R. T. ADAMS

Robert Thomas (R. T.) Adams was born in Fisher, Minnesota, January 23, 1888. His father was Andrew J. and his mother Elsie Webster Adams. He married March 29, 1920 at Crookston, Minnesota, Esther Ellen White, daughter of Richard E. and Margaret Morrow White. She died May 8, 1950. He later married M. Elizabeth, daughter of Charles and Emilie Schwarzkopf. She was born March 15, 1900 at Lebanon Prairie, Minnesota. She was a legal secretary and L.P.N. before her marriage. There were no children born of either marriage. R. T. Adams' maternal grandfather, Calno U. Webster, Sr., came to Fisher's Landing in 1876, and homesteaded one mile and a half east of Fisher, and his father, Andrew J. Adams, homesteaded in Section twenty-two in Fanny Township but bought 160 acres in Section 10 and moved to Fisher Township in 1888.

R. T. Adams received his education in the public schools of Fisher. The summer after he was fourteen he worked for a farmer north of Fisher the entire season for $100 and returned to school that fall. After school was out the next year he left with the principal of the school selling school magazines for schools in North Dakota and Montana. After discovering that he could sell and make from $7 to $8 a day, he kept drifting west, selling house to house and landed in Denver, where he met some of the staff personnel of the Sells-Floto and Buffalo Bills circus. He shipped out with them as a ticket seller and assistant steward, in which capacities he duty for a few years. In the winter time he worked at various occupations, sometimes in the woods, sometimes on construction jobs on dams, railroads, all through the west. One winter he drove a freight team in the Mojave desert. On one trip back home as he was getting off the train the whole town was getting on and said they were going to Minot to register for a drawing for homesteads on the Berthold Reservation; so he went with them and he was one of that two that drew one. That was in 1915. Then came World War I and he served in the United States Army in the 48th Field Artillery, which was the first motorized division.

In 1919, he went back to the homestead, which is now owned by his nephew, Max Adams. In 1920, back again in Fisher, he bought grain for two years. In 1923 he bought the Fisher Garage. In 1924, on 60 acres of rented land, he raised the first sugar beets and that was the year that the beet factory in East Grand Forks opened. In 1925 he signed a Chevrolet contract. In 1928 the bank closed. In 1930 he bought his first farm and started the Fisher Oil Company. In 1936 he bought a half interest in the Kelley Oil Company of Crookston and has been a director ever since and president several times. It is a very closely held corporation and is in both the land and oil business. He bought more land. He was a director of the Northwest Petroleum Association of Minneapolis for 16 years, was President of the Red River Valley Beet Growers Association (from 1954 to 1962), a member of the Village Council, Market active in the F.F.A. and A.R.C. Past Commander of the American Legion, 32nd degree Mason, Shriner, Elks, Eagles, I.O.O.F. and was an active director of the Grand Forks Mission for many years. He is a real estate broker. From September, 1941 until V.J. day in 1945 he was a member of the Polk County Draft Board No. 1. He sold the Fisher Garage to Maurice Anderson in 1945.

HENRY BEISWENGER

I was born October 15, 1902 in Polk County, Nesbit Township, Minnesota. I married Henry Beiswenger on October 27, 1920. He was born February 4, 1894. We had three children, Eunice, Eldin and Lloyd. Henry died October, 1936.

Eunice was born November 8, 1921. She married Pearley Hartel on January 3, 1942. They live on a farm northeast of McIntosh, Minnesota. They have four children: Gary, Ronald, Linda and Lee Ann. Gary was born October 24, 1942. He married Dorothy Young, July 22, 1967. They have one daughter, Lana Marie, born March 3, 1975. Ronald was born January 18, 1946. He married Marilyn Kuehl on June 8, 1946. They have one boy, Michael James, born September 24, 1971. Linda was born May 28, 1950. She married Bruce Nelson February 27, 1971. They have one daughter, Jennifer Lynn, who was born August 20, 1973. Lee Ann was born October 18, 1954. She married Kevin Nascene on June 16, 1974.

Eldin was born April 12, 1923. He married Jean Norman November 3, 1944. Eldin died September 6, 1965. Jean now lives in Oregon. They had four children: Shirley, Ann, Joyce and Craig. Shirley was born June 8, 1946. She married Bill Banion on September 10, 1969. They now live in California. They have one daughter, Michelle, born December 5, 1970. Ann was born October 20, 1952. She married James Banion, March 25, 1972. They also live in California. Joyce was born September 23, 1954. She married Rodney Cornbett on September 15, 1973. They, too, live in California. Craig was born January 30, 1957. He is serving in the United States Army and is stationed in Georgia.

Lloyd was born February 6, 1927. He married Ruth Kaspick on November 18, 1948. They have four children: Scott, Rodney, Gloria, and Beverly. Scott was born on October 20, 1953. Rodney was born July 23, 1956. Gloria was born January 15, 1958. She is a senior in the Fisher High School at Fisher, Minnesota. Beverly was born January 15, 1963, and is in the seventh grade at Fisher, Minnesota.

ERNEST C. GUNSTINSON

Gilbert O. Gunstinson (1882-1949) came to the United States from Norway in 1889 when seven years old, coming to the Guder Sorenson farm, one mile south of Fisher. He enlisted in the army during the Spanish-American War and served as a guard at San Francisco after the great earthquake