way home, (about nine miles). How John’s dad, Mike Quirk, would welcome them home again for the spring work!
There were two banks in Fisher in those early days. Also in Fisher were three grocery stores; some sold ready-to-wear clothing, dresses for ladies, and overalls and jackets for men. Other businesses were a creamery, a livery barn, a millinery shop, Grove’s meat market and a barber shop operated by Albert Strande. Hotel Fisher was owned by Mr. and Mrs. Charles Henderson. The drug store and lumber yard were owned and operated by Ole Gunstenson, and later by his sons, Alfred and Gustave. The funeral home and hardware store were owned by William Hamilton and he served the surrounding area including Climax and Eldred. Also located in Fisher were two grain elevators and, not to be forgotten, a passenger train which arrived in the late afternoon. All the young folk would go to see who was arriving in Fisher.
When my husband, John, passed away in 1954, our sons took over the farm and I lived with them. In April, 1970, I moved to Sunshine Terrace, East Grand Forks. I find Sunshine Terrace to be a lovely place to age gracefully, Ha! You are your own boss and everyone is so friendly and kind. It is a wonderful place for peace and comfort.

OLE STALEMO
Among some of the earliest settlers in the Fisher area were Ole Stalemo and his wife Siri Skomedal from Satesdalen, Norway. They homesteaded two miles southwest of Fisher in the 1870’s. Their children were: Gunhild, Sena, Annie, John, Paul, Andrew and Theodore. Paul is the only survivor. Ole had a threshing machine and did a lot of custom threshing and also farmed. Ole died in 1898 from typhoid fever. One thing Paul still remembers of his father is that he died in July and his funeral was held on the lawn at the home.
With the help of hired men, the family still continued farming and when the boys were big enough they took over farming. Gunhild married Gunsten Knutson and settled on a farm near Thief River Falls. Sena married Ben Johnson and farmed one mile west of Fisher. Annie, John and Andrew never married but continued on the farm with their mother, and also after her death in 1938. Andrew lived on the farm until 1966 when sickness forced him to leave. He then entered the Woodland Apartments in Crookston where he lived until his death in 1973. Theodore entered World War I in 1918 and was assigned to Co. F 306th Infantry. He was killed on October 28, 1918. He was the first casualty of World War I from the Fisher area. The American Legion Post 242 of Fisher is named for him. Paul married Ida Erickson who came to this area in 1915 from Moline, Illinois, with her father, two brothers and a sister. They settled on what is now the Gunder Sorenson farm just west of Fisher which was sold when her father died. Paul and Ida built a home three miles west of Fisher in 1927, and farmed there until 1957. They then retired and bought a home in Fisher where they still live. They are members of the Fisher Lutheran Church where they celebrated their 50th Anniversary in 1972. Their son, Clifford, who married Patricia Carlson of Hitterdal and their two sons Paul and Edwin now live on the farm.

AMOS AND MARTHA WAGNER
Amos and Martha Wagner were both born and raised in Polk County. They were married in June of 1919 and had three children. Martha Wagner (Ross) is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ross, and Amos is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Julius Wagner.
Their children are Lucille (Mrs. Edward Reitmeier) and Alvin and Willis. Lucille and Edward were married in 1940.