(farming the homestead, married to the former Norma Knutson of Byglan), Lois (Mrs. John Nystul, Minneapolis), Esther Mae (Mrs. Lloyd Doble, East Grand Forks), and John (farming the home place, married to the former Ann Blomberg of Crookston).

During the years as the children were growing up, he had many men working for him, boarding them all at home. He raised certified seed potatoes, storing them in warehouses or root cellars which they built on the farm. During the winter a crew of men would grade the potatoes and load them in rail road box cars at Mallory, Minnesota, where there was a depot and depot agent at that time. Great care had to be taken to keep the potatoes from freezing during the hauling, and then again in the box car before it was picked up by the train to its destination.

He also raised grain (wheat, barley, oats, and flax) which they stored in elevators or granaries at home or sold to the Farmer's Co-operative in Fisher or East Grand Forks. He rotated crops with alfalfa and later he started in the sugar beet industry which prospered in the Byglan area.

He bought more land to the east of his property (the Lealos place and then some sixty acres in Huntsville township (the Boushey place).

He was on the Byglan township board, the Farmer's Co-op Elevator board in Fisher and on the building committee for the Byglan Lutheran Church. He also served on the board of the Valley Memorial Home in Grand Forks, North Dakota. He loved his God, home, family, church, community and his country.

In 1965 he and Ragnhild moved to East Grand Forks where they lived five years before his death. They celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary in the Byglan Lutheran Church in January, 1970 and he died at age eighty one in August that same year. They have sixteen grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

**PAUL EGELELAND**

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Egeland were married on August 8, 1970 in the Fisher Lutheran Church, Fisher, Minnesota. Paul Egeland is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Egeland of rural route Byglan Township. Mrs. Paul (Stephanie) Egeland is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Gunstinson of Fisher, Minnesota.

Paul and Stephanie moved to Moorhead, Minnesota following their marriage to continue their studies. Paul attended Moorhead State College and Stephanie enrolled at Interstate Business College. They returned to Fisher to live for the summer of 1971 and moved to Wadena, Minnesota that fall. Paul attended the Wadena Area Technical Institute while Stephanie worked for a downtown merchant as a cashier. They finally returned to Fisher in 1972 where they have lived since, renting the Ted Solstad farm home in Byglan Township. Since moving back, Paul is farming with his father. Paul and Stephanie have two sons: Eric, born in February of 1974 and David, born in November of 1975.

**OLE FLAAT**

In the early 1880's four brothers immigrated to America from Norway and settled in the Red River Valley. They were Arne, Aanen, Kittle and Sveinum Flatlong. Arne Flaat married Nellie Omlid and they had four children: Ole, Hilda, Alice and Charles. Hilda married J. W. Lambie who have two sons who are both doctors of medicine. Alice married Dr. C. A. Wardner who is on the University of North Dakota staff. They have two children. Ole married Lucy Lykken of Grafton, North Dakota and they have three children: Odney, Lowell and Elaine. Odney is married to Joan Philips of Noyes; Lowell to Georgia Helgeson of Crookston and Elaine to Rodney Rasmus of Fertile, all of Minnesota.

After graduation from the Northwest School of Agriculture, Ole Flaat began a farming operation near Byglan in Polk County and later expanded that farming and cattle operation into Grand Forks County in North Dakota under the name of Flaat Farms. One phase of their farming operation was the breeding of purebred Jersey cattle which were sold across the United States and abroad. Mr. Flaat constructed the first commercial fertilizer mixing plant in North Dakota and engaged in the sale of fertilizer and agricultural chemicals in the Valley. This operation was the forerunner of the present Agco, Inc., a very prominent agri-business entity. Mr. Flaat and their sons