name of Vraa from their home in Norway, who had come to America a couple of years later. They all homesteaded near Climax in the 1870's.

Lena Gjermundson was born in a little house on the banks of the Sand Hill River in 1886. Her mother died when she was but five years old, and she later moved to McIntosh, Minnesota, with her sister where she met and married John Norby. Arleen was born to John and Lena Norby in 1928. She graduated from Plummer high school in 1945, after which she attended Bemidji State College where she met and married Norman Wagner in 1947. Since that time they have lived in Fisher.

Norman attended the Fisher Public School graduating in 1942. He is a graduate of Bemidji State College and has done his graduate studies at the University of North Dakota. He was a member of the American Legion, a Post Commander of the Legion and a Post Commander of the old Tri-County Council of Polk, Mahnomen and Red Lake Counties. Norman has been very active in athletics. In high school, he played basketball, at Bemidji College, he was on the varsity basketball and football teams, and for many years, played local independent basketball, baseball and softball. In addition to running a full time farming operation, he has been a social studies teacher in the Fisher High School since 1953; also athletic director, while at the same time coaching basketball, track and football. He was school principal for nine years and was selected Teacher of the Year in 1966-67.

He has served as President of District 31 High School Coaches Association, been delegate to the Minnesota State Delegate assembly and on the state level has been on the Board of the Minnesota Coaches Association and is currently President. He is also an elected member of the Minnesota State High School League, which sets the policies for all state high school extra-curricular activities concerning music, speech and athletics. In 1958, during the State Centennial, Norman was honored by being chosen a Minnesota Sports Champion.

Norman was charter member of the Riverview Hospital Board, serving several years. Both Norman and Arleen have been active in local and state politics for a number of years, participating in precinct, county and state levels of the Republican Party. Norman also ran, though unsuccessfully, for the House of Representatives. In the community, he has been a member of the Village Council and Past President of the Chamber of Commerce. The family are members of the Lutheran Church of Fisher where he has been on the Church Board and she has been active in the Ladies Aid Society and Sunday School. Arleen is also an active member of the Polk County Historical Society and American Legion Auxiliary. They are the parents of four children: Dee, married to Ronald Kraft with one grandson, Brian Andrew Kraft, and granddaughter, Erin Marie, and sons; Lawrence and Robert, and daughter, Joan. All have been students of or graduated from the University of North Dakota, except Robert, who graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, Minnesota.

**CALNO U. WEBSTER**

Calno U. Webster, Sr. was born in Bernardston, Massachusetts on May 25, 1833, a great grandson of Major Stephen Webster, Jr., who served in the Revolutionary War. At the age of four his parents moved to Jefferson County, Pennsylvania in a covered wagon. There his father died in 1843. His mother and brothers and sisters moved farther west and in 1844 settled in Rock Island, Illinois. He married in 1857 to Mary Jane Carothers, who was born in Carroll County, Ohio, and they moved with their two children to Maxville, Buffalo County, Wisconsin. They had nine children: Elvira, R. T. (all of name), Mary Elsie, Harvey Monroe, Elizabeth, Calno U. Jr., Olive Ervilla, Charles Narhan and Andrew Stephen. Mr. Webster served as a postmaster and justice of the peace; he built and operated a saw mill. He sold it in the fall of 1879 and they moved to Fisher's Landing, Polk County, Minnesota, where he homesteaded in Section 14 in the Township of Fisher. He was the fourth auditor of Polk County and lived in Crookston, Minnesota. He later returned to Fisher, where he built his home and acted as town and village clerk for a number of years. He died April 18, 1920. His wife preceded him in death, April 16, 1917. Both are buried in Greenwood Cemetery, Fisher, Minnesota.

**CHRISTIAN WIDENHOEFER**

Christian Widenhoefer was a native of Wurttemberg, Germany, born on December 26, 1860, to Jacob and Catherine (Burr) Widenhoefer. He attended the excellent common schools of that country until he was thirteen years old. In 1873, he immigrated to the United States with his parents and located in Beaver Bay, Minnesota, where they remained for five years. The parents moved in 1878 to Polk County, where they took a homestead in 1879 near Fisher and were among the successful farmers. They were parents of the following children: Barbara, Carl, William, Mary, Christian, Wilhelmina and Jacob. Christian, the subject of this story, moved to Michigan where he entered an apprenticeship to the jeweler's trade. After learning his trade, he moved to Fisher, Minnesota, and worked on his father's farm for one year. In 1881, he moved into the village of Fisher, where he located and established a jewelry store. He carried a fine line of goods; watches, clocks, jewelry and so forth, and did a good business, both in repairing and sales. Christian Widenhoefer received an appointment as Fisher Postmaster from President McKinley on June 14, 1897, and he held the position until his death, December 14, 1925. Members of the Widenhoefer family headed the Fisher Post Office for 52 years.

Mr. Christian Widenhoefer was united in marriage April 16, 1885, at Fisher to Miss Wilhelmina Radi, the daughter of Frederick and Anna Radi, natives of northern Germany. Mrs. Widenhoefer's birthday was February 18, 1868, and date of death, October 6, 1940. Christian was an esteemed business man in the village, a staunch Republican, and prominently identified with all movements calculated to benefit either town or country. They were the parents of eight children: Edward, Henry, Selma, Herman, Meta, Walter, Frieda and Erma.