being active in political life. At the time of his death in 1960 at the age of 66, he was serving as alderman-at-large and previously served as alderman from the 1st ward from 1940-49. In addition to farming, he worked at American Crystal Sugar Company for 27 years.

O'Leary married the late Laura Sullivan on February 3, 1918. They had five sons: Keith, Bob, Jack, Duane and Mike and one daughter Mrs. John (Gloriann) Norton, who still resides on the farm just east of where the old Lincoln School stood on the Point. Mike, the youngest of the sons, still farms his grandfather's homestead.

MYRTLE C. PETERSON

My grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Nisbet and Mr. and Mrs. James McDonald, were among the early settlers of this area. They established their homes during the 1870's. My father, William James Nisbet, and my mother, Eva Bell McDonald were married on November 11, 1911. They began their farming career on 160 acres of the original James Nisbet farm. They lived the first few years at the Nisbet home and for a brief time at Mallory, Minnesota. During this time two children were born, a son, Herbert J. and a daughter, Jean I.

When Jean was about a year and a-half old, they started building a new home on their 160 acres. Two more children were born at this home, a daughter, Myrtle C., and a daughter, Helen E.; this was home for us from that time on. We attended grade school at Mallory, Minnesota, which was one and one-half miles west of the farm. On Sunday we attended Bethel Presbyterian church one-half mile east. It didn't seem long until we were grown and leaving home. Jean was the first to leave. She married Walter Roberts and moved to Mallory, Minnesota. I was the next to leave. I had graduated from Demnings Beauty College in Grand Forks, North Dakota, and moved to Portland, Oregon in 1942. That same year on December 11, 1942, Herbert married Betty McVeety and they began their farming career on the home place with Mom and Dad. Later Helen also moved to Portland, Oregon. She is working at Sandy's Camera Store in Portland at this time.

On July 2, 1945, Mom and Dad had the opportunity to rent the manse owned by Bethel Presbyterian church. Services were still being held in the church, but the decline in membership made it impossible to retain a full-time minister. During this period a minister, usually from the East Grand Forks church, also held services at Mallory and Key West churches. On December 1, 1946, tragedy struck when Bethel church burned.

The few members that remained considered rebuilding, but finally decided that they would join other churches in the area. A lot of the members joined Mendenhall Presbyterian church of East Grand Forks, Minnesota. Following the loss of the old

Mr. and Mrs. James E. O'Leary.