of Moorhead, Minnesota. David also got a master's degree from Rutgers University. He married Joyce Braathen of Starkweather, North Dakota, also a Concordia graduate and holder of a master's degree, in 1962. They, together with their two sons, Jonathan and George, live in Poughkeepsie, New York, where he is employed by the IBM Corporation.

In 1962 Marlene married Dr. Richard L. Beck of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, a plastic surgeon who has a practice in Orlando, Florida. They have three sons, Eric, Daniel and Matthew.

Mr. and Mrs. David E. Hanson and Sons.

In 1939, they have two children, Lynn and Rolf, both graduates of the University of Minnesota. Lynn is a graduate of Moorhead State University, and is married to Gerald Jacobson, Fertile, where he is farming and also in the advertising business. They have three sons, Geoffrey, Steven and Adam.

Rolf is a graduate of Concordia College and also has a master's degree. He is teaching at North Branch, Minnesota, and is unmarried.

HAROLD GREDVIG

In the spring of 1878, Harold Gredvig and his wife Anna along with his parents, Ole Gredvig and wife Guneld, also two brothers, moved with ox team to Fisher, Minnesota in Polk County. They bought a quarter section of school land but sold it in the fall and moved back to Delevan, Minnesota, where they lived until 1902.

Harold and his wife and four children: Gerhard, Petra, Nathan and Tom moved to Fertile, Minnesota in 1902 and bought the homestead of his brother Halvor who had come here earlier. Later he bought a quarter section of land just south of the village of Fertile, Minnesota where he farmed for many years. Harold Gredvig died at Fertile, May 10, 1925; he is buried at the Concordia Lutheran Church cemetery.

Gerhard Gredvig, oldest son of Harold, bought the original Gredvig farm just south of the city limits and lived there all his life except for two years when he worked for a general merchandise store at Maple Bay, Minnesota. He married Clara Morvig, October 25, 1906 and they had twelve children, six boys and six girls. They are: Alida (Mrs. Cyrus Sannes) Fertile; Olava (Mrs. Olaf Christian) Bothell, Washington; Hilma (Mrs. Arthur Rongen) Fertile; Mildred (Mrs. Philip Kilpatrick) Sun City, Arizona; Arnold Gredvig, St. Paul, Minnesota; George Gredvig, Springfield, Ohio; & Mabel (Mrs. Ralph Sather) Seattle.

Lynn married D. (Mrs. Arnold Erickson) Fertile; Henry Gredvig, Crookston, Minnesota; Walter Gredvig, San Diego, California; Paule Gredvig, Fertile and Arthur Gredvig, Fertile.

Art and Paul Gredvig now own the farm homestead by their grandfather, Harold Gredvig.

Gerhard operated a dairy-bottling and selling milk and cream for fourteen years. He also operated the Kankan Feed and Mill on the Sand Hill River. For many years this mill was powered by water power from the Sand Hill River Dam.

Due to a wash out of the dam the mill was operated by electricity. Mr. Gredvig raised wheat, rye, corn, oats, corn, potatoes, buckwheat, and both dairy and beef cattle on this during his life.

DAVID E. AND HELEN SATHER HANSON

David E. Hanson was born in Fertile, Minnesota on August 18, 1912. He was the son of Elmer B. Hanson and Grace E. Hanson. Elmer B. Hanson was Cashier of the First State Bank of Fertile at the time. Mrs. Grace E. Hanson, formerly Grace E. Hagen, was originally from Janesville, Minnesota. She taught in the Fertile school before her marriage. David was the oldest of four children. He had three sisters, Orpha, Elizabeth and Norma, all of whom are living.

David Hanson was baptized and confirmed in Concordia Lutheran Church in Fertile. He attended grade school and high school in Fertile and later attended St. Olaf College at Northfield, Minnesota. Upon his return from college, he was employed at the First State Bank of Fertile. He has served at this institution since 1933 as teller, assistant cashier; and since his father passed away in November of 1947, he has been president of the bank.

In 1941 he married Helen M. Sather of Crookston. Mrs. Hanson is the daughter of Louis and Mary Sather, former residents of Crookston. She had four brothers. One brother is living in Madison, Wisconsin, Raymond L. Sather. The other brothers have passed away. Her father passed away in July of 1943 and her mother passed away in August of 1949. The former Helen M. Sather was born in Crookston February 17, 1912. She was baptized and confirmed in the First English Lutheran Church, now Trinity Lutheran Church in Crookston.

She graduated from Bemidji Teachers College in Bemidji in 1932. Her first teaching position was at Red Lake Indian Reservation. Later she taught in the Fertile School for several years.

Since their marriage, the Hansons have resided in Fertile. They had one adopted son, Stephen E. Hanson, who was killed at the age of twenty-one in a car accident in 1969. They have one son, Ronald D., who was born in Crookston on July 31, 1953. He attended Fergus Falls Junior College after graduating from Fertile High School. He is now employed at the First State Bank of Fertile. He makes the fourth generation of Hansons to be engaged in the bank's activities, namely: Norman Hanson 1914-1922, Elmer B. Hanson 1922-1947, David E. Hanson 1947 to the present, and Ronald D. Hanson 1973 to the present.

David E. Hanson has been active in the community of Fertile and surrounding area. He has served with the Junior Chamber of Commerce, Fertile Community Club and the Fertile Lions Club. He also served as treasurer of the village of Fertile for ten years, a member of the school board for 15 years and a member of the former Bethesda Hospital Board of Crookston for several years. Mr. Hanson served as a director on the Minnesota State Bankers Association Council for three years.

The First State Bank of Fertile has grown over the years to where it now had a capital of $100,000.00. Surplus of $250,000.00. Reserves of $112,000.00. Undivided profits of $260,000.00. Deposits of $8,780,000.00. These figures are as of December 31, 1975.

NORMAN HANSON

Norman Hanson, pioneer banker at Fertile, began his career in 1897, within one year after the village was incorporated. Born on a farm near Waukon in Allamakee county, Iowa in August 1857, he completed his common grade school education and until he was 17 years of age, remained with his parents, Gunder and Kjersti Hanson, to assist them with the farm work. Ambitious for higher education he enrolled at Luther College at Decorah, Iowa for one year. Lacking funds to continue his education, he traveled by foot to Rock County in southwestern Minnesota. There he found employment as a farm worker and as a store clerk. After two or three years he moved to the Red River Valley — to Glyndon, where he worked in an insurance and real estate office, and to Ada