Ingeborg (Folstad) Bjorgen, was born August 20, 1868, at Stren, Norway and was deceased in Yakima, Washington, June 22, 1959. They are both interred at Sand Hill Cemetery, Fertile, Minnesota.

Their golden wedding anniversary was celebrated at Concordia Lutheran Church, Fertile on December 12, 1943.

From this union the following children were born: Engvald, who married Inga Anderson, a veteran of World War I and is deceased. He is interred at Fort Snelling, Minnesota. Their children are: Robert and Charles, both of Minneapolis, Minnesota. Mabel is a widow of Grover Burrows and lives in Yakima, Washington and is retired. Oscar is a retired school teacher, married to Lenore Sjogren. They live in Pelican Rapids, Minnesota. Their children are Mary and John, both of them are in the Minneapolis area. Bernhard, (Ben), is deceased. He had married Violet Berhow, also deceased. Both are interred at Sand Hill Cemetery at Fertile. Their one child, Judith resides in Wisconsin. Edwin, was deceased in infancy. Elmer, is deceased. He is interred at Sand Hill Cemetery, Fertile. Ray is retired. He married Esther Gilbertson. They live in Yakima, Washington. Their children are James, Yakima; and Tom, who has lived in Norway the past three years. Bernice married Ormond T. Smith. They are both retired and live in Yakima, Washington. Their children are Ray Allen, Yakima; Sylvia, Toppenish, Washington; and Dean of Washington, D.C.

BROWN DUCKSTAD

Brown Duckstad was a native of Bergen, Norway, where his life began December 6, 1865, and where he was reared to the age of nineteen. In the spring of 1884, he came to the United States and to Polk County, where he lived until his death in October, 1936. During the first five years he was employed as a farm hand, working hard, living frugally, and saving his earnings to enable him to begin at the earliest practical time the business career to which he was steadily looking forward. In 1889, he located in Fertile and opened the hardware store he held until his death. His business was started on a small scale but by close attention to detail and excellent business capacity he steadily expanded his business. His business outgrew his first facilities so he was obliged to build the substantial building in which his business continued, and which is now the home of the Coast-to-Coast Store.

He was intensely interested in agricultural pursuits and owned a considerable number of acres of farm land in Polk county in the vicinity of Fertile, Minnesota. He was vice-president of the First State Bank and also of the Fertile Brick and Tile Co. He was postmaster from 1898 to 1907. His political affiliation was with the Republican Party, and his church affiliation with the Lutheran Church. He was active on the school board, church council, and as a member of the Sons of Norway.

Mr. Duckstad was married to Bertha Skime, in 1889, who like himself was a native of Norway. She died in 1901. They were the parents of seven children — of whom three lived to adulthood. Benjamin, a graduate of West Point, Lisa Steps, a high school teacher; and John, a high school superintendent — all are deceased now. In 1903, Mr. Duckstad married Anna Sophia Skeim, born in Winnisheek county, Iowa. They had six children: Norman of Princeton, Minnesota, a retired school superintendent; Val Borg of Seattle, Washington, a retired U.S.O. director; Walter, a former state representative and business man, now deceased; Sylvia Que of Farmington, Minnesota, a retired high school teacher; Paul of Fairfax, Minnesota, a banker; Eleanor Vine of Menominee, Wisconsin. Anna Sophia Duckstad passed away September 18, 1975, at 96 years of age. There are 18 grandchildren.

ODD EIDE

A good business man, a progressive, enterprising and public spirited citizen, with the welfare of the town always foremost in his mind, was Mr. Odd Eide. Mr. Eide was born at Voss, Norway, February 16, 1883, to Knute and Anna Eide. He was educated in Voss and lived there until 1899, when he came to the United States. In 1900, Mr. Eide came to Fertile, was