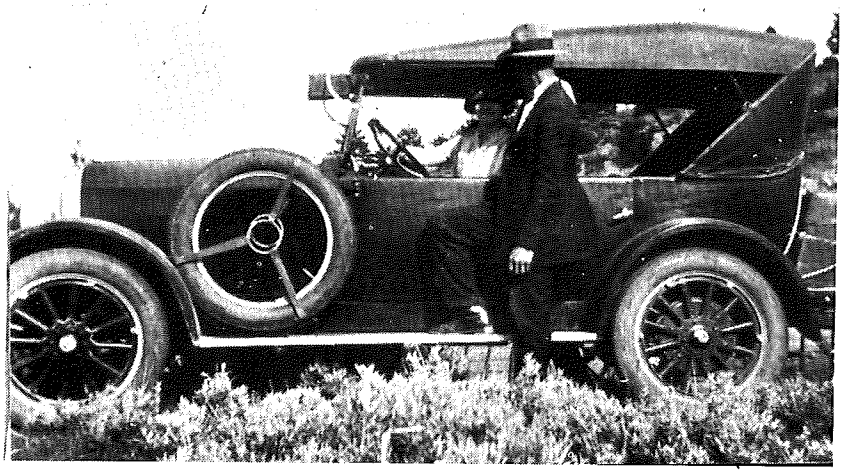




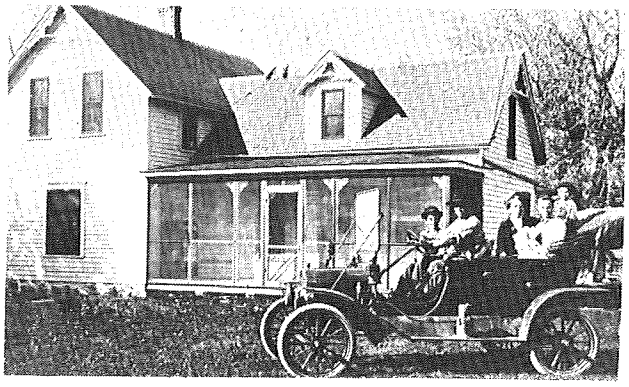
Grandstand at Ball Park



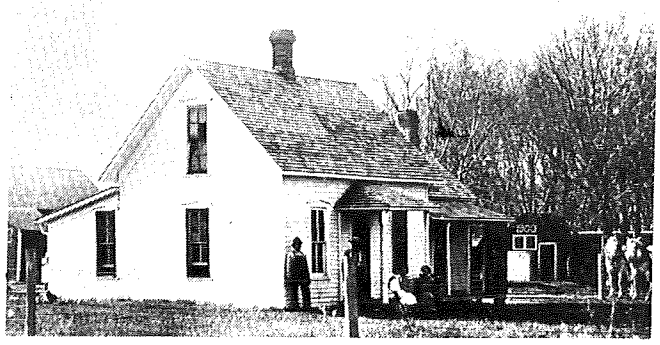
Temporary location of the bank while it was being rebuilt after the fire of 1883 and Bruehler Harness Shop.



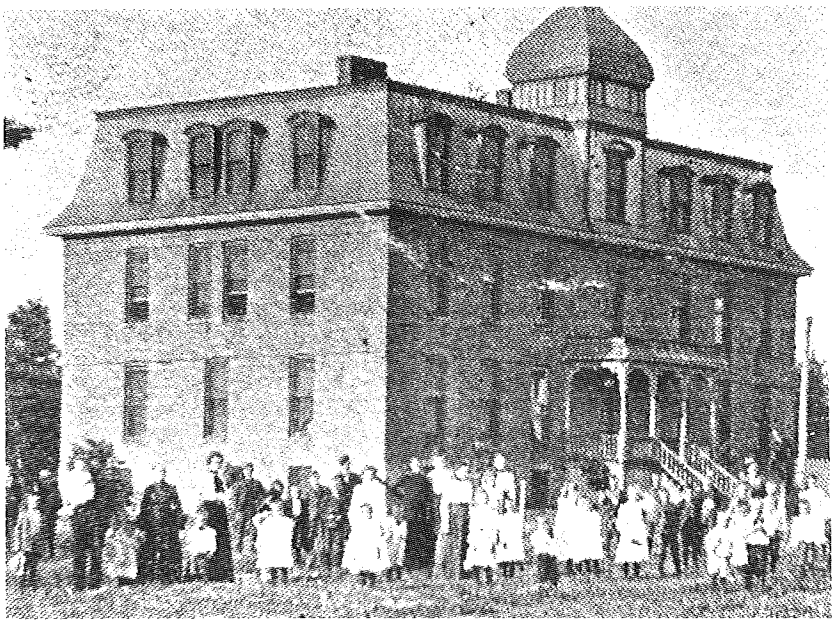
Mr. and Mrs. Ed Landeen



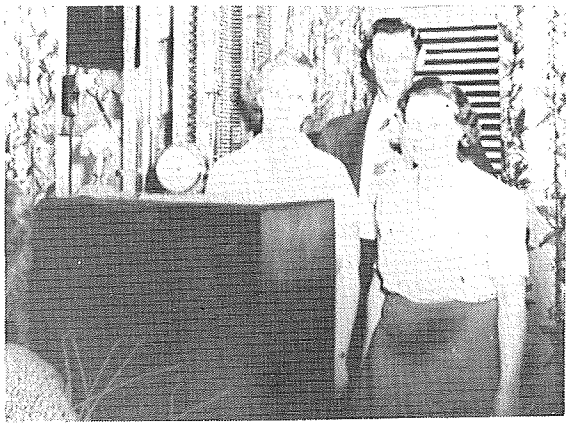
Nichols place



Lawrence Benjamin home

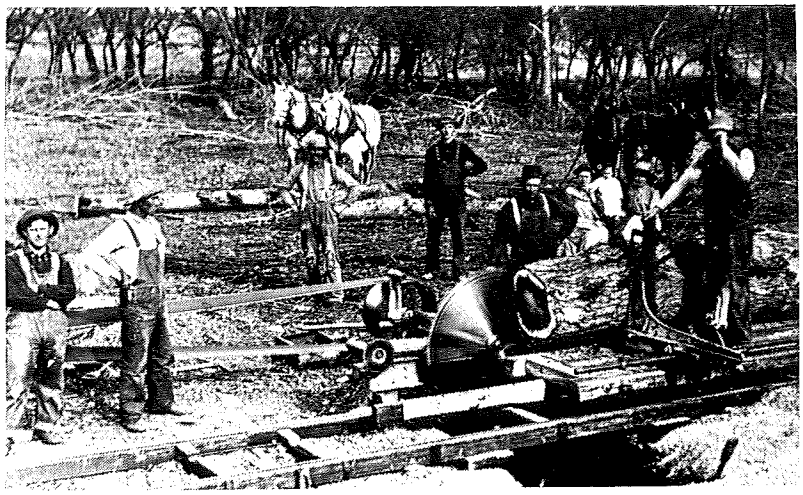


Original Bethesda Children's Home built in 1896. Building was replaced in 1952.



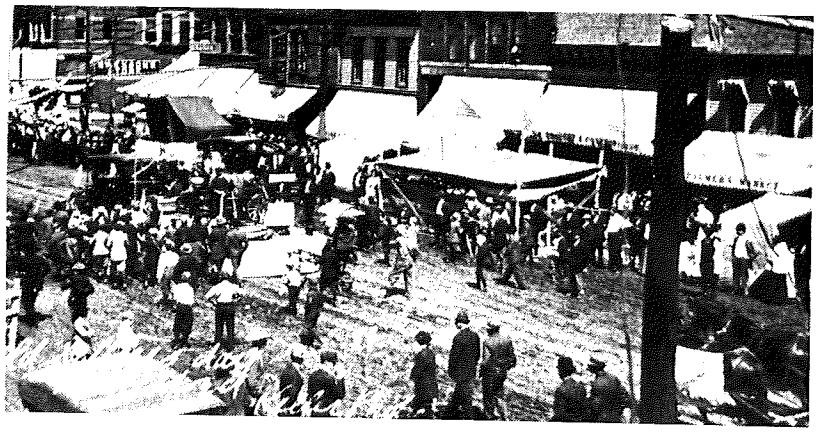
Viola (Johnson) Jensen, Lloyd Johnson, Judith Wevik, employees of Alsen Telephone Company.

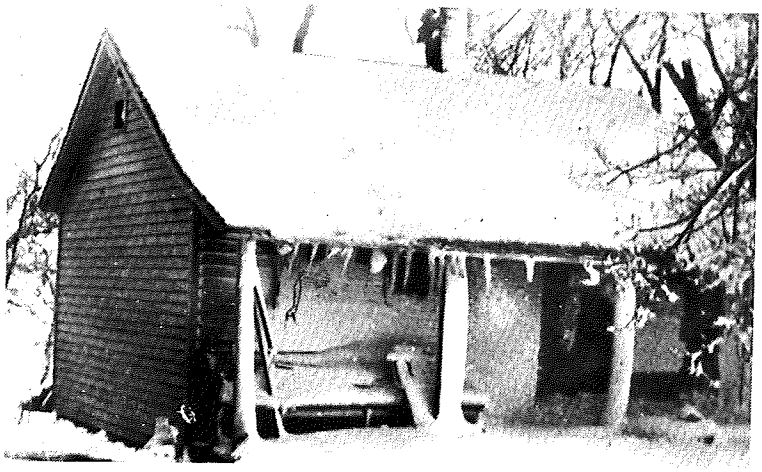
Richard Malloy, mother and sister.



Cutting lumber on Benjamin farm

Threshing on Herman Thompson farm

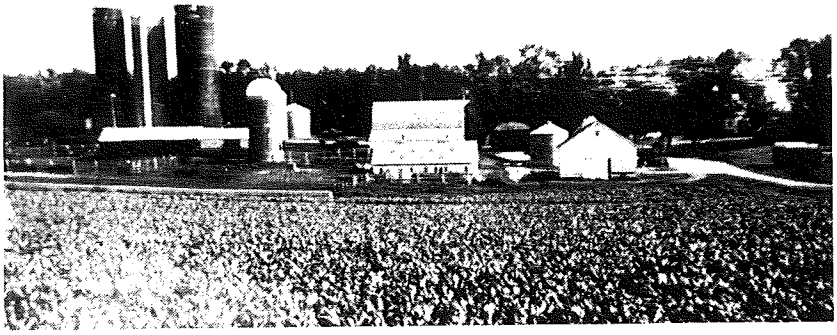




First house built on the Lykken homestead.

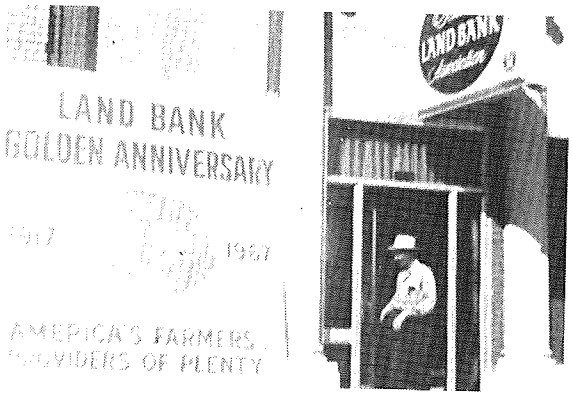
First Pleasant Hill School

Baby Mamie Reedy

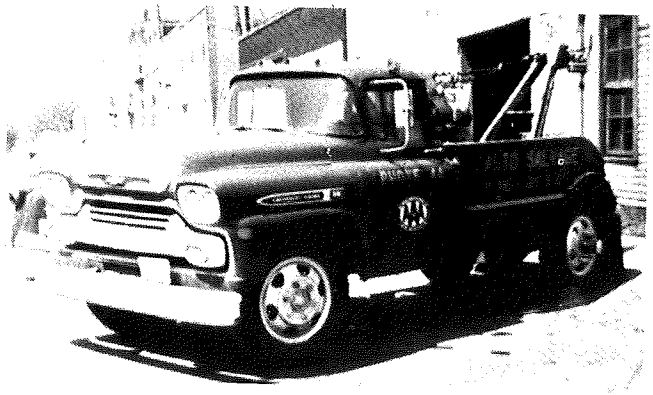


August Erickson farm in 1980

Birnie Meat Market

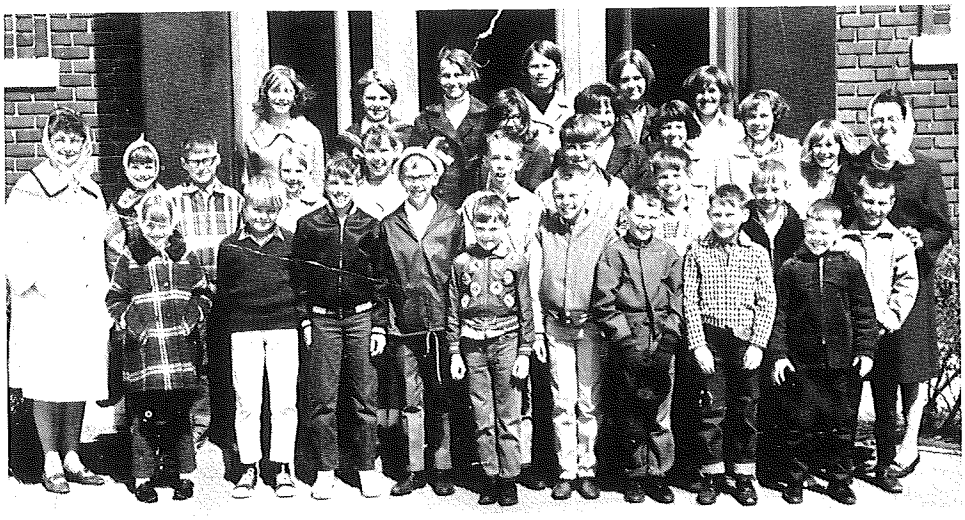


Old Federal Land Bank Building



Albert Nordquist's Wrecker

Part of business district in early 1900's



NEWDALE SCHOOL
1966

First row—Mary Schumacher, Steve Lundquist, John Hansen, Charles Jensen, Calvin Fickbohm, Jack Kirkebak, Jeff Abraham, Curtis Fickbohm, Joe Schumacher; second row—Kathleen Schumacher, Tom Bylander, Kimberly Jensen, June Kirkebak, Kevin Jensen, Gary Carlson, Robert Haarsager, Randy Jensen, John Jensen; third row—Roxy Hansen, Kristi Jensen, Valerie Elisen, Karen Fickbohm, Laurie Abraham; fourth row—Candice Fickbohm, Lois Lundquist, Nancy Abraham, Nancy Bylander, Myrna Hedeen, Patty Carlson; teachers—Alice Ahlgrim, left, and Alta Peterson.

Ella Leitru inspects some of her handiwork.

Labor Day plane crash near Beresford in 1923. Either the wings were too long or the trees were too close togehter as the pilot apparently ran out of runway.

Beresford about the 1950's

Beresford Business Men and Women of 1983

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Anita Girard,
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Principal

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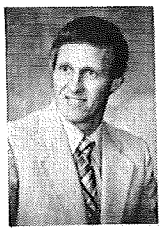

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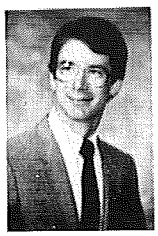

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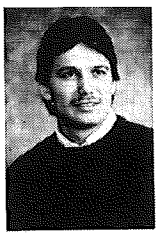

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Sheila White, Owner

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Owner

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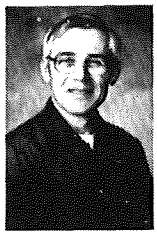

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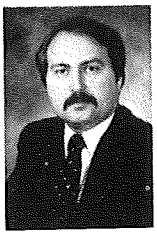

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Owner

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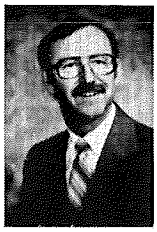

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Mary Geveshausen

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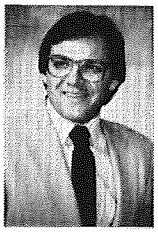

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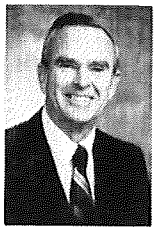

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Roda Sweeney, Owner

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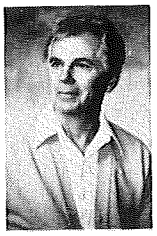

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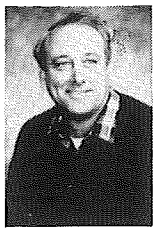

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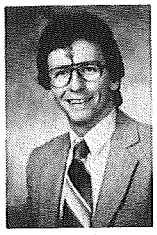
LaVerne Hofer, Owner



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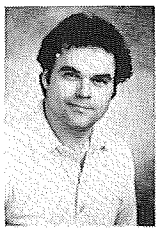

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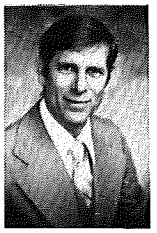

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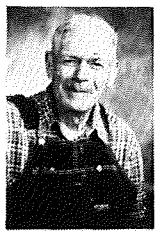

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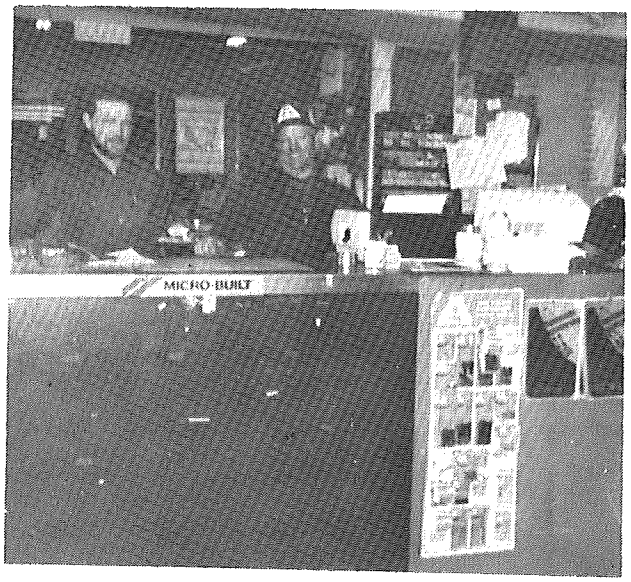

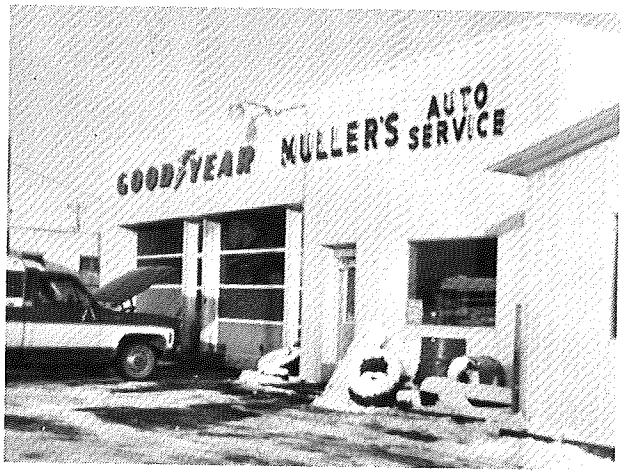

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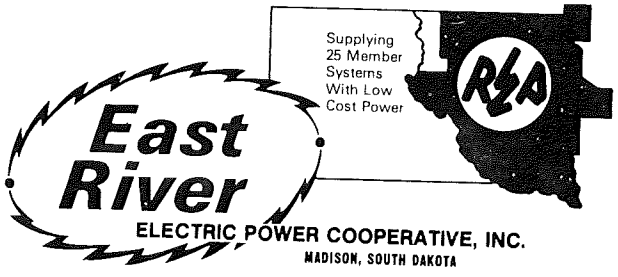

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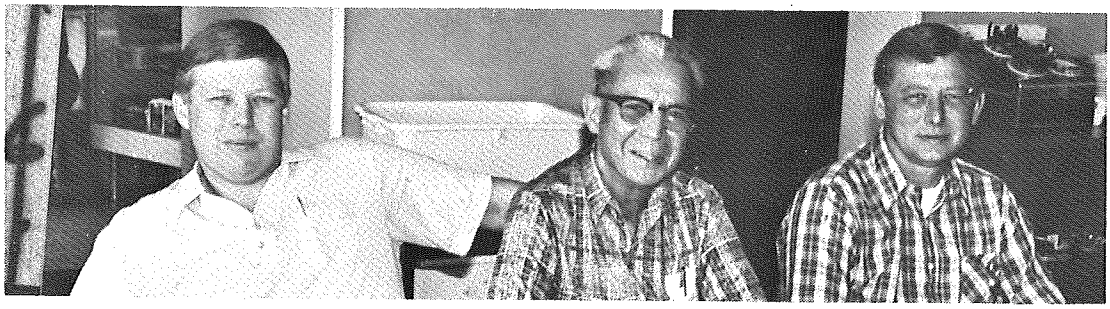

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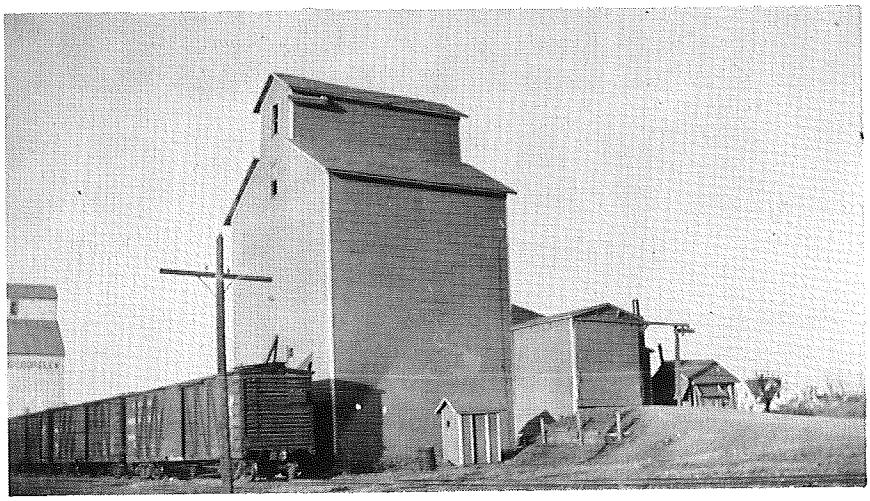

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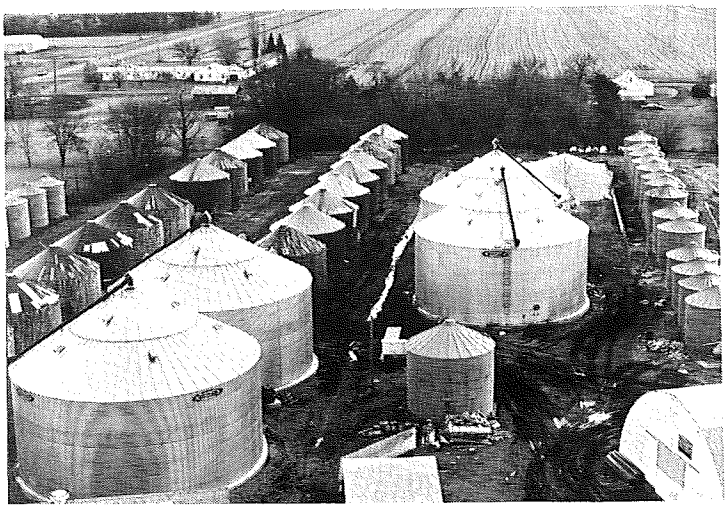

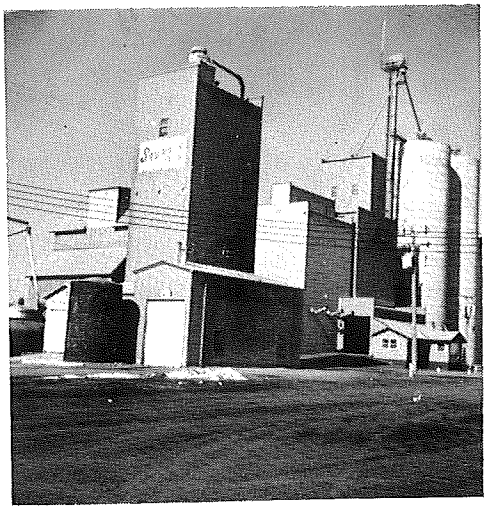

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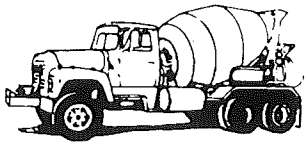

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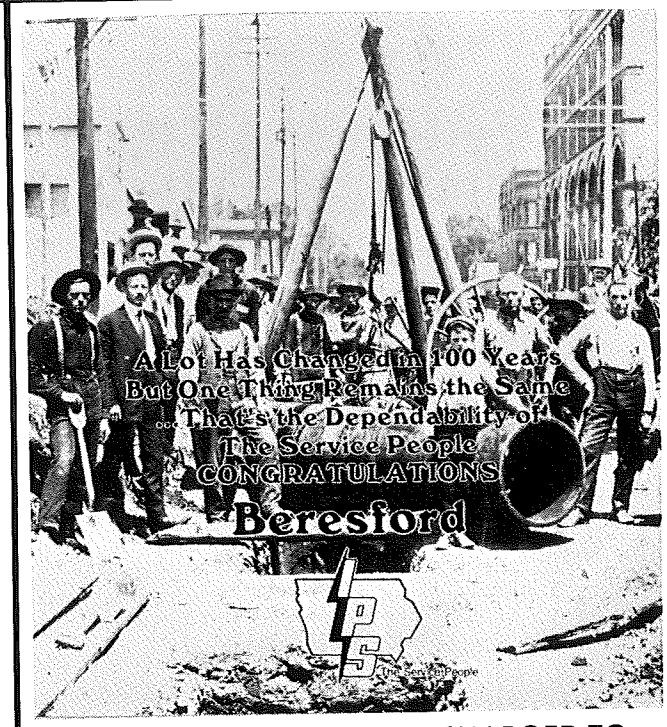

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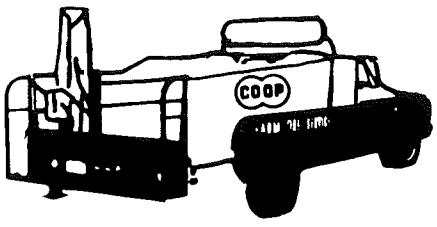

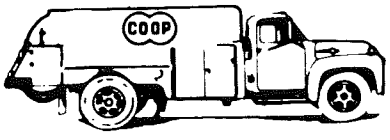

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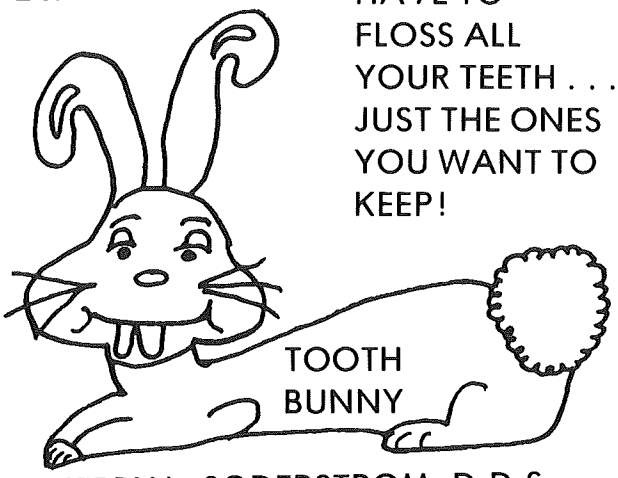

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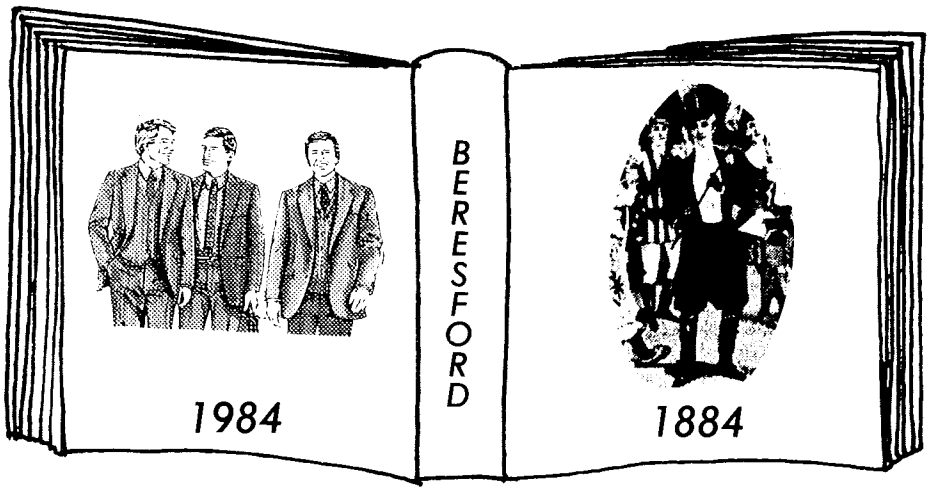

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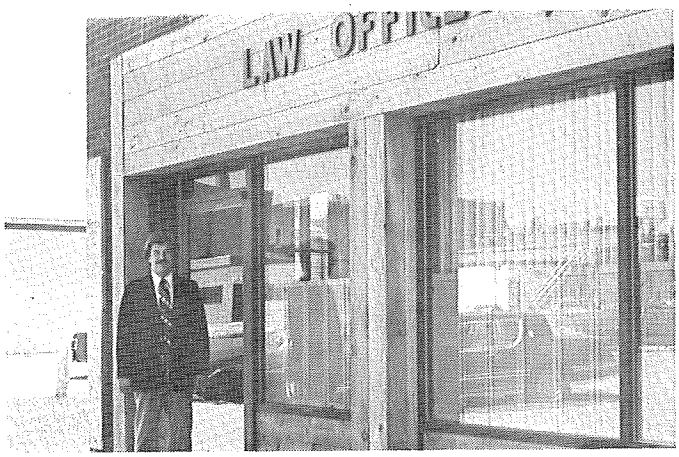

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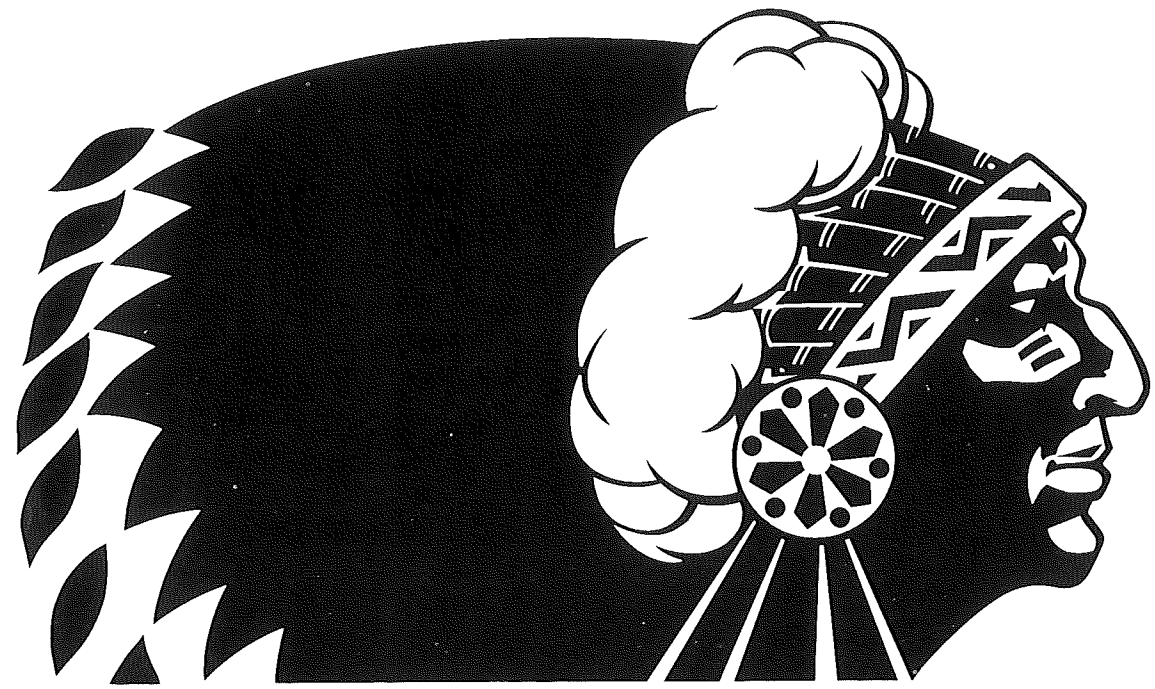

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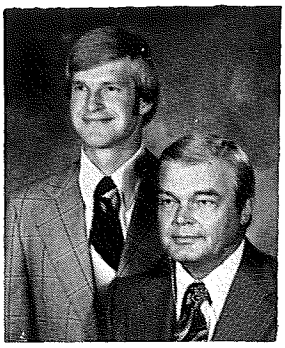

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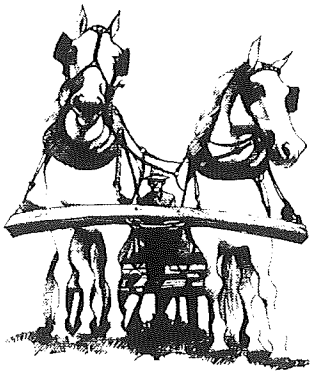

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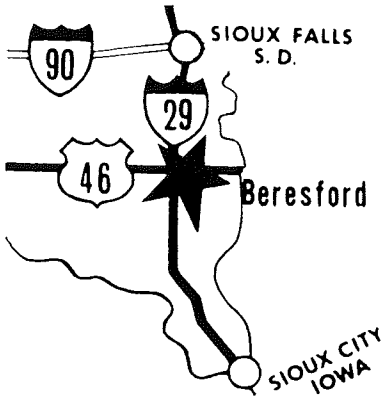

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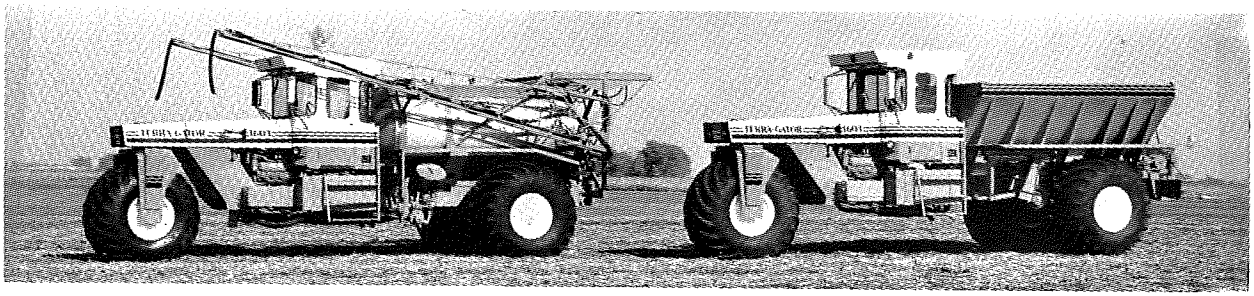

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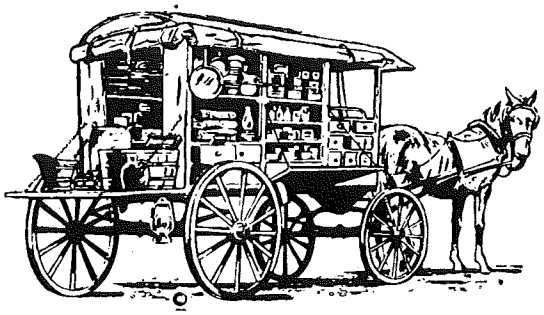

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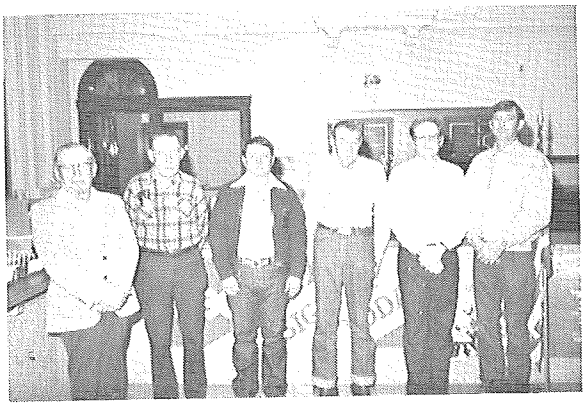

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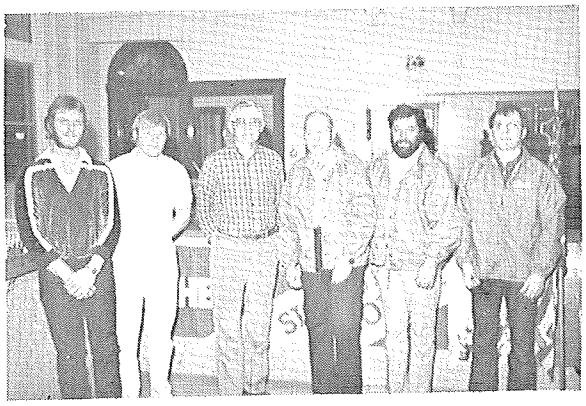

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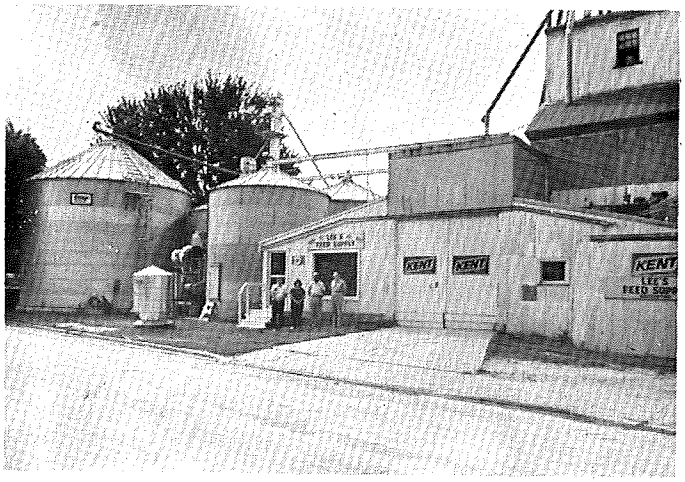

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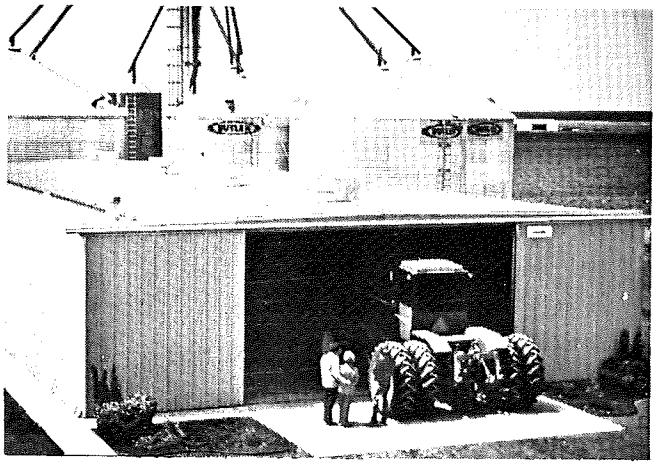

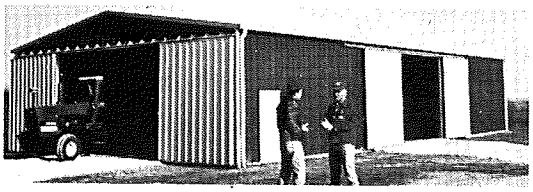

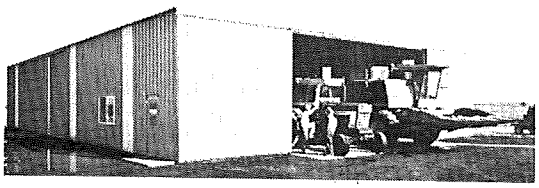

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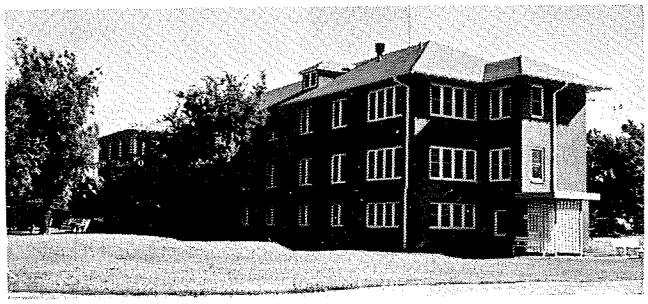

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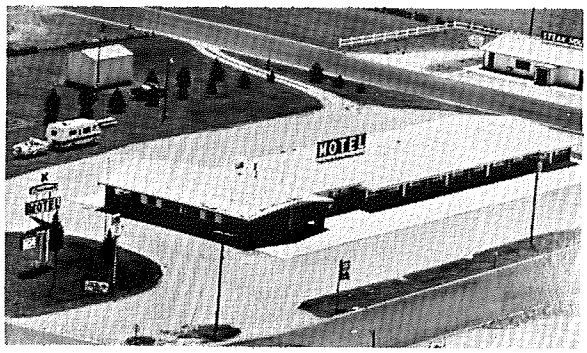

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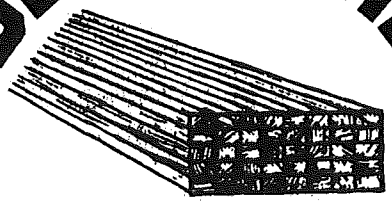

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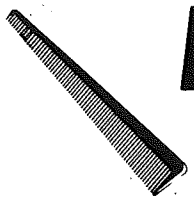

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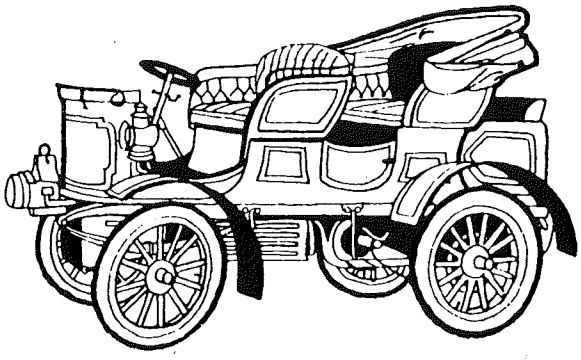

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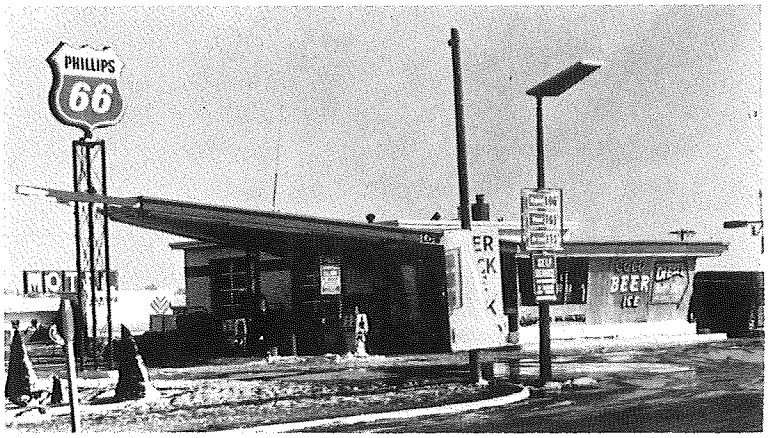

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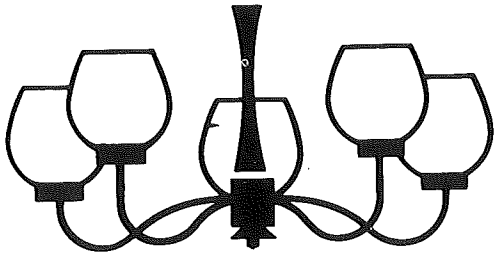

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★ AUDITING ★
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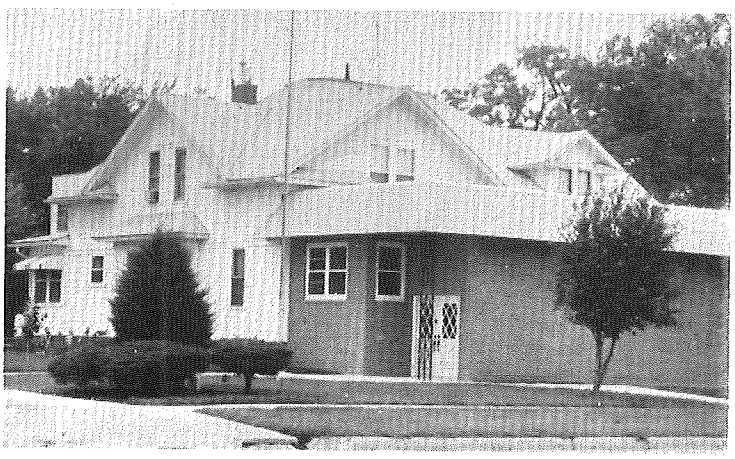

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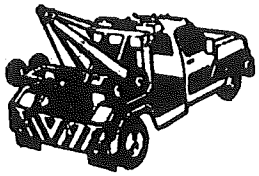

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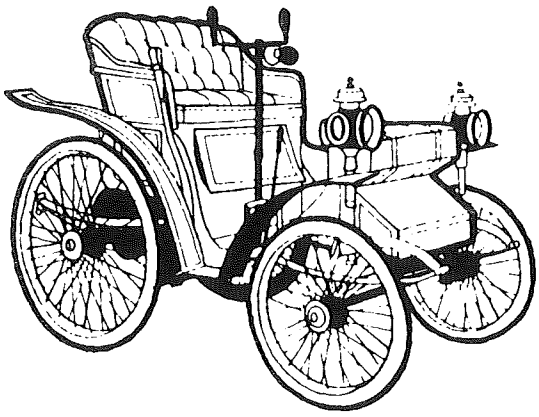

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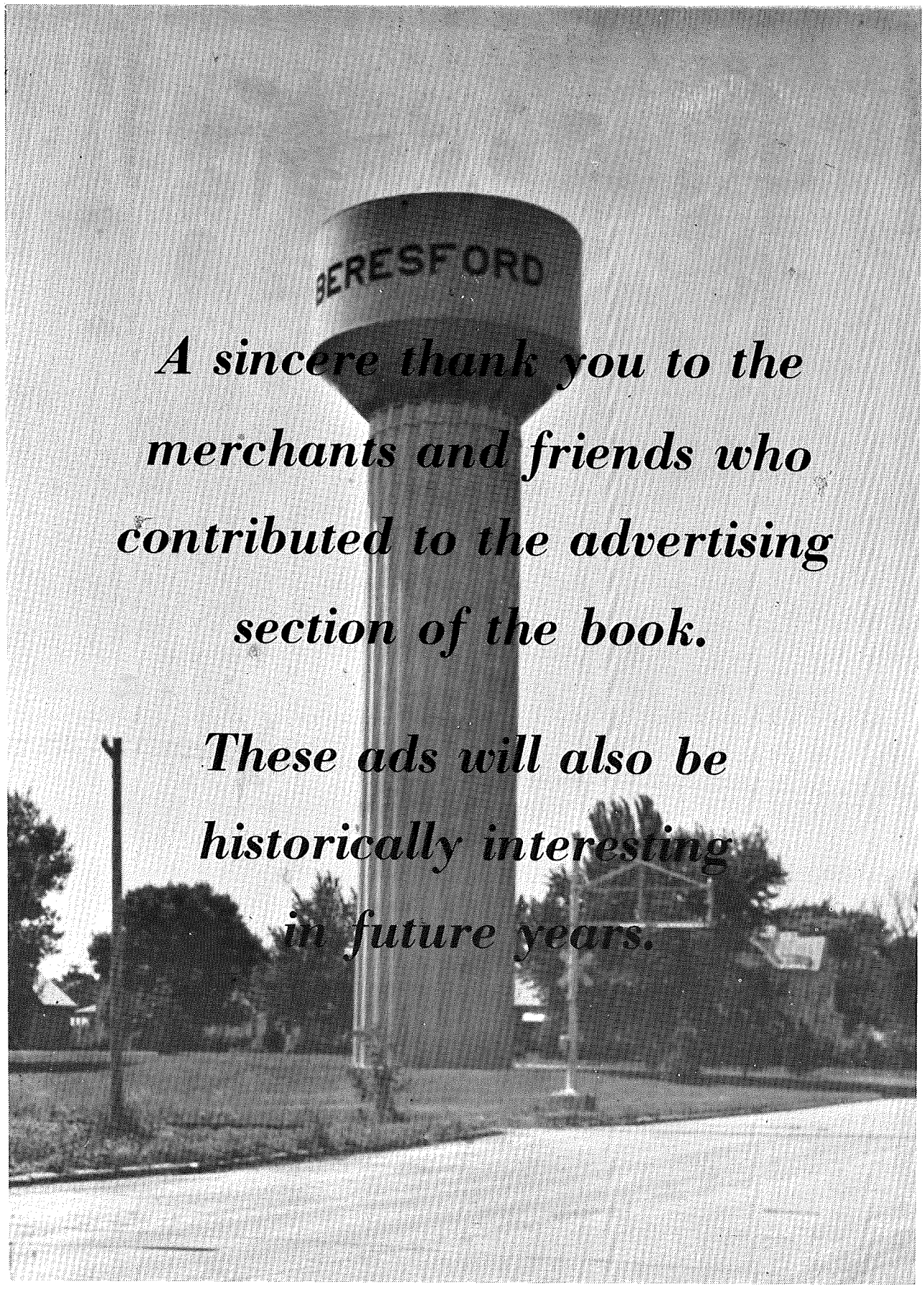

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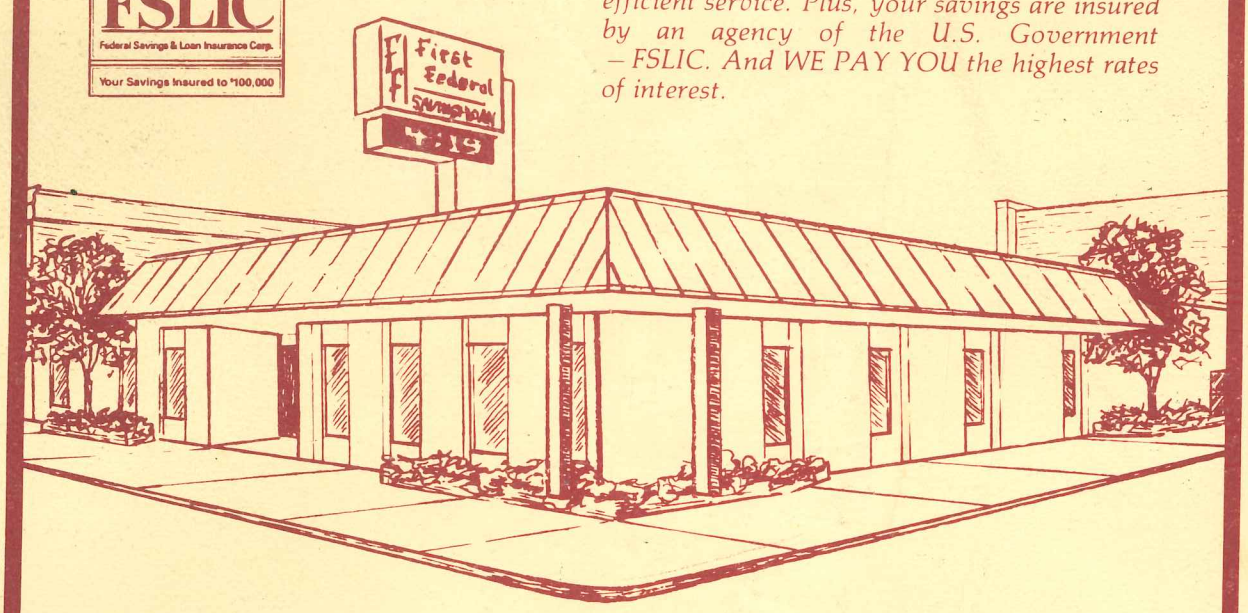

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